

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MARCH 2014

### SPOTLIGHT ON: Spring Break March 17 to 28

#### Celebrate Spring Break with Great Activities

It's coming fast! In two weeks students all across the School District will be recharging their batteries for the final push to the end of the school year with a two-week Spring Break. But the kids don't need to sit around the house lamenting 'I'm bored' thanks to the great programs that are offered by the Parks and Leisure Services and our great partners at the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council.

There's so many wonderful programs that will inspire your children's creativity, learn more about the environment and help them learn skills for active living. Some highlights include a great 'Theatrix Theatre Spring Break Camp' that will help your kids channel their inner performer with the goal of creating a mini showcase to end the session.

The Alouette River Management Society has developed a couple of great Eco-Camps including their 'Angry Birds' camp that will introduce your kids to birds of prey (yes, REAL birds of prey) as well as learning essential outdoors skills that will stay with them for life.

The recreation team have put together a great line up of camps that include the popular Cycling Adventure Camp, the Baby Sitter Training Camp (an essential part of any

youth resume) and the popular Mega Kids Spring Break Daycamp that's guaranteed to fill your kids days with great activities while you toil away at work. Lucky kids!

You can register for these programs online today at [rec4u.ca](http://rec4u.ca) or by calling 604-465-2470. You can get more information about the programs by picking up a brochure at any of our facilities or going online to [mrpmparksandleisure.ca](http://mrpmparksandleisure.ca).



### ENGAGED: Earth Day is Saturday, April 26

#### The Theme for 2014 'Food For Thought'

The first major event of the festival calendar in Maple Ridge is the Earth Day Celebration that has grown to be one of the most popular family events throughout the year. This year the Earth Day theme is 'Food For Thought' in recognition of the Tenth Anniversary of the Haney Farmers Market. This will be the first day for the Haney Farmers Market for 2014 and they will be a fixture in Memorial Peace Park until October.

The Market has always preached the benefits of local agriculture and sustainability, so it's a natural fit for this year's Earth Day event to celebrate the tremendous success of the Farmers Market in cultivating the food culture in Maple Ridge. As we look over the last decade it is amazing to see the abundance of new restaurants, food trucks, local food creators and direct from the farm sales that exist now. And my, oh my, the food tastes better than ever!

We are mentioning the event so early because you can be part of this wonderful day. The folks at the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society, who have elevated Earth Day to a great new community celebration, are inviting organizations to join in and be part of the festivities. Registration forms are now available at [rmrecycling.org/community/celebrate-earth-day-maple-ridge](http://rmrecycling.org/community/celebrate-earth-day-maple-ridge).

As we look back on over 40 years of service by the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society and a decade of hard work by the Haney Farmers Market it is apparent how these two wonderful groups have contributed so much to our community. Mark your calendars, call your friends and let's make Earth Day 2014 the biggest ever!



### INVOLVED: Volunteers Needed

#### Canada Day Planning Committee Needs You!

One of the most popular celebrations in Maple Ridge is the Annual Canada Day celebrations at Memorial Peace Park. From the official ceremonies, singing of the national anthem and the Farmers Market to music and entertainment, this is one of the wonderful family events that brings our Town Centre to life.

If you are interested in being part of the 2014 Maple Ridge Canada Day Planning Committee please contact Dave Speers, Neighbourhood Development Coordinator at 604-467-7433 or email [dspeers@mapleridge.ca](mailto:dspeers@mapleridge.ca). Get your cameras ready, our RCMP members are already polishing their brass buttons on their red serge uniforms!



### INFORMED

#### March 2014

##### 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, March 3

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, March 11

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, March 17

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, March 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, March 25

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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your 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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' 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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page.

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This photo was taken during the 2013 Earth Day celebrations. In five or six weeks we will see the tulips emerge from their slumber to announce the beginning of spring.



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