



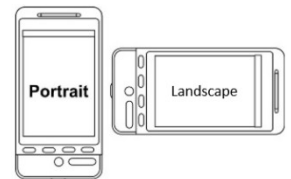
## PICTURES FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR

2026 will mark the 7th edition of this amazing calendar, which has become a tradition, much appreciated by our fellow citizens. That's why we're repeating the process.

Browse through the images you have on your camera or cell phone.

Since 2019, our photo library has been growing, but it's always possible to add more. Send us as many photos as you like, but don't forget to indicate where the photo was shot, as they must have been taken in the municipality.

Please ensure that the image quality is at least 2 MB. Low-resolution images are blurred and lose quality when enlarged. And above all, make sure you choose an image oriented horizontally (landscape), and not in portrait, as shown here.



It's time to send your photos to [admin@melbourmecanton.ca](mailto:admin@melbourmecanton.ca).

## BE CAREFUL ON GRAVEL ROADS

Conditions have changed a lot in recent weeks: spring has arrived and the snow has almost disappeared. This is an important time of year, when much of the water stored in the snow is returned to the ground.

Freezing temperatures, snow, ice, rain... In spring, rising temperatures bring the risk of flooding and damage due to the accumulation of water created by melting snow.

Alternating thawing and freezing leads to deterioration of gravel roads. Work is possible, but the grader can only intervene effectively when the ground is no longer frozen. It is wiser and less costly to wait until the end of the thaw period before undertaking work requiring the transport of heavy vehicles.

Our road supervisor constantly monitors all the roads to ensure the safety of users, school transport and emergency services. If you notice any major problems, please let us know.

We need your patience and caution every spring.



## 2025 THAW PERIOD

We wish to remind all heavy vehicle users, transporters as well as farmers that authorized load limits are reduced on our municipal roads during the thaw period. This is done every year to take into account the lower load-bearing capacity of the road network during this period.

For the 2025 thaw period, the target dates of the load restriction period for **Zone 1** are Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (12:01 a.m.) to Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (11:59 p.m.). Dates are subject to change. Please check the Ministère des transports website by typing [ministère des transports dégel 2025 zone 1](#) in the search bar.



## 2025 EMPTYING OF SEPTIC TANKS

It's important to empty your septic tank at least every two years, which is not a luxury but a provincial legal obligation. The Act respecting wastewater disposal systems for isolated dwellings (Q-2, r.22) requires that your septic tank be emptied every 2 years to prevent breakage and the risk of overflow. By complying with this regulation, you protect your septic system and the environment.

A letter will be sent to the owners of the following roads, indicating when E360S will be passing by :

Beaugard	Bellevue	Blake	Booth	Champigny	Cimetière
Crack	Cull	Fowler	Frank	Garrett	Grainger
Gunter	Keenan	Kingsbury St-Francois		Lucas	Lussier
Marguerites	Morin	Morrison	Oak hill	Rivière	Sims
Tournesol	Valley	Wilkins	Route 243		

## BROWN AND BLUE BINS

Don't forget that the **BLUE** recycling bin and the **BROWN** compost bin belong to the municipality. Each address has ONE. These bins must remain on site when you move. Notify us in case of breakage.

It is also important to remove the bins from the road after each collection.



## 2024 NEWBORN CELEBRATION

On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the arrival of our township's newborns. Families present received a 100 \$ cheque as well as gifts from local businesses and artisans.

We welcomed 7 boys and 1 girl :

- **Joseph** : son of Louise Moreau and Marc-André Sansoucy ;
- **Zaj** : son of Charlie Jones and Émile Corbeil ;
- **Jules** : son of Clémence Antoine and Thomas Driant ;
- **Imaël** : son of Lauriane Yargeau and Adam Péloquin Gilbert ;
- **Laurier** : son of Alexandra Pinsard and Jean-Gabriel Martin ;
- **Joshua** : son of Isabelle St-Laurent and Guillaume Boisvert ;
- **Eva Lee** : daughter of Stéphanie Jeanson and Frédéric Viger ;
- **Bennett** : son of Anna Driver and Owen Page.



Register now for the 2025 Newborn Celebration

## REMOVAL OF CAR SHELTERS

Winter carports, also known as "Tempo" carports, must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>, at the latest. After this date, it is an offence punishable by fine. Simply moving them out of sight is not enough. You have to dismantle the whole thing (liner and structure).

## A REMINDER ABOUT SWIMMING POOL INSTALLATIONS

Owners of swimming pools installed before November 1, 2010 have until September 30, 2025 to bring their installations up to standard. In the spring, a municipal inspector will visit all pools in the township.

Swimming pool safety rules apply to all types of installations, whether above-ground, in-ground or even demountable, and municipalities have a duty to enforce them.

## STATUTORY HOLIDAY

The Town Hall will be closed for the Easter vacations on Friday April, 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday April, 21<sup>st</sup>.

