

# Maple Ridge This Month

## OCTOBER 2016

### INFORMED: Fire Prevention Week

#### October 9 to 15 is Fire Prevention Week in Maple Ridge

One of the most important messages the Maple Ridge Fire Department wants to communicate is that smoke alarms are a critical part of your family's safety. In addition to ensuring the batteries are changed and existing smoke alarms are tested they are asking an important question. Is it time for your smoke alarm to retire? Sparky reminds everyone that smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years, and demonstrates how to find out the age of an alarm. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."

Fire Prevention Week ends on Saturday, October 15 with an Open House at Fire Hall No. 1, located at 22708 Brown Avenue, from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. It's a great opportunity to bring the kids to see the equipment our firefighters use for fire suppression and rescue. There's even a small obstacle course for young kids who aspire to be a firefighter one day.



Bring your sons and daughters; in fact bring the whole family, for this great FREE Open House. Look for details at [www.mapleridge.ca/430](http://www.mapleridge.ca/430).

### ENGAGED: Community Dialogue on Homelessness

#### Get Educated and Informed On This Important Issue



The City of Maple Ridge has asked a special Task Force of the Social Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) to host a Community Dialogue on Homelessness. There will be four forums starting on October 20, 2016 through to November 9, 2016 at The ACT Arts Centre. The sessions will be held in the evening and no pre-registration is required. The exact time and speaker list is still being finalized by the organizers however the four topics have been released:

##### October 20: W5 - The Who, What, When, Where and Why of Homelessness

This session will have subject experts who will discuss the topic of homelessness with an emphasis on the causes and issues that contribute to homelessness. The speakers will address the

unique experiences of youth and seniors and provide current and accurate information in a way that is not overly academic.

##### October 26: Jurisdictional Matters - Challenges & Opportunities

This session will focus on the moral and legal responsibilities of government to assist in finding solutions for this difficult social issue. This session will examine the constant struggle to balance individual liberty and the collective responsibility for shelter and housing services.

##### November 3: Understanding Mental Health & Addictions

Homelessness is made more complex by mental health and addiction issues. This session will explore how these issues are related and reveal evidence-based and promising practices in the field of mental health and addictions.

##### November 9: Housing Solutions

The final session will explore some of the practices and approaches that have worked to address homelessness and create an understanding around the continuum of housing and the roles of each level of government.

More details about the forums will be available next week on the City of Maple Ridge website and social media channels.

### INFORMED: Community Fentanyl Forum

#### Fentanyl Forum for Parents & Youth Runs October 5 in Maple Ridge

In response to a province-wide health crisis, a community 'Fentanyl Forum' will be hosted at Westview Secondary School (20905 Wicklund Ave) on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm with doors opening at 6:30 pm. The forum will be held in the multipurpose room.

The forum is being organized collaboratively by Fraser Health, School District No. 42, the City of Maple Ridge and Alouette Addictions with the assistance of the Ridge Meadows RCMP and will draw on resources from each organization.

The forum will include presentations by Fraser Health and Alouette Addictions, a panel discussion and Q&A session with the presenting agencies as well as representatives of the first responders working in our community. The organizers would like to thank the RCMP, Maple Ridge Fire Department and BC Ambulance Service for their support and input on this forum and their work on the front lines of this health crisis.



For more information about the forum go to [mapleridge.ca/1576](http://mapleridge.ca/1576). Help spread the word to your friends and neighbours.

### INFORMED: October 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, October 3

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

##### Tuesday, October 11

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, October 17

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

##### Tuesday, October 18

7:00 pm, Public Hearing

##### Monday, October 24

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

##### Tuesday, October 25

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.

##### Council This Week

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##### Council Meeting Videos

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### INVOLVED: Golden Harvest

#### A Feast for the Senses. A Celebration of Harvest.

Prepare yourself for a fall harvest of epic proportions! It's time for the annual Golden Harvest celebration that brings the farm to your table through the skilled hands of local chefs and culinary arts students. The 2016 Golden Harvest will be held on Friday, October 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at The ACT Arts Centre.



From local cheeses and meats to incredible herbs and vegetables, the Golden Harvest is a taste of Maple Ridge and beyond, showcasing the farms that surround our community and the tasty treats that our talented chefs, culinary arts students and food artisans prepare for you using this local bounty. Taste for yourself what delectable flavours can be created with food from Maple Ridge's own backyard! Look for details on the schools and local restaurants that will be showcasing their talent.

Tickets are \$30 or \$20 for Youth & Seniors. Tickets sell quickly so get them early through The Act Arts Centre box office.

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