



# CULTURAL NETWORKS NEWS

Community Festival Network, Neighbourhood Champions & Cultural Groups

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## A New Look and Feel to the Cultural Networks Newsletter

The Maple Ridge Cultural team in Parks, Recreation & Culture is in the process of migrating the combined Cultural Networks newsletter that comes out bi-monthly from one platform to another. During this transition process we experienced some issues with the software and database and realized that the February issue was not sent to you. Our apologies for the delay and appreciate your understanding.

Please note that the Cultural Plan Community Forum date has been changed to **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30pm, ACT Arts Centre** due to inclement weather. Please RSVP via [email](#) or phone at 604-467-7342. The forum is meant for community citizens, artists, performers, creators, cultural groups and heritage enthusiasts, businesses, creative industry folks (architects, designers, filmmakers etc) and developers.

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- Festival of Light – February 17
- Heritage Week – February 20 to 26
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- Cultural Grants Workshop
- Community Facilities Conversation - Take the Survey by January 30
- Cultural Plan Community Forum - February 21
- Canada 150
- Cultural Facilities Rental Grant - Application deadline February 15
- Heritage BC Funding Available for Canada 150
- Heritage Awards Presentation - February 16
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- Neighbourhood Small Grants

#### Useful Information, Resources and Links:

- Fest Crew Recruitment
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- Earth Day Volunteer Opportunity



#### Upcoming Events and Festivals:

Maple Ridge hosts a full [calendar of community festivals](#) throughout the year, celebrating unique aspects of our local arts and culture. Enjoy outdoor summer concerts, Farmers Market, Art Studio Tour, Aboriginal Day, signature events such as Canada Day, Remembrance Day, Celebrate the Night fireworks and the Christmas Festival and Parade and more!

Check back regularly for new details about upcoming events and consider getting actively involved as an event day volunteer by visiting our [Festivals and Events Volunteer Page](#)

If your event is not appearing on the calendar, please submit your calendar entry and a photo on the Parks, Recreation & Culture [website](#). It is quick and easy to fill out the online form.

Any questions? Call our Festival and Volunteer Office at 604-467-7325 and we can assist you with your calendar entry or send us an [email](#).

[Program Guide](#): The interactive winter edition of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Program Guide is located on our [website](#).

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## Cultural Grants Workshop

If you missed the recent Cultural Grants Workshop, there are some resources available to you on the [website](#) or you can contact Kathryn Baird via [email](#) on festivals and neighbourhood grant opportunities. We will be holding another grant workshop in the fall which will be announced in the forthcoming newsletters.

A civic facilities overview was included as a portion of the workshop to share information about the proposed civic cultural complex along with other facilities. Community input is an important aspect of this project and people who live, work and play in the City are encouraged to be a part of the conversation. For more details and a link to the facilities survey, visit the City of Maple Ridge [website](#).

View the Maple Ridge Civic and Cultural Facility "Completing the Heart of Maple Ridge" video [here](#).



## Get Involved in Culture Forward 2017

A community engagement process is underway to provide ideas and input into the development of a new Cultural Plan 2017-2027. The first community dialogue on culture will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm, at the ACT Arts Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Come out for a forum or take the survey and many other opportunities to get involved. Details are available [online](#) or give us a call at 604-467-7415 for more information.

## Celebrating Canada's 150 - Maple Ridge

In 2017, Canada marks its 150th anniversary of Confederation. Join the celebration of everything that is Canadian in our community – our rich heritage and cultural diversity, abundant parks, trails and rivers and Maple Ridge's strong sense of identity and community. From main stage performances at special events/programs to exhibitions and public art projects, there are many ways to celebrate Canada throughout the year. If you have a Canada 150 project to be listed, please submit your details. Calls for submissions and project details will be available [online](#) or you can send us an [email](#).



## New Cultural Facilities Rental Grant Program – Deadline February 15

The new Cultural Facilities Rental Grant program was launched last fall and offers assistance to non-profit, community-based performing arts 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 the arts profile and expanding audiences for organizations by providing access to a well-equipped, professional ACT Arts Centre venue and other community-based *civic venues*. The program will support Maple Ridge theatre organizations that have a mission to deliver annual public artistic programs at a community and/or professional level. **The next deadlines are February 15 for 2017 facility use requests** (Jan. through Dec) and **October 30 for 2018 requests**. For details please contact 604-467-7415 or [email](#) us or check our [website](#).

## BC Marks Canada 150 with Cultural Legacies Funding Program

The Province of British Columbia is acknowledging this significant milestone by investing in legacy culture and heritage projects in communities throughout the province. This momentous occasion will be recognized through one-time grants of up to \$100,000, for public and not-for-profit museums, art galleries, archives, cultural centres, historic places and heritage sites. The funding will be administered, on behalf of the Province, by the BC Museums Association (BCMA) with support from Heritage BC. Deadline Feb. 10. Additional information on how to apply to the program can be found on-line [here](#).



## Heritage Awards

The 2017 Heritage Awards will be held on Thursday, February 16 at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall, 22279 116 Avenue at 7:00 pm. Please check the Heritage Commission [webpage](#) for updates, including this year's award winners and the evening's program. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

We will be celebrating heritage with various events from February 12-19, which includes:

- **Downtown Walking Tour:** 1:00 pm on February 12<sup>th</sup> – meet at fountains at west end of Memorial Peace Park
- **Cemetery Walking Tour:** 1:00 pm on February 13<sup>th</sup> – meeting at Maple Ridge Cemetery
- **History Is...Conversation:** 6:00 pm on February 15<sup>th</sup> -- Alouette Room, Maple Ridge Library

- **Oral History Workshop:** 10:30 am on February 18th – Maple Ridge City Hall

We request that if you would like to attend one or more of the above events, please RSVP by [email](#) to Lisa Zosiak or call 604-467-7383. When details are confirmed for each event, they will be posted [online](#), so please stay tuned for more information.



# EVENT SAFETY 101 WORKSHOP

A Workshop for Festival and Neighbourhood Event Planners  
**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2017 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**HAMMOND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Join City of Maple Ridge Safety Personnel to learn about why it's important to plan for safe and well attended events, what to include in your plan, and meet other experienced event planners and network on solutions together.

**Guest Speaker:** David Tupper, MIA Claims and Risk Analyst; Best Practices for Event Insurance.

**RSVP by email to [festival@mapleridge.ca](mailto:festival@mapleridge.ca) or CALL 604-467-7325**

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## Event Safety Workshop

**Location:** Hammond Community Centre

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 – 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 and Leisure Services. This free workshop includes information about site planning, electrical safety, security, traffic management and more. For details, call the Festival Office at 604-467-7325 or send us an [email](#).



## Neighbourhood Small Grants Program

Maple Ridge Neighbourhood Funding Applications are accepted year round and are available [here](#). Contact: Kathryn Baird at 604-467-7459 or via [email](#).

## Block Parties:

Connect with your neighbours throughout the year. Building relationships in your neighbourhood improves your sense of well-being, your sense of security and quality of life for you and your neighbours. \$100 Block Party Grants are available to individuals who wish to organize an activity in their neighbourhood which will help families, children and individuals get to know one another. Activities that some neighbourhoods have enjoyed include block parties, Easter egg hunts, Christmas caroling, movie nights,

barbecues, picnics and square dancing.

### **Neighbourhood Matching Funds**

Do you have a great idea for your community? This program, in partnership with the Vancouver Foundation, supports improvements to Maple Ridge neighbourhoods or public land through a project that builds relationships and brings local community together. Projects should be inclusive and actively involve the residents of the neighbourhood and/or surrounding area of the project.

For more details about Neighbourhood Small Grants and for stories and videos about successful projects in Metro Vancouver neighbourhoods, please visit our [website](#).

Maple Ridge Neighbourhood Funding Applications are available [here](#). If you have any questions or need assistance, call Kathryn Baird at 604-467-7459 or send her an [email](#).

View the Neighbourhood Small Grants: Building shared community spaces video [here](#).



## **Useful Information, Resources and Links**

### **Fest Crew**

Festival volunteers gain new skills working in the events, tourism and hospitality area of Parks, Recreation & Culture. Volunteers are trained in a variety of behind-the-scenes productions including working with event equipment, traffic plans, stage plots and more while following the details of a festival site and safety plan. Find out if this volunteer opportunity is a match for your skills and interests. For more details please contact Melissa Wight at the Festival Office at 604-467-7325 (extension 2) or send us an [email](#).

### **Canada Day Challenge for Youth – Entries accepted now to March 31**

Young Canadians are encouraged to get inspired and show their vision of Canada's next 150 years by submitting an entry in the following categories: *Draw it!* (drawing or painting), *Snap it!* (photography) or *Write it!* (creative writing). 2017 will mark the 30 anniversary of the Canada Day Challenge, an art, photography and creative writing contest organized by Canadian Heritage. Participants could win an all-expenses paid grand prize trip for two to Ottawa to celebrate Canada Day and take part in activities for the 150 anniversary of Confederation. More details are available [online](#) or send us an [email](#).

### **Cultural Grants Listing, Deadlines, Grant Writing & Fundraising Tips**

View the [Cultural Grants List](#) that is maintained by Little Dog Consulting and visit this [location](#) and on [Charity Village](#). Charity Village offers many free webinars so check it out.

## 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.



[Click here to find out more about Earth Day 2017!](#)

### Earth Day Volunteer Opportunity

The Earth Day 2017 Planning Committee is looking for a superstar planner interested in helping brainstorm and coordinate activities in the “South Park” area and 224 Street for the Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Activities for these areas (possibilities are wide open!) include food trucks, buskers, pickup soccer, Frisbee and street hockey games.

Full support offered by Planning Committee members, including the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association, Entertainment Coordinators, Safety & Logistics Coordinator and more. Lots planned for Earth Day already, come & join the fun! Contact Leanne Koehn via [email](#) or phone at 604-463-5545. Visit the Celebrate Earth Day [website](#) for more information.

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