



**HALIFAX**  
REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

**DISTRICT 10 NEWSLETTER  
HALIFAX-BEDFORD BASIN WEST  
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL WALKER**



**Dear Residents,**

Greetings to all residents of District 10 and a warm welcome to residents and businesses that have recently moved to our area. I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns or suggestions.

We are fortunate to live in a diverse community with easy access to sports and recreational facilities and the COLTA trail.

With another summer behind us and with students returning to school, I encourage all residents to drive with extra care for the protection of our children. A reminder that there has been a change to the speed limit in school zones since last September. The speed limit has been reduced to 30 km/h in areas where the approaching limit is 50 km/h, when children are present (outdoors, within 30 metres of the roadway). By reducing your speed, you'll have more time to react to the unexpected and avoid a dangerous incident. Slower is safer, as children are sometimes distracted and may forget to watch for cars. Keep safe!

**Councillor Russell Walker**

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**STAY INFORMED  
ELECTRONIC UPDATES**

Over the last few years, in addition to a hard copy newsletter, I have sent email updates to residents on my contact list on a regular basis. This is a great way to keep up to date on things happening within our District and HRM.

I encourage you to stay informed by signing up for the updates by emailing [lucille.walsh@halifax.ca](mailto:lucille.walsh@halifax.ca), including in the subject line 'District 10 Updates'. Addresses will not be shared.

If you are aware of a community event and would like me to include it in an update, you can forward the information to Lucille and it will be included in a future update.

**HRM Launches Innovative Open Data Application Contest**

HRM launched an innovative open data application contest in August. The open data application contest idea grew from Council's decision last fall to provide free access for the public to 17 sets of HRM databases on a pilot project basis. Databases from civic addresses to crime stats, to bus stops to garbage collection routes are now available online. As part of the pilot project, HRM is hosting a "Apps4Halifax" contest to inspire the development of innovative and user-friendly applications using HRM data. The contest features four categories including: "Keep her moving"- for all aspects of transportation; "Live It Up"- culture & recreation; "Going Green" environmental initiatives like recycling; and "Your City" for general data like crime stats, etc.

The contest runs from September through November. The contest deadline for submissions is December 1, 2013, with winners being announced in January 2014. The judging panel for the contest will consist of industry professionals, academics, a Councillor, the Mayor and possibly a celebrity judge.

Following an evaluation of the initial data release and results of the application contest, HRM staff will bring forward a report to Regional Council with recommendations on how to move forward on expanding HRM's open data program. Check out [www.apps4halifax.ca](http://www.apps4halifax.ca) for more information.



## 2013 HRM Volunteer Awards

HRM recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities. Congratulations to District 10 Award Recipients, Lena Metlege Diab, Kathleen Downey, Al Wanamaker and the Group Happily Ever Active. Thank you for your contribution to making HRM a better place to live, work and play.



*Lena Metlege Diab*



*Kathleen Downey*



*Al Wanamaker*



*Happily Ever Active*

## 2013 Citizenship Awards

HRM recognizes students who exemplify dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life in our schools and communities. Congratulations to District 10 Award Recipients, Keirsten Wheatley, Fairview Junior High School and Qendresa Sahiti, Clayton Park Junior High School. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to your school and community.



*Keirsten Wheatley,  
Fairview Junior High School*



*Qendresa Sahiti,  
Clayton Park Junior High School*

## SHINING A LIGHT ON A VOLUNTEER

Do you know an outstanding individual or group making a difference in your community?

Consider nominating them in one of three categories for the 2014 HRM Volunteer Awards.

The three categories are adult, youth (ages 13-19), and community group. For the nomination application, visit [www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices](http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices) or call (902) 490-6577. The application deadline is December 13th.

## Undercover Boss Award Presented to Halifax Resident

I was pleased to attend the award presentation last spring as Mary Brown's Famous Chicken & Taters CEO, Greg Roberts, presented Undercover Boss Canada Award to Halifax employee, John Gouthro. In Halifax, Roberts was teamed up with John and spent the day with him while John taught him the ins and outs of various positions within the restaurant. John was presented with a reward of \$5,000 and the CEO, Greg Roberts, has committed to cover costs of the post-secondary education for John's two children. Congratulations John on a job well done!





## District Improvements

Improvements underway or recently completed in our area include:

- Dutch Village Road has been repaved and crosswalks have been newly painted.
- Trees have been trimmed back at the corner of Laurentide Drive and Gateway Road to make it easier to see traffic.
- Sunnybrae Avenue has been repaved with water and sewer being installed from Dutch Village Road to Hillcrest Street.
- Rufus Avenue was reconstructed from Alex Street to Birch Street including water and sewer.
- Dipper Crescent reconstructed including water and sewer.
- New sidewalks in the district include: Skylark Street, Starling Street, Wren Street, Willett Street (from Glenforest Drive to Main Avenue) and Sunnybrae Avenue (in front of Burton Ettinger School).

## New Lacewood Bus Terminal



On Tuesday, July 23, Halifax Regional Council approved a new \$8-million bus terminal on Lacewood Drive.

The proposed terminal will be built between the Canada Games Centre and Mainland North Linear Parkway Trail. This site provides opportunities for active transportation connections, as well as enhances the level of public transit available at the Mainland Common for users of the Keshen Goodman Library, Canada Games Centre, baseball diamonds, Halifax West High School, Soccer Nova Scotia, and the passive recreational areas.

There is also significant existing and potential ridership within close proximity to the site terminal.

## CityWatch Alerts

CityWatch is a full-featured, outbound and inbound computerized notification system, connected to a series of phone lines. With one simultaneous phone call, CityWatch can deliver important public safety messages... a lost child, a forest fire, a toxic spill, crime alerts, severe weather advisories, evacuation notices, business watch alerts... to hundreds of homes and businesses in HRM. Even our local EMO Joint Emergency Management Teams use the CityWatch system. By signing on, you will be advised of any critical information that could affect you in your area of HRM. You have the option to provide up to two phone numbers and up to two e-mail addresses or a combination of both. For more information, please e-mail CityWatch Administrator Alana MacDonald at [macdona@halifax.ca](mailto:macdona@halifax.ca) or [citywatch@halifax.ca](mailto:citywatch@halifax.ca) or call 490-7403.

## SHAPE YOUR CITY PUBLIC INPUT

Halifax Regional Municipality launched a new community engagement tool that provides innovative and more flexible options for residents to share their thoughts on HRM initiatives. The 'Shape Your City Halifax Community Engagement Hub' will increase opportunities for meaningful dialogue with residents. Consistent with HRM's Community Engagement Strategy, and building upon the Municipality's growing social media presence, this engagement tool takes online interaction to an important new level. To view the Community Engagement Strategy, please visit [www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/documents/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf](http://www.halifax.ca/crca/CommunityEngagement/documents/CommunityEngagementStrategy.pdf)

HRM's 'Shape Your City Halifax Community Engagement Hub' will be used to host information, feedback, and discussions regarding initiatives that have a public engagement component. Residents interested in participating in the latest option for community engagement are encouraged to visit [shapeyourcityhalifax.ca](http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca) to register.

## Curbside Give Away Weekend

Curbside Give Away is a bi-annual event that promotes diversion of reusable items from landfill by offering items for others to claim. Since participation in Curbside Give Away is difficult to track, HRM wishes to reach out to residents via an on-line survey, to find out how the event is being received and if there is anything we can do to make it better. To participate in the survey, visit [fluidsurveys.com/s/CurbSideGiveawayFeedback](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/CurbSideGiveawayFeedback). It's time to reduce your home's clutter, give someone the chance to reuse things you no longer need, by recycling your clean and working goods. The next dates are Saturday & Sunday, October 19th & 20th. Visit [www.halifax.ca/wrms/CGAW.html](http://www.halifax.ca/wrms/CGAW.html) for more details of this year's event.

## Noise Bylaw

Over the last few months, I have received numerous calls concerning noise in our district. To report what you feel is a violation of the Noise Bylaw, please call the Police Non-emergency number at 490-5020.

The times the Noise Bylaw is in effect will depend on the type of noise and whether it is a weekday, weekend or a statutory holiday. To find out more about the Noise Bylaw and the prohibited times, please visit [www.halifax.ca/legislation/bylaws/hrm/documents/By-LawN-200.pdf](http://www.halifax.ca/legislation/bylaws/hrm/documents/By-LawN-200.pdf).



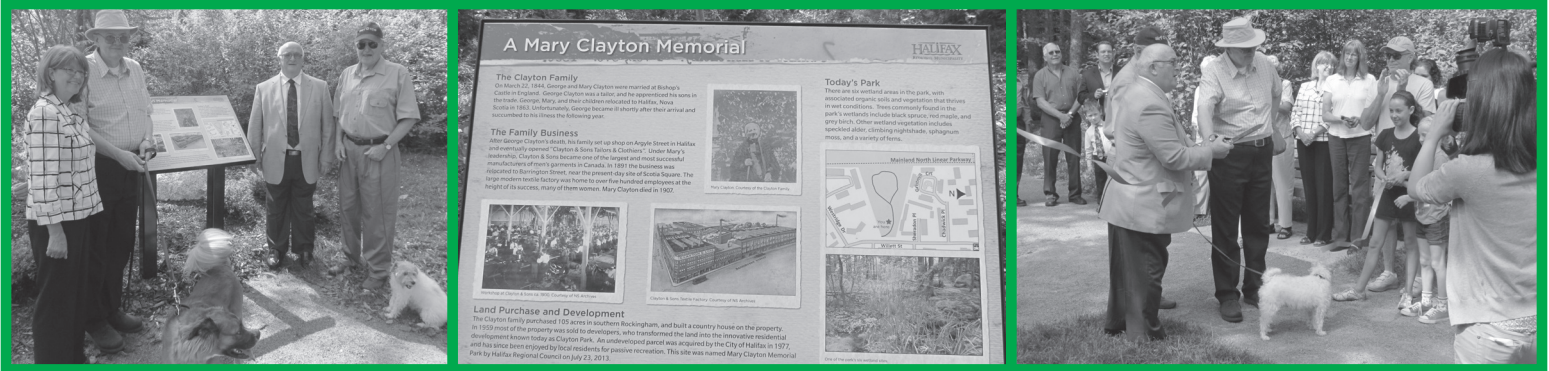
# Mary Clayton Memorial Park

On July 23, Regional Council approved a report from the Asset Naming Committee recommending 23 names to the commemorative name list and Mary Clayton Memorial Park was chosen for a park in District 10. The official ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 28th to honor Mary Clayton’s contribution to HRM.

Mary Clayton was born in Bishop’s Castle, Shropshire, England on May 23, 1819 (one day before the birth of Queen Victoria). She and her husband George immigrated to Canada with their seven children, landing in Halifax in 1863. George was a tailor and set up a business, but he unfortunately died only a year later, leaving Mary (age 45) a widow with seven young children.

To provide for her family, Mary established a second-hand clothing business in their home. Over the years, M. Clayton & Sons grew to become a thriving business. In 1895 they built a five-storey factory at the corner of Barrington and Jacob Streets (now Scotia Square). It was the largest clothing manufacturer east of Montreal and employed between 400 and 500 people in the best-equipped clothing factory in Canada. The company offered innovative profit-sharing, and medical and savings plans for their employees -- unusual for the time. In the early decades of the 20th century, the company made men’s and boy’s clothing and uniforms for the military and police and fire services. During both world wars, Clayton & Sons contributed to the war effort by manufacturing uniforms for the armed forces.

Mary Clayton’s son William and his wife Emily built a summer home at the south end of the Bedford Basin and later acquired a 105-acre tract of land behind their home. This property was sold in 1959 to be developed as a sub-division. It was appropriately named Clayton Park. Mary Clayton died in 1907. Her strength, courage and initiative are a testimony to the immigrants who helped make Canada great. This park is dedicated to her memory.



## Residential Property Tax Exemption, Deferral & LIC’s Program

Halifax Regional Municipality can help homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a property tax rebate, or deferral of property taxes (payment is put off to a later date). These programs are available to all homeowners with a combined household income of \$31,000 or less a year who live within the boundary of Halifax Regional Municipality.

There are different programs to choose from depending on a person’s needs. It is important that you know what options exist. Deadline for application submissions is March 31, 2014. For more information on this program, including the registration form, please visit [www.halifax.ca/revenue/exemption/index.html](http://www.halifax.ca/revenue/exemption/index.html). If you have questions, or to find out whether you qualify for this program, please contact Sue Fitzgerald at 490-5454.

## Tax Exemptions for Non-Profit Organizations

HRM can help some non-profit organizations reduce their level of property tax through the Tax Exemption for Non-Profit Organizations Program. It is available only to actively registered non-profit and charitable organizations located within HRM. Application deadline is November 30th. For details: [www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/TaxExemptionsforNon-ProfitOrganizations.html](http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/TaxExemptionsforNon-ProfitOrganizations.html). A reminder that it is mandatory for organizations already enrolled in this program to re-apply annually in order to maintain their tax exemption status.



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