

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH JUNE 2016

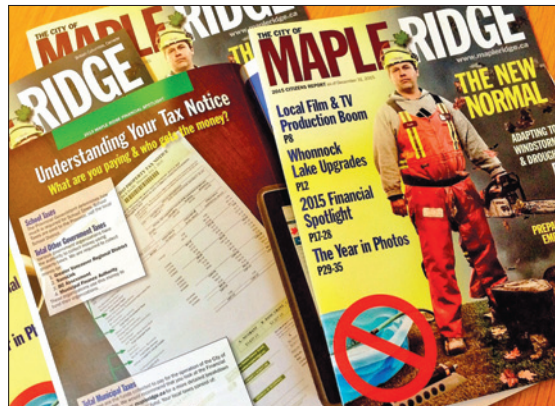
### SPOTLIGHT ON: Taxes are Due on Monday, July 4

#### Use Online Tools to Avoid Lining Up

You can claim your Home Owner Grant online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) by clicking on the 'Property Taxes & Home Owner Grant' link on the home page which will take you to a direct link to claim your grant. In fact, setting up a 'My Maple Ridge' account online will give you 24/7 access to your tax information and allow you to sign up for paperless tax notification as well as track your payment history. It's just one way to save time. Once you claim your Home Owner Grant you can pay the balance owing at most financial institutions either in person or by using your online or telephone banking.

You can drop off your Home Owner Grant and post-dated cheque at the secure drop box located at the west entrance of City Hall near the Economic Development Office to avoid lining up. The box is cleared daily and will be emptied at midnight on Monday, July 4, 2016.

For those of you who prefer to make payments in person, our office is open late on Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm for the month of June. Take a few moments to read through the materials that came with your tax notice and learn how you can



avoid any lineups. The illustration for this article is 'Page 28' of the 2015 Citizens Report. This publication can be found online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) or in the lobby of City Hall. It's a great way to learn how your tax dollars are invested in your community.

### INFORMED: Construction Season is Here

#### Sign up for Notifications to Your Email and Cell Phone

One of the road projects that has been most anticipated is the conversion of 128 Avenue into a four lane section of road from the current two lane alignment. Work is underway on the section running from 216 to 224 Street. In the upcoming weeks a major upgrade of 203 Street from Dewdney Trunk Road to Golden Ears Way will also be starting. Both projects will run for a number of months well into the Fall of 2016.

Along with these large projects we have smaller repairs and upgrades scheduled for this year and we want to make sure you don't wake up late one morning, jump in the car to race to work only to find your usual route under construction.



For larger projects you will see orange information signs and electronic reader boards advising you that there will be an impact to the regular flow of traffic. This is your warning to get through the site earlier than usual in the day or plan an alternate route during the construction phase.

For smaller projects our Operations Centre sets the priorities based on emergency repairs and weather conditions. Some work can be done rain or shine, like a broken watermain or sewer line. Some repairs and small projects, especially paving and road patching projects, are best done in dry weather. Once the team has set the project list they post a road construction or closure alert on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

The best way to 'get in the loop' is to sign up for notifications by email or directly to your smartphone using the 'Notify Me' feature of the City website. It takes just a few minutes to sign up for the alerts that are important to you, and once you are in the loop the chances that our construction projects will ruin your commute should be zero.

Thanks for your patience as we complete these important projects and remember to follow the instructions of the flagging crews who will be out there keeping all the workers safe on the job sites.

### INFORMED: Do You Want to be a Volunteer?

#### Be Part of the Canada Day Team

Friday, July 1 Maple Ridge will host a Canada Day celebration from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park. A special Haney Farmers Market anchors the west side of Memorial Peace Park. The stage in front of The ACT Arts Centre on the east side of the park will be filled with live music and the special protocol celebration at 12:30 pm where we will raise the flag after a march in by the Royal Canadian Legion and RCMP. The full schedule can be viewed at [mrmparksandleisure.ca/426](http://mrmparksandleisure.ca/426).

It takes an army of patriotic volunteers to run this event and if you're interested you can contact Dave Speers, City of Maple Ridge liaison 604-467-7433 Ext #1 or [dspeers@mapleridge.ca](mailto:dspeers@mapleridge.ca). Volunteer details are on the same link as the schedule. A



Volunteer Orientation & Information Session for Canada Day runs from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Monday, June 20 at the Maple Ridge Library (Fraser Room).

This year you can take place in the 'Race to Canada Day' by downloading a special entry card from the City website at [mrmparksandleisure.ca/426](http://mrmparksandleisure.ca/426) and visiting the six locations in Maple Ridge outlined on the card. Bring your completed and correct race card to the Children's Recreation Station on July 1, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Here you will complete a final challenge on the Race to

Canada Day journey! One entry per family/household.

Be part of Canada's 149th Birthday celebration here in Maple Ridge!

### INFORMED: June 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, June 20

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 21

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

##### Tuesday, June 28

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED:

#### National Aboriginal Day

Celebrate National Aboriginal Day on Saturday, June 24 at Memorial Peace Park from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This year's celebration is a feast for the senses. The Bannock Cook Off and food vendors will tickle your sense of taste and smell.



There will be drumming, singing and dancing, including a hoop dance by Jane Wylie, that will be a visual and auditory feast. There will also be art displays and vendors that will allow you to feel the craftsmanship

passed through the ages. The Bandstand will be the central focus of the Festival with the Farmers Market filling the west side of the park. Come on down and celebrate the history, culture, food and art of the First Nations and Metis people of Canada.

#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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