

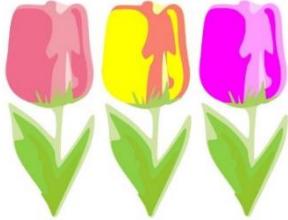


# Maillardville Residents' Association

*Come Join Us!*

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The Neighbourhood's changing! You can see evidence of this all over our community. Construction on the first 25 story high rise in Maillardville is well underway at 901 Lougheed Hwy. Other projects have broken ground, including townhouses in Laval Square and the new Place Maillardville Community Centre. Still



others are pressing ahead, including 1026 Brunette Avenue and 209 Lebleu Street. However, some projects are moving ahead more slowly, like Horizons 21 at 218 Blue Mountain Street. Also, in an unexpected turn of events, the City of Coquitlam has purchased the Red House property at 1123 Brunette Ave. The future plans for this property are unclear at this stage. The Southwest Housing Review continues which will bring yet more density to the region. The city is currently reviewing a number of Southwest neighbourhood pockets, where

residents have come forward requesting more density. More information can be found at

<https://letstalkcoquitlam.ca/swhr>

## **It's Bursary Time!**

It's that time of year again when the MRA board picks a deserving Maillardville student for our annual \$500.00 bursary. Some talented and amazing students have submitted their applications for the bursary committee's review. We will have an announcement shortly!

## **In the Neighbourhood**

### ***Fire at the Surestay Hotel***

A recent fire at the Surestay Hotel at 725 Brunette has brought attention to a local provincial program to house the homeless. Up to 26 rooms were leased from the hotel by the BC Housing Authority and run by the Phoenix Society to provide 24 hour support and a safe place for approximately 36 residents to isolate during the pandemic. Phoenix Society CEO, Keir Macdonald, said space was found in other shelters for the displaced residents but not in the Tri-City area.

### ***Brunette Ave. Repaving***

Later this year, sidewalk replacement and street repaving will take place on Brunette Avenue between Lougheed Highway to Woolridge Street. The MRA board has been working closely with the City of Coquitlam on a plan that would animate the area by activating streetlights on the 22 trees that line the corridor. We were heartened by the discussion around the proposal at the Town Hall meeting on Thursday May 29th. Supportive comments were made by the Mayor, Council and Staff. Residents in the community are grateful for the city's attention to Maillardville.

### ***Brunette Interchange***

The MRA attended a meeting with our local MLA, Selina Robinson, to inquire about a future redesign of the Brunette interchange. As hundreds of new residents move into our region, the area will be critical for moving people and goods in the area and for emergency vehicles trying to get to and from the Royal Columbian Hospital. Mrs. Robinson has confirmed with Rob Fleming, the Minister of Transportation, that provincial funds are available for the project. However, challenges remain between the municipalities of New Westminster and Coquitlam to arrive at a compromise, settle on a design, and move ahead with the project.



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## **Litter Pick up**

The Maillardville Residents' Association started a huge, yearly community "Clean up Brunette" event on June 10, 2006. In 2011, the City of Coquitlam initiated the "Adopt-a-Street" program, the MRA then eagerly applied and signed an agreement with the city to adopt two major streets in Maillardville, Alderson Avenue and Brunette Avenue. On both avenues, MRA responsibility for the removal of litter extends from Marmont in the east to Lougheed Highway in the west. The two routes are marked by Adopt-a-Street signs listing the MRA as partners in the program. In the early days, there were plenty of volunteers to participate in the once a month cleanup. With time however, the numbers began to fall off, so that by the mid 2010s, there were only four consistent persons who showed up to fulfill our part of the agreement. Now, health issues and aging have caused some of our volunteers to hang up their pickers. We have had one new volunteer join our ranks in the past few months, (Thanks H.B.!) but there is a need for new blood within our ranks. We meet once a month (on the second Saturday at 9am) and pick up litter on our two designated routes. This time is not however set in stone, and litter can be picked up whenever it is convenient. If you are interested in joining us, or have questions, please contact Paul Thompson at 604-936-5912.



## **Did you Know?**

A new group has been formed with the goal of protecting Coquitlam's trees. Their first objective is to help our City Council adopt an environmental plan in 2021 which gives priority to the retention of Coquitlam's mature trees and tree canopy as an essential asset for the health and well-being of Coquitlam residents, for protection of the beauty and character of our neighbourhoods, and for countering air pollution and climate change problems such as heat waves and stormwater management.

Get involved on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/206262761066558> and contact [coquitlamurbanforest@gmail.com](mailto:coquitlamurbanforest@gmail.com)

## **Coming Events**

Litter Pick-up - Saturday June 12th	Email <a href="mailto:maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com">maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com</a>
MRA AGM	Date TBD

## **Your Maillardville Residents Association Executive is:**

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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead*



**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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*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, Kerri Fisher @ [kerri\\_fisher@hotmail.com](mailto:kerri_fisher@hotmail.com) using password “membership”. Cheques written to the Maillardville Residents Association and cash are also acceptable.**

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**Your support is very much appreciated!**