



# Fairview - Clayton Park

## District 15 Newsletter

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#### Electronic Updates

To have your name added to the list to receive my electronic newsletter which provides information on District issues and events, please forward an email to [walsbl@halifax.ca](mailto:walsbl@halifax.ca) and include in the subject line 'District 15 updates'. Keep up to date on what is happening in your neighbourhood. Your address will not be shared.

#### Dear Residents

Greetings to all residents of District 15 and a warm welcome to new residents who have recently moved to our area. As your municipal Councillor, I always value your input and ideas. I am always pleased to hear from you and encourage you to contact me with your concerns or suggestions.

With students returning to school, municipal and school board elections being held on October 20th, and new district boundaries coming into effect on November 6th, the next few months promises to be busy.

As students return to school, remember to pay special attention while driving through school zones to ensure we keep our young residents safe. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and that the warm weather continues well into the fall.

#### New District Boundary

According to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review (NSUARB) final order, received on January 20th, 2012, there will be 16 Polling Districts effective November 6, 2012. The new District 10 (Birch Cove - Rockingham - Fairview) will take in the neighbourhoods of Fairview, Rockingham and Kearney Lake as far as Birch Cove and Princes Lodge and the sections of Clayton Park east of Dunbrack Street including Mount St. Vincent University. The district commences from the boundary with District 9 at Joseph Howe Drive and extends northerly along the centre line of Joseph Howe Drive to the Bedford Highway. It then enters the Bedford Basin at the Fairview Terminal and then continues northerly up the Bedford Basin to 562 Bedford Highway, just north of Lodge Drive. The boundary which includes 562 Bedford Highway, crosses westerly to Highway 102 where it continues to the north until exit 2B where it meets the Halifax/Bedford community boundary, which it then follows to the west of Saskatoon Drive. The boundary then turns southerly and continues to the intersection with Kearney Lake Road and Highway 102, including all the residences on both sides of Kearney Lake. The boundary continues down the centre line of Kearney Lake Road to Dunbrack Street and along the centre line of Dunbrack Street to Lacewood Drive. Continuing westerly along Lacewood Drive to the Mainland North Linear Parkway the boundary follows the trail southerly to Main Avenue. Continuing southerly the boundary includes Veronica Drive and Washmill Lake Drive and intersects with North West Arm Drive. The boundary follows the centre line of North West Arm Drive until it intersects with Highway 102, where it continues down Highway 102 to the intersection with Joseph Howe Drive where it commenced.

For further information on the new districts and to view the new district maps, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/BoundaryReview/index.html> then click on new district boundary maps and descriptions.

## Urban Forest Master Plan



Over the past several years, HRM has been working with a team from Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies made up of post-graduate researchers led by Dr. Peter Duinker. Their task was to develop an Urban Forest Master Plan. After much work, the second draft of the Plan is now ready for public review and can be found at [www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP/#UFMPWorkshops](http://www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP/#UFMPWorkshops)

Input was received from the following groups:

- Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture
- Atlantic Provinces Association of Landscape Architects
- Ecology Action Centre
- Licensed Professional Planners Associations of Nova Scotia

The development of the second draft would not have been possible without the help of this dedicated team of reviewers. I thank you for your valuable input.

## Awards



Each year HRM, as a way of promoting awareness of municipal government, recognizes Junior High School students who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen. The 2012 Citizenship Award recipient from District 15 is Mona Challa from Clayton Park Junior High School. Congratulations Mona on your efforts!

*On behalf of the residents of District 15, I extend a special thank you to the award winners as well as all students and volunteers who are committed to making our schools and community a better place to live, work and play.*



Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contribution to our community. Congratulations to Harold Smith on receiving the volunteer award for District 15.

## Municipal Awareness Week

Municipal Awareness Week (September 24-30) is a public awareness campaign aimed at:

- Promoting the importance of municipal government in citizens' daily lives;
- Encouraging citizens to participate in municipal government-including attending council meetings, public hearings or joining an advisory committee – in a way that is inclusive to all Nova Scotians; and
- Increasing voter participation during municipal elections.

For more information on this initiative and how to get involved you can email [lgoldberg@unsm.ca](mailto:lgoldberg@unsm.ca) or call (902) 423-8331. To view the full Municipal Awareness Week brochure please visit my website at [www.halifax.ca/districts/dist15](http://www.halifax.ca/districts/dist15)

## Curbside Give Away Weekend

The next curbside give away weekend will be October 20th & 21st. This is a good opportunity to de-clutter your home. By taking your unwanted but reusable items to the curb, you could be providing someone else's treasure. Items can be placed at the curb on Saturday morning, October 20th and remaining items brought back in by dusk on Sunday, October 21st. For a list of unacceptable items and for more details on the event, please visit [www.myhrm.ca](http://www.myhrm.ca).

## Community Gardens



Community Gardens provide many benefits for residents. They offer opportunities to interact with other neighbours, add beauty to your neighbourhood, encourage environmental sustainability and promote active living. Community gardening is also an opportunity to share and learn with others about the environment around you. A community garden was opened on Glenforest Drive last spring. Applications were sent to the surrounding neighbourhood and fifteen families were chosen to receive plots where they could grow their own vegetables. To find more information on Community Gardens throughout HRM, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/rec/Gardens.html>.

## Fairview Family Fun Day

On June 25th, businesses along Dutch Village Road between Deal Street and Alma Crescent held their second annual Family Fun Day. Various booths were set up along the street featuring games, face painting, popcorn, and a reptile show. Fire trucks were on display and the Community Police Officer participated. A flower garden, planted by Freeman's Little New York, was opened and HRM planted trees along the street. These improvements greatly enhanced the appearance of the area.

*Special thanks to everyone who helped make the Fairview Family Fun Day a huge success.*



Councillor Russell Walker and Brian Jenkins cut ribbon to officially open Fairview Family Fun Day.



Fairview Family Fun Day

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

### Municipal & School Board Elections

The Municipal and School Board Elections will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012. If you need to know what your new voting district is, whether your name is on the voter's list, or any other question concerning the election, please visit [www.halifax.ca/Election](http://www.halifax.ca/Election), call the Elections Office at 490-4210 or email your request to [election@halifax.ca](mailto:election@halifax.ca).

Did you know that HRM has almost 6000 streets, many of which are rich in history and paint a picture of our past? As the municipality continues to grow, new streets, parks, sports fields, and buildings all require names. Keep the tradition of naming alive and play an important role in building HRM by submitting names of notable people or groups, historic events, geographic features, or native flora and fauna. Your submission could be on a street sign or a new park in your community.

Anyone can apply for a commemorative name and applications are accepted throughout the year. HRM is looking for names for streets, parks, park features, buildings, commercial vessels and ferries in HRM. New developments will pick 50% of their street names from our list of commemorative names. Applicants can specify the communities where they would like to see their name applied. A committee reviews each application and makes recommendations to Regional Council who approve all name suggestions twice a year. Approved names will either be used immediately or put on a commemorative names list for future use. For more information and to download an application form please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/civicaddress/NameHRM.html>. If you have any questions concerning street naming please call 490-5347 or send email to [civicadd@halifax.ca](mailto:civicadd@halifax.ca).

## Safer School Zones



School zones can be unpredictable places. Children are often distracted and may forget to watch for cars. By reducing your speed you'll have more time to react to the unexpected and avoid a dangerous incident. Slower is safer. To help make school zones safer, the speed limit is being reduced to 30 km/h in areas where the approaching limit is 50km/h, when children are present. The change is effective September 1, 2012. For more information concerning school zone safety please visit [www.gov.ns.ca/tran/roadsafety/schoolzonesafety.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran/roadsafety/schoolzonesafety.asp).

## Future Use of the Northcliffe Community Centre

Approximately 200 residents attended a public meeting on July 19th to discuss the future use of the Northcliffe Community Centre. The general consensus was to keep the tennis courts and the Northcliffe building to be used as a school or church and that the green space/trees be left as is.

The next step is for staff to take the results of the public meeting, an analysis of the options for the property and an overview of the unsolicited proposals back to Regional Council for direction. Council's direction will involve two points -- the future use of the property and direction on the process to be used to achieve those results.

## Chain of Lakes Trail Association Update

Work undertaken by COLTA has focused on planning, public consultation and promotion. The capital projects planned for this year in order of priority are:

- Distance markers from zero at Superstore end – every .5 km
- Percy Street connection to the trailhead near the Superstore, including: plaza, interpretive/trailhead sign, lighting; landscaping, including trees; benches, bike rack, and waste receptacles
- Neighbourhood Connections: side trails to Keating, Rosemount, Retreat and C.A. Beckett Park to be graded, paved and signed (made accessible but low-key)
- Washrooms: type, number and location(s) to be determined
- A fifth project should funds and other resources be available is the parking lot and bridge at end of Crown Drive (small gravel parking lot and bridge over Chain Lake dam outlet stream and graded trail connection)

Trail Wardens are always needed. If you are interested and need more information about trail wardens visit [www.novascotiailtrailpatrol.com](http://www.novascotiailtrailpatrol.com).

## District 15 Construction Projects for 2012

Ashburn Avenue W (Spruce to Bayers) – sidewalk renewal

Ashburn Avenue E (Elliott to Bayers) – sidewalk renewal

Bayers Road N (Rose to Desmond) – sidewalk renewal

Bayers Road S (Joseph Howe to Ashburn) – sidewalk renewal

Dutch Village Road (Joseph Howe to Alma) – microsurfacing

Halifax North West Trail (Main to Washmill Lake) – trail

Main Avenue (Hillcrest to Mandaville) – thin overlay

Rufus Avenue (Gesner to Willet) – microsurfacing

Ashburn Avenue W (Elliott to Spruce) – sidewalk renewal

Bayers Road (Joseph Howe to Ramp Bd-B) – paving renewal

Bayers Road S (Ashburn to Bayers Inbound Ramp) – sidewalk renewal

Bayers Road Outbound N (Desmond to West Parking Exit) – sidewalk renewal

Dutch Village Road (Rosedale to McFatrige) – planer patching

Joseph Howe Turn Lanes (civic 3459 to Hwy 102 Ramp) – traffic improvements

Plateau Crescent (Clayton Park to Glenforest) – paving renewal



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