

# Maple Ridge This Month

## JULY 2017

### INFORMED: Canada Day is Saturday, July 1

#### Join the Canada 150 Celebration in Maple Ridge

This year we are celebrating Canada's 150 Birthday with a celebration that runs from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm in the heart of Maple Ridge at Memorial Peace Park. We've created a special web page at [mapleridge.ca/1723](http://mapleridge.ca/1723) that has the most up-to-date schedule for the Canada 150 celebration.

The Haney Farmers Market will anchor the west side of the park and the stage in front of the ACT Arts Centre will mark the eastern boundary of the celebration. Visitors will have three stages to choose from with a variety of music, dance and spoken word presentations. There's a special Community BBQ hosted by Maple Ridge firefighters and the Kiwanis Club runs from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The firefighters will even be setting up a 'spray park' for the kids in the afternoon in the southwest corner of the park.

There will be food trucks and a special protocol ceremony in the middle of the day where the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #88 Colour Guard lead the RCMP, Maple Ridge firefighters and our Federal, Provincial and local elected officials for a special greeting on behalf of the Kwantlen



and Katzie First Nations, the singing of our national anthem, the raising of the Canadian Flag and some very special presentations to local youth leaders and artists.

The day will end on the mainstage at the ACT Arts Centre with performances by the John Welsh Band and Ranj Singh all culminating in a Happy Birthday singalong at 7:00 pm. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, sunscreen and spend the day with your friends and neighbours as we celebrate this land, this special place - Canada.

### INFORMED: Tax Time

#### Final Deadline is Tuesday, July 4. Claim Your Home Owner Grant Online

Your 2017 property taxes are due by midnight on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. The most important message we can highlight is that you can claim your Home Owner Grant online, which opens up many alternatives to paying in person at City Hall. Claim your Home Owner Grant online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) by clicking on the Online Services link. Select the 'Home Owner Grant Application' option and follow the instructions to claim your grant. You can also set up a 'My Maple Ridge' account which gives you 24/7 access to your tax information and has the option for you to sign up for paperless tax notification as well as track your payment history. It's a great way to save time. Once you claim your Home Owner Grant you can pay the balance owing at most financial institutions either in person or by using online or telephone banking.

If you decide not to pay through your bank you have the option to drop off your Home Owner Grant and cheque at



the secure drop box located at the west entrance of City Hall near the Economic Development Office as another way to avoid any line up. The box is cleared daily and will be emptied at midnight on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. If you have any questions about your 2017 Tax Notice please contact us at 604-467-7336.

### ENGAGED: Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes

#### Making Healthy Living Fun and Accessible for All

Live 5-2-1-0 Playboxes offer parents and caregivers new ideas on how to play with their kids. We supply the necessary games and sports equipment and provide unlimited access and opportunity for families to get outdoors and engage with other families through active play. Playboxes help to enhance environments and remove some of the barriers to access for active outdoor play, as well as foster social connectedness. These Playboxes are new to Maple Ridge and were made possible by the generous support of Scope BC, Canadian Heritage and the City of Maple Ridge. The box itself contains sports equipment that is free for community use at the parks. For more information about how to gain access to a Playbox email [playbox@mapleridge.ca](mailto:playbox@mapleridge.ca). In addition to the one in Memorial Peace Park, Maple Ridge



Park now hosts a second Playbox, complemented with the Play Nights in the Park program (July 12-August 30; 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm). The success of this project will depend on community involvement. Residents of Maple Ridge and local organizations can play a role by helping monitor the boxes, contributing to the purchase of new equipment through financial or in-

kind support and hosting a Play Night in the Park program to help encourage active play with children. If you or your organization is interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Jen Baillie, Children's Programmer at [jbaille@mapleridge.ca](mailto:jbaille@mapleridge.ca) or 604-466-4339.

For more information on Live 5-2-1-0 initiatives, visit [www.live5210.ca](http://www.live5210.ca)

#### Contact us at: [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the City of Maple Ridge, please email [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED: July 2017



#### 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.

##### Tuesday, July 4

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, July 11

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, July 25

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

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

##### Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting or Public Hearing 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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings 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](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Canada Day Hours

#### Monday, July 3 Holiday Hours



#### In recognition of Canada Day:

Municipal Hall: .....Closed  
Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: .....Open 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Greg Moore Youth Centre: .....Open 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Fire Hall No.1: Administrative Office: .....Closed  
RCMP Administrative Office: .....Open 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



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