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Dear Residents:

Fall has arrived, and with it comes shorter days as well as a more structured and routine schedule. I hope that you enjoyed the free-spirited days of summer and had an opportunity to explore our municipality.

This newsletter will provide you with my contact information, and I encourage you to be in touch with me whenever you have a question or concern regarding municipal issues. I want to remind you that I am available should you need to be in contact with me.

For several months I have been issuing a monthly online newsletter to residents who are interested in receiving it. It contains information on a variety of topics of local and HRM-wide interest, such as events and happenings within our community and beyond. If you have email access, please sign up today; it is a terrific way to stay in touch on a regular basis. See page 3 for details on how to sign up for my newsletter.

As always, thank you for your continued support and consideration. It is a pleasure to represent you at City Hall.

Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness

Please be advised that HRM's Sustainable Environment Management Office (SEMO) will be organizing a community information session in September for your area to engage residents in the implementation of the Climate SMART Community Action Guide to Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness. This has been developed as part of the Climate SMART (Sustainable Mitigation and Adaptation Risk Toolkit) Initiative.

HRM recognizes that effective action to address climate change and its impacts can only be achieved through a consolidated effort by all stakeholders, including public and private sectors, and community groups. This Community Action Guide has been prepared as one of the tools to assist the HRM community to do its part to minimize climate change and to adapt to its consequences. For more information on this guide please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/climate/>

I am happy to see that our community has finally gotten the acknowledgement required in order to move forward with a strategy that addresses our unique geographical needs and concerns. I would like to thank the community members who have worked with me over the last two years to keep this issue in the forefront of HRM's focus on the Climate SMART initiative. I will be providing more information as it becomes available through my online newsletter.

Senior's Snow Removal Program

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.

How it Works:

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 and the eligibility criteria please call 864-2165 or 1-902-558-1049 (toll free in HRM) Application for the program ends on December 1st OR earlier if the program reaches full capacity.

Off Leash Park Areas and Sports Fields

Taking your dog for a walk is both fun and invigorating. To enjoy a bit more freedom with your beloved pooch, HRM has implemented an off leash parks strategy that allows pet owners to enjoy certain HRM parks by letting their dog off leash. On November 1, 2010 HRM will reopen 28 sports fields for off leash activities. The fields will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. until May 1, 2011. Woodside #1 and #2 Ball Diamonds are two that I am happy to say are a part of this program. For more information on this strategy, and a complete list of off leash parks and sports fields, please visit the HRM website at:

www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/OLPS

Surf Park Update

A Steering Committee has been established, comprised of several Cow Bay residents, HRM staff, a representative of the Surf Association of Nova Scotia (SANS) and me. The key task is the planning and costing of phase one of the project which is to include boardwalk access to the beach, a parking lot, and signage. Municipal and provincial funding is in partnership with a major private donor contribution, soon to be announced, along with a fundraising campaign by SANS. If all the funding falls into place over the next eight months, construction of the facility should begin in the spring of 2011.

Fisherman's Cove Unveils New Mural

On Thursday, August 5, 2010, I was proud to be a part of the unveiling of a very special mural at the Fisherman's Cove Interpretive Centre. Clyde Henneberry's "The Captain Kent" was masterfully reproduced by our own local artist Jeff Domm, and is a wonderful tribute to our local talent. Thanks to the Henneberry Family, and to Jeff for your amazing contribution!!

Mayor Peter Kelly, Clyde Henneberry and Councillor Jackie Barkhouse along with Cst. Ben MacLeod (left) and Cst. James Skinner (right) at the unveiling.



New Metro Transit Route #57

As part of this year's Metro Transit Operating Budget, a new Route # 57 Russell Lake began in August 2010. This new route has been developed to accommodate the growth of new housing and commercial developments in that area over the past few years and serves Portland Estates and Russell Lake West between the Portland Hills Transit Terminal and the Woodside Ferry Terminal. For more information on routes and times please visit our website at www.halifax.ca



Back To School Safety

As a new school year begins, I would like to pass along some back to school safety tips that our students should be mindful of:

Cross Walk Safety

Be very clear in your intention to cross the street. Stop at the curb, wait for cars to stop, make eye contact with all drivers, even wave to them to be SURE they see you and ensure all vehicles have stopped before you continue to cross.

Stranger Awareness

A stranger is someone you don't know. Never go anywhere with a stranger no matter what story they tell you. You should never accept candy, money, get into a car or go into a building with them. If a stranger approaches you, always tell your parents, teachers, or anyone you know and trust.

School Bus Safety

When riding on a school bus, enter the bus when the driver has opened the door, take your seat and remain seated until you have reached your destination and it's time to get off the bus. Please do not yell, scream or make loud noises as it can be very distracting for the driver.

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. For more information please visit the following link: www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGardens.html

I am so pleased with the two community gardens in our district. The Signal's Bluff garden in Southdale/ Woodside and MacDonald Park garden in Eastern Passage are testaments to the spirit and creativity that make our communities beautiful and fun to share. I would like to extend a special thank you to the garden coordinators, Kathleen Costain, Jack Devenney and HRM staff member, Richard MacLellan, for their dedication to the gardens. A sincere thank you to all community garden volunteers.

Woodside Visioning

Community Visioning in Woodside will officially get underway in September 2010. Like other community visioning processes, it will involve a community led initiative that will focus on what is possible for the Woodside area of Dartmouth for the next 5 to 25 years.

I encourage anyone who is interested to get involved, and let your ideas of future development in Woodside be heard. I firmly believe that when people come together with ideas, and input into the development of their own community, great things happen. No one knows your community and its needs better than you. A Community Liaison Group (CLG) is being recruited to represent the community's interests. Application forms for CLG membership are now available. If you would like to have an application form sent to you, please email visionHRM@halifax.ca or phone 490-5857.

Boards And Committees Of Council I Serve On

Alderney Landing
Dartmouth Lakes Advisory Board
Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society
Energy & Underground Services Committee
Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission
Halifax-Dartmouth Canada Day Committee
Halifax-Dartmouth Natal Day Steering Committee
Halifax Regional Library Board
Mobile Home Park Advisory Committee
Private Roads Committee

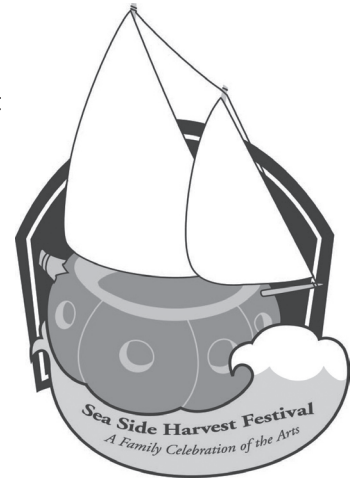
I also serve on numerous community committees throughout Woodside and Eastern Passage.

Call Centre Hours

The HRM Call Centre is open daily from 7am to 11pm except holidays. Even on holidays, callers will have access to the following limited automated selection of services: holiday transit info., solid waste collection, civic events, and parking ticket payment. Only issues of an urgent nature related to Public Works, Waste Water or Animal Control will be directed to an attendant.

Seaside Harvest Festival

This year, the Seaside Harvest Festival will be held October 2nd at Fisherman's Cove, Eastern Passage. There will be a farmer's market, mask decorating, corn boil, local artist displays, charter boat tours, storytelling, scavenger hunt, pumpkin carving, bean supper, youth dance workshop.....and so much more. Come join me and celebrate the Harvest... Seaside style!!!



We will also be hosting an Antique Road Show. Have your antiques appraised by professionals; they could be worth more than you know! 1-4pm October 2nd - 1 item \$10 or 3 for \$25. For more information please visit the Seaside Harvest Festival page on Facebook.

Each year, volunteers are nominated by their peers to receive the HRM Volunteer Award. I was pleased to present awards to the following recipients from our community...



Hazel Joyce

*North Woodside
Community Centre*

Sean Churchill



On June 15, Regional Council hosted the 2010 HRM Citizenship Awards at City Hall. Grade 9 students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving life in both their school and community. Congratulations to Fallon Hudak who attends Eastern Passage Education Centre.

Congratulatory Certificates

If you know of any resident who will be celebrating a 50th (or more) anniversary or an 80th (or more) birthday milestone, please let me know and I will be happy to present a certificate on behalf of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Keep in the loop... Online Newsletter

I have started an online 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.



COMMUNITY NEWS FLASH



Seaside FM's Paige Fossett and Wayne Harrett joined Councillor Jackie Barkhouse at the Eastern Passage Cow Bay Summer Carnival Teddy Bear Picnic



Councillor Jackie Barkhouse waves to the crowd from the HRM float at the Eastern Passage - Cow Bay Summer Carnival Parade.



Councillor Jackie Barkhouse joins Councillor Jennifer Watts and Cathy McCarthy at the Trail Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on McNab's Island



Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis and Councillor Jackie Barkhouse at the Mayor's Tea Party at Sullivan's Pond on Natal Day 2010.



Breast Cancer survivors from Bosom Buddies of Dartmouth Nova Scotia join the "Amazons" Team for the International Dragon Boat Festival 2010. Councillor Jackie Barkhouse is proud to support the team and Breast Cancer Research.

Contact Numbers

HRM Call Centre - 490-4000

HRM Call Centre TTY/TDD line
(Hearing impaired) - 490-6645

*The Call Centre is open 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily
(except holidays)

Councillors' Office, City Hall - 490-4050

Councillors' Office Fax - 490-4122

Mayor's Office - 490-4010

Police Non-emergency - 490-5020

Fire Non-emergency - 490-5020

Water bill inquiries - 490-4820



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