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### Osprey Connector Trail Opening

In November, we celebrated the Osprey Connector Trail opening. The Osprey Connector Trail is a vital link that now connects the South Shore Annapolis Valley Trail, Arthur Young Trail, and the LaHave River Trail to the trail network that encompasses Central Nova Trail, Adventure Trail, Dynamite Trail and the Bay to Bay trail.

This trail marks a significant milestone in our Municipality's ongoing commitment to providing outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities. The trail has brought together various trail groups, local businesses like the Best Western, and the Municipality. The commitment, cooperation, and shared vision of these stakeholders have been essential in making this project a reality.

The Nova Scotia Government, via the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage, provided an \$80,000 grant for the expansion of our recreation trail project. The Municipality extends its gratitude to the dedicated efforts of the Lunenburg Region Trail Associations, recognizing their ongoing commitment to trail development. Their hard work is instrumental in creating a future network of trails that will seamlessly connect Halifax to the Valley through Lunenburg County.

Photo, left to right: David Whynot, Adventure Trail Director and Central Nova ATV Chair, Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Jeff Bishop, LaHave River Trail Association Director, and MLA Susan Corkum-Greek.



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**Mayor's Corner**

As we prepare for the end-of-year festivities, I wanted to take the opportunity to review some of the actions Council took this year to improve services to residents.

One of our largest projects has been our work around coastal protection land use planning. We expect new regulations to be in place soon, and encourage residents, especially those living on the coast, to sign up on the project website to learn more about the next steps (see page 3).

Another project we've continued to work on is the Osprey Village Community Hub. Osprey Village will soon be home to Nova Scotia's first Lumia Health Collaborative Health Centre and MODL's Community Hub.

Our climate change work continues, with solar and EV charger installations on municipal properties. In September, MODL gave away 500 trees to promote a greener community. This project is part of the Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030 (LCCAP 2030), which aims to plant 10,000 trees by the end of this decade.

Also, this fall, we launched a new program designed to help residents permanently improve their potable water supply. Homeowners in the Municipality can now apply for financing to upgrade their water supply through the Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program. The program offers low-interest financing for potable water systems, such as a new well.

On behalf of our Council and staff, I would like to wish all our residents and their families peace, love and joy during this beautiful time of the year.



Thanks to everyone who joined us at the Holiday parades in November!

## Coastal Protection Update

The Municipality is developing new regulations that will impact how development occurs along our coast. MODL has a responsibility to our residents and our environment to ensure that new homes, businesses, and other structures are not placed in areas that could be at risk of coastal flooding or erosion, while protecting our natural assets from potential harms caused by development. The municipal regulations are expected to be implemented by the end of 2023.

Work on this project began in mid-April, and Council will review proposed regulations over the winter. If you'd like to learn more or be involved in future public meetings, please sign up to the email list at [engage.modl.ca/coastal-protection](mailto:engage.modl.ca/coastal-protection) to ensure you receive project updates.



## New Stop Sign in Cookville

This fall, two grade 10 students from Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud, Siena Cusick and Charlize Donat advocated for bilingual traffic signs in the local area. The students said, "Putting up bilingual signs in Cookville is a celebration of the Acadian and francophone social, linguistic, and cultural identities. This gesture values French education for the students of the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial and also students in French immersion programs."

Photo, left to right: Becky Druhan, MLA, student Siena Cusick, student Charlize Donat, and Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Mayor.

## Call for Volunteers for the Petite Riviere Arts and Crafts Society

The Petite Riviere Arts and Crafts Society, (PRACS) is a not-for-profit organization that creates a yearly map highlighting businesses and artisans found along Hwy 331. We also include businesses on the east side of the LaHave River and the village of Port Medway. This well-established map offers tourists and locals the opportunity to discover new and well-established businesses in our beautiful region. We are a small, efficient group of volunteers who meet monthly from September to April, at the Petite Riviere Vineyard. Arrangements can be made for those who can only attend virtually. This is a wonderful opportunity for newcomers to make new friends and get involved in the community! If you are interested please contact [presidentpracs@gmail.com](mailto:presidentpracs@gmail.com).

Needed Immediately: Treasurer. Responsibilities include:

- Receive and deposit payments from participants
- Pay bills for expenses (printing, design, incidentals)
- About 1 hour/week from January to March

Looking for: New Committee Members. Responsibilities include:

- Help with follow-up emails and phone calls to remind participants of upcoming due dates
- Map deliveries at end of April

## Tree Giveaway at the MARC

What a great turnout we had for our very first tree giveaway day! This event was one of the action items in our Local Climate Change Action Plan 2030 (LCCAP2030), the Municipality's response to the global climate emergency. You can read the Plan at [engage.modl.ca/local-climate-change-action-plan-2030](https://engage.modl.ca/local-climate-change-action-plan-2030). Photos: Staff and the public gather for the tree giveaway at the MARC on September 9.



## EVERYONE'S WELCOME ON TEAM LOB'STAR.

GO HEAD FIRST INTO FEBRUARY WITH NOTHING BUT AN APPETITE! HAVE FUN TRAINING FOR A MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF ALL-THINGS LOBSTER, ALL OVER OUR LOVELY SOUTH SHORE. WE DROP THE PUCK WHEN **LUCY THE LOBSTER** LOOKS FOR HER SHADOW ON FEBRUARY 2ND, THEN IT'S FULL TILT UNTIL THE WHISTLE BLOWS! PLAY YOUR PART IN THE ANNUAL **LOBSTER ROLL-OFF** COMPETITION BY EATING YOUR FACE-OFF, THEN ROMP AROUND IN OUR GREAT OUTDOORS. EVERYONE WINS WHEN WE SUPPORT LOCAL VENUES, EVENTS, AND BUSINESSES. *LET'S GO TEAM LOB'STAR!*

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[MODL.CA](https://www.modl.ca)

## Municipality Begins Work on Solar Garden Project

MODL has partnered with the Alternative Resource Energy Authority (AREA) to work on a potential solar garden construction next to the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre on Mullock Road.

The solar garden is a project of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, and AREA will be managing the build. It will be owned by MODL and the community will receive benefits from the solar garden.



The solar garden project is part of the Provincial Community Solar Program, expected to be launched in late 2023 or early 2024. MODL is currently conducting the necessary studies for the application process, which include site selection analysis, geotechnical study, and a preliminary engineering and design assessment. If the project receives approval, MODL will own the solar garden and sell energy to Nova Scotia Power Inc. through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

Residents of the municipal partners involved (other partners yet to be confirmed) will have the first option to subscribe to the project. Subscription space after that will be available to residents across Nova Scotia. Solar subscriptions for community members provide citizens with an accessible and inclusive alternative to rooftop solar. Once approved, site development work such as design, procurement, construction, and other government processes will take approximately two years.

To learn more, visit [engage.modl.ca/community-solar-garden-project](https://engage.modl.ca/community-solar-garden-project).

## Do you own a short-term rental in MODL?

In early 2024, MODL will introduce a new 3% fee that must be collected by short-term rental accommodation, hotel, and motel owners, and remitted to the Municipality.

This levy is designed to generate revenue for tourism promotion. The levy will apply to hotel and motel rooms, and rentals booked through platforms such as AirBnB or VRBO.

Want to learn more? Visit our project page at [engage.modl.ca/accommodation-marketing-levy](https://engage.modl.ca/accommodation-marketing-levy).

## Private Road Maintenance Tips

Do you live on a private road? Here are some helpful tips for keeping your road safe.

- Clear debris and vegetation from ditches and away from culverts.
- Ensure culverts are adequately sized to handle stormwater flows by a qualified person.
- Ensure roads are sloped as to direct stormwater off the road surface and into the ditches.

## Bike Racks Coming to Lunenburg County Wheels Vans

Cyclists in the Municipality will soon have a new car-free option. They will be able to book a Lunenburg County Wheels van to their favourite bike trails or to quieter and safer roads outside of their home communities. Thanks in part to a \$2,000 grant from MODL's Recreation Department, durable made-for-transit bike racks will be installed on two Lunenburg County Wheels 8-passenger accessible vans on order for 2024.



The combination of van and bike mobility will provide cyclists an opportunity to efficiently and cost-effectively exercise while connecting them with shopping, social time, medical appointments, recreation and more. As a bonus, bike racks on vans will help show that Lunenburg County Wheels is for all ages and abilities.

The majority of funding for the bike racks (\$5,000) comes from the Province of Nova Scotia (Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage) through the project *Linking Active Transportation with Rural Public Transit: Adding Bike Racks to Lunenburg County Wheels*.

"We're grateful for the support, and pleased to be adding this welcome dimension to our service," said Lunenburg County Wheels president Jerome Tanner. Non-profit Lunenburg County Wheels, an evolution of the Senior Wheels Association, currently provides its door-to-door weekday service to much of western Lunenburg County, except the area east of Bridgewater that includes Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Riverport. That area will be added in 2024.

Four accessible vans have been ordered, and each include seven seats and wheelchair space. The new Lunenburg County Wheels vans will supplement their 8-passenger accessible bus and 7-passenger minivan currently in use. (The minivan was financed by MODL, with supplementary support for the Nova Scotia Transportation Network.)

Lunenburg County Wheels is managed by Daron Lantz, who reports to a 10-member volunteer Board. To book a weekday door-to-door ride with Lunenburg County Wheels, call (902) 543-2255 or visit their Facebook page at [LunenburgCountyWheels](https://www.facebook.com/LunenburgCountyWheels).

### HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS THAT SAVE YOU MONEY

START SAVING!



Clean Energy Financing



## Clean Energy Upgrades

Was your home been too hot over summer? Too chilly in the winter? Heat pumps, insulation and other upgrades can help your home stay comfortable.

See how you can finance these upgrades with our Clean Energy Financing program at [cleanenergyfinancing.ca/Lunenburg](https://cleanenergyfinancing.ca/Lunenburg).



## Community Events Listing – Winter 2024

Date	Event	Details	Contact
Mondays	Morning Coffee	10:00am – 11:30am, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Enjoy good conversation and refreshments. FREE; donations appreciated.	(902) 541-7545
	Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia; Caregiver Support Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Ridgewood Assisted Living, 372 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater. A place to talk with others who understand the disease and know what you're going through.	1-800-611-6345
	Cribbage	7:00pm, Voglers Cove Community Hall. Eight games of single crib. Entrance: \$4, High Hand: \$1, 50/50 tickets available. Snacks welcomed; beverages served.	(902) 298-4084
	Music Jam	7:00pm, Baker Settlement & District Community Hall, 5092 Hwy 325, Baker Settlement. 50/50, canteen, pie/cake. Wheelchair accessible. \$2. If school is cancelled, the jam is cancelled.	(902) 685-2343
Tuesdays	Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia; Caregiver Education Series	2:00pm – 4:00pm, 558 Glen Allan Drive, Bridgewater. October 17 – November 21. A six-week Family Caregiver Education Series is for family members and care partners of persons recently diagnosed with dementia. Participants learn about the symptoms of dementia, treatment options, coping strategies, future planning issues, and available community resources.	1-800-611-6345
Wednesdays	Seaside A Cappella All Women's Show Chorus	6:45pm – 9:00pm, Dayspring Fire Hall. The chorus meets every Wednesday evening to rehearse, and welcome any woman who likes to sing. No music experience necessary. Come out to see what it is all about. No admission charge to come and observe. Monthly fee if interested is \$30.	(902) 543-8779
Thursdays	Golden Youth Card Club	1:30pm, Pleasantville Fire Hall. Ages 55+. Auction 45's. Light refreshments served. \$3 per person.	(902) 527-5663
Fridays	Bingo	7:30pm, Hemford Fire Hall.	(902) 644-3022
Saturdays	South Shore Stamp Club	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, New Life Christian Church Basement, 42 Elm Street, Bridgewater.	(902) 543-8384 (902) 529-2000
December 16	Breakfast with Santa	8:00am – 11:00am, Vogler's Cove Community Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, fruit cups, and beverages. Adults \$10, ages 6-12 \$7, and under 5 free.	(902) 677-2045
January 9	Seniors' College Association of Nova Scotia (SCANS) Information Session	10:00am, Mahone Bay Centre. Meet the teachers, become a member, and sign up for classes: Women in Jazz, and Archaeology and its Contributions to the Early History of Eastern Canada. It's free. Contact: FernSJordan@gmail.com.	
February 10	Valentine's Dinner	6:30pm, Vogler's Cove Community Hall. 3 course dinner (menu to be announced at a later date)/ \$35/person with reservation.	(902) 677-2045

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February 13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	4:00pm – 6:00pm, St. Luke’s Church Hall, 12713 Hwy 3 Rhodes Corner. Pancakes, sausages, yogurt/fruit, dessert, and beverage. Adults \$12 and under 10 \$6. Take-outs Cheryl 902-543-5871 Ann 902-521-5651 or dine-in!	(902) 543-5871 (902) 521-5651
March 13	The Amazing Mr. J's MAGIC of READING Show!	2:00pm, Lunenburg Library. A family-friendly, fun-filled, high-energy, audience-interactive performance of amazing magic tricks! FREE.	(902) 634-8008
March 15	The Amazing Mr. J's MAGIC of READING Show!	2:00pm, Margaret Hennigar Public Library, Bridgewater. A family-friendly, fun-filled, high-energy, audience-interactive performance of amazing magic tricks! FREE.	(902) 543-9222
March 16	Pub Nite	Doors open at 4:00pm, music at 8:00pm, Vogler’s Cove Community Hall. Pub food and cash bar.	(902) 677-2045

Submit event info to Tissy Bolivar, [tissy.bolivar@modl.ca](mailto:tissy.bolivar@modl.ca), or call (902) 541-1335. Next deadline: Thursday, February 8, 2024

### Winter Maintenance Message

MODL is committed to providing safe and enjoyable recreational opportunities within our spaces. Although not all MODL parks and trails are serviced from December 1 to mid-May, the public can still access these sites. As winter approaches, we want to keep you informed about what to expect for winter maintenance. Here’s what you need to know:

- Starting December 1, our winter maintenance schedule begins.
- Park gates will be closed so parking may be affected in some locations. The parking lots at Miller Point Peace Park (outer lot only), MARC, River Ridge Common and LaHave Sunset Park will remain open and cleared from snow after a storm.
- There are no scheduled services for garbage collection. Visitors are reminded to use the pack-it-in, pack-it-out principle and take everything home with them.
- Washrooms and outhouses are closed for the season except for Miller Point Peace Park, MARC and River Ridge Common with reduced services.
- Users should anticipate varied surface conditions on trails and in parking lots, walking poles and/or ice traction cleats are recommended.
- Visitors are permitted to access MODL spaces from dawn to dusk each day unless otherwise posted.
- Visitors must continue to follow all park rules, including keeping pets leashed.
- During this time, our crew will focus on essential safety checks, critical upkeep and provide minimal services in our open parks (Miller Point Peace Park, MARC, River Ridge Common and LaHave Sunset Park).

Winter is a wonderful time to get out and explore, don’t forget to dress in layers, wear bright colours, bring a friend or tell someone where you are going, and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

## The Importance of Having a Winter Safety Emergency Car Kit

Winter can be a magical time of year, with its pristine snowfall and crisp, chilly air. However, the colder months also bring challenging weather conditions that can pose significant risks, especially on the road. Snow, ice, and freezing temperatures can turn a routine drive into a treacherous journey. That's why it's essential for every vehicle owner to have a winter safety emergency car kit on hand.

A winter safety emergency car kit is your lifeline when faced with unforeseen circumstances such as getting stuck in a snowstorm, sliding off an icy road, or encountering an accident. It can provide you with the tools and supplies necessary to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

### Key components of a Winter Safety Emergency Car Kit

- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, ready-to-eat meals, energy bars and dried foods, dry cereal or granola, peanut butter, dried fruit and nuts, crackers, canned juices, non-perishable pasteurized milk (check expiration dates on an annual basis.)
- Water (plastic bottles won't break if frozen - change every six months)
- Blanket, extra clothing and shoes
- First aid kit with seatbelt cutter
- Small shovel, scraper, and snowbrush, candle in a deep can and matches
- Flashlight (crank, wind-up or battery-powered). Replace batteries once a year
- Radio (crank, wind-up or battery-powered). Replace batteries once a year
- Whistle to attract attention, and warning light or road flares
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information

### Recommended additional items to keep in your vehicle

- Sand, salt, or cat litter (non-clumping)
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid
- Tow rope, Booster/jumper cables
- Fire extinguisher
- Road maps
- Manual can-opener if needed for the food selected
- Crank, wind-up, or battery-powered flashlight and radio (and extra batteries)
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in smaller bills and coins
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medication, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, or food, water and medication for your pets or service animal (personalize according to your needs).

A winter safety emergency car kit is an absolute necessity for anyone who drives during the colder months. It provides peace of mind and can make the difference between a minor inconvenience and a life-threatening situation. Remember, it's not enough to have a kit; you must also know how to use its contents. Familiarize yourself with the tools and supplies, and regularly check the kit to ensure everything is in working order. Before the first snowflake falls, take the time to assemble or update your kit. Your future self will thank you for it!

Find more winter preparedness information at [LunenburgREMO.ca](http://LunenburgREMO.ca).

## Get Updates About Holiday Waste Collection and Storm Cancellations

Call (902) 543-2991 Listen to CKBW 98.1 FM



Visit [communityrecycling.ca](https://communityrecycling.ca) or the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page



Visit [communityrecycling.ca](https://communityrecycling.ca) and sign up for collection notifications through the R6Recycles Waste App.



### Christmas Tree Collection

Pick up will take place on your regular collection day January 8 - January 19.

Two trees will be collected per house. Apartment buildings: one tree per apartment, plus one extra tree will be picked up. Remove all decorations. Artificial trees are collected on regular pick-up days. Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](https://communityrecycling.ca).



### Winter Green Cart Tips

Food waste can freeze in your green cart, making it hard to empty. Here are some tips:

- Put your cart out every waste collection, even if it isn't full. Place it in front of snowbanks.
- Retrieve your cart from the road when emptied, to make way for snowplows.
- Place food scraps in newspaper or put them in cereal boxes or paper shopping bags.
- Line your cart with cardboard or paper leaf waste bags. Plastic compostable liners are no longer accepted.
- Alternate layers of food waste with sawdust or dry leaves.
- Don't overload your cart, large carts can hold up to 250 lbs. Carts over this weight will not be emptied to prevent damage to them.
- **Don't put hot ashes in your cart, you can start a fire!** Allow ashes to cool completely and check them to prevent damaging your cart.



Questions? Call 902-543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](https://communityrecycling.ca).

## Waste Collection Information

There are lots of ways to find out about waste collection. Visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca) to find updates. Sign up for collection notifications using **R6Recycles waste app**. You can download the app on your mobile device. It's free and easy to use.

If collection is cancelled, check the website listed above, or call **1-855-530-3324** or **(902) 543-2991** or tune into **CKBW 98.1 fm**. Also check the **Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre's Facebook page**.

The screenshot shows the R6RECYCLES website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Sorting Brochures' and a 'Never miss a collection day or cancellation again!' banner. Below this is a 'My Schedule' section with a calendar icon, a search icon for 'What Goes Where', a game controller icon for 'Waste Sorting Game', and a question mark icon for 'Need help?'. The address '1 908 Mullock Rd, Whynotts Settlement' and 'District of Lunenburg - Tue White' is displayed. There are buttons for 'Get a reminder!', 'Get a calendar', and 'Search for another address'. A calendar for December 2020 is shown, with collection dates highlighted: 'Bi-Weekly Bulky waste collection (MJSB)' on Tuesday, December 1st, and 'Garbage' on Wednesday, December 2nd.



Never miss collection day! Download the free **R6RECYCLES App** on the app store.  
**No computer or smart phone? Call (902) 543-2991 to sign up for reminders about collection day.**

Find us on Facebook! [facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre](https://facebook.com/LunenburgRegionalCommunityRecyclingCentre)

The Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre is located at 908 Mullock Road in Whynotts Settlement.  
**Questions? Call (902) 543-2991 or visit [communityrecycling.ca](http://communityrecycling.ca).**

## Important Numbers

<b>General Inquiries</b>	<b>(902) 543-8181</b>	Planning	(902) 541-1325
Building Inquiries/Inspection	(902) 541-1325	Recreation	(902) 541-1343
Civic Addressing Inquiries	(902) 541-1325	Roads (Dept. Public Works)	1-844-696-7737
Dog Control Officer	(902) 543-2022	Solid Waste Inquiries	(902) 543-2991
Economic Development	(902) 530-2325	Solid Waste Collection Issues	1-855-530-3324
Engineering Department	(902) 541-1351	Taxes	(902) 541-1329
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