



Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

July 1-30, 2020

Administration

Next Council Meeting in September

With summer here, council meetings will take a pause for all of August and resume September. The next meeting will be on September 3. Here's a link to the meeting schedule:

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

Stream Council Meetings Live

To view the live stream of the next upcoming council meeting go to:

<http://media.mapleridge.ca/Mediasite/Showcase>

Licenses and Bylaws

2020 Dog Licences

All dogs over the age of four months must be licenced with the City of Maple Ridge. Renewal and reminder invoices to registered dog owners were sent in late 2019 and early 2020. Payments are due by January 31st of every year. Due to Covid-19, City Hall remains closed, however payments may be made by visiting www.mapleridge.ca/496/eServices and selecting Pay Your Annual Dog Licence Fees online under Dog Licence Renewal.

You may also drop off a cheque at the City Hall drop box, or call our office at 604-467-7305, Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for credit card payments over the phone.

SUMMER BREAK

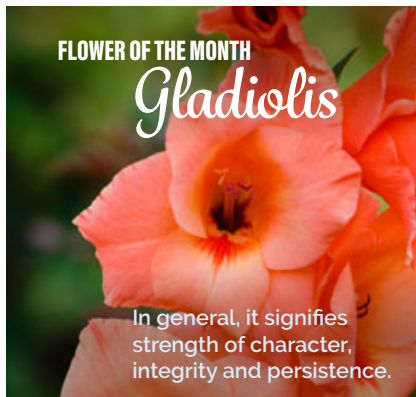


2020 Property Tax Deadline Extended to September 30

Your Council recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted household finances and have **extended the penalty free deadline to September 30, 2020**, to provide some extra time to allow citizens to stabilize their financial situation. We would like to thank everyone who was able to make their payment as part of the normal deadline and for their patience as we deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the penalty free payment date is September 30, 2020, you can make your payment any time using a variety of methods. The full selection of options is outlined on the back of your

2020 Property Tax Notice. From using online banking to dropping your payment off at the City Drop Box, remember that you need to claim your Home Owners Grant. You can access your account online at hog.mapleridge.ca and follow the link to your account. Your folio number and access code (PID) are on your tax notice. You can access your Tax Notice anytime on your 'MyCity' account using the eSERVICES link on the home page at www.mapleridge.ca. For those who have made their annual payment, you may want to consider signing up for the Pre-Authorized Withdrawal Service (PAWS) which provides citizens with the option of paying taxes in ten monthly withdrawals. Go to www.mapleridge.ca/2325 for more information on the PAWS option. Please contact us if you have any questions or go online to www.mapleridge.ca/178 for further information on payment options and the Provincial Tax Deferment Program.



Inspirational Quotes to Start Your Day

"Opportunities to find deeper powers within ourselves come when life seems most challenging".

—Joseph Campbell, author

"You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength".

—Marcus Aurelius

From Music and Films

"Don't worry 'bout a thing, cause every little thing's gonna be alright." — Bob Marley

"If we're kind and polite, the world will be right." — Paddington Brown, *Paddington 2* (2017)

"Look for the helpers. You'll always find people who are helping." — Fred Rogers, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*, 2019

Tourism and Economic Development

RIDGE BUSINESS BUZZ

Economic Development Newsletter

Special Summer Edition



Sign up to receive the Ridge Business Buzz and win a \$25 gift certificate to a Maple Ridge business of your choice

The Ridge Business Buzz keeps residents and businesses advised of new and developing opportunities, trends, and undertakings in relation to the economic development of Maple Ridge. This on-line quarterly newsletter includes news and updates from our local tourism and film industries as well as sharing the new opportunities and activities from the Business Retention and Expansion staff.

Click the link below to read the latest edition launched last week.

[VIEW OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER](#)

[SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER](#)

The contest is open to Maple Ridge business owners and citizens. One entry per business or household. The contest is closed to City employees.

Parks, Recreation and Culture



Indoor Sports Courts Open at the Leisure Centre

Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) staff are happy to announce the reopening of the indoor sport courts in the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre! PRC have implemented new practices and procedures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In line with Phase Two of the Via Sport Return to Play Guidelines, our sport courts will be available for individual use or for 1-1 coaching. Full details on memberships, admission rates, available timeslots and an FAQ is available on the City's [website](#).



Money Smart for Youth

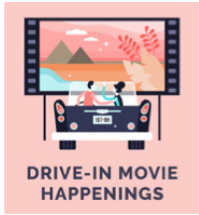
In partnership with Coast Capital Savings Credit Union, the Money Smart for Youth virtual workshop provides youth (ages 12-15) with personal money management skills, and challenges them to critically apply these concepts to their everyday lives. Giving them the knowledge they need to be financially successful. More information and registration is available on the City's [website](#).

Date: Saturday, August 8 | Time: 1:30PM - 4:30PM | Fee: \$5

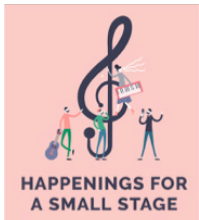
Parks, Recreation and Culture

Summer Happenings!

The Summer Happenings program has begun with a series of free and low cost Drive-In Movie Happenings as well as Happenings on a Small Stage!



Drive-In Movie Happenings are held every Saturday night in the parking lot of the Golden Ears Winter Club at approximately 9:00 PM (sundown). Thanks to our sponsor, Image Painting & Restoration Ltd., everyone can get cozy in their vehicles and enjoy a flick under the stars.

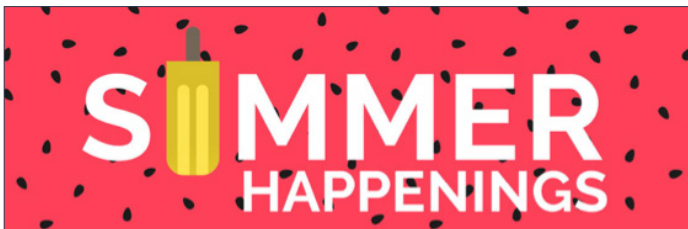


Happenings on a Small Stage is held at Memorial Peace Park on Wednesday's and Friday's with a range of live entertainment including dance and musical performances.

Both programs are hosted by the City, and follow Public Health's physical distancing and safety protocols including registered participation only (no drop-in). Space is

limited to 50 people for either program, so ensure you book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Registration is required for your safety. For movie listings, performance schedules and registration, please visit the City's [website](#).

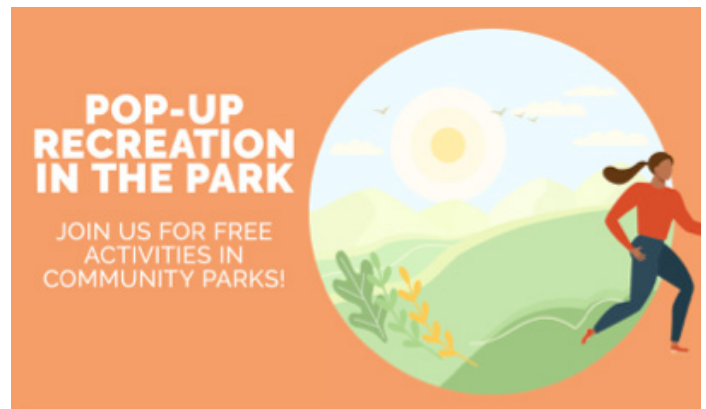


Pop-Up Recreation in the Park

Join us in the community for our Pop-Up Recreation in the Park program! This program is free and accessible for a variety of ages. There are plenty of chances to get involved from now through August 29. Participants will be engaged in a variety of safe and physically distanced activities and FUN!

See the program schedule below:

Monday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Maple Ridge Park
Tuesday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Albion Sport Complex
Wednesday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Volker Park
Thursday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Larry Walker Field
Friday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Cliff Park
Saturday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Whonnock Lake
Sunday	1:00PM-4:00PM at Merkley Lake
Monday-Sunday	5:30PM-7:30PM at Memorial Peace Park



PRC Summer Children's Camps are in full swing

Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRC) summer daycamps are in full swing at a number of park locations including: Albion Park, Kanaka Creek Regional Park, Hammond Park; and daily at Memorial Peace Park. Camps may look different than past summers but the fun factor remains the same!

Camps continue all summer and you can register for a spot on the City's [website](#).

Parks and Facilities

Beckett Park Now Open

Construction is complete at Beckett Park, the new neighbourhood park at 223 Street and St. Anne Avenue. This park features a playground, junior scooter track, sports courts, walking paths, and an open lawn and dog off-leash area. A vegetation buffer is planted along the Haney Bypass as a visual screen. Stay tuned for a virtual ribbon cutting in August.



Merkley Park and Maple Ridge Secondary School (MRSS) Track and Facility Improvements Update

The hammer and discus throws facility is the first component of the track and facility improvements project at Merkley Park and Maple Ridge Secondary School (MRSS) to be completed. This new facility features a competition level hammer and discus throws cage and landing area as well as a continuation of the walking trails nearby.



Silver Valley Gathering Place

The Silver Valley Gather Place is proposed to be located adjacent to the new neighbourhood park on 230A Street. The Gathering Place concept includes a covered picnic shelter, outdoor kitchen area, washrooms and youth action amenities. More information is available on the City's [website](#). The City is looking for your feedback and comments on the project. Submit your comment form [online](#) by August 16, 2020. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

