

## Motorists Reminded to Slow Down In Construction Zones

With the warmer weather finally arriving, so is road construction. Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP encourage citizens to watch their speed and be aware of multiple road construction zones throughout our community and on our highways. Motorists are reminded that the faster you drive, the less time you have to react.

Police will be monitoring construction zones to protect road crews, motorists and pedestrians. Remember to slow down and obey construction zone signs and traffic-control people and respect their work areas. Motorists are reminded that fines are doubled in construction zones and initial fines can go up to \$697.50.

Partners in Policing continue to encourage citizens to help play a role in community safety for everyone. Police ask that anyone who observes unsafe driving in construction zones to call police at 902-490-5020.

Information can also be provided anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca.

# Police warn citizens of two recent telephone scams

Citizens are being warned about two recent telephone scams that appear to be targeting seniors and newcomers.

In one of the scams a man identifying himself as a bank manager contacts senior citizens by phone and advises that there is a problem with their account. The man then tells the person he is sending a cab to their home to pick them up and take them to the bank so they can have the issue corrected.

In the second scam, a person identifying themselves as an employee of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) threatens to call the police and/or have a warrant issued for their arrest if they refuse to provide credit card information for payment of outstanding income tax debt.

These calls are not legitimate. If you receive a call, hangup and contact your bank, the CRA and the police.

Investigators remind citizens to be suspicious of anyone calling and asking for money or credit card information. Refrain from providing personal information, whether the solicitation occurs by telephone, email or in person, unless you have initiated the contact or you are certain of the identification of the person and the legitimacy of





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the organization they claim to represent. Providing personal information such as your Social Insurance Number (SIN) and date of birth could lead to identity theft.

If you have been the victim of a scam, you should report the matter to police by contacting the Financial Crime Unit at 902-490-5020.

### **Halifax Transit Departures Line**

Halifax Transit has launched a new Departures Line that will provide more accurate departure times for our residents. Passengers can call a single phone number - **902-480-8000** – and by entering the bus stop number (printed on each bus stop sign) you can hear which buses are departing, and at what time.

Stay tuned to our <u>website</u> and <u>@hfxtransit</u> on Twitter for more exciting announcements over the coming months

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**Recreation Program Registration** 



Registration for summer Aquatics and Beach programs opens June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Check out our <u>program guide</u> and get ready to register online or in person at your local recreation centre.

# Halifax Water Continues The Hydrant Flushing and Distribution Program

Halifax Water continues flushing the fire hydrants and water distribution mains. This activity will occur between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Friday to minimize the impact for their customers. This program provides a spring cleaning and full exercise of the entire distribution

system. Discoloured water and pressure fluctuations may occur during the flushing program. It will not pose a health risk, and should disappear shortly. For additional information, contact Halifax Water at 902-490-6940.

#### **Mobile Food Market in Fairview**

A Halifax Transit bus will bring fresh and affordable vegetables and fruits to five Halifax neighbourhoods in the Halifax region that have limited access to healthy food. The Mobile Food Market is a 21-week pilot project that will sell fresh and affordable fruit and vegetables in five communities across the Halifax region.

Every second Saturday, a Halifax Transit bus will be transformed into a mobile produce market and will set-up in Fairview from 11:30am - 1:00pm at Titus Park. The produce will be selected based on residents' preferences, purchased in bulk and sold at costs that are in line with discount grocery operations.

The next Mobile Food Network at Titus Park will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> and the program runs until September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016.

For more information, visit their <u>facebook page</u> or their official <u>website</u>.



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

## **CGC Aquatic Centre Maintenance Closure**

The Canada Games Aquatics Centre will be closed for maintenance from 8:00 pm June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 5:30 am June 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit http://canadagamescentre.ca/





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#### Halifax North West Trails Hike & AGM

Discover the Mainland Common and Geizer Hill Trails with MLA Diana Whalen and the North West Trails Association.

Meet at <u>Trinity Anglican Church</u> on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. for the hike then join them for refreshments and an AGM at 4:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Learn more about this great organization and the work they are doing with our trails or find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Details are available on their facebook page.

### Halifax Greek Fest



Join the celebration at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Halifax Greek Fest!

This year's event will be held from June 9-12.

The Halifax Greek Fest is well known for its food, but it also offers an array of activities and events that all guests can take part in. Come out to celebrate the vibrant Greek culture. Learn more by visiting their website at <a href="http://www.greekfest.org/">http://www.greekfest.org/</a>





The Canada Games Centre will be the host venue for the Prostate Cancer Canada's Do It For Dads Walk Run 5km again this year.

This family-friendly event takes place on Father's Day, June 19<sup>th</sup> and will go ahead rain or shine. To register, donate, volunteer or to find out more information visit <a href="http://canadagamescentre.ca/event/do-it-for-dads-walk-run-2016/">http://canadagamescentre.ca/event/do-it-for-dads-walk-run-2016/</a>

## **Get Ready for Spring Planting in Fairview**

Halifax Regional Council approved HRM's Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) in 2012. Since then, over 4,600 new street trees have been planted. This year's goal is to plant an additional 1,600 trees. HRM's urban forest consists of all trees within the urban core, including street trees, park trees, and trees on private and public land. The goal of the plan is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest and to create awareness about the many benefits that we all gain from the trees in our neighbourhoods.

This June, in Fairview, 120 new street trees will be planted along sections of Convoy Avenue, Coronation Avenue, Frederick Avenue, and Dunbrack Street.

Nineteen hardy tree species have been selected. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow to form a protective canopy cover.

The progress of the UFMP street tree planting project will be monitored by faculty and students from Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES). Monitoring crews will soon be visiting your neighbourhood to evaluate the condition of our new street trees and to identify any diseased or dead trees that will then be removed and replaced under the full replacement warranty provided by our tree planting contractors. In the meantime, please remember you can report street tree damage to our Citizen Call Centre at: 311.

For more information about the UFMP please visit our website at:

http://www.halifax.ca/property/UFMP/documents/HRM UFMPDigest.pdf





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# **Get Ready To Celebrate Canada's 149**<sup>th</sup> **Birthday**

The Halifax Regional Municipality is gearing up to host a variety of celebrations in honour of Canada Day, on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Put on your finest red and white and explore events being held across the region, beginning with free pancake breakfasts in both Halifax and Dartmouth.

Participate in the official Canada Day ceremonies and sing Oh Canada at the top of Citadel Hill, and don't miss the Maple Lodge Farms Family Fun Festival on the South Halifax Common.

The excitement continues into the evening at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth with the biggest free outdoor concert of the year, featuring Dear Rouge, Born Ruffians, Yukon Blonde, Reeny Smith, and Kid Koala. End the day with an incredible fireworks spectacle set off from the Halifax Harbour.

Check out www.hrmcanadaday.ca for full event details.

#### **Contact**

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HRM website: halifax.ca/District10/index.php

Please click the link to **UNSUBSCRIBE**.

### **Engage Mainland North**

Engage Mainland North is a local group promoting increased communication and connection between organizations serving residents and the community at large in Mainland North. Check out their <a href="facebook page">facebook page</a> for important notices and upcoming events in your area.

The Engage Mainland North (EMN) Roundtable allows residents, community groups and service providers to connect and

- Share information about programs & services in community
- Share any opportunities or challenges that exist for the organization or within the community
- Note any resources they may be looking for
- Build connections
- Communicate volunteer opportunities within organizations

#### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, June 15th, 6pm-8pm CGC Arts & Crafts room

For more information about the rountable, contact Kate Sullivan at <a href="mailto:engagemainlandnorth@gmail.com">engagemainlandnorth@gmail.com</a> or join the EMN <a href="mailto:Facebook">Facebook</a> page.

