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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS

HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

Enhanced System for Reporting Crime Online

Reporting minor crimes just got easier and faster with the launch of an enhanced online reporting system for citizens policed by Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP. Online Incident Reporting, implemented by Halifax Regional Police in 2011, has been replaced with a new system powered by Coplogic's DeskOfficer Online Reporting software. It streamlines the process for filing an online report, as a result, it reduces the amount of time it takes for a citizen to receive an official copy of their report and allows our customer service employees to work more efficiently and provide a higher level of service to our citizens.

Online reporting is still the best and most convenient option for you to report the following incidents:

- You've lost something.
- Someone has stolen something from you.
- Someone has vandalized your property or your car.
- Someone has broken into your car.

Reporting these incidents online means you don't have to wait for a call taker to answer your call, and you can submit a report at your convenience in the privacy of your home or business. You need a valid email address and only the person involved in the incident, a family member of the victim, the property owner or authorized agent of the property owner can file a report. The incident must have occurred within the Halifax Regional Municipality to be eligible for Online Crime Reporting.

Using Online Crime Reporting is easy. Visit [/Police/OnlineCrimeReporting/OnlineCrimeReporting.php](#) to start the process. Remember to have basic personal and contact information handy, as well as particulars such as the approximate date, time and location of the offence. If personal property is involved, details such as serial numbers and approximate value will also be helpful.

Although most of these incidents will have low solvability factors, it's still important for police to know about them. This information will help to identify trends and better deploy resources to prevent crime and keep our communities safe.

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Plan Dutch Village Road



Help shape how Dutch Village Road should grow! The [Halifax Municipal Planning Strategy \(External link\)](#) designates the Dutch Village Road area as a mixed-use area with medium-density residential and commercial uses.

Over the past five years, there has been increased interest in developing higher density, mixed use buildings within the [Dutch Village Road area\(External link\)](#) (DVRA). This type of development is currently not permitted under the local land use planning policies therefore each proposal requires a change to planning policy.

In 2013 Regional Council initiated a planning process to establish comprehensive planning policies that enable additional commercial and residential developments on the lands located within Dutch Village Road and neighbouring areas.

[Learn](#) more about the project, [ask questions](#), view presentation materials, and participate in the discussion [forum](#). You can also share a [story](#) about your favourite places in the Dutch Village Road community.

HRM launches Public Engagement Campaign on Voter Participation

The Halifax Regional Municipality has initiated a public engagement process to stimulate discussion and ideas on how to increase voter participation in municipal elections, including the next one set to take place on October 15, 2016. The public engagement process began with the launch of an online forum and questions for consideration on the Shape Your City Halifax portal – where themes such as voter engagement, young and new voters, ways to cast your ballot, and accessibility will be put forward with the goal of stimulating discussion and generating feedback. For more information visit <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/shape-your-city-halifax>

Over the seven-week campaign additional public participation opportunities will be rolled out to assist the municipal election office with capturing ideas and recommendations to increase voter engagement including: an online survey, social media interaction with the Twitter handle @hfxelections, street team pop-ups at various locations throughout the region, as well as an interactive half day webcast event at the Halifax Central Library on Saturday, April 11th.

The municipal election office is encouraging all residents to get involved in this process, the results of which will help inform recommendations to Regional Council on future municipal elections. For more information on the voter engagement process please visit www.halifax.ca/election.



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Mainland North Volunteer Awards

The Mainland North Volunteer Awards Committee is asking for your help in identifying possible nominees for these 2015 awards. If you know any deserving volunteers, please share some of their stories.

The criteria for choosing the five award winners are simple: volunteers must receive no financial payment for their efforts and must reside in Mainland North and be actively volunteering in HRM; or volunteers must be actively volunteering in Mainland North but do not live in the area. Volunteers must be nominated by at least one member of their group/organization.

For a copy of the nomination package, email halifaxmainlandnorth@hotmail.com or contact the Nomination Coordinator, Elizabeth Shears, at 902 405-9534. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 8th 2015.**

HRM Implements Annual Spring Weight Restrictions

To minimize potential damage to streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality has introduced its annual spring weight restrictions for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads in the former County of Halifax areas.

Those restrictions are expected to remain in place through to May 18, 2015; however, if the roads are stabilized prior to that date, the restrictions may be lifted earlier and the municipality will issue a Public Service Announcement.

The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR).

Details of vehicle restrictions can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/trucking/springweight.asp>



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, kocconnor@unitedwayhalifax.ca
Application Deadline is Monday, April 20, 2015





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Changes at the Curb

RESIDENTIAL SINGLE UNIT

UP TO 6 CLEAR BAGS OR UP TO 5 CLEAR BAGS + 1 DARK BAG

THESE BAGS MAY BE PLACED IN CANS

Starting August 1, 2015 new requirements for curbside collection will be in effect. This date allows time for residents to become aware of the changes, and for retail stores to adjust their inventory of bags.

- Clear bags will be required for garbage, with each residence allowed 1 dark bag within the collection limit. Bags may also be placed in cans to address privacy concerns. More than one dark or ‘nested’ bag will be rejected.
- Exclusive use of kraft paper bag for excess leaf & yard waste. Leaf & yard waste can still be placed in the cart, but grass clippings will no longer be collected curbside in favour of grasscycling and backyard composting.
- Boxboard (cereal and cracker boxes) will be accepted with paper for recycling, though it can still be used to contain wet kitchen scraps in the green cart.

For more details please visit www.halifax.ca/recycle.

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

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