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 DISTRICT 14 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME MARCH! WELCOME SPRING! WELCOME DST!

Our little ones are happily looking forward to the upcoming Spring Break from March 18th – 22nd ! Check out the Halifax Public Libraries and local community / recreation centre websites for information on what programs are available. March is also the time that we turn our clocks ahead an hour to start Daylight Saving Time (DST) on the 10th and perhaps dance a jig or two to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th and welcome the official arrival of spring on the 20th.

Non-profit groups seeking funding will be pleased to learn that the HRM Community Grants Program and the Professional Arts Grant Program are now open for applications! See more information further along in this E-newsletter.

The first Friday of each month I will be at the [Beaver Bank Hub office](#) from **2:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.** if you wish to stop in for a chat about a municipal program / service.

YES!!!! INSTALLATION OF LEFT TURN SIGNALS AT BEAVER BANK CONNECTOR / OLD SACKVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION



Thank you to the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR), MLA Brad Johns and my colleague, Councillor Steve Craig, for helping to press the importance of improving safety at the intersection of Beaver Bank Connector and Old Sackville Road. Work began in early February on Phase One of traffic calming initiatives by installing the infrastructure required for left-turn signals at this intersection. The province is also considering a lower speed limit for this area.



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International Women's Day

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, 8th March 2019

I am thrilled to be Master of Ceremonies for the International Women's Day event at the Halifax Central Library this March 8th. The theme for 2019 is #BetterforBalance. Collective action and shared ownership for driving gender parity is what makes International Women's Day successful. *"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."* Gloria Steinem



GIRLS GET WISE SCIENCE RETREAT

April 13, 2019

Mount Saint Vincent University

Hands-on Science & STEM career exploration for girls in grades 7-10!

Registration opens February 19 at WISEatlantic.ca/events



International Women's Day 2019

Celebrating Women Across the Diversity Spectrum in the fields of Science, Math, Technology, and Innovation

Friday, March 8 | 1-4 p.m. | Halifax Central Library, Paul O'Regan Theatre, 5440 Spring Garden Rd

Featuring keynote speaker:

Dr. Rita Orji

Asst. Professor Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University



This event is presented in partnership between The African Nova Scotian and Racially Visible Women's Network, Halifax Regional Municipality's Office of Diversity & Inclusion, and The Halifax Central Library.

All are invited to this free event! Come enjoy a host of activities including information booths, door prizes, entertainment, and healthy snacks. Please email Lillian Ash at ashli@halifax.ca to confirm your attendance.



Visit halifax.ca/IWD for details



TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE - KINGSWOOD NORTH

Due to the speed humps on Viscount Run and Gatehouse Run not meeting our specifications, contractors will return during the 2019 construction season to remedy issues with the speed humps. Thank you for your patience as we address these concerns.





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BUDGET 2019 / 20 UPDATE

April 2nd is the date for Regional Council's final review and approval of the 2019 / 20 municipal operating and capital budgets.

You are welcome to attend the budget session at the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1841 Argyle Street, Halifax. The meeting commences at 10:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, you can [watch](#) or [listen to](#) Committee of the Whole online at www.halifax.ca.

LUCASVILLE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



I was thrilled to attend the recent Lucasville Community Health and Wellness Fair at the Wallace Lucas Community Centre.



Your Library is getting a kitchen.



Renovations to create a new Library Kitchen at Sackville Public Library have started! The [Library Kitchen](#) will provide exciting programs and events to community members. The branch will remain open with no impact to service.



Step Up to Leadership Spring 2019 Course

Free leadership development program for volunteers

Dartmouth
Graham Creighton Junior High School
Wednesdays starting March 27 for 9 weeks
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Sackville
Sackville Heights Community Centre
Tuesdays starting March 26 for 9 weeks
6:30-9:00 p.m.

To register please contact Devon Bundy at bundyd@halifax.ca or at 902.225.5806

HALIFAX halifax.ca/volunteerservices



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ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT KNOX UNITED CHURCH



Councillor Steve Craig and I with Judy Houlihan checking out the new elevator at Knox United Church. The "Lift" project was partially funded with District 14 and 15 District Capital Funds.



Knox United Church prepped for a Community Outreach Meal Event.

The addition of an elevator makes the facility more inclusive and accessible for all to attend events such as the monthly Community Outreach Meal Events (C.O.M.E.) – a free meal for anyone who chooses to attend; take-out is also available.

SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOLARSHIP - DEADLINE APRIL 1, 2019

The Sackville Heights Community Centre will be offering a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating student from both Millwood High School and Sackville High School. For more information, visit www.myshcc.com.

Application deadline is April 1st, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.



SACKVILLE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

A Rug Hooking Exhibit



Sunday, March 10th
10am - 4pm
FREE ADMISSION
45 Connolly Rd.
Middle Sackville

Experience the art of rug hooking first hand from the Rug Hooking Guild of Nova Scotia. Celebrating 40 years by sharing their craft through display and demonstration.



Is Rug Hooking for you? Join a hook-in group, pick up a beginner kit, discover something new! "Under the Rug" on location!

Sackville Heights Community Centre
45 Connolly Road, Middle Sackville, NS
(902) 864-6751 www.myshcc.com



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BEAVER BANK KINSAC COMMUNITY CENTRE - BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY – MARCH 30TH

Beaver Bank Kinsac Community Centre

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday March 30th
8:30am-10:30am
1583 Beaver Bank Road

\$5 for breakfast includes:
Scrambled eggs, ham, a hashbrown, juice, coffee or tea!

Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny and get some early Easter treats!

All Ages welcome!

For more info: 902-865-5114

organizations and charities located throughout the Halifax region. There are two types of grants:

- a project grant of up to \$5,000
- a capital grant of up to \$25,000

At present, the program provides assistance to specific types of projects in the following categories:

- Arts and Crafts
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environment
- Emergency Assistance and Neighbourhood Safety
- History
- Housing
- Leisure
- Recreation

The Community Grants Guidebook contains detailed eligibility criteria for the program and for each of the funding sectors.

PROFESSIONAL ARTS GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Applications to the [Grants to Professional Arts Organizations Program](#) are now being accepted. The program provides operating assistance and project assistance funding to not-for-profit professional arts organizations in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

2019-2020 Applications and Guidelines
Operating Assistance

- [Application](#)
- [Guidelines](#)

Project Assistance

- [Application](#)
- [Guidelines](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE - March 22nd, 2019, 4:00 PM.

2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

HRM's 2019 Community Grants Program is now accepting applications. The application **deadline is March 31, 2019.** The Program guidebook and application are available on-line: [2019 Community Grants Program Guidebook](#) or at one of HRM's [Customer Contact Centres](#) - E-mail - Nonprofitgrants@halifax.ca or call 902.490.7310.

The Community Grants Program provides annual cash grants to registered non-profit



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FREE!! CAMP COURAGE JULY 7th – 14th, 2019 - APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31st



The First Responders Society is an incorporated non-profit company established by firefighter, Andréa Speranza, in January 2006, to introduce young women aged 15- 19 to careers as first responders primarily Paramedics, Police Officers, and Firefighters. The goal is that young women will leave with a sense of empowerment and the confidence to believe that they **can** achieve any goal, career or dream they desire.

The camp is 100% free. To be accepted into camp you must write an essay on one of two topics: how you can improve someone else's life that is less fortunate, or; how you can improve your community. Instead of paying cash, you have to do what you've proposed in your essay. The only limitation is your imagination. This illustrates how hard work creates opportunities. It teaches to be thankful for what you have and to respect others that have less as well as teaching the value of helping others.

Camp Courage accepts only 24 participants each year. **Entrance essays are due March 31st!** Join us for the experience of your life July 7th to July 14th!

HALIFAX WATER - FIRE HYDRANT AND CATCHBASIN INTERACTIVE MAP



Halifax Water maintains approximately 8,335 public hydrants and 24,384 public catch basins throughout the Halifax region. In an effort to better care for this critical infrastructure, Halifax Water has created [a map marking the locations of hydrants and catchbasins owned and operated by Halifax Water](#). Direct outstanding mapping queries to HWMaps@halifaxwater.ca.

Residents are **encouraged to provide feedback to Halifax Water** about:

- hydrants that are leaking or damaged
- unauthorized hydrant use
- blocked catch basins
- anyone tossing or disposing any of the following into catch basins (storm drains):
 - garbage
 - soapy water
 - paint
 - used motor oil
 - other hazardous materials or chemicals

Call Halifax Water's Customer Care Centre at **902.420.9287** to provide feedback.

We need your help to ensure catchbasins / stormdrains / culverts are kept clear to help prevent flooding. Halifax Regional Municipalities urges residents to ensure catch basins in front of your property are free from leaves and other



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blockages (including snow / ice) which could result in flooding.



Our crews try to clear catch basins in high-risk flood areas, but it is impossible for them to clear all the many thousands of catch basins (as seen on the Interactive Map on page 6 of this E-newsletter) located throughout our region.



To all the residents who do clear the catch basins / storm drains, thank you for helping us help you!



FIRE SAFETY DURING WINTER STORMS



During the winter season HRM can experience extreme conditions and significant snow fall - both of which can contribute to increased hazards in your home. To help keep you and your family safe during winter storms consider the following fire safety tips:

- Clear snow around **exits** - doors, stairways, fire escapes and **bedroom windows**.
- Keep **vents** and **chimneys** free of ice and snow to reduce the risk of [Carbon Monoxide \(CO\)](#) poisoning.
- When shoveling snow consider (if it is safe to do so) clearing the snow from your nearest **fire hydrant** so firefighters can access the hydrant should they need it for an emergency at your home.
- Have and **practice** a [Fire Escape Plan](#).

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms:

- Be sure you have **working** smoke alarms.
- Check to make sure your smoke alarms have **battery back-up**.
- Check to make sure the back-up batteries are in fact working.
- If you burn any fuels that produce **CO** (wood, oil, gas etc.) or if you live in a



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home that has an attached garage, a working CO alarm should also be installed.

- Be sure to have **spare batteries** on hand for all types of alarms.
- Many homes still have smoke and CO alarms which are dependent on your home's electrical system and could be inoperable during a **power outage**. Check to make sure your electrically powered alarms also have a built-in back-up battery. If they do not, you should replace them with newer wired models that include battery back-up protection.
- **Test** your smoke and CO alarms **monthly**.

Learn more - [Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!](#)

Power Outage Safety:

- If you are using a cooking appliance such as a **stove** or **oven** when the power goes out **turn the appliance off immediately**. You never want to risk forgetting that it was on and having a kitchen fire should you be asleep or even in another room when the power is restored.
- 'Use **battery operated lights** rather than candles or oil lamps.
- Never use cooking or heating equipment in an enclosed space unless the appliance is certified for indoor use.
- Have at least one basic phone that does not require electricity (cordless phones require electricity).
- Use your cell phone responsibly during power outages. Cellular telephone circuits become extremely busy during emergencies.
- Be sure you know how to open your garage door manually.



*Sackville Rivers Association
Presents a Talk*

"Tackling Climate Change Flood Risk: One Community at a Time?"

By Climate Change Meteorologist

Gary Lines



**When: Thursday, March 7th, 2019
7:00 pm**

**Where: Sackville Heights Community
Centre
45 Connolly Rd, Middle Sackville, NS**

Further Info: 902-865-9238



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VOLUNTEERS WANTED - COBEQUID HEALTH CENTRE FUNDRAISER – APRIL 26th



Date: April 26th, 2019

Red Velvet Gala
Volunteers Needed!

Have the chance to be a part of an evening of elegance, while raising funds for the Cobequid Health Centre

For more information contact Stacey:
(902) 869-6111 or
stacey.chapman@nshealth.ca

COUNCILLOR STEVE CRAIG AND I HELPING WITH THE FIREWORKS AT SACKVILLE SNOW DAYS FESTIVAL



MARCH 17th – HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (DST) COMMENCES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

Next change:

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1 hour Forward
Mar 10, 2019, 2:00 am

Daylight Saving Time (DST) in Canada starts on the 2nd Sunday in March and ends on the 1st Sunday in November.



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I currently serve on the following Boards and Committees along with Halifax Regional Council and the North-West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee
- Special Events Advisory Committee
- Halifax Regional Library Board
- North West Planning Advisory Committee
- Discover Halifax
- Halifax Water Commission

