

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH FEBRUARY 2018

### ENGAGED: Sharing the Story of Our Community

#### Celebrate Heritage Week February 18 to 24

There are a host of events that have been planned to celebrate the rich history of our community. Most of these events are free, or by donation, and some require pre-registration.

**Cemetery Walking Tour:** Sunday, February 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Erica Williams, President of the Maple Ridge Historical Society will take you on a walk through one of the oldest continuously operated cemeteries in the Lower Mainland. Meet at the maple tree just inside the gates and be prepared for the weather on the day.

**Heritage Property Management Plan: A Process:** Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at Maple Ridge City Hall. A combination webinar and moderated conversation presented by the Community Heritage Commission and Heritage BC. This session is geared to anyone who owns or manages a heritage property and seeks to balance conservation and activation. To pre-register please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.

**History is...The Story of Banned Books:** Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm at the Maple Ridge Public Library. Presented by the Maple Ridge Public Library and the Community Heritage Commission. Antiquarian book dealer Brian Murdoch will discuss the history of banned, censored and expurgated books. For information please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.



**Heritage Awards Evening:** Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall (22279 116 Avenue). Join the Community Heritage Commission as they celebrate the contributions of citizens who are preserving and sharing the history of our community. Music by Bruce Coughlan and refreshments after the award presentations. For information please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.

**Downtown Walking Tour:** Saturday, February 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet by the 'Beast' clock on Dewdney Trunk Road between the RCMP Building and City Hall. Erica Williams, President of the Maple Ridge Historical Society will guide you through the downtown looking at various markers and historical buildings that tell the story of our early development. For information contact the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives by phone 604-463-5311 or by email at [mrmmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmmuseum@gmail.com). Be prepared for the weather.

This is a great suite of events and represents a wonderful opportunity for both new and long-time residents to learn more about their City. Maple Ridge was incorporated in 1874 and these events will help you understand where street names came from and the evolution of our community as modes of transportation changed from the river, to rail to the car.

### INFORMED: February 2018

#### 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, February 20**

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

**Tuesday, February 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.

**Workshop at a Glance**

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

**Council Meeting Videos**

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting or Public Hearing 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 centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings are broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

### ENGAGED: Neighbourhood Grant Applications

#### Strong Communities Start With Strong Connected Neighbourhoods



Do you have an idea for a neighbourhood event or activity to bring your neighbours closer together? The Neighbourhood Small Grant program is a unique initiative to help build community and strengthen connections right where people live. These grants help put great ideas into action and help create neighbourhood champions and bring people closer together.

Here are some examples of activities you might want to organize and seek grant funding to support:

- A) A block party with a potluck BBQ.
- B) Youth initiated projects such as a street hockey party.
- C) Neighbourhood improvement matching grants like creating a mural, adding a bench to a public space or building a 'tiny library' for your neighbourhood.
- D) Environmental protection events such as a stream clean-up in your neighbourhood.

Use your imagination and get your friends and neighbours involved. Grants range from \$100 to \$1000. Applications for neighbourhood grants are being accepted until April 9, 2018. Please note that remaining funds are allocated on a case by case basis until December 1, 2018.

For more information on this program please go to [mapleridge.ca/1542](http://mapleridge.ca/1542) or contact Kathryn Baird by email at [kbaird@mapleridge.ca](mailto:kbaird@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-467-7459. Be a neighbourhood champion!

### INFORMED: Alternate Approval Process (AAP)

#### Monday, February 19 is the Deadline for the AAP Process

After an extensive community consultation Council has directed staff to move eight community facilities forward for consideration by the public. In order to move forward with all eight proposed projects the City of Maple Ridge must borrow a total of 49.5 million dollars. This requires electoral approval, which is being sought through the Alternate Approval Process (AAP). To learn more about the process, the specific project proposals and associated borrowing go to the City website at [mapleridge.ca/1794/Alternative-Approval-Process](http://mapleridge.ca/1794/Alternative-Approval-Process).

'Elector Response Forms' are available online at the web address above, in person at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre,



Maple Ridge Public Library and in the lobby at City Hall. Forms can be submitted using the drop box across from the reception desk at City Hall, the after-hours drop box located near the west entrance of City Hall (near the Economic Development & Tourism office) or at the drop box located in the

lobby of the Leisure Centre. Please note that the 'Elector Response Forms' must be received at Municipal Hall no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, February 19, 2018.

If you have any questions about the AAP process or eligibility please email Stephanie Nichols at [snichols@mapleridge.ca](mailto:snichols@mapleridge.ca) or by phone at 604-463-5221.

### INFORMED: Spring Break Daycamps

#### Registration is Now Open for Spring Break 2018

Time flies! We just finished the Family Day long weekend and Spring Break starts on March 10, 2018 and runs for two weeks. That's less than a month away! Fear not, Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture offer a variety of fun, active and creative camps that will ensure that your young family members have a great Spring Break. These camps are available for youth from 3 to 16 years of age. Here are some examples of the camps that are being offered;

- A) Mini Mega Kids (3Y-5Y)
- B) Megakids (5Y-12Y)
- C) Playskills (5Y-8Y)
- D) Whonnock Adventures (5Y-12Y)
- E) Xplore Sportz (6Y-12Y)
- F) ARTrageous ART & Active Camp (6Y-12Y)



- G) Hogwarts Camp (6Y-12Y)
- H) The Science of Harry Potter Part 1 & 2 (7Y-13Y)
- I) Theatrix Theatre (6Y-12Y)
- J) "Shrek" The Musical (7Y-16Y)
- K) Hip Hop Fun (6Y-12Y)
- L) Jazz Fun for Kids (6Y-12Y)
- M) Percussion - Hand Drumming (6Y-12Y)
- N) Dance to the Beat (7Y-12Y)

**There are three ways to register;**

**Online:** Visit [recreg4u.ca](http://recreg4u.ca), register anytime 24/7.

**Phone:** 604-467-7422

**Drop In:** Visit the Registration Desk at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre during registration hours.

For more information go to [mapleridge.ca/151](http://mapleridge.ca/151). Your Spring Break adventure awaits!

#### Contact us at: [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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