

Maple Ridge This Month

MID-MONTH OCTOBER 2016

INFORMED: Fire Prevention Week

Bring the Family to Our Open House This Saturday!

One of the most important messages the Maple Ridge Fire Department wants to communicate is that your smoke alarms are a critical part of your family's safety. In addition to ensuring that the batteries are changed and your 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.

ENGAGED: Community Dialogue on Homelessness

Join Us For This Important Series Of Forums

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 run from 7:00 until 9:00 pm and no pre-registration is required. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Topics include:

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. Panel Members include Dr. Paul Kershaw, BA, McGill, PhD, UBC, Dr. Michael Krausz, Scientist, Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences (CHÉOS), Mr. Navjeet Chhina and Mr. Mike Pond.

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.

For more information about the Community Dialogue on Homelessness please go to www.mapleridge.ca/1537.

INFORMED: Greg Moore Youth Centre Anniversary

On Saturday, October 15, the Greg Moore Youth Centre (GMYC) will hold a 15th Birthday celebration and you are invited to be part of the continuing legacy of this facility. The celebration will run from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm with a special protocol ceremony at noon where local dignitaries and extraordinary citizens will share a few words.

This is a great opportunity for young families to come down and connect with the amazing staff and youth mentors to learn how this place has

changed lives. Many of the alumni of the facility will be on hand to share their memories of how the GMYC has been a part of their past and how it helped launch them to a bright future. Staff and volunteers will be offering tours and there will be fun activities running throughout the event.

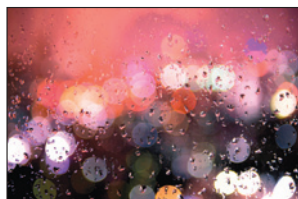
And, of course, there will be cake - it IS a Maple Ridge celebration! We look forward to seeing you at this special anniversary event.



INFORMED: Stormy Weather Tips

A Couple of Things You Can Do Around Your Home

The forecast this week called for wind and rain and with leaves falling from the trees we can have some challenges around our homes. First, make sure your gutters are clear of debris. One of the most common causes of flooding is when water backs up in your gutters and starts pouring around the foundation. Make sure they



are clear throughout the fall and winter. When you are doing lawn maintenance please do not use the leaf blower to blow the leaves onto the street. Rake them up and bag them along with your green waste or compost them. Those leaves can clog the storm sewers and catch basins and cause flooding and large puddles on the road. If you have a storm drain or catch basin near your home please check it for debris and report any large blockages to the Operations Centre at 604-463-9581. Some quick tips to stay dry this winter!

INFORMED: September 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 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, 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, 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 broadcast on the internet via live streaming. For more information about the live stream go to the 'Council Meetings' page or connect via the Videos link right beside the 'newsroom' icon on the home page at mapleridge.ca.

ENGAGED: Hot Topics Link

One Click Connects You with Important Information



In March of 2016 we launched our 'Hot Topics' link off the City website at mapleridge.ca. When you click on the flaming photo 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.



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