



# MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

April 01, 2020

## Getting the Facts. Sharing the Facts.



The COVID-19 pandemic is a worldwide health emergency and the appetite for information has never been greater. Now, more than ever, people are on their smartphones scrolling through threads looking for information. The City of Maple Ridge community engagement team has taken the time to source links to connect you with the definitive sources of information to help you get the best information and updates from all levels of government and health authorities.

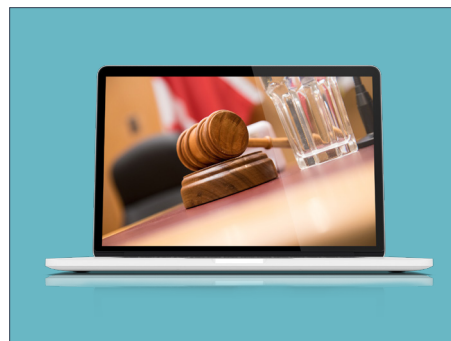
When you go to the city website, [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), you'll see a special COVID-19 graphic. Just click on that image and it will take you to a special landing page where we are consolidating information on the local response, and with the many Provincial and Federal programs that are being rolled out

to help citizens get through the COVID-19 response.

On the left side of the landing page is a tab title "Getting the fact. Sharing the facts" which is a curated list of websites and social media channels where the expert information can be found. In addition to our responsibilities around social distancing and hand washing, we all have a responsibility to share the facts and stop sharing inaccurate or false information in our social circles.

As the COVID-19 response continues, we will curate this list to add new resources that become available. Please take a moment to review the information and add the social media channels in this list to be your trusted sources of information and updates. Thank you for sharing the message and stopping COVID-19. We got this Maple Ridge.

## SPOTLIGHT: Doing Council Meetings Differently.



During the COVID-19 health emergency it's important to ensure that our democratic processes continue to function and that the work of the City remains transparent for all citizens.

City Hall is closed to the public, but that doesn't mean that our meetings are cancelled. We're doing business a bit differently during the COVID-19 response. Our technology team has stepped up to ensure that we can continue with our scheduled meetings leveraging a variety of digital tools. Council members and members of the public who have agenda items will be attending remotely and a very limited number of staff will be on hand in person to administer the meetings. All of the agendas and reports are posted online, as they always have been, and the meetings will be live streamed at

the usual times based on the online schedule and printed in this ad.

If you have a question or comments that you would normally ask in question period or part of the community forum, you can email [clerks@mapleridge.ca](mailto:clerks@mapleridge.ca) and your question or comment may be shared as part of the next meeting verbally, but you will get a written response for sure. Typically, attendance is pretty modest at the meetings, but we're hoping that if you are following Dr. Henry's recommendations to stay home that you'll skip Netflix and tune in to the Council Meetings online at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). Thank you for your patience as we all navigate through this health emergency.

## It's Chipping Time.



With folks staying at home and practicing social distancing this is a good time to be in the back yard getting your property all tidy for the summer. The Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the Spring and Fall Brush Chipping Program for Maple Ridge residents in partnership with the City. The Chipping Program is a great alternative to burning brush and the Maple Ridge Fire Department strongly encourages citizens to take advantage of this program to keep our air clean and community safe.

No pre-booking is necessary, simply place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area.

The set-out deadlines for Spring 2020 are:

- **Monday, March 30 for Maple Ridge residents who live WEST of 224 Street**
- **Monday, April 14 for Maple Ridge residents who live EAST of 224 Street**

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree and shrub branches up to a total volume of three cubic meters (3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet). Branches may be up to 150mm (six inches) in diameter. No construction waste, building materials, stumps, leaves, branches with thorns (e.g. rose bushes, blackberries), vines (including willow branches), bamboo, root balls, or household waste will be permitted.

Please note: items placed at the curb not covered by the program or excess volume of material will not be picked up. The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative to burning this material. No late set-outs or oversized piles will be accepted! For more information, phone Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545, or visit [mapleridge.ca/357](http://mapleridge.ca/357).

## HAPPENING IN APRIL

### COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge is doing business a little bit differently during the COVID-19 health emergency. We will maintain the Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools so that our Mayor, Council members and staff are able to follow Dr. Henry's guidance on social distancing. The meeting will be live streamed on the City website. Look for more information in the feature article in this edition.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 7

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 1:30 PM

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
BLANEY ROOM AT 11:00 AM
- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 1:30 PM
- PUBLIC HEARING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
BLANEY ROOM AT 11:00 AM
- REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

Look for other community events and meetings on the community calendar on the City's home page at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).