

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH NOVEMBER 2016

ENGAGED: We're Looking for Young Artists

City of Maple Ridge Christmas Card Design Contest

The City would like to celebrate the beauty of Maple Ridge and the joy of the holiday season with images from our young citizens. We are pleased to announce the first ever 'Maple Ridge Christmas Card Design Contest' which is open to Maple Ridge students from Grades 1 to 7. The finished art should be on standard letter size paper measured 8.5 by 11 inches, and can be in any media – crayons, colour pencils, water colours or markers. We'd love it if the artist signed the art with their first name only, and for parents or teachers to provide the full name and contact information in pencil on the back of the artwork so we can contact the winners. The art needs to be shipped to us flat (no folding) so it reproduces well.

Mayor Read, along with Chief Administrative Officer Ted Swabey and his team will select the winning images that will be printed up and used by Mayor and Council for their 2016 Christmas greetings. The images will also be featured in online posts and print ads over the holiday season. The theme is 'A Maple Ridge Christmas' and we are looking forward to seeing the artwork produced by our young citizens.

All entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Monday, November 21 either by mail or in person at City Hall's reception desk which is located at 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC V2X 6A9.

Entry envelopes should be marked 'Christmas Card Design Contest.' Schools can submit bulk entries ensuring that contact information for the student and teacher is included on the back of each piece of art so we can connect with the winners.

For more information on the Maple Ridge Christmas Card Design Contest, please contact Fred Armstrong, Manager of Corporate Communications at farmstrong@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7452.

We look forward to seeing your masterpieces!



INFORMED: November 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, November 21

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

Monday, November 28

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, November 29

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, Workshop, 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, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.

INFORMED: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Saturday, December 3 Maple Ridge Celebrates Christmas in the Park

Mark your calendars, because Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 3 and he's doing it in style. The festival runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm with the parade starting at 6:00 pm sharp.



The Peace Tree at the corner of 224 Street and Haney Place becomes the largest Christmas tree in the Fraser Valley and when Santa magically lights the tree it marks the start of the parade. There's so much to do – Memorial Peace Park, in fact all of downtown Maple Ridge is decorated with thousands of lights and the traditional red bells that signal that the holidays are upon us. There will be music at the bandstand, cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate, a chance to visit with Santa and drop off your Christmas wish list in his special mailbox. This annual festival is a delight for kids of all ages and it is made possible by an army of volunteers. If you'd like to be one of 'Santa's Elves' and lend your help, or if you'd like more information about the Festival and parade go online to www.mapleridgechristmasfestival.com.

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.

ENGAGED: What Do You Think of the 2017 - 2021 Financial Plan?

Department Presentations and Live Q&A

Maple Ridge Council will review the City of Maple Ridge 2017-2021 Financial Plan at a series of meetings scheduled for;
Monday, November 28, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Tuesday, November 29, 2016 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
These meetings will be held in Council Chambers and are open to the public. The meetings will also be live-streamed on the City website at mapleridge.ca. Council is scheduled to hear divisional presentations and provide feedback to City staff. At the end of each day there is a Public question and answer period where citizens can pose questions to Council and staff.

Live Budget Q&A

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in Council Chambers and online is your chance to be part of the financial planning process once again. Do you have questions about the City's Five Year Financial Plan? What are the items that drive costs for local government? What is the City doing to control costs across all departments? If you have questions about the City's financial planning and business plans, 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.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016, the Corporate Finance Officer will present an overview of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan starting at 6:00 pm sharp. Citizens are invited, and encouraged, to attend in person in Council Chambers and, to ensure that all citizens can participate; the session will also be livestreamed. At any time during the session you can ask a question via email, Facebook, Twitter, by phone or in person. For people using social media channels, use the hashtag #BudgetMR so that our staff can direct your



question to the floor after the opening presentation. On the evening of November 30 go to mapleridge.ca and click on the 'Livestream' link on the video section of the home page for the video feed. All questions that are asked during the live-stream event will be answered and posted by Monday morning, December 5, 2016. You can send a question at any time to budget@mapleridge.ca or leave a message on the budget hotline at 604-467-7484.

Background Information

If you'd like to do some advance reading of the Corporate Business Plan (including the financial plans) you can access the same information that Council received on the City website at mapleridge.ca. Go to the Your Government tab and you will find the Business Planning link. Just follow that link for all of the background information. We look forward to answering your questions. Remember, you can provide input and ask questions year-round using budget@mapleridge.ca or by leaving a message on the budget hotline at 604-467-7484.

ENGAGED: Community Dialogue on Homelessness

Get Educated and Informed on this Important Issue

On Wednesday, November 9 the final session of the Community Dialogue on Homelessness was held at the ACT Arts Centre. The sessions were live streamed and video recordings have been put on the City's YouTube Channel. If you missed one of the sessions we encourage you to invest some time to watch the presentations and the question and answer portions of the four sessions. Here's a list of the four topics:

October 20: W5 – The Who, What, When, Where and Why of Homelessness

October 26: Jurisdictional Matters – Challenges & Opportunities

November 3: Understanding Mental Health & Addictions
November 9: Housing Solutions

Thank you to the Social Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) for organizing the Community Dialogue on Homelessness. We would also like to thank those citizens who took the time to attend the sessions and ask questions of the panel members. Links to all the recordings can be found on the City website at www.mapleridge.ca/1537.



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