

Mayor's Newsletter

December 2017

Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia



**BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON FROM MAYOR
DEVENNE, COUNCIL AND TOWN STAFF.**

Thank you!

Mahone Bay is fortunate to have a great number of people who donate their time and talents to the many activities, community service initiatives, festivals and even for the appearance of the Town. Thank you to all who give your time to make Mahone Bay the special place that it is.



A special thank you to Tom Ernst for his donation of a locally grown Christmas Tree to light our Town. Mr. Ernst's annual donation adds to the enjoyment of the holiday season for residents and visitors alike.

New Year's Day Levee January 1, 2018 12:30 – 2:30pm

Please join us at the New Year's Levee – this event is jointly sponsored by the Town of Mahone Bay, the Mahone Bay Legion Branch #49, the Mahone Bay and District Fire Department and the Mahone Bay and Area Lions Club. This annual event for families is an opportunity to spend time with your fellow Town residents as we celebrate the arrival of 2018!



Road Reconstruction 2017 Final Update

The 2017 Road Reconstruction Project is now complete!



A big thank you to all residents, business owners and visitors for your patience and support through this project.

This project has benefitted our Town with improved infrastructure, new streets, new curbs and a large section of new sidewalk. We have been very lucky at Town Hall to hear many positive comments from residents who saw improvements and who were excited about the positive changes that would come from the work being done this year.

Winter Parking Ban

The Town of Mahone Bay follows the winter parking ban, in accordance with Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act. *No person shall willfully park or leave standing a vehicle, attended or unattended, on a street or part thereof which interferes or obstructs snow removal during or after a snow storm, or in any way obstructs winter maintenance, i.e. salting.* Such vehicles will be ticketed or towed away at the owner's expense.



Important Dates

- Town Hall will be closed on December 25th and 26th, as well as January 1st
- Christmas Tree collection will be January 8, 2018. As always, trees must be free of tinsel and decorations – this year Town of Mahone Bay trees will be donated to a local goat farm
- The first Council meeting of 2018 will be held on January 9th at 7:00pm

Garbage Collection is changing in 2018!



Starting in January 2018, one bulky item can be placed outside for collection on your regularly scheduled landfill collection day (green week).

There will be special collection days for leaf and yard waste, but there will not be special collection in the spring and fall for landfill items.

Bulky items cannot be more than 25kg (approximately 55lbs) and hazardous waste, asphalt shingles and electronics are still not acceptable for curbside collection.

Please remember that garbage is not to be placed curbside before 8:00pm on the day before green day.



Will and Grace, wearing their 2018 tags, #001 and #002

2018 Dog Tags are here!

The 2018 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall and are FREE to residents of the Town.

All dogs within the

Town must be registered and wear a Dog Tag – please register your dog as soon as possible.

Bayview Cemetery Online Map

Thanks to the hard work of a group of dedicated volunteers, who mapped and collected information from the stones in Bayview Cemetery, an online interactive map of Bayview Cemetery is now available on the Town website.



A GIS Specialist linked the precise data points of each stone with the information from the volunteers to create a searchable map of the cemetery.

You can search the map online at <https://www.townofmahonebay.ca/bayview-cemetery.html>

Bayview Community School Library Fundraiser

The Bayview Home and School are fundraising to ensure that a librarian is available to students two days a week. The Home and School is encouraging the community to help them send a message to children that literacy is a cornerstone of the future by making a donation to the Library Fund (cheques payable to Bayview Community School).



Take the Power Pledge!



Set yourself up for more than just a good day.

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Power rates are set by the amount of energy we use during the busiest days of the year, when it is -15 degrees Celsius, or colder, between 8:30am and 11:30am. These are the days that power usage is greatest all year.

We can minimize future power rate increases by reducing our energy use when the weather is cold. Join your neighbours and change your routine to help your community save energy.

How can you help?

1. Sign the power pledge at powerpledgens.ca
2. Think of ways that you and the members of your household can use less energy during peak times – during that three-hour period, how can you use fewer household electronics and appliances that require a lot of energy? Think about things like hot water heaters, ovens, dishwashers, washers and dryers, irons and coffee makers.

Thank you, Father Christmas Festival Organizers and Volunteers!

Thank you very much to all who dedicated their time and energy to making the 2018 Father Christmas Festival such a success!