

Maple Ridge This Month

MAY 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT ON: Building Strong Neighbourhoods

Learn How to Organize, Connect and Engage. Be a Champion.



The Neighbourhood Champions and Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Parks & Leisure Services are organizing a free, neighbourhood-building workshop for all residents of Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie First Nations.

You are invited to the Second Annual Neighbourhood Development Forum titled "It Starts With You." The workshop topics will include;

- How to start a neighbourhood
- How to connect and communicate with others
- How to create successful events
- How to create and maintain a safe neighbourhood

Last year this workshop was a catalyst for some amazing community initiatives that have seen your friends and

neighbours connect with each other to make a difference in our community. In addition to the great information you will get as part of the workshop you will also meet folks that are leaders in our community and make connections that can help you get your neighbourhood energized.

The Neighbourhood Forum runs Saturday, May 25, 2013, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Pitt Meadows Seniors Centre, located at 19065 - 119B Avenue, Pitt Meadows. Lunch is included with the workshop.

To register (space is limited) please contact Dave Speers, Neighbourhood Development Coordinator, at dspeers@mapleridge.ca or phone 604-467-7433. That one phone call can change your life – it really does start with you.

INFORMED

May 2013

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 21

7:00 pm, Public Hearing – Council Chambers

Monday, May 27

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 28

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, click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole 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 and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

ENGAGED: 4th Annual Front Yard Garden Contest



The Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee challenges area residents of all ages to grow fruits and vegetables in the 2013 Front Yard Food Garden Contest!

This annual contest challenges area resident to rethink their ornamental gardens and instead create a garden of edible delights. Herbs, fruits or vegetables – it's up to your imagination. There are four categories;

- BEST GARDEN UNDER 100 SQ. FT.
- BEST GARDEN 100 – 500 SQ. FT.
- BEST GARDEN 500 SQ. FT. +
- BEST CHILD'S FRONT YARD FOOD GARDEN (could be front or back yard)

To enter, just take a 'before' picture of your garden and contact dhall@mapleridge.ca to get your entry form. You can even nominate a neighbour! The deadline for entries is June 29, 2013. There will be prizes awarded later in the year!

For more information, please call Diana Hall at 604-467-7402. If you're lucky enough to have an outdoor space where you live, now is a great time to starting thinking about planting a vegetable garden. Cheap, sustainable and just a lot of fun, gardening is great for everyone!

INFORMED: Farmers Market

The Best Way to Celebrate the Long Weekend!

Back when Queen Victoria was running the Empire everyone got their groceries at the town market. Now as we celebrate a long weekend in her honour you can replicate that experience at our own Haney Farmers Market from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm this Saturday morning at Memorial Peace Park.

Start your day with a hot cup of coffee and some of the incredible baking and food served by the vendors, and then stock up on the spring vegetables and sauces, preserves, bread and baking that will make your dinner table a local feast!

In addition to the great food offerings there is always a wonderful collection of artists and artisans with treasures for you or your loved ones. The Farmers Market is a great place to meet friends and share your stories about your busy week. Seasoned 'marketeers' start hovering right at 9:00 am waiting to get their favourite fresh local foods.

Make the Haney Farmers Market part of your routine. Enjoy the great local businesses and explore Maple Ridge with the Historical Walking Tour in the Town Centre. Celebrate your long weekend by being a tourist in your own town! See you Saturday!



INFORMED: Holiday Hours Monday, May 20 is Victoria Day

Municipal Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 – 4:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Closed

Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 6:00 to 9:30 pm

Firehall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed

RCMP – Police Services Administrative

Office: Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed



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