

Greetings,

Summer has finally arrived and it is a great time to enjoy our own yards and gardens, and to explore our community.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful place, and to have such an abundance of natural beauty all around us. From our boardwalk to our fantastic trails (Shearwater Flyer, Saltmarsh, and Harbourfront)...from our tennis courts to our sport fields...opportunities to indulge in outdoor recreation abound!

Please remember to watch for our new outdoor gym to be installed at the MacDonald Park/Community Garden this summer. Give it a try and be sure to let me know what you think of it!

For many of us, Fisherman's Cove is the perfect place to spend an afternoon. Sometimes we forget how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful development within our community. I have been so pleased to work with Fisherman's Cove to rejuvenate their entrance, and the addition of an HRM flag at this location signifies my commitment to this area and to the good folks whose blood, sweat and tears make it successful. Make no mistake about it, Fisherman's Cove is a success despite difficulties and 'brick walls' at almost every turn.

This summer take the time to visit the cove, the interpretive centre, and the businesses in our community. We must support local business if we want to ensure that they are viable, and that they thrive and remain operational. Surely they contribute to a comfortable, convenient and sustainable community for all of us.

As I sit and write this, on a beautiful and calm June evening, I am reminded of the summers spent in Eastern Passage since I moved here almost three decades ago! It is hard to focus on today and not think about the years before I became your councillor ... when for many summers, once the school doors were locked, I would feel the same sense of excitement and anticipation as the students who ran out ahead of me.

It was time for popsicles, beach towels, teacups filled with small flowers, seashells, sunscreen and flip-flops...

To that end...I wish you a happy and safe summer.

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Mayor Peter Kelly and Councillor Jackie Barkhouse are joined by District 8, 2010 HRM Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients...Hazel Lucretia Joyce, North Woodside Community Centre Association and Sean Churchill.

Events on the Common

In July and August, the North Common will be the site for two major concerts: Halifax Rocks 2010 on July 23 and 24 and Country Rockfest 2010 on August 6 and 7.

Soon after the major summer events end, HRM will be preparing the North Common area designated as the speed skating oval location for the 2011 Canada Winter Games.

For more information relating to these major events on the Halifax Common for 2010 go to: www.halifax.ca/EventsOnTheCommon/.

Online Newsletter

I have started 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.

RCMP -- Constable Larkin has left his position as our community officer and moving to patrol in Cole Harbour. I would like to express my thanks and sincere appreciation for the great work Mark has done in the community. Constable Bart Leppan has replaced Mark and started on May 24. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bart to his new post.

Cow Bay Road Storm Drainage Study

HRM and Halifax Water staff have met with residents regarding storm drainage concerns generally along the 200 block of Cow Bay Road. Utilizing the information gathered at that meeting as well as other initial investigations by staff, the plan is to hire an engineering consultant to complete an analysis and study of the issue. A request for proposals for the study work is being prepared and it is anticipated that a consultant will be engaged this summer. The anticipated work will first involve a site survey including basement elevations. Notification of the work will be delivered to residents affected prior to starting the survey. Once the necessary field information is collected, it is anticipated that a draft study report will be ready by the end of fall.

Erindale Estates

Currently, a subdivision application has been submitted to HRM and is in the design review process. Staff from HRM and Halifax Water are aware of the storm drainage issues along Cow Bay Road and will consider them as part of the design review process of Erindale Estates.

Community Gardens

Community Gardens provide many benefits for residents. They offer opportunities to **interact** with other neighbours, add beauty to your neighbourhood, encourage environmental sustainability and promote active living. Community gardening is also an opportunity to share and learn with others about the environment around you. If you are interested in learning more about a community garden, please visit the following link:

<http://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGardens.html>

or to volunteer or contribute to our MacDonald Park/Community Garden, which is adjacent to Tallahassee Recreation Centre, please contact our garden coordinator, Kathleen Costain at kizmit@eastlink.ca or 465-1159.

McNabs Island Picnic Saturday, July 17, 2010 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Join the Friends of McNabs Island Society on beautiful McNabs Island Provincial Park for their 20th Anniversary celebrations. Learn to play quoits, the popular 18th century game played on McNabs long ago. Listen to ghost stories from the past. Musical entertainment and games for all ages. Visit Hangman's Beach, the setting for Thomas Raddall's novel.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Location: MacDonald Park/Community Garden

Date: Sunday, August 1, 2010

Time: 1-2:30 pm

Lots of treats and activities for your family to enjoy. Bring a blanket and teddy bear, and join Councillor Barkhouse and friends, for a fun filled event in the garden! Games and prizes galore. "Smiles strongly encouraged"