

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH JULY 2017

### SPOTLIGHT ON: City Lends a Helping Hand

#### Supporting Evacuated Residents of Interior BC

Wildfires in the province over the last week have had a significant impact on families in British Columbia. As of the date of this release 14,000 people have been forced from their homes and over 10,000 more are on an evacuation alert. Many families in Maple Ridge have loved ones in these areas and citizens have reached out to the City to find out how they can help.

In response to the compassionate desire of our community to assist, the City of Maple Ridge has organized a number of ways for citizens to make financial donations, which is the most valuable way to donate at this time.

The following link <https://goo.gl/jBferc> has been added to the City's website for donations to the Canadian Red Cross.

An account has been set up at the Finance counter at City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC.

Funds are being collected at special events throughout the City including: Hot Summer Nights in Tolmie Park, 20260 Lorne Avenue, Maple Ridge, BC on Thursday, July 13, after 6:30 pm and our Maple Ridge firefighters will be hosting a BBQ, for donations on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Memorial Peace Park. Join them for water fun, a kid's firefighter obstacle course and more!



An account is also being set up at TD Canada Trust at Valley Fair Mall, 560-22709 Lougheed Highway, Maple Ridge, BC.

We ask if people want to donate household goods or clothing they should hold on to them until a request is made for these items. Right now the focus is on financially supporting those assisting residents that have been evacuated.

Mayor Nicole Read has reached out to mayors in the affected areas to express the City's support. "Living as we do in a heavily forested area, one day this could be our community. Just as important as the donations is the message of camaraderie, and support to our friends in communities in the Interior who are impacted by these fires."

Thank you to everyone assisting with the BC Wildfires; from frontline firefighters and volunteers to those who are able to make a financial contribution to the Canadian Red Cross.

### INFORMED: Sprinkling Regulations Now in Effect

#### Conserving Water Is Critical!

You may have seen the social media posts from Metro Vancouver with facts about water use and water conservation. Living on the coast, and dealing with eight months of rain gives us a bit of a false sense of security around an endless supply of treated water. While Metro Vancouver has a strong regional water distribution system, these long, hot summers can have a huge impact on the available water in our reservoir system.

Sprinkling Regulations have been in effect since May 15; however we received good rainfalls in May and June that made sprinkling your lawn unnecessary. Now that we've had some hot, dry weather it's time to up your water game. Go to [mapleridge.ca/375](http://mapleridge.ca/375) to learn more about Sprinkling Regulations.

Metro Vancouver has great resources and information on water conservation that will help you learn more about our regional water distribution system. Go to [metrovancouver.org/welovewater](http://metrovancouver.org/welovewater).



Here are the specific regulations that are in effect:

##### Residential Addresses:

- Even-numbered addresses may sprinkle lawns from 4:00 - 9:00 am Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- Odd-numbered addresses may sprinkle lawns from 4:00 - 9:00 am Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

##### Non- Residential Addresses:

- Even-numbered addresses may sprinkle lawns from 1:00 - 6:00 am Monday and Wednesday.
- Odd-numbered addresses may sprinkle lawns from 1:00 - 6:00 am Tuesday and Thursday
- All non-residential addresses can also sprinkle from 4:00 - 9:00 am Friday.
- Newly turfed or seeded lawns may be sprinkled more frequently, provided a permit is first obtained from the Engineering Department (with proof of seed/sod purchase). The cost of the permit is \$30.00 for a three week period and is renewable once.

Notifications will be sent out via the City website and social media channels if water restrictions elevate due to an extended dry spell. Please do your part to conserve water this year.

### INFORMED: Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes

#### Making Healthy Living Fun and Accessible for All

Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes offer parents and caregivers new ideas on how to play with their kids, supply the necessary games and sports equipment and provide unlimited access and opportunity for families to get outdoors and engage with other families through active play. Playboxes help enhance environments and remove barriers to access for active outdoor play, as well as foster social connectedness.

These Playboxes are new to Maple Ridge and were made possible by the generous support of Scope BC, Canadian Heritage and the City of Maple Ridge. The box itself contains sports equipment that is free for community use at local parks. For more information about how to gain access to a Playbox email [playbox@mapleridge.ca](mailto:playbox@mapleridge.ca).



In addition to the Playbox located in Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge Park now hosts a second Playbox, complemented by the Play Nights in the Park program (July 12 - August 30; 6:30 - 8:00 pm). The success of this project will depend on community involvement. Residents of Maple Ridge and local organizations can play a role by helping monitor the boxes, contributing to the purchase

of new equipment through financial or in-kind support and hosting a Play Night in the Park program to help encourage active play with children. If you or your organization is interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Jen Baillie, Children's Programmer at [jbaille@mapleridge.ca](mailto:jbaille@mapleridge.ca) or 604-466-4339.

For more information on Live 5-2-1-0 initiatives, visit [www.live5210.ca](http://www.live5210.ca).

#### 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: July 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, July 18

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, July 25

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

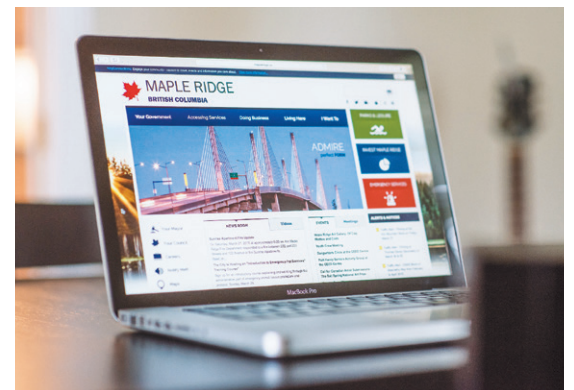
Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

##### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting 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](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).

### INFORMED: Summer Fun

#### Check the Community Calendar for Amazing Upcoming Events



This summer you can watch a movie with your neighbours in Memorial Peace Park, attend a concert on the Port Haney Wharf or see the Emerald Pig Theatrical Society perform their own cool interpretation of Shakespeare as part of Bard on the Bandstand.

The key to getting information about incredible community events in Maple Ridge is by visiting the Community Events calendar located on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

From the Farmers Market every Saturday to larger events such as the upcoming Country Fest and Caribbean Festival at the Albion Fairgrounds, the Community Events calendar will connect you with a large number of events, many of which are FREE. Music, theatre, dance, markets, fitness and much more are one click away. We look forward to seeing you and your family enjoying the events organized and run by a number of fabulous local organizations and volunteers.

