

Engaging Cole Harbour - Westphal
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Cole Harbour Open Space Plan

The Cole Harbour Open Space Plan has been completed and may be viewed at <http://www.halifax.ca/municipalclerk/documents/FullDraftColeHarbourOpenSpaceweb.pdf> I would like to personally thank all the community stakeholder groups and individual residents who spent many hours providing their input to staff of the Halifax Regional Municipality. The document has been recommended to Regional Council for final approval by the Environment & Sustainability Standing Committee of HRM Council.

Please take a moment to view this important community document as it captures the essence and importance of the Cole Harbour estuary with its surrounding natural environment, recreational and cultural values identified.

Shape Your City Shape Your Budget

HRM residents are invited to contribute to the 2014 budget consultation process by participating in online engagement. Citizens are encouraged to share their thoughts on service priorities and how they would like to see their municipal tax dollars allocated. Please go to <http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfxtax> and click on the budget allocator tool found there. This allocator tool will allow you to say what municipal service you value most and where HRM needs to focus for the next budget year.

Black Cultural Centre Celebrates 30 Years

The Black Cultural Centre held its 30th Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, November 21st, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Burnside. The Centre, located on the corner of Main Street and Cherry Brook Road, opened their doors on September 17, 1983 and has become a cultural asset for both our municipality and province. Congratulations!

HRM Volunteers

Each year HRM hosts a Volunteer Conference as a way to recognize and support local volunteers. This year's conference was held on November 23rd and provided a great opportunity for volunteers to learn about the tools and resources available in our municipality.

The 2014 Volunteer Award Nomination Forms are now available. Recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities. Individuals or groups can be nominated by someone in their community by filling out the form. For a copy of the form or more information on the awards, please visit the website at <http://www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/awards/index.html>. All nominations are due by Friday, December 13, 2013.

Association for Business in Cole Harbour Tree Lighting

Hope to see you all at the Association for Business in Cole Harbour kick-off to the Holiday Season with a tree lighting on Saturday, November 30th, 4:00 pm at the Cole Harbour Fire Hall, Cole Harbour Road (corner access off Ashgrove). No better way to get in the holiday spirit than recognizing the dedication of our Westphal Cole Harbour Firefighters Association and be treated to the angelic voices and interpretive dance moves from our youth. Thank you Astral Drive Junior High, Auburn Drive High School, and Stars of Tomorrow Dance School!!

Come out and enjoy being part of the Cole Harbour Westphal community and meet a jolly old gent with a twinkle in his eye!

Christmas at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm

Please join me as I host a Christmas night at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm on Sunday, December 8th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come enjoy a relaxing evening of a Cole Harbour Christmas as it would have been celebrated in 1902 in the Giles House at 471 Poplar Drive, Cole Harbour. For more information, please call 434-0222.

The Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP): Fall Planting in Colby Village

The overall goal of the UFMP is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest. This spring over two hundred new street trees were planted in Colby Village. In November and early December sixty-seven new street trees will be planted along Cumberland Drive and Colby Drive. In years to come these trees will beautify the neighbourhood and grow tall to form a protective canopy cover.

The 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: www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/UFMP

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