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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS
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Municipality Launches Bid for Smart Cities Challenge

The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a bid for the Smart Cities Challenge with the goal of addressing access to affordable, healthy food in our communities.

The Government of Canada has issued a challenge, stretching from coast to coast, for the best ideas to improve the lives of Canadians. The [Smart Cities Challenge](#) will award \$50 million to the submission with the best plan to use innovation, data, and technology to solve an important issue in that city.

As many as one in seven people in Halifax lack access to affordable, healthy food. Those most affected are seniors, low income families, newcomers, people with disabilities and single parents. This issue of food insecurity has long lasting negative impacts on physical, mental and social health and overall community wellbeing.

The municipality is working with the Halifax Partnership, United Way Halifax and other partners to submit an application by April 24 that focuses on addressing this critical issue.

Residents are asked to help by completing the online [survey](#) designed to gather insights and perspectives regarding barriers to accessing affordable, healthy food in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Feedback will be

used to inform the municipality's submission to the Smart Cities Challenge as well as help shape ongoing collaborative efforts to combat poverty in our region.

Supporters are also encouraged to share ideas and promote the initiative on Twitter using #SmartCitiesHFX.

To learn about this initiative, and other efforts to reduce poverty in the Halifax Regional Municipality, visit www.smartcitiesshfx.ca

Mainland North Volunteer Awards

This year Mainland North Volunteer Awards celebrates its 15th 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 for a nomination form or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MainlandNorthVolunteer>



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[Awards/](#) and complete a nomination form. Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 20, 2018.

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

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, 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.



75th 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 75th 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.

MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, April 7th from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Macdonald Laurier Place. For more information visit <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

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Summer Recreation Programs



Summer registration for rec programs starts on March 28. Halifax has recreation programs for people of all ages and all abilities year round at over 50 community and recreation centres.

For more information on rec programs visit <https://www.halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/programs-registration>



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>.



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 their start in 1988, Clean Foundation has provided supplies and support to participants (individuals, groups, businesses, schools) to carry out community-based clean-ups.

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

The Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up begins on April 1. For more information and to register for a community clean-up visit <http://clean.ns.ca/programs/waste/great-nova-scotia-pick-me-up/>