



MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

May 14, 2021

Let's Keep Wildlife Wild



Maple Ridge is surrounded by nature and many of our homes are in the forest interface or along protected features like streams and slopes. While we humans tend to use the roads and sidewalks, the wildlife that live in our community travel along these greenspaces as they forage for food.

There are two things that you need to keep in mind if you live in the forest interface. First, if you have a backyard BBQ, bird feeder or leave food for your pets outdoors, you will be visited by bears, deer, coyotes, raccoons and possibly cougars, looking for a quick meal. It's important to look at your backyard from the perspective of wildlife and take steps to get rid of attractants.

The second thing we all need to do to protect wildlife and keep our neighbourhoods safe is to ensure that we do not set out our garbage or recycling early. Human foods are high in calories and very attractive to wildlife.

Maple Ridge Wildlife and the Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437-2018 states that 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 directives to reduce human/wildlife interactions and supports the protection of wildlife and public safety. Fines of \$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 mapleridge.ca/322.

Albion Community Centre Construction Updates



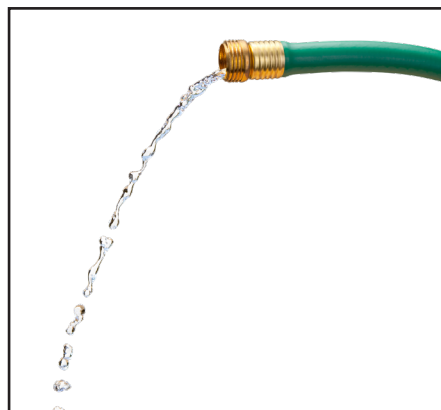
We're so excited about the construction of the new Albion Community Centre (ACC)! This 20,000 square foot, multi-use community centre is co-located with Cēsōnēlē Elementary at 104 Avenue and 240 Street in Maple Ridge. Construction is in its second phase with completion currently estimated for Fall 2021.

Over the last couple of months, one of our staff members has been putting on their hardhat, steel toed boots and reflective vest and heading into the construction zone to shoot photos and video to give you wonderful behind the scenes access to the project.

We invite you to head to mapleridge.ca/2536 for a look at all of the details of the project as well as the most recent photos from the construction site. If you want to see the great ACC Story Highlight, follow us on Instagram at [instagram.com/yourmapleridge](https://www.instagram.com/yourmapleridge).

This new facility will be the social hub for this fast growing neighbourhood. Stay tuned for more updates!

Watering Regulations Now in Effect



Maple Ridge is part of the Metro Vancouver water system. Our water comes from the Coquitlam Reservoir and is distributed out to your home through a network of pipes and water reservoirs in our community. Supplying our residents with clean water is one of the most important things we do, and in this part of the world we often take our incredible clean water for granted.

In our region, local governments work together to manage the supply of water year round. The region's large reservoirs are replenished by precipitation in the winter and spring, and in the less rainy seasons we draw down the stored water. One of our conservation strategies is to ensure that we don't waste water by overwatering our lawns. As of May 1, and through to October 15, there are watering regulations in place. Details can be found at mapleridge.ca/375.

In Stage 1 of our watering regulations, watering your lawn is permitted twice a week as follows: Even-numbered addresses on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4:00 am to 9:00 am and Odd-numbered addresses on Thursdays and Sundays from 4:00 am to 9:00 am. There's some special considerations for new lawns and people dealing with pests. Look for details in the web link. If we have a hot summer, your help in keeping street trees watered and healthy is appreciated.

Thanks in advance for doing your part to conserve our water. In the coming weeks there's lots of rain in the forecast, so it's not likely you'll need to water the lawn, but we wanted to give you a heads up on the City's important water conservation program.



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COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge has adapted our business operations to the COVID-19 health emergency. We are maintaining the normal Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools so that our Mayor, Council members and staff are able to follow Dr. Henry's health recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All meetings and are livestreamed on the City website. Participation by the public is facilitated through virtual tools. Look for the details on how you can participate online at mapleridge.ca/640.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
1:30 PM
- PUBLIC HEARING
7:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 25

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
11:00 AM
- COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
1:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
11:00 AM
- COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM

The 2021 Council Calendar is posted at mapleridge.ca/2318 for your convenience.