

Volunteer Conference 2013

The citizens of the Halifax Regional Municipality have a deep history of voluntarism. It is estimated that approximately 200,000 volunteers throughout the communities of HRM contribute approximately 318,000 hours of service per year.

One way that HRM recognizes and supports its volunteers is through the annual HRM Volunteer Conference. This year marks the 13th year for the conference which provides valuable networking and learning opportunities for local volunteers. Volunteering contributes towards public safety, fosters good neighbours and builds great neighbourhoods.

This year's conference will be held on November 22nd & 23rd at the Dartmouth Harbourview Holiday Inn. To find out more about the conference including fees and registration, please visit <http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/VolunteerConference.html>. To register or ask questions about the conference, please contact: hrmvolunteerservices@halifax.ca or call Darren at 490-1946.

Holiday Season Events!

The 18th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights will be held in Downtown Halifax on Saturday, November 16th from 4:30 pm to 6:15 p.m. The Parade begins on Upper Water Street at Cornwallis Street, continues over the Barrington Street overpass onto Barrington Street and turns right onto Spring Garden Road. It then turns left on South Park and then right onto University Avenue, concluding at the corner of University Avenue and Robie Street. Parents are reminded to keep children off the street and on the sidewalk at all times. There will be no parking along the Parade route. The public is encouraged to use Metro Transit and expect traffic and parking delays. As in previous years, there will be additional ferry service and the Halifax Harbour Bridges will redirect lanes to accommodate the event traffic. This is the kick off to the holiday season and is always a very well-attended family event!

The 2013 HRM Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Grand Parade in Downtown Halifax. Santa Claus will be making a visit. The HRM Christmas Tree Lighting is a free event for the whole family!

Celebrate Chanukah with the lighting of the Menorah in the Grand Parade on November 27th at 6:00 p.m., followed by a reception at 7:00 pm in Halifax Hall. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call 422-4222.

Proposed Sussex Drive Extension - Public Open House

A public open house session will be held to provide information and to receive feedback on a proposal to extend Sussex Drive in Stillwater Lake to connect to Eider Drive in Timberlea. This extension will allow for better connection from the Stillwater Lake area to Highway 102 via Exit 4 and to the Stillwater Lake MetroX park-and-ride lot .

DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2013

TIME: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (come-and-go open house format)

LOCATION: Tantallon Public Library