

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH SEPTEMBER 2017

INFORMED: Back to School

School Zone Speed Enforcement Continues

School went back into session after Labour Day and the RCMP and Speed Watch volunteers have been very active doing education and enforcement throughout the City. In the last week we received the first rainfall after many months of dry weather and that adds to the safety issues on our roads. We all need to obey school speed zones and be extra vigilant at crosswalks and corners. In addition, we remind citizens in rural areas to respect school bus operations at all times. Do not pass school buses that are loading and unloading students.

This is a great time to talk to your children and remind them to be attentive when walking to and from school. As parents, we have a constant battle with kids to get them to wear a jacket, but on rainy days and when the days get shorter, bright reflective clothing helps drivers see our children as they walk to school.

RCMP will continue with enforcement throughout the community to ensure that drivers get the message that school speed zones are in effect. Thank you to those citizens who are following the speed zones and school bus rules every day!



INFORMED: A Great Festival to Celebrate Sustainability

GETI Fest is Back on Saturday

The Golden Ears Transition Initiative (GETI) Fest is back at Maple Ridge's Memorial Peace Park on Saturday, September 16, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The seventh annual festival theme is "Sustainable Community" and will highlight groups, organizations and individuals who are involved in making our community a better place to live, work and play. Focus will be on the pillars of Sustainability; Healthy Environment, Food Security, Local Economy, Social Collaboration, as well as Health and Well-being.

Festival organizers have worked collaboratively with the Haney Farmers Market, local First Nations groups, Parks, Recreation & Culture and local neighbourhood organizations and businesses to make this event possible.

The festival will be filled with static and interactive displays, music, entertainment for the whole family and much more. Visit 'Main Street' (highlighting sustainable community and environment), the 'Village Square' (showcasing the GETI Action groups, community groups and local sustainable businesses), The 'Artisan Village' (local artisans and vendors), the 'Haney Farmers Market' (food and



more from our community), 'The Station' (where we stroll through transportation, past, present and future) and 'Mind Body and Soul' (healthy, holistic and fun activities under one tent).

TransLink will be at this year's festival with information on new bus routes into Silver Valley as well as general information about bus routes here in Maple Ridge and transit options around the region. Hope you stop by for a visit!

ENGAGED: A Celebration of the Apple!

Haney Farmers Market Annual Pie Challenge

This Saturday the Haney Farmers Market (HFM) will feature the annual Apple Pie Challenge that will see local amateur bakers square off in a competition to decide who will be crowned 'Best Traditional' and 'Best Non-Traditional' winners. There is also a category for Best Overall Pie.

For only \$2 each you can even buy a slice of the entries as a fundraiser for the Farmers Market. Entries need to come in a 9-inch disposable foil pie pan. Pies must be presented no later than 10:45 am on Saturday, September 16 in order to be judged. Judging commences at 11:15 am and the winner will be announced at 12:30 pm.

One winner will be declared in each of the following categories, and will receive the prize noted:

- a) Best Traditional (two crust) Pie - \$10 HFM shopping coupons, Rosette
- b) Best Non-Traditional Pie - \$10 HFM shopping coupons, Rosette
- c) Best Over-All Pie - \$10 HFM shopping coupons, Grand Prize Rosette

All bakers will receive a "Pie Baker" ribbon. A special "Pie It



Forward" prize will be awarded to the baker who enthusiastically recruits the most competitors to the contest.

This is a great time of year to get fruit and veggies, grown locally, to enhance your culinary offerings. You will also find pies, breads, buns, cookies, coffee and sausages (and so much more) as part of your visit to the Haney Farmers Market. We hope to see you at Memorial Peace Park between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Contact us at: enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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INFORMED: September 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, September 19

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing followed by Council Meeting - Council Chambers

September 25 through 29

Council members will be attending Union of BC Municipalities Meetings

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 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 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.

INVOLVED: Be a Volunteer

Maple Ridge is Fueled by Engaged and Involved Citizens!



Recreation & Culture is hosting a Volunteer Information Session on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Fraser Room of the Maple Ridge Public Library.

Maple Ridge is blessed to have an army of dedicated volunteers working in the community who bring their passion and expertise to bear to create community festivals, run charity and outreach programs, organize and operate local sports associations and offer support and guidance to youth and seniors. During this FREE session you will be able to connect with the many volunteer opportunities that are available in our community. Being a volunteer is an investment in our community and your time is your most valuable asset to give.

If you'd like more information you can call 604-467-7325 or email volunteer@mapleridge.ca. You can also visit us at mapleridge.ca/parksandrec to learn more about volunteer programs in our community. Thank you to the many volunteers who are building our community in every sector.



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