

Community Life

Your community
newsletter

April 2021



Office Hours

Due to COVID-19, our office is still closed for walk-ins. However, you can always call us if you'd like to pick up or drop off or talk with our office team.

Please call 705-436-1571 or email us to make an appointment.

Coming up ...

- Apr. 2: Good Friday (closed)
- Apr. 5: Easter Monday
- Apr. 7/8: Yom HaShoah
- Apr. 9: Vimy Ridge Day
- Apr. 13: Ramadan begins

Spring Is Here!

The birds are returning, crocuses are blooming, and spring is finally in the air. After a long, cold winter, we're looking forward to some sunshine and more time outdoors.

Community information:

- Leaf and yard waste collection resumes on April 14th with the Sandycove team and then alternatively with the county. See calendar for schedule. Did you know that you can create a reminder for all your waste schedules by clicking this link here? [Waste Schedule Reminder](#)
- Friendly reminder that your leaf and yard waste must be put in paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes or compostable bags for pickup. Blowing your yard waste to the common roads is not acceptable.
- Bulky Item pickup resumes monthly on Thursday April 22nd. Please call or email the office with your maximum 3 items to be picked up by noon on April 21st. No hazardous waste, electronics, items over 44lbs or building materials can be picked up.
- Street sweeping planned for April. I will update with dates as they are confirmed. Please be patient as all businesses are experiencing delays.
- 2021 Capital projects approved and are in process of finalizing:
 - Road paving (I will provide road list at a later date)
 - Sewer line replacement
 - Fencing replaced at both pools
- We remain under a "Red Control" zone under the government framework. Just click this link to keep informed: [Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit Covid 19 updates](#)

Thank you for all you do to keep our community safe. Better days are ahead. Stay safe, keep smiling and count your blessings daily.

Kind Regards,
Mirka Rollason

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- County pickup any day of week
- Sandycove Acres pickup day
- Bulky Item pickup day

Spring Maintenance Tips and Tricks

Sprucing up just seems like a natural routine as we come out of winter hibernation. Whether you're tidying up inside or out, here are some quick tips and reminders.

1. Use Cleaning Multi-taskers—The cleaning aisle at the store is full of products for every task, but there's no need to overload your cleaning toolbox. A good multi-purpose cleaner and microfibre cloth can tackle most dirt and are easy on the wallet. Even a simple mixture of vinegar and water works well for many tasks (but be sure not to use on natural stone surfaces).
2. Clear the Clutter—Spring is the perfect time to declutter. If you're having trouble letting go of items, make a "purgatory box." Fill it with items you think you don't need but can't quite let go of. Then in a month, if you still haven't looked for any of those items, donate or dispose of the whole box.
3. Clean Gutters and Downspouts—Clogged gutters can cause a whole mess of problems. Check them for dirt and debris and make sure downspouts haven't been moved or damaged over the winter. They should be directing water away from your home.
4. Check for Winter Damage—Winter can be hard on your home! Do a quick visual inspection for any loose or cracked roof shingles, frost damage to driveways/walkways, snow damage to siding/skirting, or any other items that might need some TLC.
5. Replace Filters and Batteries—Spring is a great time to check all those things we often don't think about like furnace filters, smoke alarm and CO detector batteries, the crumb tray in your toaster, and range hood and small appliance filters.



Click Before You Dig!

Don't forget, if you need to do any spring maintenance that involves digging, make sure it's safe *before* your start. Find more information at ClickBeforeYouDig.com.

Keep in mind that maintenance and renovation projects may need a municipal permit and/or a Parkbridge Application to Alter. Please check with the office if you have any questions about a home improvement or landscaping project.

COVID Update

Now that warmer weather is coming and vaccines are rolling out across the country, we're hopeful we'll be able to see improvement in the COVID situation this year.

For now, we still need to do our part and continue wearing masks, physical distancing and practicing good hand hygiene. If you have any symptoms of illness, avoid contact with others and seek medical advice if you need it. Please check with the local health unit if you have any questions about current COVID guidelines. Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit can be reached at 705-721-7520.

Provincial Booking line for vaccine 1-888-999-6488

Important Reminders

This is our busiest time of the year for
Application to Alters.

Plan ahead and thank you for patience.