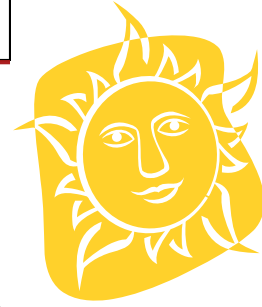


Welcome to our online Newsletter

District of Maple Ridge Welcomes 2009 World Police & Fire Games

As Official Host Community, the District of Maple Ridge is proud to welcome the athletes, officials and volunteers of the 2009 World Police & Fire Games. On **Saturday, August 8** Maple Ridge hosts the World Police & Fire Games Triathlon event at beautiful Whonnock Lake. The event is expected to attract a world-class field of 250+ elite athletes.

The World Police & Fire Games is a spectacular international sporting event, offering police officers, firefighters, customs and correctional officers from around the world an opportunity to showcase their athletic excellence in over 65 sporting events. The Games will bring 10,130 athletes from 55 countries to the Lower Mainland from **July 31 to August 9**. More than 30,000 people are expected to attend the Games, generating more than \$50 million into the provincial economy. These Games will be the second largest in the event's 24-year history, surpassed only by Barcelona which drew 10,576 athletes. For perspective, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games will attract about 3,500 athletes, or roughly a third the number of the World Police & Fire Games. For more information, please visit the Games' website at www.2009wpfg.ca/.



**BC DAY
AUGUST 3**

Trivia of the Month

Where was the first bank in Maple Ridge located?
(see bottom of page for answer)

Reminder: Sprinkling Regulations Remain in Effect When You May Sprinkle Your Lawn

- Even numbered premises on Saturdays and Wednesdays
 - Odd numbered premises on Sundays and Thursdays
 - 4:00 am to 9:00 am on permitted days
 - 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on permitted days
- The above **regulations** will remain in effect until further notice. Your cooperation will help save water and reduce the risk of more severe restrictions. Remember, your lawn only needs about 1-inch of water (about 1 hour of sprinkling) per week to stay healthy.

The recent updates from Metro Vancouver indicate that the reservoirs which provide our sources of drinking water are within the normal range.

For more information about conservation and the current water levels of the reservoir, please visit: the Metro Vancouver [website](http://www.metrovancouver.ca).

Active Kids Club (AKC)

A licensed afterschool program located in seven elementary schools which runs from dismissal to 6:00 pm Monday to Friday. The AKC focuses on fun and keeping kids active, is supervised by trained Parks & Leisure staff and is for children in grades 1 to 7.

Registration is filling up fast so don't miss your chance to get your children active afterschool. For more information call Clint Gamache at 604-467-7478 or cgamache@mapleridge.ca

Boulevard Trees

Environment Canada is expecting a dry summer this year. To ensure the survival of the young street trees under these conditions, it is critical that they receive 15 gallons of water twice a week. We ask for your assistance in watering the trees in the boulevard bordering your home or business. Visit our [website](http://www.2009wpfg.ca/) for tips on how to water and please follow the sprinkling regulations that are found in this newsletter.



240 Street Bridge Replacement over Kanaka Creek

The 240 Street bridge over Kanaka Creek is a 53 year-old timber bridge that is in need of replacement and has been identified as a priority to be replaced in 2009. It will be replaced by a new concrete bridge designed to current bridge standards.

The construction of this bridge will result in the closure of 240 Street north of McClure Drive and south of Kanaka Way for approximately 4 months starting in mid August. The new bridge will accommodate four traffic lanes, one sidewalk, and one shared equestrian and pedestrian trail. The Project objectives include:

- To replace a narrow bridge that is at the end of its life with a wider bridge built with more durable components.
- To improve safety for all road users including vehicles, pedestrians and equestrian traffic.
- To improve traffic flow over Kanaka Creek and along 240 Street.

Fall Online Registration Begins August 25

Registration continues even during the Facilities Shutdown

Register online at www.recreg4u.ca or by phone at 604-465-2470. You may also visit the Finance Department from August 25–September 4 any Monday–Friday from 10:00 am–2:30 pm.

Leisure Centre Closure REMINDER

The Leisure Centre will be closed for an "extended" maintenance shutdown this year. Each year we clean, paint and repair equipment over a two week period; this year we will be replacing two aging boilers, re-tiling the pool deck and modifying the admission counter to allow for self scanning admissions and added security. Due to the extensive work that is required to replace the boilers and re-tiling the pool deck the maintenance shutdown has been extended to six weeks.

The Leisure Centre will be closed (Full Facility) from **Monday, August 24 - Tuesday, September 8**. The pool area will remain closed, reopening on **Monday, October 5**. Please be advised that the facility will not have hot water from **Monday, August 24 - Monday, October 5**.

Special Events

Haney Farmers Market

May 9–October 10 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

This popular summer event is held every Saturday in Memorial Peace Park. The market features locally made baked or grown products.

- August 1** – Heritage Day Demonstrations
 - August 8** – Visit Brookfield Farm
 - August 15** – Eat Local, Zero Mile Diet
 - August 22** – Garlic Festival and Cooking Demo
 - August 29** – Doggie Days and Doggie Parade
- Visit our [website](http://www.mapleridge.ca) for more details.

Garibaldi Art Club 50th Anniversary

Saturday, July 11–Saturday, August 15

2009-10 is a Gala year for the Garibaldi Art Club as they celebrate their 50th anniversary! The celebrations begin with a juried show "Doors and Windows". Jurors will be local artists Rick McDiarmid, Sue Cowan, and Donna Web. Admission is free.

Ridge Meadows Heritage Day

Saturday, August 1

The Ridge Meadows Seniors Society, the Maple Ridge Historical Society, and the Mayors' Heritage Day Society invite you to join them in Memorial Peace Park to celebrate our local history. There will be a Pioneer Parade, a Farmer's Market with spinning and weaving, great food, and traditional midway games. The day will wrap up with fireworks!

Haney Farmers Market Goes to the Farm

Saturday, August 8 (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

This summer event takes place in an open field at the popular Brookfield Farm on 123 Ave and 210 Street. The Golden Ears Community 4-H proudly show their animals, enjoy the hay maze, wagon rides, corn, games, prizes and music. Visit our [website](http://www.mapleridge.ca) for more details.

Jazz & Blues Festival

Saturday, August 8 (12:00 pm - 11:00 pm)

The 13th annual Jazz & Blues Festival will be held in Memorial Peace Park. Enjoy the best in local, regional and national Jazz; as well as Blues and Roots, during eleven hours of non stop live music from two outdoor stages! Activities include food and art vendors and a beer garden. Visit our [website](http://www.mapleridge.ca) for more information.



For further information or to view other events throughout the year visit our [website](http://www.mapleridge.ca)