

Online Newsletter: A great way to learn about upcoming events and opportunities, and to stay in touch with your community.

Greetings,

Sincere thanks to you for signing up for my online newsletter. The response thus far has been appreciated, and I look forward to utilizing this opportunity on a regular basis to share information about our community and HRM.

This month I am pleased to include a link to the list of activities that will occur in 'Celebration of the Canadian Navy Centennial'. There will certainly be occasion for individuals, families and visitors, to participate in some spectacular events.

Please make every effort over the next few months to enjoy all that there is to offer in beautiful Halifax Regional Municipality!

Warmest regards,
Jackie

Celebrating the Canadian Navy's Centennial Birthday

On May 4th, 2010 The Canadian Navy celebrated it's 100th Birthday!! Throughout the spring/summer the Navy is hosting numerous events to celebrate this important milestone. For more information on the Centennial events, please go to:http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/centennial/3/3-c_eng.asp

Following is a list of some of the 'Canadian Navy Centennial Celebrations'

Spring 2010

Flower Gardens

Halifax, NS Flower gardens using a Canadian Naval Centennial theme will be planted in gardens located at the McKay Bridge approaches and at the Halifax Public Gardens.

28 June - 02 July 2010

International Fleet Review Week

Halifax, NS An International Fleet Review Week will take place in Halifax during the period 28 June – 02 July 2010. Approximately 22 foreign ships will be visiting Halifax and it is anticipated that many of these ships will be open to visitors throughout the week. It is expected that more than 5,000 sailors will take advantage of some good old maritime hospitality during their visit. Halifax will definitely be the "place to be" in the Summer of 2010.

29 June 2010 International Fleet Review

Halifax, NS To mark the Canadian Naval Centennial, an International Fleet Review will be held in Halifax on 29 June 2010. Participating ships will be at anchor in the Bedford Basin/Halifax Harbour and crews from all participating nations will man their ship's side and pay

compliments as the official reviewing party passes by. The last Fleet Review to take place in Halifax occurred on 28 June 1985; therefore, be sure to take advantage of this rare opportunity to witness foreign ships gathered to participate in a formal international event.

30 June – 08 July 2010

Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo

Halifax, NS One of the themes for the 2010 Tattoo will be dedicated to 100 years of Naval Service to Canada and will feature more than 2,000 world-class Canadian and international military and civilian performers. As in previous years, this spectacular event will be the highlight of the summer for many visitors to Halifax. It will certainly be a show that you will not want to miss.

Summer 2010 Dedication Ceremonies – Public Parks in HRM

Halifax, NS A number of dedication ceremonies will be held throughout the Summer to commemorate ships lost during the Battle of Atlantic and to “bring the navy to Canadians”. Planned activities include the unveiling of naval artifacts in Commodore Park and Dewolf Park.

August 2010

MARLANT Naval Centennial Ball

Halifax, NS One of the highlights of Centennial Year will undoubtedly be the MARLANT Naval Centennial Ball. This gala event will be held at the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre on Saturday, 7 August and it is expected that over 900 guests will join together to celebrate the Navy’s 100th Anniversary.

22 August 2010 Navy 5K and 10K Run - Centennial Edition

Halifax, NS The Centennial Edition of the Navy 10K Run will take place on Sunday, 22 Aug 2010. Last year over 1000 participants accepted the challenge and this year’s event is expected to draw even more interest as a wave of athletes dressed in Centennial blue shirts flow along the 10 and 5K routes. To register online log on to the following web site:

Looking to Carpool or Share a Ride to Work? Visit www.HRMSmartTrip.ca

In celebration of Environment Week and Clean Air Day, HRM is encouraging residents to carpool, walk, bike or take transit to work. Citizens can log onto www.HRMSmartTrip.ca to find commuters in their area who are looking to share a mode of transportation. HRMSmartTrip.ca is a free online service which is supported by HRM and administered by RideShark.

HRMSmartTrip.ca is a state of the art ride-matching system that allows commuters to quickly and securely find carpool partners. By registering on www.HRMSmartTrip.ca you can find people who are interested in carpooling to work, taking transit, biking or walking together.

The system matches people based on proximity to origin and destination points and travel route as well as similar working hours and compatible carpooling preferences.

A match list is returned instantly when you search for carpool partners. No personal information is released to potential matches. Simply email the individuals on your match list and then it's up

to you to discuss the arrangements so that your new carpool will work for you!

If you have any questions about the program, please visit www.HRMSmartTrip.ca, click on "Contact Us" in the left hand menu and fill out the contact/question form.

For more information, please contact:

Roxane MacInnis at 490-4160

Crosswalk Safety

Whether it is marked or not, under the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act, every place where one street intersects another is legally a crosswalk. The same legislation requires that drivers yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

Pedestrians must also take care to ensure their path is clear before walking out into traffic. Even where there are overhead lights which you have engaged, always check to ensure drivers see you before proceeding across a roadway. Based on national standards, painted crosswalks are put in places where traffic is sufficiently heavy that there are less than 120 opportunities to cross per hour during peak times and also that there are more than 20 pedestrian crossings per hour in at least one hour of the day. An opportunity to cross is also referred to as a gap and ranges from 9 to 15 seconds in length depending on the road width.

Mobile Library Schedule

“Your Library on the move”....

The Mobile Library visits scheduled communities every two weeks. Following is a list of scheduled stops in our area:

Tuesday June 8th and June 22nd:

2:20 - 3:15 pm Eastern Passage - 14 Romkey Drive

3:45 - 5:00 pm Eastern Passage - Shoreview & Ainslie

6:30 - 8:00 pm Eastern Passage - 94 Briarwood Drive

Tuesday July 6th and July 20th:

2:20- 4:45 pm Eastern Passage- Fisherman's Cove

6:30- 8:00 pm Eastern Passage- Briarwood and Cow Bay Road

Police Horses Back on the Beat

Two familiar faces will be back on the beat doing their part to keep the streets safe.

Police Horses Duty Sergeant and Patrol Cruiser, better known as Sarge and Cruise, and their riders are back out for the summer. They will be patrolling the streets as well as attending a number of community events throughout HRM as Halifax Regional Police ambassadors.

Sarge and Cruise and their partners Csts. Chris Marinelli and Dianne Woodworth have become favourites of not only the citizens of HRM but also visitors to the city. They are looking forward to another summer being out with the public.

NEWS FLASH - Big changes will be underway this summer at MacDonald Park/Community Garden, which is adjacent to Tallahassee Recreation Centre. Park upgrades, along with the addition of an outdoor gym at the site will certainly make it a terrific spot to visit!

Many thanks to volunteer Kathleen Costain, Garden Coordinator, for her commitment and dedication to this project, and to HRM staff for their continued assistance with our project.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating plants, please get in contact with Kathleen at kizmit@eastlink.ca

* We are pleased to announce that we will be hiring a summer student this year.

* Please stay tuned for an 'artist competition' to design a sign for the site!!!!

Seaside Harvest Festival in Planning Stages

The 2010 Seaside Harvest Festival will be taking place October 1st and 2nd. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact me at 476-5601 or by email at barkhoj@halifax.ca

Beach Rock and Sand Removal at Beaches

If you witness removal of beach rock, sand etc, from public beaches, please call RCMP Non Emergency at 244-7208 and report the incident including licence plate number and description of the vehicle, or call the Provincial Department of Natural Resources at 902-861-2560 or the after hours number 1-800-565-2224. The beach is protected under the Protected Beach Act with the Province and in essence the Parks Division of the Provincial Department of Natural Resources would be the body who would make that decision. Their contact information is as follows:

Telephone: (in Metro) (902) 424-5200

Metro Transit Ferry Service receives exemption from Transport Canada -

As of April 1st, 2010, Metro Transit's ferry service was required to comply with new Transport

Canada Domestic Ferry Regulations. The newly mandated operational security enhancements were designed to have minimal impact on ferry passengers' regular routines. Passenger notices were posted in both the Ferry Terminals and flyers circulated to passengers, advising as to the provision of a higher level of safety and the presence of security cameras. Decals were also posted to this effect in the entrance to the waiting areas.

Signs have also been posted throughout the terminals to indicate the Marsec security level, designated by Transport Canada, under which the ferry is operating on any given day. And, in addition, passengers paying cash, who did not already have a valid transfer or pass, were also required to be provided with proof of payment while in the ferry passenger waiting areas and on the ferry.

However, last week, Transport Canada advised Metro Transit that an exemption had been granted at their request, to have passengers forgo retaining proof of payment, based on the unique type of commuter ferry service that it operates in Halifax Harbour. Ferry Commissionaires have been advising passengers accordingly and the customer information has been updated online. For more information contact

Lori Patterson, Manager Marketing & Communications,
Metro Transit, 490-6609.

Councillors' Walk

June is recreation month and in conjunction with the Tallahassee Recreation Centre we are hosting a walk with Councillor Jackie Barkhouse, on Saturday, June 12th at 11:00am. Bring your friends, family and dogs and join us on a fun, social walk, starting at the Tallahassee Recreation Centre. At the end of the walk there will be prizes and face painting. " WEATHER PERMITTING!"

Outdoor Gym

Since June is recreation month, I am happy to report that there is outdoor gym equipment planned for the Eastern Passage Common at the Community Garden site, and also for the Woodside Community Centre. These would be comprised of numerous individual units providing a variety of different exercises. Currently there is an example of this equipment on the Dartmouth Common in front of the Sportplex, for anyone wanting to see what to expect.

HRM Give Away Weekend a Great Opportunity for Spring Cleaners and Treasure Hunters
(Wednesday, May 19, 2010) – Time to de-clutter your home? HRM wants to help.

During Environment Week, the region is hosting its first “Curbside Give Away Weekend”, June 5 and 6, 2010.

By taking your unwanted but reusable items to the curb, they could become someone else’s treasure. Simply place a “FREE” sign on the items to ensure there is no confusion. Treasure hunters can remove items with a “FREE” sign but should remember to respect people’s property when participating.

Just remember, while this is a great way to help the environment by ‘reusing’, whatever treasures are not retrieved by others, must be brought back in by dusk Sunday, June 6. You can also consider contacting non-profit organizations that take such items as part of their fundraising efforts so the items can be carted away.

Examples of “treasures” to set out for the Give Away include books, CDs and DVDs, furniture and small appliances, sports equipment, toys, tools, and construction materials.

Check the website for more details on how to extend the life of some of your “treasures”. Go to www.halifax.ca/curbsidegiveaway