

YELLOW BALLOONS ARTS TOUR

Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore has a creative collective of talented people who unite art and craft made locally for people to go on an art adventure by walking, biking or driving to open studios and spaces. On Sunday, October 1st from 10 AM–5 PM, a collection of these artists and artisans will be having an Open Studio, House, Store Tours. Be sure to look for the Yellow Balloons and signs. Purchases made locally at Follow the Yellow Balloons Open Studio Tour will encourage the development of skilled traditions of handcraft and art that evolves through generations while supporting a soulful culture that is part of a vibrant local economy on the Eastern Shore. For more details, go to: www.art2followyellow.com or their Facebook page: Follow the Yellow Balloons.

HELP SHAPE THE WILD ISLANDS

The NS Nature Trust and NS Dept. of Environment are seeking community input that will help guide the ongoing management and use of the 100 Wild Islands and the Eastern Shore Islands Wilderness Area. There will be an Information Session and Workshop to learn about progress to date on protecting the islands. So please share your stories about the islands or ideas on how you use them and what your vision is for their future. It will be held on Tuesday October 3rd Information Session — 5:30–7PM and Workshop from 7–9 PM at the Sheet Harbour Legion Hall—23566 Hwy #7 in Watt Section. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information: nature@nsnt.ca or call 902-425-5263 (LAND) or Toll free: 1-877-434-LAND

SHEET HARBOUR SIDEWALK TAX REVIEW

There will be an Information Session at the Sheet Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs meeting on Wednesday, October 6th at 7 PM in the Lions Centre on Pool Road. The uniform charge of \$11.84 per property assessment is currently applied to all taxable residential, resource and commercial properties within the catchment area from East Ship Harbour to Ecum Secum. HRM staff have prepared a report on different options that could be considered as alternative tax regimes for this purpose. The options are:

1. Keep the rate and area as is.
2. Alter the area to the Sheet Harbour Community boundary area only.
3. Concentrate the tax rate to the village core area of Sheet Harbour only.

www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/170620rc91.pdf

CURBSIDE GIVEAWAY: OCTOBER 14TH & 15TH

Curbside/Roadside Give Away is a bi-annual event that promotes diversion of reusable items from landfill by offering items for others to claim for free. It's time to give someone the chance to reuse things you no longer need, by recycling your clean and working goods. The dates are Saturday & Sunday, October 14th & 15th. Please check out this web-page for more information: www.halifax.ca/recycle/CGAW.php or at: [Facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/HalifaxRecycles) and Twitter @hfxgov and #hfxcurbside.



MICMAC MALL MOBILE HSW DEPOT



There will be a mobile Household Special Waste (HSW) Depot at the MicMac Mall lower parking lot on Saturday, October 14th from 9AM–4PM. For a complete list of items that can be accepted, please refer to: www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste or call 311.

MARICULTURE RESEARCH STUDY

A Dalhousie University Master of Marine Management student, Jessica Bradford, is considering the potential for “community-based marine aquaculture” to be implemented in Nova Scotia—think of it as “underwater community gardens” of shellfish and seaweeds. She will be conducting some community surveys and wants your ideas, concerns and suggestions by partaking in it: <https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=39939>

It should not take you any longer than 5 minutes to complete. It goes through a short background about the project, then a series of demographic questions and 10 statements. Please feel free to forward the link to anyone in the community who may be interested. It will be closing on October 15th. For anyone who would prefer to complete the survey in person either by tablet or paper copy, then please see her at the Seaforth Hall Market on Saturday, October 14th. Or contact her by e-mail at Jessica.Bradford@dal.ca.

ENGAGE NS SHARE THANKSGIVING

Engage Nova Scotia wants citizens to share our traditional customs with new Canadians. Share Thanksgiving is an opportunity for new immigrant families or international students to get together with established families in Nova Scotia to share Thanksgiving dinner. It's a great way to meet new people and support newcomers in feeling welcome and at home in our province. Since its inaugural launch in 2014, more people have signed up in Nova Scotia than almost any location in Canada. Engage NS is hoping that you can help them in matching even more families this year! Registration for this year's Share Thanksgiving is open until early October: www.engagenovascotia.ca/sharethanksgiving

You have a choice to sign up either as a Host or Guest. If you have any questions, then please contact them at: sharethanksgiving@engagenovascotia.ca or call their office at 902-407-2582.

YOUR ENERGY REBATE PROGRAM

Nova Scotians who purchase energy for their homes are eligible for a rebate equivalent to the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The rebate applies to all sources of residential use energy including home heating fuel, natural gas, propane, firewood, wood pellets, coal, kerosene and electricity. Only purchases where HST has been paid to an HST registered vendor qualify for the rebate. More details are found at: www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/business/your-energy-rebate/about-the-program.asp#faq14965 or by calling 902-424-5200 or (toll free) 1-800-670-4357 or TTY: 1-877-404-0867. Or you can pick up an application form at any Access NS—Registry

of Motor Vehicles Service Counter. Or contact them via e-mail: yourenergyrebate@gov.ns.ca. Application forms are also available on-line at: www.novascotia.ca/sns/pdf/ans-verp-consumer-application.pdf. Then send in your application by mail to Service NS, PO Box 2632, Halifax, NS B3J 3P7

COMMUNITY WELLNESS FUNDS

The Southeastern & Eastern Shore—Musquodoboit Community Health Boards are two of 37 Community Health Boards (CHB) across Nova Scotia. They actively seek input and concerns from citizens in our District and deliver these expressed issues and concerns to the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) for action in their annual business plan. CHB's across the province have funding available to support local groups and organizations to improve the health of their communities through activities, events and programs that help promote healthier lifestyles and lead to behavior changes. These Wellness Funds (previously Community Development Funds) are available annually. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply now for this year's Wellness Fund grants. The province-wide application deadline is October 15th. For application forms contact CHB Coordinators Denise VanWycken with the Eastern Shore—Musquodoboit CHB at 902-889-4118 or denise.vanwycken@nshealth.ca or Monique Mullins-Roberts with the Southeastern CHB at 902-460-6869 or Monique.Mullins-Roberts@nshealth.ca. www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca/#welcome

OPEN-AIR BURNING SEASON AGAIN

As of October 15th, (weather permitting) and whether the NS Forest Weather Index (FWI) www.novascotia.ca/BurnSafe is at a low or moderate reading, the time of day burning restrictions will be lifted. For more information about open-air burning and safe burning practices: www.halifax.ca/fire-police/fire/burning-permits/burning-rules-regulations. Please be careful when burning.

FINAL TAX BILL DUE—OCTOBER 31ST

HRM sends out its property tax bills in two phases and invoices all property owners twice each year. The Final Tax Bill gets mailed out in September with a due date of Tuesday, October 31st. The tax calculation is based on the taxable assessed value of the property multiplied by the applicable tax rates. The taxable assessed value is determined by the Property Valuation Services Corporation – www.PVSC.ca (1-800-380-7775). The tax rate is the sum of few levies—a general rate (Urban, Suburban or Rural) and any local area tax rates within a district or community. And then there is also the Mandatory Provincial Levy for Education, Correctional Services, and Public Housing. To understand your tax-bill better, please refer to: www.halifax.ca/home-property/property-taxes/tax-bill



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