

# Maple Ridge This Month

## JUNE 2013

### SPOTLIGHT ON: Maple Ridge Police Fair

#### Sunny Skies and Great Displays For the Family

Ridge Meadows RCMP Inspector Dave Fleugel cordially invites everyone to the Third Annual Police Fair at Valley Fair Mall (22700 Block of Lougheed Highway) on Sunday, June 2, 2013 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a great family fun event and the perfect time to be packing your camera.

The event will showcase regular members and our team of Auxiliary Constables. That camera will come in handy because we will have a member on horseback, reflecting the history of the RCMP along with all the modern tools that the Ridge Meadows detachment has available to keep our community safe. You can pose with one of the police motorcycles, distinctive police cars and get a tour of the RCMP's TAV. That's short for Tactical Armoured Vehicle and members of the Integrated Emergency Response Team will be on hand to talk about their specialized work.

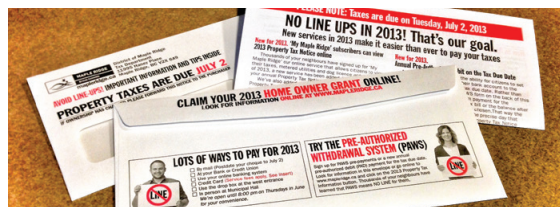
The event is run in conjunction with Operation Family Identification, which will take place inside the mall in front of London Drugs. The family identification program is to assist parents in cases where their children go missing, as it will have the child's fingerprints, photo and other identifiers. London Drugs is supplying the photographs free of charge.



RCMP Youth Academy cadets from School District 42 will also be in attendance, and will be cooking and selling BBQ items. Come out and support them, and stick around to hear some of their great stories from Youth Academy 2013! Bring the family, bring your camera and be part of the Third Annual Maple Ridge Police Fair this Sunday.

### INFORMED: Tax Notices

#### Your 2013 Property Tax Notice Has been Mailed



This year's Tax Notice envelope is a bit different than past years. On both the front and back of the envelope there are messages that will help citizens avoid lining up to pay their 2013 Property Taxes. 'NO LINE' is the goal for 2013, and we've put a number of programs into place to make this goal possible.

There's an information sheet inside this year's notice that outlines all of the programs that will help citizens achieve the 'NO LINE' goal. 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 in 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. But if you do want to pay in person we will be glad to help you and we will be offering extended hours in June for your convenience. Get more information about the 2013 Property Tax Programs at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) by using the link on the home page.

### FEEDBACK

#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.



### INFORMED:

#### The Voice of Maple Ridge 20 Years of Service. Diana Dalton is Retiring.



You may not have met her, but when you hear her voice you immediately recognize Diana Dalton, who has become the 'Voice of Maple Ridge.' Diana has been a very critical part of our District team for two decades, and in that time has won numerous awards in the community from the local newspapers to the Chamber as being the 'Best Receptionist' in Maple Ridge.

Diana has been an inspiration to her colleagues and an ambassador for our community with her quiet and modest efficiency in helping citizens connect with the right people and departments. She has handled thousands and thousands of calls over the years, and everyone in the District has a story about being connected with a citizen who starts the conversation by saying 'who was that wonderful lady that answers the phone?'

Mayor, Council and all of her co-workers wish Diana the best in her retirement. She has set a very high standard for all of us in customer service.

### INFORMED

#### June 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, June 10

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, June 11

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, June 17

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, June 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 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 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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

### ENGAGED:

#### Traffic Safety Campaign

#### We are seeking Grandmas, Grandpas and Grandchildren!



Inspired by the traffic safety campaign around construction sites, the District of Maple Ridge would like to get citizen's help in spreading the word to slow down in our urban areas. With that goal in mind, we are seeking two grandparents and their grandchildren, to be the community 'poster children' for a summer pedestrian safety awareness program on 224 Street.

Here's how it works. Send a photo of a Maple Ridge grandmother or grandfather with no more than two of their grandchildren to Fred Armstrong at [farmstrong@mapleridge.ca](mailto:farmstrong@mapleridge.ca). In the text of the email please identify the first names of the children and grandparent.

Entry photos should be sent by June 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The Facebook galleries will be sorted and then put on the District Facebook page [www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge](http://www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge) on Monday, June 27, 2013. Over a two week period our Facebook followers will vote for the grandma and grandpa by 'liking' the photos. The grandma and grandpa photos with the most 'likes' will be our campaign faces for July through October, 2013. Time to call your grandparents and get in on this!

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