



As we welcome December we prepare to bid farewell to the year 2017. So many wonderful events took place over the last 12 months; events that would not have been possible without the countless volunteers who helped organize, and raise funds, to ensure our communities had opportunities to mingle with their neighbours and share common interests by supporting a local sport | community group | charity.

You may wish to thank those volunteers by nominating them for a Volunteer Award! Deadline for submissions is December 15th. See more detail further in this newsletter.

I wish you a wonderful, joyous holiday season and all the best in 2018.

TINSEL - SACKVILLE'S TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE 2017 SCHEDULE





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BEAVER BANK HUB OFFICE



Would love to meet with you about municipal services or programs at my Beaver Bank-Hub office. Hours are: 1st Friday of every month from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre, 1583 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank.

HELPING THE LIONS CLUB SERVE HOT CHOCOLATE FOLLOWING THE BEAVER BANK KINSAC PARADE OF LIGHTS



CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE







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COUNCILLOR LISA BLACKBURN

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GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT THE SACKVILLE KINETTES CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET



HRM SNOW REMOVAL CREWS ARE STANDING BY



No need for a long face as our municipal crews and contractors are ready to tackle the winter weather.

The following are some tips to help protect your property and ensure snow clearing goes as safely and smoothly as possible this winter season:

Remove planters, lawn decorations and any

- other portable objects near the sidewalk before the winter.
- When bad weather is in the forecast, safely store items that may still be used during the winter (e.g. sports equipment).
- Mark any permanent structures or objects with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. This helps crews identify obstacles.
- Trim any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property. These can obstruct access and visibility for snowclearing equipment.



- Never park on the sidewalk and when parked in a driveway, make sure your vehicle isn't hanging over into the right-ofway. These vehicles are dangerous obstacles for crews and prevent proper clearing of sidewalks.
- Even if roads appear to be salted, remember that salt becomes much less effective in melting snow at temperatures below -10 degrees Celsius.
- Adjust your speed. Wet roads can freeze even if the air temperature is above zero.
- Follow at a safe distance. It can take up to 12 times longer to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- Never pass a plow when it is clearing snow from the road. Whiteout conditions are often created in the front of plows which reduces visibility and increases the chance of an accident.



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- Keep your vehicle in top working order.
- Have a winter survival kit in your vehicle.
- Never plow or shovel snow from your driveway onto the street or sidewalk. This can cause problems for pedestrians, particularly those with mobility issues.
- Children should not play in the snow along the side of the road or anywhere a snow plow is likely to operate.

Winter Parking Ban

The overnight winter parking ban is in effect every year from Dec. 15 until Mar. 31; however, it is only enforced during declared weather events and clearing operations. When the ban is enforced, it restricts any on-street parking between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Vehicles in violation of the ban will be ticketed and/or towed.

Remember to stay informed about the <u>status of the parking ban</u> and please <u>think before you park</u>.



YOUTH NIGHT AT BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE





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VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 15th



Now is your opportunity to nominate a deserving volunteer or group for their dedication and service to the community.

Every year, Mayor Savage and the Halifax Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who have volunteered their time and skills to provide services and programs in your communities.

Nominate someone now for the 2018 Volunteer Awards. Deadline for nominations is Dec. 15, 2017.

For more information, please contact Shawna Shirley at 902.869.4202 or email shirles@halifax.ca.



WELCOMING THE HONOURABLE
ARTHUR LEBLANC, LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA, AND
HER HONOUR PATSY LEBLANC AT
THE SACKVILLE LEGION
REMEMBRANCE DAY 2017



UNVEILING CANADA POST'S HALIFAX EXPLOSION COMMEMORATIVE STAMP



The Canada Post Halifax Explosion stamp captures the moment before IMO & Mont-Blanc collide on December 6, 1917.

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Councillor Lindell Smith and I with Nikki Creelman Forrest at Government House for the unveiling of Canada Post's Halifax Explosion commemorative stamp.



EMCEEING THE SACKVILLE TREE LIGHTING EVENT





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PREPPING FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH MAYOR SAVAGE AND COUNCILLOR LORELEI NICOLL



NEW CROSSWALK FOR LUCASVILLE ROAD AND OLD SACKVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION



Great news! The intersection of Lucasville Road and Old Sackville Road is getting a crosswalk! Install next spring/summer. Once the necessary concrete work to the pedestrian ramps is done, the signs and pavement markings will go in! Working on interim safety measures until then.

CO-HOSTED THE FUR BALL IN SUPPORT OF GREYHOUND PETS OF ATLANTIC CANADA.







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PARTICIPATING IN THE FIRST NATION'S BLANKET CEREMONY AND SMUDGING CEREMONY



The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples—which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a 1.5 hour participatory workshop.

Blanket Exercise participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance. They are directed by facilitators representing a narrator (or narrators) and the European colonizers. Participants are drawn into the experience by reading scrolls and carrying cards which ultimately determine their outcomes. By engaging on an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. Ideally, the exercise is followed by a debriefing session in which participants discuss the experience as a group. This often takes the form of a talking circle.

MOBILE PAYMENT FOR PARKING



On Dec. 4, 2017, mobile payment for parking will be available at all municipal meters.

HotSpot, the municipality's current service provider, offers users a mobile app at a monthly/annual fee. Users must download the mobile app via the HotSpot website. Watch this HotSpot video to see how the mobile app works.

Standard methods of payment for metered parking remain unchanged. The new mobile payment solution provides people with another option for their convenience. Coin payments are also available at all meters.

Users of the mobile payment app can end their parking session any time and will be refunded the remaining time. This option is not available for standard coin payments.

All 1,485 municipal meters will now offer the mobile payment option. All 750 parking spaces operated by Waterfront Development will also be offering the mobile payment option via HotSpot.



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NEW YEAR'S EVE - BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE





NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION -SPRINGFIELD LAKE RECREATION CENTRE



Time 9:00pm until 2:00am

Location: 266 Lakeview Avenue

D.J: Donnie Allen

Tickets: Call Donna at 865-9449

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVEE RECEPTION 2018 – HALIFAX CITY HALL



Looking forward to seeing you at City Hall on New Year's Day for the annual Levee Reception.

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Location**: Halifax Hall, 2nd Floor City Hall, 1841

Argyle Street, Halifax.

