

# Maple Ridge This Month

## MARCH 2015

### SPOTLIGHT ON: Your Maple Ridge Photo Contest

#### We Would Like To Feature Your Photos in the Citizens Report

Each year at the Home Show the City of Maple Ridge unveils the Citizens Report that has become the 'community yearbook' for the previous year. The report details the City's financial health, looks back on the events that shaped the year and reports from each of the divisions at City Hall.

This year, in celebration of the City celebrating its 140th Birthday and the change of designation from a District to a City, we'd like to create a photo essay that we will title 'Your Maple Ridge' in the 2014 Citizens Report. This is the formal kick off of the 'Your Maple Ridge' photo contest. We would like you to show us your favourite things about our community. The Communications team will then select images from the submissions for the final photo essay in the upcoming Citizens Report as well as photo galleries on social media that will be shared widely. The contest is open to all citizens past or present.

We are looking for high resolution photos, so the file size needs to be a minimum of one megabyte, up to a maximum of 8 megabytes (1000 KB - 8000 KB when you look at the file size in the properties). They can be colour or black and white and



the subject matter is wide open. We ask that the photographer provide a short explanation of the location or setting of the photograph, along with their full name and contact phone number. You can submit your photos to [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca), or mail or drop off a CD to the City marked 'Your Maple Ridge Photo Contest.' Please do not 'watermark' the photos. By entering the contest you agree to have them published in the Citizens Report, placed on the City website and social media channels. Credit will be given in the publication.

We will contact you if your image will be used in print or online. Enough with the rules and regulations - let's start gathering those amazing images!

What do you like best about Maple Ridge? Is it a sunset or sunrise? An old abandoned barn? A photo of your child's soccer or hockey team? Perhaps you love a coffee and pastry from a local eatery? The subject matter is completely up to you. From a close-up of a flower to a vista of the Golden Ears, we are expecting some stunning images.

This is your Maple Ridge. Let's share it with the world!

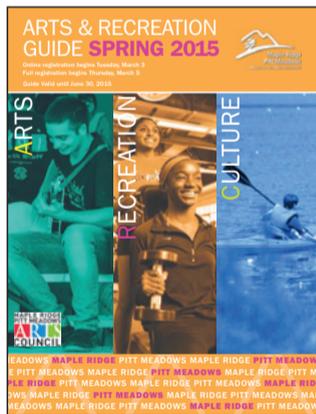
### ENGAGED: Spring Arts & Recreation Guide

#### Online Registration Starts March 3

The Spring Arts & Recreation Guide has arrived in print and is now available at your favourite recreation facility. The digital version has been loaded to our website at [mrpmparksandleisure.ca](http://mrpmparksandleisure.ca) in anticipation of the online registration starting on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. 'In-person' registration begins on March 5, 2015.

The interactive guide uses a program called FlippingBook which 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](http://RecReg4U.ca) to complete your registration.

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, Monday to Friday from 6:00 am - 8:30 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 am - 7:30 pm.

What are you interested in doing? Have you got a fitness goal you're trying to achieve? Are you looking to get involved in the community and become a volunteer? Perhaps you are interested in expressing yourself in the visual or performing arts? Maybe you are just looking to meet some great new friends and get engaged in your community?

No matter what your motivation, the Spring Arts & Recreation Guide is a great source of inspiration and programs for you and your family. Look for printed copies at the end of the month and remember, get online and register for your favourite programs starting on March 3, 2015. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the green Parks & Leisure icon on the home page to discover the possibilities.

### INFORMED: Transit Funding Referendum

#### TransLink Presentation is Online for Your Viewing

On Monday, February 2, 2015 representatives of TransLink appeared before Council as part of the Workshop agenda. Given the interest in the TransLink Funding Referendum and the associated 10 Year Plan, Council moved the meeting to Council Chambers to allow for more public seating and the capacity to record and livestream the meeting for the public.

The Referendum will be conducted using mail ballots that will be sent out in March of 2015 and citizens across Metro

Vancouver will determine if the proposed 0.5% sales tax will be used to fund the TransLink plan. This is a great opportunity to view the presentation and question and answer period. Go to [mapleridge.ca](http://mapleridge.ca), click on the 'Your Council' link and then click through to the Council Agendas and Minutes section to view the February 2 Workshop recording. The TransLink presentation is at the beginning of the recording and lasts about 90 minutes. Be informed about this important issue.

#### 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 send an email to [enquiries@mapleridge.ca](mailto:enquiries@mapleridge.ca) and one of our team members will respond to you.

### INFORMED: March 2015

#### 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 2

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

##### Tuesday, March 10

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, March 16

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

##### Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

##### Tuesday, March 24

7:00 pm, Council Meeting - Council Chambers

##### Monday, March 30

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

Subscribe to the 'Council This Week' 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, Public Hearing, Workshop, 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](http://mapleridge.ca) and click on the video link at the centre of the home page. In addition, Council Meetings, Workshops, and Committee of the Whole 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:

#### Water Main Flushing

#### Keeping Our Drinking Water Clean and Safe

Keeping the water system clean and safe is a year-round project, and in the Spring we conduct our annual program to flush and clean the water mains.

We started this work at the beginning of February on the west side of the City, and over the next few months we will be working our way west clearing any sediment that has settled in the lines. During this work you might see a drop in water pressure or milky or 'dirty' water.

If you see 'milky' water it means that there is air trapped in the system. Just open a tap in the household slightly to allow the air to bleed out of the water. If there is some dirt or sediment in the water turn on an outside tap, or if you don't have access to an outside tap run the bathtub tap, until the water comes out clear. The interruption in your normal service will be as brief as possible.

If you have any questions please call the Operations Centre at 604-463-9581. Thank you for your patience and understanding. This work helps ensure that we have the cleanest water possible every day.



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