

Maple Ridge This Month

APRIL 2016

SPOTLIGHT ON: Earth Day 2016

The 2016 Festival Season begins – mark your calendar

The annual Earth Day Celebration in Maple Ridge kicks off at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 23 at Memorial Peace Park, with the theme “ENERGY!” We are looking forward to highlighting energy in its many forms – from renewable energy to what inspires and recharges us in our day-to-day lives.

Earth Day favourites from past years will be back, including HUB's Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw, lots of kids' crafts, electric



vehicles courtesy of VEVA, roving entertainers and flash mobs and, of course, the popular Family Freecycle, where gently used books, toys and clothes will be available for free to the public at the Greg Moore Youth Centre.

This is also the first appearance of the Haney Farmers Market for 2016. They are an important part of the Earth Day celebration not only because supporting local farmers is great for the environment, it just tastes great. The fresh fruits and vegetables, local baking and preserves are an amazing addition to your family's dinner table. We all love to get reacquainted with the vendors who will serve us from May through to October.

Come on out with the whole family and celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge. Get involved, get engaged and get educated on some of the amazing initiatives in our community to help us live a more sustainable life. Follow the “Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge” Facebook page at facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday or the Twitter feed at @mrearthday for updates.

INFORMED: Spring Chipping Program

Chip Away at Your Yard Waste

The Spring Brush Chipping program is underway and chipping has already started for the west side.

Set-out deadline was Tuesday, March 29 for residents who live WEST of 224 Street and is Monday, April 11 for residents living EAST of 224 Street.

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree and shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic metres (1 metre x 1 metre x 3 metres, roughly 3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet) – chippers are instructed to spend no more than 20 minutes at each household. Branches may be up to 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.

If you have more volume, there is a green waste area at the Maple Ridge Transfer Station located next to the Recycling Depot at 10092 236 Street, Maple Ridge. Green waste tipping fees will apply.

In an effort to stay on schedule and in fairness to the majority of participants, no late set-outs or over-sized piles will be accepted. For more information, visit rmrecycling.org or phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545.



ENGAGED: Volunteering Matters

Get Involved in Your Community! Be a Volunteer.

Volunteering in the community is a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and get involved in your community. For young citizens volunteering can help you find your passion and demonstrate leadership as you build your resume for post-secondary education or employment.

A great place to start your volunteer journey is by visiting mrmparksandleisure.ca/290 to learn how you can connect with volunteer opportunities with Parks & Leisure services or with other organizations in the community through Volunteer Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows.



The website has a three-step process that will allow you to identify areas of interest, create your volunteer profile and set up an interview with a member of our staff to connect you with volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows can help you connect with one of the many non-profit organizations in the community who could use your expertise.

Spring is here and the recent run of nice weather is a reminder that there will be a ton of summer festivals and community events that will be looking for volunteers. Get engaged in Maple Ridge and become a volunteer!

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.

INFORMED: April 2016

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, April 4

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, April 11

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, April 18

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 26

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, 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: Hot Topics

The Stuff You Need to Know With Just One Click!

Last week we had a soft launch of our 'Hot Topics' link off the home page of the City website at mapleridge.ca.

Click on the flaming photo on the right and you are taken to an ever-changing menu of items that will allow you to find important

information that is before Council, public engagement work that's underway and topics that are trending on the community radar. It's that simple.

Take a look and let us know what you think by email at enquiries@mapleridge.ca.

