# Maple Ridge This Month JULY 2013

# **SPOTLIGHT ON: Canada Day 2013**

On Monday, July 1 we are putting on a Canada day celebration that will give you an opportunity to show your Canadian pride through your attire, your unabashed flag waving and by singing our national anthem like they do at the Canucks games – loud and proud!

The festivities will take place at Memorial Peace Park and the day will begin with the Haney Farmers Market in their usual spot at the west side of the bandstand. This year, music and official ceremonies will take place on the stage in front of the Arts Centre Theatre on the east side of the park.

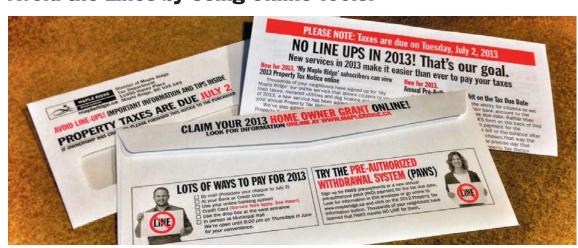
Everything kicks off at 10:00 am and the official flag ceremony and speeches will be at 12:30 pm. This year we have a special treat: between 1:30 and 2:30 pm members of the Ridge Meadows RCMP dressed in 'red serge', will be posing for photos at the garden feature just east of the Bandstand. Bring your camera, and a member of the detachment or District staff will be glad to take a picture with your camera of you and your family as a souvenir of this special day.

Music, dance, mascots, face painting, fitness demos, food vendors and more all combined with the farmers market with the amazing fresh local fruits, vegetables, baking, meats, preserves, herbs and artisan arts and crafts guarantee that this will be a day to remember. Let's show the world why we are 'the true north strong and free!'



# **INFORMED: Taxes are Due July 2!**

# **Avoid the Lines by Using Online Tools!**



The clock is ticking and this Tuesday, July 2 is the deadline to pay your 2013 property taxes. Thousands of your neighbours have discovered how to avoid lining up by using the large number of online tools available.

We introduced a number of new online services to help eliminate the need to line up. New for 2013 is the ability to view Property Tax Notices Online using the 'My Maple Ridge' portal. Starting in 2014, you will be able to get your property tax notice electronically.

Also new for 2013 is the ability to pay your taxes by credit card. A third party service provider, PAYMENTUS, will take your payment and charge a 3% service fee above the amount of your Property Tax Bill. We've also enhanced our Pre-Authorized

Withdrawal System (PAWS) to provide citizens with the opportunity to pre-pay their taxes with 10 installments or to have an automatic withdrawal of the full amount on the tax due date.

Finally, the ability to claim your HOME OWNER GRANT online, combined with the fact that you can pay your Property Taxes at your financial institution or using most online banking programs eliminates the need to stop by Municipal Hall. Get more information about the 2013 Property tax programs at *mapleridge.ca* by using the link on the home page.

If you do choose to line up, we will process your payment as quickly as possible. You have the option of using the drop off box located outside Municipal Hall at the west entrance. All payments must be received by **midnight**, **Tuesday**, **July 2**, **2013**.

# **FEEDBACK**

# Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to *enquiries@mapleridge.ca* and one of our team members will respond to you.



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#### **INFORMED**

## July 2013

#### **Council Meeting Schedule**

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

#### Monday, July 8

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, July 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, July 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing – Council Chambers

#### Monday, July 22

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, July 23

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### **Agendas & Minutes**

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to *mapleridge.ca*, click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

#### **Council This Week**

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to *mapleridge.ca*, click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

## Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to mapleridge.ca and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

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#### **Canada Day Hours**

# **Monday, July 1 Holiday Hours**



Municipal Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 – 4:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Closed

Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 12:00 – 4:00 pm

Firehall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed

RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office: Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed





