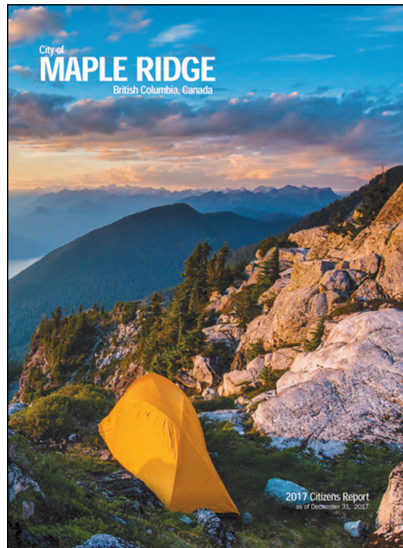


# Maple Ridge This Month

## JUNE 2018

### INFORMED: Tax Time

#### Using Online Services Can Help You Avoid Any Line-Up



You should have received your 2018 Property Tax Notice. You can claim your Home Owner Grant online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) by clicking on the Online Services link. Select the 'Home Owner Grant Application' option and follow the instructions to claim online. You can also set up a 'My Maple Ridge' account which gives you 24/7 access to your tax information, allows you to track your payment history and sign up for paperless tax notification.

It's just one way to save time. Once you claim your Home Owner Grant you can pay the balance owing at most financial institutions either in person or by using online or telephone banking.

You can drop off your Home Owner Grant and cheque at the secure drop box located at the west entrance of City Hall near the Economic Development Office as another way to avoid lining up. The box is cleared daily and will be emptied at midnight on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

For those of you who prefer to make payments in person, our office is open late on Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm throughout the month of June. Take a few moments to read through the materials that came with your tax notice and learn how you can avoid any line-ups.

The illustration for this article is the cover of the 2017 Citizens Report which can be found online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) or in the lobby of City Hall. It's a great way to learn how your tax dollars are invested in your community.

### INFORMED: Fraser River Freshet

#### Peak Levels Have Passed, But We Still Need To Be Alert

The word 'freshet' is the term used to describe the rise in the level of a river caused by heavy rainfall or the thaw of snow in the mountains that are part of the river system. This year, due to higher than normal temperatures in late April and May, we saw a rapid melt of the snow pack in the mountains around BC that feed into the Fraser River. River levels rose quickly throughout the first part of May and our community activated the Emergency Operations Centre as a precaution.

The BC River Forecast Centre has been monitoring conditions closely and they now report that the majority of snow has melted from the mid and upper Fraser River system and that, barring any significant rainfall events, we will see the level of the Fraser River drop over the next 10 days.

The City will continue to monitor the condition of the dykes protecting the community as the water levels drop, and in the coming week we expect to be able to rescind the flood advisory for the homes on the Fraser River side of the Wharf Street dyke.

The flow rates are still very high and there is still debris that is rushing down the river, so we urge citizens to exercise



caution around the Fraser River. Thank you to the many citizens who helped share our messages throughout the Spring freshet.

### INVOLVED: The Repair Café Returns

#### Meet Experts Who Will Help Breathe Life Back Into Your Broken Stuff

The folks with the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society have teamed together with a bunch of partners to create the 'Repair Café' program in Maple Ridge. The next session will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 9 at the Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road).

Maybe you have a broken lamp or a piece of electronic gear that has ceased to function. Before you throw it out and buy a new one you can bring it down to the Repair Café and see if one of the experienced volunteers can bring it back to life. From a torn pocket on beloved pants to a piece of jewelry that needs a repair, the Repair Café is filled with volunteers with years of experience and the tools to help you solve your problem.

The goal is to connect you with knowledgeable volunteers who will work with you on the repairs so you become tomorrow's expert! Look for more information at [mrrepaircafe.ca](http://mrrepaircafe.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: June 2018



#### 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, June 5

6:00 pm, Council Workshop – Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 12

7:00 pm, Council Meeting – Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 19

5:30 pm, Council Workshop – Council Chambers\*

7:00 pm, Public Hearing – Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 26

7:00 pm, Council Meeting – Council Chambers

\* Please check [mapleridge.ca/640](http://mapleridge.ca/640) for the most accurate Council meeting start times.

#### 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 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 broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Honouring the First People of Our Land

#### Mark Your Calendar for Aboriginal Day Celebrations

In recognition of the National Indigenous People's Day Celebration (June 21), the Ninth Annual Aboriginal Day community festival will be held at Memorial Peace Park on Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This event will highlight the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of our First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.



The organizers have developed an action packed program to celebrate the day including Aboriginal games, a Bannock cook-off, crafts and interactive activities for citizens of all ages. Traditional dance, community displays and the opportunity to speak with elders will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn about First Nations, Inuit and Metis people, history and culture.

The Farmers Market will start at its usual 9:00 am time and the Aboriginal Day events will be focused in and around the Bandstand at the centre of Memorial Peace Park. Hope to see you there!

