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ENGAGING COLE HARBOUR – WESTPHAL

Dear Residents,

Decisions! Decisions! Put up my Christmas lights or sit down and prepare this newsletter?

Of course, I chose the newsletter, since it has been some time since my last newsletter to you, and much has happened in District 4 in the meantime.

The communities of Cole Harbour and Westphal, and the many neighbourhoods within them, have a long history of community involvement. As you read about some of these activities and organizations in this newsletter, I encourage you to make the decision to participate and get involved in your community. If you are already involved and have an event you would like me to help promote, 'Like' me on Facebook at Lorelei Nicoll - District 4 or contact me by email at lorelei.nicoll@halifax.ca

Good representation from elected officials relies on us hearing from you to help us make the right decisions. This year, for the first time, HRM is conducting a participatory budgeting process called "Shape Your City - Shape Your Budget". Details on this process are found in this newsletter, and I encourage you to go to the website to let us know your municipal service priorities.

I would like to convey my appreciation for your support as your Municipal Councillor. My best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a new year filled with peace and happiness.

All the best in 2014!



HOW CAN WE HELP?

My Office is here to serve you

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www.engagingcoleharbour.ca

- Facebook - www.facebook.com/LoreleiNicoll
- Follow me on Twitter @loreleinicoll

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CALL CENTRE

We Can Help! HRM Citizen Contact Centre - 311 Open
3-1-1 7 days a week, 7:00 am to 11:00 pm
HRM SERVICES (except Christmas & New Year's Day)
Your fastest way to access information on a wide variety of municipal services and information.

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 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.



Cole Harbour Harvest Festival



Councillor Nicoll & Mayor Savage serve cake during the festivities

The 6th Annual Cole Harbour Harvest Festival was another success. Thank you to the volunteers for once again organizing a fun community festival at Cole Harbour Place. The Festival Committee enjoys working to make this event a reality for the community and they do it for all of you so thank you for attending and creating that sense of belonging to our great community.

Association for Business in Cole Harbour Tree Lighting



Under the Christmas tree with Santa

The Association for Business in Cole Harbour (ABCH) kicked off the Holiday Season with a tree lighting on November 30th at the Cole Harbour Fire Station parking lot. The tree is lit for everyone's enjoyment at the corner of Ashgrove and Cole Harbour Road.

Thank you to the Astral Drive Junior High School and Auburn Drive High School choirs and to the Stars of Tomorrow Dance School for providing yuletide caroling and dance interpretation.

Christmas in the Giles House

I was pleased to host the annual 'Christmas in the Giles House' at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm on December 8th. I always look forward to this event as it allows all who attend the opportunity to experience Christmas in the Cole Harbour/Westphal area as it might have been in 1902, complete with storytelling, treats and caroling. Thanks to all who participated and dropped by.

Black Cultural Centre Celebrates 30 Years



Black Cultural Centre 30th Anniversary Dinner. (l-r): HRM Councillor Lorelei Nicoll, Ms. Dolly Williams - BCC Board Member, Greg Nazaire - BCC Board Member, Guest Speaker Ms. Valarie Payn - Halifax Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Alma Johnston-Tynes - BCC Board Member, Hon. Tony Ince, Minister African Nova Scotia Affairs & Communities Culture and Heritage, BCC President, Brian Johnston

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

Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) Fall Planting In District 4

The overall goal of the UFMP is to ensure a sustainable future for our urban forest. This spring over two hundred new trees were planted in Colby Village. In November and early December sixty-seven new trees were 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. If there are areas in District 4 where you would like to see tree plantings, please contact me.



Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society Marks 40 Year Milestone



Harris Farm and Cole Harbour Road circa 1973

The Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society is celebrating 40 years since members of the community joined together to save what they could of the once prosperous, and rapidly disappearing, agricultural community. With a great deal of passion and hard work, the Society was successful in saving the Harris Farm from demolition and becoming what is now known as the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm located at 471 Poplar Drive.

The goal in 1973 was to preserve the community's unique cultural history and to share its stories with future generations. While we celebrate the community we are today, let us acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of the Society and the history it preserves. The Society is always looking for new members and ideas on how to reconnect urban populations with agriculture.

Cole Harbour Open Space



The Cole Harbour Open Space Plan is finally completed and may be viewed at 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.

Cole Harbour Place Levee



**Join your neighbours, friends and family at
Cole Harbour Place to ring in 2014.**

January 1, 2014 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

Enjoy FREE Skating, swimming & refreshments.
(helmets required for all participants to skate)



New Traffic Intersection Improvements



Work has been completed at the intersection of Caldwell Road/Portland Street/Cole Harbour Road. I have received many positive comments on the improvements and I want to thank HRM staff for the work on this project and my fellow Councillors for supporting my motion for upgrades to this busy intersection.

HRM Volunteers

Each year HRM recognizes volunteers who are nominated by community groups and organizations for their significant contributions to our community. Congratulations to District 4 residents Bonnie Boivin, Richard Bruce, Joe Taplin and Noel White.



Bonnie Boivin

Richard Bruce

Joe Taplin

Noel White

HRM appreciates your commitment to improving our community.

CONTACT NUMBERS

-  HRM Citizen Contact Centre: 311
-  RCMP, Cole Harbour Detachment: 244-7208 / 1-800-803-7267
-  Fire Non-emergency - 490-5020
-  Cole Harbour Place - 464-5100
-  Cole Harbour Public Library - 434-6177
-  Water bill inquiries - 490-4820
-  Councillors' Office: 490-4050



Due to Canada Post distribution areas, some residences which are not in District 4 may receive this newsletter. I apologize for any confusion this may cause and hope you still find the information useful.

Come out & Cheer



THE HEAT IS ON!!!
The ANNUAL
RCMP VS. PRESTON
HOCKEY GAME

Will **PRESTON** win the Silver Cup again this year?
Come on out to cheer for your favorite team -
bring a friend ☺

When: Monday, December 23, 2013
Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Place: Cole Harbour Place - Scotia 1 Rink

FREE Admission & Hot Chocolate

If you are able to bring a non-perishable food item, a Feed Nova Scotia drop box will be available on site to receive your item.

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