

Maple Ridge This Month

JUNE 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Construction

Our Top Tip to Avoid Road Rage: Get in the Loop!

One of the road projects that has been most anticipated is the conversion of 128 Avenue into a four lane section of road from the current two lane alignment. This summer work will start on the section running from 210 Street, the end of Golden Ears Way, to just east of 216 Street. The remaining section, from 216 Street to 224 Street is scheduled for 2016.

The projected completion date for this first section is November of this year. While the project is being staged to minimize the impact to commuters on this popular route, let's be realistic here, there will be some delays during the construction.

In fact, we have a number of road works and bridge upgrades scheduled for this year and we want to make sure that you don't wake up late one morning, jump in the car to race to work only to find your usual route under construction.

Here are the ways that you can avoid having a meltdown in traffic. For larger projects, our Engineering team put bright orange information signs up before the work starts warning you that there will be an impact to the regular flow of traffic. This is your clue to either wake up a bit earlier, so you have some extra time to absorb any delays, or plan an alternate route during the construction phase.

For smaller projects our Operations team set the priorities based on emergency repairs and the weather conditions. Some work can be done rain or shine, like a broken water main or sewer line. Other repairs and small projects, especially paving and road patching projects, are best done in dry weather. Once the team has set the project list they post a road construction or closure alert on the City website at mapleridge.ca.

So there are two ways you can get in the 'construction information loop.' One is to check the website on your home computer or smartphone before you head off on your



commute. The best way is to sign up for notifications by email or directly to your smartphone using the 'Notify Me' feature of the City website. It takes just a few minutes to sign up for the alerts that are important to you, and once you are in the loop the chances that our construction projects will ruin your commute should be zero.

Go to mapleridge.ca and click the 'Notify Me' link on the home page and follow the prompts to sign up for as little or as many alerts as you need to stay informed about your community. Thanks for your patience as we complete these important projects and remember to follow all the instructions of the flagging crews who will be out there keeping all the workers safe on the job sites.

INFORMED: June 2015

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, June 1

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, June 15

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers: Cancelled

Tuesday, June 23

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, Workshop, 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. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole 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.



ENGAGED: Open Government Task Force

Citizens Committee Reaches Out For Your Ideas

On Wednesday, June 3 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Blaney Room at City Hall, there will be a special Public Input Night hosted by the Citizens' Representative Committee (CRC) of the Mayor's Open Government Task Force. Maple Ridge aspires to be a leader in Open Government, which means that we need your input on how Maple Ridge can improve the way that we present information.

The CRC has two ways that you can express your ideas and suggestions. The first is in writing using the special email opengovernment@mapleridge.ca. Take a few minutes to write a brief, or long, note that will go directly to the committee members so that they can share it at the June 3 meeting to prompt discussion around the table. The second way is to call Ingrid Kraus at 604-467-7347 and book a five minute slot where you can present your ideas in person to the committee.

Please take a moment to send suggestions to the group at opengovernment@mapleridge.ca. You can find out more about the Open Government Task force and CRC at www.mapleridge.ca/953/Mayors-Open-Government-Task-Force. This is important work. Be part of the evolution and revolution.

ENGAGED: Haney Farmers Market

The Fresh Okanagan Fruit is Arriving at the Market

Haney Farmers Market has fast become one of the favourite destinations of area 'foodies' looking for incredible local produce to add to their dinner plate. Due to a very mild spring, the selection of fresh fruits and vegetables is pretty impressive for the end of May. In fact, last week the first strawberries arrived from the Okanagan and were a popular choice for all the market shoppers.

This weekend, on May 30, the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives will be on site with a great display that celebrates "Main Street" from the 1920s to current times. They are even doing walking tours! This is a great way to see, in photos and in person, how our community has developed and grown. The market organizers tell us that there will be ten farmers on location selling their fresh produce, and the usual collection

of fresh baking will allow you to stock up your pantry for the upcoming week.

So call up a friend and make a date to meet at the Haney Farmers Market in the heart of Maple Ridge. The Market runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday mornings at Memorial Peace Park on 224 Street just south of Dewdney Trunk Road.

Haney Farmers Market is looking for people interested in volunteering or busking at the Market. Get in touch with Eileen at 604-467-7433 or email hfminfo@haneyfarmersmarket.org.



Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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