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DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS  
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## Municipal Spring Clean Up has begun



After a harsh winter, the municipality's Spring Clean Up has begun! You will find our crews sweeping streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes and providing park and public space maintenance including garbage removal from parks and trails.

You can help with the spring clean-up by being mindful of opportunities

in your own neighbourhood. As the remaining snow and ice melts, garbage and other debris is being uncovered – please consider picking up litter around your own property, lending a hand to a neighbour in need or organizing a street clean-up.

Check out more information on the Spring Clean Up on our [website](#).

## Canada Games Centre Board of Directors



Applications are now available to fill a vacancy on the Canada Games Centre's volunteer Board of Directors.

The board is responsible for the performance of the organization in achieving its mission and strategic objectives, and for the effective stewardship of the financial and human resources of the organization.

The application deadline is May 20, 2015. For more information, visit their [website](#).



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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### 100in1Day in Halifax



Halifax will have its second annual 100In1Day Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 100In1Day challenges citizens to make their communities a better

place through small scale actions or “urban interventions.”

You can register for the event or submit ideas on their [website](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) pages.

### Open Air Burning Bans

During Wildfire Risk Season, brush burning and camp fires are not permitted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Department of Natural Resources update a [map on its website](#) every day at 2 p.m. during the burning season to indicate the various levels of restriction depending on where you are in the province.

The onus rests with the public to check the website and determine if a ban is in place for their particular region.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency do have the ability to be more restrictive than the province if they feel it’s warranted. Stay tuned to information on the [Fire website](#) and the [Fire Twitter feed](#) for details on burning restrictions.

### Spring Road Maintenance

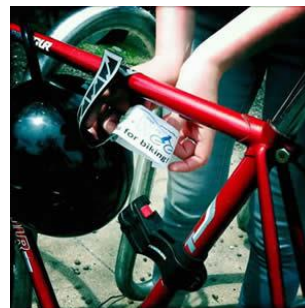
With the hot asphalt plant now operational for the season and the arrival of warmer temperatures, repair efforts are in full swing for potholes, cracking and bulking in our streets.

Potholes are identified during regular staff road patrols, as well as reports from residents. The first priority is to address potholes on main arterial routes, in addition to monitoring residential side streets across the region to identify and address problem areas.

To report a pothole, residents can submit an [online service request](#) or call 311.

The municipality will also be working to repaint pavement markings in the downtown core and continue in other areas of the region into the fall. The majority of painting on busy streets is performed during the overnight hours to minimize traffic disruption.

### Ride for a Healthier Halifax



Come ride with us and celebrate a Healthier Halifax at Bike Week 2015 from June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Bike Week aims to celebrate the cycling community, educate all residents about cycling safety, and increase participation in cycling throughout our region. There are over 50 Bike Week 2015 events to try so check out their [website](#) for more details.



## 2015-2016 Operating Budget

Halifax Regional Council has approved our 2015-2016 Operating and Projects Budget.

The budgets include a residential tax rate increase of 1.1 cents, while the urban commercial tax rate drops by 4.4 cents and both transit tax rates decrease.

The residential tax rate increase will enable new programs, services and infrastructure including construction of the second North Park roundabout, a permanent pavilion building at the Emera Oval, continued implementation of the five-year \$43 million investment in transit technology upgrades, investments in rural fire services and much more.

For more details, see our [website](#).

## Curbside Giveaway Weekend

Give your clutter a second life during Halifax's Curbside Give Away weekend. Mark your calendars for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for a chance to free up your space and find free stuff. Reusing and recycling household items instead of discarding them reduces pressures on our municipal facilities, and is a great way to get rid of your under-used items, and find some great FREE items of your own:

- Place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home on Friday evening;
- Give Away items should still be in good condition for "Re-use". Place stickers or signs on items with the word "FREE";
- Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday; treasures not removed can result in a By-Law violation;
- This event happens RAIN or SHINE. Please use your discretion when deciding whether or not to put items out to the curb.

## Summer Recreation Programs



Registration is open for our preschool, child and adult summer recreation programs and swimming and beach program registration will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

You can register online, over the phone at 902-490-6666 or in person at your local recreation centre. Visit our [website](#) for more details.

Check out the online map where participants can pin "Give Aways" and find the free items posted in various neighbourhoods. You can follow this event on [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#) – don't forget to share your curbside finds at #hfxcurbside.

## Public Gardens 2015 Season

Spring has sprung! See for yourself by taking a stroll in the Public Gardens. After a rough winter and record amounts of snow, the Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce the gardens are now open. For more information on the gardens, hours of operation and upcoming events visit their [website](#).





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### Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon

Congratulations to all the participants in this weekend's Scotiabank Bluenose Marathon! The Bluenose events will be happening on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> and bring out thousands of participants and spectators so whether you're running, cheering or simply travelling through the downtown area this weekend – please be aware of the following street closures:

- **Brunswick Street** between Duke Street and Sackville Street, as well as all side streets feeding into the closed section, closed 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday;
- **Sackville Street** between Brunswick Street and South Park Street, closed 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday;
- **Cogswell Street** between Gottingen Street and Brunswick Street, closed 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday;
- **Nantucket Avenue** between Wyse Road and Victoria Road, closed 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Sunday;
- **Southbound curb lane on Barrington Street** between Devonshire Avenue and North Street, closed 8:30 a.m. to noon on Sunday.
- The **Macdonald Bridge** will be closed to vehicles from 6:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Sunday for the longer distance events.

[Halifax Transit](#) is pleased to offer free conventional bus and ferry service for volunteers (Friday – Sunday) and race participants (Saturday – Sunday). There will also be a [bike valet service](#) in Grand Parade and reduced parking fees at many [Impark parking](#) lots.

Check out the [Bluenose Marathon website](#) for a full schedule of events and run maps.

### Doors Open Halifax 2015

Doors Open Halifax celebrates our blend of historical and contemporary architecture by inviting the public to explore some of Halifax's most iconic buildings. Many of these buildings are part of our everyday lives, yet are never viewed or explored.

Join us on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to check out places like the Alexander Keith's Brewery, the Old Town Clock, Province House and City Hall.

See the full list of over 30 venues on their [website](#).

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