



**MARCH 2019**

## **STREET - REPORT A POTHOLE OR SINKHOLE**

Report a pothole or sinkhole on HRM owned streets or sidewalks.

**Potholes** are caused when the asphalt on the surface of the road has deteriorated from the top, but you can still see asphalt under the hole.

**Sinkholes** are caused by erosion from underneath, and when you look into it, you can't see any pavement.

<https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/paving-repair/report-a-pothole>

## **EVACUATION PLAN**

The Westwood Hills Subdivision, located just off Hammonds Plain Road, has officially launched

their new emergency evacuation plan which was developed with the assistance of the RCMP, HRM Transit, the HRM Emergency Management Team and a small group of volunteers from Westwood Hills. The key points of this plan are as follows:

Residents should be prepared to leave if an emergency arises where their safety is in peril. If there are any residents requiring assistance in evacuating because of limited mobility or disabilities or age, you should contact the HRM Emergency Management Office in advance at 902-490-3575 so that they are aware of your situation and you will be assisted during an evacuation. Self-identification is the only way they are going to know you need help so it is important that you make contact with The Emergency Management office to let them know you will require their help to evacuate.

In the event that an evacuation plan is implemented, and residents cannot leave in their own vehicles, you are asked to go to your appointed Muster Station point and you be

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transported via Halifax transit bus to the nearest comfort station for check in.

For more information please visit [www.wwhra.com](http://www.wwhra.com) or contact Nola Button, Director of Emergency Planning, at [nbutton.live.ca](mailto:nbutton.live.ca) and she can help answer your questions.

## THINKING OF STARTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Many community gardens in Halifax are operated by residents on land owned by the municipal government. These are small-scale sites operated by non-profit societies for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Growing produce for personal consumption, donating to local food causes, and generating revenue to reinvest in the community garden.
2. Production of a floral or landscape display
3. Demonstration gardening or other related instructional programming.

Community gardens can include vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, native and/or ornamental plants established and operated within existing municipal regulations, bylaws and assessments.

A community garden must have a “common area” with shared upkeep and may include individual garden plots. Community gardening differs from urban agriculture (urban farms), which is an industry that produces agricultural products for distribution to local markets.

To start a community garden, you must be a non-profit group and apply before the **March 15 deadline**. This ensures there is enough time for staff to review and work with you on your request.

For more information, check out the [community garden handbook](#) [PDF]. If you're ready to apply, fill out the [application form](#) [PDF] and send it to Darren Hirtle, Community Developer, at 902.490.4865 or [hirtled@halifax.ca](mailto:hirtled@halifax.ca)



Councillor Outhit and I presenting Tricia Schmeisser with a certificate at a ceremony honouring her heroic efforts of providing CPR to her husband and saving his life. You can see the whole story here as shown on ATV:

[https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1634085&fbclid=IwAR2p2cjfyC\\_EL7KXSuKwvccRjJltGeyhTG\\_cHwrRcDMcYs0HrT0wpAcX35Y](https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1634085&fbclid=IwAR2p2cjfyC_EL7KXSuKwvccRjJltGeyhTG_cHwrRcDMcYs0HrT0wpAcX35Y)

## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK FOR YOU!

My district capital and district activity fund donations are available to view online on my Halifax website here:

<https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/districts-councillors/district-13/district-activity-district-capital-funds>

I would also like to share with you the notes of thanks I've received from the recipients of the

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district capital funds. It's always nice to know where some of your tax dollars went, and how it benefits a wide range of community projects and initiatives.



Thank you banner from the Head of St. Margaret's Bay/Boutillier's Point Recreation Association for \$5000 in Capital funds for the community outdoor rink.

### BUDGET 2019 / 20 UPDATE

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the date for Regional Council's final review and approval of the 2019 / 20 municipal operating and capital budgets.

You are welcome to attend the budget session at the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. The meeting commences at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, you can [watch](#) or [listen to](#) Committee of the Whole online at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca).

### 2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

HRM's 2019 Community Grants Program is now accepting applications. **The application deadline is March 31, 2019.** The Program guidebook and application are available on-line: [2019 Community Grants Program](#)

[Guidebook](#) or at one of HRM's [Customer Contact Centres](#) - E-mail - [Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca](mailto:Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca). or call 902.490.7310.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

The Community Grants Guidebook contains detailed eligibility criteria for the program and for each of the funding sectors.

### BEDFORD HIGHWAY ENHANCEMENTS OPEN HOUSE





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You're invited to continue the conversation about how we can improve the way people move along the Bedford Highway. Based on your feedback and our research we've developed a draft plan. We would like for you to review that plan and tell us what you think. Are we on the right track? Does anything need to change? What works? What doesn't work?

Please join us for one of the sessions:

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Rockingham United Church Hall, 12 Flamingo Drive

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Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - LeBrun Centre - Lion's Den, 36 Holland Avenue, Bedford

For more info visit:

<https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/bedfordhighway>

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