

Maple Ridge This Month

OCTOBER 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT ON: ShakeOut BC October 17, 2013 at 10:17 am

What would you do if there was an Earthquake? Do you have a Plan?

On Thursday, October 17 at 10:17 am District staff will join millions of people around the world as part of an earthquake awareness program called ShakeOut. This is an annual event held the third Thursday of October. It's growing into a worldwide event for countries that are located on active earthquake fault lines.

The District encourages all businesses to participate in this event. It's easy to register on the ShakeOut BC website: www.shakeoutbc.ca. The website is filled with great information and links to help organize your participation at home and in the workplace.

The critical thing to do in an earthquake is to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Here's a breakdown of the three steps for the exercise:

- 1) Drop, Cover, and Hold On: 'Drop' to the ground, take 'Cover' under a table or desk and 'Hold On' to it as if a major earthquake were happening. Remain in this position for at least 60 seconds. Practice now so you will know what to do to protect yourself during an actual earthquake!
- 2) While still under the table, or wherever you are, look around and imagine what would happen during a major earthquake. What could fall on you or someone else? What could become damaged? What would life be like after?

3) Finally, practice what you will do after the shaking stops. Do you have a communications plan for your family? Do you have a 'Grab and Go' bag at the office and a Survival Kit at home?

Here are some links to allow you to get more information and make sure you and your family are prepared. The District's Emergency Services page is located at mapleridge.ca/EN/main/emergency.html. One of the best sites is shakeoutbc.ca. This site has a video link on the front page featuring one of our District staff members getting under his desk that was filmed as part of last year's drill.

Get your coworkers involved. Talk with your friends and family. Our ability to recover as a community depends on each of us taking responsibility for making a plan.



INFORMED

October 2013

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.

Monday, October 21

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 22

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, click the link under Mayor & Council on the home page.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Council This Week' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole 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 bottom left of the home page.

ENGAGED: A Taste of Maple Ridge and Beyond

The 2013 Golden Harvest Celebrates Food and Friends

On Friday, October 18 the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee, in partnership with Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Agricultural Association and the Haney Farmers Market present the fifth annual Golden Harvest at The ACT (Arts Centre Theatre). This local food event was created to showcase the talents of top local chefs, culinary arts students from three local high schools (MRSS, Thomas Haney, Garibaldi) and increase awareness of the variety of our local bounty. An appetizer party with a harvest-y feel, Golden Harvest promises to inspire your taste buds and get you thinking and talking local with your friends!

The event runs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and will feature displays and samples from Field to Fork Herbs, Nature and Living (Mushrooms), Kitchen Picks (Herbs), MR/PM Community Kitchens, Hopcott Premium Meats, Golden Ears Cheese Crafters, Red Barn, de la Bouche Specialty Foods and the Haney Farmers Market. The Big Feast Bistro, the Chameleon Cafe and Concertos Restaurant have confirmed that they will be there with samples from their great menus.



Tickets are \$25 with seniors and students ticket prices at only \$20. Get your tickets at the Haney Farmers Market, from any member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee or from The ACT box office in person or by calling 604-476-2787

INFORMED: The Market is Going Under Cover!

A Partnership with Grow & Gather Keeps Market Dry



We've had a great year for weather for the Saturday Haney Farmers Market, but the odds are that the rain will come, so the Market is heading for cover! Starting this Saturday, October 19 plus on October 26, November 2 and 9, the Haney Farmers Market will be located at Grow & Gather (formerly Trice Farms) located at 24565 Dewdney Trunk Road. Please note that the hours change as well. The Market will now operate from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

This new Autumn Market will even feature a shuttle bus that leaves from the bandstand at Memorial Peace Park every half hour starting at 10:00 am. The theme for Saturday, October 19 is a celebration of the Squash. You will be amazed at the variety! October 26 is the Halloween Extravaganza where you are encouraged to try out your costume and maybe win a prize. We look forward to seeing you under cover this weekend. Leave the umbrella at home!

INVOLVED: Some Great Halloween Traditions

Here's Some Information on Great Family Events

This year the team behind the popular 'Ghost Ridge' have decided the theme is the 'Timeline of Terror.' From October 25 to 30 you can drop down to the Albion Fair Grounds from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to test your courage. This event, run by great volunteers, raises money for a number of local charities. For more information call 604-463-6922 or check them out online at facebook.com/ghostridge.

On Wednesday, October 30 the Maple Ridge Fire Department will host the annual Fireworks display at the Albion Fairgrounds. This year the event is sponsored by the folks at Marv Jones Honda. The show starts at 7:15 pm, and you can look for details on the District Facebook page at facebook.com/yourmapleridge in the coming days.

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