

Maple Ridge This Month

MAY 2017

SPOTLIGHT ON: 2017 Ridge Meadows Home Show

Visit the City of Maple Ridge Booth at the Home Show

The Ridge Meadows Home Show is back and the City of Maple Ridge will have a large presence throughout the weekend in the Cam Neely Arena at Planet Ice. We will be handing out a number of reports and guides to help you engage with the community. This year we even have an eight page Activity Book and crayons for younger citizens.

Handouts will include the Summer Program Guide for Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture. This guide is packed with information and programs to help you and your family live active lifestyles.

We will also have a handout on some of the activities that are part of Maple Ridge's Canada 150 celebration. There's a big party on Saturday, July 1 at Memorial Peace Park, but the celebration starts long before then and will continue throughout the summer. Get all the information at the City booth.

The Home Show is where we unveil the 2016 Citizens Report that looks back on last year, with essential financial summaries, stories and photos that make this the City of Maple Ridge's official yearbook.

The Home Show is also the place to see over 350 exhibitors



who will introduce you to the latest in home décor and essential kitchen gadgets that you can't live without. There's also a huge Food Truck Festival and outdoor show. West Coast Amusements is back so you can spend time with the kids on rides and attractions. The Home Show runs Friday through Sunday, May 5, 6 & 7. Friday hours are 4:00 until 9:00 pm. Saturday from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Single admission is \$4 and the whole family can enter for \$7.

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 Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents. This program is a great alternative to burning brush and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to participate to keep our air clean and our 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 collection for addresses west of 224 Street has been completed and as of **Monday, May 1** collection has begun 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.

INFORMED: Emergency Preparedness Week

Are You, And Your Family, Prepared For An Emergency?

Emergency Preparedness Week runs from May 7 to 13 2017 in Canada as a way to highlight the importance of individuals and families being prepared for an emergency or natural disaster. While we sometimes focus on things like earthquake preparedness, the reality is you need to take the very same steps to ensure that you are safe in the event of a fire, giant windstorm, power outage or ice storm. People and families, who make a plan, are able to bounce back from an emergency situation faster.

Do you have the supplies you need to ensure that your family has food and water for a minimum of 72 hours? Where will you go to the bathroom if the water and sewer system are not functioning? Do you have the medications you need for you and your family? What will you do with your pets? Do you have food for them and a means of keeping them safe? What will you do if you and your family are separated in an emergency?

We are here to help you make your plan. Volunteers from the City's Emergency Social Services team will be manning the Emergency

Service booth co-located with the City of Maple Ridge booth at this weekend's Home Show. There's information on how you can build your personal supply kit, grab and go kits and build a communications plan for your family to handle any emergency.

The Emergency Program team will also be setting up a display outside City Hall on Tuesday, May 9 and running a special education session in Council Chambers on Thursday, May 11 titled 'Preparing Your Pet for a Disaster.' Look for more information on how to sign up for this program on the City's Facebook page.

There is a comprehensive section on emergency preparedness on the City website at mapleridge.ca/459. Explore this section so you can make your plan during Emergency Preparedness Week!



INFORMED: May 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.

Tuesday, May 2

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 23

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.

INFORMED: Council Meeting

Council Meeting Schedule Has Changed



Starting in May, Council will be testing out a new meeting schedule that will see all meetings moved to Tuesday evenings. The Council meeting calendars located on the City website at mapleridge.ca/640 have been updated. You can view or print the revised meeting schedule as a calendar or as a list.

Council Workshop meetings will begin at 6:00 pm and Public Hearings and Council meetings will begin at 7:00 pm. All meetings will be held in Council Chambers. You are invited to attend these meetings in person at 11995 Haney Place and the Council Chamber entrance is located on the east side of the building near the 'Beast' clock. The meetings are also live streamed for viewing on your home computer or smartphone.

When there is a Public Hearing and Council Workshop scheduled for the same evening, the Workshop will be adjourned so the Public Hearing can start at the advertised 7:00 pm start time. The Council Workshop may resume after the Public Hearing based on the wishes of Council.

Council will evaluate the new schedule later this year to determine if this change will become permanent. If you have any feedback on the new schedule you can contact us at mayorandcouncil@mapleridge.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.



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