

Maple Ridge This Month

MAY 2016

SPOTLIGHT ON: 2016 Ridge Meadows Home Show

Indoors and outdoors – There's something for everyone

The City of Maple Ridge will be at the 2016 Ridge Meadows Home Show that runs from Friday, April 29 through to Sunday, May 1. This is when we will unveil the 2015 Citizens Report, filled with information on the programs, projects and services delivered in the last year. This year we have a special photo feature on the 'Maple Ridge Bucket List' which will introduce you to some incredible outdoor activities that every citizen should experience at least once.

It's also a great time to pop by and visit with members of Council who will be spending time at the City booth in the Cam Neely Arena throughout the weekend. Come by, say hello and talk with Council about issues that are important to you.

In addition to the City booth, our Emergency Services team will be on hand with information on how you can take some simple steps to be prepared for a natural disaster. They are even holding a draw for a "Grab and Go" earthquake disaster backpack. The highlight of their presentation is the Shake Zone that will be brought in on Sunday, May 1 and will be located near the Petting Zoo as part of the Outdoor Show. This special trailer allows citizens to step inside and

experience a level 8 magnitude earthquake and see the effects on a typical living room.

Thanks to the generous support of the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the City of Pitt Meadows and ShakeOutBC, our community is one of a select few who will have access to this amazing educational aid. The sponsor organizations will be there from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (earlier and later than the Home Show hours) with some great information on how you can make your home safer in the event of an earthquake. Last year's visit from the Shake Zone saw over 200 area residents take part in this interactive display.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ridge Meadows Home Show at Planet Ice and the Albion Fairgrounds this weekend.



INFORMED: Emergency Preparedness Week

It all Kicks off at the Home Show this Sunday

In recent weeks we have seen large earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador. Last year, after Christmas we had a small reminder of the importance of Emergency Preparedness when there was an earthquake northeast of Victoria.



The first week of May is Emergency Preparedness Week and one of the most important events we are running is the FREE Emergency Preparedness Presentation on Tuesday, May 3 starting at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. This 90-minute session will cover everything from preparing a family communication plan to the development of your home and 'Grab and Go' emergency kits. This is a great activity for family members and neighbours to attend so you can coordinate your preparedness plans to handle everything from a major power outage to a larger scale natural disaster.

If you'd like to sign up for this FREE presentation email us emergencyprogram@mapleridge.ca. Doors open at 6:30 pm on the east side of City Hall.

In addition to this great session and the Shake Zone display on Sunday, May 1 at the Home Show you can also get more information about Emergency Preparedness on Wednesday, May 4 at Haney Place Mall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 5 at Maple Ridge City Hall Plaza from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (check out our new trailer!) and on Friday, May 6 at Valley Fair Mall from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

This is also a great opportunity to learn how you can become an Emergency Support Services volunteer. Join us at one of these events and get prepared!

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the City of Maple Ridge, please email enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.

INFORMED: May 2016

Council Meeting Schedule

Mayor and Council encourage everyone to attend these important public meetings. It's your chance to see how public policy is debated and enacted.

Monday, May 2

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Monday, May 9

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, May 16

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link under Your Council on the home page.

Workshop at a Glance

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to mapleridge.ca and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page or connect via the Videos link right beside the 'newsroom' icon on the home page at mapleridge.ca.



The 2016 Haney Farmers Market Kicks Off May 7

They're baaaaack! The sure sign of spring is the return of the Haney Farmers Market to Memorial Peace Park. Saturday, May 7 all your favourite vendors will be back from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the heart of Maple Ridge. To celebrate the opening of the market season there will be speeches and the ceremonial cutting of the 'carrot cake' which will be served to those in attendance. The market will also be celebrating Mother's Day with a lovely carnation for the first 100 moms! The preview market at Earth Day was a huge success with a great selection of spring produce, baking and preserves.

Opening day will also include four food trucks to serve the crowds, so you will be able to pick up all the ingredients for an amazing dinner, have breakfast and lunch on site, enjoy live music and visit with friends. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 7 at the Haney Farmers Market.

