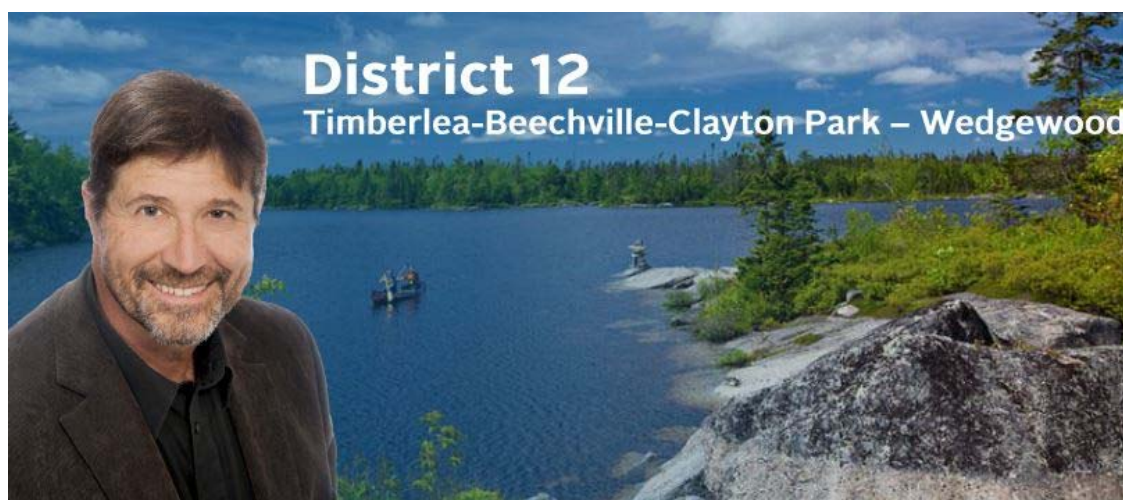


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### Let's be clear. Litter doesn't belong here.

Everyone knows they shouldn't litter, but there are still some who ignore the message or overlook the impact of what may seem like small or unnoticeable actions.

Litter accumulates. It's ugly. The culmination of small transgressions by litterers – even those that happen by accident – looks bad in our community. One piece of litter turns to two, then three, and more. We are each responsible to stop litter before it starts.

The only place litter belongs is in a garbage can, organics or recycling bin. If there isn't a bin close by, take it with you. Don't leave it for another person (or animal) to pick up.

If you would like to help clean-up litter in your neighbourhood, there are a few programs that can help your efforts.

For more information please click [here](#). Check out HRM's latest video campaign [here](#).

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## HRM Curbside Giveaway June 2,3, 2018

HRM'S CURBSIDE GIVE-AWAY WEEKEND – June 2 & 3, 2018 Put out your unwanted household items during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It's a terrific way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while letting someone else find something new. This event happens rain or shine.

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## Are You 'Emergency Ready'?

There are several questions residents should ask themselves as they determine if they're ready to react with a moment's notice.

No one knows the risks in your home and around your neighbourhood better than you. Analyze the situation through the eyes of someone who will need to act quickly. What are the potential hazards?

The Emergency Management Division's role in an emergency is to ensure the safety and security of residents, their properties, and the environment by providing a prompt and coordinated response to an emergency. Residents play a big role in ensuring their own safety as well.

Being 'emergency ready' requires examination of three key areas:

- Know the risks
- Make a plan
- Get a kit

Every household needs an emergency plan. Members of the home may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

In the case of an emergency, you should be prepared for 72 hours. There may be certain situations where you are not able to, or it is not safe to evacuate your home.

You should be prepared to be self-sufficient in your home for 72 hours (or seven to 10 days in a health emergency).

In the event of an emergency, residents can follow the [@hfxgov](#) Twitter account for regular updates and information.



## 2018 Community Spirit Award – Call for Submissions

Nova Scotians are being asked to show their pride in their communities by submitting a nomination for the 2018 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award.

The call for submissions for this year's award was announced on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The award, established by then Lt.-Governor Mayann Francis in 2007, celebrates the power, strength, and diversity of communities across Nova Scotia.

Nominate your spirit-filled community today! Deadline is Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

For more information visit <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20180413003>

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## Backyard Composting Basics

Are you interested in backyard composting at home or in a community garden? This course will teach you how to turn your kitchen scraps into a valuable fertilizer without bringing odours or pests into your neighbourhood!

You'll receive a course booklet with composter building instructions, a trouble shooting guide, and much more!

### Training sessions

Findlay Community Centre, Room 101  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 7:00pm

Captain William Spry Centre, Community Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday, May 30, 2018 7:00pm

Halifax Garden Festival, Victoria Park, South End, Halifax  
Saturday, June 16, 2018 10:30am

Tantallon Public Library, 3646 Hammons Plains Road  
Wednesday, July 4, 2018 7:00pm

### Book a session for your community group or classroom

Sign your group or classroom up to learn about backyard composting today!

Email [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca) to schedule a session. Call 902.490.5960 (option 0) for more information.

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## IWK Kermesse Art Show and Sale, May 17-26.

Love art? Need a painting for that bare wall? Then take in the IWK Kermesse Art Show and Sale, May 17-26. There will be over 100 original paintings donated by local artists for sale. As well, raffle tickets for several items, including a watercolour by Steve Buckland (see below) are available at the Biggs and Littles Gift Shop at the IWK. The proceeds from the Art Show and Sale will support the Auxiliary's contributions toward providing care and comfort to patients and families at the IWK. The Show and Sale takes place at the Chase Gallery, NS Archives Building at 6016 University Ave. The Opening Reception is on Thursday, May 17 (everyone welcome). The show continues on Friday, May 18th and then on Tuesday, May 22nd through Saturday, May 26th. Admission is free. Please come out and support a good cause.

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## District 12 E-News Community Events

In conjunction with news and information from city hall, I would like to offer the opportunity for volunteer groups and organizations to share information of interest to residents of District 12.

Approved submissions will be posted to my electronic newsletter. Submissions are usually approved as long as they are:

- Resources and opportunities and events for residents of District 12;
- Not-for-profit (no private sector postings, please);
- Legal and do not promote an illegal activity;
- Non-partisan (not associated with any political party)

Please contact me or Quentin Hill at [Quentin.hill@halifax.ca](mailto:Quentin.hill@halifax.ca) or at 902.490.1463

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## May Fair in the Park!

BLT Rails to Trails will be participating in the [Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust](#) event, May Fair in the Park on Sunday, May 27, 2018 from 12-3pm at Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park in Upper Tantallon. Come out and learn more about our trail, meet some of our Board of Directors and volunteers, and see a demonstration of nordic pole walking. This event is designed to event to welcome spring with family-

styled activities for everyone in the beautiful setting of Jerry Lawrence Provincial Park.

Enjoy a BBQ, games, face-painting and fun with your neighbours and community. The “Learn to Fish” program is coming again this year to offer youth and adults alike a chance to try their hand at casting for fish in the lake. Free event. Everyone is welcome. Get more details [here](#).

## International Trail Day with Halifax North West Trails Association

International Trail Day, always the first Saturday in June. This year, we will celebrate with a hike in to Blue Mountain Hill on June 2, at 9:30. More details at [www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca](http://www.halifaxnorthwesttrails.ca) Pre-registration is required. Please contact Sharon Gibson at [sandfg6@gmail.com](mailto:sandfg6@gmail.com) or 902-435-6959.

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