

Councillor Russell Walker

District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



Municipal Beaches Open July 1 for the Summer Season

Starting Tuesday, July 1, municipal beaches and the outdoor pool at the Halifax Common will be officially open to the public for the summer months.

There are a variety of beaches, lakes and outdoor pools across the Halifax region, many of which are supervised by trained lifeguards every day of the summer. All municipal lifeguards have specialized training in injury prevention and first aid, and are equipped with emergency supplies for a waterfront setting.

Daily supervision at most municipal beach sites and the Halifax Common outdoor pool is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Residents are advised that there is no weekend supervision at some beaches.

The following are some helpful tips for anyone spending time around the water this summer:

- Know how to swim. If you don't, sign up for free lessons through the Halifax Regional Municipality.
- Always swim with a buddy in supervised areas only.

- Adults should never leave children unsupervised near water. There should be one adult supervising for every three children under 6 years old, or one adult for every six children 6-7 years old.
- Avoid relying on flotation devices like rafts, water noodles and water wings.
- Know the warning signs. Avoid swimming if you are too tired, too cold, had too much sun, too much strenuous activity or are too far from safety.
- Avoid diving in unfamiliar or shallow waters, which can lead to serious spinal cord injuries.

Residents are reminded that the municipality is once again offering free swimming lessons and Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and junior lifeguard programs at all its municipal beaches and the Halifax Common outdoor pool.

There is still space available in some classes. If interested, residents can register by calling 490-6666, by visiting any municipally operated community recreation centre in the Halifax region or online at the Community & Recreation Services "Rec Connect" page. Simply visit

www.halifax.ca/rec/ProgramsandActivities.php and click on “Beach” to sign up.

If classes are full in your community, registration for the second round of free lessons opens on Wednesday, July 9.

For more information on municipal beaches, facilities and recreation programs across the municipality, please visit www.halifax.ca/rec/ProgramsandActivities.php.

Halifax Forum Community Meeting Concerning Proposed Closure

The Halifax Forum Board is hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd at 7 pm at the Halifax Forum to discuss their redevelopment proposal for the complex that includes an addition of a third pad, significant upgrades to the existing buildings and ice surfaces, a new community gym area and walking track, etc. This proposal is part of the submission to the Long Term Rink Strategy for the municipality. The staff recommendation will result in the following impacts for north end rinks:

- Closure of the Forum, Civic and Devonshire rinks
- Building a new 4 pad area (3 pad public use) in partnership with DND at the Windsor Street base (corner of Dudley and Connolly)
- Maintaining the lands at the former Devonshire Rink for potential recreational needs
- Redeveloping the Forum property for mixed use development
- Closure of other rinks including Centennial and Shannon Park

For further information on the Forum proposal go to: <http://www.halifaxforum.ca/>

For the link to the full report on the rink analysis and staff recommendations go to: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCcped/140605c/pedafscjointspecial-agenda.php>

The Save the Centennial Arena is included in this proposal. With the approval of this proposal, the Centennial Arena would remain open.

Sewer and Water Installation Kearney Lake Road

Sewer and water will be installed on Kearney Lake Road this summer.

If you have any questions concerning this installation project, please contact Greg Rice at 476-3520 or Kenda MacKenzie at 490-5029.

If you would like to have your name removed from the distribution for these electronic updates, please email lucille.walsh@halifax.ca

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





**Seed Grants
available for
your big ideas!**

Do YOU have an idea just bursting to grow?

United Way's ACTION for Neighbourhood Change offers **non-repayable Seed Grants** for resident-directed projects that affect positive change in Fairview. The ideas are limitless: community gardens, music, films, and seniors groups are just a few.

- Meet neighbours who share your ideas.
- Create residential leadership to build a better Fairview.
- Grow our sense of community!

Visit www.unitedwayhalifax.ca/fight-poverty/neighbourhood-change.html for an application form and requirements.

Or contact Kendall O'Connor,
Community Coordinator Fairview
902-476-0262, koconnor@unitedwayhalifax.ca
Application deadline is Friday, July 4.



Fairview Community Association Safety Survey

The Fairview Community Association (FCA) has developed a short survey to help identify the concerns of Fairview residents with respect to their personal safety. Completing this survey will help identify priorities and next steps for the FCA. The survey is anonymous and will remain open until July 15, 2014. We plan to provide the community with an overview of the results at the next Annual General Meeting of the Fairview Community

Association, which has been rescheduled for September.

Please click here to complete the survey: [Safety Survey](#). Thank you.

Summer Weekly Green Cart Collection Service Begins

Summer weekly green cart collection across the Halifax region begins Wednesday, July 2, and will continue through the summer months until Friday, August 29. This is the first year that this additional service is available to all households in the municipality.

During the months of July and August, residents can place their green cart at the curb every week, even if it's not full. Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m., so to ensure collection residents are encouraged to place materials at the curb the night before.

After August 29, green bin collection returns to the regular two-week collection schedule. For regular collection information, residents should refer to their 2014 Organics Green Cart and Garbage Collection Schedule or visit www.halifax.ca/recycle.

Summer Concert Series is Underway at the Public Gardens

The summer concert series is back for another year, continuing the tradition of great music and free family fun at the Halifax Public Gardens.

Free concerts will be held every Sunday this summer until September 14. All events are weather dependent and will take place at the bandstand from 2-4 p.m.

This year’s list of performers includes John Alphonse & the Waterfront Stompers Dixieland Band, the Paul Mason Quartet, the Back Alley Big Band and many more.

For the complete schedule of performances, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/publicgardens/SummerConcertSeries.php>.

Full Day of Free Events Planned for Canada Day Celebrations

Residents are encouraged to wear their best red and white and come out for a full day of family fun celebrating Canada’s 147th birthday on Tuesday, July 1. The festivities get going with pancake breakfasts at Grand Parade in Halifax and Alderney Landing in Dartmouth, followed by the singing of the national anthem from the top of Citadel Hill. Events continue with the Tattoo Parade through downtown Halifax, the Maple Lodge Farms Family Fun-Fest on the Halifax Common and what promises to be the biggest Canada Day concert ever held at Alderney Landing.

Six-time Juno Award-winning Sam Roberts Band is headlining the free concert, which will also feature performances by acts from across the country, including July Talk from Toronto, A Belle Game out of Vancouver, and Halifax’s own Ben Caplan & the Casual Smokers, and Alert the Medic. Canada Day wouldn’t be complete without a spectacular fireworks display from Halifax Harbour. The fireworks will begin at 10 p.m. and residents are advised that Alderney Landing will provide the best view.

Metro Transit is pleased to once again offer free ferry service from all its terminals on Canada Day. In lieu of a fare, Metro Transit is asking passengers to support FEED NOVA SCOTIA by bringing a non-perishable food item or cash donation. FEED NOVA SCOTIA staff and volunteers will be at the Woodside, Alderney and Halifax ferry terminals to collect any donations. For detailed ferry schedules on July 1, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/CanadaDayFerryService.php>. Metro Transit buses will operate on Holiday/Sunday service and regular transit fares will apply. Go online at <http://www.halifax.ca/metrotransit/Schedules/index.php> for detailed holiday schedules for all the routes.

The Fairview Merchants and the Local Community present...

Fairview’s Annual FAMILY DAY

Face Painting, Prizes, Games, Community Booths
Food Sampling and **FIREWORKS** at dusk



A Free Event for the Community!

Saturday, July 5 11:00AM - 2:00PM
Rain Date: July 6

For more information or to volunteer,
CONTACT: Lisa Sullivan : Lisa@freemanspizza.ca / 877-6198

Thanks to the Community!



For more information and a complete list of events and schedules, visit <http://www.hrmcanadaday.ca>, call 311, follow HRM Civic Events on Twitter via @hfxcivicevents, or go on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hrmcivicevents>.

Changes to Parking Ticket Payment Options

Starting July 1, 2014, residents and visitors looking for an easy, self-serve option to pay a parking ticket are encouraged to visit the Halifax municipal government website at www.halifax.ca. Residents may also call 311 to have an operator assist them with their payment. However, the pay-by-phone automated service currently offered when someone calls 490-EAZY (3299) will no longer be available as of the end of the month. This change follows suit with the industry's move to phase out the automated technology. To pay online, residents should go to www.halifax.ca/parkingenforcement/. This option is available only to those with a valid Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Residents can also call 311 from anywhere within the municipal boundaries or toll-free 1-800-835-6428 (in Nova Scotia only) between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., seven days a week. This option also requires a valid credit card. Residents will continue to have the option to pay through the mail by sending payment to the Parking Ticket Enforcement Office, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, N.S., B3J 3A5, or in person at any of the following Citizen Contact Centres:

- **Dartmouth:** 40 Alderney Dr., Alderney Landing, Mezzanine Level
- **Halifax:** 5201 Duke St., Scotia Square, Lower Level
- **Halifax:** 7071 Bayers Rd., Suite 2005, Bayers Road Centre
- **Lower Sackville:** 636 Sackville Dr. (former Acadia School)

- **Musquodoboit Harbour:** 700 Highway 7 (municipal office)

If paying by mail, **residents should not send cash through the mail.** Please use cheques or money orders made out to the Halifax Regional Municipality and make sure to note the ticket number on the payment.

For more information on parking enforcement in Halifax, please visit www.halifax.ca/parkingenforcement/

Congratulations Graduates



Graduation is a time to celebrate your achievements, prepare for a future of opportunities and embrace a world of infinite possibilities. You should be very proud of your accomplishments. The hard work and commitment you have demonstrated is also a source of pride for your family, school, and community. Congratulations!

Contact

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Happy Canada Day