

Maple Ridge This Month

SEPTEMBER 2018

INFORMED: Back to School

School Zone Enforcement in Effect

School is back on Tuesday, September 4. The RCMP and Speed Watch volunteers will be out and very active over the next couple of weeks. Drivers and cyclists need to be vigilant of pedestrians in the morning and afternoon in school zones as the crosswalks will be filled with children and parents.

The RCMP will be moving throughout the community and doing enforcement to ensure that drivers get the message that school speed zones are in effect. In addition, citizens in rural areas are reminded 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 they are walking to and from school. As we move into Fall the importance of bright

and reflective clothing for pedestrians is critical, especially in the morning when sunrise happens later.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time and together we can keep our children safe as they begin this adventure.

INFORMED: 232 Street Update

Getting the Road Paved for Back to School

We would like to thank all of the citizens of the Blaney Hamlet & Anderson Ridge for their patience as work has progressed over the last two months to widen the road, install sidewalks and make important upgrades to the utilities. There's still work to do on the project before it's completely finished, but we are pleased to let you know that 232 Street will be open to traffic starting September 4. As you have noted, curbs have been installed along much of the west side of 232 Street and 6.0m travel lanes (one each direction) will reopen with a preliminary layer of asphalt by Tuesday morning in time for 'back to school' and regular commuting.



Work will continue on the sidewalks on both sides, installation of new streetlights, road improvements north of 136 Avenue (Phase 2) and landscaping with a goal of minimizing the impacts of commuters. The final paving

for the project will be done in early 2019 and scheduled at a time that has the least impact on area residents. Single lane alternating traffic will be in effect daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and two-way traffic will be maintained after working hours. This will be in effect until the project is substantially completed, with final paving expected to be concluded in Spring 2019.

INFORMED: 2018 Local Election

Important Dates for the Upcoming Election

On Saturday, October 20, citizens around BC will be going to the polls to elect their Mayors, Councillors and School Trustees. Here in Maple Ridge there will also be a separate ballot for a non-binding plebiscite on garbage and green waste curbside pickup. There are a number of important dates coming up, from the nomination deadline for candidates to the advance polls leading up to the October 20 general election day. This is just a reminder to bookmark the City of Maple Ridge election webpage mapleridge.ca/306 so you are in the



loop on the latest information on the upcoming election. In addition to the City website, please keep an eye out for important notices in The News and on the City's Facebook page. This year the City will also be sending out a direct mailer to all homes and businesses. We want to make sure that all citizens have information on advance polling dates, voting locations, identification requirements and absentee voting opportunities.

ENGAGED: Upcoming Community Events

September Events for the Whole Family

There are lots of events happening in our community during September including GETI Fest, Port Haney Day, Rivers Day and a number of charity events.

The Haney Farmers Market runs every Saturday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in Memorial Peace Park and on September 15 GETI Fest will be co-located in the park for an event that runs from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. GETI is an acronym for the 'Golden Ears Transition Initiative' which seeks to support citizen action toward reducing oil dependence and building local community resilience and

ecological sustainability. The event is always filled with displays, workshops, music and dance that help citizens become engaged in this initiative.

Check the Community Calendar at mapleridge.ca for times, locations and details of other events during the month of September. The Hammond Movie Night, 'Art, Yeah! Festival,' Fraser Valley Food Truck Festival and Rivers Day are all happening later in the month. Great events organized by your neighbours. We hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Contact us at: enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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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 4

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Council Chambers*

Tuesday, September 18

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 25

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

* Please check mapleridge.ca/640 for the most accurate Council meeting start times.

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.

INFORMED: Labour Day

Monday, September 3



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: Closed

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