

Town Hall News



Edgewater Project Update



Improving accessibility is part of the ongoing upgrades to curbs and sidewalks between Parish and Main. The first paving layer will soon go down, smoothing the road and reducing dust. Installation of new water and sanitary mains has now moved to the section of Edgewater Street between Parish and the intersection with Old Edgewater, with one-lane stop-and-go traffic in effect. Water and wastewater connections will occur at night to reduce impact.

As we move closer to the Scarecrow Festival from September 26 to October 13, the Town, Festival organizers, and the Edgewater Project team are working together to ensure that every possible consideration is given to the festival's success.

During weekdays, Edgewater will remain open with single-lane traffic management, while on weekends the road will be open for two-way traffic. All churches on Edgewater will remain accessible, with special attention given to Trinity United Church as festival headquarters. Parking will also be managed to maximize space for visitors.

Let's welcome everyone to town with our signature warmth and hospitality. Thank you again for your patience as we move forward together!

Conserving Water

Due to the particularly hot and dry weather, the water levels in the Town's watershed have decreased significantly. While currently we are not enforcing mandatory water conservation, if we don't see significant and prolonged rainfall in the near future, we may have to take more extreme measures.

For now, everyone can do their part to conserve water. Here are some activities to avoid:

- watering lawns
- washing vehicles
- long showers
- small loads of laundry or dishes



While we understand that lots of MB residents have friends and/or family living nearby with wells at risk of going dry, it is important that we conserve our community's water supply.

Residents of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg and the Municipality of the District of Chester can contact their municipal office to learn about supports being offered for people experiencing dry wells.

Let's all do our part!

CodeRED



With all of the emergencies that have been happening in Nova Scotia and beyond. We thought this would be a good time to

remind all Mahone Bay residents of the importance of signing up for CodeRED, the Town's mass alert system. The free service allows us to get emergency messages out into the community. You can register by clicking the CodeRED link on the home page of the Town's website, or call Town Hall and we can register you.

Tree Planting Project



You may have noticed some signs up around Town in the last few weeks, that mark future planting locations, trees that will be planted in the fall, or existing tree species that we are planting more of in the future.

This project aims to increase the diversity of species and number of trees in town, as part of our urban forest management efforts. In the next few months, stumps will be ground up and trees will be planted. This fall planting is just the beginning. We will be doing more tree planting in the spring and hope to launch a public engagement platform specific to trees soon. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for street trees, locations where you think trees are needed, or any comments, feel free to send them to climate@townofmahonebay.ca

This project is supported by funding from Growing Canada's Community Canopies, an initiative financed by the Government of Canada and administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Back to School

And summer break is a wrap!



As students return for the 2025/26 school year we just want to remind everyone to watch for walkers, bikes and buses.

Upcoming Dates

September 9 - Council Meeting (9am)
September 10 - Heritage Advisory Committee
September 12 - Cemetery Committee
September 13 - 14 - FREE Curbside Giveaway
September 15 - Special Collection, Wood & Metal
September 18 - Asset Management Committee
September 18 - Audit & Finance Committee
September 22 - Policy & Strategy Committee
September 25 - Council Meeting (7pm)
September 30 - Office Closed (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation)

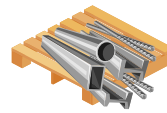
FREE Curbside Giveaway

Free Curbside Giveaway Weekend is coming up on September 13th & 14th!



This is a great time to get rid of clutter or things you don't use anymore. Put items curbside that weekend for others to take and put to use.

Wood and Metal Collection



Immediately following FREE Curbside Giveaway Weekend is a special collection day for metal & wood. On Monday, September 15th place wood and metal items out for collection. To learn what can and can't be put curbside visit www.townofmahonebay.ca or get in touch with Town Hall.

National Tree Day Celebration

September 24 is National Tree Day!

The Town will be holding a small celebration of this day in Jubilee Park (6 Pond Street) at the Tree Monument, at 3pm, and will unveil the names of the people who have donated trees in the last year.



Fisher's Memorial Service



The Fishers' Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 8th at 2pm on the Lunenburg Waterfront.

This ceremony is an annual event in honour of those who have lost their lives while pursuing a livelihood in the fishery.

Rum Runners Relay



The Rum Runner's Relay will be held Sunday, September 28th. The relay begins in Lakeside and ends in Lunenburg.

On the 29th we ask that all drivers be extra cautious and watch out for runners throughout the area.

Town Hall News Going Digital



We're excited to announce that Town Hall News will be going fully digital! This decision has been

made for fiscal and environmental reasons. September will be the last month that you will receive the newsletter in your mailbox. To sign up for the digital version of Town Hall News, scroll to the bottom of any page of the Town's website and enter your email address in the form. Having trouble finding the form? Give us a call at 902-624-8327 or email clerk@townofmahonebay.ca

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Compost Bin Liners

While compostable bags and biodegradable bags may be advertised as fully compostable, they are not. They get tangled up in equipment and contaminate curing compost piles. This adds to staff time and expense at our solid waste site.

Please consider using brown paper bags or cardboard liners instead of "compostable" bags.



Bags visible in curing compost pile



Bags tangled in grinder

Invasive Species Corner



The Japanese beetle, *Popillia japonica*, is an invasive species that poses a threat to native vegetation and crops.

These stubborn insects can do damage as both larvae and adults, making it incredibly difficult for young trees to become well established when facing an infestation.

Japanese beetles can be easily identified by their distinct copper coloured back, metallic blue green head, and hairy white tufts along the edge of their abdomen. Japanese beetles have six legs, two antennae, and a pair of wings. Adults are roughly the size of the nail on your pinky finger.

As larvae, Japanese beetles feed on the roots of plants, reducing their uptake of nutrients and water. They will target ground vegetation like grasses, garden crops, and ornamental plants.

As adults, Japanese beetles will eat leaf tissue, leaving only the veins behind. This is called skeletonizing. With enough damage, leaves will wither away and fall off, making it difficult for the tree or plant to photosynthesize and create the energy needed to grow.

Infestations typically start in June and persist until late September. To control an infestation, the use of insecticides and neem oil can be effective in the early stages. Pesticide free traps are very effective, although the beetles will be attracted to the trap, so it is best not to hang the trap on or near a tree that you wish to keep beetles away from. Other methods include removing the bugs by hand, and planting species that deter beetles, like garlic. The most important thing to note is DO NOT SQUISH

Japanese beetles. When beetles are squished, they release a hormone that attracts more beetles, making the infestation larger.



Join the MBDFFD!

Are you looking for a way to serve your community? The Mahone Bay & District Fire Department is always on the lookout for new members to join their ranks and offer an invaluable service to the community.



There is also a junior fire department for youth ages 12 to 18. This is a great opportunity and introduction to firefighting and an exciting way to learn new skills.

To learn more about the work of the Department or to find out how to join, send an email to mbdfd.admin@townofmahonebay.ca

Tree Donations - Park Cemetery



Have you seen the new Park Cemetery Sign?

There are some changes happening in Park Cemetery. Staff have

begun the process of opening up a new section, lots will be available to purchase soon. In this new area, trees will be planted by donation. If you're interested in donating a tree to Park Cemetery, please contact Town Hall or visit townofmahonebay.ca/community-asset-donation-program or contact Town Hall

Message from the MB Centre

Mark your calendars! The Mahone Bay Centre's annual book sale will be held on Saturday September 27th and Sunday September 28th.



The support from the community has been incredible this year. The amount of books donated for the sale is the largest it's been in many years! We'll also be selling plants, puzzles and homemade cookies.

Stop by, say hi and pick out your next favourite book.



Seeking Volunteer Treasurer

Since 1969, the Mahone Bay Pool has been where kids learn to swim, families make memories, and people of all ages get in some exercise. Each summer, our awesome student lifeguards and instructors bring the fun, but behind the scenes, the Pool Society needs a new Treasurer to keep things floating smoothly! Think you can handle the finances - budgets, records, statements, all that good stuff? We'd love to hear from you at projects@townofmahonebay.ca. Bonus: If being part of a fun, community-spirited volunteer Board isn't enough... how about a free summer swim membership?



Good news! The section of Edgewater between Clearland Road and Old Edgewater Street is now open. Thank you for your patience during the detour.

With the Department of Fisheries and Oceans permit approved, the project is back on track and, along the water's edge, brush clearing has started to prepare for infill and the raised multi-use trail. While at Kedy's Landing, rock infill work has begun under single-lane traffic control. And soon the Living Shoreline will be expanded under the direction of our partners, Coastal Action.