

## Congratulations Tim!



Join us in congratulating Tim Merry, Mahone Bay's 2024 Representative Volunteer!

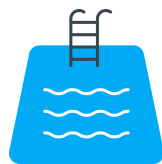
Tim is well known in Mahone Bay for his work founding and growing the Mahone Bay United Soccer group. Tim was the catalyst in establishing this group that provides an accessible and affordable soccer program for kids, youth and adults.

From very humble beginnings Tim's efforts have resulted in a new partnership with the Town and the renewal of the Mahone Bay Community Sports Field and surroundings. Tim has worked with community leaders and the Mahone Bay Centre to create a fabulous soccer program with a focus on leadership and problem solving skills.

Through his leadership, Mahone Bay United has grown to work with several hundred children, training coaches and supporting immigration and inclusion through sport. Thank you Tim for all you do for our community!

## Pool Opening

Have you noticed all of the repairs being carried out at our beloved Mahone Bay Pool??



It has been a lot of work but we are on schedule to open, as usual, on the last Friday of June (June 28th).

Go to [mahonebaypool.com](http://mahonebaypool.com) for information about 2024 events and to learn about exciting volunteer opportunities.

## Purple Week Begins

June marks the beginning of purple week for the summer. During purple week (check your solid waste calendar) you can put your composter out for collection every week on collection day. You can also put out paper leaf collection bags and bundles of twigs.



## A Toilet is Not a Trash Can

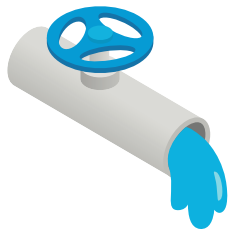
Just because something says it can be flushed, doesn't mean it should be flushed!



Many items we use on a daily basis like wipes and personal hygiene products cannot go down our toilets or drains. Flushing these items can cause damage to the wastewater treatment system and may potentially cause sewer backups in your home.

The wastewater treatment system is designed to treat and process wastewater from our homes and businesses. The process breaks down the waste so it can be filtered and removed before the disinfected water is returned to the environment. These items DO NOT break down and present a threat to the functioning of the system. They can cause blockages, increased maintenance, equipment malfunctions and can even contribute to environmental spills and overflows. These items should be disposed of properly in the garbage and/or green bin where they cannot damage our wastewater treatment system.

## Cross Connection Control



The Town's Water Utility is excited to announce that we will be launching a CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM to help protect

the public drinking water system, and its users.

Many communities in NS have put in place Cross-Connection Control (CCC) Programs to safeguard their water systems from water flowing backwards into the public water system, which presents a risk of contamination, as well as a potential risk to your property's water system. This safeguard is achieved through the installation of backflow preventers.

CCC Programs are generally supported by water use bylaws, and/or utility regulations mandating that backflow prevention devices are installed and maintained to prevent backflow of potentially hazardous substances into the water supply. Programs typically monitor the installation, maintenance, and field testing of backflow preventers within a distribution system. CCC Programs are an important part of a multi-barrier approach to protecting safe drinking water.

The Town's Water Utility is partnering with BSI Online to help us launch our new CCC Program. BSI Online will be maintaining an organized database of water customers with backflow preventers and ensuring these are kept up to date with the current testing requirements.

If you would like to learn more about CCC Programs please visit; [www.townofmahonebay.ca/water--wastewater](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca/water--wastewater), or contact Town Hall by emailing [inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:inquiries@townofmahonebay.ca) or calling (902) 624-8327.

## News From the MB Museum



The Mahone Bay Museum opens on June 1st and is starting the season with one of their biggest events!

For over 20 years, the Home & Garden tour fundraiser for the Mahone Bay Museum has delighted locals and visitors alike. This year is no exception. On June 8-9, this much-loved self-guided tour features homes of heritage beauty updated for today's lifestyle and blossoming gardens. As well, there is a new custom-designed home with breathtaking water views and a master gardener in-residence.

Tickets are \$30 each. Preview and Online Tickets available at [MahoneBayMuseum.com](http://MahoneBayMuseum.com). Tickets also available at Kinburn Pharmasave, 552 Main St., Mahone Bay.

## EV Charging Program



If you have an electric vehicle, you can receive a \$25 monthly credit on your electrical bill.

The EV Charging Program is a two-year program beginning April 2024. All you need to do is supply us with your charging data each month and you will receive a credit on your next bill.

Your data will be analyzed by our Climate and Energy Department to determine when residents most regularly charge their vehicles. This information will be used to create a time-of-use rate structure with the goal of incentivizing resident EV owners to charge their vehicles during hours when our local renewables are available (Ellershouse Wind Farm and the Town's Solar Garden).

To learn more, visit [townofmahonebay.ca/climate--sustainability.html](http://townofmahonebay.ca/climate--sustainability.html) or contact [climate@townofmahonebay.ca](mailto:climate@townofmahonebay.ca)

## Congratulations Class of 2024!

Congratulation to the class of 2024 from Mahone Bay Town Council and Staff!



## Centennial Book



March 31st was the Town of Mahone Bay's 105th anniversary!

Have you read 100 Years and Counting? This book was a

Centennial project completed five years ago and tells the story of the Town of Mahone Bay from 1919 to today (well, to 2019).

Copies are available for purchase at Town Hall!

## Lunenburg County Wheels



Did you know that in April Lunenburg County Wheels

expanded to offer door-to-door transportation to the Lunenburg, Mahone Bay and Riverport areas! The non-profit low-cost service now serves residents of all ages throughout western Lunenburg County: the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) and the three Towns (Bridgewater, Lunenburg and Mahone Bay).

To learn more visit [www.lcwheels.ca](http://www.lcwheels.ca) or call 902-523-4455 to book your ride.

## Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is marked each year on



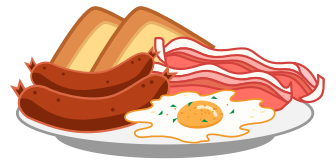
CANADIAN NETWORK for the PREVENTION of ELDER ABUSE

June 15th and is internationally recognized by the UN, acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

To educate yourself on elder abuse and find resources, visit the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse at [www.cnpea.ca](http://www.cnpea.ca)

## Fire Department Breakfast

Join the Mahone Bay & District Fire Department for a community breakfast on Sunday, June 9th. Breakfast will be served from 9am until 1pm.



This a great chance to get out and mingle with your neighbours, plus enjoy a delicious breakfast!



Have you registered for CodeRED, the Town of Mahone Bay's mass notification 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.

## Public Input Session

Did you know that there is a 15 minute Public Input Session during each Council Meeting? The session starts right after Council approves the agenda and minutes of their previous meeting(s).

This is an opportunity for you to share your opinions with Council and the community.

## Upcoming Dates

- June 10 - Planning Advisory Committee
- June 11 - Council Meeting
- June 12 - Heritage Advisory Committee
- June 14 - Cemetery Committee
- June 20 - Asset Management Committee
- June 24 - Policy & Strategy Committee
- June 27 - Council Meeting



## Are you locked up and secure for the night?

Join the #9PMRoutine today and take an active role in crime prevention in your neighbourhood and community.

The #9PMRoutine is a campaign used by police agencies across North America to remind citizens to protect themselves and their property.

What do I need to do?

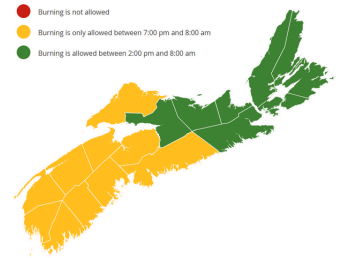
There are simple steps you can take to help prevent crime in your neighbourhood.

Every night at 9pm:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle and ensure it's locked and windows are closed.
- Close all garage windows and lock any garage doors, especially those leading into your house
- Keep your vehicle registration and insurance documents secure. The documents can be used to commit other crimes
- Check and lock all house doors and shut all windows
- Turn on an exterior light
- Close and lock your fence gate
- Lock your shed
- Put away bikes and toys in your yard
- Park in the garage instead of the street, if possible.

## Illegal Burning

The province has recently increased the fine for violating the daily burn restrictions to \$25,000.



From March 15 to October 15, daily burn restrictions are in place to help prevent wildfires. Burning is not permitted anywhere in the province between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. because that is often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. The BurnSafe map remains red during those hours every day.

Each day at 2 p.m., the map is updated to show the daily restrictions:

- red means burning is not permitted that day
- yellow means burning is permitted after 7 p.m.
- green means burning is permitted after 2 p.m.

People can check daily burn restrictions via the online BurnSafe map at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/> or by calling 1-855-564-2876 (BURN). Please also review the Town's Burning Bylaw by visiting [www.townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca/by-laws--policies)

## Dog Tags



Buttercup wants to let you know that it is important to register your furry friend each year.

It is mandatory in Mahone Bay

to register your dog annually. Registration ensures that we have the most up-to-date information in case we ever need to get your pooch back home.

Registering is quick and easy and FREE! You can stop by Town Hall and pick up your tag(s) in person, or give us a call or send an email and we can arrange to mail your tag(s).