

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MARCH 2016

### ENGAGED: A Strong Community Starts With Strong Kids

#### Strong Kids Team Hosts Community Conversation

On Monday, March 7 the Strong Kids Team, part of the Maple Ridge Resilience Initiative, will host 'An Evening of Conversation' at The ACT Arts Centre on the mainstage. This event is free, and all parents, teachers, caregivers and area youth are welcome to come and be part of this special event.

The Strong Kids Team was formed to ensure that our kids have the best environment to grow up and thrive in. As any parent or caregiver will tell you, the journey from child to young adult is full of challenges. This forum will feature presentations on topics that were identified as priorities by the youth and their caregivers in our community through an online survey a couple of months ago.

The doors open at 6:15 pm at The ACT Arts Centre on the mainstage located at 11944 Haney Place next to City Hall. There will be a community resource fair with representatives from a number of organizations that offer services geared to helping all of us raise resilient kids. Presentations will begin at 7:00 pm with a presentation on addictions featuring two local experts Scott Williams and Dawn Taylor. The second presentation is on the importance of risky play and free play by Heather Turner and Dr. Ian Pike.

Once again, admission is FREE and this is a family friendly event. If you have questions please contact Tony Cotroneo at [tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca](mailto:tcotroneo@mapleridge.ca) or call him at 604-467-7392. Please invest a few hours in this important community conversation.



### INFORMED: 128 Avenue Four Lane Project Continues

#### Phase Two Scheduled for Summer 2016. Get the facts.

Last Friday morning local residents who commute along Abernethy Way and 128 Avenue discovered that all four lanes of the section between 210 Street and 216 Street were open for the first time.



There are still a few items to finish off on that project, but now it's time to turn our attention to Phase Two.

On Thursday, March 10 the Engineering Department is holding an information session in the west entrance lobby of City Hall. The design consultant and City staff

will be on hand with design boards to walk you through the expansion of 128 Avenue from 224 Street to 216 Street to four lanes, the construction of the multi-use path and equestrian trail and the installation of street lighting along Phase Two of the project.

The information session will run from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and you can drop in any time to view the materials and ask questions. The display materials will be posted online after the information session if you are unable to make it that evening. Thank you for your continued interest and patience as we expand this important east/west traffic corridor in our community.

### ENGAGED: Your City Needs You. Make a Difference.

#### Volunteer: Add Your Voice to a City Advisory Committee

The City of Maple Ridge is looking for citizens who are interested in sharing their knowledge, experience, expertise and unique perspectives on one of the Advisory Committees of the City. Committee appointments are a two year term and you will invest between three and six hours of your time a month for meetings and other activities.

The meetings are held at City Hall on weekday evenings and there are sometimes special tours and events based on the committee work.

Currently there are openings



on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, Community Heritage Commission, Environmental Advisory Committee, Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues, Public Art Steering Committee and the Social Policy Advisory Committee.

You can learn more about these committees and access and complete the online application at [mapleridge.ca/123](http://mapleridge.ca/123). Provide information on why you wish to serve and your relevant experience and background to apply for these important committee positions.

#### Contact us at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED: March 2016

#### 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, March 7

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

##### Tuesday, March 8

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, March 14

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

##### Tuesday, March 15

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Cancelled

##### Tuesday, March 29

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).



### ENGAGED: Hot Topics Link Launched

#### The Stuff You Need to Know About – One Click!

Last week we did the soft launch of our 'Hot Topics' link off the home page of the City website at [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca).

The button is located on the right side of the home page. Click on the flaming photo and you are taken to an ever-changing menu of items that will allow you to find important information that is before Council, public engagement work that's underway and topics that are trending on the community radar.

It's that simple. Take a look and let us know what you think by email at [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca).



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