



Maillardville Residents' Association

Come Join Us!

This newsletter is provided to you by the Maillardville Residents Association. The Maillardville Residents Association was formed in 2005 to help make the community a better place to live.



Welcome to the inaugural newsletter from the Maillardville Residents' Association. The purpose of this letter is to keep the residents of Maillardville and other stakeholders abreast of developments in our community. Maillardville will transform in the coming years. This newsletter will serve to begin a dialogue about how that transformation unfolds. This will be a community effort. Should you come across information that is relevant to the community please pass it along so we can include it. We will endeavour to publish 2 newsletters per year. Now let's get down to business!

There is a tremendous amount of development activity in our region. To list a few:

The Horizons 21 project, located on Lougheed and Blue Mountain St. has been approved by council.

However, concerns remain about parking, traffic flow and safety

<http://keymarketing.com/projects/horizon-21/>. Directly across Blue Mountain St., there are signs referencing another 25 story development proposal. Recently, the MRA hosted a meeting which included presentations from both groups. Then, there is the Red house at 1123 Brunette. While the city and developer can't come together on terms, residents might agree that anything is an improvement over the hideous blue tarp! Next, there are proposals to redevelop at Laval Square. This project is part of the city's heritage revitalization program, designed to motivate developers to preserve the historic structures of Maillardville. In return, developers get concessions on density and parking bylaws.

<https://domushomes.ca/projects/>. Adjacent to this project, our community center Place Maillardville is being rebuilt. The new recreation center will be roughly double the size of the current one. But, apparently not big enough to accommodate Club Bel Age, which will close its doors after 28 years serving Coquitlam seniors. There is also a proposal to develop the old trailer park on Brunette adjacent to Mackin Park. And finally, The Fraser mills development proposal is ongoing, which will cover 90 acres along the Fraser River. A public hearing is scheduled for the fall. <https://www.villageatfrasermills.com/>.

Beside these project proposals, there are a number of smaller in-fill developments such as subdivisions creating duplexes and triplexes that will continue to change the form and character of our region. Furthermore, the added density from these projects will precede the planned realignment of the Brunette interchange. Plans to upgrade the exchange haven't gone anywhere. This is already a high crash zone and hundreds of new residents will multiply the safety issues in the region. However, many of these projects are still in the planning stages so there is an opportunity to voice our concerns. These project representatives are, for the most part, eager to engage the community. Look out for further information.

In the Neighbourhood

Armed with bags, gloves, litter pickers and a strong sense of purpose, the MRA volunteers meet monthly to clean up the area. Director Paul Thompson organizes litter pick up normally on the second Saturday of the month. We provide gloves, pickers, vests and garbage bags. So come on out to get some sun and fresh air and make Maillardville more beautiful. And a big thanks to the volunteers!





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Did You Know?

Maillardville is Coquitlam's oldest and most historic community. Community boundaries are at Rochester Ave., to the north, Laurentian St. to the east, Hart St. to the west and the Trans- Canada Highway to the south. The community is named after the priest, Father Edmond Maillard, the first pastor of our Lady of Lourdes Church (left).

It was originally formed around the lumber mill on the north bank of the Fraser River, now known as Fraser Mills. The first mill manager's residence later became Place des Arts. The second mill manager residence is now Mackin House.

President's Message

For those whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Ben Craig. I moved to Maillardville with my wife and 2 kids in 2015. I've been president of the MRA since May this year. I'll admit I was a bit apprehensive about taking on the role. I serve on 2 other boards, run a business and raise a young family. But I've always considered it an honour to serve my community in this way. There's a tremendous amount of change coming to our region. I see this as an opportunity here to have a say in how that change unfolds. It's been a busy year so far. We've met with city council and staff, contributed at town hall meetings and public hearings, organized public meetings and picked up litter. I find the work rewarding. So I'd like to thank the neighbourhood for the opportunity. Our voice is stronger with every new member. Thanks to the work of my predecessors, the MRA is positioned to be an effective advocate going forward.

Coming Events

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| Litter Pick-up | July 13, 2019, 9am- meet at the stairs above the skate park at Mackin Park |
| MRA Board meeting | July 18, 2019, Vancity on Brunette |
| Neighbourhood Night at Rochester Park | July 18, 6-8pm Maillardville Middle School grass field |
| Outdoor Cinema Swim | July 27, Spani Pool 655 Hillcrest 8-10pm |
| Neighbourhood Night at Blue Mountain Park | August 15 6-8pm 975 King Abert Ave. |

Your Maillardville Residents Association Executive is:

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU! Please consider becoming a member of our Association.

The MRA is the voice of Maillardville. Volunteers are hard at work throughout the year. Our Responsibilities include:

- **Liaising between governments at all levels to keep the community informed.**
- **Advocating governments at all levels in the best interest of our membership.**
- **Informing the community regarding development and security issues throughout the region.**
- **Hosting meetings and events that bring the community together.**
- **Litter pick up, once per month.**
- **Publishing and distributing a community newsletter twice per year.**
- **Provide a Bursary to a promising local student annually.**

The cost is just \$15 for an individual membership and \$25 for a family. Your membership is good for your lifetime with NO annual dues. These funds help cover the cost of the newsletter, community meetings, community events, and the Bursary.



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Street:

City:

Postal Code:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-Mail:

I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE EXECUTIVE: YES / NO

I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR EVENTS / PROJECTS: YES / NO

Use Interac e-Transfer to our treasurer, Ron Taylor @ zymos@hotmail.com. Cheques written to the Maillardville Residents Association and cash are also acceptable.

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Your support is very much appreciated!