

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MID-MONTH JANUARY 2018

### ENGAGED: Giving Back to your Community

#### Learn More About Volunteering in Maple Ridge

Join us on Saturday, January 20, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre for our Volunteer Information Session.

Volunteering isn't one-size-fits-all, so let us help you find your perfect match! Learn about the diverse opportunities available with youth, aquatics, festivals, emergency support services and more. Volunteering is a great way to meet new friends, learn more about your community, use your talents and skills to help your neighbours and help you live a healthy, active lifestyle.



Maple Ridge citizens consistently invest their most valuable asset, their time, to a host of community events and social causes. The result is that we have, a vibrant community with neighbourhood champions and advocates who make Maple Ridge very special. We hope you will join us on Saturday to learn how you can make a difference!

Find your perfect fit with Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation & Culture. For more information call 604-467-7325 or email [volunteer@mapleridge.ca](mailto:volunteer@mapleridge.ca).

### INFORMED: Business Licence Renewal Time

#### Business Finder Application Helps Connect Citizens With Local Business

Business licence renewals have been sent out to all businesses in Maple Ridge. There are a number of benefits to having a business licence. It allows the City to regulate the locations and types of businesses operating in the community and assists in the development of demographic and statistical information on the local business climate.



In 2017, the launch of the City's new Open Government Portal featured a business finder component to the 'What's Happening Around Me' (WHAM) application that links to the bigger 'Business Finder Application' located at [gis.mapleridge.ca/businessfinder/businessfinder.html](http://gis.mapleridge.ca/businessfinder/businessfinder.html).

You may be eligible for the 'Inter-Municipal Business Licence program that allows you to operate in any of the 11 communities

that are part of the program. This is a great program for building contractors and other service businesses. Ask for details.

If you're an existing business this is a reminder to renew your business licence. If you're a new business please contact us and we will help you with the process of applying so you can get up and running in 2018.

Business licensing also supports parking enforcement, community policing and the Adopt-A-Block program. The data gathered as part of annual business licensing is also used by Economic Development to produce promotional materials aimed at attracting business investment and job creation in the community.

### ENGAGED: Sharing the Story of our Community

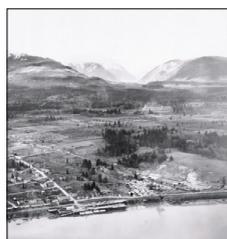
#### Celebrate Heritage Week February 18 to 24

There are a host of events that have been planned to celebrate the rich history of our community. Most of these events are free, or by donation, and some require pre-registration. Here's a list of events that you might be interested in;

**Cemetery Walking Tour:** Sunday, February 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Erica Williams, President of the Maple Ridge Historical Society will take you on a walk through one of the oldest continuously operated cemeteries in the Lower Mainland. Meet at the maple tree just inside the gates and be prepared for the weather.

**Heritage Property Management Plan: A Process:** Monday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at Maple Ridge City Hall. A combination webinar and moderated conversation presented by the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission and Heritage BC. This session is geared to anyone who owns or manages a heritage property and seeks to balance conservation and activation. To pre-register please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.

**History is...The Story of Banned Books:** Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm at the Maple Ridge Public Library. Presented by the Maple Ridge Public Library and the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission. Antiquarian book dealer Brian Murdoch will discuss the history of banned, censored and expurgated books. For information please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.



**Heritage Awards Evening:** Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Heritage Church Hall (22279 116 Avenue). Join the City of Maple Ridge's Community Heritage Commission as they celebrate the contributions of citizens who are preserving and sharing the history of our community. Music by Bruce Coughlan and refreshments after the award presentations. For information please contact Lisa Zosiak at 604-467-7383.

**Downtown Walking Tour:** Saturday, February 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet by the 'Beast' clock on Dewdney Trunk Road between the RCMP Building and City Hall. Erica Williams, President of the Maple Ridge Historical Society will guide you through the downtown looking at various markers and historical buildings that tell the story of our early development. For information contact the Maple Ridge Museum & Community Archives by phone 604-463-5311 or by email at [mrmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mrmuseum@gmail.com). Be prepared for the weather.

This is a great suite of events and represents a wonderful opportunity for both new and long-time residents to learn more about their City. Maple Ridge was incorporated in 1874 and these events will help you understand where street names came from and the evolution of our community as modes of transportation changed from the river, to rail to the car.

#### 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: January 2018



#### 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.

##### Tuesday, January 23

6:00 pm, Council Workshop - Blaney Room

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, January 30

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 or Public Hearing 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 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: Dog Licence Renewals

#### Dog Licences Are Due by January 31. Renew Online!

When you receive your dog licence renewal notice in the mail, look for the account number and access code that can be used to renew your dog licence. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and select 'Online Services'. Payment can be made by credit card or Interac from most major banks.



Your dog's tag and receipt will be mailed to you. You still have the option of renewing by phone, mail or in person at the Finance counter in the reception area of City Hall. Check out other online services available including the Home Owner Grant application and your tax accounts. It's your 'virtual' City Hall! Remember that there is a substantial discount if you renew by January 31. Up until January 31 the licence fee is \$25 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$52 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$41 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$68 for unaltered dogs. This year, seniors (65+) get their dog licence at a 50% discount. Up until January 31 it's \$12.50 for a licence for spayed and neutered dogs and \$26 for unaltered dogs. After January 31, the licence fee is \$20.50 for spayed and neutered dogs and \$34 for unaltered dogs.

If you no longer have your dog please contact us by phone at 604-467-7384 or by email at [licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca](mailto:licencesandbylaws@mapleridge.ca).



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