

Maple Ridge This Month

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INFORMED: What's Happening In Your City

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As part of the ongoing work to implement recommendations from the City's Open Government Task Force we are pleased to introduce a new online newsletter titled 'Maple Ridge This Week.' This electronic newsletter showcases the work that goes on within the City of Maple Ridge. This is a very diverse organization and on any given day our staff are teaching swim lessons or out doing snow removal in the middle of the night. In fact when you consider the work of our first responders from the Maple Ridge Fire Department and the men and women of the Ridge Meadows RCMP, the City of Maple Ridge is a 24/7 operation. This newsletter will introduce you to some of the members of our team who are working on your behalf. We will highlight upcoming meetings and community events, share stories of staff members who have been recognized for their work and try to give you a sense of the



work that happens as we operate through the changing seasons. You can subscribe to this newsletter by using the 'Notify Me' link on the homepage of the City website at mapleridge.ca. The vast majority of City staff members live in the community and are your neighbours. We are proud to share their stories.

INFORMED: Are You Speeding?

City, Police and ICBC Partnering to Make Maple Ridge Roads Safer



The City of Maple Ridge, ICBC and Ridge Meadows RCMP have partnered together to install speed reader boards at seven locations across the City. Aggressive driving is a problem in all of these locations. Ridge Meadows RCMP have noticed a dramatic rise in the number of drivers charged with excessive speeding (travelling at more than 40 km/h above a posted speed limit).

"In 2016 a total of 565 drivers were charged and their vehicles were automatically impounded for one week," said Sergeant Bruce McCowan, Ridge Meadows RCMP Traffic Services Supervisor.

"Speed, disobeying traffic lights and signs, following too close and illegal lane changes all contribute to aggressive driving, which frequently results in crashes. Speed reader boards make drivers more aware of their speed, and encourage them to slow down to avoid crashes with other vehicles or pedestrians. This is all aimed at reducing harm on our roads."

Speed reader board locations are:

- Lougheed Highway in the 23000 block (both west & east)
- Dewdney Trunk Road at Dover Street
- 240 Street in the 11800 block
- 232 Street at 122 Avenue
- 128 Avenue just west of Laity Street
- 128 Avenue in the 22000 block

"ICBC is pleased to invest in new speed reader boards to help reduce crashes in Maple Ridge," said Kate Wochuk, local ICBC road safety coordinator. "They're a valuable awareness tool to encourage drivers to slow down and reduce their risk of crashing. Fewer crashes and injuries also help keep rates as low as possible."

"All of us on Council get phone calls and emails about people driving at excessive speeds in neighbourhoods throughout the community. This program is a great partnership to educate us on our behaviours behind the wheel. This is a community filled with young families and we all need to slow down and drive safely and responsibly," said Mayor Nicole Read.

"In the end the goal is to keep people who live and work in Maple Ridge safe as they go about their daily life. Whether that is going to or from work, school, or going for a walk," said Inspector Jennifer Hyland, Ridge Meadows RCMP Operations Officer.

INVOLVED: Heritage Week 2017

Celebrate the Rich History of Maple Ridge

We're in the middle of Heritage Week 2017, and there are still a couple of great events that you may want to participate in.

The marquee event of Heritage Week is the annual Heritage Awards that will be handed out on Thursday, February 16 at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall located at 22279 116 Avenue. The event will start at 7:00 pm. Please check the Community Heritage Commission webpage on the City website at mapleridge.ca/240 for updates, including last year's award winners and the evening's program. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, February 18, 2017 an Oral History Workshop will be held in the Blaney Room at City Hall. Pre-registration is required and there's a \$20 fee to cover the lunch during the workshop.

If you would like to attend one or more of the above events, please RSVP to Lisa Zosiak by emailing lzosiak@mapleridge.ca or by calling



604-467-7383. You can find a link to the Heritage Week events at mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/12546. Be part of history!

Contact us at: enquiries@mapleridge.ca

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INFORMED: February 2017

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 20

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, February 21

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

Monday, February 27

10:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

Tuesday, February 28

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 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.

ENGAGED: Community Facilities Conversation

Help Shape Our Future



In December of 2016 The 'Community Facilities Conversation' kicked off with the development of the webpage mapleridge.ca/1676 outlining eight different proposals for future parks, recreation and cultural facilities that were identified in the Parks Master Plan that was adopted in 2009. There are 'pop up displays' at the south entrance of the Business Tower by Service BC, the Maple Ridge Public Library, the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and Planet Ice with information boards and survey forms so you can share your views on these proposals. The same survey can be filled out online at survey-monkey.com/r/Facility_Talk_Open_Feedback. We encourage you to take a look at the printable information sheets and videos and get connected with this project.

3000 invitations have been mailed to randomly selected households to participate in a survey that will seek public input and comments on the proposed projects, priorities for the development of parks, recreation and culture facilities and discuss various funding alternatives. If your household received one of these letters we would like to encourage you to take a few moments from your busy day to share your opinions at www2.madebasic.ca/mapleridge.html.

In the upcoming months there will be more 'pop up displays, face-to-face surveys, online interactions, an open house and community café to share the preliminary information. We hope you will be part of the Community Facilities Conversation and help shape the future of Maple Ridge.



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