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Fairview Community Association hosts AGM & Networking Event

The Fairview Community Association is hosting a community networking event and Annual General meeting on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm at Freeman's on Dutch Village Road. Meet your neighbours in the Fairview area, ask questions and share your concerns. Appetizers and pizza provided courtesy of Freeman's.

The Fairview Community Association is accepting nominations for Director positions for the 2015/2016 Board. If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for a seat on the Board, please send an e-mail with the name and a short bio of the person being nominated to <u>Fairview.ca@gmail.com</u>. You may nominate yourself.

If you would like to learn more about what the FCA is doing before you commit, nominations will also be accepted from "the floor" during the Annual General Meeting. If you would like to participate, but do not want to commit to a year-long term, other ways will be discussed on how to become involved with the Fairview Community Association.

Find Them On FACEBOOK Find Them On TWITTER

Volunteer Conference

Register for the Volunteer Conference being held on Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21, 2015. Now in its 15th year, the Volunteer Conference gives participants an opportunity to train, network and learn. Get the tools to become more effective in your volunteer work. Do stuff that makes a difference.

The conference includes:

- * A wide selection of interactive and informative sessions
- * Dynamic and experienced speakers
- * Lunch and refreshments
- * Networking opportunities





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* Participant welcome packages

* Community showcase

Harbourview Holiday Inn, Dartmouth, 101 Wyse Road

For more conference information and to register visit:

halifax.ca/volunteerservices/VolunteerConference.p hp

email at <u>hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca</u> or by phone 902-490-4865.

Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grants Program 2015

December 6th, 2017 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. In recognition of this significant date, the Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to announce a new grant program in support of community-based projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations and charities to commemorate the centennial.

The Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Grants Program is now accepting applications. The deadline for applications is **Friday, December 18th, 2015.** An application form and program guidebook is available through the Halifax Reginal Municipality Corporate Call Centre by dialing 311, on the municipality's website at:

http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/bccgrants/grants .php or from municipal Customer Contact Centres. Halifax locations include: Bayer's Road, 7071 Bayer's Road, 2nd Floor and Scotia Square Mall, 5201 Duke Street, 1st Floor. Inquiries should be directed to Halifax Regional Municipality Finance: Grants & Contributions at 902-490-7310 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm).

HRM Volunteer Awards

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in our communities.

If you know someone who should be receiving one of these awards, check out the full criteria and nomination information on our <u>website</u>. Make sure to have your nominations in by December 11th, 2015 for consideration.

Fairview Urban Forest Neighbourhood



New street trees are arriving in November!

Halifax Regional Council approved HRM's Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) in 2012. By the fall of 2014 over 3000 new

street trees had been planted. Another 1300 trees were added this summer and this fall there will be over 400 more planted in neighbourhoods across HRM. Our 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





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urban forest and to create awareness about the many benefits that we all gain from the trees in our neighbourhoods.

This November, 40 new street trees will be planted in the Fairview Urban Forest Neighbourhood on Adelaide Avenue. Seven hardy tree species suitable for fall planting have been selected. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow tall to form a protective canopy cover.

The progress of the UFMP street tree planting project is being monitored by faculty and students from Dalhousie University's School for Resource and Environmental Studies (SRES). The Dal monitoring crews evaluate the condition of our new street trees and note any diseased or dead trees to be removed under the replacement warranty provided by our tree planting contractors. In the meantime, please remember that you can report street tree damage to our Citizen Call Centre at 311.

Our UFMP website will be updated on a regular basis to help you stay informed about upcoming planting schedules and volunteer opportunities in your neighbourhood. Visit the website at: <u>http://www.halifax.ca/Property/UFMP/index.php</u>

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

Open Gym for Youth and Family

Gyms will be open for school-aged children and youth, along with their parents, to come build an obstacle course, dance, shoot some hoops, or anything fun and active. Parks & Recreation staff will be onsite at each school to welcome and assist participants, but unlike other municipal programs, these sessions are FREE and will be unstructured with no lesson plans or organized activities. Fairview Junior High School will be open on Saturdays October 3, 2015 – May 7, 2016 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Excluding, December 12th- January 2nd (inclusive), March Break - March 18/19th, 2016, Easter - March 25/26th, 2016.

For more information, please visit our website at http://www.halifax.ca/rec/OpenGymProgram.php

Seniors Snow Removal Program



Registration for the Seniors' Snow Removal Program has started. The application is available online now at <u>www.ymcahrm.ns.ca</u> and the number to call is 902-483-3678.

Application Deadline is December 1st, **2015.** This is a first come first served process, if the maximum is met before the December 1st

deadline the program will close. It is important that only applications with proper documentation will be considered for the program.





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Residential Property Tax Exemption

The program is now open for the current 2015/16 fiscal year.

Halifax Regional Municipality can help homeowners pay their property tax through a payment plan, a property tax rebate, or deferral of property taxes (payment is put off to a later date). These programs are available to all homeowners with a combined household income of \$32,000 or less a year who live within the boundary of Halifax Regional Municipality. There are different programs to choose from depending on a person's needs. It is important that you know what choices exist. You can have your exemption award direct deposited to your bank account by completing the payment registration form and returning it with your application and a **Void Cheque**.

The 2015-16 Residential Property Tax Exemption Application form and a Guide are available each year from HRM Customer Service Centers, the HRM Call Centre, the HRM Financial Services Department and on this website. Each year an advertisement is placed in the newspaper to inform the public that the program is open for applications. After you have filed your personal income tax for the current income tax year 2014 filed in April 2015 and have received the Notice of Assessment back from Canada Customs and Revenue Agency confirming your income, you can then complete your application. A copy of this must be submitted with your application form as confirmation of income is required.

For more information about the program visit http://www.halifax.ca/taxes/exemption/

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Help Shape Your Budget Halifax

SHAPE YOUR BUDGET IN 3 STEPS

STEP 1 - Get informed! Watch the Municipal Budget101 video and you can also review the budgetFrequently Asked Questions to help you make your decisions.





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STEP 2 - Use the Budget Allocator to select your preferred budget and service delivery levels from each of the key Council budget areas listed. The potential implications of your budget selection are explained below the allocator. (Please note that the 5% and 10% are not exact amounts, but just indicators of your preference for a small or larger increase or decrease in budgets.)

STEP **3** - You can leave comments about why you selected a particular budget level or item by clicking on the grey comment icon at the right of your selected budget level.

For more information visit: <u>http://hfxtax2016.budgetallocator.com/</u>

Royal Canadian Legion – Fairview Branch 142 50 Hillcrest Street at Main Avenue, Halifax, NS B3N 2X5



The Royal Canadian Legion and the Auxiliary of Fairview Branch 142; (in 2012 we celebrated the 60th Anniversary); both chartered in 1952. Legion is open Mon. to Thurs. – 3pm to 11pm; Fri. -3pm to Midnight, Live Music; (on occasion a DJ); Sat. 1pm to 11pm; Sun. 3pm to 7pm.

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Mon. Bingo – Main Hall- 1st Level – 7:30 pm.

Tues. Open Mixed Crib - 7pm; Ladics Pool- Games Room; Begin Sept 10th - 7pm.

Wed. Men's Crib - Lounge - 7 pm; Mixed Darts- Games Room - 7pm

Thurs. Mixed Dart League - Main Hall - 1^e Level - 7pm.

Fri. Lounge: Dance– Live Music; (occasional DJ) – 8-12pm. (Once a month Dance in 1^a. Level-Main Hall.)

Sat. Games Room: Open Crib starting Sept 21⁴⁷- 1:30pm. All welcome. Hall & Lounge Rentals, Catering, Scheduled Dart Tournaments in 1⁴². Level Hall. Call Barbara - 443-8604 for further information.

Sun. Lounge/ Games Room - 2" Level Open 3-7pm.

Contact

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Please click the link to UNSUBSCRIBE.

Remembrance Day Services

Remembrance Day Services will be held at 11:00 am at the following locations:

Fairview Legion, 50 Hillcrest Street, Halifax Korean War Memorial, Stratford Way Park, Halifax



