

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH APRIL 2016

INFORMED: Earth Day 2016

The 2016 Festival Season begins – mark your calendar

The annual Earth Day Celebration in Maple Ridge kicks off at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 23 at Memorial Peace Park, with the theme “ENERGY!” We are looking forward to highlighting energy in its many forms – from renewable energy to what inspires and recharges us in our day-to-day lives.

Earth Day favourites from past years will be back, including HUB's Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw, lots of kids' crafts, electric vehicles courtesy of VEVA, roving entertainers, flash mobs and, of course, the popular Family Freecycle, where gently used books, toys and clothes will be available for free to the public at the Greg Moore Youth Centre.

This is also the first appearance of the Haney Farmers Market for 2016. They are an important part of the Earth Day celebration not only because supporting local farmers is great for the environment, it just tastes great. The fresh fruits and vegetables, local baking and preserves are an amazing addition to your family's dinner table. We all love to get reacquainted with the vendors who will serve us from May through to October.

Come out with the whole family and celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge. Get involved, get engaged and get educated on some of the amazing initiatives in our community to help



us live a more sustainable life. Follow the “Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge” Facebook page at facebook.com/mapleridgeearthday or the Twitter feed at [@mrearthday](https://twitter.com/mrearthday) for updates.

INFORMED: Are You Prepared for an Earthquake?

Experience an Earthquake at the Home Show



The City of Maple Ridge will be at the 2016 Ridge Meadows Home Show that runs from Friday, April 29 through to Sunday, May 1. This is when we will unveil the 2015 Citizens Report, filled with information on the programs, projects and services delivered last year.

This year we have a special photo feature on the 'Maple Ridge Bucket List' which will introduce you to some incredible outdoor activities that every citizen should experience at least once.

It's also a great time to pop by and visit with members of Council who will be spending time at the City booth in the Cam Neely Arena portion of the Home Show throughout the weekend. Come by and say hello and talk with them about the issues that are important to you.

In addition to the City booth, our Emergency Services team will be on hand with information on how you can take simple steps to be prepared for a natural disaster. They are holding a draw for a grab and go earthquake disaster backpack.

But, without a doubt, the highlight of their presentation is the Quake Cottage that will be brought in on Sunday, May 1 and will be located near the Petting Zoo as part of the Outdoor Show. This special trailer allows citizens to step inside and experience a level 7 magnitude earthquake and see the effects on a typical living room. Last year's visit from the Quake Cottage saw over 200 area residents take part in this interactive display.

Thanks to the generous support of Fortis BC, the Insurance Bureau of Canada and ShakeOutBC, our community is one of a select few who will have access to this amazing educational aid. We invite you down for this special outside demonstration on Sunday, May 1 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The sponsor organizations will be there with some great information on how you can make your home safer in the event of an earthquake.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ridge Meadows Home Show at Planet Ice and the Albion Fairgrounds in just two weeks.

ENGAGED: Hot Topics

The Stuff You Need to Know With Just One Click!

Last month we had a soft launch of our 'Hot Topics' link off the home page of the City website at mapleridge.ca.

Click on the flaming photo on the right and you are taken to an ever-changing menu of items that will allow you to find important

information that is before Council, public engagement work that's underway and topics that are trending on the community radar.

It's that simple. Take a look and let us know what you think by email at enquiries@mapleridge.ca.



INFORMED: April 2016

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, April 18

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

Tuesday, April 26

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, click the link under Your Council on the home page.

Workshop at a Glance

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshop, or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to mapleridge.ca and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.



ENGAGED: Summer Guide

Get Your Copy of the 2016 Guide at the Home Show

On Friday, April 29 you can get a sneak peek at the Summer 2016 Arts & Recreation Guide by stopping by the City of Maple Ridge Home Show Booth. This year's summer guide has a special Summer Day Camps & Festivals pull-out to help you plan your activities for our beautiful summer months. Registration for programs starts on May 10 and the guide will be available at area recreation facilities and online starting on Monday, May 2. One more reason to head to the Home Show and get engaged with your community!

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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