

# Maple Ridge This Month

NOVEMBER 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

## SPOTLIGHT ON: Time Change Reduces Visibility

### Be Safe. Be Seen. Tips for Drivers and Pedestrians

On October 21, 22 and 23, 2013 a team including ICBC, the RCMP, the Maple Ridge Fire Department, volunteers from the RCMP Auxiliary, Citizens On Patrol, the Fire Youth Academy and RCMP Youth Program spread out throughout the town centre distributing reflectors and an information sheet with tips for pedestrians and drivers on how to be safe and be seen this fall and winter.

On Sunday morning the clocks go back one hour, and that means that there will be less daylight in the evenings, and that means that we all have to do our part to stay safe. Here are the tips we gave those folks during our blitz;

#### Tips for pedestrians

- Always make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street. Never assume that a driver has seen you.
- Focus your full attention on what's happening around you. Remove your headphones and never talk, text or use electronic devices in an intersection or while crossing.
- Wear reflective clothing or use reflective gear to make it easier for drivers to see you. This is especially important in wet weather and dark conditions when drivers may not be able to see you.

#### Tips for drivers

- Always be on the lookout for pedestrians - especially in dark, wet weather when visibility is limited, at



## Be Safe. Be Seen.

intersections and near transit stops where pedestrians will be coming and going and may not use crosswalks.

- When turning at an intersection, scan the crosswalk to make sure there are no pedestrians crossing.
- If a vehicle is stopped in front of you or in the lane next to you, they may be yielding for a pedestrian, so be prepared to stop.

It's simple; the best fashion for winter is bright reflective clothing. Reflectors, arm bands, safety vests and anything that stands out in the dark is what you should be wearing when you are walking, jogging or on your bike. Please be safe and be seen this winter!

## INFORMED: November 11 is Remembrance Day.

### Gathering to Honour the Heroes Past, Present and Future.



Memorial Peace Park's name derives from its role as the home for the numerous memorials to the men and women who have served our nation's armed forces both in war and in peace. The centrepiece of the park is the Cenotaph that was originally located near the Maple Ridge Cemetery. As part of the coronation celebration for Queen Elizabeth II, the Cenotaph was moved downtown almost 60 years ago. It was moved one more time to its current location in Memorial Peace Park as part of the major town centre redesign that occurred over a decade ago.

Today, volunteers from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 88 oversee the annual Remembrance Day event that begins with a march from the Legion at 224 Street and Brown Avenue south to Haney Place. In 2011, this section of road was dedicated as 'Veterans Way', and signage denotes this special relationship. The Peace Tree marks the southern boundary of Veterans Way.

This event is attended by thousands of local residents and their children. The march will include veterans of Canada's Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as members of the Ridge Meadows RCMP, Maple Ridge Fire Department, Corrections Service, plus Cadets, Scouts, Cubs and organizations, such as St. Johns Ambulance.

There will be **Road Closures** during this event from 10:00 am to Noon as 224 Street will be closed from Brown Avenue to 119 Avenue, which includes the intersection at 224 Street and Dewdney Trunk Road. Please use other routes on Sunday, November 11.

The fly past and moment of silence will take place at 11:00 am. The march happens just after 10:00 am and the ceremony ends between 11:30 and Noon with the march out from the park. There will be vintage vehicles as part of the 'Parade of Heroes'. Bring your family down to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our nation in war, those who have served as peacekeepers, and those who serve today around the world.

Don't forget to pick up a poppy and wear it proudly over the next few weeks! Also, check out the photo gallery of all the memorials in Memorial Peace Park on the District's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge](http://www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge). There is a rich history in the heart of our Town Centre.

## INFORMED: Remembrance Day Hours, November 11th

**Municipal Hall:** Closed

**Maple Ridge Leisure Centre:** Open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre:** Closed

**Greg Moore Youth Centre:** Open 6:00 pm to 9:30 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

## FEEDBACK

### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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## INFORMED

### November 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, November 4

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

#### Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

#### Monday, November 18

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

#### Tuesday, November 19

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, November 26

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:

### Sharing Your Expertise



Are you interested in serving on one of the Committees of Council? The District invites interested residents to become involved in their community by participating as a member of one of its committees and commissions. Members act as advisors to Council on specific issues and Council takes into consideration the input provided by these groups when making decisions at the Council table. The following Committees of Council have vacancies for the 2014 – 2015 term;

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Community Heritage Commission
- Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues
- Parks and Leisure Services Commission
- Social Planning Advisory Committee

Applications and inquiries for all Committees of Council may be directed to Joanne Georgelin, Clerks Department at [jgeorgelin@mapleridge.ca](mailto:jgeorgelin@mapleridge.ca)



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