

IN THIS EDITION

This monthly E-newsletter will provide an overview of regional news items that you may find of interest.

In this month's overview, you will find information on potholes, recycling, accessible parking and more!

Regards, Lorelei

Bike Week is Returning June 1-9, 2019

Bike Week is a yearly initiative that is about bringing the people, organizations, businesses, and institutions of Halifax together in celebration of not only of cycling but of the potential it has for creating healthier, safer, more prosperous communities in Halifax. Every year, organizations across Halifax host events in their communities in celebration of Bike Week.

Host A Bike Week Event - Grants available!

Come celebrate cycling in Halifax with us! We are now taking applications for Bike Week 2019 events! Apply now using the link below. If you are applying for a Bike Week grant to support some of your event costs, applications are due by April 12.

Apply Now!

Looking to get involved in Bike Week?

There are lots of ways to get involved in Bike Week, including becoming a Bike Week sponsor and hosting an official Bike Week 2019 event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, have an idea for an event and aren't sure where to start, or just have questions about Bike Week in general, please get in touch:

Eliza Jackson, Bike Week Coordinator

Recycling & the Recycling App

Download the free Halifax Recycles mobile app on your Android or iOS device to have waste info at the palm of your hand!





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Search what goes where, or sign up for weekly reminders and service alerts.

For more information:

https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/recycling



Report a Pothole / Sinkhole

Call 311 to <u>report a pothole or sinkhole</u> 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.

If you are reporting potholes on a 100-series highway, please contact Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) at TPWPAFF@novascotia.ca

Spring Weight Restrictions

To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, Halifax Regional Municipality introduced the annual spring weight restrictions as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, March 11. The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place into the spring. However, the restrictions may be lifted earlier if the roads become stabilized. Notice will be provided should this occur.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads throughout the region. Regular weight tolerances apply on the exempt roads. The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online at http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.a

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Accessible Parking Spaces in the Region

Find accessible parking spots in Halifax and Dartmouth by <u>visiting our website</u>. You will find a complete list of streets and intersections, as well as maps of the areas.





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Accessible Parking – Public Engagement Session

Thursday, April 11 60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council Room 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

The municipality wants to know your thoughts about accessible parking in the region.

Your input will help us to identify the criteria that should be considered when planning for the future of on-street accessible parking.

These engagement opportunities will allow us to share what we learned from residents during last year's broader accessibility and inclusion consultation and focus specifically on the needs of residents who require accessible parking options.

Your input will be used to inform our recommendations to Regional Council to help make decisions about the future of accessible parking in the municipality.

PLEASE NOTE: Computer-assisted real-time captioning (CART) and Sign Language will be provided.

Virtual Museum



To those interested in Cole Harbour's heritage, you will find this Virtual Museum interesting. Please take a moment to learn it's past. If you don't know where you've been, it's hard to know where you're going.

Thank you to Heather Adams and those involved at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm for making this Virtual Museum happen!

http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/.../cole-harbour-then-rural-brea.../

http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/virtualexhibits/exhibit/cole-harbour-then-ruralbreadbasket-to-urban-community/



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Municipality Launching Public Search for Holiday Trees



The Halifax Regional Municipality is looking for submissions of large spruce or balsam trees for the holiday tree lighting ceremonies at Grand Parade Square and Sullivan's Pond.

Many factors including invasive species and tree maturity are impacting these tree varieties in parts of the province. To select trees that meet the ideal size requirements for the two locations, the municipality needs to diversify where holiday trees come from.

Submissions can come from anywhere in the province. Trees must be on private property and accessible from the street. The ideal size is 6-10 metres tall for the Sullivan's Pond location or 9-16 metres for the Grand Parade location. Questions or submissions can be sent to holidaytree@halifax.ca

For more information, visit

https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streetssidewalks/urban-forestry/holiday-tree-selection

The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up

The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up is Nova Scotia's largest volunteer-driven community clean-up program, promoting litter clean-ups across the province. Since the program started in 1988, Clean Foundation has provided supplies and support to participants to carry out community-based clean-ups.

This year the Nova Scotia Adopt-A-Highway has taken over the delivery of Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up Program. The new partnership with Clean means Adopt-A-Highway will be able to broaden their reach and remove even more litter from our province than ever before. The Adopt-A-Highway is looking forward to this new endeavor and are excited to support community-based clean-ups in addition to their roadside litter clean-ups

Litter is an eyesore, poses health risks, affects water quality, and is often mistaken as food by wildlife. And studies show that litter begets litter, meaning people tend to litter in areas where there is already garbage on the ground.

If you are interested in organizing a community clean up please visit their website: https://www.nspickmeup.ca/

