# Maple Ridge Ins Month MAY 2018

# **INFORMED: A Field of Dreams**

# Join Us As We Officially Open Karina LeBlanc Field at Merkley Park

In July 2017 there was a sod turning event for the new synthetic turf field named in honour of a former Maple Ridge Secondary School alumni, Home Town Hero and Olympic bronze medalist Karina LeBlanc. At that event we learned that Karina's journey to the national soccer team started on the very spot that this new field was built on. We all heard of how she didn't make Team BC as a youth and instead of folding, she made a plan to spend an extra 15 minutes every day on the gravel field at Merkley park improving her skills for her next opportunity to make the team. That investment in time, and that drive, paid off and her journey to the London Olympics began.

Today Karina is an incredible ambassador for Maple Ridge, British Columbia and Canada as she speaks about the power of sport to change lives. On Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 pm we will cut the ribbon on Karina LeBlanc Field at Merkley park.



This event will include the unveiling of a public art project that celebrates this extraordinary place and the proximity to MRSS. We hope you can join us for this special day.

# **INFORMED: Tree Tips**

# **Stopping the Topping**

Topping of trees can do permanent damage to a tree. Topping is when branches or the entire top of a tree are indiscriminately cut off in an attempt to control the height of a tree. A tree's height is determined by its genes, and topping a tree that wants to be tall will only result in constant maintenance as the tree keeps trying to grow back to its natural height. This results in a structurally weak tree, a future hazard and possibly a fine from the City under the Tree Management & Protection Bylaw. A tall tree is not a hazard tree, but a structurally weak tree is.

For more information on proper pruning, City street trees and



why not to top, check out **mapleridge.ca/1878**. Keep Maple Ridge trees top quality, by stopping the topping.

# **INFORMED: Haney Farmer Market**

# **Start Your Long Weekend Here**

The sure sign of spring is the hustle and bustle at the Haney Farmers Market at Memorial Peace Park. Saturday, May 19. All your favourite vendors will be available from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the heart of Maple Ridge.

To celebrate the Victoria Day long weekend the market team has a couple of great demonstrations. Start with the 'From Soil to Salad' demo at 10:00 am and stick around as celebrity chefs demonstrate some of their favourite recipes at 11:00 am. This is the perfect place to stock up for an epic BBQ to celebrate local food and the amazing weather. You can pick out fresh produce, meats, artisan baking and preserves to prepare a feast for friends and family.

There's live music at the 'Market Café' located west of the bandstand and 'sizzling smoky dogs' will be offered along



with other great treats if you want to have a bite to eat and visit with your friends. For more information on the Haney Farmers Market or volunteer opportunities please visit **haneyfarmersmarket.org**. See you on May 19!

# **INVOLVED: The Repair Café Returns**

# Meet Experts Who Will Help Breathe Life Back Into Your Broken Stuff

The folks with the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society have teamed together with a bunch of partners to create the 'Repair Café' program in Maple Ridge. The next session will run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 9 at the Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road).

Maybe you have a broken lamp or a piece of electronic gear that has ceased to function. Before you throw it out and buy a new one you can bring it down to the



Repair Café and see if one of the experienced volunteers can bring it back to life. From a torn pocket on beloved pants to a piece of jewelry that needs a repair, the Repair Café is filled with volunteers with years of experience and the tools to help you solve your problem. The goal is to connect you with expert

volunteers who will work with you on the

repairs so you become tomorrow's expert! Look for more information at *mrrepaircafe.ca*.

# 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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# **INFORMED:** May 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, May 22

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

# Tuesday, June 5

6:00 pm, Council Workshop – Council Chambers

#### Tuesday, June 12

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

\* Please check **mapleridge.ca/640** for the most accurate Council meeting start times.

#### **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 or Public Hearing meeting you can 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 broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at *mapleridge.ca*.

# **INFORMED:**

# **Holiday Weekend**

# **Victoria Day Hours**

We hope that you and your family enjoy the holiday weekend. We encourage you to explore our community; the trails, parks and natural beauty are unrivaled in BC. There are also a large number of incredible restaurants, bakeries and coffee shops in Maple Ridge that you and your family



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# Holiday Hours Monday, May 21

City Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 6:00 to 9:30 pm Fire Hall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed RCMP/Police Services Administrative Office: Open 11:00 am to 2:30 pm





