

Maple Ridge This Month

SEPTEMBER 2014

INFORMED: True North Fraser Bluegrass Festival

Don't Miss This Amazing Weekend of Music

A dedicated team of volunteers and organizers has been planning the second annual True North Fraser Bluegrass Festival that runs from Friday, August 29 through to Sunday, August 31. The Albion Fairgrounds will be filled with incredible music all weekend and musicians and music fans from far and wide are going to call our community home for this great family-friendly event.

Bluegrass music is one of the great North American music forms with roots from many other genres of music. This style of music blends great lyrics, musicianship and harmony singing into an exquisite toe tapping musical form that is undergoing a huge resurgence across the continent. Folks you hear this weekend are some of the finest musicians in the world, and it all happens in our own backyard!

The festival includes workshops, jam sessions, a special festival marketplace, the kids' zone and nightly corn roast. If you've never been to a Bluegrass festival you have to understand that it's a wonderful party atmosphere where the musicians and audience interact for a heartwarming musical experience.

Ticket packages are available for the whole festival, including RV parking, or you can attend on individual days. Kids under 12 get FREE admission! For information on the lineup go to www.truenorthfraserbluegrass.com and for ticket information call 604-943-0522.



ENGAGED: Maple Ridge 140th Birthday Celebration

Two Day Celebration Kicks Off on Friday, September 12



On September 12, 1874 Maple Ridge became BC's sixth incorporated community, only seven short years after the Canadian Confederation. On Friday, September 12, 2014 we will celebrate our 140th Birthday with a FREE family concert in the park that will run from 5:00 pm until 9:30 pm. The bandstand will be called the 'Port Metro Vancouver Stage' in recognition of their financial support for the Birthday celebration. Entertainers represent the many talented musicians who live and work in our community. At 7:00 pm there will be a formal ceremony that will include local dignitaries and greetings from Ottawa and Victoria as well as a special drama presentation by members of the Emerald Pig Theatrical Society. Bring a blanket, sweater, lawn chair and the whole family for this wonderful outdoor concert.

In addition to the concert, you will be able to visit with members of the Operations and Engineering teams, the Maple Ridge Fire Department and the Ridge Meadows RCMP who will be on hand with vehicles they use to do their work in the community every day. It's a great opportunity to mingle with staff and volunteers plus get your photo taken in the various vehicles that will be on display. There will be souvenir handouts to mark this special Birthday.

The celebration continues on Saturday, September 13 starting at 9:00 am with the Haney Farmers Market at Memorial Peace Park. The market will celebrate the rich history of our community with a strong theme to the amazing food and agricultural legacy of Maple Ridge. The Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives will have a wonderful display in the bandstand, and there will also be special displays by the Maple Ridge Downtown Business Improvement Association, local agriculture sector and the history of First Nations in the region. This will be a great way to connect with your neighbours and our community. Winners of the Tweetable Poetry contest and Photo contest will also be announced as part of this event. The displays and Farmers Market run until 2:00 pm.

Finally, the Birthday celebration ends at the Port Haney Wharf with a special Port Haney Days 'Movie on the Wharf' night organized by the Port Haney Neighbourhood Change team. You and your family are invited down to the Wharf to watch the sunset and then a presentation of 'Shark Tales' on the outdoor screen. This events starts at 7:00 pm and runs until the movie ends. There will be popcorn and kids' activities and as with all the other events, it's completely FREE! We will see you at the Birthday party!

INFORMED: Labour Day Hours

Monday, September 1st Holiday Hours

Municipal Hall: Closed
Maple Ridge Leisure Centre:
Closed for Maintenance Shutdown
Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Closed
Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 6:00 to 9:30 pm

Firehall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed
RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:
Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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INFORMED: September 2014

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, September 8

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, September 15

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 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, click the link under Your 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 'Notify Me' 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 centre of the home page.

INFORMED:

Maple Ridge Election 2014

Interested in Running for a Position on Our Council?



If you're interested in running for Mayor, Council or School Trustee in the Maple Ridge Local Election this fall, then you may be interested in attending an informal information meeting. Join us on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at Municipal Hall.

Senior staff from both Maple Ridge and School District No. 42 will be on hand to answer your questions and provide background information on some recent changes to the election reporting requirements, the four year term and what's involved in being an elected official. This is a great way for you and key members of your campaign team to get the facts on how you become a candidate and the requirements for keeping records of campaign finances. Current Council members and School Trustees are encouraged to attend and share their experiences as an elected official.

Across BC citizens will be electing their Mayors, Council and School Trustees on Saturday, November 15, 2014. In the 2011 election Maple Ridge's voter turnout was just over 25%, with 12,809 citizens casting a vote. We will be keeping you informed of the key dates and information regarding "Maple Ridge Election 2014" in this semi-monthly newsletter and other print ads, online at mapleridge.ca and on our social media channels. We will be using the hashtag #MRElection2014 for our messaging, and we encourage folks to join the conversation as we move closer to the election date. Be engaged. Be a voter.



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