

# Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Route 42 Lacewood/Dalhousie - service will be reinstated August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Route 89 Bedford - Gary Martin Drive and Innovation Drive will now be serviced in both directions. To check out route & schedule changes and the riders guide, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/schedules/documents/GoTimes-August2013.pdf>

Metro Transit service continues to become more accessible with 88% of our buses being Accessible Low Floor (ALFs). Currently, 70% of all Metro Transit routes are accessible and bus stop signage will be changing in the next couple of years to reflect this. Previously, bus stop signs had non-accessible routes listed at the top of the signs and accessible routes listed at the bottom. Over the next two years, Metro Transit will be phasing out those signs and installing new bus stop signs with all accessible routes listed at the top of

the sign and any non-accessible routes listed at the bottom.

In August and September, Metro Transit will be completing an on-board survey on a variety of topics including fare structure and customer satisfaction. Visit [halifax.ca/surveys](http://halifax.ca/surveys) to have your say.

## Grand Opening of Mary Clayton Memorial Park



Please join me and representatives from the community to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Mary Clayton Memorial Park on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at 274 Willett Street.

## 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 will host 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. One of the requirements with the contest will be that at least one of HRM's data sets be used. However, apps developers may apply outside data from provincial sources, and others, and are not just restricted to one of the 17 sets of data released by HRM for the app development for the contest.

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 <http://www.apps4halifax.ca> for more information.

## Timeline Details

\* Starting at 10am and ending at 4pm.

<b>Idea Submissions</b>	August 8th to September 6th (2013)*
<b>App Submissions</b>	September 9th to November 29th (2013)*
<b>Hackathon</b>	September 13th to September 15th (2013)
<b>Public Voting</b>	December 2nd (2013) to January 6th (2014)*
<b>Judging</b>	January 9th to January 13th (2014)*
<b>Award Ceremony</b>	TBA

## The Fireside Knitters



A call to all knitters to bring your favourite project for a social time with fellow knitters.

Share stories, knitting tips and make new friends!

**Where: Keshen Good Library**

**When: Every other Wednesday starting June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 am**

**FREE!**

**7th annual fairview community BBQ & fair!**

*When: Saturday, August 24th, 12pm - 3pm!*

*Where: Piercey's Field, Fairview, Halifax!*

*What: Free hamburgers & hotdogs! Entertainment, activities for all ages, bouncy castles, pony rides and more!*



## Weekly Green Cart Collection Ends

Halifax Regional Municipality would like to remind residents who have been receiving weekly summer green cart collection that the service will end effective end of day, Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Collection services will return to the regular every two weeks garbage and organics collection schedule.



## Park West Kickaround Club: Friendly, Affordable Children's Soccer!

The Park West Kickaround Club offers kids in the Halifax West area a safe, stimulating place to play soccer. Under the guidance of parents of children at the Park West Elementary School, and with the assistance of talented young soccer-playing coaches, kids learn fundamental skills, discover the importance of fair play and working hard, and join in fast-paced small-sided games. The emphasis is on play and fun. All skill levels are welcome and children are encouraged to advance at their own pace.



Register now for the Fall Program!

September 7 to October 29

2.5 hours weekly

Cost: \$100

Primary to Grade 2 - Monday 3:30-4:30 pm  
Saturday 9:30-11:00 am

Grade 3 to Grade 5 - Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm  
Saturday 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Contact: Conrad Fox

406-9863 [cwzorro@gmail.com](mailto:cwzorro@gmail.com)

[ParkWestKickaround.org](http://ParkWestKickaround.org)



## August 28<sup>th</sup> is Dahlia Day at Halifax Public Gardens



Enjoy a day at the Public Gardens and learn all about Dahlias. Dahlia enthusiasts can participate in fun activities including learning how to arrange with Dahlias and more. Dahlia experts will be on hand to answer your questions. Rain date: August 29<sup>th</sup>. For details on event times and locations, visit: <http://www.halifax.ca/publicgardens/>

## Sewer Main Work Begins

Beginning on Thursday August 22nd, Halifax Water will be working on Kearney Lake Road near the intersection of the ramp from Highway 102.

The work is expected to take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for approximately 2 weeks.

While the work is taking place, the traffic signals will remain operational, and one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times. Motorists should expect minor delays in the area.

HRM apologizes in advance for any inconvenience these delays may cause.

## Alarmed and Ready

### Alarmed and Ready Program Free Smoke Alarm Program

The purpose of the program is to provide a means through which a smoke alarm can be obtained, free of charge, by those who need one. To place a request call: 902-490-5590



Remember:  
A Smoke Alarm Is Such A Small Investment  
The Reward May Be Your Life



Open 7 days a week from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm except Christmas Day and New Year's Day

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