

Maple Ridge This Month

APRIL 2017

SPOTLIGHT ON: Earth Day 2017

Mark Your Calendar for the Start of the 2017 Festival Season

The annual Earth Day Celebration in Maple Ridge kicks off at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 22 at Memorial Peace Park, with the theme "BACK TO NATURE!" We are looking forward to celebrating the bounty of nature that surrounds us in Maple Ridge and encouraging families to get out from behind screens and spend more face time with nature.

Earth Day favourites from past years will be back, including HUB's Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw, lots of kids' crafts, electric vehicles courtesy of VEVA, roving entertainers and flash mobs and, of course, the popular Family Freecycle, where gently used books, toys and clothes will be available free to the public at the Greg Moore Youth Centre. This year the organizers have arranged for a Food Truck Festival on site that will feature some of your favourite food on four wheels!

This is also the first appearance of the Haney Farmers Market for 2017. They are an important part of the Earth Day celebration not only because supporting local farmers is great for the environment,



it just tastes great. The fresh fruits and vegetables, local baking and preserves are an amazing addition to your family's dinner table. We all love to get reacquainted with the vendors who will serve us from May through to October.

Come on out with the whole family and celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge. Get involved, get engaged and get educated on some of the amazing initiatives in our community to help us live a more sustainable life. Follow the "Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge" Facebook page at [facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday](https://www.facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday) or the Twitter feed at @mrearthday for updates.

INFORMED: Spring Chipping Program

It's Chipping Time

Folks are busy tidying up their yards and gardens in preparation for all that nice weather coming our way. In partnership with the City, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring and Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents. The Chipping Program is a great alternative to burning brush and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to take advantage of this program to keep our air clean and community safe.

No pre-booking is necessary, simply place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area.

The set-out deadlines for Spring are:

Tuesday, April 18 for Maple Ridge residents who live **WEST of 224 Street**

Monday, May 1 for Maple Ridge residents who live **EAST of 224 Street**

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree & shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic metres (3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150mm (6 inches) in diameter.

No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, branches with thorns (e.g. rose bushes, blackberries), vines (including willow branches), bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be permitted.

Please note: items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative to burning this material.

NO LATE SET-OUTS OR OVERSIZED PILES WILL BE ACCEPTED! For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or visit mapleridge.ca/357.



ENGAGED: Volunteering Matters

Get Involved in Your Community! Be a Volunteer

Volunteering in the community is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and get out and get involved in your community. For young citizens volunteering can help you find your passion and demonstrate leadership as you build your resume for post-secondary education or employment.

A great place to start your volunteer journey is by visiting mapleridge.ca/1554/Volunteer to learn how you can connect with volunteer opportunities with Parks, Recreation & Culture or with other organizations in the community. There are a couple of events coming up for prospective volunteers.

Volunteer Information Session at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm.

Learn how to connect your energy and talent to your passion, meet other volunteers who are making a difference. Everyone is welcome to this free session to learn more about volunteering for programs led by the City of Maple Ridge: Festivals, Aquatics, Health & Wellness, Children's & Youth Services, Emergency

Support Services and other community programs.

For more information: volunteer@mapleridge.ca

Pick Your Passion at Valley Fair Mall on Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Participate! Celebrate! Follow your heart and Pick Your Passion – an interactive session at Valley Fair Mall that connects you to the causes and community initiatives that matter to you. Find new ways to make a difference, share your passion, develop your voice, shape your community. Interactive Displays, Pop Up Art Studio, Face Painting, Entertainment and more! 12:00 pm – Opening Remarks & Draw Prize, 2:00 pm – Final Draw Prizes

For more information: volunteer@mapleridge.ca or hreleaven@comservice.bc.ca



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.

INFORMED: April 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. Dates and times are subject to change.

Tuesday, April 25

6:00 pm, Public Hearing – 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 or Public Hearing 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 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.

ENGAGED: A Great Journey Begins

Goodbye Chums Event



On Sunday, April 30 the annual Goodbye Chums event will be held at the KEEPS (Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Society) hatchery and stewardship centre on 256 Street approximately one kilometre south of Dewdney Trunk Road (11450 256 Street).

This is an opportunity to bring your children to learn about the lifecycle of the salmon and have them release the chum into Kanaka Creek to begin their journey into the Pacific Ocean where they will mature before returning to the creek to breed.

The event will run from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and feature the official opening of the new Stewardship Centre building that's part of major upgrades to the site that have been underway for a number of years. The grand opening will happen at 11:30 am and you will have lots of time to release some salmon fry, enjoy the interactive games, listen to live music from The Wilds and celebrate the amazing natural setting of Maple Ridge and Kanaka Creek Regional Park.

For more information go to keeps.org



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