

Maple Ridge This Month

DECEMBER 2017

INFORMED: Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Maple Ridge Celebrates Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 2

Mark your calendars, because Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 2 and he's doing it in style. The festival runs from 3:00 to 6:00 pm with the parade starting at 6:00 pm sharp. When Santa magically lights the Peace Tree at 6:00 pm sharp (at the corner of 224 Street and Haney Place) it becomes the largest Christmas tree in the Fraser Valley.

The parade will start just east of 222 Street and Dewdney Trunk Road at 6:00 pm sharp. The floats will travel east to 224 Street and turn south. This year the parade will turn into the 'Haney Place' ring road and travel all the way around Memorial Peace park. When the parade gets back to 224 Street it will turn south to Selkirk, then east to the dispersal area. There will be road closures and detours throughout the downtown from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm.

There are lots of activities before the parade starts including: music at the bandstand, cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate and a chance to visit with Santa and drop off your Christmas wish list in his special mailbox.



If you'd like more information about the festival and parade please visit mapleridgechristmasfestival.com. See you on Saturday!

ENGAGED: CP Holiday Train

Join Alan Doyle and the Beautiful Band at Port Haney

On Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 pm the CP Holiday Train will make its way into the Port Haney West Coast Express station for its annual visit. The stage will lower and at 7:45 pm Alan Doyle and the Beautiful Band will entertain the crowd with a 45 minute show as a way of thanking everyone for their generous donations to the local food bank.

This is the single largest fundraiser for the Friends In Need Food Bank, so we wanted to get the word out as soon as possible. Maple Ridge firefighters will be out in the community the weekend before the visit collecting donations. As well, volunteers will be on hand at the CP Holiday Train event collecting cash and non-perishable food donations. The train parks at the western end of the Port Haney West Coast Express Station and the stage portion is located almost right across the street from the historic Billy Miner Alehouse & Cafe. That's the spot to hear Alan Doyle, former lead singer of Great Big Sea, and the band perform their FREE concert.

It's a magical evening that runs for about one hour in total. The best way to get there is to park downtown and walk south

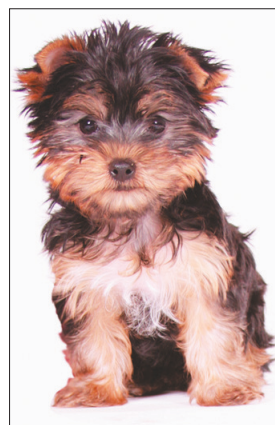


on 224 Street, through the tunnel right out to the Port Haney Wharf. Please make sure you bring a donation for the food bank.

INFORMED: Dog Licence Renewals

Dog Licences Are Due on January 1. Renew Online!

When you receive your dog licence renewal notice in the mail, look for the account number and access code that can be used to renew your dog licence online. Go to the City website at mapleridge.ca and follow the link called 'Online Services' from the home page. Payment can be made with credit cards or by Interac from most major banks. Your dog's tags and your receipt will be mailed to you. You still have the option of renewing by phone, by mail or in person at the Finance counter in the reception area of City Hall. Check out other online services available including the Home Owner Grant application and online access to your tax accounts. It's your 'virtual' Municipal Hall!



Remember that there is a substantial discount if you renew by January 31. Up until January 31 the licence fee is \$25 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$52 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$41 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$68 for unaltered dogs. This year seniors (65+) get their dog licence at a 50% discount. Up until January 31 it's \$12.50 for a licence for spayed and neutered dogs and \$26 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$20.50 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$34 for unaltered dogs.

If you no longer have your dog please contact us by phone at 604-467-7384 or by email at licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca.

Contact us at: enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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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, December 5

6:00 pm, Public Hearing

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 12

6:00 pm, Workshop

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.

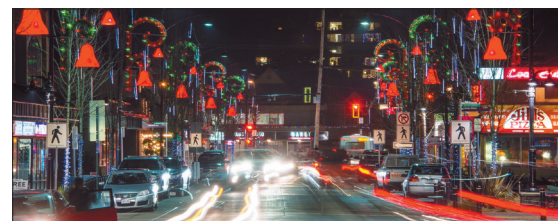
Council Meeting Videos

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 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.

INFORMED:

The Tradition Continues

Red Bells and Christmas Decorations Light Up Downtown Maple Ridge



Back in 1966 the Maple Ridge Downtown Business Association started a Christmas tradition when they purchased the red bell decorations to create a special holiday focus for the town centre.

Over the last couple of weeks the decorations, LED rope lights and icicle lights, have been installed throughout the downtown in preparation for the annual Santa Claus parade and Christmas in the Park celebration. The star of the show are the red bell decorations that have been a Maple Ridge tradition for over 50 years.

The decorations are ready to welcome Santa Claus and all of the families attending the parade on Saturday, December 2 and will remain on until early in the New Year. Bring your family downtown and share your photos and videos around the world. Maple Ridge's downtown transforms into a magical celebration of the Christmas season.

