

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH NOVEMBER 2015

### ENGAGED: Final Farmers Market of 2015

#### A Place to Find Unique Christmas Gifts

This Saturday, November 14, is the final Farmers Market for 2015. Thank you to the owners of Grow & Gather, located at 24565 Dewdney Trunk Road, for sharing their space and giving us all an extra month of great market shopping 'under cover'. The hours are 10:00 am until 3:00 pm and the market continues to offer a superb selection of fresh vegetables, baking and preserves.

While the market is filled with tasty treats for your pantry this a time when our minds turn to holiday shopping. Imagine a Christmas basket filled with jams, jellies, chutneys, fruits and veggies harvested at the peak of flavour and preserved like your grandmother used to do. There's pottery, jewelry, soap and candles all produced by artists in our community. This is a place to find treasures that your friends and family will really appreciate when it's time to open the gifts or for 'host gifts' as you visit with friends over the next six weeks.

This is one final chance to pick up fresh baking – breads, pies, tarts and special ethnic delights that you will crave until the market opens again next spring. Come on down and enjoy this



final Haney Farmers Market and make sure you get your 2016 membership. Memberships make a great gift and they ensure that you get the weekly email updates so you know who's at the market. See you Saturday.

### INFORMED: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

#### Maple Ridge Celebrates Christmas in the Park Dec. 5

Mark your calendars, because Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday, December 5 and he's doing it in style. The festival runs from 4:00 to 8:00 pm with the parade starting at 6:00

pm sharp. The Peace Tree at the corner of 224 Street and Haney Place becomes the largest Christmas tree in the Fraser Valley and marks the start of the parade.



There's so much to do – Memorial Peace Park, in fact all of downtown Maple Ridge is decorated with thousands of lights and the traditional red bells that signal that the holidays are upon us. There will be music at the bandstand, cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate, a chance to visit with Santa and drop off your Christmas wish list in his special mailbox.

This annual festival is a delight for kids of all ages and it is made possible by an army of volunteers. If you'd like to be one of 'Santa's Elves' and lend your help, or if you'd like more information about the Festival and parade just go online to [www.mapleridgechristmasfestival.com](http://www.mapleridgechristmasfestival.com).

### ENGAGED: CP Holiday Train

#### Jim Cuddy is back for the 2015 Visit to Maple Ridge

On Friday, December 18 at 7:00 pm the CP Holiday train will make its way into the Port Haney West Coast Express station for the annual visit. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Friends In Need Food Bank, so we wanted to get the word out as soon as possible.

Maple Ridge Firefighters will be out in the community the week before the visit collecting donations for the event. As well, the Friends In Need Food Bank volunteers will be on hand collecting cash and non-perishable food item donations that evening.

The train will pull into the station with the stage portion coming to rest just outside the historic Billy Miner Pub and restaurant.

That's the place you will be able to see Jim Cuddy and a group of great musicians perform. You can take the kids for a walk

further west to see the train engine up close at the West Coast Express station.

It's a magical evening that runs for about one hour. The best way to get there is to park downtown and walk down 224 Street, through the tunnel right out to the Port Haney Wharf area. There will



be volunteer Firefighters and Fire Youth Academy members helping out the Friends In Need Food Bank volunteers. There's hot chocolate by donation and the train and Jim Cuddy's performance will make this a 'must see' event. Please make sure you bring a donation for the Food Bank.

### INFORMED: November 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.

##### Monday, November 16

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, November 17

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, November 24

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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your Council on the home page.

##### Workshop at a Glance

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##### Council Meeting Videos

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### INFORMED:

#### 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan

#### Council Begins Deliberation on the City Budget

Council will meet from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm on Tuesday, December 1, Wednesday, December 2, and Thursday, December 3. Each day will include Department Presentations and at the end of each day members of the public can ask questions during the Public Question and Answer period.

In addition, there will be a live Q&A session held on Thursday evening, December 3, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm where members of the public can ask questions relating to the 2016 -2020 Financial Plan in person, by email, using the City's Facebook page or via Twitter. This session will be live-streamed on the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) using the same system that broadcasts Council Workshops, Committee of the Whole and Council meetings.

Look for more information about these sessions online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), in advertising in this newspaper and on the City's social media channels. We look forward to answering your questions.

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