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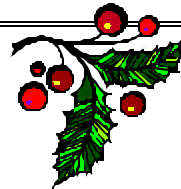
As the holiday season approaches, I hope that you are able to spend time celebrating and enjoying family and friends. I encourage you to extend your generosity to those less fortunate members of our community and to share the spirit of giving. This is the perfect time of year to look at our own good fortune and to consider what we can do to help others.

Thank you to all residents of District 8 for the tremendous support you have given me over the past year. Representing you on Halifax Regional Council is an honour and I look forward to working together over the next four years.

During this holiday season, my family and I would like to extend warm wishes to all residents for peace and joy throughout the season. We hope that you will enjoy this special time, and that the coming year will be filled with joy, health and happiness. From our home to yours, we extend warm holiday greetings, and best wishes for 2009.

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Christmas Open House
Hosted by Becky Kent and Jackie Barkhouse
Sunday, December 14
1 - 4 pm
Cow Bay Hall



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING IN NOVA SCOTIA

Provincial legislation as of 1 February bans certain electronic products from landfills. Such items as unwanted computers, monitors, printers and televisions can be dropped off at more than 30 designated centres across the province. There is a site at Dartmouth Bluenose Bottle Exchange Limited, 99 Woodlawn Road, 435-7178, open Mon - Sat 8:30am - 5:30pm or Dartmouth Burnside Recycling, 66 Simmonds Drive, 468-9190, open Mon - Sat 8:00 am - 4:30pm. For more information on this program visit their web site at www.cestewardship.ca or call 1-877-774-3260.

TALLAHASSEE YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE OPENS

On November 12 the Tallahassee Youth Drop In Centre held its grand opening. The Centre is open Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00-6:00 pm for 10-12 year olds and 6:30-8:30 pm for 13-17 year

olds. Admission is \$2 per visit or purchase a membership for \$15 and get 15 visits (membership also gives you half price admission to special events). Play video games, air hockey, fuzzleball or listen to music, watch movies or just hang out with friends. The Centre is located in the Tallahassee Recreation Centre at 168 Redoubt Way. It is supported by YacPac, who is in turn supported by South Eastern Community Health Board, Eastern Passage Craft Fair and the Dartmouth Craft Fair. For more info call 465-8734.

HEALTHY MINDS SERIES

The Southeastern Community Health Board (SECHB), Cole Harbour/Eastern HRM Community Mental Health, Addictions Services, and Healthy Minds Cooperative are sponsoring two sessions dealing with depression.

What Does Depression Look Like?

Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tallahassee Recreation Centre, Room 2, Eastern Passage

Handling Life's Load: Stress Management

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Tallahassee Recreation Centre, Room 2, Eastern Passage

Sessions are free of charge. These are each about 2 hours long, and will be delivered by a mental health staff person from Cole Harbour. For more information, please call 460-6873.

SNOW REMOVAL: WHAT TO EXPECT

HRM has established service standards for the removal of snow this winter. Key objectives of the snow and ice service standards are to reduce hazards of ice and snow conditions for motorists and pedestrians, to clear access for emergency vehicles and to minimize economic loss to the community. HRM Transportation & Public Works is responsible for all aspects of the Snow & Ice Control Program. It is a seasonal operation that has significant impact on HRM during winter conditions. The key objectives of the Service Standards are to reduce the hazards of ice and snow conditions to motorists and pedestrians; to minimize economic losses to the community and industry; to facilitate the handling of emergencies by fire, hospitals and police officials.

In order to set effective priorities for snow and ice activities within the region, the routes must be classified as to their impact on the overall transportation system. For the purpose of these standards the HRM has classified all of the routes and will service them (salt, sand and plow) in the following order of priority:

Class 1 - First Priority

Includes:

Arterials

Serve as connectors/collectors between areas and routes
Serve as emergency routes to hospitals and fire equipment
Serve as snow routes in major hilly terrain during weather situations
Transit - for major bus routes

Class 2 - Second Priority

Includes:

Medium to low volume of traffic including residential and rural routes Other Surface Types
HRM will regulate the maintenance of the other surfaces, mirroring the priorities given to the adjacent routes unless specified differently for a particular activity. Items within this classification include:

Bus stops

Walkways and overhead crosswalks

Parking lots

Handicap parking

Private roads and lanes provided winter maintenance under agreement

Please note, that during weather events with snowfalls greater than thirty centimetres or in blizzard conditions, service levels may not be achieved. However, as always, best efforts will be made to ensure that service standards are met.

To contact Snow and Ice Control call: 902-490-4000.