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your update on what's happening in Wasaga Beach

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## Get your parking permit

Residents who do not wish to pay for parking in Municipal Parking Lots must display their resident parking permit.

If you have not yet purchased your resident parking permit, please visit the town office located at 30 Lewis St. to obtain your pass. Residents are able to purchase two parking permits per municipal address at \$28.25 each.

For more information, please call us at (705) 429-3844 or [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).



## Mayor's Message

Welcome to our latest edition of Beach Pages.

In this installment, we share with you an update on our plans to redevelop town-owned land at the beachfront. As you will read, we have recently declared the land 'surplus' and demolition work on the buildings on the western portion of the site will soon begin.

In other news, our fundraising campaign for the twin-pad arena and library project continues to go well. Please see the item highlighting some of our recent donations. Again, on behalf of council, I thank all of our donors for their generosity.

I am happy to report the construction of the twin-pad arena and library remains on budget and on schedule. I encourage you to watch our monthly construction video updates on our social media channels. These updates are also available on our website. They are a great way to stay informed about this exciting build.

Summertime is often when we see fireworks set off. Please review the item in the newsletter about the rules and regulations for fireworks use in the Town of Wasaga Beach. If you are concerned about a violation of the rules, contact our Municipal Law Enforcement Department at 705-429-2511 so an officer can investigate.

The newsletter also contains information on the rules for enjoying outdoor fires on your property. Please take a few moments to review this material as well.

It was a pleasure recently to announce our Senior of the Year and our Athlete of the Year. Information about these recipients is in the newsletter and I again congratulate Margaret Lalonde (Senior of the Year) and Aaron Lavers (Athlete of the Year) for their tremendous accomplishments and contributions. We are fortunate to have



such talented and caring individuals living in Wasaga Beach.

A number of other special occasions have taken place lately.

I was happy to join council members recently at the grand opening of Wasaga Family Foot and Orthotic Clinic. Chiropractors Jacob Cook and Quinn Sallows have taken over the practice from Norman Kew. The clinic is at 587 River Road West, Unit 8.

As well, I was pleased to attend the recent 30th anniversary celebration for Wasaga Adventure Park. Again, congratulations to the Langman family on reaching such a special milestone with their family business.

Thank you and I look forward to updating you again soon.

Sincerely,  
Nina Bifolchi,  
Mayor.

## Tax bill

### E-Billing

To sign up for e-billing for tax and water bills, please e-mail: [ebilling@wasagabeach.com](mailto:ebilling@wasagabeach.com).

Please include the following information:

- 1) Your municipal address;
- 2) Your name and telephone number;
- 3) Your e-mail must come from the e-mail address that you would like the bill sent to.

### Paying your bill

Payments can be made the following ways:

- 1) In person at town hall, 30 Lewis St., Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Use our drop box beside the front door (cheques only).
- 3) Payments can be mailed to the address indicated on your bill.
- 4) At most financial institutions.
- 5) Through online banking.
- 6) Pre-authorized payment plan.

## 211 can help

Are you looking for information about programs and services in the community? Check out [www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca) online or telephone 2-1-1.

211 is a trustworthy source for information and services to deal with life's challenges. You can access 211's services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



## Conceptual streetscaping plans show more pedestrian-friendly beachfront

At the May 12 Coordinated Committee meeting, the committee received a presentation on conceptual streetscaping plans for town-owned land at the beachfront.

David Wood and Allan Brownridge of Envision Tatham Inc. provided the update. The presentation is available for review on the town's website and on the town's YouTube channel. See the 24:30 mark.

Planned for the area is a far more pedestrian-friendly design with numerous vistas and access points to the beach.

## Town-owned beachfront properties declared surplus

Council, at its May 26 meeting, officially declared town-owned properties at the beachfront as "surplus" to the municipality's needs in keeping with its Sale of Land Policy.

The declaration is part of the process to redevelop the site. Council members also approved using a direct sale method to sell the land to a preferred purchaser. Negotiations with the town's preferred developer – Bayloc Developments Inc. – continue. Watch our website for updates on this subject.

On a related note, council approved retaining Darren Neil and Sons Excavating Inc. for the first phase of building demolition work on beachfront properties, at a cost of \$79,390, excluding HST.

In addition, council directed staff to retain a consultant to assess the composition of the two buildings that will comprise the second phase of demolition work. See [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com) for further details.

## Generous support for arena and library project

The twin-pad arena and library building project continues to receive generous financial support from individuals, businesses, and organizations.

The fundraising campaign launched in the fall of 2021.

Recent donations include:

- Carly's Angels - \$17,000
- Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach - \$80,000
- Weiss Family - \$15,000
- Marcucci and Foden families - \$25,000
- Litz Family - \$10,000
- Beach Builders Home Hardware - \$35,000
- Tatham Engineering - \$25,000
- Anstey Family - \$10,000
- Mark Ruttan - \$10,000

For details on all our donors see the 'Twin-pad Arena and Library' page on [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com) or visit [www.wb-legacy.ca](http://www.wb-legacy.ca).



Carly's Angels (pictured) recently donated \$17,000 to the twin-pad arena and library fundraising campaign. Thank you to all of our donors for their support.

## Fireworks rules and regulations

Planning to set off fireworks? Make sure you know the rules. Under the town's bylaw, there are four days when fireworks can be used.

- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- New Year's Eve
- New Year's Day

Fireworks are prohibited outside of those days. Fireworks can only be set off on private property, unless a public display permit is obtained through the town.

Please work with us and follow the rules so that we can all have a safe and fun summer. If you have any questions, call 705-429-2511. Review the fireworks bylaw on our website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

## Outdoor fire regulations

If you are enjoying a fire in your yard, make sure you follow the rules. In Wasaga Beach, the only acceptable material for burning is dry seasoned firewood.

Fires are not permitted between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

As well, fires should not be left unattended. They should also be fully extinguished when you are done.

In addition, please ensure that someone at least 16 years old or older is supervising the fire.

If you have any questions, call 705-429-2511.

Review the bylaw on our website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

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## Aaron Lavers named Athlete of the Year

Aaron Lavers is the Town of Wasaga Beach's Athlete of the Year.

The local man received the honour during a special presentation Sunday, June 5.

"On behalf of town council and staff, I congratulate Aaron on this significant honour. His exemplary character and sportsmanship, combined with his skill on the football field, make him a deserving recipient," Mayor Nina Bifulchi said.

Lavers earned a silver medal as a linebacker while playing for the U16 Team Ontario in 2019.

At the regional level, he has been a member of the Huronia Stallions for 11 years. He also has served as a team captain at the varsity level. During the 2021 season, Lavers was ranked the second best defensive player in the regional league and best overall linebacker in the county.



Mayor Nina Bifulchi presents Aaron Lavers with the Senior of the Year Award on June 5.

At the local level, Lavers played high school football for Collingwood Collegiate in Grade 9 and 10, serving as team captain for both seasons. In his senior year, he played for Eastview Secondary School in Barrie in 2021-2022, where the team progressed to the SCAA finals. Lavers was named team captain and defensive most valuable player.

Lavers also played hockey through Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey from Chip to Bantam.

"I coached Aaron at Collingwood Collegiate Institute in 2019 where he helped lead us to a SCAA and GBSSA championship," said Brandon Kempster, who nominated Lavers. "I was so fortunate to have a leader like Aaron. He made my job easy. He showed up ready to work every day, and stayed after practice to get as many reps in as possible to ensure his best performance on the field."

Kempster said Lavers is an overall good young man.

"He displays great attitude. Aaron is polite, and humble, always willing to work, or change something in order to improve," Kempster said.

## Margaret Lalonde named Senior of the Year



Margaret Lalonde received the Senior of the Year Award on June 6.

The Town of Wasaga Beach and its Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee are pleased to present the 2022 Senior of the Year award to long-time resident Margaret Lalonde, in recognition of significant volunteer contributions over the last eight years.

"On behalf of council and town staff, I extend sincere congratulations to Margaret on receiving this award and I thank her for her very generous efforts," Mayor Nina Bifulchi said.

Fiona Ryner, chair of the Age-Friendly Community Advisory Committee, also congratulated Lalonde.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our community and we are proud to recognize such fine individuals as Margaret each year," Ryner said.

Lalonde's steadfast efforts at the Georgian Good Food Box have helped in providing hundreds of boxes of fresh produce to individuals seeking ways to stretch their food budget. She can be counted on to always show up ready and willing to assist and takes on whatever tasks are needed, including picking up food, unloading produce deliveries, and packing and distributing food boxes. Ahead of time, she confirms there will be enough supplies and a team on hand to work beside her on these tasks. Lalonde has also delivered boxes as needed, helps with cleaning up, and even does some banking and more.

Her kindness and support at the Campbell House Hospice have been invaluable to individuals and families during such a difficult time. From providing snacks in the kitchen to providing compassion, empathy and warm, friendly companionship to individuals and families, she has given invaluable comfort and support. Lalonde continued to help during COVID, in roles permitted under the restrictions. A role model to others, her experience qualifies her as the "go to" person for new recruits, happily orienting them to their roles and providing ongoing support.

Lalonde is an inspiration to others including her family, involving her children and grandchildren in activities to support the Food Box. Her kindness, selflessness and generosity with her time qualify her as a very deserving recipient of our Senior of the Year Award.

## Meeting agendas

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