

Welcome to our online Newsletter

Welcome Superintendent Walsh

The District of Maple Ridge, the City of Pitt Meadows and the RCMP are proud to announce that Superintendent Dave Walsh has been appointed the new Officer in Charge of the Ridge Meadows RCMP Detachment.

Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin and Pitt Meadows Mayor Don MacLean participated in the process which resulted in the selection of Superintendent Walsh as the new Officer in Charge. Both Mayors Daykin and MacLean expressed their support for Superintendent Walsh in his new position as the Officer in Charge.

"The District of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows are pleased to have played a role in the process of selecting the new RCMP Officer in Charge of our Detachment and we have great confidence in our chosen candidate. Insp. Walsh has served at the Ridge Meadows Detachment previously and is very familiar with the unique nature of our two communities. We look forward to continuing the excellent and positive relationship that has been established with our local Detachment and Officer in Charge.

"Dave Walsh is an outstanding member of the Force," says Assistant Commissioner Peter German, "who has provided excellent service to the communities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows

and, more recently, to the entire Lower Mainland. We are pleased by the cities' choice of Superintendent Walsh to be their new Chief of Police."

Superintendent Walsh brings 28 years of policing experience with the RCMP to his new position. His previous postings have included Pemberton, Kelowna and Surrey and 13 years at Ridge Meadows Detachment from 1993 to 2006. Superintendent Walsh has experience in General Duty, General Investigation Section, Emergency Response Team Operations and Drugs and Property Crime Units. Most recently, Superintendent Walsh has been one of the four Regional Duty Officers serving the Lower Mainland District.

Superintendent Walsh has been a member of Emergency Response Teams since 1985 and has served as ERT Team Leader in Kelowna, Coquitlam and North Fraser and later as Sergeant Team Leader full time for the Lower Mainland ERT.

"Having General Duty and Plain Clothes unit experience at Ridge Meadows," says Superintendent Walsh, "I am sensitive to the local issues and understand the importance of identifying the needs and expectations of the community."

"My number one priority," says Superintendent Walsh, "will be to do whatever needs to be done to ensure public safety. We will work in consultation and partnership with our communities and with our police agency partners in the Lower Mainland with the support of our integrated units in the Lower Mainland District."



Happy Easter

Trivia of the Month

What year was the Hill (Castle) House at 9992-240 Street built by Mr. Victor Rossi?
(see bottom of page for answer)

Maple Ridge Backyard Burning

"Backyard Fire" is an outdoor fire where garden refuse such as leaves and small branches indigenous to the property are burned for the purpose of disposal due to garden clean-up or damage from high winds. If you do choose to burn, visit our [website](#) for details.

Before you burn, please consider the **FREE municipal chipping program.**

Thank you for doing your part to maintain a fire safe community.

Citizens Go Green

Recently, Metro Vancouver unveiled a new tool aimed to help residents in the region increase their ability to reuse and recycle. The new database called **Metro Vancouver Recycles** is one of the many initiatives being rolled out as part of the **Zero Waste Challenge** to reduce waste in the region. Metro Vancouver Recycles aims to answer the question of 'Where do I take this?' The online directory lists over 1,300 locations in the region where residents can take materials. The database also incorporates a map which shows users the closest drop-off destinations, and provides residents with more options for reuse and recycling than offered by most municipal blue box collection programs.



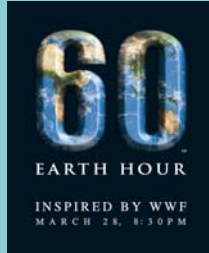
Maple Ridge Electricity Consumption Drops 3.1% during Earth Hour

Thank you citizens and businesses of Maple Ridge! By turning out the lights in support of Earth Hour on March 28 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm, we reduced our electricity consumption 3.1%, according to BC Hydro. In BC, the average decrease was 1.1%, which is the equivalent of turning off 1.5 million lights. In 2008, Maple Ridge's energy savings was 2%.

Earth Hour is a global lights-out initiative created by the World Wildlife Fund to show support for action on climate change and to emphasize the importance of understanding that individual participation and simple changes can collectively make a big difference to our planet.

BC Hydro reports that if British Columbians implemented the same conservation measures just one hour every evening, the combined savings would be enough to power more than 2,400 homes for an entire year!

For more information on Earth Hour, please visit www.earthhourcanada.org.



Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 12

Whonnock Community Association
Join us at 1:00 pm sharp for this free event in three separate areas hosted by the Whonnock Community Association at 27871 - 113 Avenue, Maple Ridge. Enjoy coffee and hot chocolate by donation. Visit their [website](#) for more information and pictures of past Easter Egg Hunts. Tel: 604-462-8212

Pitt Meadows Lions

Hosted by the Pitt Meadows Lions, this free event for children is held on Easter Sunday at Harris Road Park in Pitt Meadows. Visit their [website](#) for more information
0-8 years of age: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
9-12 years of age: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tel: 604-466-4339

National "Volunteer Appreciation" Week Sunday, April 19—Saturday, April 25

Volunteer Week is a special time to thank the volunteers who generously offer their time and energy to better the community and the lives of others. Tel: 604-467-7325

Celebration of the Arts

Tuesday, April 21—Sunday, April 26
The Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council will host its own Celebration of the Arts, including a number of exciting events and activities throughout the week. The celebration is geared to promote local artists and the vital contribution that arts and culture make in our communities; including literary arts, visual arts, theatre and performing arts. For more details, visit their [website](#).
Tel: 604-476-2787

Earth Day

Saturday, April 25

This is a free, family-orientated event that features exhibitors from the community, local institutions, and commerce showcasing their environmental activities. There will be workshops, performances, and numerous child-orientated activities throughout the day. Look for a special Haney Farmers' Market as well. Visit their [website](#) for more details.
Tel: 604-463-2229

For further information or to view other events throughout the year visit our [Website](#)