

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week is May 3rd - 9th. Everyone should be prepared and able to take care of themselves for a 72 hour period from any potential harm caused by a significant weather event or incident. The Eastern Shore area from Cole Harbour to Ship Harbour has established a local Joint Emergency Management Team (ES-JEM) to prepare our communities. ES-JEM motto is "Organizing to Respond". On Saturday morning, May 9th, 10 AM - 1 PM, the third annual 'JEM Jamboree' - a parade display of the ES-JEM partners - will be at the Porters Lake Atlantic Superstore parking lot. Their plan is to continue its efforts in promoting EP- emergency preparedness, training, and community readiness to any local emergency. Volunteers are needed ! Please call ES-JEM at 827-5414. There are many web-sites with great information about EP:

www.GetPrepared.ca

www.publicsafety.gc.ca

www.gov.ns.ca/emo

www.halifax.ca/emo

www.redcross.ca

INPUT ON ARENA EXPANSIONS

Each of the arenas in Musquodoboit Harbour and Cole Harbour are seeking public input and participation with their respective expansion planning exercises. What services would you like to see offered at each of these facilities ? For the Eastern Shore Arena, contact Christine Deleseleuc 889-2790 or esaec@live.ca . For Cole Harbour Place, contact Cathy Burgess 464-5120 or cburgess@coleharbourplace.com Please be on the lookout for more information on future public meetings and open-houses to garner your input.

COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARDS

The Southeastern Community Health Board (SECHB) that serves the communities of Cole Harbour, Westphal, Lake Loon, Cherry Brook, Lake Major, East Preston, North Preston, Lawrencetown, and Mineville are looking for volunteers to serve on their Board. They are also seeking applications for their next round of community development funds. Both application deadlines are May 11th. If applying for project funding, please contact the SECHB Coordinator - Anna Jacobs at 460-6888 or anna.jacobs@cdha.nshealth.ca to discuss your project idea before receiving an application form.

The Eastern Shore - Musquodoboit CHB serves the communities of Lake Echo, Porters Lake, Three Fathom Harbour, Seaforth, the Chezzetcooks, Conrod Settlement, Gaetz Brook and further east and into the valley. They too are seeking volunteers to serve on their board. Please contact Cathy Leslie for the Eastern Shore-Musquodoboit CHB at 889-4118 or cathy.leslie@cdha.nshealth.ca

BIKE WEEK: MAY 29th - JUNE 7th

Bike Week is a celebration of all forms of cycling in HRM, and provides lots of unique opportunities for residents to get out for a spin. There will be plenty of events organized by local individuals, groups and by HRM to encourage bicycling for recreation, transportation and sport. Participating in any of these events is on a voluntary basis. For more details on Bike Week events, go to: www.halifax.ca/bikeweek and for more general information about cycling throughout HRM: www.halifax.ca/cycling/index.html

SWIMMING POOLS & FENCING

Residents putting in either an above ground or in-ground swimming pool on their property are required to obtain a permit. To obtain a permit, details of locating the swimming pool, fencing and security must be identified. The permit fee to install a pool is based on \$5.50 per \$1,000 of the estimated value of the project with a minimum \$25 fee. A swimming pool is defined in HRM By-law S-700 : www.halifax.ca/legislation/Bylaws/HRM/bls700.pdf as an artificial body of water outside a building, excluding ponds, having more than 100 square feet of surface area that is designed or intended to be used for swimming purposes and contains or is capable of containing a water depth of more than 24 inches. This by-law applies to all swimming pools which have a diameter of 11 feet or more and are capable of containing water to a depth of 2 feet or more. All swimming pools shall be completely enclosed with a 5 foot high fence. That fencing shall be constructed in such a way that it does not facilitate climbing. Therefore having no openings between its rails greater than 4 inches. Security requires gates that are self-closing and self-latching. For more info, go to: www.halifax.ca/planning/documents/Pools.pdf



Happy Mother's Day



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