



# 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.*

Spring has sprung! The birds are chirping, buds are blooming and your plans are likely getting rained on. It's been a while since our last newsletter so now's a good time to review the Maillardville Residents' Association's activities over the last year. Naturally, we've been fully immersed in the affairs of Maillardville. We held our first Federal all-candidates meeting last year. We've held a number of public meetings in an effort to bring neighbours together with key players in our community. For example, in an unexpected turn of events, the City of Coquitlam has assumed the management of the newly rebuilt Place Maillardville Community Centre, managed for years by the Place Maillardville Society. Reaction to this has been mixed and we've encouraged the city to open up a dialogue with stakeholders on the issue. (See below in Coming Events). We've had a strong dialogue with the City of Coquitlam in relation to their recent

purchase of the "Red House and Trev's store" property at 1121 and 1123 Brunette (see below). We'd love to hear from more residents about their aspirations for the future development of this property. Finally, we've kept the neighbourhood tidy with our litter pick-up and helped beautify the area, working with the city of Coquitlam on the lighting of trees along Brunette. As you see, the city came through BIG TIME!

So, let's just say we didn't let a global pandemic deter us from bringing our community together.

There will be plenty of issues on which to collaborate in the coming year. Brunette Avenue revitalization continues. Hundreds of residential units have been proposed, along with a few interesting ideas around new amenities. Who knows? You might even be able to buy a cup of coffee on Brunette soon! We are also advocating for a redesign of the Brunette interchange. As we welcome hundreds of residents into Maillardville, this route will be critical for moving people and goods through the area, and for emergency vehicles travelling to and from Royal Columbian hospital. A municipal election is coming on October 15<sup>th</sup> and we have a tremendous opportunity to call our local leaders' attention to the issues facing our community. Please pass this newsletter along to neighbours who are interested in playing a role.



**Brunette Street Lighting**



## **Red House and Trev's**

Built in 1912, the Red House was first used as a mushroom barn on Begin Street and owned by Tom Allard, a Fraser Mills steamfitter who later served as an alderman. Its next owner, Tom Filiatrault, a Fraser Mills pipefitter, moved the Red House to its present site in 1920 at 1123-1129 Brunette Avenue and turned it into a four-plex with a barbershop. According to heritage inventory records, it was called the Red House because of its siding's "boxcar red" colour.

## **Red House - 1123 Brunette**



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Next door to the Red House at 1121 Brunette, is the former Trev's store. In his book "With Hearts and Minds" former MRA president, Al Boire writes the Trev's became a true community icon. Trev's was opened as a beauty salon in 1936 by Anne (no last name provided). She married Trevor Protheroe in the early 1940s who became the store's' namesake. A grocery store and coffee shop was later added. In the following years, the facility was expanded include a kindergarten and a men's club. Trevor Protheroe himself was an eminently social creature and many of the workers from Fraser Mills who lived in Maillardville found themselves engaged in late night conversation and other enjoyable indulgences at the Trev's Club. Anne served coffee and doughnuts to a long line of reeves, mayors, aldermen and councilors. She offered hearty nourishments to Coquitlam firefighters, when the main station was attached to the old city hall in Maillardville. The closing of Trev's in 1995, was another in a long line of losses for "old Maillardville".

Last year, the city of Coquitlam announced it had purchased both the Red House and Trev's properties. The MRA has been working closely with the City regarding potential development.



**Trev's Store, 1942**

### **Did you Know?**

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. Litter pick-up is open to all and takes place every second Saturday of the month. (see below)

### **Coming Events**

Litter Pick-up -	Saturday June 11th Email <a href="mailto:maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com">maillardvilleresidents@gmail.com</a>
Municipal Elections	October 15, 2022
Place Maillardville community Centre – Opportunity for Engagement	May 28, 1 – 3:30 pm Dogwood Pavilion (1655 Winslow Ave.)

### **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*

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**Your support is very much appreciated!**