

# Maple Ridge This Month

## JANUARY 2017

### ENGAGED: 2017 Council Meeting Schedule

#### Make a New Year's Resolution to Stay Informed

At the end of 2016 Council established the schedule for their 2017 Council meetings. The meeting dates are available in two formats online at [mapleridge.ca/640](http://mapleridge.ca/640). You will also find information regarding upcoming meetings, agendas and reports that are typically posted on the Friday prior to the meetings.

One of the best ways to stay informed about any upcoming meetings is to sign up for notifications to your email or smartphone. Using the 'Notify Me' link on [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca)

provides you with a 'one stop' location to sign up. By signing up for this service you are notified the minute agendas and reports are posted, and if there are updates, you get those too.



Our goal is to ensure that you have access to the information, agendas, reports and presentations that your Council receives as part of their decision-making and governance of our community. Get in the loop and get engaged!

### ENGAGED: Community Facilities Conversation

#### Your Comments & Suggestions Can Help Shape Our Future?

In December of 2016 The 'Community Facilities Conversation' kicked off with the development of a series of webpages at [mapleridge.ca/1676](http://mapleridge.ca/1676) that outline eight different proposals for future parks, recreation and cultural facilities that were identified in the Parks Master Plan which was adopted in 2009. There are 'pop up displays' at the west entrance of City Hall, the Maple Ridge Public Library, the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and Planet Ice with information boards and survey forms so you can share your views on these proposals. The same survey can be filled out online. We encourage you to take a look at the printable information sheets and videos and get connected with this project.

Over the next few weeks 3,000 invitations will be mailed to randomly selected households to participate in a survey that will seek public input and comments on the proposed projects, priorities for the development of parks, recreation and culture facilities and discuss various funding alternatives. If your household receives one of these letters we would like to encourage you to take a few moments from your busy day to share your opinions.

In the upcoming months there will be more 'pop up displays, face-to-face surveys, online interactions and an open house and community café to share the preliminary information. We hope you will be part of the Community Facilities Conversation and help shape the future of Maple Ridge.



### INFORMED: Grant Funding Workshop

#### Find Out How Your Organization Can Access Funding For Your Event

The Cultural Grant Funding Workshop is planned for January 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the McKenney Room, Maple Ridge Business Centre (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road) for anyone interested in learning more about available funding and in-kind resources available through Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture.

To help build a strong community, Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) provides annual grants to non-profit, community-based organizations. Grant funding is intended to build community spirit, foster economic benefits and promote community involvement through support to community festivals, neighbourhood block parties, matching grant activities and arts and cultural activities.

Successful applicants demonstrate a sense of responsibility to the community through sound financial practices, environmental stewardship, safe planning, quality volunteer opportunities and leadership development that increases the capacity of citizens to come together, plan and take action toward common goals.



Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to reserve a seat for this free workshop by sending an email to [festival@mapleridge.ca](mailto:festival@mapleridge.ca) or call the Festival & Volunteer Office at 604-467-7325.

#### Contact us at: [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED: January 2017

#### 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, January 16

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, January 17

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers  
7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, January 23

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

##### Tuesday, January 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](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 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](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INVOLVED: Heritage Week 2017

#### Celebrate the Rich History of Maple Ridge

Heritage Week 2017 runs from February 12 to 19, 2017 and there are a number of events that are in the works to connect you with the deep history of our community. Here's a snapshot to help you schedule your February outings;



- Downtown Walking Tour: 1:00 pm on February 12 - meet at the fountains located at the west end of Memorial Peace Park
- Cemetery Walking Tour: 1:00 pm on February 13 - meet at the Maple Ridge Cemetery
- History Is...Conversation: 6:00 pm on February 15 - Alouette Room, Maple Ridge Library
- Oral History Workshop: 10:30 am on February 18 - Maple Ridge City Hall

The marquee event of Heritage Week is the annual Heritage Awards that will be handed out on Thursday, February 16 at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall, 22279 116 Avenue. The event will start at 7:00 pm. Please check the Community Heritage Commission webpage on the City website at [www.mapleridge.ca/240](http://www.mapleridge.ca/240) for updates, including last year's award winners and the evening's program. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

If you would like to attend one or more of the above events, please RSVP to Lisa Zosiak by emailing [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca) or by calling 604-467-7383. Look for more details on the Heritage Week celebration online and in the next edition of Maple Ridge This Month published in the February 1 edition of this newspaper.



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