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Fairview Community Profile

The United Way Action for Neighbourhood Change Fairview is supporting efforts to develop a short document that will profile the Fairview community. It's a great way to share and celebrate the good things, acknowledge our challenges and recognize the beautiful diversity of the people in Fairview!

They are currently looking for input from residents of the Fairview community about what makes our area unique and special. Take a moment to complete the eight question survey [here](#).

If you'd like to get involved, you can join the Community Advisory Committee to discuss specific topics, offer photos of Fairview events, help write a section of the report and share the survey. Finding out more by contacting [Nuriya](#) or [Heather](#).

4th Annual Halifax Timeraiser

The [Halifax Timeraiser](#) is a silent auction where participants can bid on local Art by committing to give their time volunteering. Join them on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to participate.

Construction Mitigation Guidelines Feedback

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents and property owners to provide feedback on new Construction Mitigation Guidelines.

Construction in the downtown core and other commercial areas is a welcome sign of economic development and vitality yet can also result in dust, noise, reduced parking, and mobility challenges. Current municipal construction protocols do not adequately address these effects, which could largely be mitigated by improved fencing and signage, maintaining better sidewalks and minimizing dirt and debris on the street.

There is an open house being held today, Monday April 18th, between 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the [Ralph M. Medjuck Building](#) Exhibition Room and you can provide feedback, by visiting our [online engagement portal](#).

Your feedback will help to inform a recommendation report to the Transportation Standing Committee in late May.



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Halifax Opinion Panel

The Halifax Regional Municipality is inviting residents to join a new web-based Opinion Panel. The panel will allow residents to provide feedback on ways to make things like transit, recreation and other municipal services more effective, relevant and easy to access. The data collected through online surveys will be used to help improve customer service, programs and overall service delivery.

Interested residents can register to participate [online](#). The commitment for individuals participating in this endeavour will be minimal, and there will be opportunities to win some great prizes for those who contribute their valuable time to assist in our service improvement efforts. The more the merrier so be sure to share this invitation with your friends, family and neighbours so we can see a greater geographic and demographic representation in the survey results.

Halifax Seed Company Workshop

Learn about growing tree fruit in your backyard including apples, peaches, cherries and plums. The Halifax Seed Company is hosting a workshop to [Grow Your Own](#) basic perennial fruit tree on Wednesday April 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Topics will include site selection, planting, insect & disease management, fertility, companion planting, and harvesting. Seminars are \$10/person. [Email](#) them to register today.



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day & New Year's day)

Cogswell Interchange Update



After years of research and public consultation, the municipality is preparing to tear down the Cogswell Interchange in Halifax and

redevelop the site. Redevelopment will better connect our communities, break down barriers and release six acres of land for development.

Now that Regional Council has approved the Cogswell Lands Plan, it will go ahead as presented; however, there will be further opportunities for public engagement later this year on other aspects of the project, including new open spaces, planning regulations and the design review. Right now we're focused on the planning and design work; construction will start in the fall of 2017 and continue for about three years. To learn more about the project, check out our [website](#).

Breast Cancer Information Session

The Fairview Family Resource Centre will be welcoming Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia on Thursday, April 28th at 10 a.m. for an informative session on breast cancer awareness. Please call 902-443-9569 Ext. 1 to register or to find out more.

Public Gardens Now Open

The Public Gardens are now open for the spring season. At over 175 years old, the Public Gardens is one of the finest surviving examples of Victorian gardens in North America.

Our Parks and Recreation department has another exciting season planned with lots of fun, free events and activities for all ages. For more information, visit our [website](#).



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Program Registration

The Fairview Family Resource Centre provides education, opportunities and support to the community through free programs such as preschool activities and new parent times.

Registration for May programming begins on Friday, April 29th at 9:30 a.m. You can check out all they have to offer on their [calendar](#) or by visiting their [website](#).

National Volunteer Week

Last week was National Volunteer week, and I was proud to honour District 10 HRM Volunteer Award winners Marian Smith, Denise Hirtle and Megan Kelly Wright.

You can find a full list of volunteer award recipients and their accomplishments [here](#). If you're interested in getting more involved with your community, check out our [Volunteer Services](#) information page.

Mainland Common Field Now Open



The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that it's all-weather sport fields are now open for the season.

This includes the Mainland Common Field and Bedford-Hammonds Plains Field. Check out our [website](#) for more information on municipal all-weather sport fields.

Building Cultural Competence

Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) are hosting a workshop on May 10th to help participants better understand settlement and integration issues, explore ways to welcome and support new immigrants, and develop relationship building skills for working with new immigrants.

As Nova Scotia becomes more culturally diverse, we all need to learn how to welcome and work with immigrants and build a better community together.

The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 10th. Register today on their [website](#).

Parks and Recreation Youth Survey

We're looking for Youth ages 13 – 24 to provide feedback that will help shape Parks & Recreation's Youth Plan.

Give your feedback on the types of programs you're interested in and what we can do to make recreation, art and leadership programs more accessible to youth.

After completing the survey, you will have an opportunity to enter a draw for the chance to win some great prizes, including the Grand Prize of one of two iPad Minis. The deadline to complete the survey is May 7th. Check out the survey [here](#).

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