

Bayside Safety Bulletin – July 2026

Lifeguard Coverage

Bayside will have seven-day-a-week lifeguard coverage again this summer – with one lifeguard on duty each day beginning on July 4th. For July, Aiden Huck returns for another year and our new lifeguard, Perrin Hathaway, will begin service at the beginning of July. Danielle Hicock returns to Bayside in August and Perrin will continue in August too. Lifeguards will be on duty from 10AM thru 6PM daily, with a half hour lunch break at midday.

Dock Safety

Swimming, jumping, and diving from the wharf is allowed only from the front of the wharf (the side with the wharf ladder) and from the swim float down the ramp from the main wharf. Please note: On busy days, swimmers often crowd the path that boats take to the boat float. Lifeguards will watch that pattern closely and warn swimmers – especially children diving off the dock – to keep clear of the boat path. Bikes, scooters, skateboards etc. are prohibited on the wharf!

AED Locations

The village has 3 AED devices – one is stored overnight at the Blair Agency and is transferred each morning by a lifeguard to the main wharf. Two other AEDs are in Community Hall – one upstairs and one downstairs. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is a portable life-saving medical device used to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

Fireworks & Beach Fires in Bayside

Fireworks are banned in Bayside. The Town of Northport's Fireworks Ordinance states: ***No person shall use, possess with the intent to use, sell, possess with the intent to sell, or offer for sale consumer fireworks within the geographic limits of the Northport Village Corporation.*** Please tell your guests and renters.

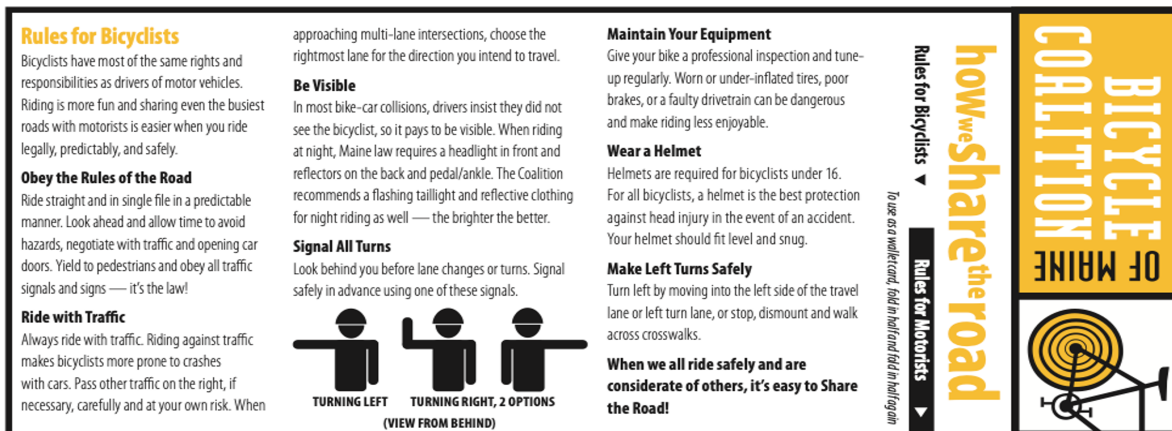
Also: Beach fires require a permit. [Learn more here.](#)

Drive Slowly in Bayside

The speed limit on Broadway is 15 mph, and on George Street the speed limit is 25 mph. Those are maximum speeds, but some conditions may require you to slow down even more.

Kids & Bike Safety

Maine state law requires a bike helmet for anyone under the age of 16. See the graphics below detailing rules for bicyclists and motorists – prepared by the Bicycle Coalition of Maine:



Rules for Bicyclists

Bicyclists have most of the same rights and responsibilities as drivers of motor vehicles. Riding is more fun and sharing even the busiest roads with motorists is easier when you ride legally, predictably, and safely.

Obey the Rules of the Road
Ride straight and in single file in a predictable manner. Look ahead and allow time to avoid hazards, negotiate with traffic and opening car doors. Yield to pedestrians and obey all traffic signals and signs — it's the law!

Ride with Traffic
Always ride with traffic. Riding against traffic makes bicyclists more prone to crashes with cars. Pass other traffic on the right, if necessary, carefully and at your own risk. When approaching multi-lane intersections, choose the rightmost lane for the direction you intend to travel.

Be Visible
In most bike-car collisions, drivers insist they did not see the bicyclist, so it pays to be visible. When riding at night, Maine law requires a headlight in front and reflectors on the back and pedal/ankle. The Coalition recommends a flashing taillight and reflective clothing for night riding as well — the brighter the better.

Signal All Turns
Look behind you before lane changes or turns. Signal safely in advance using one of these signals.

Maintain Your Equipment
Give your bike a professional inspection and tune-up regularly. Worn or under-inflated tires, poor brakes, or a faulty drivetrain can be dangerous and make riding less enjoyable.

Wear a Helmet
Helmets are required for bicyclists under 16. For all bicyclists, a helmet is the best protection against head injury in the event of an accident. Your helmet should fit level and snug.

Make Left Turns Safely
Turn left by moving into the left side of the travel lane or left turn lane, or stop, dismount and walk across crosswalks.

When we all ride safely and are considerate of others, it's easy to Share the Road!

Rules for Motorists

how we share the road

BICYCLE COALITION OF MAINE

To use as a wallet card, fold in half front to back again

TURNING LEFT **TURNING RIGHT, 2 OPTIONS**
(VIEW FROM BEHIND)

Pedestrian Safety

Walkers abound in the summer, with many walking in the early mornings or late evenings, so be on the lookout and give them plenty of room when you pass. **Walkers should walk against traffic.**

Playground and Basketball Court Hours

Both are open daily from 8AM to 9PM. Noise carries easily – please respect the more than 20 families with cottages around Ruggles Park.

Parking in Bayside

Please park your car/cars in front of/beside your cottage where permissible. We understand that you may prefer not to have a car parked in front of your cottage, however cars may be parked on public property in front of any cottage where parking is allowed. Also, we strongly encourage second and third vehicles to be parked in Cradle Row or other parking spots away from the heart of the Village.



BAYSIDE PARKING AT A GLANCE

SAFETY FIRST: Emergency vehicles require a 14' passageway on all roads. Always park as far off of roadways as possible. Many front and side yards are part of roadway-parking; parking with wheels on grass is OK.

WHERE YOU CAN PARK

- At your residence: If your "yard" is on the roadway per the Greenlaw (Campground) map, it is available for public parking.
- Ruggles Park Area: See Diagram. No overnight parking except at base of park across from kayak storage area, where there is a 48-hour limit.
- Merithew Square: Overnight parking allowed.
- Long-Term Parking: Cradle Park (also known as Cradle Row and Grove Street): Vehicles up to 19 feet long may be parked in this area between July 1 and Labor Day for a maximum of 14 days. Owner's name and phone number must be clearly visible.
- Bayside streets except where prohibited. NOTE: A 14-foot vehicle passageway must be maintained at all times.
- Handicap Parking: Available at Ruggles Park and Community Hall.

NO PARKING AREAS

- In front of any public or private driveway (whether or not the driveway is occupied), or mailboxes.
- Within 15 feet of an intersection (that is where any two roads come together).
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant on the hydrant side of the street.
- Signed "No Parking" zones.
- Fire Department Area: Within 15 feet of the Fire Department driveway, on both sides of the street.
- Ruggles Park: See Diagram.
- Auditorium Park: Only available to residents on the Park.
- George Street: No parking on the Community Hall side between Rogers Lane and Cobe Road.
- Rogers Lane: No parking on the Bayview Park side.
- Lower Bayview Park: No parking on either side (except for unloading/loading with a 15-minute maximum).
- Bay Street and Sea Street: No parking on Blaisdell Park side.
- Shore Road at Kelly Cove: No parking on the inland side across the street from the parking area just north of the bridge.
- Motorhomes: No overnight parking in any Village parking area or along Village roads.

Violations: May result in fines of \$25 to \$200 per day.

Learn more about the Northport Village Parking Ordinance at www.nvcmaine.org.

RUGGLES PARK

Parking area is designated by blue oval. No parking area is designated with a red X.

NOTE: Under no circumstance should a Vehicle be parked on a roadway in any manner that results in the area of passage being less than fourteen (14) feet.

