

Maple Ridge This Month

SEPTEMBER 2016

INFORMED: Back to School

School Zone Enforcement in Effect

School is back on Tuesday, September 6 and the RCMP and Speed Watch Volunteers will be out and very active over the next couple of weeks. Drivers and cyclists need to be vigilant of pedestrians in the morning and afternoon in school zones as the crosswalks will be filled with children and parents on their way to and from school.

The RCMP will be moving throughout the community and doing enforcement in the school zones to ensure that drivers get the message that school speed zones are in effect. In addition, citizens in rural areas are reminded to respect school bus operations both in the morning and afternoon. Do not pass school buses that are loading and unloading students.

This is a great time to talk to your children and remind them to be attentive when they are walking to and from school. As we move into fall the importance of bright and reflective clothing



for pedestrians is critical, especially in the morning when sunrise happens later.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time and together we can keep our children safe as they begin this adventure.

INFORMED: Stay Informed on Construction Projects

Get in the Loop on Your Route

There are a number of construction projects that are underway in our community where work will continue into the Fall. The expansion of 128 Avenue/Abernethy Way is proceeding on



schedule. A one week closure in August allowed the contractor to install culverts under the roadway to protect salmon bearing streams. As the project moves to completion there will be a shift of lane locations to allow for paving before the full roadway is opened later this year.

The work on 203 Street north of Dewdney Trunk Road is also hitting some important milestones. The portion south of 123 Avenue got a first layer of new asphalt and the scope of the project is now emerging. Work to complete the concrete sidewalks on this section will continue as will large scale work north of 123 Avenue.

In addition to these large projects there is a long list of projects to maintain our water, sewer and drainage systems as well as road maintenance. Many of these projects are weather dependent, so the call is made either the day before or first thing in the morning.

You can get emailed updates on any construction projects or have them sent to your smart phone by signing up using the 'Notify Me' link at mapleridge.ca. Get in the loop on any work happening on your route! Sign up today and make sure you look for notifications on our City Facebook and Twitter pages.

ENGAGED: Upcoming Community Events

September Events for the Whole Family

There are a number of events happening in our community during September including GETI Fest, Port Haney Day, Rivers Day, Katzie Cultural Day as well as a number of charity events.

The Haney Farmers Market runs every Saturday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in Memorial Peace Park and on September 17 GETI Fest will be co-located in the park for an event that runs from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. GETI is an acronym for the Golden Ears Transition Initiative which seeks to support citizen action toward reducing oil dependence and building local community resilience and ecological sustainability. The event is always filled with displays, workshops, music and dance that help citizens become engaged in this initiative.

Check the Community Calendar at mapleridge.ca for times, locations and details of other events during the month of September. The Terry Fox Run and the Cops for Cancer charity events are a good way to contribute your time and money to great causes. Rivers Day is a celebration of the bounty of nature we have here in Maple Ridge. Look for more details online. The kids are back to school but the community events keep rolling along.



INFORMED: September 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.

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, September 12

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 pm, Public Hearing: **Cancelled**

Monday, September 19

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, September 20

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 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 broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page or connect via the Videos link right beside the 'newsroom' icon on the home page at mapleridge.ca.

ENGAGED: Hot Topics Link

One Click Connects You with Important Information

Hot Topics

Learn more about these important community issues. Get engaged!

In March of 2016 we launched our 'Hot Topics' link off the City website at mapleridge.ca. When you click on the flaming photo 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.

