



Georgian Bluffs

DEEPLY ROOTED. SUSTAINABLY GROWING.

2026 COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Photo by: Natalie Mechalko



Photo by: Tim

Territorial Acknowledgment

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge with respect, the history and living culture of the Anishinaabek: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nation, who have inhabited this land from time immemorial. We recognize that these lands are the territories of the Chippewas of Saugeen and the Chippewas of Nawash, collectively known as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, the keepers of this land.

Georgian Bluffs is located on lands encompassed by Treaties 45 ½, 67, 72, 82 and 93. We reflect on our role as Treaty People and, the need to live in respect and peace and show respect to the first peoples who inhabit these lands and waters.



Shallow Lake Arena Skate Times: \$3.00 per session



Adult: Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Parent & Tot: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Public: Sunday, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: _____ _____ _____				1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2	3 ○
4 	5		6 	7 Council 5 p.m.	8 	9
11 	12 		13 	14 	15 	16
18 	19		20 	21 Council 5 p.m.	22 	23
25 	26 		27 	28 	29	30
					31	Water Bill Due Date

Garbage and Recycling Collection Legend:



North Keppel



South Keppel/Shallow Lake



Derby



Sarawak

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Getting Involved: Council Meetings in 2026

Starting in 2026, Township Council will meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

Each meeting will now serve as both a Council Meeting and Committee of the Whole, streamlining decision-making, while keeping discussions open and accessible.

All meetings are open to the public and livestreamed on the Township's YouTube channel, so you can follow along from home or attend in person at the Council Chambers.

You are also encouraged to take part directly through delegations or presentations, sharing ideas, asking questions, or providing feedback on Township initiatives.

Whether you join online, in person, or by participating in a delegation, your voice helps shape the future of Georgian Bluffs. Learn more about how to connect with Council and view upcoming meeting details at **georgianbluffs.ca/engagewithcouncil**.

Together, we're building an engaged and informed community!



Did you know that **2026 is a municipal election year?**
 Confirm you're registered to vote at **registertovoteon.ca**
 so you'll receive your voter information letter.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 Council 5 p.m.	5	6	7
8 	9 Groundhog Day	10 	11 Council 5 p.m.	12 	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 	16 Family Day Office Closed	17 Lunar New Year	18 Ramadan Council 5 p.m.	19 	20	21
22 	23 Groundhog Day	24 Property Tax Due Date	25 Council 5 p.m.	26 	27	28

Notes:

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A vertical strip on the left side of the page shows several purple crocus flowers with green leaves emerging from a layer of white snow. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some buds still closed.

Plan Ahead: Permits and Licences Made Easy

Before the busy season begins, make sure you have the right permits and licences in place.

With spring comes community events, food trucks, and guests discovering the Bluffs!

If you rent out a cottage or guest suite, a **Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) licence** helps keep guests and neighbourhoods safe. Hosting a community gathering or festival? A **Special Event Permit** ensures everything runs smoothly. And if you're serving food on the go, a **Refreshment Vehicle Licence** confirms vendors meet local health and safety standards.

Applications and requirements are available online, and Township staff are happy to guide you through the process.

Learn more or apply today at georgianbluffs.ca/permitsandlicences.

Planning ahead keeps our community safe, welcoming, and ready for a great summer season in Georgian Bluffs!



Photo by: Melis84



Planning a big summer party or event and setting up a tent?
Your tent will need a building permit if it's **bigger than 160 square feet**. Visit georgianbluffs.ca/building to apply!

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Recycling	3 Purim	4 Holi Council 5 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Check your smoke alarm batteries!	9 Recycling	10 Purim	11 Recycling	12	13	14
15 Skating	16 Recycling	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Council 5 p.m.	19 Skating	20 First Day of Spring Eid ul-Fitr	21
22 Skating	23 Recycling	24 Water Bill Due Date	25 Recycling	26 Skating	27	28
29 Skating	30 Recycling	31	Notes: _____ _____ _____			

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Photo by: RWestFerguson

Spring into Action: Public Works Preps for Warmer Weather

As the snow melts, our Operations and Facilities teams get ready to shift gears for spring.

After another busy winter maintaining arenas, plowing roads, and managing winter events, crews now turn their attention to spring maintenance. The Shallow Lake Community Centre alone saw over 2,000 ice floods this season!

With plows stored away, road crews begin street sweeping to clear winter sand, repair potholes, and launch the annual gravel road maintenance program across more than 400 kilometres of Township roads. Meanwhile, our facilities team tackles spring cleanup and park prep — maintaining 30 acres of grass each week across 27 properties.

Please drive carefully and give crews extra space as they work hard to keep Georgian Bluffs safe, clean, and ready to enjoy.

Thank you for your patience and support as we “spring into action” together!



Did you know **there are six quiet spots where you can access the bay** in Georgian Bluffs, as well as 3 playgrounds, 5 scenic lookouts, and dozens of trails? Find out where at georgianbluffs.ca/explore.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			1 Council 5 p.m.	2 Passover	3 Good Friday Office Closed	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday Office Closed	7	8 	9	10	11
12	13 	14	15 Council 5 p.m.	16	17 	18
19	20 	21	22 	23	24 Property Tax Due Date	25
26	27 	28	29 	30		

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Celebrating 25 Years of Georgian Bluffs

This year, Georgian Bluffs celebrates 25 years since amalgamation, a milestone that reflects our strong foundation and shared vision for the future.

Formed in 2001 through the amalgamation of the former townships of Derby, Keppel, Sarawak, and the Village of Shallow Lake, Georgian Bluffs has grown into a connected, forward-looking community. From lakeshore villages to rolling farmland, we're proud of the places and people that make our Township unique.

Throughout 2026, we'll celebrate this anniversary with stories, photos, and community events that highlight our progress and pride.

Learn more and share your own memories at:

georgianbluffs.ca/25years



Photo by: Katherine McCallum



The name **Georgian Bluffs** was chosen to reflect our stunning limestone cliffs and Georgian Bay shoreline, a true nod to local geography.

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>					1 Municipal and School Board Election - Nominations Open	2
3	4 		6 	7 Council 5 p.m.	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11		13		15 *Early Bird Pricing for Dog Tags Ends	16
17	18 Victoria Day Office Closed	19	20 	21 Council 5 p.m.	22 Shavuot	23
24 Water Bill Due Date 31	25		27	28 Eid al-Adha	29	30

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Photo by: Gloria Thomas

Big Changes to Waste Collection are Here!

Exciting updates are now in place for waste collection in Georgian Bluffs!

Starting this month, the Township will introduce a new wheeled-bin system for garbage and recycling, and for the first time, a Green Bin program for food and organic waste.

These changes will make waste collection cleaner, safer, and more efficient. **Bag tags will be a thing of the past**, replaced by Township-provided bins designed for easy curbside pickup.

The Province of Ontario has also taken over responsibility for Blue Box recycling, with service managed by Circular Materials Ontario (CMO). While recycling collection will continue, it will now fall under the province's new extended producer responsibility program.


To find out the new routes and schedule for your pickup, and to source your new bins if you haven't gotten them yet, visit:

georgianbluffs.ca/Waste



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off takes place on eight Saturdays between April and October. For a full list of dates, visit georgianbluffs.ca/waste.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Start of Pride Month	2	3 Council 5 p.m.	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Council 5 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Father's Day First day of Summer National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Notes: _____ _____ _____			



Summer Adventures in Georgian Bluffs

There's no better time to explore Georgian Bluffs! From breathtaking views along the Georgian Bay shoreline to charming rural roads and village stops, adventure is waiting in every direction.

Spend a day discovering local favourites like Big Bay, Bruce Caves, and the Grey Sauble trail network, or take a scenic drive along Grey Road 1 to enjoy the views and hidden gems along the way.

Looking for something new? Visit one of our farmgate markets, enjoy a meal at a local café, or browse unique shops and studios that celebrate local creativity. Every visit supports small businesses and helps our community thrive.

Check out the Events Calendar at **georgianbluffs.ca/events** for summer festivals, outdoor movies, and family fun happening all season long.




Whether you're here for a weekend or a lifetime, there's always more to explore in Georgian Bluffs.

Photo by: Linda L Baker



Did you know the **Grey Transit Route** provides affordable transit connecting Georgian Bluffs to Sauble, Wiarton, Meaford, Markdale, and more? Visit grey.ca/gtr for more info.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: _____ _____ _____			1  Canada Day Office Closed	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	 15 Council 5 p.m.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Water Bill Due Date	25
26	27	28	29 	30	31	

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From Estimate to Exact: Your Annual Tax Bill's Journey

August brings the first installment of your finalized property tax bill for the year. Here's how the process works:

The first two tax installments you paid earlier this year were interim bills, calculated using the previous year's tax rate to bridge the gap from the end of 2025 until the 2026 budget is approved. This approach allows us to keep funding essential services while the current year's budget is being finalized.

Now that the budgets and new tax rates have been approved by the Township and the County, your August and October bills reflect the new rate.

This ensures the Township can provide year-round services while allowing time for careful budget consideration, ensuring your property taxes pay for the community services and infrastructure investments that matter most.

**Questions about your tax bill?
Contact our Finance Department at
georgianbluffs.ca/taxes.**



Photo by: A Girl and Her Dog




Have your say on how your property taxes are spent! Each year the Township launches a survey to get your thoughts on where you would like your tax dollars invested back in the community. Visit **www.engageGB.ca** to take part!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>						1 Emancipation Day
2	3 Civic Holiday Office Closed	4	5 Council 5 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 ●	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Council 5 p.m.	20	21 Municipal and School Board Election - Nominations Close	22
23 <div></div>	24 Property Tax Due Date <div></div>	25	26	27	28 ○	29
<div></div> 30	<div></div> 31					

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Rooted in Care: Fall Cleanup the Natural Way

As the leaves begin to fall, it can be tempting to rake every corner of your yard — but a little mess can do a lot of good!

Fallen leaves provide shelter for pollinators, butterflies, and other small creatures that overwinter in leaf litter and soil. They also break down into a natural mulch that enriches your garden and helps retain moisture for spring growth.

If you can, **leave the leaves** under trees and shrubs, or mulch them into your lawn. For areas that do need tidying, use paper leaf bags or your compost bin instead of plastic.

These small actions help protect biodiversity, reduce waste, and support healthier soil, all while saving you time and effort.

This fall, try letting nature do the cleanup. Together, we can keep Georgian Bluffs deeply rooted and sustainably growing, one backyard at a time.



Have you tried **Backyard Composting**? Compost boxes and Green Cones for your organic waste can be purchased at the Township office.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council 5 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day Office Closed	8	9	10 ●	11	12 Rosh Hashanah
13	14	15	16 Council 5 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Yom Kippur	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24 Water Bill Due Date	25	26 ○ Sukkot
27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Notes: _____ _____ _____		

Your Voice, Your Vote: 2026 Municipal Election

Municipal elections shape the future of your community, so make sure you're ready to participate in the 2026 Georgian Bluffs election!

Step 1: Confirm you're registered to vote at registertovoteon.ca so you'll receive your voter information letter.

Key Dates:

- **Voting Opens:** Friday, October 9, 2026
- **Voting Closes:** Monday, October 26, 2026, 8:00 p.m.

How to Vote:

Voting will be online and by phone, making it easy and accessible. No paper ballots required. Help Centres will be open leading up to Election Day for anyone who prefers to vote in person or needs assistance.

Stay tuned to georgianbluffs.ca/election and the Township's social media channels for updates.

Every vote counts — help shape the next chapter of Georgian Bluffs!

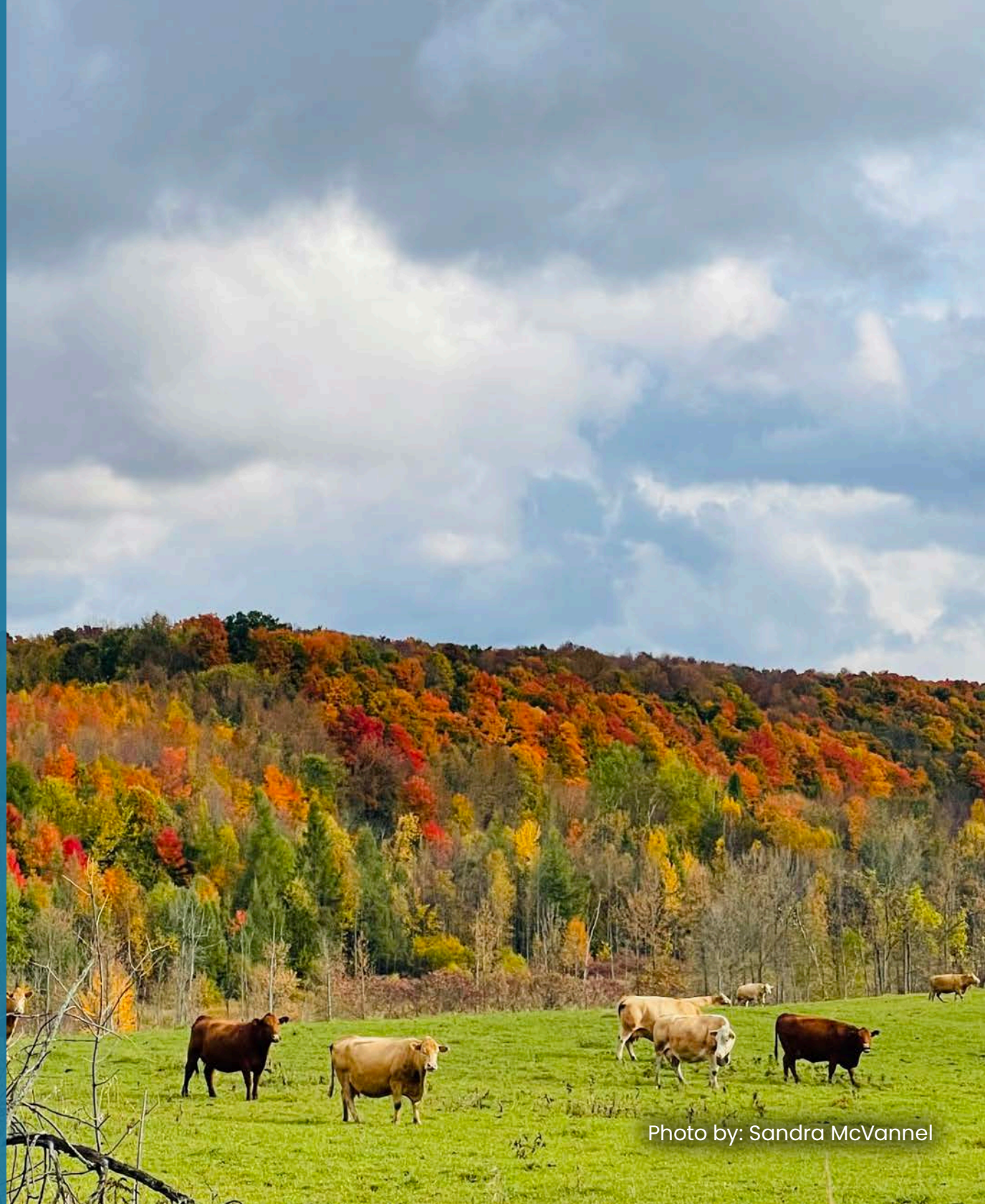


Photo by: Sandra McVannel



Shallow Lake Arena Skate Times, \$3.00 per session



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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: _____ _____ _____				1 	2 	3
4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 Municipal and School Board Election - Voting Begins	10
11 	12 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	13 	14 	15 	16 	17
18 	19 	20 	21 	22 	23 	24 Property Tax Due Date
25 	26 Municipal and School Board Election Day - Voting Closes at 8 p.m.	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 Halloween

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Photo by: Kim 'n Phin

Together for Community: Partners in Care

Caring for our community is a shared effort. Georgian Bluffs works alongside many partners who make our region stronger, healthier, and more connected.

Organizations like the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, and the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority provide services and programs that reach every corner of our community, and beyond! From early-learning programs and recreation, to outdoor education and watershed protection.

We also rely on organizations like United Way of Bruce Grey, OSHaRE, Safe n' Sound, Canadian Mental Health Association, and other local agencies that offer housing, wellness, and social supports for residents in need.


















By working together, we can build a community where everyone has access to opportunity and care close to home.

Learn more about these organizations, how they support Georgian Bluffs, and how you can get involved at:
georgianbluffs.ca/communitypartners



With the OPEN Card, Georgian Bluffs residents can get free access to the Library, Tom Thomson Art Gallery, and Billy Bishop & Marine and Rail Museums!

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Check your smoke alarm batteries!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Indigenous Veterans Day  Diwali	9 	10  	11 Remembrance Day Office Closed	12  	13	14
15 	16	17  	18 2026-2030 Inaugural Council Meeting	19  	20	21
22 	23	24   Water Bill Due Date	25	26  	27	28
29 	30	Notes: _____ _____ _____				

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Photo by: Leigh Grigg

Clearing the Way: Winter Operations in Georgian Bluffs

When the snow starts to fall, our Public Works crews are ready!

Each winter, the Township maintains more than 400 kilometres of roads, ensuring safe travel for residents, school buses, and emergency vehicles.

Snow removal is a round-the-clock effort. Crews head out as early as conditions require, working through the night to keep roads and intersections clear.

You can help by giving plows plenty of space, keeping vehicles off the road during snow events, and avoiding pushing snow onto the roadway when clearing driveways.

















Please be patient! Our teams work hard in challenging conditions to keep the community moving safely.

For winter maintenance updates and reminders, visit georgianbluffs.ca/winterroads



With lake-effect snow, we get some of the highest snowfall rates in Canada! Always be prepared in case you get snowed in, and check on vulnerable friends and neighbours.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council 5 p.m.	3	4	5 Hanukkah
6 	7	8  	9 ●	10  	11	12
13 	14	15  	16 Council 5 p.m.	17  	18	19
20 	21 First Day of Winter	22  	23 ○	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed at Noon	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Boxing Day Kwanzaa
27 	28 Office Closed	29   Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	Notes: _____ _____ _____	



Ranger
Photo by: Funny Farm



On the Ben Allen Rail Trail
Photo by: Rbrham



Ollie
Photo by: Jan



Mac
Photo by: Wybie the Corgi



Stella
Photo by: Brian Follis

Dogs Get Out

Licences Get Them Home!

Every canine companion in Georgian Bluffs needs a dog tag. They help community members or Animal Control identify your pet if they wander away.

Dog tag fees must be paid by May 15th each year. All tags purchased after the May 15th deadline will have a \$10.00 fee increase. Visit the Township website or administration office to get your dog's tag today!



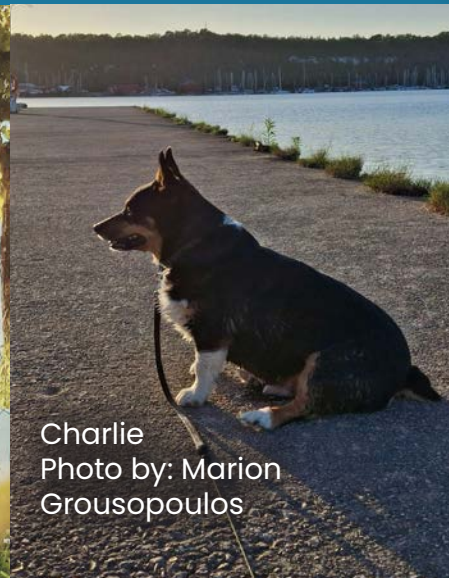
On the Boat
Photo by: Anne Daykin



Odin in Shallow Lake
Photo by: Lindsay B



Otis and Beanie
Photo by: Claire Lugington



Charlie
Photo by: Marion Grousopoulos



Zeus
Photo by: Emily



Molly
Photo by: Kaylla Serenko



Joey
Photo by: Claire Ludington



Odin
Photo by: Susan Porter



Swimming at Francis Lake
Photo by: Jcas95



Timmy
Photo by: Annette Cook



Waldo
Photo by: Pam Wilson

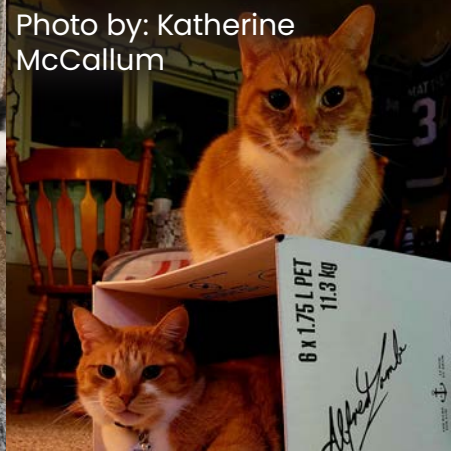


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Marlie
Photo by: Moon Lit Night



Mishka
Photo by: RWestFerguson



Maddie
Photo by: Sharlene Kopec



Photo by: Christine Sgro



Banner
Photo by: Ray of Sunshine



Photo by: Cora Gardner-Kos



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Photo by: Regine Manicom



Photo by: Brian Moore



Lennox
Photo by: Lynn Taborda



Photo by: Hugh Wilson



Photo by: Rntlee



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Thank you to everyone who
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