

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH

Happy Birthday

Mar 21: Debbie MacRae

Happy Anniversary

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Mar 21:	Mar 28:	Apr 4:
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LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili** presided.

Visitors: (apart from speakers)

Leslie Michael - he first joined Rotary in 1994, he is a former member of the Surrey Delta, Coquitlam, Haney, and Golden Ears Sunrise Rotary Clubs, and those clubs represented the cities that he has lived in from time to time. He has been actively involved in International Service projects as a Rotarian. He previously operated a printing business in Maple called West Coast Impressions. He said he is hoping to move to our club from the Golden Ears Sunrise Club because he finds, at his age, his body does not enjoy getting up in time to make their meeting at 7:15 AM every Tuesday morning.

Lavonne Brown - mother of Debbie MacRae, from Kelowna.

Elle Robson - young daughter of Aimee Robson

Megan Baars - manager (Agriculture) for the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Country Fest

Lesley Nantel – Secretary/Manager of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 88, Maple Ridge.

Duck Race Committee



Duck Race Tickets will be going on sale Saturday, March 18th with Ineke, Libby, Alex and Brenda on duty in the ACT from 11 AM to 1 PM to hand over the tickets to groups, who are going to sell the tickets.

Each club member is expected to sell at least one book of tickets (10 tickets).

Cheque Presentation #1: to Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows Country Fest

Presenter **Mike Davies** *presented a cheque* in the amount of \$1,000 to **Megan Baars** in support of the Country Fest, which Megan said puts on one of the largest 4-H Fairs in British Columbia.

Megan and her family have been involved in the 4H program for years. Both Megan's grandfather and mother, and Megan herself, has showed animals in 4H since they were children.

(As evidence of Megan's involvement in the 4H since childhood, see the picture below, featured in the Maple Ridge News in July 2012, with the caption as set out below the picture, and the cows).



Megan Baars, 14, along with her friends from the North Fraser 4H Club, wash their cows as they prepare for Country Fest on the weekend July 26, 2012

Cheque Presentation #2: To Starfish from Royal Canadian Legion

Ineke Boekhorst received a cheque in the amount of \$3,000 in support of the Starfish Pack program from **Lesley Nantel**, representing the **Royal Canadian Legion**, Maple Ridge Branch nbr 88. Lesley is the Secretary/Manager of the Legion.



Program: Ridge Meadows RCMP Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) in Maple Ridge

Ridge Meadows RCMP Crime Prevention Unit



The CPU is responsible for the organization, coordination, and deployment of community policing programs within the cities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Speakers:

Allision MacRae is the Supervisor/Coordinator of the CPU and its programs. She is employed by the City of Maple Ridge, but provides and oversees the various aspects of this program which works in support of the RCMP Community Policing Unit. She also recruits and motivates volunteers, and organizes and implements a number of the crime prevention programs. (And last, but not least, she is the daughter of Debbie and Fraser MacRae.)

Diane Stevenson has been a volunteer with the program since 2004, being one of the longest-serving volunteers for the CPU helping our community.



Left to right – Allision and Diane

Allison and Diane reviewed the various programs within the CPU, which include the following:

Speed/Cell Watch – an educational program aimed at reducing speeding of vehicles in high crash/ high risk locations; and reminding pedestrians and drivers to “leave your cell phones alone” and watch where you are walking (into or in front of). The program is conducted in partnership with the RCMP, Crime Prevention Unit volunteers and ICBC.



Bike Patrol - volunteers, who are often out on duty until 11 PM, ride through crime hotspots in order to act as a visual deterrent and a second set of “eyes and ears” for the RCMP.

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Lock Out Auto Crime – is an educational program, supported by ICBC, designed to draw attention to the high rate of thefts from vehicles.

ISAT - which stands for *Integrated Safety Ambassador Team* - a volunteer program that integrates multiple community stakeholders, and focuses on community engagement.

Block Watch - a crime prevention program, which is based on a partnership between the police and members of the community who work together to prevent crime in their neighbourhood.



Business Watch – is a free program designed to reduce crime in the Downtown Maple Ridge Business community through communication and prevention measures. It involves a partnership between the city, the RCMP and the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association (BIA).

Crime Free Multi-Housing - is a solution oriented crime prevention initiative designed specifically to help apartment owners, managers, residents, police, and other agencies work together to keep a legal and nuisance activity off rental property.

Community Events - the CPU and its volunteers participate in a number of community events, across both the cities of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge throughout the year.

Crime Prevention Statistics for 2022:

CPU had 55 active volunteers (prior to Covid, they had up to 1200).

They had 446 volunteer deployments, and 2024 volunteer hours total 2024 (citizens on patrol: 31, Bike Patrol: 101, ISAT: 338, Community Events: 558, and Speed/Cell Watch: 785).

Online Reporting

You can now report the following crimes online:

- Damage/Mischief to property or a vehicle under \$5,000
- Hit & Run to an unoccupied vehicle or property.
- Lost Property
- Theft of a bicycle under \$5,000
- Theft under \$5,000
- Theft from a vehicle under \$5,000



Online Crime Reporting is available through the following link:

[Online Crime Reporting | Ridge Meadows RCMP \(rcmp-grc.gc.ca\)](https://rcmp.gc.ca)

Or by looking up "Online Crime Reporting: Ridge Meadows RCMP"

They are always looking for volunteers, so think about getting involved in crime prevention. For more information on the programs, or to apply as a volunteer, email crimepreventionunit@mapleridge.ca

Happy and Sad dollars included:

Ineke (who has taken over Matt's job of collecting and recording Happy and Sad dollars while Matt and Lynda are sunning themselves in Southern California) is happy that **Matt** will be back next week.

Debbie was happy to see her 92-year-old mother who is visiting her from Kelowna, and pleased that her daughter Allison (with volunteer Diane) were with us today to present the program.

Did visitor **Lesley Michael** warn that TNT may be dangerous to play around with? If so, when asked to do a job, don't say "Tomorrow Not Today"!



Brenda warned that it is 'raccoon season' again. The little masked bandits have again broken into her roof and caused some damage. (Where are the Ridge Meadows RCMP Crime Prevention Unit volunteers when you need them?)

Ineke and **Laurie** were very happy that Patrick and Mark could join them last Sunday in the weekly Sunday-morning walk.



President's Quote for the Day:



Submitted by Laurie Anderson