

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH MARCH 2018

### INVOLVED: Innovation in Emerging Cities Forum

#### Join Local and Regional Business Leaders on Wednesday, April 4

As the Canadian economy continues its transformation from resource-based to knowledge-based, cities have increasingly become important centres for job and wealth creation. Emerging cities, fast-growing communities with highly educated and energized young adults, are uniquely positioned to foster innovation and entrepreneurship. With proximity to nature and a variety of lifestyle choices, they bring together the technology, talent and creativity to drive the new economy. Maple Ridge, as one of the fastest growing communities in the region, is on the cusp of change, Innovation in Emerging Cities is a FREE, daylong forum that will be a catalyst to foster an innovative and creative



culture for industry, government and education. This forum features keynote presentations from Steve Dotto on "How Technology is Changing Everything" and Dr. Salvador Ferreras on what businesses need to do to prepare for "Industry 4.0". Panel discussions featuring leaders from industry, post-secondary education, First Nations and government will follow up

these keynote presentations. An additional panel will involve political leaders who will discuss, "How Government supports innovation".

Please visit [innovate.mapleridge.ca](http://innovate.mapleridge.ca) to see the agenda and register for the forum.

### INFORMED: Spring Chipping Program

#### It's Chipping Time

Folks are busy tidying up their yards and gardens in preparation for all that nice weather coming our way. In partnership with the City, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring and Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents. The Chipping Program is a great alternative to burning brush and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to take advantage of this program to keep our air clean and community safe. No pre-booking is necessary, simply place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area.

**The set-out deadlines for Spring 2018 are:**

**Monday, March 26** for Maple Ridge residents who live **WEST of 224 Street**

**Monday, April 9** for Maple Ridge residents who live **EAST of 224 Street**

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree and shrub branches up to a total volume of three cubic metres (3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150mm (six 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.

Please note: items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative to burning this material. No late set-outs or oversized piles will be accepted! For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or visit [mapleridge.ca/357](http://mapleridge.ca/357).

### ENGAGED: Neighbourhood Grant Applications

#### Strong Communities Start With Strong Connected Neighbourhoods

Do you have an idea for a neighbourhood event or activity to bring your neighbours closer together? The Neighbourhood Small Grant program is a unique initiative to help build community and strengthen connections right where people live. These grants help put great ideas into action and help create neighbourhood champions and bring people closer together.

Here are some examples of activities you might want to organize and seek grant funding to support;

A) A block party with a potluck BBQ.

B) Youth initiated projects.

C) Neighbourhood improvement matching grants like creating a mural, adding a bench to a public space or building a 'tiny library' for your neighbourhood.

D) Environmental protection events such as a stream clean-up in your neighbourhood.

Use your imagination and get your friends and neighbours involved. Grants range from \$100 to \$1000. Applications for



neighbourhood grants are being accepted until April 9, 2018. Please note that remaining funds are allocated on a case by case basis until December 1, 2018.

For more information on this program please go to [mapleridge.ca/1542](http://mapleridge.ca/1542) or contact Kathryn Baird by email at [kbaird@mapleridge.ca](mailto:kbaird@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-467-7459. Be a neighbourhood champion!

#### Contact us at: [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED: March 2018

#### 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, March 27**

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

**Council Meeting Videos**

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting or Public Hearing 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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings are broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Easter Long Weekend Hours

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**City Hall:**

Good Friday, Friday March 30.....Closed  
Easter Monday, Monday April 2.....Closed

**Leisure Centre:**

Good Friday, March 30..... 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday, March 31..... 7:00 am to 9:30 pm  
Sunday, April 1..... 8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Easter Monday, April 2..... 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Greg Moore Youth Recreation Centre:**

Good Friday, March 30..... 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
Saturday, March 31..... 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
Sunday, April 1..... 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
Easter Monday, April 2..... 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

**Fire Hall No. 1 Front Office:**

Good Friday, Friday, March 30.....Closed  
Easter Monday, Monday, April 2.....Closed

**RCMP - Police Services Front Office:**

Good Friday, March 30.....Closed  
Saturday, March 31.....11:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Sunday, April 1.....11:00 am to 2:30 pm  
Easter Monday, April 2.....11:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Blue Box Pickup Schedule & Depot Hours:**

Please note that there will be NO BLUE BOX PICKUP on Good Friday (March 30) however the RECYCLING DEPOT WILL BE OPEN HOLIDAY HOURS from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day of the holiday weekend.



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