

Maple Ridge This Month

JULY 2015

SPOTLIGHT ON: Canada's Birthday

Canada Day is July 1 and We're Having a Party

The Canadian flag is 50 years old and Maple Ridge will celebrate this special milestone as part of the community celebration being held on Wednesday, July 1, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the heart of Maple Ridge, Memorial Peace Park. We're celebrating our flag with a huge community art project.

Everyone can participate through words, illustrations or photos. For example, write a poem or short verse about our nation or the flag. Draw a picture of the flag or the maple leaf or print off a photo of yourself or your family with the Canadian flag or your favourite maple leaf jersey and bring it to the park to add to the art project. If you forget to bring something to add you can sign your name and a short message to the project. Let's see what we create as a tribute to the anniversary of our flag and our nation's 148th birthday.

Canada Day just keeps getting bigger and better in Maple Ridge, and this year the celebration will span the entire Memorial Peace Park site from 224 Street to the steps of the Arts Centre Theatre.

Let's start on the east side of the Park at the Mainstage located on the steps of the Arts Centre Theatre. Live music begins at 10:00 am and runs throughout the event. The official flag raising and protocol ceremony will happen at 12:30 pm and feature a march-in by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #88 Colour Guard and members of the Ridge Meadows RCMP in full ceremonial uniforms. We will need your help for this part of the celebration as we ask you to join in and proudly sing our national anthem.

RCMP officers will be walking throughout the park in their full red serge and would be proud to pose with you and your family for photos. In addition to our RCMP officers, the men and women of the Maple Ridge Fire Department will deploy the largest Canadian flag in the North Fraser and be on hand to pose for photos with the ladder truck and the giant flag.

As we move west through the park there's a giant activity area where you can participate in mini-golf, balloon twisting, face painting, crafts, mascots, prize giveaways, a trivia challenge, hydration station (bring your own cup or water bottle) and a multi-cultural food fair. New this year is street magician Matt Johnson. Matt is not your typical magician, instead he



has crafted a style known as Urban Deception, a cool mix of urban street style magic combined with a comedic timing and slick stage presence. Don't miss Matt roving in the park and his Bandstand show from 11:00 to 11:30 am is a 'must see' event.

Anchoring the west side of the park you will find the popular Haney Farmers Market who will join us for a special 'Canada Day Market' featuring the bounty of area farmers, chefs and artists. Just to the south of the Farmers Market in Memorial Peace Park you will find the Downtown Maple Ridge BIA Summer Market. If you haven't shopped downtown in a while you will be delighted at the amazing local businesses that offer a large selection of goods and services.

This is our biggest Canada Day ever, and it's made possible by an army of volunteers who have been working for months to make sure that you have a great Canada Day. Take a moment and say thanks to these wonderful folks who have invested their time in building this great event and our great community. Finally, we're encouraging folks to dress in their best red and white Canada Day outfit and display your Canadian pride. Our volunteers will be looking for the best dressed citizens and awarding prizes.

For more information about the Canada Day celebration please contact Dave Speers at dspeers@mapleridge.ca or call 604-467-7433 Ext #1.

INFORMED: July 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, July 6

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Monday, July 20

9:00 am, Workshop - Blaney Room
1:00 pm, Committee of the Whole - Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 pm, Public Hearing - 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

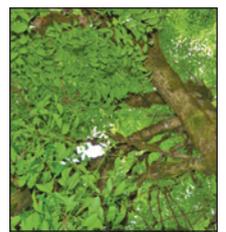
If you are unable to attend a Council Meeting, Public Hearing, Workshop, or Committee of the Whole meeting you can now watch these meetings on your computer 24/7. The entire unedited meetings are posted two to three days after the meeting. The video is indexed to the agenda package so that you can watch them in their entirety or click through by agenda item. Go to mapleridge.ca 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.

INFORMED:

Keeping Trees Healthy

Please Water Young Boulevard Trees During Stretches of Hot Weather

During these stretches of hot weather we are asking for the public's assistance in ensuring the survival of the young street trees in our areas. It is critical that they receive 15 gallons of water twice a week. We ask for your assistance in watering the trees in the boulevard bordering your home or business. The City of Maple Ridge gardeners take care of any pruning required so please do not prune these trees or raise the grade on the trunk of the tree. Burying the trunk of the tree or building soil or mulch up on the trunk of the tree will kill the tree.



Please be sure to pass this information on to your family, friends, neighbours and co-workers! Thank you for your support. Together we can keep Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows green!

For more information please call Parks & Leisure Services at 604-467-7364.

Contact us at enquiries@mapleridge.ca

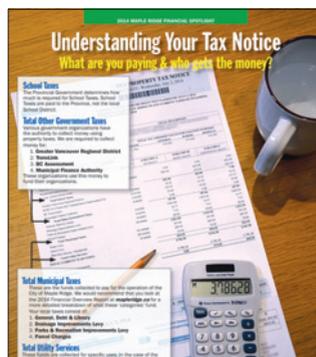
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INFORMED: Tax Time

Tips to Help You Meet the July 2 Deadline Without Lining Up

The deadline is next Thursday, July 2 and with Canada Day, July 1, being a statutory holiday, you need to make sure you have your taxes paid on time!

You can claim your Home Owner Grant online at mapleridge.ca by clicking on the 'online services' link on the left side of the home page. In fact, setting up a 'My Maple Ridge' account online will give you 24/7 access to your tax information and allow you to sign up for the paperless tax notification as well as track your payment history. It's just one way to save time. Once you claim your Home Owner Grant you can pay the balance owing at most financial institutions either in person or by using your online or telephone banking.



You can drop off your Home Owner Grant and post-dated cheques at the secure drop box located at the west entrance of City Hall near the Economic Development Office as another way to avoid lining up. The box is cleared daily and will be cleared at midnight on July 2, 2015.

Take a few moments to read through the materials that came with your Tax Notice and learn how you can avoid any line-ups. The illustration for this article is 'Page 30' of the 2014 Citizens Report. This publication can be found online at mapleridge.ca or on the racks in the lobby of City Hall. It's

a great way to learn how your tax dollars are invested in our community.

INFORMED: Canada Day Hours: July 1 Holiday Hours

City Hall: Closed	Fire Hall No.1: Administrative Office: Closed	Pitt Meadows Family Recreation Centre: Open 8:30 am to 4:00 pm	Greg Moore Youth Centre: Closed for regular programs, staff will be in the park
RCMP - Police Services Administrative Office: Open 11:00 am to 3:00 pm	Maple Ridge Leisure Centre: Open 8:30 - 4:00 pm	Pitt Meadows Youth Centre: Closed	



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