

Maple Ridge This Month

SEPTEMBER 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: The Haney Farmers Market

A Long Hot Summer Equals Early Crops

If you've been heading to the Haney Farmers Market this summer you will know that the usual seasons for fruits and vegetables have gone out the window. Berries were early and now as we get close to the start of school, we are seeing all kinds of your favourites on offer weeks early. Corn is available and sweet and delicious. Peaches are also here. Rumour has it that we need to move Thanksgiving ahead a month because the pumpkins are going to be early this year.

The Haney Farmers Market runs every Saturday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park in the heart of downtown Maple Ridge. The fresh produce and vegetables are at the peak of freshness, and for savvy shoppers, you'll know that there are great deals when you buy direct from the farmer. But there's so much more at the Market. Let's start with the baking. From bread to decadent pastries, you can find everything from fibre filled breads and buns to a treat to satisfy your sweet tooth. In recent years the artisan sausage and meats business has grown, and the Haney Farmers Market is a great place to sample and enjoy some



amazing products that will add a sizzle to your dinner table, or make a great treat right at the Market. From bratwurst served by a lovely German couple to the hot smokies and slow cooked onions that fill the air, you're in for a treat.

Also new to the Market this year is the wine and liquor sampling. Most weeks there's a local vineyard and distillery serving wines and vodka samples for you to try. Close your eyes, take a deep breath – can you smell the kettle corn? It's just one of the many treats you'll find each week.

As we draw closer to the beginning of the school year you can start your weekend of back to school shopping with a stop at the Market to show your kids what great local farmers and food artisans have to offer. Keep an eye on

the fall calendar for fun events and later in the year the Market moves under cover for the final few weeks.

This Saturday, August 29, the Market is 'going to the dogs.' A great day to bring your family pet for some fun activities. See you at the Market!

INFORMED: Back to School

Time To Change Gears. Slow Down For School Zones



School is back in session on Tuesday, September 8, and the RCMP will be ramping up their traffic patrols around school zones. Please follow all the posted speed limits and remember to stop when a school bus is loading and unloading.

It's also a good time to remind everyone that the traffic will be back to full 'business mode' after the long weekend. Vacations are over, university is back in session and the daily commute that has been going smoothly for the last couple of months will be more of a challenge. Plan ahead. Leave a

bit earlier and give yourself some extra time.

There are a couple of road projects that are underway, the four lane expansion of 128 Avenue and some work on 240 Street between 102 and 104 Avenue.

Please check the City website for any construction notifications and sign up for email or text notifications using the 'Notify Me' link on the front page of the website. Get in the loop so there are no surprises in your commute or dropping the kids off to school.

INFORMED: Leisure Centre Shutdown

This Year The Pool Remains Open!

If you follow the City on Facebook then you know that the 2015 Leisure Centre shutdown is underway, but this year the pool has remained open. Right now the crews are putting the finishing touches on some maintenance and updates to the Multi-Purpose Room, Gym, Fitness Centre and Child Minding Area.

With this hot weather people have been telling us how happy they are that the pool has remained open. In the coming months there will be some upgrades happening to the pool facilities and underground infrastructure, and we will keep you in the loop on the work schedule and timing through this ad feature, at mapleridge.ca and on social media.

Thanks for your patience as we do this work and everything will be opened on Monday, August 31. Drop in and take a look at the work and let our staff know what you think!



INFORMED: September 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, August 31

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Monday, September 14

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - 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.



INFORMED: Labour Day Hours

Monday, September 7 Holiday Hours

Municipal Hall: Closed

Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Closed

Greg Moore Youth Centre: Open 6:00 to 9:30 pm

Fire Hall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed

RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office:
Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed

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