



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

Recycling Report

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DEPOT CLOSED
Friday, April 18
and
NO BLUE BOX PICKUP

Friday, April 18 or
Monday, April 21



Take a Break and RENEW

In addition to *renewing* your membership in the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society in order to vote at our **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30pm at The Well restaurant, located in Chances Gaming Centre, the idea of renewal also leads us towards taking a break from what we have been doing.

Many people go away for Spring Break, taking a break from their routine, a break from habit. If you go somewhere without access to the internet, you may also get a break from technology and information overload.

Giving your body and mind this break allows you to re-enter your life with renewed energy and a different perspective.

What is sustainability but the ability to renew?

In practical terms, spring cleaning is another form of renewal. Clearing out old or unwanted items can give us an energy boost as we let go of the old to make room for what is more immediately relevant in our lives.

As children change so quickly, it makes sense things that were once perfect for them no longer fit or suit just 6 months later. A great way to renew children's books, toys, and clothes is at the **Earth Day Family Freecycle**.

The Freecycle Committee will be working with local businesses & schools to collect gently used items in blue boxes starting April 7th. You can also drop off things the day before the event on Friday, April 25, from 4-7pm in front of the ACT or at the event itself.

At Earth Day on Saturday, April 26, come feel the magic of the Freecycle at the Greg Moore Youth Centre from 10am - 2pm. Find something that suits you or your kids needs - for free - and complete the cycle of renewal.



Come celebrate with us!
Earth Day
Food for Thought
Saturday April 26, 2014



Spring Chipping Set-Out Deadlines



The annual **Spring Chipping Program** will begin in April, with a **Tuesday, April 22nd** set-out deadline for properties WEST of 224th Street and a **Monday, May 5** set-out deadline for properties EAST of 224th Street.

No pre-registration necessary, simply place branches at curbside by set-out deadlines for pickup & chipping. See our website for details regarding set-out.



Earthday
Saturday April 26, 2014



Renewing Our Commitment to Inclusive Workplaces

Light Refreshments

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

TRANSITION RESOURCE FAIR



Tuesday, April 8th 7 - 8:30 pm

AT:

Rotunda of:
Thomas Haney Secondary
23000 116th Avenue
Maple Ridge BC

Are you a student or young adult with extra support needs who is searching for career & resource options?



Guest Speakers

Who will be there?

- Post Secondary Institutions
- The Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation
- Community Living BC
- Employment Agencies
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Recreational and Leisure Services
- Many more Service Providers

Door Prizes

Sponsored by: School District 42, Community Living BC, Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows's Community Services, WorkBC, Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation, Ridge Meadows Parks and Leisure Services, Ridge Meadows Recycling, Ministry of Children and Family Development and Possibilities

For more information or transportation to the event - contact: Dennis Lacroix @ 604-626-1156

The Urban Food Forest & Our Agricultural Land Base

Food Security & Sustainability Presentation

Join our Guest Speaker...

Mark Lakeman



Also Presenting:

Chris Zabek

Regional Agrologist,
Fraser Valley North

Wed. April 16th, 6:30-9:00pm

Maple Ridge Council Chambers

(11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge)

RSVP to Pat Shiratti... 604-467-7342 or pshiratti@mapleridge.ca



Examples of Local Initiatives will be on display

Light refreshments served from 6:30-7:00pm



Come celebrate with us!



Earth Day

SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday
April 26, 2014**



Youth Photo Contest

Like our [Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge](#) page on Facebook and post your photos to our page. Winners will be determined by the number of likes your photos receive. Categories will be food or scenic/nature shots. You may enter any category at all, and submit as many photos as you wish. Please enter with your name, age, and grade. Contest closes **April 21st**.

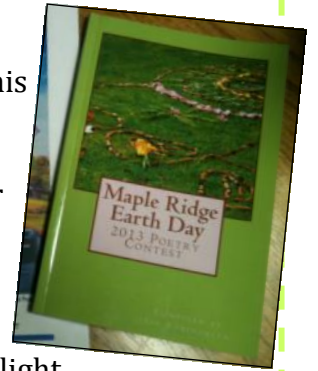
First Prize
11x14 Enlargement of Winning Photo

Second Prize
Framed Photo by Nature Photographer
Mike Stefiuk

Celebrate Earth Day Poetry Contest!

Did you know the entries of the inaugural Celebrate Earth Day 2013 Poetry Contest were made into a book, available for purchase through Amazon.com and at the local Black Bond Books in Haney Place Mall?

Poems are being accepted for this year's contest until **April 12** - if you've always wanted to see your words in print, here's your chance!



The three categories are Elementary, Secondary, and Adult (19+). Poems should highlight the event theme, "Food for Thought." This could include growing food, the atmosphere of the Haney Farmers Market, food waste, your favourite foods, healthy foods, yucky foods - pretty much anything connected to FOOD!!!

Send your poems to joe.robinsmith@live.ca. Winners will be invited to read their poems at the Celebrate Earth Day Opening Ceremonies, 11am on April 26th in front of the ACT.



Renewing Our Interest in Plastic Bags

We love these items, all hand-crocheted by Maruska Janková from plastic bags!

Says Maruska, "My grandmother made me sandals from plastic bags when I was a child (at that time milk was bought in a plastic bag).

Also, my mom loves to crochet, so that's why I continue with this family tradition and I love it. :o) "

Upcoming Events



Ridge Meadows Recycling Society Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30pm at the Well, located in Chances Gaming Centre, 22710 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge
Join us for a short business meeting, then refreshments and a special presentation by a representative of Multi Materials BC, the organization responsible for the Printed Paper & Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Recycling Program rolling out across British Columbia on May 19, 2014.



Historical Society Heritage Tea

Saturday, April 5, 1-4pm at the Ridge Meadows Senior's Society
Meet living history in our community! To learn more, call Val at 604-463-5311

LAST Committee Transition Resource Fair

Tuesday, April 8, 7-8:30pm at Thomas Haney Secondary School, 23000- 116th Ave, Maple Ridge
For students & young adults with extra support needs searching for career & resource options.



Pitt Meadows' Centennial – Community Birthday Party & Heritage Fair

Friday, April 25, 11am – 8pm, Pitt Meadows Spirit Square and Family Recreation Centre
This free, family-friendly Centennial event will transport you through the decades past in Pitt Meadows!

Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge - "Food for Thought"

Saturday, April 26, 10am - 2pm at Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge
Don't miss the Iron Chefs Challenge, Stone Soup making, eco-crafts, interactive activities, family Freecycle, roving performers, the first Haney Farmer's Market of their 10th Anniversary year, and much, MUCH more!

Cheers to the Planet

Sunday, April 27, 6-9pm at South Bonson Community Centre, Pitt Meadows
Eat, drink, & be eco at this CEED Centre fundraising evening!



Mission Statement

"Ridge Meadows Recycling Society is a community-based, non-profit organization, advocating zero waste, operating responsible waste reduction services and providing environmental education. We employ people with developmental disabilities assisting their integration into the community."

Vision

"A waste free, socially responsible community."



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