

## Community Solar Garden Update



Trenching for electrical wires around the solar panels has mostly been completed. Deliveries of other key pieces of equipment for transmission are expected in the next few months. The distribution corridor has been created and plans are being finalized for the access road design. Updates to the electrical wiring along Pine Grove have started.

Improvements continue to be made to the stormwater infrastructure. Coconut matting has been placed at the site on much of the undisturbed soil, held down with biodegradable stakes, and we are starting to see some new vegetation growth, which is very exciting.

Once the solar garden is operational, late summer/early fall, we will be arranging solar tours for the public, school groups, etc.

## Plan Mahone Bay Update



On May 10th at 7pm at the new fire station, the Town of Mahone Bay will be hosting a Public Engagement Session on the new draft Municipal

Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw.

These documents are available for review on the Plan Mahone Bay website, [www.planmahonebay.ca](http://www.planmahonebay.ca).

## Leaf and Yard Waste Collection



Monday, May 8th is spring leaf and yard waste collection day!

Leaf and yard waste can be left curbside for collection in the green bin, in paper leaf bags, and/or tied in bundles with no stick more than 3' long or 2" wide.

## Bench Donation Program

We're proud to announce the launch of the Town's Bench and Tree Donation Program!



Is there a place in Town where you would like to see a bench, picnic table or tree? Would you like to donate an asset to the Town in honour of a loved one?

Check out our website or contact Town Hall for more information!

## Thank You!



A big thank you to the Mahone Bay Garden Club volunteers for, once again, making Mahone Bay's gardens look so beautiful!

## Spring Flushing

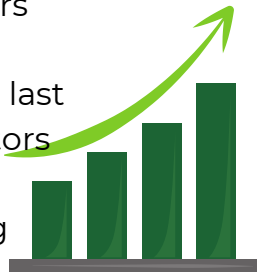
Annual spring water main flushing will take place through the nights of Tuesday, May 9th and Wednesday, May 10th, from 9pm to 6am.



Check out the Town's website to find out what to do before and after water main flushing

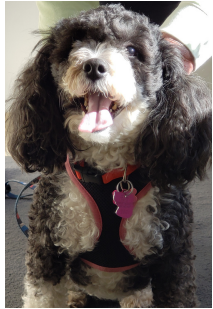
## EV Statistics

Our electric vehicle chargers have been used over 1,284 hours since being installed last winter. This is allowing visitors to take advantage of our green energy while touring the Town!



You can find these chargers located at Town Hall, Clairmont Street (by the Pharmasave), Main Street (at Clearway), the Mahone Bay Centre, the Mahone Bay Civic Marina, and the new Fire Station.

## Dog Tags



**Introducing Zoe Veinotte!**  
Zoe is the holder of 2023 dog tag #001.

Zoe wants to remind you to be sure and get your dog's new tag ASAP.

Annual Dog Registration is mandatory in Mahone Bay and FREE because we want to be sure that we have the most up to date information on your pooch. If your dog doesn't have their 2023 dog tag, come in today (Reminder: we have dog cookies!). Or you can email or phone and we can arrange to mail your tag to you.

## Invitation to Serve

We still have openings for volunteers on the following committees: Asset Management Committee; Audit & Finance Committee; Heritage Advisory Committee.

Learn more about these committees and how to apply on the Committee page of the Town's website [www.townofmahonebay.ca/committees](http://www.townofmahonebay.ca/committees)

## Natural Assets Engagement Session

We're working on an exciting project!

This summer, with the help of our summer interns, we will be developing a natural asset map for Mahone Bay. Natural assets include trees, wetlands, watercourses, etc. We will be looking for community feedback to find the best way to involve residents in this process.

Please join us on May 31st at 7pm in the Community Room at the new Fire Station for a public engagement Session.

## Be Fire Safe



If you enjoy sitting by an outdoor fire, be sure to check the Town of Mahone Bay Outdoor Burning By-law to make sure that your fire pit/appliance is safe and in compliance with the local by-law. The by-law can be found on the Town's website, [townofmahonebay.ca](http://townofmahonebay.ca)

## Flower Baskets

The folks at the Mahone Bay Tourism and Chamber of Commerce are once again preparing a plan for flower baskets on Main Street- stay tuned for more information on how you can sponsor a basket!



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.



## Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness week is May 7 - 13. Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. Emergency Preparedness Week is an



opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year the theme is *Be Prepared. Know Your Risks*. The intent of the theme is to encourage understanding of risks in your area and learn what actions can be taken to protect yourself and your family.

Are you prepared to shelter in place for 72 hours? The steps to preparedness are:

### Know the Risks

What are the potential risks to your household and property?

### Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency.

### Build/Get a Kit

You can prepare for potential hazards by having a plan in place to deal with the anticipated impacts of an event. Having your plan and emergency kit prepared in advance is the best way to support your family and pets.

Another way to be prepared is to sign up for CodeRED, the Town's mass alert system. It's a great way to get info from the Town during an emergency or a service disruption. Visit the Town's website or call Town Hall to get set up.

Take some time during Emergency Preparedness week to visit the Emergency Services page on our website and [lunenburgremo.ca](http://lunenburgremo.ca) for lots of info and tips.

## Access to Meters



Please ensure that your power and water meters are unobstructed so that staff have safe access to read and/or maintain your meter.

When thinking of planting trees and putting in gardens this spring, please make sure that nothing is planted in front of meters. Off leash dogs can also impede staff's ability to safely conduct meter readings.

## Battery Recycling

Way to go Mahone Bay!

In just over a year you've brought over 70 kg of batteries to Town Hall to be sent away for recycling!



Bring us your rechargeable and single-use batteries (weighing 5kg or less each). Wet-cell, damaged or defective batteries will not be accepted.

## Public Input Session



The Public Input Session is a 15 minute session ahead of regular Council meetings.

It's an opportunity for you to share your opinions with Council.

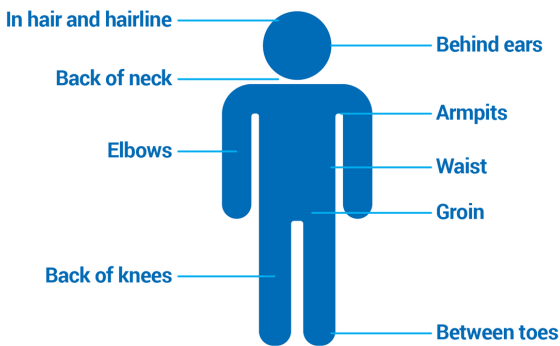
## Upcoming Dates

- May 9 - Regular Council Meeting
- May 10 - Heritage Advisory Committee
- May 11 - Special Budget Meeting
- May 15 - Oakland Lake Watershed Advisory
- May 18 - Asset Management Committee
- May 18 - Audit & Finance Committee
- May 22 - Office Closed (Victoria Day)
- May 25 - Regular Council Meeting
- May 29 - Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting

## Check for Ticks

Spring is in the air! We're all excited to get out and enjoy the spring weather but we need to remember that with the return of warm weather comes the return of ticks.

Blacklegged ticks, which often carry Lyme Disease, are very small so it's important to be diligent about checking yourself and your pets when you've been spending time outdoors. Ticks like warm places on the body, be sure to check these areas:



You can also reduce your risk by:

- ✔ Wearing long pants and long sleeves in areas likely to have ticks
- ✔ Wear light coloured clothing (it's easier to see ticks)
- ✔ Wear enclosed shoes and tuck your pants into your socks
- ✔ Walk on well-travelled paths, avoiding long grass and vegetation
- ✔ Apply insect repellents containing Deet or Icaridin

## Access Awareness Week

May 28 to June 3 is Access Awareness Week. This is an annual celebration and opportunity to raise awareness and engage people on issues around



access and inclusion. This year the theme is Access Includes Everyone: Increasing Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities. Visit <https://www.aawns.ca/> to learn more.

## Blossom Time in the Bay



Watch for a Calendar of May and June "spring things" coming soon, [www.mahonebay.com](http://www.mahonebay.com).

## Home and Garden Tour

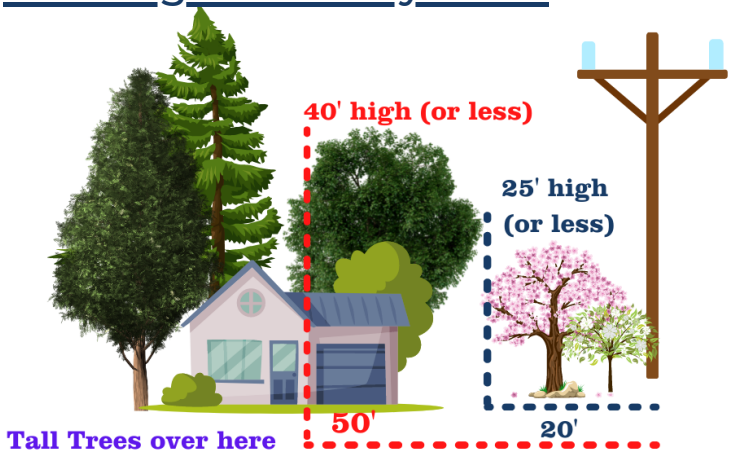


The Mahone Bay Museum's Home and Garden Tour is back to in-person house tours! This event is scheduled

for the weekend of June 10th - 11th.

Purchasing tickets for this event is a great way to help support our local museum! Contact the museum directly for more information, [www.mahonebaymuseum.com](http://www.mahonebaymuseum.com)

## Planting and Utility Lines



Are you dreaming of your spring gardening? Keep in mind what you choose to plant near power lines as utility crews will need to trim to keep the power lines clear.