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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
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## Emera Oval Reopened

Get ready to head back to the Emera Oval for some free family fun. The skating track officially reopened on Monday, April 16, for rollerblading, roller-skating, and cycling.

To view the entire summer schedule, please visit <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/facilities-fields/emera-oval>.

All events are weather dependent. In the event of bad weather, residents can check the online schedule for closures and cancellations or call the Emera Oval hotline at 902-490-2347.

During these scheduled, monitored events, participants can borrow roller skates, inline skates, bicycles, adapted equipment and all the required safety gear for free. Please note that a valid government-issued photo ID is required to borrow equipment, including helmets.

Equipment is distributed on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be reserved. For those who have their own equipment, the Emera Oval is open to use at their convenience. However, participants should note that in the summer months, as per provincial law, **all users are required to wear a helmet.**

The Emera Oval is a great place for school trips, birthday parties and day camp activities. Large groups are welcome and are encouraged to book ahead at <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/facilities-fields/emera-oval>. If you need to cancel your reservation, please give as much advanced notice as possible to ensure other groups are able to attend.

## Mainland North Volunteer Awards

This year Mainland North Volunteer Awards celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of recognizing deserving volunteers who give generously to help others and strengthen our community. This year's event takes place on May 24, 2018 at the Comfort Hotel. They have a terrific evening planned to honour 2018 volunteer award winners. To do so, they need your help to nominate outstanding volunteers.

If you know of a deserving volunteer in your organization or in your community\*, please take the time to share some of their stories.

There are two ways to nominate someone: email [mnvawards@gmail.com](mailto:mnvawards@gmail.com) for a nomination form or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MainlandNorthVolunteerAwards/> and complete a nomination form. Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 20, 2018.



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\*Mainland North includes all the Halifax neighbourhoods off of Dunbrack Street and Kearney Lake Road between Fairview and Larry Uteck.

Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

For updated information on the provincial restrictions still in place in other parts of the province, please visit the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal website at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.asp>.



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

Public – Hosted by 292 Halifax Fairview Br. 142 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron.

Friday, May 11 at 6 pm – 10 pm

Fairview Branch 142 Halifax, Nova Scotia

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary all former 292 RCACS cadets, staff, parents of cadets, and supporters are invited to join them for a night of looking back, and ahead, at 292!

Reception: 6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Live Band starting at 7:30 pm

Must be 19 years of age as the Fairview Branch 142 Legion's bar will be available.

## Lifting of Spring Weight Restrictions

The Halifax Regional Municipality will lift spring weight restrictions on roads it oversees starting at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, April 23.

Spring weight restrictions will also simultaneously be lifted on roads in the municipality maintained by the



Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)

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### Residents Invited to Provide Input on Long-Term Aquatic Strategy



The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking public input to help develop recommendations to meet future aquatic needs throughout the region.

Residents are encouraged to take part in a short online survey on important issues related to indoor and outdoor community pools, competition aquatic facilities, supervised beaches, and splash pads.

The survey can be found at [www.halifax.ca/surveys](http://www.halifax.ca/surveys), and will be available until Monday, April 30. Results from this survey will help the municipality create a Long-term Aquatic Strategy.

The Halifax Regional Municipality thanks all residents in advance for their feedback.



## MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Titus Smith Park. For more information visit <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

### Bring on Spring: Annual Cleanup & Maintenance Program Now Underway

Now that the winter season has wrapped up, municipal staff has transitioned to annual spring cleanup activities across the region.

Crews are working in all areas to address litter, remove downed branches and other winter debris, and empty garbage cans in municipal parks, playgrounds, sports fields, trails and other open spaces.

All 1000 kilometres of sidewalks will be mechanically swept and cleared of debris over the next few weeks, with the initial effort focused on improving conditions in downtown Halifax and Dartmouth.

The municipality has also deployed its eight vacuum street sweepers and two tandem broom trucks for an initial cleaning of approximately 1,500 kilometres of roadway and 3,000 kilometres of curb in the core areas of Halifax, Dartmouth and Bedford. In areas where snow clearing was done by contractors, street and sidewalk cleaning will be completed by the same contractor, as needed.

Clearing debris from the region's bicycle lanes is also a priority, which will take place in tandem with the street cleaning work.

#### Neighbourhood Spring Cleanup

Residents are encouraged to assist with spring cleanup activities by organizing or participating in a neighbourhood litter pickup, in addition to cleaning up around their own property. Garbage on private property is the responsibility of the property owner and should be properly sorted and prepared for curbside collection. The schedule for collection of garbage, organics and recyclables is available online at [www.halifax.ca/recycle/garbage.php](http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/garbage.php). Please report instances of litter or overflowing garbage cans on





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municipal property to 311 or [contact@halifax.ca](mailto:contact@halifax.ca) so that crews can be dispatched for cleanup.

Residents are permitted to place one large bulky item, such as a piece of furniture, curbside for collection every garbage day. The Otter Lake Waste Processing & Disposal Facility also accepts excess bags of garbage from residents, for a small fee.

Leaf and yard waste can be placed in the green bin, but no grass clippings. Any excess leaf and yard waste can be placed in large paper bags - not plastic - for curbside organics collection. Material must be placed curbside no later than 7 a.m. on collection day to ensure pickup.

Municipal and contracted crews will also be out in the coming weeks repairing damage caused by snow-clearing equipment this past winter. Please report turf, curb, or other damage sustained from snow clearing operations to 311 or [contact@halifax.ca](mailto:contact@halifax.ca).

For information on the annual spring cleanup, please visit <https://www.halifax.ca/springcleanup>.

### Potholes

With the arrival of Spring comes the many potholes that need to be repaired. The municipality repairs potholes in your area based on a simple priority system.

High-priority potholes are any with a depth of more than 8 cm. Staff will repair these potholes as follows:

- Main arterial roads: within 7 business days
- Major collector roads: within 7 business days
- Minor collector roads: within 14 business days
- Local roads: within 30 business days
- Potholes with a depth of less than 8 cm are filled as resources permit.

To report potholes or other maintenance issues, call 3-1-1 to create a service request. For more information, visit <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/streets-sidewalks/maintenance>.

### Halifax Transit Now Recruiting



Come work with us! Halifax Transit is now hiring Red Seal Certified Truck & Transport Mechanics

and Fleet Supervisors for locations in Halifax and Dartmouth. Candidates selected for this opportunity may be considered for available positions over the next six months. Information sessions will be held throughout the municipality. An information session will be held at the Canada Games Centre, 26 Thomas Raddall Drive, Halifax on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

For more information about this career opportunity visit <https://www.halifax.ca/about-halifax/employment/work-halifax-transit>

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