

# Tay Township News & Notes

June 2026

As we move into July, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many opportunities we have had to come together as a community over the past several weeks.

One of the highlights of June was **National Indigenous Peoples Day** on June 21, a day to recognize and celebrate the rich cultures, traditions and

contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. Members of Council and staff gathered for a flag raising at the Municipal Office in recognition of this important day. These moments provide an opportunity to reflect, learn and strengthen our commitment to reconciliation and understanding.



I would also like to thank everyone who helped make Tay Township's Canada Day celebrations on June 26 and 27 a success. From the parade and live entertainment to community activities and local vendors, the weekend showcased the community spirit that makes Tay Township a great place to live, work and visit. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors, staff and community partners whose efforts helped bring the celebrations to life.

A special thank you as well to the members of the **Horticulture Committee**. Their ongoing work helps keep our gardens and public spaces looking their best throughout the season.

A reminder, the Municipal Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1 for Canada Day and will reopen on Thursday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m. For after-hours emergency service for water, wastewater, roads or parks, please call 705-526-5762.

Until next time, Mayor Ted Walker [twalker@tay.ca](mailto:twalker@tay.ca).

## Happy Canada Day Tay Township!



Photo highlights from the 2026 Tay Canada Day Parade

## Upcoming Meetings

**Heritage Committee Meeting** July 7th  
at 2:00 p.m.

**Horticulture Committee Meeting**  
July 14th at 2:00 p.m.

**Committee of Adjustment Meeting**  
July 15th at 6:00 p.m.

**Special Council - Development  
Charges Complaint Hearing**  
July 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

**Planning Public Meeting**  
July 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

**Council Meeting**  
July 22nd at 7:00 p.m.



## Notice of Hearing Under the Development Charges Act

**TAKE NOTICE** that Pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Development Charges Act, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Tay has scheduled a Hearing to receive comments on a complaint received with respect to the Township of Tay Development Charges for the Wye Heritage Marine Resort located at 3282 Ogdens Beach Road, Port McNicoll. The hearing is scheduled to be held in-person on **July 22, 2026, at 5:30**

p.m in the Council Chambers. For more information please read the full notice at [tay.ca/news](http://tay.ca/news).

## Notice of Public Meeting Regarding the Proposed Housekeeping Amendment to Zoning By-law 2000-57

**TAKE NOTICE** that Tay Township will be holding a Public Meeting on **Wednesday July 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** to consider amendments to the Township's Zoning By-law 2000-57, as amended pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended. The Council Meeting will be held in-person in the **Council Chambers of the Township Municipal Office** located at 450 Park Street in Victoria Harbour and will be broadcasted to the **Township's YouTube Channel**. To view the full notice including the Draft By-law please visit [tay.ca/news](http://tay.ca/news).

Council meeting information and agendas available at [tay.ca/calendar](http://tay.ca/calendar).

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## Thank You Tay Blooms 2026

Tay Township's **Horticulture Committee** hosted Tay Blooms on June 6, 2026. A special thank you to everyone who helped put this event together and who shared beneficial information about invasive species, pollinator gardens, and native plants. Thank you to the **Severn Sound Environmental Association** for their expertise! Also, a BIG thank you to all committee members who brought plants from their own gardens which help to fundraise ongoing projects! Learn more about our Horticulture Committee at [tay.ca/horticulture](http://tay.ca/horticulture).



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## Tay Township Strengthens Health Care and

# Physician Recruitment

Tay Township is continuing its commitment to strengthening local healthcare with a \$37,500 investment supporting **Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH)** and care in North Simcoe.

The contribution includes \$25,000 to the GBGH Foundation's We See You: Inside and Out campaign, along with \$12,500 toward physician recruitment efforts.



The investment reflects Tay Township's dedication to ensuring residents have access to high-quality care close to home — today and into the future. Read the full notice at [tay.ca/news](http://tay.ca/news).

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## Tay Township Recognized for Climate Action Leadership



Earlier this month, Tay Township was recognized by the **Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA)** during Climate Action Week for achieving Milestone 4 in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program.

The recognition highlighted Tay's response to the 2025 ice storm, including the operation of a warming centre at the Township Office to support residents during the emergency. The award reflects the Township's ongoing commitment to climate resilience and building a more sustainable community. For more information about SSEA and its environmental initiatives, visit [www.severnsound.ca](http://www.severnsound.ca).

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## Martyrs' Shrine Celebrates a Historic Milestone

Tay was pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of Martyrs' Shrine during the June Regular Council meeting. Father John O'Brien accepted a commemorative certificate and plaque on behalf of the Shrine, marking a century as a place of pilgrimage, prayer, and reflection.

This year also commemorates the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Jean de Brébeuf in Huronia and his first encounter with Joseph Chiwatenhwa, an important milestone in the region's history. In return, Father O'Brien presented the Township with a commemorative gold coin featuring Joseph Chiwatenhwa and Jean de Brébeuf on one side, and Martyrs' Shrine on the other, honouring both anniversaries. For more information on the Centennial celebrations and upcoming events, visit [martyrs-shrine.com/centennial](http://martyrs-shrine.com/centennial).



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## 2026 Municipal & School Board Election

Are you registered to vote in this October's municipal and school board election?

You may need to update or add your information if you:

- Moved to Tay Township since the 2022 municipal election
- Changed your address
- Turned 18 since the last municipal election

Get on the voters list  
for the municipal election  
on **October 26!**

RegisterToVoteON.ca  
1.866.242.3025

 Register  
to Vote



Visit [RegisterToVoteON.ca](https://www.registertovoteon.ca) to confirm your information, update your details, or add yourself to the voters list using the online tool!

Your vote helps shape the decisions that impact your everyday life, from roads, parks, and recreation programs to local growth, community services, and education. Learn more at [tay.ca/vote](https://www.tay.ca/vote).

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## Welcome 2026 Summer Students



#Team Tay got a little brighter with the arrival of our summer students. Tay Township proudly provides a hands-on learning environment that offers variety, supports skill development, and fosters mentorship.

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# Celebrating Seniors Month



The Seniors Advisory Committee hosted a drop-in community feedback session for local seniors.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event a success! It was wonderful to see so many people visiting the committee tables, engaging in meaningful conversations, and sharing valuable

feedback that helps guide the Committee's work.

In celebration of **Seniors' Month**, we also extend our sincere appreciation to the members of the **Seniors Advisory Committee** for their ongoing dedication, hard work, and the many outstanding events they bring to our community.



Tay Township was also recognized as an Age-Friendly Community in Ontario at the 2026 ROMA Conference. This recognition reflects the Township's commitment to supporting older adults to live independently, stay active, and remain connected to the people and services that matter most. Thank you to MPP Dunlop who presented Mayor Walker with the certificate.



To explore helpful resources for seniors and stay informed about upcoming events, visit [tay.ca/seniors](http://tay.ca/seniors).

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## SMDHU Beach Water Testing



Did you know the **Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU)** tests the water quality at the following local beaches?

Albert Street Beach, Mackenzie Park Beach, Magnus Beach, Patterson Park Beach and Waubaushene Beach.

Between June and September (Labour Day weekend) the SMDHU collects water samples from public beaches within Simcoe and Muskoka. They test the water samples for levels of E. coli bacteria. When elevated levels of E. coli are present in the water samples, the beach may be posted with an advisory warning indicating it is unsafe for swimming, or the beach may be closed. Bacteria levels can increase in recreational beach water due to heavy rainfall, cloudy water, a large number of swimmers, a large number of birds, shallow water, wet sand, wind and high waves. **Bookmark this page and make sure to check the water quality before you head out for a swim!**

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# Summer Active Living Programs

Registration for Tay Township's Summer Active Living Recreation Programs are open!

Register online at [tay.ca/register](https://tay.ca/register). Classes start the week of July 6, 2026. Review the [2026 Guide here](#).

For more information on our recreation programs, please contact us at [recreation@tay.ca](mailto:recreation@tay.ca) or call us at 705-534-7248 x230.



## Where to Play Pickleball in Tay!

Come play pickleball at one of Tay Township's outdoor courts, completely FREE all summer long!

Court Locations:

- Oakwood Park – 4 courts (asphalt) – portable nets needed.
- Bridgeview Park – 3 courts (concrete) – 2 with permanent nets/posts, 1 portable net needed.
- Waverley Park – 2 courts (asphalt) – portable nets needed.



Portable nets are available to sign out for FREE at the Municipal Office! Contact our Recreation Department at [recreation@tay.ca](mailto:recreation@tay.ca) for more information.

## 2026 Albert Street Boat Launch Trailer Parking Permits



Residents and property owners in Tay Township can obtain their 2026 Albert Street boat launch parking permit. This permit is required to park with a trailer in the designated trailer parking spaces at 110 and 145 Albert Street. Obtain your free permit by visiting the Municipal Office. More details available at [tay.ca/BoatLaunch](https://tay.ca/BoatLaunch).

## Tay Township Public Library

**Summer Reading Club Registration has begun!**

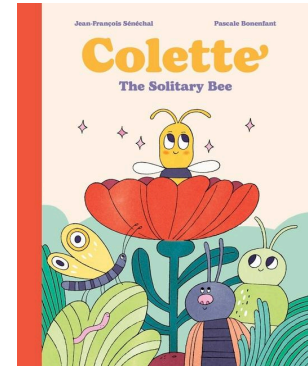
Join us for a summer full of reading, fun activities, amazing special guests and prizes! This year we are going under water with crafts and activities about oceans, seas, lakes, rivers and everything that lives there. Plus we have scheduled amazing guests coming



to visit, prizes for reading and our End of Summer Grand Prize Draw! Hosted in partnership with the TD Summer Reading Club. To learn more and view the summer calendar visit [Kids Zone - Tay Township Public Library](#).

### Join us for the TD Summer Reading Club StoryWalk®

Enjoy reading a story outside as you stroll along from one page to the next! The book this year is Colette: The Solitary Bee by Jean-François Sénéchal



The StoryWalk will be located:

Beside the Port McNicoll Branch from Jun 27 - Jul 18

Beside the Victoria Harbour Branch from Jul 21 - Aug 8

Waubaushene Community Garden from Aug 11 - Aug 29



### Summer Book Bingo

Read books in the featured categories and you could win! To play, read library books in the categories listed and record the title and author. When you finish a square, bring it to the desk to get it stamped. You can fill out a ballot when you have completed one line, three lines, and a full card. For teens and adults, pick up your bingo card at any branch. Get your ballots in by August 28th for your chance to win a \$25.00 gift card for Georgian Bay Books!

All Branches will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day! [View our full newsletter](#) for more information and everything happening at the library in July!

Don't miss out on another Library event - [subscribe to our newsletter](#) and fill out the form. There is so much more in branch, don't take our word for it, plan to visit your [Library](#) today.

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## Summer Yard Waste Collection

Summer Yard Waste Collection runs biweekly on your garbage weeks during the month of July (starts July 6).

Please be sure to place out your collection by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week. For full details, visit [simcoe.ca/waste](http://simcoe.ca/waste)



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## Upcoming Community Events

# Harbour Happy Hour is back!



**HARBOUR  
HAPPY  
HOUR**

Starting Friday, July 3, The Karma Project in partnership with Tay Township will launch Harbour Happy Hour, a vendor market and community gathering at Albert Street Park, beside the boat launch. The event will run from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Friday in July and August. Read the full notice at [tay.ca/news](http://tay.ca/news)

## 12th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby



**July 11, 2026 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**PORT McNICOLL**  
ANGLERS and HUNTERS

### 12th annual Kids' Fishing Derby

Register at the Albert Street Dock, Victoria Harbour beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
For details, call 705-790-3139

**Entry is FREE!**

- \* Free Hot Dog, Fries and Drink for participants
- \* Bait Supplied
- \* Lots and lots of prizes
- \* Adults fishing with their children must have a fishing licence

**Trombly's TACKLE BOX**

We thank the following community organizations for their support



VICTORIA HARBOUR LEGION  
BR. 523 LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY  
VICTORIA HARBOUR LIONS CLUB  
TAY CANADA DAY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF TAY

Reminder! The Municipal Boat Launch, located at 91 Albert Street in Victoria Harbour will be **CLOSED** to the public on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to accommodate this event (Kids' Fishing Derby).

For more information on where to launch your boat please visit [tay.ca/boatlaunch](http://tay.ca/boatlaunch).



## Victoria Harbour Legion

# Every Friday

From July 3 to September 4  
(Weather permitting)



## It's BBQ Time!

4 pm to whenever



\$5



\$5



\$3



**VICTORIA HARBOUR  
LEGION**  
**134 WILLIAM STREET**  
**705-534-4003**

NO BBQ ON JULY 24  
ENJOY OUR POPULAR FISH FRY  
INSTEAD

# CORNHOLE

## TOURNAMENT

### SUNDAY, JULY 19



Register at 12:30 p.m.

Play begins at 1 p.m.

\$5.00 per player.

\$10.00 per team

Sign up early.

Sheet on Sports Board

Food available for

purchase.



Legion

VICTORIA HARBOUR LEGION  
134 WILLIAM STREET 705-534-4003

## Wye Marsh

Join the Wye Marsh for a "Sunset Paddle". A peaceful and immersive evening on the water as you paddle through the tranquil marsh at dusk. This unique program blends gentle physical activity, mindfulness, and nature appreciation, all set against the calming backdrop of a setting sun.



**Where:** Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

**When:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Running every Friday starting July 3 to August 21.

For more information visit [wyemarsh.com/sunset-paddle](http://wyemarsh.com/sunset-paddle)

## Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons



### Hearth to Table: Dinner in 1648

Come and experience 17th-century inspired gourmet dishes by candlelight right on the grounds of historic Sainte-Marie. Hearth to Table invites guests to gather around a harvest table inside the chapel of the reconstructed Jesuit mission and enjoy a delicious, multi-course meal featuring historic seasonal ingredients.

**Saturdays:** July 25, August 22, September 19 and October 10.

Full details at [saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events](http://saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events)

# A Message from Tay Township Fire and Emergency Services

## Pull the Plug on Electrical Fires

Use extension cords as a **temporary connection only**.

Have a **licensed electrician** install additional outlets if needed.



[ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://ontario.ca/firemarshal)



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