



November 2018

Water Bill information BULLETIN

Town of Wasaga Beach | 30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach, ON | (P) 705-429-3844 | (F) 705-429-6732

Enclosed is your water bill for the months of September and October 2018. If your water bill indicates a balance forward, it's important to note that interest has been calculated to the current billing date. Interest will be applied at 1.25% on the first day of each month thereafter. For your convenience, your water bill can be paid in the comfort of your home through online banking.

Please contact the Water Clerk at (705) 429-3844 ext. 2245 if you experience any of the following:

- If the property was **occupied** during this billing cycle but both the **Previous and Current Read are the same**.
- If the current bill reflects 'Flat Rate Residential' water/sewer rates.



E-RECEIPTS AND BILLING

Now when you visit Town Hall to make a payment you can receive your receipt via email. Ask a Customer Service Representative for further details.

The town is also offering paperless water and tax bills.

Sign up for e-billing and receive your bills via e-mail. If you would like to sign up for this option please e-mail ebilling@wasagabeach.com and include the following:

- 1 The subject line should state the municipal property address, starting with the street name. For example, Main Street 123.
- 2 The body of the e-mail should state your name and phone number.
- 3 The e-mail must come from the e-mail address you want the bill sent to.

If you have questions, call us at 705-429-3844.

Wasaga Beach elects a new council

A new town council will be sworn in at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Residents are invited to attend the inauguration, which will take place in the council chamber at town hall, 30 Lewis St. Light refreshments will be served after the swearing in ceremony and there will be an opportunity to chat with members of council.

Sitting on the new council will be Mayor-elect Nina Bifulchi, Deputy Mayor-elect Sylvia Bray, and councillors-elect Joe Belanger, David Foster, Mark Kinney, George Watson, and Stan Wells.

The new council will serve a four-year term from 2018 to 2022.

Casino announcement good news for Wasaga Beach

The Town of Wasaga Beach is pleased to announce that Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Ltd. will build a casino and entertainment complex in Wasaga Beach. Where the casino will be situated in town must still be determined.

It's anticipated the casino will result in 400 well-paying jobs. A dependable revenue stream from the casino of approximately \$1.5-million to \$2-million each year is also expected.

Additional property tax revenue from the casino is another positive for the municipality.

Call us to arrange water shut off

If you are a seasonal resident and wish to have your water turned off, please contact the Public Works Department to schedule an appointment. To book an appointment, call 705-429-2540, ext. 2305 or e-mail h.kenney@wasagabeach.com.

For water shut off, please drain your pipes and ensure the water meter is completely drained. It is strongly recommended that a professional, licensed, insured plumber be obtained to winterize your residence.

Note the owner of the property must be present during the water shut off or town staff will not proceed with the work.

Water conservation rebates are available!

The Town of Wasaga Beach has a water conservation rebate program.

When you install a low flow or dual flush toilet you are eligible for a \$70 rebate.

Residents who install a rain barrel can get a \$30 rebate.

Please note that only property owners on municipal water are eligible for the rebate. You can find rebate forms at www.wasagabeach.com or pick one up at town hall at 30 Lewis St.

Applicants must include copies of receipts indicating that they purchased the particular item. Completed forms and supporting documentation can be presented at town hall.

The rebate will be applied to your next water bill.



Follow us on social media

If you use Facebook and Twitter then please follow us for accurate information about the Town of Wasaga Beach. On Facebook, you can find our page by searching for "Town of Wasaga Beach," and on Twitter our handle is @WB_Media. We share information almost daily.



In print

Each week the Town of Wasaga Beach publishes information in The Sun newspaper. Please make a point of reviewing the town pages. You'll find information about meetings, tender notices, programs, and much more. The information changes weekly so please review each edition.



On the web

Our website can be found at www.wasagabeach.com. On the site you'll find all kinds of information, including agendas, how to reach members of council, news releases, contact details for departments, and schedules for town sanctioned community events. There's also a link to Rogers Television, where you can watch recorded council meetings. Check the site regularly to stay up-to-date on the town.



YouTube

Our Coordinated Committee meetings, and our Committee of the Whole meetings, are available for viewing on our YouTube channel. Search "Town of Wasaga Beach" to find the channel and the meeting you wish to watch.



Call us!

Need help with something related to the town? You can call us and one of our customer service representatives will direct you to the right department. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can be reached by telephoning 705-429-3844.

Alternative formats of this newsletter are available upon request.

Town wins Best Community Garden Award

The Town of Wasaga Beach has won the Best Community Garden Award at the Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter Champion Awards.

The Food Partners Alliance of Simcoe County, a multi-sector organization that is working to establish a sustainable and equitable food system in the region, has hosted the annual awards program since 2013.

In July, town staff and members of the municipality's Healthy Community Network Committee accepted the Best Community Garden Award during a special ceremony at the County of Simcoe Administration Centre.

Located at the corner of River Road West and Fernbrook Drive, the garden has 56 raised plots where people can grow produce during the summer months. The plots are four feet wide by eight feet long. Apple trees are a part of the garden as well.

For more information on the garden, see www.wasagabeach.com. To learn more about the Food Partners Alliance of Simcoe County please see www.fpa.simcoe.ca.

Seniors Active Living Centre opens

On Monday, Oct. 1, the Town of Wasaga Beach officially opened its new Seniors Active Living Centre.

The centre will provide increased social and recreational services for older adults and seniors in our community. It's our hope that seniors will make great use of this facility for many years to come.

The opening of the centre, at 1621 Mosley St., coincided with National Seniors Day.

Earlier this year the Ontario Ministry of Seniors Affairs approved a \$40,125 grant to help operate the facility.

The town's Age-Friendly Community Plan identifies 18 goals that address improving the quality of life for seniors living in Wasaga Beach and the centre will help us meet these objectives.

Current programs include a Coffee-n-Tea Social, seniors' yoga, computer help, and a dance class. For full details see www.wasagabeach.com or call Josh Pallas at 705-429-3321, ext. 2504.

Wasaga Beach celebrates Christmas

Wasaga Beach gets into the Christmas spirit on Saturday, Nov. 24.

The town's annual Christmas parade starts at 5 p.m. The parade begins at 22nd Street and then will make its way along Mosley Street to the RecPlex. Mosley Street will be closed during the parade. For details on road closures during the parade, see www.wasagabeach.com. Following the parade, the annual Christmas tree lighting will take place at Oakview Woods, next to the RecPlex, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. As part of the fun, there will be free skating, a carol sing, music by the CCI band, photos with Santa, and refreshments.

Funderland returns to town Nov. 25

Funderland is a community Christmas celebration for families with children. The event takes place at the RecPlex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes games, entertainment, crafts, treats, and much more, including The Lions Den Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission to Funderland is free. Donations for the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank are welcome.

Water Billing Schedule:

Due Date:	Billing Period:
mid-April 2018	January – February 2018
late-June 2018	March – April 2018
mid-August 2018	May – June 2018
mid-October 2018	July – August 2018
mid-December 2018	September – October 2018
mid-February 2019	November – December 2018

** Please note where the set due dates noted fall on a holiday or weekend the payment due date is defined as the next business day.*