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Backyard Composting Workshops

Residents are invited to attend one of a series of free backyard composting workshops taking place between May and July.

Are you interested in backyard composting at home or in a community garden? This course will teach you how to turn your kitchen scraps into a valuable fertilizer without bringing odours or pests into your neighbourhood!

Each workshop will teach participants how to build and maintain your own backyard composter. Attendees also receive a course booklet with composter building instructions, a troubleshooting guide, and more.

- **Wednesday, May 23** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Findlay Community Centre, 26 Elliot St, Dartmouth
- **Wednesday, May 30** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Captain William Spry Community Centre, 16 Sussex St, Halifax
- **Saturday, June 16** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - Halifax Garden Festival – Victoria Park, South Park St, Halifax
- **Wednesday, July 4** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Tantallon Public Library, 3646 Hammonds Plains Rd, Upper Tantallon

For more information about the training sessions visit <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/education-outreach/backyard-composting-basics>.

The municipality also offers compost education sessions for community groups and classrooms. To schedule a session email wasteless@halifax.ca or call 902-490-5960 (option 0).

MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The next Fairview Food Market will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Titus Smith Park. For more information visit

<http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>



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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2018 Community Spirit Award – Call for Submissions



Nova Scotians are being asked to show their pride in their communities by submitting a nomination for the 2018 Lieutenant Governor’s Community Spirit Award. The award celebrates the power, strength, and diversity of communities across Nova Scotia.

Nominate your spirit-filled community today! Deadline is Thursday, May 31st.

For more information visit

<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20180413003>

Curbside Give-Away Weekend

[HRM’S CURBSIDE GIVE-AWAY WEEKEND – June 2 & 3, 2018](#)

Put out your unwanted household items during Curbside Give Away Weekend instead of discarding them. It’s a terrific way to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill, while letting someone else find something new. This event happens rain or shine.

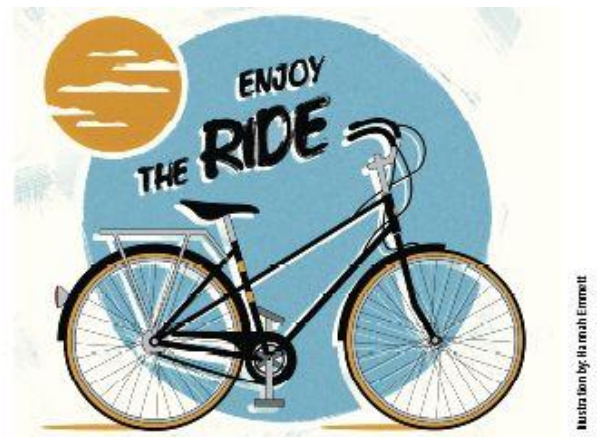
Halifax Mainland Common Off-Leash Dog Park Undergoes Improvements

Work is ongoing to improve the Mainland Common off-leash dog park until mid-June. The park will remain open at all times. Active work zones will be fenced to ensure safety. Crews will be on site from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Improvements include a new surface in the large dog area, fencing repairs, installation of dog agility elements and shade structure (in the small dog area), drainage upgrades, improvements to the lighting and trail section, and more. These improvements will allow for a better experience for owners and their dogs.

HRM appreciates your patience while this work is underway.

Bike Week 2018



This year’s Bike Week runs from June 1-10. Be sure to check the schedule for a listing of bike-related events happening throughout the week.

Support and celebrate cycling in your community and get out and *Enjoy the Ride* at Halifax’s annual Bike Week. Collect 4 or more [passport](#) signatures or stamps by attending events or participating in Bike Week deals to win a free Bike Week T-Shirt and a chance to win other great local prizes - T-shirts limited to the first 25 submitted passports.

4 EVENTS = FREE T-SHIRT and MORE

Once complete, please turn it in to the Bike Week Passport Box at the **Bike Week Block Party**, on Argyle Street, Sunday, June 10 by 2 p.m. and collect your awesome Bike Week T-shirt!



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To kick off this year's edition of Bike Week we will be hosting the Bike Week Challenge which is a multi-day event that encourages residents to bike as much as possible throughout bike week to win prizes donated by local sponsors.

To participate in this event simply download the B-Line app to quickly and easily track your cycling during Bike Week and have your name entered for prize draws. Prizes will be given out to participants of all ages who track their commutes during Bike Week and cycling data collected from participant data will be used to enhance bike connectivity throughout the city.

Bike Week Challenge prize draws and competition winners will be announced at the Bike Week Block Party on June 10 on Argyle Street. The afternoon will be filled with music, activities for all ages, giveaways, art, food, drink and MORE.

For more information including the schedule of events visit <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/cycling-walking/bike-week/schedule-events>.

Point Pleasant Park

Point Pleasant Park weekend bike access will resume as a permanent park feature.

Cyclists are now permitted to ride on designated trails Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The rule change is a direct response to positive feedback collected from last year's Point Pleasant Park Weekend Bike Access Pilot Program.

HRM reminds visitors to follow park rules and regulations at all times while visiting Point Pleasant Park to ensure everyone has a positive experience.

For more information about Point Pleasant Park, please visit our [website](#).



Construction to the lower parking lot at Point Pleasant Park will be ongoing until mid-July. Improvements to the existing space will include new sidewalks, asphalt, stormwater collection and layout reconfiguration. View the [layout plan](#) for the enhanced lower parking lot. Sections of the parking lot will remain open during this work. However, full closures may occur, if necessary. Information on closures will be shared via [Halifax.ca](https://www.halifax.ca). Motorists are encouraged to park in the upper parking lot, whenever possible, as spaces in the lower parking lot will be limited.

HRM appreciates your patience while this work is completed.

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