

# Maple Ridge This Month

## OCTOBER 2015

### INVOLVED: Fire Department Open House

#### 2015 Fire Prevention Week Kicks Off with Open House

Stop by for a visit to Fire Hall No. 1 on Saturday, October 3 for the annual Fire Department Open House from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. You will want to bring your camera as the kids will have a chance to sit in the trucks, learn about the special apparatus that firefighters use to save lives and get some great tips on fire safety for the moms and dads. There's even an obstacle course for the young ones to practice some of the skills that firefighters use every day on the job.

The 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm." The key message is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

Fire Hall No. 1 is located at 22708 Brown Avenue, just one block north of Dewdney Trunk Road. The Open House runs from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and remember this is all FREE for the whole family.

As part of Fire Prevention Week all students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 will receive a booklet with activities to teach them about smoke alarms and escape planning with their family. Firefighters will deliver them to all primary grade school children in Maple Ridge. Once these activities are completed,



teachers will give them an entry form to take home for a parent's signature and then be submitted to enter them in a draw for an iPad. This year there are five iPads being given away in the province sponsored by the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Fortis BC, Fire Prevention Officers' Association of BC, Fire Chiefs Association of BC, Fire Training Officers Association of BC. Last year's winner for the Lower Mainland was from Yennadon Elementary!

From the same entry forms, the Maple Ridge Fire Department selects one boy and one girl to be Fire Chief for a Day. Entries can be submitted to the school office or to Fire Hall No. 1. Contest closes November 6, 2015. Encourage your kids to enter!

### SPOTLIGHT ON: A Taste of Maple Ridge and Beyond

#### 2015 Golden Harvest celebrates bounty of food and friends

On Friday, October 16 the Maple Ridge Agricultural Advisory Committee, in partnership with the Haney Farmers Market, presents the Seventh Annual Golden Harvest at The ACT Arts



Centre. This local food event was created to showcase the talents of top local chefs, culinary arts students from local high schools (Thomas Haney, Garibaldi) and increase awareness

of the variety of our local bounty. An appetizer party with a 'harvest-y' feel, Golden Harvest promises to inspire your taste buds and get you thinking and talking local with your friends!

Local restaurants and incredible local food producers are on hand and you have the chance to see how local produce, cheese and meats are transformed into delicious bite size treats. These will show you the talents of the local restaurants, hint at their menus and show you what you can do with local ingredients and a little creativity. This is THE foodie event of the year.

The event runs from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and will feature displays and delicious bite size samples from a number of amazing local farms and restaurants. Tickets are \$30 with seniors and students tickets prices at only \$20. Get your tickets at the Haney Farmers Market, from any member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee or from The ACT Arts Centre box office in person or by calling 604-476-2787.

### INFORMED: 128 Avenue Four Lane Expansion

#### Moving Forward to Completion of 128 Avenue Upgrade

The four lane expansion of 128 Avenue is intended to create a better east west flow for the many people who use this route in and out of the City during rush hour. After a two week closure to do important work on the watercourses that cross this road, the project will now move forward and you will see the new four lane section of road emerge on the south side of the project site. Paving and other work will be happening over the next couple of months, and crews will be planning work to minimize impacts during rush hour.

Once the new lanes are established on the south side of the



route, the final work on the north lanes and the separated multi-use path will be completed. The entire project, with all the little details completed, will be completed by Christmas.

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### INFORMED: October 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, October 5

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, October 13

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, October 19

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

##### Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, October 27

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 Your Council on the home page.

##### Council This Week

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##### Council Meeting Videos

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### INFORMED: Thanksgiving Hours

#### Monday, Oct. 12 Holiday Hours

Municipal Hall: Closed

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

Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Closed

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

Fire Hall No. 1 Administrative Office: Closed

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

Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed

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