

Maple Ridge This Month

MID MONTH UPDATE: MARCH 2014

SPOTLIGHT ON: Historic Hammond

Council Approves Area Planning Process

On March 11, 2014 Maple Ridge Council approved the Hammond Area Planning Process Scoping Report that lays out the path that will be followed to develop a new area plan for one of Maple Ridge's first neighbourhoods.

One of the keys to the development of the area plans is public engagement. With the Hammond Area Plans the public engagement will complement traditional forms of consultation with an innovative community outreach called #MyHammond that will launch across all social media platforms.

The start of the campaign will encourage area residents to post photographs on social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #MyHammond. Citizens will be asked to provide brief one or two word descriptions of what is in the image that they feel defines the character of their neighbourhood.

Mayor Ernie Daykin noted, "I'm very excited about the process that our staff has laid out here. I think it captures the spirit of this amazing neighbourhood perfectly. I have had the opportunity to speak with many new and long-time residents of our Hammond neighbourhood and I know the deep emotional connection they have with their community. This #MyHammond photo project on social media allows



everyone to talk about what's in their heart and become engaged in the project. I know that I speak for all of Council in expressing how pleased we are to see the Hammond Area Plan moving forward and that we are all excited to hear the public input as this exciting project continues."

In the upcoming weeks the project will roll out so we encourage you to keep a watchful eye in the newspaper and online for more information. This might be a great time to start snapping photos on your smartphone and camera in preparation for the launch of the Hammond Area Planning Process.

INFORMED: Have You Registered Yet?

Registration for Arts & Recreation Programs is Underway

The Spring Arts and Recreation Guide is online and the print edition is available at all your favourite recreation facilities. If you go online you can check out the new interactive online publication at mrmparksandleisure.ca. Just look for the Arts & Recreation tab under the Find a Program tab or use the new Google powered search on the upper right hand corner of the web page.

The new interactive guide allows you to flip through the online publication exactly as you would with the print edition. An added feature of the online guide is that you can click on the program registration information on the digital version and you will be taken instantly to RecReg4U.ca to complete your registration.

As always, you can do your program registration by phone or in person. Phone in registration can be done by calling 604-465-2470 Monday to Saturday from 8:00 am - 8:30 pm and on Sunday from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm. Walk-in registration is available at the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, 11925 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, from Monday to Friday from 6:00 am - 8:30 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 am - 7:30 pm.

If you are new to Maple Ridge, this publication is a gateway to becoming engaged and involved in Maple Ridge. Take a few minutes to look at the information online or drop by the Maple Ridge Leisure Centre and pick up a copy.

INFORMED: Construction Season Begins

Make Sure You Are in the Know With Construction Notifications

Maple Ridge recently launched an update to our website and one of the great new tools for citizens is the 'Notify Me' feature. At this time of year the weather starts to improve and our Engineering and Operations crews begin their work on road maintenance and new construction projects on our road, water, sewer and storm water systems.

This means that there are delays and detours on our roads during the construction period. Some projects, like the upcoming installation of streetlights along 122 Avenue will not cause too great a traffic delay. But a project like the installation of the Traffic Circle at Kanaka Way, which will be

done in April while the local students are on their break, will have a greater impact.

Click on the 'Notify Me' icon on the home page and provide either your email address or cellular phone number and sign up for the Traffic Alerts so that you will know when our crews or our contractors are out there doing work. By planning an alternate route or scheduling your trips around the work schedule you will save time. Take a few moments to explore the Engineering Department page and you will find a list of projects that are underway in the 'Neighbourhood Improvements' tab. There's lots of ways to get the information you need to avoid any construction delays in 2014!

FEEDBACK

Contact us at 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 District of Maple Ridge, please send an email to enquiries@mapleridge.ca and one of our team members will respond to you.



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March 2014

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 17

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room

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

Tuesday, March 18

6:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 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.

Council This Week

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' 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.

ENGAGED: Earth Hour

March 29, 2014 at 8:30 pm

What will you do to make a Difference?



Earth Hour is the largest climate change movement for the planet in human history, spanning 7,000 cities, 152 countries with a digital reach of 200 million. Earth Hour is much more than a symbolic action of switching off lights for an hour; it's a continuous movement driving actions, big and small, that are changing the world we live in.

As part of Maple Ridge's commitment to reducing energy consumption and achieving carbon neutrality, we are participating in Earth Hour 2014. This year the earth hour message urges us to use our power to change a reality.

This event demonstrates that we can make a difference by doing something as simple as turning the lights off. We encourage all residents to join millions of Canadians and participate in this worldwide event. Turn off your lights for one hour, Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 8:30 pm and together let's reduce energy consumption. There's some great information on the overall campaign at www.earthhour.org along with links to some very inspiring videos.

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