



MAPLE RIDGE THIS MONTH

October 15, 2020

City Hall Reopens for Front Counter Service



The City of Maple Ridge has reopened City Hall for walk-in front counter service at the Finance and consolidated Building/Planning/Engineering counters. We have been conducting business through in-person meetings by appointment for many months, and reopening the front counters was done to accommodate walk-in customers for important transactions.

Our offices are open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily with special protocols in place including health screening, limiting the number of people in the public spaces as well as providing hand sanitizer and non-medical masks for those who do not already have one when they arrive at City Hall.

As part of the safety protocols, access to City Hall is now through the east entrance closest to the RCMP headquarters and customers will exit on the east side of the building towards the Business Tower and Library RCMP headquarters. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the customer service counters to protect our customers and staff. If you need to meet with a specific staff member, you are asked to phone in advance to make an appointment. The walk-in service is for simple financial and permit transactions. It's been great to see our customers again and thank you in advance for following all the new health protocols as part of your visit.

Fall Brush Chipping Underway



The fall Brush Chipping program is underway. The purpose of the program is to provide an alternative to burning yard waste. **The set out date for west Maple Ridge (west of 224 street) was Tuesday, October 13** and crews are already working in the community to chip the materials that are set out by our citizens. **The setout date for east Maple Ridge (east of 224 Street) is October 26.**

The program includes pick up and disposal of tree and shrub branches up to a total volume of 3 cubic meters (1 meter x 1 meter x 3 meters, roughly 3 feet x 3 feet x 9 feet) Chippers are instructed to spend no more than 20 minutes at each household. Branches may be up to 6 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 collected or disposed of by the Brush Chipping program.

No pre-booking is necessary and there will be no specific day or time for pickup. Place branches at the roadside adjacent to your property by the set-out deadline for your area. Chipping in each area may take up to two weeks to complete. The number of days spent on each area depends on the amount of brush set out and the number of residents using the program.

In an effort to stay on schedule and in fairness to the majority of participants, no late set-outs or over-sized piles will be accepted. The Ridge Meadows Recycling Society administers the City's Brush Chipping program. You can find more information online at mapleridge.ca/357 or you can contact Ridge Meadows Recycling at 604-463-5545.

Celebrate the Night 2020 Events



The COVID-19 pandemic means that we've had to adapt our popular Celebrate the Night event. We're pleased to announce that on October 25 there will be the following two exciting main features: First, the **Lights & Laser Drive-In** will be held which is a pre-registered, 30 minute experience from the safety of your vehicle featuring a spectacular display of projections, lights and lasers! There will also be a live performance by Dr. Strangelove, a highly entertaining, multi-faceted, six-piece dance band with five talented lead vocalists, who cover everything from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga, and from AC/DC to Shania Twain. The second feature is a **livestream concert with JUNO Award-winning trio, Said The Whale!** The livestream will also give you a sneak peek of the Lights & Laser Drive-In Experience (for those who were not able to attend in-person).

Other activities will include online games, a costume contest (taking place virtually) and The Great Pumpkin Recipe Challenge.

Registration for the Lights & Lasers Drive-In is now open and over the phone during registration hours (604-467-7422). Go to mapleridge.ca/1758 for more information on the entertainment lineup, registration details and more information on how you can participate in the recipe challenge and costume contest. It will be a 'spooktacular' event!

HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL MEETINGS & AGENDAS

The City of Maple Ridge has adapted our business operations to the COVID-19 health emergency. We are maintaining the normal Council Meeting Schedule using digital tools to enable our Mayor, Council members and staff to follow Dr. Henry's health recommendations to keep the spread of COVID-19 low. All meetings are livestreamed and participation by the public is now available through virtual tools and in person participation following special health protocols. Look for the details on how you can participate online at mapleridge.ca/640.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 11:00 AM
- 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.