

Dear Residents,

The New Year is a time to reflect on the past and think about the year ahead. Looking forward, while remembering our past, is part of the passage of time. I recall a very recent meeting of the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Athletic Association. A group of dedicated community volunteers formed the Association in 1963 and it has remained an integral part of our community. However, a need has arisen for community involvement in an effort to save the Association. Please consider joining the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Athletic Association's Facebook group for the latest news and updates on future meetings. As the process of rebuilding and strengthening the Association moves forward I will assist in any way I am able.

Thank you for your support and Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2010.

Community Signage

Over the past few years the staff of Halifax Regional Municipality's Civic Addressing department has been working in Shearwater, Eastern Passage and Cow Bay areas correcting civic addressing issues. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents for their support and cooperation during this project. We are now in the final phase of the project, community sign installation. By the date of this publication some community signs will already have been installed. HRM staff have worked with local residents, Councillors, and Shearwater Officials to determine the location of these signs. If anyone has any questions or concerns they are welcome to contact Gayle MacLean at HRM Civic Addressing 490-4105.

Campaign 911

The Honourable Bill Estabrooks, Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and MADD Canada launched Campaign 911 encouraging citizens to call the police if they suspect an impaired driver and provide information on the location, description of the vehicle, license plate. Between operation Christmas and this initiative, sixty one people have been charged and three twenty four hour suspensions had been issued up to December 24th . Signs have been posted throughout the Province and police would ask citizens to help identify and catch those people who are making the roads dangerous for everyone else.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the organizers and all players of the Veteran's Memorial Hockey Tournament. The Shearwater Shannon Minor Hockey Association hosted this successful and exciting tournament over the holidays. Well done and I look forward to next year!

The Bullying Hotline Has Expanded

Call 490-SAVE (490-7283)
Text 233-SAVE

Email: bullyhotline@halifax.ca

The Bullying Hotline was established 10 years ago under the direction of the Community Relations/Crime Prevention Section of the Halifax Regional Police Department. Calls are answered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, and an answering machine takes messages after hours and on weekends. Students, you don't have to leave your name. You don't need permission to call; call when you want. Parents and teachers, you can call the line for assistance if you have concerns about bullying in school or at home.

Snow and Ice Operations

When will my street be plowed?

On main roads and bus routes, allow 12 hours after the end of the snowfall for crews to complete snow removal. On residential streets, allow 24 hours after the end of the snowfall.

What if I have a medical emergency before my street is plowed?

If your street has not yet been plowed and you require emergency services, call 911. They will arrange that a plow be diverted to clear a road for the ambulance, fire truck, or police vehicle.

When will my sidewalk be cleared?

On main arterial roads, please allow 12 hours after the end of the snowfall; on school routes and bus routes, allow 18 hours; and on residential streets, allow 36 hours after the end of a snowfall for the crews to complete your sidewalk.

What if my property is damaged by the plow?

If your curb, lawn, or other property is damaged due to snow removal operations, please report it to 490-4000 as soon as you notice it. You will be given a Service Request Number to confirm your call and the location will be put on a list for repair next spring

Winter Parking Ban

HRM's Winter Parking Ban, will be in effect December 14, 2009 until March 12th, 2010. The parking ban restricts on-street parking each night from 1:00 am to 7:00 am. This means that within the service core (this includes Halifax, Timberlea, Bedford, Sackville, Fall River, Beaver Bank, Dartmouth, Cole Harbor, Westphal, and Eastern Passage), no car can be parked on the street during these times. In addition, residents are reminded that Section 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act provides that parked vehicles obstructing snow removal or winter maintenance operations may be ticketed and removed at the owner's cost regardless of time or date (Section 139 of the MVA references "highways" - this term can be defined as "just about any facility on which the public can drive" and this includes residential streets)

Thanks!

A huge thanks to the members of the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Lions Club for their generosity of spirit during the holidays in providing food and Christmas dinners to those in need in our community.

I would like to express my appreciation to Seaside FM, our community radio station, for the service they provide to our communities. They recently purchased a generator which will allow them to continue operating during power outages. I was pleased to be able to provide financial support for this addition.

Online Newsletter

I will soon be starting an online update newsletter. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, email me at barkhoj@halifax.ca with "Online Newsletter" in the subject line, to provide your email address. Keep up to date on what is happening in your community. Addresses will not be shared.

Snow Removal

I have been contacted by many seniors in the community looking for help with snow removal. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact me at 476-5601 or by email at barkhoj@halifax.ca .