



**COUNCILLOR SHAWN CLEARY**  
 DISTRICT 9 ONLINE NEWS  
 HALIFAX WEST ARMDALE

**WELCOME DECEMBER!**



Although not officially winter until December 21<sup>st</sup>, we received a *little* taste of winter weather on November 28<sup>th</sup>! Great reminder to us to get those snow tires on and

ensure we are prepped and ready for winter in Atlantic Canada: a little rain, a little snow, a little slush, a little ice.

It is tempting to seek blame for the conditions that occurred on the commute home on November 28<sup>th</sup>, however; nature is a tricky beast. The torrential downpour did not permit salting / brining prior to the snow event. Our crews were also stuck in heavy traffic creating a worst-case scenario for snow removal efforts. These are not excuses, simply facts.

This month’s Enewsletter contains important information on municipal matters and community events. Happy holidays to one and all!

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### 2019 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FLAG RAISING CEREMONY



We are proud to celebrate the 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd, with this year's theme being "promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership".

To honour the day, all are welcome to the flag raising ceremony on December 2, 2019, with reception to follow. This event is presented in partnership between the municipality's Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Monday, December 2</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax</b>

The flag raising will take place from 9:30 – 10 a.m. in Grand Parade next to the Cenotaph. Reception to follow at 10 a.m. in Halifax Hall, City Hall, with light refreshments provided.

City Hall is a wheelchair-accessible building, including washroom facilities. The wheelchair-accessible entrance is located on Argyle Street (the west side of the building). Sighted guides, interpreters and CART will be provided. If you require accommodations or have questions regarding this event, please email [diversity@halifax.ca](mailto:diversity@halifax.ca).

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important—are you interested? Apply online to serve on a board or committee in [5 easy steps](#).

The Municipal Clerk's Office is currently recruiting for Boards and Committees. [Check available opportunities](#).

Questions? Contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at [serve@halifax.ca](mailto:serve@halifax.ca) or 902-490-4210.

**Deadline for applications is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### 5 reasons to volunteer

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1. Gain new skills
  2. Meet new people
  3. Make a difference
  4. Give back to the community
  5. Feel valued and be part of a team

**...and have fun!**

### 2020 VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Applications for the 2020 Volunteer Awards are now OPEN! Submit an application on behalf of an outstanding individual or group in your community.

**The deadline for applications is December 18, 2019.** Recipients are announced during National Volunteer Week in April.

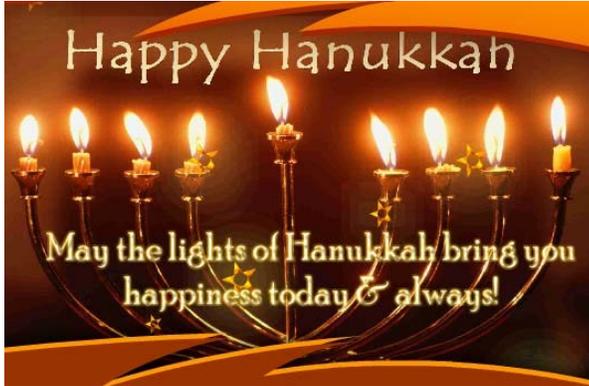
[Nomination Form - Group](#)  
[Nomination Form - Adult](#)  
[Nomination Form - Youth](#)



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## HAPPY HANUKKAH (CHANUKAH)!



Hanukkah, known as The Festival of Lights, begins at sunset on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends at nightfall on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us at the Grand Parade for the lighting of the Menorah!

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:00 pm!</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Grand Parade, 1871 Argyle Street, Halifax</b>

Everyone is welcome to attend the event and the reception inside City Hall following the lighting of the Menorah. For more information, call 902-422-4222 or Email [info@chabadmaritimes.com](mailto:info@chabadmaritimes.com).



## CHRISTMAS ON THE GRAND PARADE

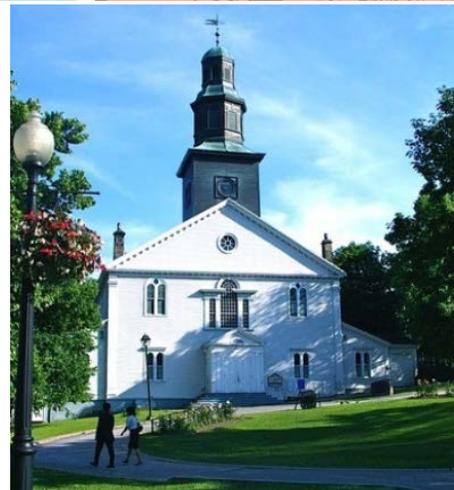
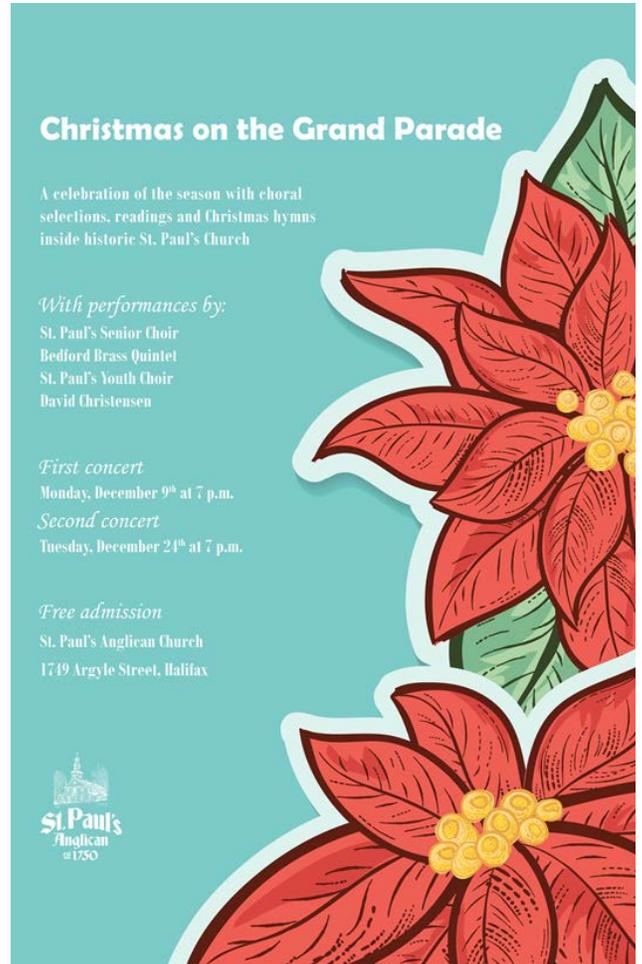
### Christmas on the Grand Parade

A celebration of the season with choral selections, readings and Christmas hymns inside historic St. Paul's Church

*With performances by:*  
St. Paul's Senior Choir  
Bedford Brass Quintet  
St. Paul's Youth Choir  
David Christensen

*First concert*  
Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
*Second concert*  
Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

*Free admission*  
St. Paul's Anglican Church  
1749 Argyle Street, Halifax





## EGG-LAYING FOWL SURVEY

## SHORT-TERM RENTALS (STR'S)



An [online survey](#) is now open for you to provide comment on region-wide amendments concerning the keeping and raising of egg-laying fowl in all residential zones.

The [original Council motion and staff report](#) focused on chickens, but at the [July 30, 2019 session](#) Regional Council decided to expand the scope to include other birds kept for the purpose of egg laying (ducks, geese, guinea fowl, quail and or turkeys).

This is not about farming. It is about allowing people living on residentially zoned lands, whether in the city, suburbs or rural areas, to keep a small number of domesticated birds to provide eggs for the household's own use.

**Raising birds for meat, selling birds or eggs would not be permitted.**

Municipal Community Food Security initiatives and the direction of the Halifax Green Network plan support policy work on allowing egg-laying fowl in residential areas.

Any policy changes regarding allowing egg-laying fowl in residential areas must be closely coordinated with the recently approved Centre Plan and the By-law simplification program.



Temporary accommodation platforms such as "AirBnB" and "Home Away" are examples of STRs that you might be familiar with.

Because STRs have become increasingly popular over the past several years, cities and municipalities across the country are exploring means for regulating or monitoring their use.

The online survey that closed on November 30<sup>th</sup>, will provide us with valuable data to help form municipal decisions about our role in regulating short-term rentals. The survey data will be summarized in a report to the Community Planning and Economic Development standing committee of Regional Council, who, on May 16, 2019, requested a staff report to consider the creation of By-laws designed to regulate, and address concerns related to STRs in residential areas by:

1. Doing a jurisdictional scan to understand how other municipalities have regulated the STR industry, including exploring models such as the tiered fees/registration and "density" limits models in U.S jurisdictions;
2. Creating a resident survey to understand the impacts of STRs;
3. Engaging the STR industry to understand any impacts regulations may have on them, and work with the Province of Nova Scotia to discuss the Assessment Act and impacts this will have on STRs.

If you have questions, or for more information, please contact Jill MacLellan, HRM Planner I, by email at: [maclelj@halifax.ca](mailto:maclelj@halifax.ca) or by phone at: 902-490-4871.



## FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBOURHOOD – SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

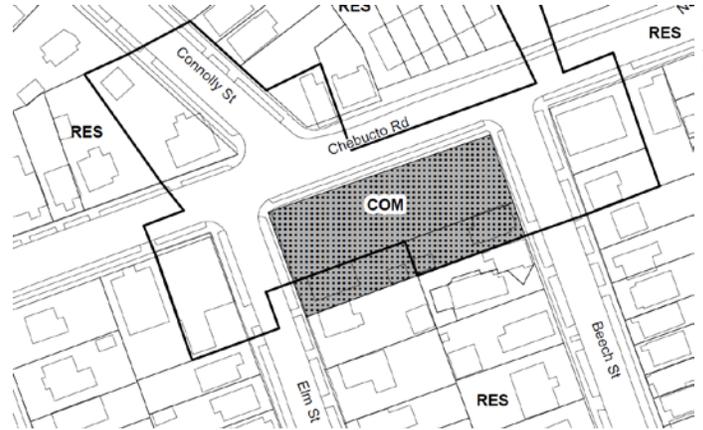
The speed limit has been reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in the Fairmount neighbourhood of Halifax. Crews began posting new signage on Wednesday, November 20.

This initiative, which reflects Council’s focus on making communities safer by reducing speeding in residential neighbourhoods, is part of the municipality’s road safety actions to move toward zero fatalities and injuries for people using any mode of transportation.

The Province of Nova Scotia legislates speed limits on public roadways – via the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) which provides for a default speed limit of 50 km/h. The MVA allows for the municipality to request posted speed limits below 50 km/h if accompanied by necessary documentation including current operating speeds and roadway characteristics.

The speed limit reduction in Fairmount is being implemented following provincial approval based on available data and an assessment of roadway characteristics that meet their qualifications. Municipal staff continue to assess other neighbourhoods for possible speed reduction implementation in the future. Once identified by municipal staff, applications to the province will be submitted for consideration.

## PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND SAFETY – CHEBUCTO ROAD



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As construction commenced at [6482 Chebucto Road](#), I began receiving phone calls and emails regarding pedestrian access and safety along this portion of Chebucto Road.

I have discussed the matter with staff and scheduled a site visit with Traffic Analysts and Engineers to discuss the concerns and to develop plans for safer access by the area.

Thank you for your calls and emails offering helpful suggestions, I appreciate your comments.

For more information about this project, please contact Jesse Morton, Planner II, by phone at: [902.490.4844](tel:902.490.4844) or by Email at: [mortonj@halifax.ca](mailto:mortonj@halifax.ca).





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## REGISTRATION 2020 AQUATICS & SKATING



December 11<sup>th</sup>: Registration starts at 10 a.m. each day. [View programs online.](#) [More information on registration.](#)

Registration line: 902.490.6666

### Winter 2020 Programs

Search and view all programs online [here.](#)

[Aquatics](#)

[Skating](#)

[Sportball](#)

[Adventure Earth Centre](#)

[Bedford/Hammonds Plains](#)

[Beechville/Lakeside/Timberlea](#)

[Cole Harbour/Lawrencetown](#)

[Dartmouth](#)

[Eastern Passage](#)

[Fall River](#)

[Halifax](#)

[Musquodoboit Harbour](#)

[Musquodoboit Valley](#)

[North Preston](#)

[Sackville](#)

[Sheet Harbour](#)

[Spryfield/Sambro](#)



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Live Music and YOGA:** Meets every Wednesday Night from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Bethany United Church - 2669 Joseph Howe Drive entrance

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A cozy atmosphere and a yoga style suited for all. Learn some of the history and philosophy of Yoga as you practice asanas (postures).

Contact: [susan\\_zurawski@yahoo.ca](mailto:susan_zurawski@yahoo.ca)

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### Royal Canadian College of Organists, Halifax Centre - CarolFest

Monday, December 2, 7:30pm ~ Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax

Join the RCCO Halifax Centre for its annual CarolFest! This annual celebration is a great way to begin your Christmas season. A freewill offering will be received, and String Quartet and Organ Preludes begin at 7:00pm. All are most welcome.

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### Winter Social with the Halifax Peninsula Community Health Team

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00pm  
6080 Young Street, Suite 105

This will be a casual event with light snacks, tea, coffee, and friendly conversation. We hope you come out for a snack and to chat with our staff and others from our wonderful community!

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### The Kings Chorus Presents Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicolas

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. St. Mary's Basilica, Spring Garden Road (see poster)



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### Halifax Independent School Open House

Thursday, December 19th from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.  
A great opportunity for you to explore the school. Whether you are thinking about Primary school enrolment for your child this coming fall or considering a transfer for an older student it is a big decision and we want you to have all the information you need to make a great choice.

### Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15th: A Christmas Cantata "Joy Has Dawned" will be presented by Calvin Choir on at 11:00 am.

Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 pm: Community Christmas Carol Service at Bayers Road Baptist Church. There will be choirs from several neighbourhood churches and treats afterward.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019



10:45 p.m. – midnight

[Grand Parade](#) will play host to a live television broadcast this year. Ring in the new year with your best friends and family in downtown Halifax. There will be two incredible Canadian Artists and midnight Fireworks. Join us at the largest outdoor New Year's Eve celebration in Atlantic Canada!

THE KING'S CHORUS PRESENTS

BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S SAINT NICOLAS

WORKS BY HALLEY & PÄRT

DIRECTED BY NICK HALLEY  
NILS BROWN, TENOR  
PAUL HALLEY, ORGAN  
THE BOY SOPRANOS OF CAPELLA REGALIS  
& CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

8PM DECEMBER 6  
SAINT MARY'S BASILICA  
SPRING GARDEN RD.  
HALIFAX

KINGSCHORUS.COM

### École Chebucto Heights Elementary School Concert

December 10: Holiday Concert (6pm)  
December 11: Snow Date for Holiday Concert (6pm)

### École St. Catherine's Elementary School Concert

Monday, December 10th: the concert will take at St. Catherine's at 10:00 a.m. No tickets are required for this performance. There will be a silver collection at the door. Wednesday, December 12th: the concert will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Spatz Theatre at Citadel High School.



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- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee
- Community Design Advisory Committee
- Halifax Harbour Bridges
- Halifax Chain of Lakes Trails Association
- Halifax Partnership

