

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH MAY 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Haney Farmers Market

The Market is Back for Year Eleven

Haney Farmers Market has fast become one of the favourite destinations of area 'foodies' looking for incredible local produce to add to their dinner plate. Last week the eleventh season launched with music, carrot cake and thousands of your friends and neighbours rubbing elbows on a beautiful sunny Saturday.

The "Cheeses Crust" truck will be visiting this weekend to complement the offerings of the popular "Hunger Management" truck. The warm spring means that there are a lot of great local veggies available and in season.

Paul Surridge is the musical entertainment at the Café Corner located at the centre of the Market. It's a great place to sit and relax and have a coffee or tea and sample some of the incredible baked treats available from the vendors. From a croissant to pies and tarts, there's a choice for you.

So call up a friend and make a date to meet at the Haney



Farmers Market in the heart of Maple Ridge. The Market runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday mornings at Memorial Peace Park on 224 Street just south of Dewdney Trunk Road.

Haney Farmers Market is looking for people interested in volunteering or busking at the Market. Get in touch with Eileen at 604-467-7433 or email hfminfo@haneyfarmersmarket.org.

ENGAGED: Have You Voted Yet?

The Deadline to Vote is Friday, May 29

In mid-March the ballot packages started arriving in the mailboxes of area residents who are on the voters list. If you still have not received your ballot package you can go to election.bc.ca/ovr and follow the instructions to sign up, or arrange for a new ballot. If you do not have access to the internet you can call their toll free number at 1-800-661-8683 and they will assist you with your request.

There is a great Frequent Asked Question section on the Elections BC website, and for those of you who are visual learners, there's a great video on the ElectionsBCOnline YouTube Channel that shows you, step by step, how to use the ballot package to record your vote.

It's very simple to vote. Make your voice heard.



INFORMED: It's Construction Season

Sign Up for Notifications. The Cure for Road Rage

There's an old joke that in Alberta there are two seasons, winter and construction season. Here in Maple Ridge we have a larger weather window to do work on our roads, but the reality is that the time from May to the end of October is the prime time for us to do road works and other construction relating to the maintenance of our water, sewer and storm water management systems. Sometimes the decision to complete work is made first thing in the morning based on the weather conditions, so the notice period is short.

These works can impact your commute, and while we try to mitigate the impacts by asking our contractors and City crews to schedule work to reduce impacts during the rush hour; sometimes



emergency repairs are required. We have a system to keep everyone informed on our City website at mapleridge.ca.

You can even be more proactive and sign up for the 'Notify Me' service on the City website and you will get direct notifications to your email or smartphone of upcoming construction work. If you like the City Facebook page or follow us on Twitter you will also get these notices. The folks at the local radio stations follow us and retweet our notifications and broadcast them on air!

Thanks in advance for your patience. We've done a lot of big projects in the past few years and while it's a bit inconvenient when the work is happening, the final results are worth it!

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 send an email to enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.

INFORMED: May 2015

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 19: Cancelled

No Public Hearing

Monday, May 25

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 26

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 Your 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 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshop, 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 centre of the home page. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.

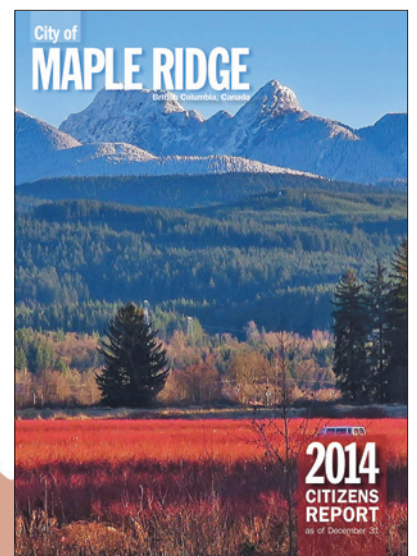
INFORMED:

2014 Citizens Report

Online or in Print. A Look Back at 2014.

The City of Maple Ridge has published the 2014 Citizens Report featuring a recap of the 2014 Financial Plan and Audited statements, reports from each of the divisions and messages from your new Mayor and Council. In fact, we even published bonus content, interviews with all of our Council members, online to supplement the print and digital versions of the Report. The link is www.mapleridge.ca/177Citizens-Report and the video content is on our Maple Ridge YouTube channel.

Our favourite section is the Year in Review and the amazing photos taken by your neighbours as part of the 'Your Maple Ridge' Photo contest. Pick up a copy of the report at City Hall or visit the website and browse the report on your computer or tablet. Thanks for being engaged and informed about our community.



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