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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS
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Engage Mainland North



Engage Mainland North monthly community roundtable meeting

**Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm at
Canada Games Centre**

The meetings are fun and informal and there's lots of interesting information shared on activities, events and issues in your community. For more details visit <https://www.facebook.com/engagemainlandnorth/>

SAVE THE DATE: Engage Mainland North's First Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

In partnership with Keshen Goodman Library and Friends of Clayton Park

**Saturday, December 9th from 5-7pm
Keshen Goodman Library, Lacewood Drive**

Join them as they host Mainland North's first annual tree lighting ceremony! This free event includes a children's program, face painting, picture taking, hot chocolate, cider and cookies, and maybe even a visit from a special someone! East Coast Carolling will bring some beautiful traditional holiday music. They are saving the best for last with a spectacular tree lighting! Visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/engagemainlandnorth/>. Please help brighten the lives of those less fortunate in our communities by donating to the second annual Hats & Mittens Project.

Call for Volunteers – Municipal Boards and Committees

The Halifax Regional Municipality is seeking volunteers for various Regional Council advisory boards and committees. Residents interested in connecting with the community are encouraged to apply for these opportunities no later than Friday, October 20th.



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Current opportunities include volunteer roles with the Planning Advisory Committee, Grants Committee, Halifax Regional Library Board, Halifax Water Commission and a number of others (15 in total).

For more information on these volunteer opportunities, including eligibility requirements, residents can visit <https://www.halifax.ca/city-hall/boards-committees-commissions/volunteer-boards-committees> or call the Municipal Clerk's Office at 902-490-4210 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday.

Residents should note all appointments are made in accordance with the [Public Appointment Policy](#) adopted by Regional Council.

We appreciate and thank all those interested in serving as a volunteer for the municipality.

Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is encouraging residents to take some time to develop a fire escape plan for their home.

It's common for people to place storage boxes or other obstacles against a seldom used exit. When that door is needed the most, it's not accessible and that really matters when every second counts.

Statistics show that, on average, fire kills eight people each week in Canada, with residential fires accounting for 73 percent of these fatalities.

The following tips will help you prepare for the event of a fire:

- All home fire safety plans start with working smoke alarms. Test them frequently
- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits and a path to the outside from each exit
- Practise your home fire drill twice a year, ideally once at night and once during the day
- Teach children where the exits are, and to stay low under smoke in case a parent or guardian can't help
- Children should recognize the sound of a smoke alarm and the reason it is sounding
- Close doors as you leave (if it's safe to do so), as this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire
- Once outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building
- Have a designated meeting place outside of the home
- Make sure your civic address is clearly marked on the outside of your home for emergency responders

For further information on fire prevention visit

www.halifax.ca/fireprevention

Transit Priority Corridors – Bayers Road



Halifax Transit is looking for ways to improve the movement of buses on Bayers Road

to make transit service faster and more reliable. Join the conversation and provide your input by completing the survey http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/transit-priority-corridors/survey_tools/transit-priority-corridors-bayers-road



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MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The upcoming market will be held on Saturday from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Titus Smith Park on October 21st. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

Neighbourhood Placemaking



Neighbourhood Placemaking provides guidance and support to community members interested in

hosting a project in their neighbourhood. This could be painting an intersection, building of benches for a local gathering place, planting a community garden, or any idea that brings together community members to create public art that activates shared public spaces to create a sense of place and build a sense of community.

This is a great opportunity for the community to work together to make a place special. Municipal staff provides support to seek necessary approvals and work collaboratively with community members to design accessible, creative, and successful project plans.

Would you like your neighbourhood to be next? Download the [Neighbourhood Placemaking Application and Toolkit \[PDF\]](#) for detailed instructions on the 13-step process to host your own placemaking event.

Applications are due by **October 30th** for neighbourhoods wishing to create a project the following summer.

Halifax Hosts The 2017 Nova Scotia Heritage Conference

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for the 2017 Nova Scotia Heritage Conference is now open, with special early bird rates available until October 18, 2017.

The conference will be held November 1-3 at the Westin Nova Scotian and will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions and field trips as well as opportunities for information exchange and networking.

The theme of the conference is *Working Together* and will focus on innovative ways that the municipality can maintain historic sites. A panel discussion on Wednesday, November 1st with lawyer, author and former Heritage Canada Chair Marc Denhez, as well as three representatives from the community, will examine how heritage can be approached as an industry within communities to turn them into attractive destinations for residents, businesses and visitors.

For a unique overview of the municipality's historic properties and neighborhoods, visit <http://arcg.is/2zfMFu9> to access the municipality's Downtown Halifax Historic Neighbourhoods Heritage App.

For more information about the conference and to register visit <http://nsheritage.ca/>.

The Nova Scotia Heritage Conference is a provincial initiative, hosted in 2017 by the Halifax Regional Municipality.

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Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Snow Removal Program



HRM is providing approximately \$400,000 in funding this winter season to support the YMCA in delivering its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax region who also meet criteria. The program applies to residential properties only and offers assistance to clear snow from front and back steps, walkways, ramps and access to fuel tanks. The program **does not** apply to the clearing of driveways.

Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented and the total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$32,000.

The program is NOT available to landlords and operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once maximum capacity has been reached. All remaining applicants will be

placed on a wait list. Please note that the YMCA only considers applications which include proper documentation.

To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the [YMCA online](#).

Halifax Explosion 100



100 years have passed since the Halifax Explosion happened and we are asking everyone to take a moment to remember. To view stories, upcoming events and experiences visit <https://100years100stories.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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