

Deep Roots  
Greater Heights

## Welcome to our online Newsletter

### Council This Week

Want to know what's going on at City Hall? Then subscribe to our new service, **Council This Week**. Council meets every Monday to discuss issues and hear presentations on local and regional topics and projects. Every Tuesday morning **Council This Week** will provide you with the highlights of the day and allow you to link to the presentations and reports that were before Council. In the coming weeks Council will be talking about the Albion Flats Area Plan, the Environmentally Sensitive Areas mapping project and the 2010 budget and financial plan. To give you a better idea of what this service looks like, **Council This Week** highlights from the October 19 and October 26 meetings can be found on our [website](#). Visit our [website](#) in November to subscribe to **Council This Week** and receive a weekly email update to your inbox.

### Anniversary Congratulations to RMSS and GMYC

The Greg Moore Youth Centre celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an Open House on October 17.

Congratulations to the Ridge Meadows Seniors Society on ten years of outstanding service at the Seniors Activity Centre – October 23, 2009.



Mayor Ernie Daykin (Maple Ridge)  
Mayor Don MacLean (Pitt Meadows)  
Betty Levens (RMSS President).

### Street Tree Care

In order to keep your community green and shady, we would like to remind residents and businesses that have trees planted on the boulevards fronting their dwellings or properties that:

- The Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Parks Department is responsible for the care, maintenance, and pruning of these trees.
  - The tree's health will decline if the trunk is buried with soil or mulch above the natural grade.
  - The tree trunk must not be damaged by mowing or grass trimming equipment.
- Should the trees need attention to correct a growth or health issue please contact the Parks department at 604-467-7346.

### Golden Harvest Celebration

Maple Ridge's first Golden Harvest celebration was a huge success – Who knew? That was the reaction from 300 exuberant participants at the first ever Golden Harvest celebration event in Maple Ridge on October 16. Guests sampled wines and a variety of delicious treats prepared by local chefs with food produced in the Maple Ridge area. The event was hosted by the District of Maple Ridge Agriculture Committee in partnership with the Haney Farmers Market, and was produced by Flair Innovations. For more details visit our [website](#).

### Crime Prevention Volunteers

**"Try to keep it down to warp speed please"**

Tired of people zooming up and down your streets? Have you thought about volunteering with your community? Our Speed Watch team can come to your neighbourhood to help raise awareness about speed zones in your area. This great program is operated by volunteers and checks over 5000 vehicles a month but our vans can't drive themselves and our radar guns don't have an autopilot. We always need more volunteers and shifts are as little as four hours a month so consider jumping on board with us. Contact Clint van Blanken at 604-467-7644 for more info.

### Remembrance Day

November 11



### Trivia of the Month

Who was one of the founding fathers of the BC Teachers' Federation?  
(see bottom of page for answer)

### Gamestown 2010

Residents of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have been busy over the last few months showcasing their Olympic spirit and demonstrating a healthy lifestyle by participating in the GamesTown 2010 contest. Check out the latest results on our [website](#).

### Outdoor Guide Proposal

Parks & Leisure Services produced an Outdoor Recreation, Trails & Events Guide in 2008 and its popularity was so overwhelming that few copies remain. As such, we will be starting production of a new and expanded 2010 guide.

Sports and outdoor groups are encouraged to contact our office to see how they can be part of this and other exciting marketing tools available through Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services. For details please contact Tammy MacIver at [tmaciver@mapleridge.ca](mailto:tmaciver@mapleridge.ca) or 604-467-7405.

### Careers

Maple Ridge employees value their co-workers, the variety in their work and the organization's positive culture and work environment. The convergence of great community and great cooperation make the District of Maple Ridge a very attractive place to work. If you are interested in learning more about employment at the District, please visit the Employment section on our [website](#).

### Special Events

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

**ACT Presents World Music Instrument Exhibit**  
Sunday, November 1 (1:00 pm - 6:30 pm)  
Attend this free exhibition to view a collection of over 200 rare and exotic instruments...

**ACT Presents Multicultural Dance Celebration**  
Sunday, November 1 (7:00 pm - 10:00 pm)  
In honour of 20 years of student exchanges between Canadian and Russian schools...

**Haney to Harrison**  
Saturday, November 7  
Join runners from Canada and the USA for this 100km, 8 person relay and 100km Ultra to...

**Group of Nine Exhibit**  
Saturday, November 7 - Sunday, November 8 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)  
Attend the 4th Annual showing of new original paintings by 9 local artists...

**Haney Farmers Market - Autumn Festival**  
Saturday, November 7 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)  
Enjoy the Farmers' Market featuring great food and local entertainment at St. Andrew's...

**Remembrance Day**  
Wednesday, November 11 (11:00 am-5:00 pm)  
Remembrance Day ceremonies take place in the Cenotaph in Memorial Peace Park...

**ACT Presents Dal Richards Orchestra**  
Wednesday, November 11 (12:30 pm-3:30 pm)  
Enjoy a nostalgic afternoon of music and memories from the War Years, as Dal Richards and his Orchestra present...

**ACT Presents Hotel California**  
Sunday, November 15 (6:30 pm - 10:00 pm)  
North America's best tribute to the Eagles...

**Seahorses Invitational Swim Meet**  
Saturday, November 21-Sunday, November 22  
Maple Ridge Leisure Centre is the place to be when 300 participants from throughout...

**ACT Presents The Amazing Kreskin**  
Saturday, November 21 (8:00 pm - 10:00 pm)  
With a showman's flair, a comedian's wit and capacities that only a bona fide mentalist can possess and profess, the Amazing Kreskin...

**ACT Presents The Trews Acoustic**  
Wednesday, November 25 (7:30 pm-10:00 pm)  
There is a certain hunger to the music of the Trews, who have been dubbed, for lack of anything better, as the "next Tragically Hip".

**SD 42 Happening Arts & Crafts**  
Saturday, November 28-Sunday, November 29 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)  
Thomas Haney Secondary School is host to this annual fundraiser...

### Volunteering

The benefit of volunteering in our community is tremendous. Consider signing up to volunteer for Remembrance Day, Christmas Festival or Christmas Haven; visit the volunteer [website](#) and see if there is something that fits your interests!