

Maple Ridge THIS WEEK

September 15-30, 2019

Administration

Council Appoints Al Horsman as New Maple Ridge CAO



Maple Ridge Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Al Horsman as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the City of Maple Ridge.

Mr. Horsman brings an extensive background in strategic planning, financial management, economic development and business planning to our organization.

"I was born and raised in the Lower Mainland and I'm excited to be returning to lead the team here in Maple Ridge. I look forward to working with Mayor and Council to implement their strategic objectives for the City. I've been very impressed with the people that I've met in the organization and I'm eager to get to know the community and to move Council's agenda forward," said Al Horsman.

Mayor Morden acknowledged the work of Acting CAO, Kelly Swift, who has done an excellent job to transition the organization over the last year. "She and the other members of our Corporate Management Team were an integral part of the recruitment process and worked closely with Council on the search to fill this position," said Mayor Morden. Ms. Swift will work with Mr. Horsman, who will begin his duties in late October, over the next few months to facilitate his seamless transition into the CAO role.

Licenses and Bylaws

Keeping Wildlife Wild and our Communities Safe



Help keep wildlife wild and communities safe by not setting your garbage, organics or recycling bins out early. Did you know that in Maple Ridge we have a Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw that states when bins are to be placed out for collection and when they are to be removed?

Maple Ridge Wildlife and Vector Control Bylaw No. 7437-2018 states receptacles are to be placed out no earlier than 5:00 am ON COLLECTION DAY and are to be removed no later than 7:00 pm on collection day.

Fines of up to \$200 may be issued for each offense. Thank You for helping keep our community safe for everyone.

For more information visit www.mapleridge.ca/322

Council Meetings and Agendas

Council is committed to conducting business in a manner that permits public participation at every opportunity. The public is invited to sit in on any of the following meetings of Council.

Dates of meetings for 2019 are listed on the 2019 Meeting Schedule and the 2019 Council Yearly Meeting Calendar.

<http://www.mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/21114/2019-Council-Yearly-Calendar>

Upcoming Meetings & Agendas

October 1, 2019 - Council Workshop
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October 8, 2019 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Live Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast via live streaming. For new users, we suggest that you go online before the meeting and test out the existing collection of videos here:

<http://media.mapleridge.ca/Mediasite/Catalog/Full/5ed-be1869ec44ad9ab81cdcfe0767b6321>

TV Coverage

Council meetings are broadcast on Shaw TV cable 4 at 2:00 pm on the Saturday following the Council meetings and rebroadcast on the following Monday at 7:00 pm.

Harvest Season Celebrations

Celebrating the Harvest Season is a world-wide, ancient tradition that generally falls near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon (generally late September or early October). Here in Maple Ridge, it is a popular time for festivities and food celebrations that highlight our appreciation for our beautiful country-side, bountiful crops, community and family connections.

Maple Ridge's attractive country-side and deep-rooted agricultural traditions inspire a number of harvest celebrations that involve farm-to-table food/drink experiences and celebrations of successful crops. Here is a sample of the Harvest Season Celebrations taking place in early Fall:

Haney Farmers Market: Saturdays in Memorial Peace Park, 9 am to 2 pm, meet the local farmers, artisans and naturalists and enjoy home-grown entertainment, environmental displays and other activities in a beautiful park setting.

Golden Ears Cheesecrafters: Home to a number of farm-to-table events and activities. Enjoy Afternoon Tea on the farm every Saturday, 1 to 3 pm, and stop by anytime to taste and shop for farm fresh artisan cheese and other products made on-site.

Kingfishers Waterfront Bar & Grill: Features locally sourced food and drink and hosts live music every Friday and Saturday. An award-winning blues venue with a spectacular view of the mighty Fraser River.

Laity Pumpkin Patch: the popular pumpkin patch opens September 28. Find your perfect pumpkin on 28 acres of farmland owned and operated by the Laity family. Enjoy hay rides, barn animal visits, a corn maze and more. #laitypumpkinpatch

Bruce's Country Market: A Salmon Tradition: Apple Fest, October 5 & 6, is an opportunity to sample and buy a variety of heirloom and organic apples. It's a fun celebration with hundreds of apples under a huge tent and prizes for identifying apple varieties. Another popular tradition is the Giant Pumpkin Contest. Visit their website for more details. www.bruces.ca

Maple Ridge Ale Trail: Oktoberfest themed activities, pour and pose yoga nights, music trivia, open mic events and more. Enjoy our bountiful craft brew community and meet the locals in cozy tasting rooms.

Pumpkin Cross Cycling Event: A fun, action-packed event for cyclists of all ages and abilities. Sunday, October 27 at the Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre.

Our community has deep-rooted agricultural traditions and with an abundance of pumpkins, garlic, blueberries and other bounty, we are delighted to invite visitors and citizens into the farms and eateries for a taste of Maple Ridge country living. #discovermapleridge



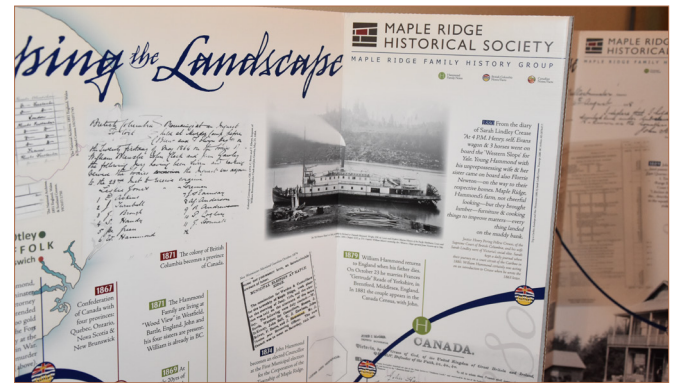
Now Accepting Nominations for the 2020 Heritage Awards!

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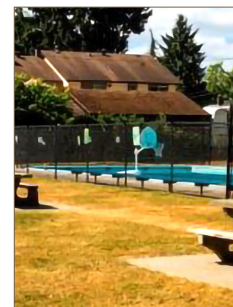
Every year during Heritage Week in February, the Community Heritage Commission recognizes special initiatives, accomplishments and projects that have advanced heritage conservation and awareness in our community. Have a person or heritage building to nominate?

Submit an on-line nomination at www.mapleridge.ca/240 for the upcoming 2020 Heritage Awards. Nominations accepted until October 18, 2019.

Winners will be celebrated at the annual awards ceremony held in February.



Hammond Outdoor Pool



On Sunday, September 22, doors to the Hammond Outdoor Pool came to a close after another successful season. Although Mother Nature did not shine down on the pool for the extended weeks it was open, faithful users continued to come. The Aquafit program continued to be a tremendous hit and the City will be looking at resuming the program in future seasons.

Firefighters Park Construction

The new Firefighters Park is taking shape with the structure, swings and border recently installed. Work has also been progressing on the junior bike/scooter track, half basketball court, water play feature and pathways. Construction is expected to wrap up at the end of November.



Maple Ridge Sport Network

Check out the Maple Ridge Sport Network [webpage](#) on the City's website! You will find resources for all things related to sport and physical activity in our community like the Maple Ridge Sport Directory, an up-to-date Community Sport Calendar, information on the Hometown Heroes Society and the Sport & Physical Activity Strategy.

Whether you're new to the community, looking to learn more about sport in Maple Ridge or simply looking for upcoming workshops or development opportunities, the Sport Network webpage will help you navigate the world of physical activity and sport in our City.



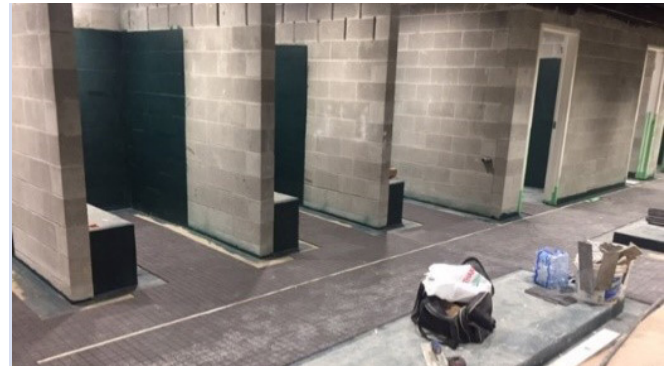
PRC Children's Staff Completes HIGH FIVE® Training

PRC Children's staff recently completed the HIGH FIVE® Strengthening Children's Mental Health training, developed in collaboration with Canadian Mental Health Association. The course provided PRC Children's front line staff with tools to support and promote positive mental health in recreation programs and the Active Kids Club.



Leisure Centre Renovation Update

Tiling is underway in the Leisure Centre universal change room area. The tiles throughout the change rooms and pool deck were selected and approved by Fraser Health to exceed slip-resistance standards and provide slip efficiency for patrons. Tiling in the change room area will be completed in the next few weeks with tile work for the lobby and pool deck areas to be completed end of November.



Tree Planting Work Party with The Haney Horsemen

The Haney Horsemen participated in a tree planting work party at Allco Park on Saturday, September 21. As part of their seasonal camp-out at the park, the Horsemen, supervised by Parks staff, planted 100 native trees in the park. This area of the park experienced a significant number of tree blow-downs during a windstorm in early 2019. Sitka Spruce, Western Red Cedar, Douglas Fir and Vine Maple were planted in areas where the park experienced a high number of tree failures. Thank you, Haney Horsemen!



Celebrating National Forest Week

The City of Maple Ridge celebrated National Forest Week on September 25 with students from Whonnock Lake Elementary. To start the celebration, Councillor Yousef and the students planted a Dawn Redwood tree in the park to recognize the service and commitment of local government professionals to their communities. The tree and associated plaque were partially funded by the Local Government Management Association, which is celebrating its centennial in 2019. Then students and Parks staff planted 80 native trees and shrubs in an area of Whonnock Lake Park that was in need of additional forest cover. The students also participated in forest education activities with City arborists to close out the event.

