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## Festival Crew Volunteer Information Session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Maple Ridge, BC: The Festivals, Events and Volunteer section of the Community Services department is seeking volunteers and offering a volunteer orientation on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Blaney Room at City Hall for anyone interested in getting involved in community events and festivals. Many activities take place behind the scenes to prepare the site for crowds and activities that unfold on event day and many hands are needed. The Festival Crew will be a team of volunteers that will be trained to assist community groups with some of the tasks that help make events successful.

Festival volunteers have the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences and to work alongside others with a similar interest in events, tourism and hospitality. Volunteers will be trained in setting up tents, barricades, tables, chairs and more while following the details of a festival site and safety plan. In addition, volunteering is a way to give back to the community. Find out if this volunteer opportunity is a match for your skills and interests. Those interested in the session, please contact Melissa Wight at the Festival Office at 604-467-7325 (2) or email festival@mapleridge.ca.

The Festivals, Events and Volunteer section of the Community Services department supports the full range of special events and community building initiatives using an asset-based community development approach. The section also plans and hosts various educational workshops and provides many resources for event planning and volunteer management. Additional information can be accessed at <a href="maintomarray">mrpmparksandleisure.ca/274/Planning-a-Special-Event</a> and <a href="maintomarray">mrpmparksandleisure.ca/290/Volunteer</a>. For further questions, please contact Kathryn Baird at 604-467-7459 or <a href="maintomarray">kbaird@mapleridge.ca</a>.