

# Maple Ridge This Month

JULY 2013: MID-MONTH UPDATE

## SPOTLIGHT ON: 2013 Caribbean Festival

### Two Days of Fun for the Whole Family!



On Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 Maple Ridge's Town Centre will be filled with the sights, smells and sounds of the 2013 Caribbean Festival. This is the 13th Annual Festival and the biggest ever.

The Haney Farmer's Market is celebrating the occasion with their 'Pirate's Day' where the kids can dress up, say 'Aaarrrr Matey', check in at the Kids' Korner tent and get a treasure map to search for clues to the GOLD. The Farmer's Market runs from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday and will

be located close to the ACT for this weekend's festivities.

The Caribbean Festival stages will feature live music from noon until 9:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on Sunday. Add to the music the amazing authentic Caribbean foods, the vendors and the Thrifty Foods Kids' Zone, and you have a recipe for the biggest and best Caribbean Festival ever! For more information go to [www.caribbeanfest.ca](http://www.caribbeanfest.ca) for the complete schedule of events to help you plan your weekend.

## INFORMED

### July 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.

#### Tuesday, July 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

#### Monday, July 22

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

#### Tuesday, July 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](http://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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the bottom left of the home page.

## INFORMED: Our Summer Calendar is Full of Great Events

Here's just a sample of the great events that are happening here in Maple Ridge. Check out the community calendar at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) for a complete list of events.

### Haney Farmers Market

July 20 and 27

Visit our vendors for freshly baked cookies, slices and other sweet temptations. From 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Bring your children in pirate's costume and send them on a Treasure Hunt! Visit [www.haneyfarmersmarket.org](http://www.haneyfarmersmarket.org) for more information.

### Music on the Wharf

July 22, August 12, 26

Bring a chair and come join us beside the Fraser River for a summer music series at Port Haney Wharf. The first three concerts begin at 7:30 pm and the last at 7:00 pm. For more details email: [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com) or call 604-463-5311.

### Bard on the Bandstand 2013: Macbeth

(A Midsummer Nightmare)

July 25-28

Come out to the Bandstand at Memorial Peace Park and watch an amazing performance of Shakespeare's classic: Macbeth. This is a free event put on by Emerald Pig Theatrical Society, be sure to bring a lawn chair, a blanket, your family and a donation for the Friends in Need Food Bank. For details, email: [emeraldpig@theatrebc.org](mailto:emeraldpig@theatrebc.org) or visit [www.emeraldpig.ca](http://www.emeraldpig.ca). The pre-show begins at 7:00 pm July 25-27 with the show starting at 8:00 pm. The performance on July 28 is a matinee, the pre-show begins at 12:00 pm and the show starts at 1:00 pm. Please note this show is rated PS - "pretty scary for younger audience members."



### Country Fest

July 27 and 28

Enjoy 4H livestock shows, horse and poultry shows, Fun 'Til You're Done Farm, Backyard Farming displays and demos, home arts and competitions, farm related demonstrations, food exhibitions, a midway and first class entertainment for all ages. Keep checking our website for updates. This award winning event will continue to offer a free gate to give all families the opportunity to attend. For details, call Lorraine at 604-463-6922 or visit [www.mrpmcountryfest.com](http://www.mrpmcountryfest.com)

## INFORMED: 232 Street Bridge Replacement

### Help us Spread the Word



On Tuesday, July 16 the 232 Street bridge over the North Alouette River will be closed as part of a six month construction project to provide a new modern bridge at this site. A special web link has been created on the District website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) with details of the \$4.75 million project. The work will be completed in January of 2014.

The new bridge will be constructed using steel and concrete and will be raised above the 200 year flood level to reduce impacts of extreme weather events for properties along the North Alouette River. In addition, the new bridge has been designed to meet today's earthquake standards and has a higher load capacity, thus allowing for truck traffic to head south onto 232 Street for the first time. The bridge will provide two lanes for vehicle traffic and feature separated multi-use pathways on both sides for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. The bridge is also being designed to allow for future expansion to four lanes.

There will be a temporary pedestrian bridge available for the duration of the project, and the project has also provided bussing for students of nearby Yennadon Elementary School until the project is completed.

Traffic detour signs are in place and the District website has maps that you can send to friends and family to help them navigate around the construction zone. Thank you for your patience as we replace and upgrade this important link in our transportation network.

## FEEDBACK

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