

# Maple Ridge This Month

## FEBRUARY 2016

### INFORMED: Heritage Week February 15 – 21, 2016

#### “Distinctive Destinations: Experience Historic Places”

The Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives have been very busy organizing a number of events for the upcoming Heritage Week in Maple Ridge. Here are the Highlights:

##### Downtown Maple Ridge Heritage Walking Tour

Saturday, February 13 at 11:00 am. Meet by the fountains at the entrance to Memorial Peace Park.

Maple Ridge Historical Society President Erica Williams will lead a tour around the central core sections of Dewdney Trunk, 224 Street and Lougheed Highway. For more information contact Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives 604-463-5311 [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com).

##### History Is: Choosing Criteria to Determine Heritage Merit

Wednesday, February 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall.

Join the Community Heritage Commission for a discussion evening with Maurice Guibord. Let's consider what makes history in our community. Free admission. Maurice has a background in translation and archaeology and has been responsible for museum collections, exhibitions and programs in Calgary, Vancouver and Burnaby. He is a founding councillor of Heritage Vancouver and the BC Historical Federation Second Vice President and Conference Chair. To register contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or via email at [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca).

##### 2016 Maple Ridge Heritage Awards

Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall, 22279 116 Avenue, Maple Ridge (west side of the Haney Bypass). Hosted by Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission.



You are invited to join the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission in celebrating the contributions of citizens to the telling of the Maple Ridge story. To RSVP contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383 or via email at [lzosiak@mapleridge.ca](mailto:lzosiak@mapleridge.ca).

##### Maple Ridge Cemetery Walking Tour

Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am or 2:00 pm starting in Memorial Peace Park. Hosted by the Maple Ridge Historical Society. President Erica Williams will meet with participants at the entrance to the cemetery and will introduce them to the early families of Maple Ridge as well as the burial and marker practices of the years represented. For information contact Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives 604-463-5311 [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com).

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to connect with our City's history and to meet a group of dedicated volunteers and advocates who have been working to preserve the memories and assets of our community for future generations. Be part of history and sign up for these great events.

### ENGAGED: 2016 Council Meeting Calendar

#### Council Has Over 80 Public Meetings Scheduled in '16

It's going to be a busy 2016, and if you want to stay engaged with your Council's work start by downloading the 2016 Council Meeting calendar from [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca). The complete calendar can be found by clicking the 'Your Council' link on the homepage and going to the 'Council Meetings' tab. The calendar is available in two formats, a list or in a colour coded calendar format.

The 'Your Council' Link is also the place to get the agendas and reports that Council reviews prior to the presentations and discussion on the many issues that they deal with throughout the year. Each meeting is part of a process by which Council

has discussion and debate on issues and public policy. Often by the time Council votes for final reading on a piece of legislation it has been before them at least six times – starting at a Council Workshop or Committee of the Whole meeting weeks or months before.

Meetings are open to the public and the locations are part of the agenda package and published on the right side of these monthly updates. In addition, you can sign up for 'push' notifications so you get an email or text to your smartphone when you subscribe to the specific items that are important to you.

Finally, the meetings are all recorded and live-streamed on the City website. The easiest way to connect is to click on the 'Videos' link beside the News Room tab on the home page. That will give you the quicklink to the meeting that you want to view. Watch live, or go back through the archives so you can see the debate and discussion on any issue that's important to you.



#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca)

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#### 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, February 1

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, February 9

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, February 15

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room  
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, February 16

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Monday, February 22

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, February 23

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](http://mapleridge.ca), click the link under Your Council on the home page.

##### Workshop at a Glance

Subscribe to the 'Workshop at a Glance' eNewsletter that provides a summary of issues discussed at Council Workshop meetings. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://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](http://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](http://mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Alerts

#### Subscribe to Road Work Alerts on the City Website

There are a couple of large construction projects that are nearing completion and with warmer weather we will see the final touches start to happen in the coming weeks. The four lane expansion of 128 Avenue between 210 and 216 Streets is nearing completion. The paving of the multi-use path and the north lanes is close and the installation of guard rails is largely complete. Once the paving work is done you will see the lane markings emerge and we will all get full access to the lanes.

The Operations team meets daily to schedule road repairs and deal with any issues to the City's infrastructure. Emergency repairs that need to be done right away are posted on the City website in the morning.

These larger projects are posted as early as possible in the 'Alerts & Notices' section of the City website and are planned around weather forecasts to ensure all work is done in optimal and safe conditions.

We encourage citizens to sign up for direct alerts to your email or smartphone by using the 'Notify Me' link on the City website. If you have to be on the road for work, or you just want to make sure your commute is hassle free, this alert system is a great tool to stay in the loop. Just go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and sign up today!



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