

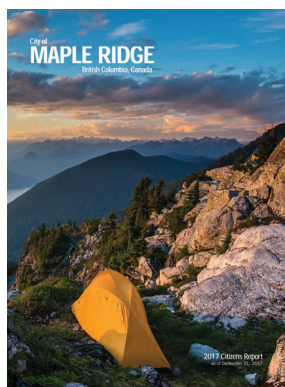
# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH JUNE 2018

### INFORMED: Tax Time

#### Using Online Services Can Help You Avoid Any Line-Up

You should have received your 2018 Property Tax Notice. Did you know you can claim your Home Owner Grant online at **mapleridge.ca** by clicking on Online Services? Select 'Home Owner Grant Application' and follow the instructions to claim. You can also set up a 'My Maple Ridge' account which gives you 24/7 access to your property tax information, allows you to track your payment history and sign up for paperless property tax notification. It's just one way to save time. Once you claim your Home Owner Grant you can pay the balance owing at most financial institutions either in person or by using online or telephone banking.



You can drop off your Home Owner Grant and cheque at the secure drop box located at the west entrance of City Hall near the Economic Development Office as another way to avoid lining up. The box is cleared daily and will be emptied at midnight on Tuesday, July 3, 2018.

For those of you who prefer to make payments in person, our office is open late on Thursday evenings until 8:00 pm throughout the month of June.

The illustration for this article is the cover of the 2017 Citizens Report which can be found online at **mapleridge.ca/177** or in the lobby of City Hall. It's a great way to learn how your tax dollars are invested in your community.

### INFORMED: Honouring the First People of Our Land

#### Mark Your Calendar for Aboriginal Day Celebrations

In recognition of the National Indigenous People's Day Celebration (June 21), the Ninth Annual Aboriginal Day community festival will be held at Memorial Peace Park on Saturday, June 23 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This event will highlight the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of our First Nations, Inuit and Metis people.

The organizers have developed an action packed program to celebrate the day including Aboriginal games, a Bannock cook-off, crafts and interactive activities for citizens of all ages. Traditional dance, community displays and the opportunity to speak with elders will provide a wonderful opportunity to learn about First Nations, Inuit and Metis people, history and culture.

The Haney Farmers Market will start at its usual 9:00 am time and the Aboriginal Day events will be focused in and around the bandstand at the centre of Memorial Peace Park. Hope to see you there!



### INFORMED: Canada Day is Sunday, July 1

#### My Canada, My Maple Ridge! Join the Fun

This is your official invitation to celebrate Canada Day at Memorial Peace Park from Noon until 6:00 pm. This year there's a new Summer Street Festival and 224 Street will be closed to traffic from Selkirk Avenue to Dewdney Trunk Road.

The day will start with a parade of local dignitaries, the RCMP and new citizens will

be led by a piper and the Legion Branch #88 Colour Guard. They will march from the Business Centre Tower through the park to the Mainstage in front of the ACT Arts Centre to kick off the day with a flag raising and the National Anthem. Citizens are encouraged to decorate their bikes, scooters or mobility devices in a Canada Day theme and be part of the parade.

We will honour amazing youth leaders in our community and Maple Ridge will welcome new citizens to our great



nation as part of the opening event. Activities will include the street festival on 224 Street, the Haney Farmers Market west of the bandstand, the Mainstage in front of the ACT Arts Centre and a 'pop-up' water park in the plaza between City Hall and the RCMP headquarters run by the Maple Ridge Fire Department.

The Fire Department is back this year with a community BBQ that will be located at the base of the Business Centre in Memorial Peace Park. There will be a bike lock up area, community art project, children's stage and at 6:00 pm there will be a special flyover of the whole event to end the day.

You can find a site map and complete schedule at **mapleridge.ca/1744**. Be part of this special day.

#### 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: June 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, June 19

5:30 pm, Council Workshop – Council Chambers\*

7:00 pm, Public Hearing – Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, June 26

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: Construction Season is Here

#### Get Construction Alerts Directly to Your Email or Phone

In a few weeks school will end and we will be getting a number of important paving and infrastructure projects underway. We know that these projects can have an impact on your daily routine so we want to encourage you to sign up for project alerts so our summer construction will have a minimal impact on your life.



The nice weather in May allowed us to get a bit ahead of schedule on some of our road maintenance projects, but there's still a list of projects that we need to complete as part of our work plan. Some of these projects can only be done when the weather cooperates and scheduling takes place close to when the work commences. We appreciate your patience as we adapt our schedule to target our resources for maximum effectiveness. The list of larger projects can be found on our Neighbourhood Improvements page at **mapleridge.ca/403**.

You can receive emailed updates on any construction projects or have notices 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 Facebook and Twitter. Our goal is to make sure you have the information you need to get to work or your child's soccer practice on time and stress free. Please sign up for notifications today!



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