

Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Natural Gas Pipeline Installation – Willett Street

Work continues to extend the natural gas main on Willett Street between Main Avenue and Coronation Avenue.

Stop and go traffic is expected during construction. Work crews will shut down daily between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Motorists should expect delays and are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible. Heritage Gas and HRM apologize in advance for any inconvenience this work may cause.

For questions about the construction, you can contact HRM Right of Way Services at 490-6240 or Heritage Gas Customer Line at 1-877-836-7427.

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



Welcome Bluenose II Restaurant to its New Second Location

The Bluenose II Restaurant is celebrating 50 years in business by opening its new second location at 7071 Bayers Road. For half a century, a Halifax landmark has been dishing up delicious, hot meals at affordable prices, and now it's time to celebrate.

The Bluenose II Restaurant was originally opened in 1964 by George Hatzigeorgiou and his wife, Niki. Then, in 1994, John Carvalho and his in-laws, Peter and Nancy Panagiotakos took over ownership and have been operating it for the last 20 years.

The new 4,000 sq. ft. location is already proving to be popular with residents of West End Halifax, Fairview, Clayton Park, Bayers Lake, and Timberlea, as well as Hwy 102 commuters travelling further out to Bedford, Lower Sackville, Beaver Bank, and Fall River. Both Uptown and Downtown locations are happy to accommodate bus tours and sports teams, and the Uptown location even has a private room -- with a large TV and WiFi capabilities -- that can be reserved for private functions, large groups or meetings.



Emera Oval Opens for Summer Activities



Good times at the Emera Oval are back! On May 31st the track re-opened for summertime activities.

During these scheduled, monitored events, participants can borrow skates and all the required safety gear for free. Please note that a valid government issued photo ID is required to borrow skates and helmets.

For those who have their own equipment, the Emera Oval is open to use at their convenience. However, participants should note that in the summer months, as per provincial law, **all users are required to wear a helmet.**

The Emera Oval is a great place for school trips, birthday parties and day camp activities. Large groups are welcome and are encouraged to book ahead at www.halifax.ca/SkateHRM. If you need to cancel your reservation, please give as much advanced notice as possible to ensure other groups are able to attend.

Because there is a limited supply of gear, it is highly recommended that participants bring their own, whenever possible. Gear cannot be reserved. Skates and helmets are distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

To view the entire summer schedule, please visit www.halifax.ca/skateHRM. In the event of bad weather, residents can check the online schedule

for closures and cancellations or call the Emera Oval hotline at 490-2347.

HRM Launches Refreshed Website

The Halifax Regional Municipality has launched a refreshed and more accessible website, www.halifax.ca, showcasing the Halifax brand and new visual identity recently approved by Regional Council.

Improvements were based on research that indicated the type of information people look for on the municipality's website and the way in which they prefer to access the information online.

The refreshed site provides a contemporary design and more intuitive user experience for visitors.

Other improvements to www.halifax.ca include:

- Navigation and menus provide easier access to relevant information;
- Website is responsive, adapting to fit different screen sizes;
- Ability to easily access and view the website using mobile devices;
- A site-wide feedback tool allows users to flag issues and make suggestions.

This represents a major step forward in the planned improvements for www.halifax.ca. Additional enhancements to functionality and overall user experience with the website will continue to be implemented over the next year.



With the dog days of summer upon us, HRM Partners in Policing remind citizens to not leave their pets unattended in parked cars.

On a hot day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes like a furnace and presents potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside. With sunny weather and warmer temperatures, we encourage pet owners to not leave their pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few minutes.

Recently, police responded to a number of calls about animals being left in parked vehicles in the hot sun. Fortunately, no animals were found in distress. Many of these calls came from retail areas. If you can't bear to leave your pet at home when you go shopping, consider some alternatives to leaving him/her in the car:

- Remember the drive-thru. Your pet can sit comfortably with you in your car while you wait for your meal or service. Many businesses have a drive-thru window; they are not just for fast food.
- Bring a friend. If you know that you have to make stops where pets are not allowed, bring a friend along who can keep your pet company. Have your friend walk your dog, give him/her water or stay in the shade until you return.
- Shop pet friendly. More and more stores allow pets inside. If you are unsure about a

retailer's rule on pets, just ask. Most pet stores allow you to bring your pooch with you, as do many other types of businesses. Make sure your dog is on a leash and well-behaved before you take him/her along with you.

Fairview Residents Encouraged to Sign Up for RainYards Project

Residents living in the Fairview area are invited to sign up for the RainYards Project. Stormwater – or water run-off from heavy rainstorms – can spread pollutants from the city into the natural environment and watershed. It can also lead to costly flooding problems.

Residents can go online at www.clean.ns.ca/rainyards to see if they are eligible, depending on where they live.

The RainYards program is funded in part by the Halifax Regional Municipality. Regional Council approved \$50,000 over two years for the initiative from the Sustainable Community reserve fund.

For more information or to register for the program, residents can contact the Clean Foundation at 902-497-4823, by email at rainyards@clean.ns.ca or go online at www.clean.ns.ca/rainyards.

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Residents Encouraged to Take Part in Curbside Give Away Weekend

Whether it's freeing up space in the house, or finding something great for free, residents won't want to miss the Curbside Give Away Weekend on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. This free-for-all helps the environment by reducing the number of unwanted items that end up in landfills. It's also an opportunity for residents to get out in their community, meet their neighbours and find some cool new additions for their home.

Every year the Halifax Regional Municipality holds two official Curbside Give Away Weekend events – one in the spring during Environment Week and the other in the fall during Waste Reduction Week. The Curbside Give Away is a voluntary event. The following are a few simple steps for residents to follow if they choose to participate:

- Place reusable household items at the curb in front of your home on the evening of Friday, June 6.
- Place only the items you wish to give away at the curb and make sure to include "FREE" stickers or signs on the items.
- Avoid taking items from the curb that aren't labelled "FREE."
- Residents who live in apartment or condominium buildings can take part but should make sure to get permission from their landlord first and ask where to place items.
- Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday, June 8.
- Consider donating any unclaimed items to a charitable organization. You can find a list of reputable local groups online at www.halifax.ca/curbside.

- Remember to place any garbage at the curb on your regular garbage day and week. Regular limits and preparation will be enforced.

Not sure what to place at the curb? Here are some examples of used goods from previous years: books, CDs and DVDs, furniture and small appliances, sports equipment, toys, tools and construction materials. For a list of unacceptable items and more details on the event, please visit www.halifax.ca/curbside. Residents are encouraged to share their photos and stories from the Curbside Give Away via social media. On Twitter, use the hashtag #hfxcurbside. Residents can also post on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles.

The Curbside Give Away happens **rain or shine**. Residents should use their own discretion when deciding whether to put items at the curb.

Residents Encouraged to Participate in Bike Week 2014

Community Groups across the Halifax region are rolling out dozens of great events for Bike Week (June 6-15) with a particular focus this year on young cyclists.



There are events happening all over the region, many of which are suitable for new cyclists or those who have not been riding for a while. For details on all 50 events and more information on Bike Week, please visit www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/.