

Greetings:

The hot days of summer have turned into the cool, crisp days of fall; my absolute favourite season of the year.



On October 24th, the Seaside Harvest Festival will take place at Fishermen's Cove and the Boardwalk. HRM staff, and a very dedicated group of volunteers, have put together an afternoon of family events to be enjoyed by one and all. Mark your calendars and join the festivities!

Seaside FM is the official radio station for the Festival so tune in for news and updates. Thanks to Wayne Harrett and staff at Seaside for their support!

I look forward to seeing you at Fishermen's Cove on October 24!

As always, I encourage your involvement in decisions about our community. Thanks to those who attend public meetings and join committees. There is no better barometer of community spirit than volunteering. That's because a community is a place where people don't just act out of self-interest, it's a place where knowing that you've done something to help your fellow citizens can be a reward for your labour. Volunteering is invaluable on an individual level, but it is also important on a community level. It can contribute to the regeneration and renewal of an area and it can help to create vibrant, energized and safe communities.

Wishing this Thanksgiving finds you plenty of reasons to give thanks.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Luffman".

Seaside Harvest Festival Scarecrow Decorating Contest

This October, the Seaside Harvest Festival will be hosting its first annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in this festive event by decorating their front yards or storefronts with creative scarecrow displays! So get creative and have fun!

- Any household or business located within Eastern Passage/Cow Bay can participate.
- There is no entry fee; however, participants are responsible for the cost of materials needed to create their scarecrow displays.
- **Registration deadline is Thursday, October 15th, 2009.** Judging will take place one week

after the registration deadline on Thursday, October 22nd, 2009. While participants can begin their creations at anytime, they must be completed by the judging date to be considered.

- Pictures of the winners will be taken and put on display for the Seaside Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 24th at Fishermen's Cove.

Scarecrow Decorating Contest Registration Form

Name of Participant(s) or Name of Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address of Display: _____

Completed registration forms can be returned at one of the following locations:

Fishermen's Cove Administrative Office, 30 Government Wharf Road

Impressions Hair Salon, 31 Cow Bay Road

Tallahassee Recreation Centre, 168 Redoubt Way

*Registration forms must be completed and submitted no later than **Thursday, October 15th, 2009**. Judging will take place on Thursday, October 22nd, 2009. Scarecrow displays must be completed by this date to be considered.

For more information call Joyce Treen at 465-8252

Snow Removal for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in Halifax Regional Municipality. The program applies to residential properties only - commercial properties are ineligible. The program is NOT available to landlords.

You must reside in a single dwelling home that you own or rent. The total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$28,000. The program offers assistance to clear snow from steps, walkways and sidewalks. This includes: front and back steps, walkways, and access to fuel tanks.

To find out more about this program, please call:
864.2165 or 1.902.558.1049 (toll free)

NOTE: Application for the program ends on December 1st

Dog Park

As I discussed in last month's newsletter, if you are interested in pursuing the idea of a dog park in our community, please email your expression of interest to epdogpark@gmail.com. A meeting will be held this fall to move this idea forward.

You Have Questions? We Have Answers!

Just call 490-4000 and HRM can assist with the following services:

animal services & licenses	customer service	planters
alarm permits	damaged bus shelter	pot holes
benches	dog licences	property tax information
broken sewer mains	garbage collection	transit routes
by-law complaints	general inquiries	sidewalks
bus and ferry schedules	green bin information	snow and ice control
Council schedules	recycling information	street lights
curbside drains	litter baskets	street signs
by-law complaints	manhole covers	traffic lights
Council schedules	parks	trees
curbside drains	parking tickets and meters	

HRM Customer Service

HRM's Call Centre Agents are waiting to serve you seven days a week from 7:00AM to 11:00 PM everyday except New Year's day and Christmas day. Just call 490-4000. This is your one stop call centre regarding any issue you have such as 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.

Quigley's Corner Update

The beautification project at Quigley's Corner is almost complete. The mural is complete and the trees that were diseased were removed and will be replanted as will the garden beds. Plans are available to view at www.easternpassage.ca.

Government Wharf Road - Fishermen's Cove

The Fishermen's Cove Association and members of the local community have long conveyed their concerns to me about the poor state of Government Wharf Road, and the potential impact on local and general travel. As a result, HRM is working with the Provincial Government in an effort to transfer road ownership to HRM, which will allow the road to be upgraded and maintained to a suitable standard. For more information, a copy of the September 8, 2009 report to Regional Council can be found at: <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/090908ca1116.pdf>

Police Services

The Cole Harbour office of the RCMP Halifax District Detachment serves the areas of Cole Harbour, Eastern Passage, Westphal, Preston, Lake Echo and Lawrencetown. The office enforces the Criminal Code, Liquor Control Act, Motor Vehicle Act, Federal Statutes pertaining to drug enforcement and a variety of Provincial Statutes and Municipal By-Laws. The office is located at 1171 Cole Harbour Road or call 902-244-7208 or 1-800-803-7267.

For emergencies, please call 911, Non-Emergencies - 490-5020.