



# MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

December 04, 2019



## Maple Ridge's Holiday Celebrations Begin At Winterfest

On Saturday, December 7 the annual Christmas in the Park and Santa Claus Parade launch Maple Ridge into the holidays with an exciting FREE family event. The day's activities kick off at 4:00 pm at Memorial Peace Park with the Christmas Market, carolers, festive music and crafts. Santa and Mrs. Claus are stopping by to visit with the kids as we get ready for the lighting of the Christmas Tree at the corner of 224 Street and Haney Place at 6:00 to signal the start of the Santa Claus Parade. The parade route will take the floats down 224 street and around Memorial Peace Park for all to see. All of the details can be found on the City website by following the link on the Community Calendar page or you can go to [mapleridgechristmasfestival.com](http://mapleridgechristmasfestival.com). Bring the family for this amazing fun family event.

## GLOW Maple Ridge Launches This Weekend

The City of Maple Ridge is launching a new holiday tradition that builds on an investment made by the business community over 50 years ago. GLOW Maple Ridge will bring dazzling new illuminations to Memorial Peace Park to build on the historic red bell downtown decorations that have been part of Maple Ridge's holiday traditions since 1967. This is an exciting partnership with the Maple Ridge Downtown Business Improvement Area (DMRBIA), Chamber of Commerce and local businesses working in collaboration with Maple Ridge Tourism. New illuminations, combined with the concerts in the bandstand and the DMRBIA's Christmas marketing campaign will create a wonderful family destination where residents can share the legacy of the red bell decorations with new light features that will make the Town Centre GLOW. The hashtag [#GLOWMapleRidge](https://twitter.com/GLOWMapleRidge) will allow you to share your photos with the world.

The calendar of events for the bandstand concerts is posted on the City website at [mapleridge.ca/2344](http://mapleridge.ca/2344). The new [#GLOWMapleRidge](https://twitter.com/GLOWMapleRidge) illuminations will be activated as part of the Winterfest event on Saturday, December 7 at Memorial Peace Park.



## HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

- DECEMBER 1-19**  
TIMBERLINE COUNTRY  
CHRISTMAS ON THE RANCH
- DECEMBER 7-JAN. 5**  
GLOW IN MAPLE RIDGE
- DECEMBER 7**  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND  
SANTA PARADE
- DECEMBER 7 & 8**  
THE NUTCRACKER BALLET |  
THE ACT
- DECEMBER 15**  
WINTER HARP AT THE ACT
- DECEMBER 16**  
CPR HOLIDAY TRAIN

## COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

- DECEMBER 3**
  - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
  - COUNCIL WORKSHOP
  - PUBLIC HEARING
- DECEMBER 10**
  - COUNCIL WORKSHOP
  - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING



## CP Holiday Train Makes Annual Stop at Port Haney

On Monday, December 17 at 7:30 pm the CP Holiday Train will make its way into the Port Haney West Coast Express station for its annual visit. The stage will lower and at 7:50 pm and Canadian recording artists Terry Clark and Dallas Smith will entertain the crowd with a 30 minute show as a way of thanking everyone for their generous donations to the local food bank. This is the single largest fundraiser for the Friends In Need Food Bank, so we want to get the word out as soon as possible. Maple Ridge firefighters will be out in the community the weekend before the visit collecting donations. As well, volunteers will be on hand at the CP Holiday Train event collecting cash and non-perishable food donations. The train parks at the western end of the Port Haney West Coast Express Station and the stage portion is located almost right across the street from the historic Billy Miner Alehouse & Cafe. That's the best spot to hear the FREE concert.

