

# Maple Ridge This Month

MID MONTH UPDATE: APRIL 2014

## ENGAGED: Celebrate Earth Day 2014 in Maple Ridge

### This Year's Theme is 'Food For Thought'

Earth Day celebrates the Haney Farmers Market's 10th anniversary and explores the many aspects of FOOD at this annual fun-filled, eco-inspired family event.

Some of the new ideas being developed around this year's "Food for Thought" theme are a Bike to Farm tour, engaging local restaurants in an Iron Chefs Challenge, a Youth Photography contest and roving performers singing lots of songs about FOOD! The Community Kitchen is planning on making Stone Soup live on site, so bring a veggie or two to contribute and share in the magic.

There will be lots of Earth Day favourites like the electric vehicle display, the Earth Day Poetry contest, the Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw, lots of kids' crafts, roving entertainers, the Big Fish Storytelling Tent, flash mobs and more. As part of the popular Family Freecycle, collection boxes were set up at select schools and businesses on Monday, April 14 for people to donate gently used books, toys and clothes. At Earth Day, stop by the Greg Moore Youth Centre and find something new to you!

The lineup for community groups and local green businesses at Celebrate Earth Day is growing daily. If you are a local green business or community organization, and would like to partici-



participate in this exciting day, please call Eileen at 604-467-8424 or email [hfminfo@haneyfarmersmarket.org](mailto:hfminfo@haneyfarmersmarket.org) for an application form. More information is also available on the Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge Facebook page and at [www.rmrecycling.org](http://www.rmrecycling.org)

## INFORMED: Albion Shopping Update

### Land Exchange Negotiations at Critical Stage

In November of 2013 the District provided an update on the negotiations that are underway between Maple Ridge and SmartCentres, a national shopping centre developer, for a possible land exchange that would see a destination shopping centre built in the Albion area. The negotiations are entering their final stages and in the coming weeks the District will be able to report whether the parties have reached an agreement to proceed, or not proceed with an exchange of land.

It is important to be aware of the dual roles that Maple Ridge has in this process. The first role, and the one that is the focus today, is to negotiate the best possible deal on behalf of the citizens of Maple Ridge. The District has been clear with SmartCentres that this deal has to meet the community's aspirations around creating shopping and employment while at the same time ensuring value for the lands that are part of the proposed exchange. These are extremely detailed negotiations and Maple Ridge is uncompromising in ensuring that taxpayer's interests are being protected.

Should an agreement with SmartCentres be reached, the development application for the proposed shopping centre would be

## INVOLVED: Walk, Bike or Hike to Earth Day

### Get Active and Explore Maple Ridge

We'd like to challenge you to get to Earth Day using 'human power.' Bike, hike, skateboard, roller blade or just walk from where you live to Memorial Peace Park to celebrate Earth Day 2014.

Over the next few months, in conjunction with our community festivals, we will be posting a notice in Maple Ridge This Month shining a spotlight on some of the amazing routes in our cycle and trail network. Maple Ridge has amazing beauty and some wonderful neighbourhoods, and the best way to explore them is to get out of your car and use 'human power.'

To help you plan your human powered journey to Earth Day we suggest that you go to

and find the route that will take you and your family right to the heart of Maple Ridge. Stay tuned for more information on this fun



required to go through the typical application process. It is through this role that Maple Ridge will require SmartCentres to meet all the usual development, permit and public process requirements. Maple Ridge is emphatic that the proposed shopping centre be of the highest quality.

The lands under discussion are still within the Agricultural Land Reserve. It is important to emphasize that formal approval from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is required before any development proceeds. An exclusion application to the ALC is anticipated to be made in the coming months.



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## INFORMED:

### APRIL & MAY 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.

#### Tuesday, April 22

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Monday, May 5

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

#### Monday, May 12

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

#### Tuesday, May 13

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - 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

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#### 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.

## INFORMED:

### Long Weekend Hours



#### Municipal Hall:

Good Friday, April 18, Closed

Easter Monday, April 21, Closed

#### Leisure Centre:

Good Friday, April 18, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 19, 7:00 am to 9:30 pm

Sunday, April 20, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 21, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

#### Greg Moore Youth Centre:

Regular Hours

Open from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

#### Fire Hall No. 1 Administrative Office:

Good Friday, April 18, Closed

Easter Monday, April 21, Closed

#### RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:

Good Friday, April 18, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 19, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 20, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Easter Monday, April 21, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

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