

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH APRIL 2018

### ENGAGED: Saluting Our Volunteers

#### Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast

Volunteer Week is the perfect opportunity to recognize the hundreds of Maple Ridge citizens who generously donate their time and skills to projects that better the community and improve the lives of others. Volunteers organize block parties, clean up streams, coach soccer, maintain community gardens and plan special events. You see them helping out in schools, selling Girl Guide cookies, manning reception centres in times of crisis, assisting with swimming lessons in the community pool and much more.

This year, the City of Maple Ridge, Valley Fair Mall and the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears are joining forces to host a special breakfast celebration on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 am to noon in Valley Fair Mall, 22709 Lougheed Hwy, Maple Ridge. The community is welcome to come by and partake in a delicious pancake breakfast and to learn more about the work of our community champions. There will be information available about a variety of ways in which people can get involved in our community.



Entertainment, displays, speeches, storytelling and other activities will be part of the event. For more details, call Parks, Recreation & Culture at 604-467-7325 (1).

### INFORMED: Protecting Our Tree Canopy

#### Trees & Chipping: Think Before You Cut

With Spring Fever in the air, and the City's chipping program underway, it is hard not to get a little overzealous with adding wood to the chipping piles. However, make sure you 'Think Before You Cut!'

Although it is fine to trim back shrubs and hedges in your yard, be careful when it comes to cutting your trees. Keep the following in mind;

**Location:** The tree that stands within three metres of the front curb is most likely on City land; and if it is designated as a street tree, it's not to be trimmed or cut by anyone but the City Arborist. Cutting, and especially topping, a City street tree may damage it beyond repair. If that happens you may be responsible for the cost of replacement. Call the Parks & Facilities office at 604-467-7346 to place a request for the City to prune the street tree in front of your house, if you think it needs it.



**Tree Health:** For trees to remain healthy and in good form, proper pruning cuts are necessary. Have a qualified Arborist or Horticulture Technician prune trees that are important to you.

**The Right Tree for The Right Place:** Topping is when branches or the entire top of a tree is indiscriminately cut off in an attempt to control the height of a tree. A tree's height is determined by its genes, and topping a tree that wants to be tall will only result in a constant maintenance nightmare, a structurally weak tree and a future hazard. Talk to an expert before topping a tree.

For more information on proper pruning, City street trees and tree topping, check out [mapleridge.ca/1878](http://mapleridge.ca/1878). Let's protect the tree canopy in our community.

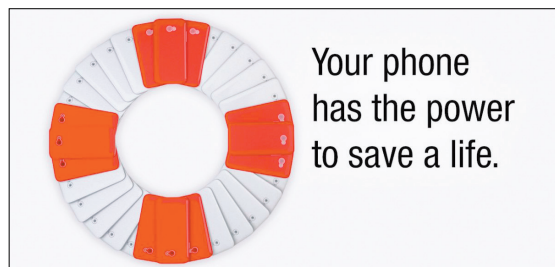
### INFORMED: Emergency

#### Alert Ready Notification System

Last Friday a national mobile phone alert system went live across Canada. The system is called 'Alert Ready' and in the event of an emergency your phone will automatically get an emergency signal to allow you to get more information regarding emergency notifications. The system works on your 'wireless public alerting' device on an LTE network.

There are 30 different hazards that could trigger an alert, but Emergency Management BC (EMBC) will only be using this service for Tsunami warnings to begin and has plans to expand the program to include other hazards.

For more information about the national program including a way to check to see if your phone is compatible please go to: [alertready.ca](http://alertready.ca). This site also has a way for you to hear the test tone and you can view video presentations.



Your phone has the power to save a life.

For information from EMBC please go to their website at [emergencyinfo.bc.ca/alert-ready-wireless-public-alerting](http://emergencyinfo.bc.ca/alert-ready-wireless-public-alerting). This is another tool to help you be prepared in case of an emergency.

**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: April 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, April 17

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, April 24

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 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 broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INVOLVED: Earth Day 2018

#### Celebrate DIY: Make it, Grow it, Fix it, Share it!

The annual Celebrate Earth Day festival takes place on Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park and the Greg Moore Youth Centre.

This great family event is the kick off to Maple Ridge's festival season.

Memorial Peace Park

will be filled with activities including the Family Freecycle, Food Truck Festival, Cycle Recycle Free Bike Draw, Electric Vehicles and a special Haney Farmers Market. This year, we celebrate "Do It Yourself: Make it, Grow it, Fix it, Share it!" and will highlight activities that connect people and neighbourhoods and build community relationships while passing on skills and knowledge in a fun, creative way.

This year the Greg Moore Youth Centre will be host to a number of activities. Bring broken items to be fixed at the Repair Café, get hands on at Tinkerbell Corner to learn how things work, and make and share your original creations at the mini Make it Faire. You can also donate gently used books, toys and clothing and pick up something "new to you" (and free!) at the Family Freecycle.

For more details, visit [mrearthday.ca](http://mrearthday.ca) or the "Celebrate Earth Day in Maple Ridge" Facebook Page

**See you on April 21!**



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