

Maple Ridge This Month

AUGUST 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Stage 3 Water Restrictions In Effect

Please Do Your Part To Conserve Water



Stage 3 water restrictions are currently in place in all Metro Vancouver communities. In addition to this advertising, the City has been running posts on Facebook and Twitter and we've posted new information on our City website.

Please take the time to read this information. Effective immediately, City staff working in the field will be dropping off notices when they observe people who are not in compliance with the Stage 3 water restrictions. In addition, City staff will also be responding to complaints that are received on our Operations line 604-463-9581. The addresses where this information are dropped off are being logged and any further non-compliance will be turned over to Bylaw Services, which may result in fines. At Stage 3 the fine is \$750 for watering your lawn outside the allowable times.

It's going to be a long hot summer, and we need to conserve water as much as possible. Thank you for being part of the solution.

INVOLVED: The Caribbean Festival Has Moved

Two Days of Fun at the Albion Fairgrounds

The 15th Annual Caribbean Festival has moved to the Albion Fairgrounds! The event will run for two days, Saturday, August 1 from Noon to 10:00 pm and Sunday, August 2 from Noon to 8:30 pm.

The festival will feature two large stages with continuous music provided by 15 live bands from the Lower Mainland's Caribbean community, featuring Reggae, Calypso, Salsa and Soca music. Over 100 entertainers will showcase the music and culture of their islands. The photo accompanying this article is of the talented 'Steele' one of the 2015 headline acts. And to really celebrate this special 15th anniversary, the Maple Ridge Caribbean Festival proudly presents a special musical tribute to the Eagles on Saturday night with a 2 hour concert featuring "Hotel California", one of the world's most accomplished Eagles tribute productions. In addition to the music, make sure you enhance your experience by visiting:

- The wide variety of food vendors, offering authentic Caribbean foods from jerk chicken to curried goat.
- 60-70 street vendors displaying their goods at the Caribbean open air market.
- A large kid zone with rides, face painting and a number of other activities planned for our small festival goers.



This great family event is free and attracted up to 18,000 festival patrons last year and has become one of the favourite summer festivals in the lower mainland.

"Let's get together and feel alright" this August long weekend to celebrate multiculturalism with the music and foods of the Caribbean Islands. For more information on the Festival go to their website at caribbeanfest.ca.

INVOLVED: Keeping Trees Healthy

Please Water Young Boulevard Trees During Hot Weather

Is the street tree in front of your house looking stressed? Wilting, browning and thinning foliage are all signs of water stress. We could use your help.

During these stretches of hot weather we are asking for the public's assistance in ensuring the survival of the young street trees in our areas. It is critical that they receive 15 gallons of water twice a week. We ask for your assistance in watering the trees in the boulevard bordering your home or business. Methods that work quite well:

- Deep root watering attachments available from most nurseries.
- A 5 gallon pail with holes drilled in the bottom set under the tree to water slowly.
- A ring of mulch around the tree to keep the water in.

The City of Maple Ridge gardeners take care



of any pruning required so please do not prune these trees or raise the grade on the trunk of the tree. Burying the trunk of the tree or building soil or mulch up on the trunk of the tree will kill the tree.

Parks & Facilities have a limited supply of tree watering bags available for a \$10 refundable deposit to assist with the watering of City and/or resident's trees. Tree bags are available at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, or Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre with a maximum of two (2) bags per household. Please note that proof of address is required for purchase and issuing refunds.

Please be sure to pass this information on to your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers! Thank you for your support. Together we can keep Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows green!

INFORMED: August 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, August 31

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Agendas & Minutes

Agendas for these meetings are posted online the Friday before the meeting date. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link under Your Council on the home page.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to mapleridge.ca, click the link to 'Notify Me' and sign up today.

Council Meeting Videos

If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing or Committee of the Whole 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 and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council meetings are now broadcast on the internet via live streaming using the same technology used for our live budget Q&A sessions. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page at mapleridge.ca.

ENGAGED: Summer Events

Get Connected with the Summer Festival Calendar

There's always something going on around here, as the song lyric goes, and the best way to keep up is to go to the Community Calendar at mrmparksandleisure.ca. There's a ton of great activities happening this summer.

How about the free concert series 'Music on the Wharf' hosted by our own Maple Ridge Museum and Archives? There are concerts on August 10 and 24. The Maple Ridge Fire Department's Hot Summer Nights are also scheduled throughout the summer in various neighbourhoods. This is a great activity for the kids.



Lunchtime concerts at Memorial Peace Park run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 1:00 pm throughout August. All through the summer our Haney Farmers Market anchors many wonderful weekend events at Memorial Peace Park. Great food, great friends and great fun from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. On Saturday, August 8 the Haney Farmers Market moves to Brookfield Farm for the annual 'Market at the Farm'. This is a great family friendly event.

Check out the calendar as there are events at our Public Library, special events in our parks and a ton of wonderful activities and programs in our recreation facilities. Get connected with the Community Calendar!

Contact us at

enquiries@mapleridge.ca

If you have a question about any of the content in this ad, or questions about any programs or services offered by the City of Maple Ridge, please email enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.



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