



# Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

May 1-30, 2020

## Administration

### PARTICIPATE VIRTUALLY IN COUNCIL MEETINGS



#### Doing Council Meetings Differently

The City of Maple Ridge has introduced an online meeting tool to allow the public to participate virtually since in person attendance is suspended until further notice. In order to participate virtually, the public is required to register using the Webex participation link. Using Webex, questions from the Public during Question Period of the Regular Council Meeting and/or Community Forum of the Committee of the Whole Meeting can be facilitated via email to [clerks@mapleridge.ca](mailto:clerks@mapleridge.ca) and/or via the 'whisper to the host' function through the Webex meeting. The unique link to Webex is published at [www.mapleridge.ca/640/Council-Meetings](http://www.mapleridge.ca/640/Council-Meetings) with the appropriate meeting date.



#### Council Meetings & Agendas

The Council Dates of meetings for 2020 are listed on the 2020 Meeting Schedule and the 2020 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar.

<http://mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/23814/2020-Council-Meeting-Schedule-List>

## Licenses and Bylaws

### Keep Wildlife Wild & Communities Safe

We need your help to protect wildlife & keep our neighbourhoods safe!

Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No 7437-2018 states receptacles are to be placed out no earlier than 5:00 am and are to be removed no later than 7:00 pm on collection day.

This bylaw includes provisions to reduce human/wildlife interactions and ensures the protection of wildlife, public safety and prevents the spread of infectious disease with our City.

Fines of up to \$500 may be issued if you are in violation of this bylaw. Thank You for helping keep our community safe for humans and our animal neighbours. For more information visit [www.mapleridge.ca/322](http://www.mapleridge.ca/322)



#### Upcoming Meetings

##### June 16

Committee of the Whole - 1:30pm-3:30pm

Public Hearing - 7:00pm

##### June 23

Council Workshop 11:00am-4:00pm

Regular Council - 7:00pm





## 2020 Property Taxes Due by July 2, 2020

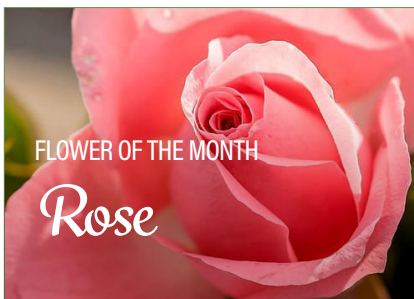
Please pay your property taxes and claim your Home Owner Grant (if eligible) by September 30, 2020.

There will be a 10% penalty on unpaid 2020 taxes on October 1, 2020



## Now Open

Claiming 2020 HOG online is open at [hog.mapleridge.ca](http://hog.mapleridge.ca)



FLOWER OF THE MONTH

*Rose*

Each color offers a distinct meaning: red, the lover's rose, signifies enduring passion; white, humility and innocence; yellow, expressing friendship and joy; pink, gratitude, appreciation and admiration; orange, enthusiasm and desire; white lilac and purple represent enchantment.

## Tourism and Economic Development



## Celebrating BC Tourism Week, May 24 – 30 #BCTourismMatters

In Maple Ridge, as in other BC communities, the tourism and hospitality business has been hit hard by the Covid-19 crisis. We all know of local restaurants, boutique shops, agricultural and eco-tourism operators and others who have had to face unprecedented challenges.

It may not seem that there is much to celebrate this year; however, it has been heartening to see innovative and remarkable ways in which businesses, non-profits and individuals have stepped up to support our community's health and safety.

Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, said in a recent Tourism BC Bulletin, "Despite the deep and sudden impacts of COVID-19 on the sector, tourism leaders were quick to put the greater good of our communities above everything else. Their leadership has been instrumental in getting the pandemic under control so we can begin to lay the groundwork for recovery."

With local tourism in the recovery phase and campsites and other tourism operations cautiously starting to open up, we can take inspiration from the resilient operators who make BC communities such incredible places to enjoy and explore. In turn, local citizens benefit from the collective social, cultural, environmental and economic benefits that improve our quality of life and provide a wide range of interesting jobs.

During this modified, safety-first tourism season, let us celebrate the eateries, craft breweries, art galleries, boutique shops, food markets, event organizers, and more in our local communities by showcasing remarkable local experiences on social media posts with the [#BCTourismMatters](https://twitter.com/BCTourismMatters) hashtag. Let us inspire future travel and get ready to welcome back visitors to our community when the time is right.



## Camping and Day Use

As the weather gets warmer, we are all wanting to breath the fresh and enjoy the outdoors. As of June 1st, Golden Ears Park will be open for day use and overnight camping with the exception of playgrounds and group sites. To view a list of all the parks and services that will and will not be operating visit the B.C. Parks website at <http://bcparks.ca/covid-19/parks-affected>.

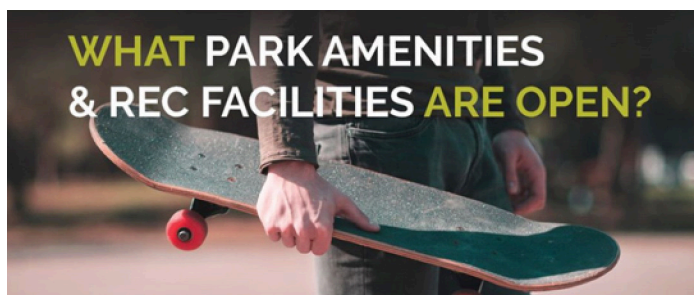
## Update for park amenities and recreation facilities!

Maple Ridge has reopened select park amenities with new physical distancing rules following the recommendations from the BC Restart Plan. These amenities include Disc Golf, Skate Parks, Running Tracks, Trails, Tennis Courts, Pickleball Courts, Sports Fields, Playgrounds, Bike Skills and Lacrosse Boxes. These park amenities are open for informal/casual use only. Portable washrooms are being reintroduced in these parks and permanent public washroom facilities are reopening with enhanced cleaning protocols.

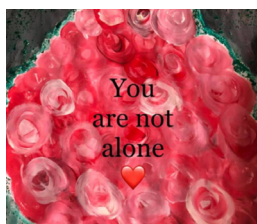
Basketball Courts, the Hammond Outdoor Pool, Leisure Centre, and Greg Moore Youth Centre will remain closed until further notice to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 transmission.

Please remember to follow the new guidelines as you visit the many great parks that are now open for everyone's enjoyment.

- Continue to physically distance
- Do not share or touch another person's equipment
- Share the space/amenities - Limit your time to 30 minutes when others are waiting
- Refrain from spectator gatherings – do not congregate and maintain 6' distance while waiting
- Continue to wash your hands regularly (before and after play)
- Refrain from touching your face



## Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants



The City of Maple Ridge is doing business a bit different to help us keep connected while we stay separate to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The neighbourhood Small Grant Program (NSG) has always been a way to connect neighbours and build community. Small grants up to \$500 are available for projects that uplift our spirits and ease the impacts of social distancing by helping our neighbours to strengthen connections in neighbourhoods, real and virtual.

Please visit the City's website for [more information](#) or to apply [online](#).

The City has already received a number of applications, including the Cards of Hope, face masks for seniors and vulnerable populations, community drop boxes for neighbours and more. These projects are strengthening neighbourhoods, connecting our community, and supporting isolated and vulnerable populations in Maple Ridge. Additional funding is available for other projects.

## Youth Mentorship Program



Our Youth Mentorship Program is back and ready to roll out starting June 1st. The youth mentors will be in the park every day from 12:00 – 4:00 pm to help, support, clean and maintain safety for all park users at the Thomas Haney Action Park. PRC Youth staff will be leading youth mentors through training as we adapt our program to include further cleaning and sanitation methods. This will be a twelve week leadership development program designed to prepare youth to become

positive role models in our community. They will build on leadership skills and work with staff to create a positive culture for everyone at the park and provide users with information on the safest way to physical distance while being able to recreate and interact with friends.

More program Information and registration is available on the City's [website](#). You can also call the Greg Moore Youth Centre at 604-467-7354.

## Parks, Recreation & Culture Summer Guide is available!



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The Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture Summer Program guide is available with programs for all ages as well as games, activities, contests and more!

Here are some things to know:

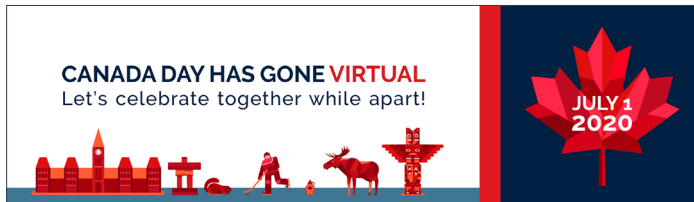
1. The summer guide will be digital-only (no printed guides).
2. Registration will start online June 16 at 8:00 AM and over the phone on June 18 at 8:00 AM. There will be no in-person registration to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
3. All available programs have undergone a risk assessment and applicable safety procedures have been put in place to keep participants safe.

Visit us online at [www.mapleridge.ca/1484](http://www.mapleridge.ca/1484) for more information.



## Canada Day

Let's celebrate Canada's Birthday in Maple Ridge style and virtually from the comfort of your home! Online fun for the whole family with diverse entertainment, games, magic, crafts, stories, demonstrations, and favourite family recipes including a backyard burger cook off. At 7:00 pm, join us live online with the singing of "Oh Canada" followed by a live event featuring Cross Parallel and Canadian Country Star Aaron Pritchett. We can be together while apart to celebrate July 1st and a taste of summer. More details will be shared closer to the date on the City's [website](#) and social media.



## New Street Banners Designed by Kwantlen and Katzie Artists Coming Soon



New street banner designs will be installed in the coming weeks across Maple Ridge. The designs are created by artists Phyllis Atkins (*q̓'at̓iḱa*), Kwantlen Nation and Trenton Pierre (*st̓éməx*), Katzie Nation.

Atkins images depict salmon, sun and water as part of a new public artwork installed at Telosky Fieldhouse recently called "A Bear's Feast" (*s̓łənəqs k'ə speʔəθ*). She explains further, "Indigenous people

depend on our connection to the land and water for gathering and harvesting our traditional foods to sustain our families and community throughout the year. It's also an important cultural practice that we "set the table" and a feast is shared before all ceremonies or important work is undertaken."

Pierre shared a smiling hummingbird over a sunrise that reflects a theme of love and acceptance and being mindful of our environment. The artwork symbolizes a new dawn in an age of creating space for everyone.

## Thomas Haney Tennis Courts Restoration



Work has started on renovating the tennis courts at Thomas Haney Secondary School. These courts are the City's main tennis court facility with five regulation tennis courts. This work includes grinding out the existing asphalt, re-paving and painting

on a new playing surface. A geotextile membrane will also be installed to provide longevity for the asphalt surface. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

## Spring Flowering Bulb Displays in Full Bloom

The great weather in May helped maximize the appeal of the spring flowering bulb displays this season. From top to bottom, display pictures include the softer whites and yellows in the City Hall North entry beds; eye popping, traffic stopping mix of vibrant colors at the 224 Street (at Selkirk Ave) median, and a stunning orange in the planters in the Maple Ridge cemetery.



## Whonnock Lake Canoe and Kayak Improvements project

The Ridge Canoe & Kayak Club (RCKC) currently shares a facility with the Whonnock Lake Centre & Hall. RCKC is a growing club with a strong school outreach program. Their current facility does not meet the needs of the club, primarily in terms of space required for training, changing, and team gathering. Another challenge is boat storage needs, and the distance to the water from their current storage facility.

This project will involve removal of the existing T-shaped floating pedestrian dock, and the design and construction of new floating pedestrian docks, a floating building platform, and above-platform boathouse. In addition to the dock, the project will include a complete interior renovation of the Ridge Canoe & Kayak Clubhouse.

More information on the RCKC project is available on the City's [website](#). Any questions, please email [mmillward@mapleridge.ca](mailto:mmillward@mapleridge.ca)

## Maple Ridge Secondary School Update



Work continues on several projects at Maple Ridge Secondary School. The new bleacher building is starting to take shape, formwork is in progress with plans to pour concrete later this week. Underground rough-ins for plumbing are complete, and

storm servicing is in progress. Construction is also well underway for new track lighting, with all underground conduits complete, and plans to install the new lighting poles in early June.