

# Maple Ridge This Month

## NOVEMBER 2014

### SPOTLIGHT ON: 2014 Maple Ridge Election

#### Advance Polling Starts November 1, 2014

We've published a lot of ads encouraging citizens to 'Be Engaged. Be A Voter' in the last few weeks. You've seen the signs pop up on street corners and the local newspapers are filled with ads and stories about all of the men and women who have stepped forward to run for the offices of Mayor, Council and School Trustee.

Starting tomorrow, November 1, 2014 the voting starts. The first Advance Polling day will commence at two locations. The Ridge Meadows Seniors Centre located at 12150 224 Street and the Fraserview Village Small Hall located at 22610 116 Avenue will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm for you to cast your ballot. There is an ad in this edition of The News that details the locations and times for the Advance Polls on Wednesday, November 5 and Saturday, November 8.

In addition to the ads in this newspaper, we have published complete information about Advance Voting, Voting Registration, Voting Locations, Candidate Profiles and Contact Information plus we've even created four short videos to help introduce you to the process of casting a ballot.

The image with this article is from an ad that we published on Wednesday asking you to help us write the final ad in our campaign to encourage greater participation at the polls. We're asking citizens to answer the question 'Why Do You Vote?' by sending us a brief note to [election@mapleridge.ca](mailto:election@mapleridge.ca) or posting a short answer on the City Facebook and Twitter pages using the hashtag #WhyDoYouVote? We will go through your submissions and select a number of the best responses to be the final ad in our campaign. Don't be a partisan for your favourite candidate or use clichés - speak from your heart. This is your chance to

### Why Do You Vote?

On November 14, 2014 we will publish the final ad in our Election 2014 campaign to encourage greater participation in the 2014 Local Election.

**We'd like that ad to be written by you.**

We'd like you to drop us a brief email to [election@mapleridge.ca](mailto:election@mapleridge.ca) or make a post on the City of Maple Ridge Facebook or Twitter at 'YourMapleRidge' using the hashtag #WhyDoYouVote? by Wednesday, November 12.

We will go through the submissions and feature the best quotes in that final ad on Friday, November 14, the day before the Election.

**This is your chance to inspire your neighbours to be engaged and be a voter.**

**This is Your Election & Your Maple Ridge.**

**Get engaged. Be a voter.**  
It all starts at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca)

MAPLE RIDGE ELECTION 2014  
Mark your calendar: Saturday, November 15, 2014

convince your neighbours to 'Be engaged. Be a voter.'

Here we go, in two weeks it's Election Day in Maple Ridge. Mark your calendar - November 15 we will all elect our Mayor, Council and School Trustees for a four-year term.

### INFORMED: November 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, November 3

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, November 4

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, November 17

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, November 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, November 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.

### INFORMED:

#### Look. Listen. Be Seen.

#### Dark Evenings and Rain Make it Tough to be Seen

Our friends at ICBC have been working with the Ridge Meadows RCMP to create awareness about the need for pedestrians to be extra careful at this time of year with the slogan 'Look. Listen & Be Seen.' The City has jumped on board, and given that this is the weekend we change our clocks back one hour on Saturday night, there's no better time to remind folks that it will be darker in the late afternoon now, and we all need to step up and be responsible drivers and pedestrians.

This graphic is being placed on some key uncontrolled pedestrian crossings to provide pedestrians with tips to increase their safety. Things like making eye contact with drivers, wearing bright reflective clothing and not being distracted by texting and music may seem like common sense, but they are often one of the causes of pedestrian accidents.

Rain and fog, common weather this time of year, compound the problem. Parents, make sure your children 'Look. Listen & Be Seen.' You can model this behaviour by wearing bright clothing yourself. Together we can help make sure that drivers and pedestrians respect each other.



### INFORMED: November 11 is Remembrance Day

#### On November 11 We Gather to Honour our Heroes

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.

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. 224 Street will be closed from Brown Avenue to 119 Avenue, which includes the intersection at 224 Street and Dewdney Truck Road. Please use other routes on Tuesday, 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. Don't forget to pick up a poppy and wear it proudly over the next few weeks!

### INFORMED:

#### Remembrance Day Hours

##### Tuesday, November 18 Holiday Hours

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



#### 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.

