

# Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



## Free Swimming Lessons at all HRM Beaches this Summer

HRM is pleased to announce that all swimming lessons, and Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, and junior lifeguard programs running at HRM's outdoor beaches and the Halifax Common Outdoor pool, are free to the public for the upcoming summer session. Registration is still required in order to take part in the classes.

Registration will start at 10 A.M. on June 5, 2013 and will continue until classes are filled. Participants can register online at HRM's Community Recreation Services "Rec Connect" on line at: <https://eservices2.halifax.ca/reconnect/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>. Click on "Beach" for more information, call 490-6666, or visit an HRM operated community recreation centre.

## Upcoming Community Event

Duc D'Anville School Spring Fair will be held on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at 12 Clayton Park Drive



## National Public Works Week 2013

Halifax Regional Municipality celebrates National Public Works Week (May 19 to May 25, 2013) by raising awareness of our Transportation and Public Works services and activities. It also recognizes the hard work and dedication of public works professionals in our community. Several of our partners in service delivery join us at our events including Halifax Water and Metro Transit.

For additional information on National Public Works Week, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/tpw/nationalpublicworksweek.html>.

### COME PLAY WITH US!

Equipment Playground and Public Works Display at the Emera Oval on the Halifax Commons on Thursday, May 23rd from 10 am - 2 pm (Rain Date: May 24th)



Millions of dollars worth of municipal service equipment (street sweepers, sewer

pumpers, backhoes, dump and plow trucks, Metro Transit Bus) will be on display as part of HRM's celebration of National Public Works Week. Transportation & Public Works representatives will be on hand to demonstrate the equipment and services.

Crews will begin moving the heavy equipment and displays into place early Thursday morning and the public is invited to drop by and visit. Children, accompanied by parents and school groups, are welcome.

COME SEE HOW OUR GARDENS GROW!



If you have any questions, please contact:

Beate Shannon at 490-4862 or Karen Zinck at 490-6206





## Grass Maintenance

HRM maintains over 530 hectares of land which includes parks, playgrounds, schools, cemeteries, sportsfields and right of ways. Where HRM does not provide this service, section 11 of HRM Streets By-Law S-300 requires abutting property owners to maintain any grass between their property line and the curb closely clipped to a height not greater than six (6) inches (15 cm).

For more information, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/municipalops/GrassMaintenance/index.html>. It is hoped that the information in this section will educate you about HRM's mowing strategy and provide summer grass maintenance tips. Please help support enhancing the beauty and environmental health of our community by maintaining the sidewalk areas that abut your property.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the HRM Corporate Call Center at 311. To ensure that your call is handled correctly please ensure you have as much information as possible, such as: a civic address, park name (as per an HRM sign), and any descriptive notes.



Are you worried about **hurricane season**, winter storms and potential natural and

man-made emergencies that may affect our community at any time? Most emergencies are beyond our control and cannot be prevented. The best way to weather the effects of a major emergency with the least possible damage to your life and property is to **BE PREPARED!**

- 1) make a plan
- 2) build a kit
- 3) know the hazards in your area

**For more information on types of emergencies** and how to be prepared go to the Government of Canada website at [www.getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca).



We're looking for your ideas on how to make **CURBSIDE GIVE AWAY WEEKEND** even better!

Take our short survey by visiting <http://www.halifax.ca/surveys/index.html> and your name will be entered into a draw for HRM prize packs, backyard composters and kitchen mini-bins. If you prefer to send

comments by email, drop us a line at [WasteLess@Halifax.ca](mailto:WasteLess@Halifax.ca)

HRM is calling on residents to participate in **Curbside Give Away Weekend**. Help discover the “Hidden Treasures” in your neighbourhood, community, and city. It’s another way to RETHINK GARBAGE and protect our most precious treasure – our environment. **What a great way to clear out outgrown and under-used household items - things that might be exactly what others are looking for.**

The aim of this weekend event is to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in HRM’s landfill by diverting unwanted items to be re-used! Reusing and Recycling household items instead of discarding them reduces pressures on our municipal facilities, and is a great way to not only get rid of your under-used items, but to find some great treasures of your own!

#### On Curbside Give Away Weekend:

- Place re-usable household items at the curb in front of your home on Friday evening;
- Only place items for "FREE" with “Free” stickers or signs on items;
- Remove leftover items from the curb by dusk on Sunday;
- Consider donating unclaimed items to charitable organizations;
- Place any garbage for collection on your regular garbage day and week.

Regular limits and preparation is required.

With such a wide variety of treasure possibilities make sure to keep **Give Away Weekend** in mind before disposing of items for garbage in the upcoming weeks. Your participation in the event will help maximize landfill space by extending the lifecycle of items and making them available for reuse.



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