



**COUNCILLOR MATT WHITMAN**  
DISTRICT 13 ONLINE NEWS  
HAMMONDS PLAINS - ST. MARGARETS

## BURNING BAN

For your safety, the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency (HRFE) has issued a ban on any open air burning in the municipality until further notice.

Extremely dry conditions mean an increased risk for fires in our neighbourhoods and wilderness areas. The ban includes outdoor fireplaces and chimeneas, but natural gas and propane fire pits are permitted.

The province publishes a burning restrictions colour coded map every day at 2:00 p.m. [here](#). The HRFE can increase or add to these restrictions if necessary. Make sure you check their [Twitter](#) or our [Media Releases](#) for details about any additional restrictions that may be in effect.

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION



Fall program registration begins August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to check out some of the great programs offered at your local recreation centre [here](#).

## ELECTION PREPARATIONS

The next municipal election will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Make sure you are ready to have your say on who will represent you, making decisions about important issues like property taxes, snow removal, solid waste and development, by ensuring your information is up to date on our voters list.

You can search for your voter information [here](#). If you are not on the list, simply call 902.490.VOTE (8683) to update your information. Revisions to the voters list can be made until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>. You must be 18 years old and have resided in the province for at least six months immediately preceding the first advance polling day to vote.

Our Elections team is still looking for various Polling Location staff to assist voters on Election Day. If you are interested in getting involved check out our [Election Workers page](#).

I encourage each of you to take advantage of your right to vote this October. E-Voting will begin on October 4<sup>th</sup> and advance in-person voting begins on October 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the upcoming election, see our [website](#).



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### ST MARGARET'S BAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that road construction on the St. Margaret's Bay Road began on August 9<sup>th</sup> and will continue until the middle of October.

The work is taking place from Beech Tree Run to Lakeland Boulevard daily from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

During this work there will be lane drops in place. Motorists should expect delays in the area and are asked to use alternative routes whenever possible.

The municipality apologizes for any inconvenience this road work may cause.

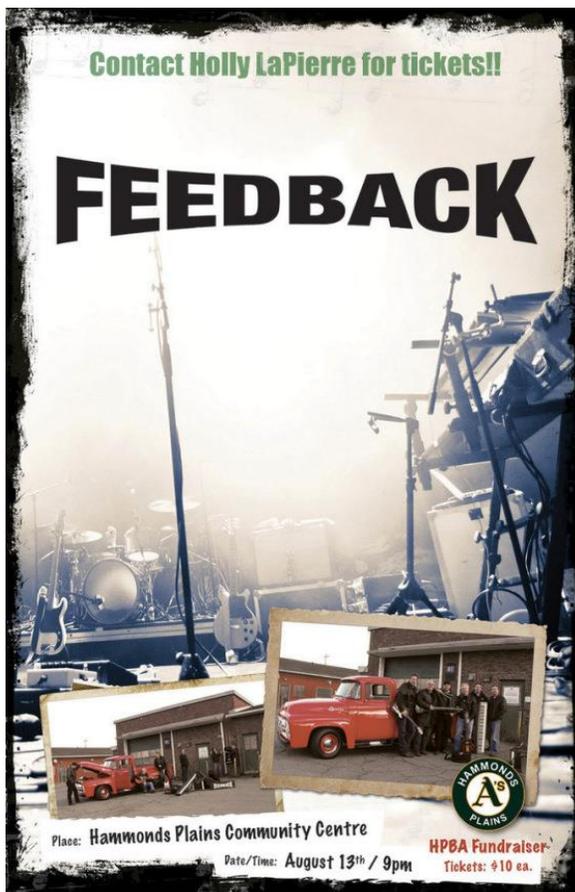
### SOLAR CITY RE-LAUNCH

Switching to a renewable energy source like solar helps support a green economy, can provide savings in utility costs, and helps us meet our commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and curb climate change. The Halifax Regional Municipality is pleased to be offering its award-winning [Solar City program](#) once again. This program assists individual property owners with the purchase and installation of solar energy systems.

During our successful two-year pilot program, almost 400 solar systems were installed in homes around the municipality. In March 2015 Regional Council approved the extension of the program with expanded solar technology options for a three-year period. The program now provides property owners with three solar energy installation options; solar hot water, solar hot air and solar photovoltaic (PV).

Qualified Solar City participants can finance all or part of the cost to purchase and install the solar energy system through the municipality. Repayment can take place over a maximum 10-year period and payments are collected through pre-authorized transactions on a frequency determined by the property owner.

Interested property owners can easily register [online](#). Each applicant will receive a unique user ID that will be used to track the applicant's status throughout the five-step process.



Email [Holly](#) for details!



Dialing 311 is the best way to find answers or report concerns about municipal programs or services. They are open 7 days a week

from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (except Christmas Day & New Year's Day). You can also email your questions through the link [here](#).



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## HAMMONDS PLAINS HERITAGE DAY

FREE  
ADMISSION



### Saturday, August 13th

Hammonds Plains Community Centre (rain or shine)

### Bring the Kids!

3pm - 6pm

Blue Barn Farms Real Corn Boil  
TD Washer Toss Tournament  
Eastern Eagle Singers

Kohoot's Ol' Timesy Photo Booth  
Whitman Nurf Gun Turkey Shoot  
CUA Balloon Fiesta

(Puppy Petting, Live Music, Ice Cream Social, Wood Working,  
Face Painting, Food Trucks, and much more!)

### Adult Dance!

9pm - 1am

Fundraiser for the  
Hammonds Plains Community Centre



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Hammonds Plains Heritage Day will celebrate the community of Hammonds Plains, showcasing our rich history and our thriving and diverse community.

There will be friendly neighbourhood competitions and family focused activities for all ages.

Make sure to check it out on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hammonds Plains Community Centre beginning at 3:00 p.m.



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