

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH OCTOBER 2015

INFORMED: The Market is Going Under Cover

A Partnership with Grow & Gather Keeps Shoppers Dry

We've had a great year for weather for the Saturday Haney Farmers Market, but the odds are that the rain will come, so the Market is heading for cover! Starting this Saturday, October 17 the Market will be located at Grow & Gather (formerly Trice Farms) located at 24565 Dewdney Trunk Road. Please note that the hours change as well. The market will now operate from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

All your favourite vendors and you don't have to pack an umbrella! The Market will run on October 17, 24, 31 and November 7. The final Market for 2015 will be held on November 14. October 31 is the annual Halloween extravaganza where you win a prize just for dressing up. The youngsters are also welcome to paint a pumpkin as part of the daily activities. On November 7 there will be celebrity cooking demonstrations at 10:00 am, Noon and 2:00 pm with the 'Kitchenettes' assisting the local chefs. You can attend these sessions for \$10 or all three for only \$25. It's always great to sample the creations of these talented chefs.

That final Market on November 14 is a great chance to pick



up Christmas gifts including some amazing baking, chutneys, mincemeat, canned fruit and other holiday treats. One of the best Christmas gifts you can give is a 2016 membership to the Haney Farmers Market - it's a gift that will last a year. For more information on the weekly vendors and special activities at the Market go to haneyfarmersmarket.org.

INFORMED: October 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, October 19

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, October 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, 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, Workshop, 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, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole 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.

INFORMED:

Keeping Catch Basins Clear

Rake Up - Don't Blow Them Away

The fall is the time of year when the leaves turn shades of red, orange and yellow making our landscapes even more beautiful until that first big wind storm comes and deposits all those leaves on our lawn. It's also the time of year when your neighbour gets his giant leaf blower out and proceeds to blow all the leaves out of his yard onto the street. Besides the noise, equivalent to a 747 jet taxiing for takeoff, blowing leaves out on the street is not the way to handle the situation. Our City staff, who often use leaf blowers, collect the leaves into an area of the park and then rake them up to go into compost and organic waste streams. The reason we follow this practice is that all those leaves people blow on the street can end up clogging the catch basins (storm water drains) on your street and create localized flooding. Set a great example and show your neighbours the right way to do the job. Please take the time to collect the leaves and garden waste and properly dispose of them using your compost bin or the organic waste disposal available in the community. Our street cleaners will be out throughout the fall to deal with the natural amount of leaves that fall from street trees, but please, do your part to handle your property properly. Thanks neighbour.



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INFORMED: ShakeOut BC

Did You Drop, Cover & Hold? Do you have a Plan?

On Thursday, October 15 at 10:15 am, City staff joined millions of people around the world as part of an earthquake awareness program called ShakeOut. This annual event, held the third Thursday of October, is an important way to connect people with information on disaster preparedness and dispel some old myths around the correct thing to do in an earthquake.

If you want to get first hand information on the best practices in an earthquake go to shakeoutbc.ca. The website is filled with great information and links to help you spread the facts about the Drop, Cover and Hold message to your family and coworkers.

The critical thing to do in an earthquake is to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On." Here's a breakdown of the three steps for the exercise:

Drop, Cover, and Hold On: 'Drop' to the ground, take 'Cover' under a table or desk and 'Hold On' to it as if a major

Drop! Cover! Hold On!
October 15, 10:15 a.m.

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earthquake were happening. Remain in this position for at least 60 seconds. Practice now so you will know what to do to protect yourself during an actual earthquake!

While still under the table, or wherever you are, look around and imagine what would happen during a major earthquake. What could fall on you or someone else? What could become damaged? What would life be like after?

Finally, practice what you will do after the shaking stops. Do you have a communications plan for your family? Do you have a 'Grab and Go' bag at the office and a Survival Kit at home?

The City's Emergency Preparedness page can be found at mapleridge.ca/ep. The information

on the City website allows you to get the information and resources you need to make sure you and your family are prepared for any emergency.

INVOLVED: Maple Ridge Does Halloween BIG!

Some Great Local Halloween Traditions Return This Year

This year the popular 'Ghost Ridge' Haunted House is back at the Albion Fair Grounds and the 2015 theme is 'Cirque de la Lune.' The actors who will be performing at Ghost Ridge are



ready to scare you witless, all while raising funds for local charities.

Ghost Ridge will be open October 23, 24 and 25, and then the next weekend, October 28, 29 and 30. This incredible Haunted House runs from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a 'family friendly' hour that runs from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on October

24 and 25 only (this is the one for your more timid family members).

The Albion Fairgrounds are located at 23448 105 Ave, Maple Ridge. For more information go to ghostridge.ca or follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/ghostridge](https://www.facebook.com/ghostridge). We salute these amazing volunteers who are maintaining this 'spook-tacular' tradition.

On Friday, October 30 the Maple Ridge Fire Department will host the annual fireworks display at the Albion Fairgrounds. This year the event is sponsored by the kind folks at Marv Jones Honda. The show starts at 7:15 pm sharp, but you need to get out and get your viewing location early so you don't miss a thing. Look for details on the City Facebook page at [facebook.com/yourmapleridge](https://www.facebook.com/yourmapleridge) in the coming days.



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