

Maple Ridge This Month

MID MONTH UPDATE: JULY 2014

SPOTLIGHT ON: Maple Ridge Country Fest

Get Down to the Fairgrounds for FREE Family Fun

Mark your calendar. Dust off your cowboy boots and straw hat. Get ready for two days of family fun at one of BC's biggest, best and longest running agricultural fairs as we celebrate 'Country Fest 2014' at the Albion Fairgrounds. This two day festival runs Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm and Sunday, July 27, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. This year the musical entertainment is guaranteed to get you singing and dancing with two amazing tribute acts that feature the music of Heart and Fleetwood Mac.

Bluegrass, Pop and Country music are all on offer throughout the weekend as a backdrop to the displays that will celebrate 100 years of 4H in BC. Equestrian events, sheep shearing, gardening tips and demos, petting zoo, poultry displays and so much more. This is THE family event of the year in Maple Ridge, and best of all, gate admission is FREE! Daily parking is available for only \$2 per car. Check the website mrpmcountryfest.com for updates and the full schedule of events and attractions at Country Fest 2014. You do not want to miss it!



ENGAGED: A Celebration of Fruits & Veggies

Summer Brings the Bounty of Nature to the Market

Our sources tell us that this Saturday, July 19, the very first fresh apricots of 2014 will be available at the market. This is that special time of year when the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables create a feast for your senses, and your dinner table. Bring the kids down to the market and have them plan the family meal by making selections from the fresh produce, baking and preserves on offer.

No matter what their age, they can help pick the items for an amazing salad, or the ingredients for a dish that you can prepare together. This weekend there's music by the talented Lisa Rae Simmons and the Group of 9 artists are in the Bandstand with a display of their beautiful art. The Haney Farmers Market runs from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park on 224 Street every Saturday. It's a wonderful place to have your morning coffee, visit with friends, stock up



your pantry with fresh foods and kick off your weekend with a smile. We'll see you at the market!

INFORMED: We Need Your Feedback!

Maple Ridge Housing Action Plan Has Been Drafted

In September, 2013 the District of Maple Ridge began the process to develop a comprehensive Housing Action Plan, which will provide policy direction and a guiding framework by which the District can take action towards ensuring a future of housing that meets the needs of all members of this community. The Draft Housing Action Plan framework is comprised of a Vision, Goals, Principles and Strategies to support the development of market and non-market housing in Maple Ridge. A Housing Action Plan also provides the framework for Maple Ridge to work with other levels of government, the private sector and non-profit organizations to facilitate the development of housing.

In June the Draft Housing Action Plan was presented to Council, and the Social Planning Advisory Committee that's been guiding this work is now looking for the final feedback before bringing the document to Council for approval in



August and September. Here's a link to where you can provide your comments on the Draft Housing Action Plan www.mapleridge.ca/246/Housing-Action-Plan. If you require a hard copy version of the feedback sheet please contact Siobhan Murphy at smurphy@mapleridge.ca or by calling 604-463-5221, extension 5566. Thanks for taking the time to provide your feedback.

FEEDBACK

Contact us at 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 District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.

INFORMED: July 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, July 21

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, July 22

6:00 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.

ENGAGED: Hammond Area Plan Project Enters Phase 2

Online Questionnaires and Summer Photo Project Have Started

On June 5, 2014 residents of the Hammond neighbourhood came out in force for an Open House that unveiled the photos from the Hammond Community Character Photo project and the Hammond History videos. This was also a chance for community members to meet District staff from the Planning, Engineering, Parks and Communications teams and ask questions and provide their thoughts and visions for the Hammond Area Plan that is currently under development. One of the results of that meeting was to establish the boundaries that will be used for the Area Plan. The next phase of the planning process is an online consultation that will allow area residents to answer questions that have emerged as a result of the first meeting. The questions will be posted online, every few weeks, with summary information on the feedback added every week or so. These questionnaires will continue into October.

In addition, we are also asking members of the community to share photos as part of the #MyHammond Summer Fun photo project. The photos will be collected in an online gallery on the District website at mapleridge.ca and placed on the District's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge. The gallery will be called "#MyHammond Summer Fun" and area residents are asked to submit photos of summer activities, gardens in bloom, or local wildlife for this gallery directly to the special project email at myhammond@mapleridge.ca. Once again, we will use your photos as a backdrop at the next Open House. Our thanks to all of the area residents who have taken the time to provide their comments. Please help us spread the word so that everyone in the neighbourhood has a strong voice in this process.

