

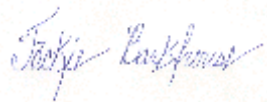
Greetings:

As the days grow shorter and nights longer, we are reminded that the fun-loving free-spirited mood of summer is behind us. Boots and gloves have already replaced summer gear in my front closet, as the days grow cold and crisp. Each season seems to offer something unique that can be enjoyable and exciting.

This year's inaugural Seaside Harvest Festival presented the community with an opportunity to celebrate autumn, in all its splendor. It allowed a group of people, many who had never met before, to work together with the common goal of creating a fall celebration for the community to enjoy. A sincere thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and staff for your dedication and commitment in making the day a success. It was an incredible pleasure to work on this project and from the bottom of my heart I extend my appreciation.

As the winter season approaches, many of us huddle inside in preparation for 'a long winter's night'. Be sure to read community signs, listen to our local radio station, 'Seaside FM', and read your Beacon from cover to cover for upcoming meetings and events. You don't want to miss out on the exciting happenings that occur in our communities throughout the winter, particularly as we gear up for the holiday season.

Warmest Regards,



Lest We Forget

This November 11, take time to honour the men and women whose courage, dedication, heroism, and sacrifices have ensured the freedom and democracy we enjoy today. We must also recognize, and reach out to the families who continue to bear the pain of having lost loved ones. It is vital that in remembering, we stand together with our children to help them understand the sacrifices that have been made by our veterans and their fallen comrades who dedicated themselves to the cause of peace.

QUIGLEY'S CORNER UPDATE

The beautification project at Quigley's Corner is nearly complete as the last of the planting and

landscaping is underway. I hope you enjoy the results as much as I do.

Christmas Craft Fair
Tallahassee Recreation Centre
Sunday, November 15
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Vendor spaces still available
Please call to book a table (Call Who?)



TALLAHASSEE YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 4 - 6 pm for 10 - 12 year olds and 6:30 - 8:30 pm for 13 - 15 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. For more information, call 465-8734.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Attention All Dog Lovers/Owners!

If you are interested in a dog park for our community, we are looking for your support. Please spread the word and sign up online, or email your expression of interest to epdogpark@gmail.com. I thank those of you who have already signed on and encourage those interested to let us know. We are planning a Fall meeting, and will be in contact with all who sign up.

Congratulations!

Each year the Board of Directors of The Beacon recognizes those individuals who have shared and enriched the lives of others and have made a lasting impact in our community. Congratulations to Ron and Eva Naugle, 2009 recipients of the Wall of Recognition Award.

Volunteers Wanted

Looking for volunteers who may be interested in joining the Eastern Passage MacDonald Park Society. We will meet a few times over the winter to make necessary plans for next spring. Please contact me at barkhoj@halifax.ca or Kathleen Costain at 465-1159 if you are interested in volunteering.



Looking for Runners/Joggers/Walkers of All Ages!

Councillor Barkhouse and the good folks at Fishermen's Cove are planning a special way to celebrate the spirit of giving. Grab your Santa hat and join us at the Jingle Bell Run! Details coming soon.

HRM CUSTOMER SERVICE - HRM's Call Centre Agents are waiting to serve you seven days a week from **7:00AM to 11:00 PM** every day, except New Year's day and Christmas day. Just call **490-4000**. This is your one stop call centre concerning any issue you have such as potholes, flooding road maintenance, by-law enforcement, solid waste schedules, animal control, planning matters, bus schedules, property taxes and complaints. If you require the use of a TTY/TDD line (for the hearing impaired) please dial (902) 490-6645.

Open Letter from Cole Harbour Parks and Trails Association

This open letter to you is about damage being done to The Shearwater Flyer Trail by motorized vehicles. This trail is owned by the Department of Natural Resources, which permits motorized vehicles on many of its properties. The corridor is heavily used by walkers and cyclists, and the inevitable conflicts are becoming frequent. We need to find a solution.

Here is a brief history:

- ! 1997
- o The abandoned rail line from Bissett Road to Shearwater was designated as a potential active transportation corridor. The last six kilometres were still owned by CN and the tracks were still in place.

! 2000

o A landscape architect was hired by the Halifax Regional Development Agency to draft a concept plan for this corridor.

! 2003

o The Department of Natural Resources purchased this corridor for an active transportation trail connecting with the Salt Marsh Trail.

o CHPTA negotiated with Halifax Regional Municipality to build a parking lot at Caldwell Road, near Hines Road, on HRM property.

! 2004

o CHPTA hired an engineer to inspect all four bridges in this corridor.

o Public consultation sessions were held in Eastern Passage and Cole Harbour.

o We met with the Eastern Passage – Cow Bay Community ATV Club and we agreed to a number of conditions for them to continue to ride their machines on the trail:

- carry 3rd. party insurance
- be self policing,
- obtain adjacent landowner permission
- follow ATVANS trail etiquette policy regarding speed limits, night time hours, and protecting sensitive watercourses and bogs.
- commitment to help build and maintain the trail.
- Construction began including re-building the four bridges

! 2009

o We are still improving and maintaining the trail, adding amenities and generally making it more appealing and attractive

From 2004 to late 2008 our relationship with the community ATV Club was positive. They were enthusiastically involved in several major clean ups. Self policing worked well. Now it is our understanding that this ATV Club is no longer active. This summer, there has been a decided upswing in damage to the trail, aggressive behavior and riding in environmentally sensitive areas. We are concerned for the safety of users and the future of the natural beauty of the trail

Volunteers have all worked hard to turn a forgotten piece of land into a community asset for everyone to use and enjoy. To have a few thoughtless people ruin things for the majority of responsible trail users seems grossly unfair. We seek your leadership to reach a fair and workable solution. This discussion must include ATV use in urban areas and enforcement, and consequently needs to involve HRM, community and Provincial interests.