

# Maple Ridge This Month

## JANUARY 2018

### INFORMED: Dog Licence Renewals

#### Dog Licences Are Due by January 31. Renew Online!

When you receive your dog licence renewal notice in the mail, look for the account number and access code that can be used to renew your dog licence online. Go to the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and follow the 'Online Services' link. Payment can be made by credit card or Interac from most major banks.

Your dog's tag and receipt will be mailed to you. You still have the option of renewing by phone, by mail or in person at the Finance counter in the reception area of City Hall. Check out other online services available including the Home Owner Grant application and online access to your tax accounts. It's your 'virtual' City Hall!



Remember that there is a substantial discount if you renew by January 31. Up until January 31 the licence fee is \$25 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$52 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$41 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$68 for unaltered dogs. This year, seniors (65+) get their dog licence at a 50% discount. Up until January 31 it's \$12.50 for a licence for spayed and neutered dogs and \$26 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$20.50 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$34 for unaltered dogs.

If you no longer have your dog please contact us by phone at 604-467-7384 or by email at [licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca](mailto:licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca).

### ENGAGED: 2018 Council Meeting Schedule

#### Make a New Year's Resolution to Stay Informed

At the end of 2017 Council established the schedule for their 2018 Council meetings. The meeting dates are available in two formats online at [mapleridge.ca/640](http://mapleridge.ca/640). You will also find information regarding upcoming meetings, agendas and reports that are typically posted on the Friday prior to the meetings.

Using the 'Notify Me' link on [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) provides you with a 'one stop' location to sign up for notifications for Council or Committee meetings that you are interested in. You are notified by email or smartphone the minute the agendas and reports are posted, and if there are updates, you get those too.

Our goal is to ensure that you have access to the information, agendas, reports and presentations that Council receives as part of their decision-making and governance of our community. Get in the loop and get engaged!



### INFORMED: Business Licence Renewal Time

#### Business Finder Application Helps Connect Citizens With Local Business

In 2017, the launch of the City's new Open Government Portal featured a business finder component to the 'WHAM' (What's happening Around Me) application that links to the bigger 'Business Finder Application' located at [gis.mapleridge.ca/businessfinder/businessfinder.html](http://gis.mapleridge.ca/businessfinder/businessfinder.html).

Business licence renewals have been sent out to all businesses in Maple Ridge. There are a number of benefits to having a business licence. It allows the City to regulate the locations and types of businesses operating in the community and assists in the development of demographic and statistical information on the local business climate.

Business licensing also supports parking enforcement, community policing and the Adopt-A-Block program. The data gathered as part of annual business licensing is also used by the Economic Development department to develop promotional materials aimed at attracting business investment and job creation in the community.

You may be eligible for the 'Inter-Municipal' Business Licence program that allows you to operate in any of the 11 communities that are part of the program. This is great program for building contractors and other service businesses. Ask for details.

#### 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: January 2018



#### 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, January 9

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, January 16

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, January 23

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, January 30

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: The Year Begins

#### Turning Resolutions into Action



You've made a resolution to lead a healthier lifestyle and you want to know where to start. We'd like to suggest a visit to the City of Maple Ridge's website at [mapleridge.ca/parksandrec](http://mapleridge.ca/parksandrec) where you can learn about the many facilities and programs that are available to help with your resolution. From a daily swim in the pool to the fitness centre upstairs, there's something for everyone.

Maybe you prefer to be outdoors. Explore parks and trails available in the community. Getting a group of friends together to go for a regular walk on the dykes or one of Maple Ridge's 200 km of trails is a superb way to turn your resolution into action.

Another great way to get out and get active is to be a volunteer. Visit [mapleridge.ca/1554](http://mapleridge.ca/1554) to find out how you can connect with volunteer organizations in the community or be part of the team that organizes community events and celebrations throughout the year.

**It's a New Year! Get Involved, Get Active and Get Engaged!**



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