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**GEORGIAN
BLUFFS**

**Being A Good
Neighbour**

📍 *Live Like a Local*



About Georgian Bluffs



Georgian Bluffs is a four-season playground located in Grey County. Visitors and residents can enjoy numerous trails, famous waterfalls, parks and breathtaking views of Georgian Bay. The Niagara Escarpment winds through the Township, offering scenic vistas along the way that will have you reaching for your camera. Embark on a self-guided waterfall tour, visit Big Bay and practice your stone skipping skills at the Stone Skipping Capital of Canada, or take a trip back in time and learn about the significant history places like Bruce Caves bring to the Township. We hope you'll enjoy exploring the beautiful Bluffs!

POPULATION
11,100

The Township was incorporated on January 1, 2001.



Communicating With Your Neighbours



Good Neighbour Reminders

1. Be mindful of those around you regarding noise, whether at a public park or in a private yard.
2. Clean up any waste or garbage in your area, and before leaving any public spaces.
3. Park responsibly, respecting designated parking areas and not blocking driveways or emergency routes.
4. Clean up after your pets, keep them on leashes where required, and try to prevent excessive noise and disturbances.
5. Notify neighbours of any upcoming projects or events that may affect them.
6. Just say hi! Whether they're a long-time neighbour or just there for the weekend, a friendly wave can go a long way.

Welcoming Visitors

By extending warm gestures to visitors, such as offering a friendly smile or a welcoming wave, we foster a sense of hospitality that can leave a lasting impression. Additionally, a welcoming environment promotes a sense of community and unity among residents and visitors alike. Simple acts of kindness have a ripple effect, inspiring others to reciprocate the same gestures. This cultivates a friendly and inclusive atmosphere where both residents and visitors feel a sense of belonging and connection. Remember, a smile is the same in every language!

CONTACT TEMPLATE

Example: Hi! It's your neighbour (name), at (address). It's great to meet you. If you ever need to get in touch with me about my property or any situations, please feel free to call/text me at (number) or email me at (email).
Thank you!

Posting the Rules

Some of the visitors to your property may not be aware of the rules and By-Laws of Georgian Bluffs when they visit. You can help avoid conflicts with neighbours by having clearly posted guidelines for our visitors to follow, as per the example below.



While you are staying with us, we ask that you please be mindful of your surroundings and those around you at all times. Whether in a public or private area, please keep noise to a minimum, especially during quiet hours after 11 p.m.

Note that fireworks are only permitted on the following holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic holiday, Labour Day and New Years Eve. between dusk and 11 p.m. Always check for any local notices or restrictions in place at the time of your visit, such as fire bans.

Be mindful of the property lines, and do not trespass or allow pets to wander on neighbouring properties. Also, ensure you park responsibly, respecting designated parking areas and not blocking neighbour's driveways or emergency routes.

Please remember to clean up after your pets on the property and off, keep them leashed where required, and try to prevent excessive noise and disturbances.

Clean up any waste or garbage on the property, and in any public spaces you visit like parks or trails.

Thank you for respecting these guidelines and we hope you enjoy your stay!

DID YOU KNOW?

You can be held liable for offences occurring at your property even if you are not present. Both you and your visitor can be charged for infractions.



Tips for Operating a Safe STA



REMINDER

Stay up-to-date on any local notices or restrictions in place and ensure your tenants are aware, such as any fire bans or weather advisories.

Sign up for our e-mails at georgianbluffs.ca/subscribe to stay informed!

Cleanliness and Sanitization: Prioritize cleanliness by thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the accommodation between guests.

Safety Equipment: Equip your accommodation with essential safety equipment, including smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers. Test and maintain these devices regularly to ensure they are working properly.

Clear Communication: Provide clear and detailed instructions to guests regarding safety protocols, emergency procedures, and any specific guidelines for using amenities or equipment, such as fire pits, pools, etc.

Security Measures: Implement appropriate security measures to protect guests and their belongings like locks and security cameras.

First Aid Kit: Keep a well-stocked first aid kit readily available in the accommodation including basic medical supplies.

Emergency Contacts: Provide guests with a list of emergency contacts, including local emergency services, nearby medical facilities, and your own contact information.

Regular Maintenance: Conduct routine maintenance checks to identify and address any safety hazards. Inspect electrical systems, plumbing, and appliances regularly to ensure they are in proper working condition.

Escape Route: Ensure you have a clearly marked fire escape route. Post a map of the route so it's easy for guests to see.

Occupancy Limits: Establish and enforce safe occupancy limits based on area, accommodations, and septic system limits.



Water, Wells and Septic

Water Wells: A water well is a man-made structure that taps into underground or waterfront water sources to provide fresh water for residential or commercial use. It can consist of a drilled hole in the ground, a casing to prevent collapse, a pump to extract water, and various components to control water flow and pressure. Be mindful of your water usage with a water well by avoiding wasteful practices, such as leaving taps running, and ensure the water is tested regularly and safe to consume.

Septic Systems: A septic system is an underground wastewater treatment system commonly used in rural or suburban areas. It consists of a septic tank and a drain field that work together to treat and dispose of household wastewater.

- **Proper disposal:** Only flush human waste and toilet paper down the toilet. Avoid disposing of harmful substances like cooking oils, chemicals, medications, or feminine hygiene products, as they can disrupt the system's functioning and harm the environment.
- **Protect the drain field:** Do not drive or park vehicles or heavy equipment on the drain field, as this can compact the soil and impede the system's ability to absorb effluent properly.



KEY NOTE

In case your guests are unfamiliar with systems in your rental accommodation such as water wells or septic systems, it's important to make them aware of any considerations they should know during their stay to avoid any issues or damages.

Waterfront Safety

Water activities can be enjoyable and refreshing, but it is crucial to prioritize safety. By reminding your guests of these guidelines, you can minimize risks and maximize the enjoyment of the water.

SHARE THE SHORLINE

Shoreline road allowances refer to the strips of land located between privately owned properties and bodies of water.

It's important to remind your guests that respecting and sharing the shoreline is crucial in maintaining a harmonious and inclusive community. It means recognizing the value of public access to natural resources and being mindful of others' rights, private properties, and enjoyment.



- 1. Use flotation devices:** When engaging in water activities such as boating, swimming, or kayaking, always wear a properly fitted life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD). Ensure that the PFD is approved by relevant safety authorities and appropriate for the specific water activity.
- 2. Boat safety requirements:** If you own or operate a boat, know and follow safety requirements in your region. This includes having necessary safety equipment like life jackets, fire extinguishers, distress signals, and navigation lights. Regularly check that equipment is in good condition and easily accessible. Respect speed limits, no-wake zones, posted rules, and be mindful of other boaters, swimmers, and wildlife. Always operate watercraft safely and sober.
- 3. Be mindful of water conditions:** Before engaging in water activities, assess the water conditions. Check for any warning signs or advisories regarding water quality, currents, tides, or weather conditions. Respect any posted warnings and make informed decisions about entering or staying in the water.
- 4. Supervise children:** Always closely supervise children when they are near or in the water, even in shallow areas. Stay within arm's reach of young children and ensure they wear appropriate flotation devices based on their age and swimming ability.

How Can By-Law Enforcement Help

The Township's By-Law Enforcement is here to help! Remember, the main goal of By-Law Enforcement is to ensure that everyone can enjoy a safe, clean and happy Georgian Bluffs and resolve issues quickly.



**REMINDER THAT BY-LAW
INFRACTIONS ARE
SUBJECT TO FINES.**



**IN THE CASE OF AN
EMERGENCY CONTACT
THE OPP AT 9-1-1**

Our Approach to By-Law Enforcement

The best way to ensure that all residents can enjoy a safe and clean Georgian Bluffs is through education. This is why the Township generally follows the following enforcement process:

1. For a first infraction, you'll receive an informative notice. Don't worry, this isn't a formal warning! We just want to tell you a little more about the Township's By-Laws so you can correct the issue.
2. Subsequent violations after a formal verbal warning will go straight to charges.

Please note that serious violations that can affect the immediate safety and welfare of residents may go straight to charges, for example: for an aggressive dog being at large, or for illegal dumping or spills.



CONTACT GB



**TO REPORT A BY-LAW
ENFORCEMENT CONCERN**

www.georgianbluffs.ca/contactGB
or call 519-376-2729 ext 307

STOP

By-Laws: Your Property

As a property owner in Georgian Bluffs, you have a responsibility to your neighbours to keep your property safe and tidy. Here are some of the By-Laws that outline your role in maintaining a clean and safe community.



By-Law 2020-020 - Township Zoning

The purpose of this Zoning By-Law is to implement the policies of the Township of Georgian Bluffs Official Plan and the County of Grey Official Plan. The Official Plans contain general policies that affect the use of land throughout the Township. They specify what land uses are permitted where and, in some instances, specify what regulations should apply to the development of certain lands for industrial, commercial, agricultural, or residential purposes.

By-Law 2022-026 Property Standards

This By-Law pertains to general standards of all property and uses. All properties in the Township must be kept in good repair, and tidy to the standards required in this By-Law.

By-Law 2017-036 Clean Yards

This By-Law pertains to standards for general property maintenance. Every property must be maintained and kept clean and free from refuse and/or debris, with appropriate yard maintenance including removal of noxious weeds.



See website for full Zoning
Maps and Schedule.



By-Laws: Your Property

By-Law 2012-081 Sign By-Law

This By-Law regulates the placement/ installation of signs. It states that no person shall erect, display alter or allow the erection, display or alteration of any sign within the Township on publicly or privately owned property without obtaining a permit under this By-Law, to help keep roadsides and views free of visual clutter.

By-Law 2021-031 Erect and Maintain Fences Around Private Swimming Pools

This By-Law regulates fencing around both in-ground and above ground swimming pools. Swimming pools must be properly enclosed to prevent unauthorized access, help prevent drowning, and provide protection from accidents and injuries.



By-Law 2007-059 Fence

This By-Law regulates fencing around property. Anyone erecting a new fence shall erect a fence using chain link fencing, wrought iron, cedar rails, page wire, PVC, or wooden boards, and no person shall erect a new fence higher than 1.98 metres.

BUILDING?

BY-LAW 2021-067 **BUILDING BY-LAW**

Being a By-Law respecting construction, demolition, change of use permits and building inspections, pursuant to the Ontario Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, C.23.

By-Laws: Pets and Animals



DOG TAGS



Every dog owner is required to get their dog(s) registered/licensed with the Township of Georgian Bluffs within one week of bringing the dog home. Each license lasts for the balance of the calendar year.

BY-LAW 2013-079 ANIMAL CONTROL

- No person shall allow a dog to run at large or trespass in the Township of Georgian Bluffs.
- Fees for dog licensing, kennel registration and breeding or boarding establishments are established as per the current Township of Georgian Bluffs Fees and Services By-Law.

- Every person who owns or has custody or care of an animal shall comply with the standards of care with respect to every animal that the person owns, or has custody or care of, in accordance with the standards prescribed in By-Law 2013-079 Animal Control
- No owner, possessor or harbourer of a vicious dog shall permit, suffer or allow the dog to be on any streets or in any public place that is not owned or controlled by that person unless the dog is muzzled to prevent it from biting another animal or person.



On or after **May 16th** of each year an additional \$10.00 fee is added to each applicable dog license fee.



By-Laws: Noise, Nuisances and Parking



By-Law 2023-025 Nuisance By-Law

This By-Law regulates public nuisances within the Township of Georgian Bluffs. It defines various terms related to public nuisances and establishes prohibitions, such as causing or permitting a public nuisance, hosting or attending a nuisance party, and engaging in disorderly conduct. The By-Law also outlines enforcement measures, inspections, penalties, and the consequences of non-compliance.

By-Law 2011-095 Noise By-Law

This By-Law prohibits or regulates certain noises. No person shall emit, cause or permit the emission of noise likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township of Georgian Bluffs. This can include music, speech, fireworks, equipment, or machinery. See the full By-Law for specific noise activities, with prohibited times and areas.

By-Law 2003-035 Parking By-Law

This By-Law regulates parking. Wherever a vehicle is parked in contravention of this By-Law, the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Ontario Provincial Police Officer may have the vehicle moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place, and all costs and charges for the removing, care and storage shall be paid by the owner.



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Fireworks are not permitted on any occasion except the following holidays: Victoria Day, Canada Day, Civic holiday, Labour Day and New Years Eve, between dusk and 11:00 p.m.



Waste and Recycling

Do your part to help **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. As a community, we are responsible for helping reduce our impact on our planet by limiting and reducing the waste we generate. The Township is here to help.



CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Collection occurs on Mondays or Wednesdays for residents depending on your location. Please check website for full schedule.



GARBAGE COLLECTION

Households may place up to 4 garbage bags out for collection each week. Garbage bags must each have a garbage tag. Garbage tags are available from select suppliers, and cost \$2.25 each.



BLUE BOX RECYCLING

Every two weeks, you can place one or more 'Blue Boxes' of recycling at the curbside alongside garbage bags for collection.

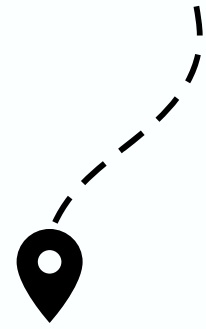


YARD WASTE

The City of Owen Sound Leaf & Yard Waste Composting Site is open to Georgian Bluffs residents to drop off leaves, grass clippings, plants, and small branches.

For more information, details on eligible items, schedules, and more, please visit:
www.georgianbluffs.ca/waste

We're Here to Help!



Website: www.georgianbluffs.ca

Phone Number: 519-376-2729

Location: 177964 Grey Road 18, R.R. #3,
Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5

By-Law Concern: www.georgianbluffs.ca/contactGB/

By-Law Phone Number: 519-376-2729 ext. 307.

Building Department: 519-376-2729 ext. 106

Animal Shelter/Animal Control: 519-372-1123

Emergency: Call 9-1-1



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