

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH SEPTEMBER 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: 128 Avenue Road Closure

ALERT: Major Road Closure From September 14 to 26

For a number of weeks commuters who use 128 Avenue have seen the progress being made to expand the section of roadway from 210 Street to 216 Street to a four lane configuration.



Starting on Monday, September 14 this section of road will be closed completely for two weeks until September 26. To be clear, you will not be able to access 128 Avenue from 216 Street or Laity Street. Eastbound traffic will be diverted south at 203 Street and westbound traffic will be diverted at 132 Avenue and 224 Street. Dewdney Trunk Road and Lougheed

Highway are the detour routes for the two-week closure.

The project has reached a critical stage where watercourses that cross the road at the 216 Street intersection and a second watercourse just west of Laity Street will be relocated. It is essential that this work be done before the end of the month as these waterways are part of a fisheries network, and all of the work impacting watercourses needs to be completed to minimize the impact on returning salmon. In addition to the watercourses, which cut across the roadway, this work will also involve the relocation of water, sewer, storm sewers, gas lines and telecommunications lines. In order to do this work with the greatest speed and efficiency, the closure is required.

We recognize that this will have an impact on many citizens who use this route to commute to and from work. Please share this information with your friends and neighbours, including people who may be coming into the community for some late season camping at Alouette Lake. Thank you for your patience while this work is done. We will keep you up to date on the project via our City Facebook Page and on our website at mapleridge.ca/406.

INFORMED: Are You Prepared For A Disaster?

Power Outage has People Scrambling for Supplies

When a major disaster strikes first responders are going to be overwhelmed with calls for service. That's what happened during the wind storm a couple of weeks ago. The power went out, and for some people it didn't come back on for over two days. This was a wakeup call for all of us to take the time to learn what we all need to do to be prepared for a disaster, whether it's a long power outage or an earthquake.

Patrick Cullen, Emergency Program Coordinator for the City of Maple Ridge, will walk you through the steps to create an Emergency Plan for your family. From critical communications if your family is separated, to making a 'grab and go' backpack and an emergency kit for your home, Patrick will help you learn



a message or email emergencyprogram@mapleridge.ca with your name and the number of people attending. Learn the techniques to keep your family safe in an emergency! When the lights go out it's too late.

For more information on emergency preparedness go to the City website at mapleridge.ca/459.

the skills you need to be self-sufficient and safe for at least 72 hours following a disaster. The session will run on Sunday, September 20 both at Noon and 2:00 pm. We are also inviting companies that sell emergency supplies to be part of the September 20 event to display your products. Seating is limited to approximately 100 people per session, so please call 604-467-7301 and leave

ENGAGED: Saluting Our Volunteers

Volunteering Matters Appreciation Day this Saturday!

YOU ARE INVITED to the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services Volunteering Matters Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in



conjunction with the Haney Farmer's Market in Memorial Peace Park.

There will be formal presentations at 10:00 am at the Bandstand as we recognize the contributions of individuals who have long service to our community. This celebration of our valuable community volunteers is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable achievements of our citizens and to personally thank individuals for their generous gifts of time and skills.

Everyone is welcome to attend to meet our local volunteers and to learn how to get involved in community initiatives. Local community groups will be on site to provide information about their exciting volunteer opportunities, as well speakers will provide testimonial about why volunteering matters to them. For additional information and a schedule of Volunteering Matters event activities, visit mrmparksandleisure.ca. For further questions, please contact the Festival and Volunteer Office at 604-467-7325.

INFORMED: September 2015

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.

Monday, September 14

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 29

(Meeting moved from Sept. 22)

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - 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.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' 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, Public Hearing, Workshop, or Committee of the Whole 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, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole 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: Building Neighbourhoods

Come Learn How You Can Build Your Neighbourhood

A few years ago Jim Diers made a presentation in our community about building strong neighbourhoods. Some of the people attending that presentation went away and created a



Facebook page for their neighbourhood called "Hammond Neighbours." Today that page has over 1000 followers made up of current and past members of the neighbourhood who keep connected using this social media

platform. Better yet, they use this platform to exchange ideas, plan community events and keep each other informed of any suspicious behaviour in their tight knit community.

Jim is back for a presentation on Tuesday, September 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre located at 12150 224 Street. His message is so inspiring; you won't want to miss it! Jim is a speaker, facilitator, author and activator assisting groups, associations and agencies in support of caring & inclusive neighbourhoods.

If you would like to attend this presentation please RSVP to Dave Speers at 604-467-7433 (extension 1) or by email to dspeers@mapleridge.ca. Light refreshments will be served.

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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