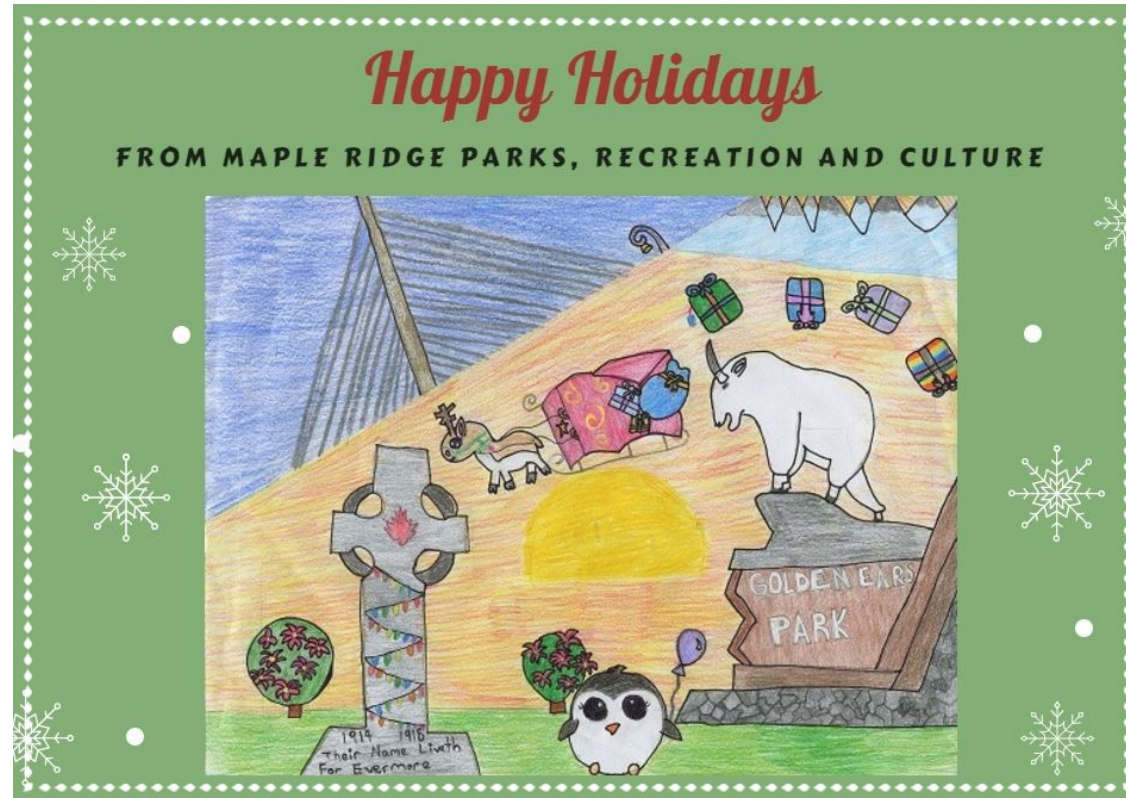


Cultural Networks News - December 2016

Community Festival Network, Neighbourhood Champions and Arts & Cultural Groups



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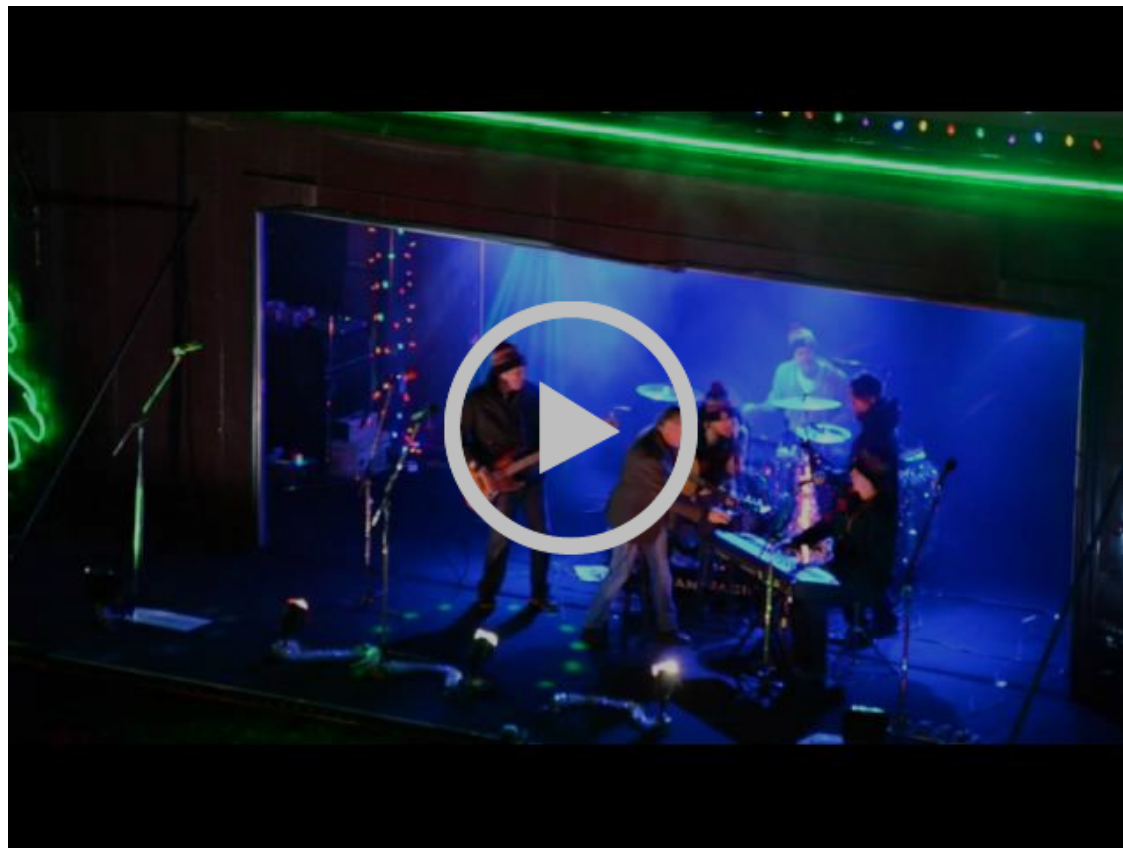
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Useful Information, Resources and Links:

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The **CP Holiday Train** arrives in Port Haney Station, Maple Ridge this Friday, December 16, 7:30 to 8:45 pm. This is a free, fun family event and attendees are

asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the Friends in Need Food Bank. Enjoy a thousand foot decorated train, carol singing, a visit from Santa and a Christmas concert featuring the fabulous country music star Dallas Smith and Odds.

[CPR Holiday Train Canada](#)



A reminder of upcoming Maple Ridge special events and festivals taking place in the next couple of months. Visit the web links provided for updates.

Winter 2017

**Heritage Week
Maple Ridge Museum
February 11 - 18**

The importance of protecting and conserving our rich and diverse heritage is highlighted during Heritage Week at the Maple Ridge Museum. Visit mapleridgemuseum.org for more details.

Festival of Light

Haney Place Mall, Centre Court

February 24

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The celebration begins with a poetry contest starting in December and culminates in a beautiful Festival of Light with live entertainment, poetry readings and a variety of family-oriented activities. Between 7:30 and 8:00pm, the lantern parade will wind through Haney Place Mall. For details, call 467-2420 or visit the [Maple Ridge Downtown Business Improvement website](#).

Coldest Night

Downtown, Maple Ridge

February 25

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Coldest Night of the Year raises awareness of The Salvation Army Ridge Meadows Ministries shelter and other essentials services. It is a 2km, 5km or 10km walk around Maple Ridge. Visit www.caringplace.ca for more details.

Additional events on the [community calendar](#).

**For more details, please call the Festival and Volunteer Office
at 604-467-7325 or 604-467-7459.**

**Cultural Grants and New Civic Cultural Facility Information
Session**

Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Maple Ridge City Hall

Grant funding is available for eligible Maple Ridge groups planning:

[Community Festivals and Grassroots Events](#)

[Neighbourhood Block Parties](#)

[Neighbourhood Matching Grant Projects](#)

Cultural Facilities Rental Grant for Community Theatres

Learn about eligibility criteria and best practices for preparing grant applications.

Find out more about the proposed new civic cultural facility. This is your opportunity to dialogue with other community members and staff and provide your feedback in person or through the survey.

To RSVP email festival@mapleridge.ca by January 16.





In December of 2015 Maple Ridge Council began the process of identifying and prioritizing the need for community recreation and culture facilities to meet the long-term needs of our growing community. Most of these projects were identified in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan which was endorsed by Council in 2010.

To view an overview of the design concepts for the Community Facilities Conversation, visit [here](#). You can also view each of the five projects in detail.

Community Engagement is an integral component of this project and there are several ways for you to engage in this project. As the community conversation unfolds, your comments and input will be presented to City Council to help them develop the short and long term goals for the future of our Parks, Recreation & Culture facilities. Visit the [Community Engagement](#) section before January 30 to find out how you can engage and provide feedback on this, and other concepts, that are part of the Community Facilities Conversation.

[Proposed Civic Cultural Facility Video](#)



Canada

Canada 150 Activities Listing

If your group is doing something special for Canada 150 in 2017, please submit your information to the City's events calendar located at

<https://www.mapleridge.ca/calendar.aspx?CID=46> and a copy to ychui@mapleridge.ca.

There will be a separate page on the City's website to feature all the 150 activities in the community related to arts, culture and heritage. Images are important so please supply some good jpg images. The Canada 150 page will be launched in January 2017.

Canada 150 Funding for Youth and Kids Focused Programs

In celebration of Canada's 150th birthday next year, Shaw is granting 150th birthday wishes to help the people and organizations making a difference in the lives of Canadian youth and kids. Grant and application details at Shaw.ca/Canada150.

Questions: contact Amy Guthrie (amy.guthrie@sjrb.ca) or Krista Moroz (krista.moroz@sjrb.ca).

Additional Grant Leads for Cultural Activities, please subscribe to

<http://littledog.ca/2016/11/17/jan-2017-grant-deadlines/> for up to date listings and information.

Cultural Plan Dialogue on Feb. 9, ACT Arts Centre at 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars for Feb. 9 as the Cultural Plan Task Group and consultant Patricia Huntsman will be launching the community dialogue to develop a new Cultural Plan for

Maple Ridge 2017-2027. Please RSVP to psbiratti@mapleridge.ca. It will take place at the ACT Arts Centre at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome. The existing Cultural Plan was completed over 20 years ago and many things have been achieved. The new plan will capture the changes in the cultural landscape and identify new future forward opportunities for a growing city. Yes, culture includes festivals and special events and some neighbourhood activities!

Questions: contact Yvonne Chui at yvonne@mapleridge.ca or 604.467.7415.

Cultural Facilities Rental Grant Deadline is Feb. 13

The new Cultural Facilities Rental Grant program offers assistance to Community Theatre Groups which are non-profit, community based arts and cultural organizations for some of the costs (including technical and front of house labour) when using Maple Ridge civic facilities. The program is intended to assist with artistic development, increasing profile and expanding audiences for organizations by providing access to the ACT Arts Centre, a well-equipped, professional venue and other community-based civic venues. Supporting community-based performance productions will strengthen the availability of quality grassroots theatre experiences, encourages citizen engagement, provides additional opportunities for tourism and business and builds a stronger sense of community.

For guidelines and application, please contact yvonne@mapleridge.ca or call 604.467.7415. Deadline: Feb. 13.

#MRHeritage Inventory Project – Nominate Local Places, Landscapes and Monuments by Jan. 16

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission (CHC) wants your input to help update the heritage sites listed on the Heritage Resources of Maple Ridge (aka Heritage Inventory). The Inventory was completed in 1998 and contains a listing of 100 historic sites, which have been researched, photographed and described as special historic places within the community. The review will involve determining which sites should remain on the listing and what new ones should be added. Your input is requested on

what sites to include in the update based on their cultural, social, scientific and spiritual heritage. Some examples are buildings, landscapes, vistas, monuments, artifacts, gathering spaces, etc. And no, it doesn't have to be over 50 years old!

Please visit [#MRHeritage Inventory Project](#) for more information and to submit your nominations by Jan. 16.

Heritage Awards Presentation on Feb. 16

Mark your calendar for Feb. 16, 7:00 pm at St. Andrews Church for the annual Heritage Awards event that is presented by the Community Heritage Commission and the Maple Ridge Historical Society. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Lisa Zosiak at lzosiak@mapleridge.ca.

Event Safety Workshop Fraser Room, Maple Ridge February 23 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Learn about minimizing community special event risks at this workshop hosted by safety personnel from the Fire department, RCMP, Engineering and Parks, Recreation and Culture. This workshop Includes information about site planning, electrical safety, security, traffic management and more. For details, call the Festival Office at 604-467-7325 or email festival@mapleridge.ca



The first annual Celebrate the Night festival and fireworks event took place on October 30 in Memorial Peace Park and was a huge success. Thousands of people dressed in costumes and enjoyed the entertainment, crafts, fun activities and fireworks. [Celebrate the Night Video](#)

Video:

Click on the graphic above for a video of Celebrate the Night.

Need Space or Have Space to Rent in Metro – Check out the free SpaceFinder BC services

[SpaceFinder BC](#) is a free matchmaking tool for renters looking for creative space, and spaces looking to promote their rentals. Venues can market unbooked rental space by creating a listing and uploading a digital calendar, while creatives can discover space based on location, price, amenities, up-to-date availability and more.

[Find a space. List a space. For free.](#)



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