

Georgian Bluffs

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2027 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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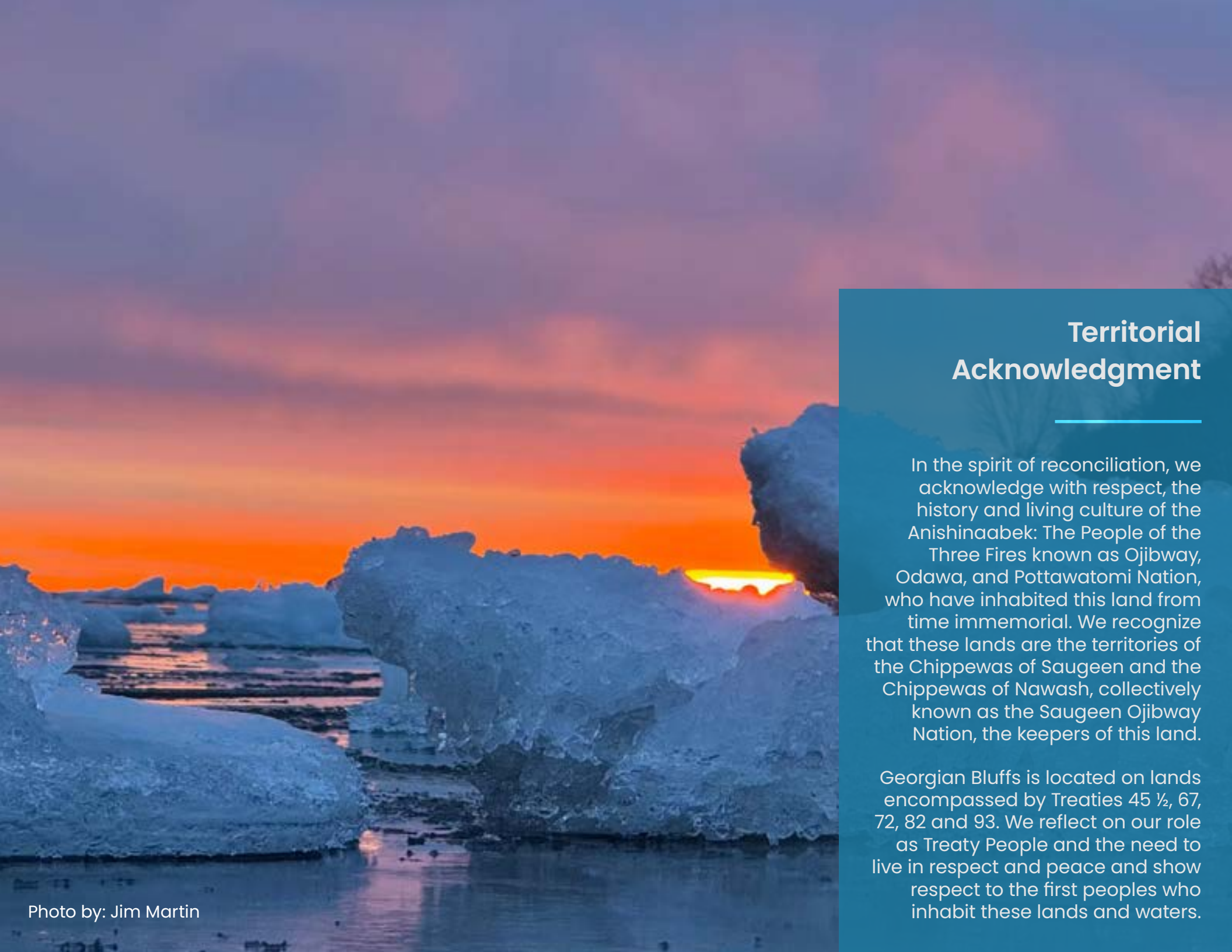

Photo by: Jim Martin

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.

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shallow Lake Arena Skate Times **$4 per session** - Public (all ages): Sunday, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Adult: Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Parent & Tot: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Y - Youth: Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.					**1** No waste collection on New Year's Day, pick up on Saturday, January 2 instead. New Year's Day	**2**
3	**4**	**5** Y	**6** Council 5 p.m.	**7**	**8**	**9**
10 Mayor & Council New Year's Levee	**11**	**12** Y	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**
17	**18**	**19** Y	**20** Council 5 p.m.	**21**	**22**	**23**
24 Water Bill Due Date / **31**	**25**	**26** Y	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**

2027 Waste Collection Schedule

See the full Waste Collection schedule at the back of this calendar.

Mondays - North Keppel	Wednesdays - Sarawak	Thursdays - Derby	Fridays - South Keppel
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Photo by: Bryan Richardson

Stay Connected Your Way

INFORMATION RIGHT TO YOUR INBOX

Being connected helps you make the most of life in Georgian Bluffs.

Whether it's knowing about upcoming events, following community projects, receiving important service updates, or finding opportunities to share your feedback, staying informed helps you stay engaged in the community you call home.

Signing up is easy - it takes five minutes and only requires an email address! You can choose to receive Township news and notices, community event updates, and register for convenient paperless tax and water bills delivered directly to your inbox.

Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Subscribe** to select the updates that interest you and stay connected to what matters most in Georgian Bluffs.

A few clicks today can help you stay informed all year long!

Extra Public Skates:

Wednesday, February 3 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (PD Day)
Monday, February 15 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Family Day)

February

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

Notes:

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Submit pictures for the 2028 Community Calendar anytime by emailing them to communications@georgianbluffs.ca

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Building, Planning and Permits

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Whether you're building a new home, planning a renovation, considering a property purchase, or organizing a special event that requires a large tent, the Township's Building and Planning teams are here to help guide you through the process. From permits and inspections to zoning and land use questions, staff can help you understand requirements and avoid surprises along the way.

Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Building** to learn when a building permit is required, how to apply, and how to book inspections. For information about property use, zoning, development, and planning applications, visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Planning**. No matter the size of your project, we're here to help you get started on the right foot.

Photo by: Hometown Cows

March

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

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Photo by: Pauline Redmond

Put Waste In It's Place

PROPER WASTE SORTING HELPS PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND MANAGE COSTS

Georgian Bluffs' three-cart waste collection system makes it easy to sort waste into garbage, recycling, and organics. Small sorting habits can make a big difference for our community and our environment. It helps protect the environment, reduces the amount of material sent to landfill, and supports a more cost-effective waste management system for the community.

Don't place hazardous materials in your carts. Paints, chemicals, batteries, and other household hazardous materials can be safely disposed of at Household Hazardous Waste collection events in Owen Sound. Events are held on select Saturdays from April through October. For a full list of dates and waste program information, visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Waste**.

Not sure where an item belongs? Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/WhatGoesWhere** for quick and easy sorting guidance.

If you have cart issues, a missed collection or are requesting a new bin, please contact **Waste Management** directly at **1-800-561-1655** or **canresidential@wm.com**.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Council 5 p.m.	8	9	10 Kemble Maple Tour & Family Fun Fair
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Passover Council 5 p.m.	22	23	24 Property Tax Due Date
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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No Mow May + Other Environmental Initiatives

A SMALL CHANGE WITH A BIG IMPACT

This May, consider taking part in **No Mow May** by leaving all or part of your lawn unmowed for a few extra weeks. Dandelions, clover, and other early-season flowers provide an important food source for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators when they need it most.

These species play a vital role in supporting local agriculture, healthy ecosystems, and the food we enjoy every day. More than 75% of global food crops including apples, berries, cucumbers, tomatoes, and even the alfalfa that feeds dairy cows, depend on pollinators.

No Mow May is just one way residents can support biodiversity and a healthier environment. Planting native species, creating pollinator-friendly gardens, and reducing pesticide use can all make a meaningful difference.

To learn more about No Mow May, download a window sign, and explore other environmental initiatives, visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Pollinators**.



Photo by: Lawanda Emery

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:						1
2	3	4	5 Council 5 p.m.	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14 *Early Bird Pricing for Dog Tags Ends	15
16 Eid al-Adha	17	18	19 Council 5 p.m.	20	21 Movie Night in Shallow Lake	22
23 30	24 Water Bill Due Date Victoria Day 31	25	26	27	28	29

Municipal Clerks Week (May 3 - 7)

Public Works Week (May 17 - 21)

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Photo by: Dave Eckert

Explore, Play and Launch into Summer

RECREATIONAL FACLITIES FOR ALL

Now is the perfect time to make the most of everything Georgian Bluffs has to offer.

Whether you're launching a boat or kayak from the Big Bay Dock or Balmy Beach Boat Launch, enjoying a friendly game of tennis or pickleball at Balmy Beach, or spending time in our parks, playgrounds, trails, ball diamonds, arenas, and community centres, there's something for everyone to enjoy - especially outdoors.

Planning to hit the water or the courts this season? Be sure to purchase your boat launch or tennis/pickleball permit online or at the Township Administration Office.

As you explore, please help keep our community spaces clean, safe, and welcoming by respecting facilities, fellow users, and the natural environment. Discover waterfront access points, scenic lookouts, playgrounds, trails, and more at **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Explore**.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 🌈 Start of Pride Month	2 Council 5 p.m.	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Shavuot	11	12 Longest Day of Play (Shallow Lake)
13	14	15	16 Council 5 p.m.	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	 **Share your Georgian Bluffs Photos!** Submit pictures for the 2028 Community Calendar anytime by emailing them to **communications@georgianbluffs.ca**		

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Photo by: Matt Green Photos

See It.
Report It.
Resolve It.

CONTACT GB IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO REPORT TOWNSHIP-RELATED CONCERNS

From fallen tree limbs to potholes to bylaw concerns or damaged municipal property, Contact GB is the Township's proper online form to report issues and request assistance through.

Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/ContactGB** from your phone or computer to submit a brief report, attach photos, and share important details. Your request is automatically routed to the appropriate staff member, making it faster and easier to address concerns while keeping you informed through direct two-way communication.

Waste Collection Reminder: Missed pickups and cart-related issues should be reported directly to Waste Management at **1-800-561-1655** (for time-sensitive concerns) or email **canresidential@wm.com**.

Together, we can help keep Georgian Bluffs safe, responsive, and enjoyable for all.

July

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

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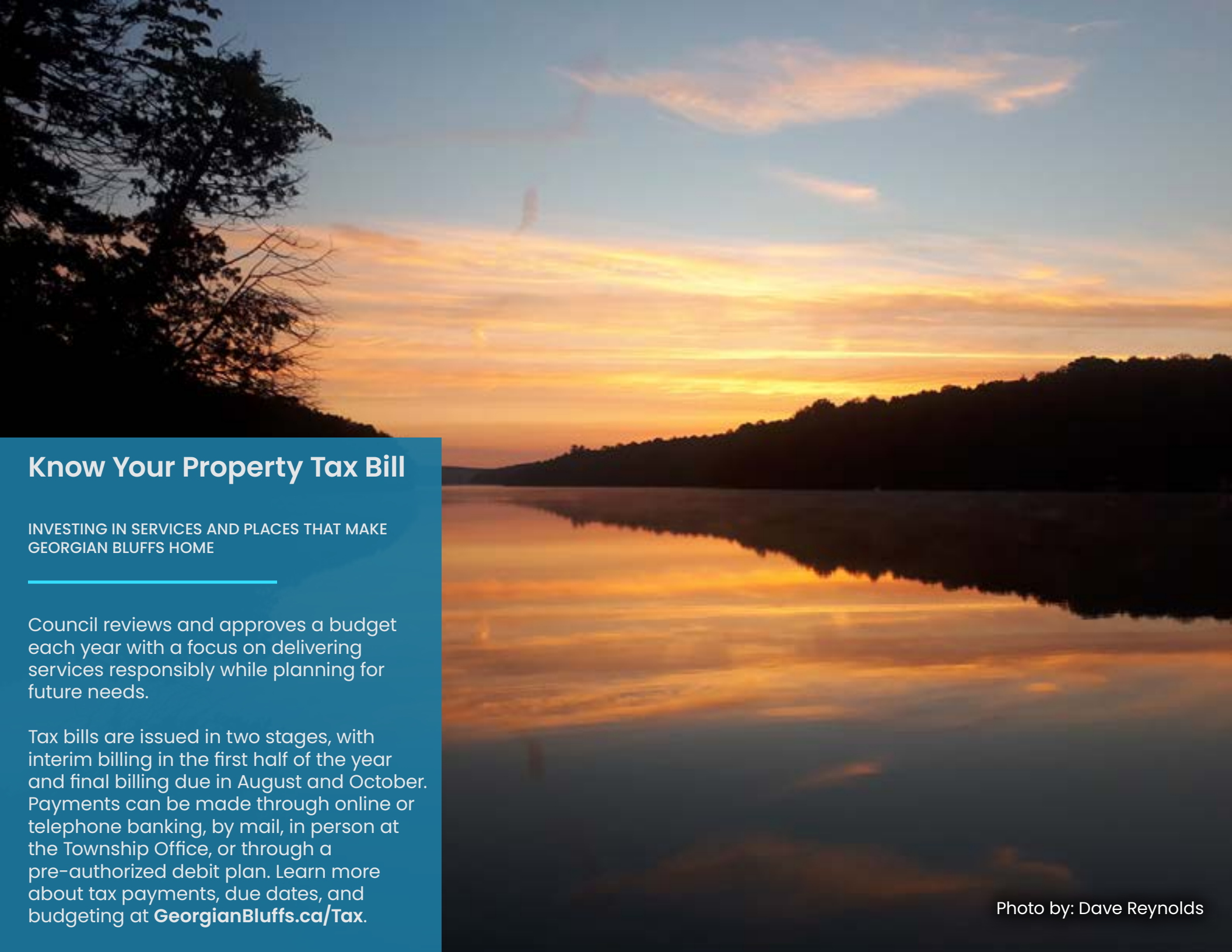

Know Your Property Tax Bill

INVESTING IN SERVICES AND PLACES THAT MAKE GEORGIAN BLUFFS HOME

Council reviews and approves a budget each year with a focus on delivering services responsibly while planning for future needs.

Tax bills are issued in two stages, with interim billing in the first half of the year and final billing due in August and October. Payments can be made through online or telephone banking, by mail, in person at the Township Office, or through a pre-authorized debit plan. Learn more about tax payments, due dates, and budgeting at **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Tax**.

Photo by: Dave Reynolds

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Emancipation Day	2 Civic Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Council 5 p.m.	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Movie Night in Kemble	21 Georgian Bluffs' 3rd Annual Farm Crawl
22	23	24 Property Tax Due Date	25 Council 5 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31	**Share your Georgian Bluffs Photos!** Submit pictures for the 2028 Community Calendar today by emailing them to **communications@georgianbluffs.ca.** **Deadline to submit photos is September 12, 2027.**			

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Getting Involved: Council Meetings

ALL ARE WELCOME

Township Council meets twice a month on the first and third Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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**.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Shallow Lake Arena Skate Times **$4 per session** - Public (all ages): Sunday, 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Adult: Tuesday & Thursday, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Parent & Tot: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Y - Youth: Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.			**1** Council 5 p.m.	**2**	**3**	**4**
5	**6** Labour Day	**7**	**8**	**9**	**10**	**11**
12 Deadline to Submit Photos for the 2028 Calendar!	**13**	**14**	**15** Council 5 p.m.	**16**	**17**	**18**
19	**20**	**21** Y	**22**	**23** First Day of Autumn	**24** Water Bill Due Date	**25**
26	**27**	**28** Y	**29**	**30** National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	**Notes:**	

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Community Connections

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Building a caring, connected community takes teamwork. Georgian Bluffs works alongside many valued community partners that help support residents of all ages and stages of life.

Organizations such as the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce, and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority provide programs and services that enrich our region, from literacy and recreation to outdoor education and environmental stewardship. We also rely on organizations like United Way of Bruce Grey, OSHaRE, Safe n' Sound, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and other local agencies that offer housing, wellness, and social supports for those who need them most.

Together, these partnerships help make Georgian Bluffs a healthier, more welcoming place to live. As an added benefit, Georgian Bluffs residents can access the free OPEN Card, which provides free admission to the Owen Sound & North Grey Union Public Library, Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Billy Bishop Home & Museum and the Community Waterfront Heritage Centre (Marine and Rail Museum).

Learn more about our community partners and how to get involved at: **GeorgianBluffs.ca/CommunityPartners**.



Photo by: Bernita Kiefte

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:					1 Rosh Hashanah	2
3	4	5	6 Council 5 p.m.	7	8 Freaky Friday Movie Night	9
10 Yom Kippur	11 Thanksgiving Day	12	13	14	15 Sukkot Freaky Friday Movie Night	16
17	18	19	20 Council 5 p.m.	21	22 Freaky Friday Movie Night	23
	Local Government Week (October 18 - 22)					
24 Property Tax Due Date / Halloween 31	25	26	27	28 Diwali	29 Freaky Friday Movie Night	30 Halloween Event in Kilsyth

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Photo by: Richard Rooke

Working Together Through Winter

HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR THE SNOWY SEASON

Winter in Georgian Bluffs can bring significant snowfall, but a few simple actions can help keep roads safer and snow clearing operations running smoothly. During winter months, please avoid parking on roads, give plows and graders plenty of space to work, and never push snow from your driveway onto the roadway.

When driving, remember that road conditions can change quickly. Slow down, allow extra stopping distance, and be especially cautious around winter maintenance equipment. If a major storm is underway, consider postponing non-essential travel and check in on neighbours who may need a helping hand.

Most importantly, please be patient. Our operators work long hours in challenging conditions to keep roads clear and our community moving safely. With everyone doing their part, we can make winter safer and easier for all.

For winter maintenance updates and seasonal reminders, visit:
GeorgianBluffs.ca/WinterRoads

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Council 5 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Daylight Savings Check your smoke alarm batteries!	8 Indigenous Veterans Day	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16	17 Council 5 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Water Bill Due Date	25	26	27 Sparkle & Skate (Shallow Lake)
28	29	30				

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

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As another calendar year comes to a close, it's a chance to reflect on what makes Georgian Bluffs such a special place to call home. Throughout the year, Council and Township staff work hard to maintain infrastructure, deliver services, support growth, and help keep our community safe, connected, and thriving. We do so with a genuine sense of pride in the community we serve.

That same pride can be seen across Georgian Bluffs, in the residents who care for their properties, support local businesses, volunteer their time, lend a hand to neighbours, and help make our communities welcoming and vibrant places to live. Guided by the values of Community, Service, Respect, and Integrity, we all play a role in shaping the future of Georgian Bluffs.

Thank you for being part of a community that so many are proud to call home. Stay connected, stay involved, and continue sharing the community spirit that makes Georgian Bluffs such a remarkable place to live, work, and grow. We look forward to the opportunities next year will bring!

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:			1 Council 5 p.m.	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 First Day of Winter	23	24 Hanukkah Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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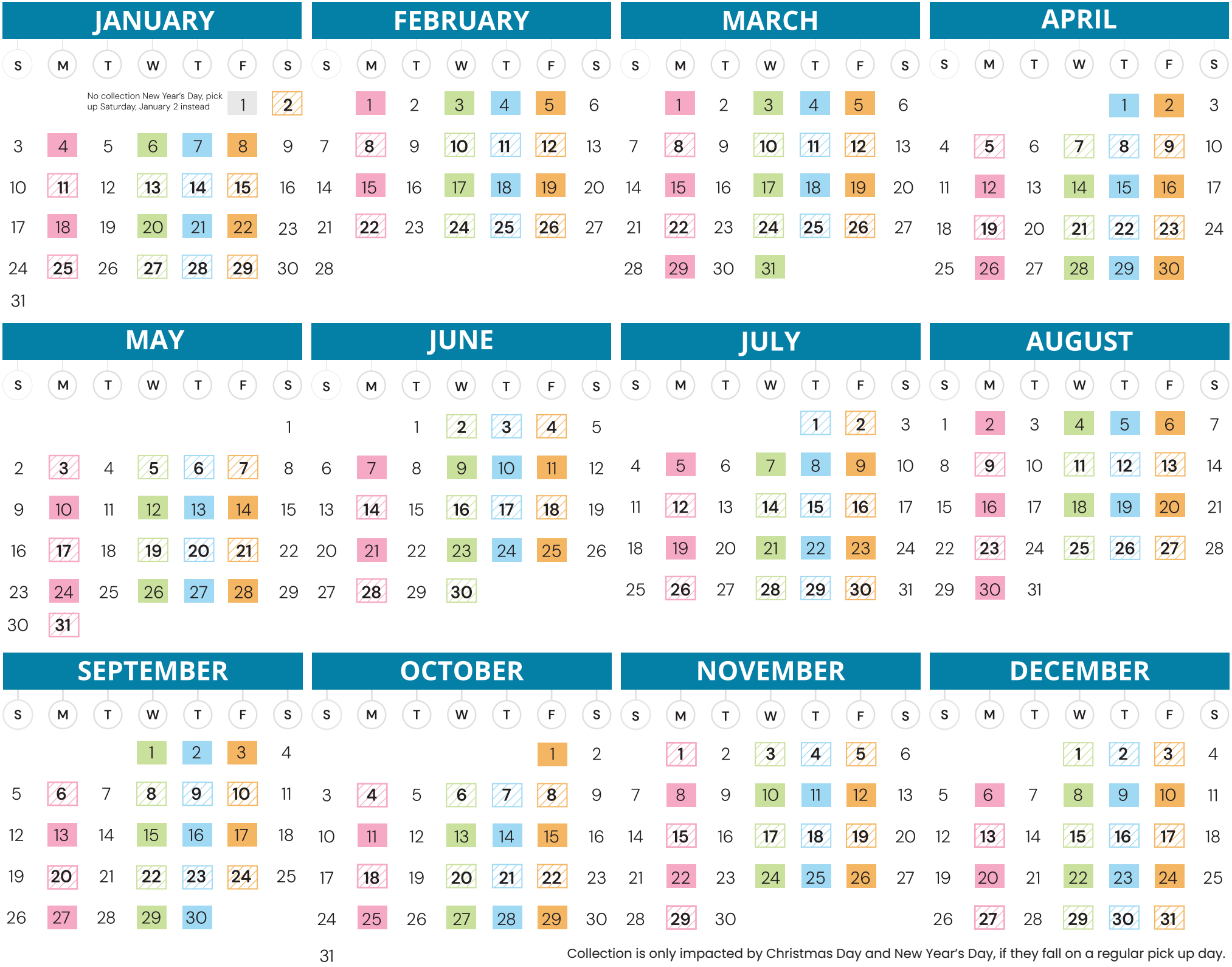
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No collection New Year's Day, pick up Saturday, January 2 instead
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Collection is only impacted by Christmas Day and New Year's Day, if they fall on a regular pick up day.

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Placement Matters

- Place your cart at the end of your driveway (but off the road).
- Keep it clear of snowbanks and other obstacles.
- Position your cart with the wheels facing your home.
- Leave at least 3 feet (1 metre) between carts and other objects.
- Keep the lid closed.
- Do not place loose items on top of, or around waste carts.

If your cart is not set out properly, it may not be collected.



Timing Matters

- Have items out for collection by 7 a.m. on your pick up day.
- Please do not put out earlier than 5 p.m. the day before collection.
- Collection times will vary. Weather, road conditions, and equipment issues all impact the time collection might take place. Generally speaking, waste collection will be completed by 7 p.m. on your collection day.

Sorting Matters

- Properly sort materials into their appropriate cart.
- Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/WhatGoesWhere** to help identify which cart an item belongs in.

If your waste is not sorted correctly, it may not be collected.

For waste collection concerns or issues, please contact Waste Management directly.

Email: canresidential@wm.com.

Phone: 1-800-561-1655.

For more info, visit www.GeorgianBluffs.ca/Waste



Organics (Green Bin)

Food Scraps:
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Meat and bones
- Dairy

Pet Waste:
- Small animal poop
- Cat litter
- Wood shavings or pellets

Must be alone or in certified compostable bags - biodegradable bags are NOT accepted

Paper & Others:
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Wooden stir sticks
- Popsicle sticks
- Certified compostable bags



Recycling

Paper:
- Cardboard boxes
- Boxboard
- Paper packaging and containers
- Cartons
- Paper

Glass:
- Clear and coloured glass
- Containers, jars and bottles

Metal:
- Metal containers
- Aluminum (foils and trays)
- Aerosol containers

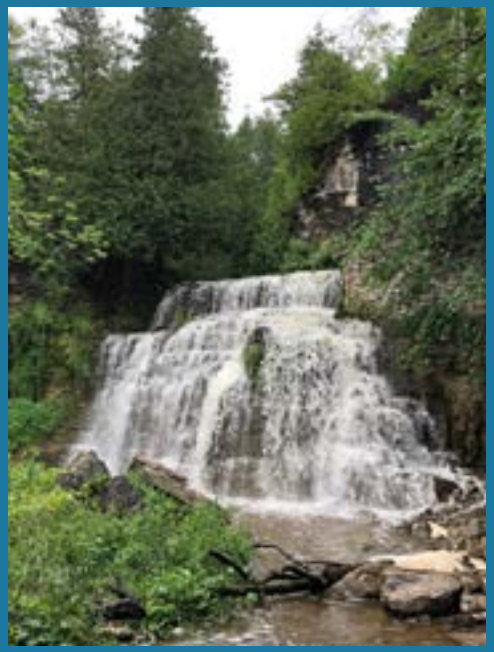
Plastic & Foam:
- Plastic packaging and containers
- Tubes
- Flexible plastic packaging
- Foam packaging



Garbage

Garbage includes other household waste that is not accepted in Recycling or Organics bins for pickup. Some types of garbage, like hazardous materials, electronic waste, scrap metal, etc. may need to be disposed of separately.

Visit **GeorgianBluffs.ca/Waste** to see disposal options for other waste.







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