

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH JULY 2016

ENGAGED: Summer Festivals for the Whole Family

Get Connected with the Community Festivals & Events Calendar

Over the next few months there are a large number of community festivals and events that you and your family will love. All the events are listed on the community events calendar on the home page at mapleridge.ca. When you hit the 'view more' link at the bottom of the listing you are taken to the full community calendar hosted on the Parks & Leisure site.

In the next few weeks you will want to check out the new Summer Street Feast that runs in Memorial Peace Park from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings throughout July, August and into September. Great food trucks and entertainment will make this a fun new event in our downtown.

The popular Bard on the Bandstand returns to Memorial Peace Park on July 21, 22 and 23. This year the Emerald Pig Society has a very 'groovy' take on Shakespeare's 'Mid Summers Night Dream'. They are even raffling off a Volkswagen van as part of this 60s themed presentation. You have to check that out!

Country Fest is back on July 23 and 24 at the Albion Fairgrounds. Admission is FREE for this amazing weekend that is one of the biggest and longest running agricultural celebrations in BC. Music, displays, tons of activities and great food make this a 'must see' event. Go to www.mrpmcountryfest.com for all the activities and event schedules.

Music on the Wharf brings great music to one of the most beautiful, natural and historic settings, the Port Haney Wharf. Concerts start at 7:30 pm and run July 25, August 15 and 29. Watch the sun set over the mighty Fraser River!



The Caribbean Festival runs July 30 and 31 at the Albion Fairgrounds. Great music, great food and great times await at this popular event. The full schedule can be found here at www.caribbeanfest.ca.

Every Saturday the Haney Farmers Market runs from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park. On August 13 the market will have their annual visit to Brookfield Farm. Check the market website at www.haneyfarmersmarket.org/ for updates on special events and upcoming vendor list. There are always some new fresh items in season!

There are a lot of other great events, free concerts and movies in the park, events at the Maple Ridge Public Library, Zumba at the Port Haney Wharf and the huge Renaissance Festival on August 26 and 27 at the Albion Fairgrounds.

Check out the Community Festivals and Events listing at mapleridge.ca for more details of the events you see listed. There's something for everyone!

INFORMED: Summer is Peak Construction Season

Get in the Loop on Major Projects in Maple Ridge

There are a couple of big projects underway in the community that we want to let you know about. The expansion of 128 Avenue between 216 and 224 Street is well underway. The new alignment will mirror the work done last year to create four lanes plus the separated multiuse path. The crews are trying to minimize impacts on commuters, but there are times when there will be traffic delays. We appreciate your patience as this important work is completed.

Work has also started on an upgrade to 203 Street from Dewdney Truck Road north to Golden Ears Way. New storm water management, road widening, bike lanes and sidewalks



will be installed to bring this connection up to modern standards. As the work intensifies there will be delays along this section of road. Please obey all traffic control staff and construction speed zones.

All through the summer crews are busy around town on smaller projects. From the repaving of roads to emergency repairs, crews schedule these projects based on weather forecasts and the availability of contractors. In addition to City crews there is also work being done by CP Rail, BC Hydro and the Province.

We post notices of projects on our website at mapleridge.ca and these automatically get posted to Facebook and Twitter. You have the option of signing up for direct email and text notifications using the 'Notify me' feature on our City website. Go to mapleridge.ca and click on the 'Notify Me' link and select the items that you need to know about right away. It's quick and easy.

Thank you all for your patience as we work to maintain and improve City infrastructure. Maple Ridge has a billion dollars' worth of roads, sewers, storm water systems and one of the best drinking water systems in the world. Maintaining your investment in these systems is our top priority.

ENGAGED: Brand Review Underway

Phone and Online Surveys Being Launched

The City of Maple Ridge has hired Illuminata Marketing Inc. to complete a brand review for the City. The project has included a number of community focus groups and in the coming days a telephone survey will be conducted by Sentis Research. An independent online survey will be launched to gather broad public input. The phone survey will be done with a randomly selected list of citizens and the online survey will be formally

launched via social media posts on Facebook and Twitter in the coming days. Thank you in advance for sharing your opinions in these surveys. If you have any questions about the project please contact Lino Siracusa, Economic Development Manager for the City of Maple Ridge at lsiracusa@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7320.



INFORMED: July 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.

Tuesday, July 19

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

Monday, July 25

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, July 26

6:00 pm, Budget Q&A - Council Chambers

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.

ENGAGED:

Budget Q&A Session

We're Looking for Questions and Comments on the City Budget

If you've ever had questions about the City's budgeting practices, how property taxes work, where the money comes from, where it goes, this is your time to go online, get on the phone or head down to Council Chambers and have your questions answered by City staff.



This is your time to ask questions!

Here are the options to send us your questions NOW:

- Leave a message on our budget phone line at 604-467-7484
- Send an email to budget@mapleridge.ca
- Post your questions to our Facebook or Twitter feeds @yourmapleridge

You can also join us online or in Council Chambers to be part of the LIVE Question & Answer session on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. We will be taking questions from the audience and live using the feeds listed above. This session will help guide the work to develop the new financial plan for 2017 to 2021. We look forward to answering your question.

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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