

Maple Ridge This Month

APRIL 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Earth Day 2015

Mark Your Calendar for the Start of the 2015 Festival Season

Plans are well underway for this year's **Celebrate Earth Day** event on **Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm** in **Memorial Peace Park** as we celebrate "Water, Water Everywhere"!

There are plenty of exciting old and new activities in store including our inaugural Food Truck Festival, a Welcoming Ceremony Parade and WaterWorks on the Bandstand. This is in addition to annual favourites like the Family Freecycle, HUB's Cycle Recycle and VEVA's Electric Vehicle Display (including an electric boat this year!).

This is also the first appearance of the Haney Farmers Market for 2015. They are an important part of the Earth Day celebration not only because supporting local farmers is great for the environment, it just tastes great. The fresh fruits and vegetables, local baking and preserves are an amazing addition to your family's dinner table. We all love to get reacquainted with the vendors who will serve us from May through to October.

Entries are still being accepted for the **Celebrate Earth Day Poetry Contest** and more information can be found on the **Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge** Facebook Page.

Come on out with the whole family and celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge. Get involved, get engaged and get educated on some of the amazing initiatives in our community to help us live a more sustainable life.



ENGAGED: Earth Day Poetry Contest

The Theme is 'Water, Water, Everywhere.' Express Yourself!

The annual Earth Day poetry and photo contests are open for submissions, inviting creative minds to submit their work on the theme "Water, Water, Everywhere." The winners will be announced at the celebration at Memorial Peace Park on Saturday, April 18 and their work will be presented at the event.



The **poetry contest** invites poets to write about this year's theme of water, in poem or prose. Entries should be no more than 300 words and will be judged in three categories: Children, (age 5-12); Youth, (age 13-18); and Adults (18 and up); with a prize awarded to the winning entry in each category. Three entries are permitted per person.

Winners may be asked to read their poem at the Welcoming Ceremony on Earth Day. Submissions are accepted in a Word document emailed to maple.ridgeearthday2015@gmail.com. The deadline has been extended to **Saturday, April 12**.

In its second year, the **photo contest** deadline has passed. Photographers provided images around the theme of water, taken locally in Maple Ridge or Pitt Meadows. The photos will be posted on the "Celebrate Earth Day" Facebook page for residents to "like" their favourite submissions and the three photos with the most likes by the voting deadline on Friday, April 3 will be declared the winner. First, second and third place winning photos will be enlarged for display with all the other entries at the Earth Day event.

Volunteers are needed to help at the event. Anyone who would like to participate can call Carla at 604-466-8324. More information is also available on the **Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge** Facebook page at [facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday](https://www.facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday) and at www.rmrecycling.org.

INFORMED: It's Chipping Time

Here are Dates for the Spring Brush Chipping Program

Folks are busy tidying up their yards and gardens in preparation for all that nice weather coming our way. In partnership with the City, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring and Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents. The Chipping program is a great alternative to burning brush and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to take advantage of this program to keep our air clean and community safe.

No pre-booking is necessary, simply place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area.

The spring set-out deadlines for 2015 are:

Tues, April 7
for Maple Ridge residents who live **WEST of 224 Street**

Mon, April 20
for Maple Ridge residents who live **EAST of 224 Street**

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree & shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic metres (3 feet x 3



feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150 mm (6 inches) in diameter. No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, branches with thorns (eg. rose bushes, blackberries), vines (including willow branches), bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be permitted.

Please note: items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative to burning this material.

NO LATE SET-OUTS OR OVERSIZED PILES WILL BE ACCEPTED! For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or visit the Brush Chipping page on the City of Maple Ridge's website.

INFORMED: April 2015

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 14
7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, April 20
10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 21
7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 28
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 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, click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshop, 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 centre of the home page. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.

INFORMED:

Easter Weekend Hours

City Hall:

Good Friday, Friday April 3, Closed
Easter Monday, Monday April 6, Closed

Leisure Centre:

Good Friday, April 3, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday, April 4, 7:00 am to 9:30 pm
Sunday, April 5, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Easter Monday, April 6, 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:

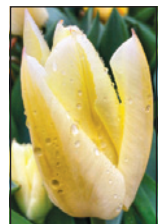
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RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:

Good Friday, April 3, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, April 4, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Easter Monday, April 6, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Blue Box Pickup Schedule & Depot Closure:

A reminder that there will be **NO BLUE BOX PICKUP** and the **RECYCLING DEPOT WILL BE CLOSED** on **FRIDAY, APRIL 3** (Good Friday). The Recycling Depot will be open as usual the rest of Easter Weekend, April 4, 5, & 6 (Saturday, Sunday, & Monday), but there will be **NO BLUE BOX PICKUP** on Monday, April 6.



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 City of Maple Ridge, please email enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.



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