

Welcome to our online Newsletter

Financial Plan Presentations

District of Maple Ridge Council has developed the business plan to guide our community through the upcoming year and into the future. The plan provides a framework for making decisions regarding programs, services and allocation of resources from a corporate-wide perspective.

The public is invited to attend these presentations and an opportunity for public input will be provided at the end of the presentations. At the end of each day a link will be provided to each presentation. For detailed information visit our [website](#).

Monday, November 30 & Tuesday, December 1
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Council Chambers, Municipal Hall
Public input 3:00 pm (approximate time)

Even Santa Watches Out For Crime

Christmas is right around the corner and of course we all know what that means.....SHOPPING!!! Christmas is a busy time at the malls and our local stores which also means it is a busy time of year for those who are on Santa's naughty list. Criminals and thieves are always looking for an easy opportunity so make sure to follow these tips from Santa.

Santa always makes sure to put his gifts and shopping bags in the trunk of his sleigh before he heads into another store. He never leaves toys or candy canes in plain view and better yet he tries to plan his shopping so that he can go directly from shopping straight back to the North Pole. Santa always closes his windows and locks his sleigh doors and tries to take his possessions with him. He avoids parking in areas with poor visibility or bad lighting and he always looks for a parking spot in an area of high elf traffic. The more elves that see his sleigh the better!

Also, Santa wants to remind everyone to make sure they have a safe ride home. His friends use the free service called Operation Red Nose where all they have to do is call 604-515 NOSE and get a free ride to wherever they need to go next.

From all of us here at Crime Prevention have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Shop Local and Win

Shop local for your chance to win in the 3/50 Challenge: Come check out Downtown Maple Ridge and win!

Shop at any store in Downtown Maple Ridge. The idea is to support local stores rather than have those dollars leave the community. You might be pleasantly surprised by their selection and competitive prices. Simply buy a total of \$50 worth of goods or services in three downtown Maple Ridge businesses and enter the contest. Prizes include three \$50-gift certificates; and a grand prize of \$250 will be awarded at the end of the contest. Visit www.downtownmapleridge.ca for full details.

District Recipient of Four International MarCom Awards

The 2008 Citizens Report received two Platinum Awards, the 2007 Citizens Report received a Gold Award and an Honourable Mention, and the "Vote - It's Important" initiative received a Gold Award. "I am always pleased when the District is recognized for its good work," said Mayor Ernie Daykin, "but to receive international recognition for our efforts in such a critical area as communicating with and engaging our citizens is extra satisfying." The District will be receiving award certificates along with platinum and gold statuettes produced by the same company that makes the Oscar®, Emmy®, and MTV Awards.

Snow & Ice Removal

The District of Maple Ridge wishes to remind property owners that they are responsible to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, stairs, ramps, and footpaths bordering their real property by 10:00 am the day following the accumulation.

We thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping the District of Maple Ridge a safe place to live and visit.

For more information please contact the District's Bylaw office at 604-467-7305.



Trivia of the Month

Until what year did paddlewheelers deliver freight to Fraser River communities?
(see bottom of page for answer)

Committee Members Wanted



The Bicycle Advisory Committee is a joint committee of Council, staff and citizen volunteers who review cycling issues in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Cycling in our communities means a range of activities from recreation on our beautiful network of dykes to commuting to work on a daily basis; rain or shine!

Two of our members are retiring: David Hardy-active recreation and competitive cyclist and Dave Rush-long distance commuter. Both Dave's are 'road warrior cyclists' who have contributed their experience to improving cycling in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

With their terms complete, there are openings for two Maple Ridge based residents who would like to contribute their time on the committee.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Russ Carmichael rcarmichael@mapleridge.ca or view the application on our municipal [website](#).

Careers

Maple Ridge employees value their co-workers, the variety in their work and the organization's positive culture and work environment. The convergence of great community and great cooperation make the District of Maple Ridge a very attractive place to work. If you are interested in learning more about employment at the District, please visit the Employment section on our [website](#).

Special Events

For further information or to view other events throughout the year visit our [website](#)

Pitt Meadows Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, December 4 (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
Start your countdown to the holiday season...

Haney Farmers Market - Winter Celebration
Saturday, December 5 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)
This popular community market is located at St. Andrew's United Church and features...

Christmas in the Park and the Santa Claus Parade
Saturday, December 5 (4:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
The Maple Ridge Christmas Festival Society presents...

Speed Skating Competition, BC Winter Games Fraser Valley Qualifier
Sunday, December 6
Skill, speed and heart will lead them forward...

Speed Skating Meet
Sunday, December 13 (6:00 am - 6:00 pm)
RMSSA put the blades to the ice...

Maple Ridge Choral Society Christmas
Sunday, December 13 (7:00 pm - 9:30 pm)
The sweet sounds of music in celebration of Christmas...

CP Railway Holiday Train
Friday, December 18 (7:45 pm - 8:15 pm)
Be part of a Canada wide Christmas tradition...

Winter Wonderland
Saturday, December 19 - Monday, December 21
Enjoy a festive Christmas Skate and...

Christmas Haven
Thursday, December 24 (5:30 pm - 9:00 pm)
The Haven is a special evening of camaraderie and fun for...

Meadow Ridge Girls Minor Hockey Christmas Tournament
Saturday, Dec. 26 - Wednesday, Dec. 30
Planet Ice is the venue to see them "Play Like a Girl!"

Speed Skating Meet
Saturday, December 26 - Sunday, December 27
RMSSA put the blades to the ice...

Tyke Novice Minor Hockey Tournament
Saturday, December 26 - Monday, December 28
The place where hockey stars are born...

Volunteering

The benefit of volunteering in our community is tremendous. Consider signing up to volunteer for Remembrance Day, Christmas Festival or Christmas Haven; visit the volunteer [website](#) and see if there is something that fits your interests!