

# Councillor Russell Walker District 10

Halifax - Bedford Basin West



## Snow Removal Services to Seniors and Persons with Disabilities



Who Qualifies? The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax Regional Municipality who also meet the criteria below. The

program applies to residential properties only - commercial properties are ineligible. The program is NOT available to landlords. To be eligible you must reside in a single dwelling home that you own or rent and the gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$30,000.

How it Works: The program offers assistance to clear snow from steps and walkways, including front and back steps, walkways and fuel tank access.

To find out more about this program, please call the [YMCA](#) at 902-483-3678. **NOTE:** Application for the will be accepted until December 1st OR earlier if the program reaches full capacity.

If you would like to unsubscribe to these updates, please do so by following this link.

<https://apps.halifax.ca/subscriptions/unsubscribe?list=6>

## Volunteer ESL/ELL Tutors are needed at Keshen Goodman Library

Volunteer tutors, ages 19 and over, are needed to help adults who are learning English as a Second (or additional) Language. Many participants need help with general English conversation practice and speaking skills. For more information, visit [www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca) and click on "volunteer" at the bottom of the page, ask for an application at the library or contact Jen at 902-490-6408 or email [hillj@halifax.ca](mailto:hillj@halifax.ca).



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

## 2015 Volunteer Awards

Each year 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 municipal communities. The nomination deadline is **Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

Visit [www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards](http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards) for the fillable nomination forms. Nomination criteria can be found within the forms. For additional information or questions please contact Volunteer Services by [email](#) or by phone at 902-869-4018.

## Holiday Parade of Lights



The Chronicle Herald Holiday Parade of Lights presented by Eastlink is

the kick-off to the holiday season in downtown Halifax. Join us on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 6:00 pm for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Parade as local businesses and community groups light up the streets and spread holiday cheer. Don't forget to bring your food and cash donations for FEED Nova Scotia and unwrapped children's toys for the C100FM Cineplex Toy Drive to help those in our community this holiday season. Canada Post carriers will be collecting letters to Santa along the route.

## Halifax Christmas Tree Lighting



The Halifax Christmas Tree Lighting, a FREE event for the whole family, will be held on Saturday,

November 22, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Grand Parade in downtown Halifax. Featuring The Octonauts and music by Big Fish, this promises to be a fun evening for everyone. Efficiency Nova Scotia is pleased to once again offer the LED Holiday Light Exchange in conjunction with the HRM Christmas Tree Lighting. When you come to the event, look for the Efficiency Nova Scotia tent where you can receive a set of energy efficient LED holiday lights in exchange for two sets of your old holiday lights.

## Heating Assistance Rebate Program 2014/15

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) provides help to lower-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. You qualify for this program if you pay a heating bill at your current address and meet ONE of the following criteria: live alone with an income of \$27,000 or less; live with others and have a combined income of \$42,000 or less; receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services; or receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement from Service Canada. **Your application must be mailed by March 31, 2015.** For more information please visit: <http://www.novascotia.ca/snsmr/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/heating-assistance-rebate-program.asp>





**FREEMAN'S**  
L'IL NEW YORKER

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

**FREEMAN'S FAIRVIEW - 3671 DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD**

HOT CHOCOLATE COFFEE TEA SANDWICHES SWEETS COOKIES

**SUNDAY  
NOV 30  
7:00 PM**

THIS YEAR IN HONOUR OF  
**1800 668 6868**  
KidsHelpPhone.ca  
Kids Help Phone  
"CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!"

TOO MANY OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?  
BRING IN 2 USED SETS TO  
TRADE FOR A NEW SET!  
NOVA SCOTIA POWER-LED LIGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
**efficiency**  
POWER-LED LIGHTS CORPORATION

this has on both service delivery and the overall budget.

For more information and to view the introduction video, visit

<http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfxtax2015>

### YMCA Peace Week Event



*Build community. Act for peace.*



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Saturday, November 15th

Fairview Community Park

Titus Street

Please join us for Hot Chocolate & Cookies and participate in Diversity & Peace activities.

Meet at The YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs  
65 Main Avenue, Halifax at 10:00am on November 15th

*Come out and meet your neighbors*

### Shape Your Budget 2015



TRY OUR NEW  
**Budget Allocator**

Tell us how you think the municipal budget should be allocated - shape your city, shape your budget. The Budget Allocator provides people with a unique glimpse into the experience of balancing the city's budget. It

allows you to simulate adjusting the municipal tax dollars allocated to various services like transit, parks and policing – and see the potential impact

Fairview Community Association Presents

# Christmas Tree Lighting

November 29th, Titus Smith Park  
7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for carols, tree lighting, Santa, beverages, entertainment & a surprise!

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filled with leaves at the curb on their respective collection days. Each bag should weigh no more than 25 kilograms (55 pounds).

Residents are encouraged to start using kraft paper bags to dispose of their leaves and yard waste to coincide with proposed changes that are anticipated to go into effect next spring. However, for those who may still have plastic bags on hand, clear and orange plastic bags will continue to be accepted at the curb at this time.

For more information on the Fall Leaf Clean-up Program and other municipal services, please visit [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) or call 311.

## Preparing for Winter

Winter is fast approaching and that means many of us are thinking about snow. There are some simple steps you can take – before the snow starts – to help protect your property and ensure clearing efforts this season go as safely and smoothly as possible. Trim any tree branches and shrubs that originate from your property. Remove planters, lawn decorations and any other portable objects near the sidewalk before the winter. Mark any permanent structures or objects too big to move with a reflector that will be visible above the snow. Secure off-street parking. For more information on municipal snow and ice clearing operations, service standards, priority streets, salt management strategies and more, please visit [www.halifax.ca/snow](http://www.halifax.ca/snow).

## Contact

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## Annual Leaf Clean Up

The Halifax Regional Municipality is encouraging residents to do their part to help keep the streets and sidewalks clear of fallen leaves as the annual Fall Leaf Clean-Up Program gets underway. The co-operation of residents and business owners is needed to efficiently complete this program. With heavy rain, the potential for street flooding is greatly increased when catch basins are clogged with leaves and debris. As such, municipal by-laws prohibit the sweeping or depositing of leaves along the gutter of the street or in the roadway.

Leaves and yard waste from residential properties are collected on regular green cart collection weeks. Each household can place a maximum of 20 bags