

Maple Ridge This Month

AUGUST 2016

INVOLVED: 2016 Caribbean Festival

Two Days of Fun at the Albion Fairgrounds

The 16th Annual Caribbean Festival is being held once again at the Albion Fairgrounds! The event will run for two days, Saturday, July 30 from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm and Sunday, July 31 from Noon to 8:30 pm.

The festival will feature two large stages with continuous music provided by 15 live bands from the Lower Mainland's Caribbean community, featuring Reggae, Calypso, Salsa and Soca music. Over 100 entertainers will showcase the music and culture of their islands. To really celebrate this special 16th Anniversary, the Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival proudly presents a 'Good Vibrations Beach Party' with a 2-hour tribute concert to celebrate 50 years of the BEACH BOYS by the Mike Amaral's California Beach Boy Experience from Santa Cruz, CA. The festival is also hosting a Beach Volleyball Tournament and expanding the Show N' Shine Car Show on Saturday.

In addition to the music, make sure you enhance your experience by visiting:

- The wide variety of food vendors, offering authentic Caribbean foods from Jerk chicken to curried goat.
- 60-70 street vendors displaying their goods at the Caribbean open air market.
- A large kid zone with rides, face painting and a number of other activities planned for our small festival goers.



This great family event is free and attracted up to 18,000 festival patrons last year and has become one of the favourite summer festivals in the lower mainland.

"Let's get together and feel alright" this August long weekend to celebrate multiculturalism with the music and foods of the Caribbean Islands. For more information on the festival go to their website at caribbeanfest.ca.

ENGAGED: August Events for the Whole Family

Get Connected with the Community Festivals & Events Calendar

It looks like summer weather has finally arrived and there is no shortage of events to be a tourist in your own city or bring your summer guests to show them what Maple Ridge has to offer. All the events are listed on the Community Festivals & 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 Services site.

The new **Summer Street Feast** that runs in Memorial Peace Park from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursday evenings has become a popular event after only a few weeks. The event will run throughout August and into September. Great food trucks and entertainment makes this a fun new event in our downtown.

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 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 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's list. There are always new fresh items in season!

There are a lot of other great events, free concerts and movies in the park and 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 and connect with the Community Festivals & Events calendar for more details of the events you see listed. There's something for everyone this summer.

Explore Maple Ridge!

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 Street 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 done by CP Rail, BC Hydro and the Province.

We post notices of projects on our website at mapleridge.ca and

INFORMED: August 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, August 29

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - CANCELLED

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.

INFORMED: BC Day Hours

Monday, August, 1 2016

City Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre:
Open 8:30 - 4:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre:
Open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Fire Hall No.1 Administrative Office: Closed

RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:
Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 3:00 - 5:00 pm in Memorial Peace Park, 6:00 to 9:30 pm in GMYC

Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed

Please stay safe, drive carefully and have a wonderful weekend.



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these automatically get posted to the City Facebook and Twitter accounts. You have the option of signing up for direct email and text notifications using the 'Notify me' feature on our 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.

