

DEAR RESIDENT,

Happy February! This month, we as a municipality commemorate African Heritage Month. This year the theme is Black History Matters: Listen. Learn. Share. Act. I am excited and privileged to announce our first virtual speakers series via Facebook Live with five community leaders from the African Nova Scotian community. Mark this date on your calendar to be sure you attend—Friday, February 26th, 6:30-7:30pm. The Lion's Club is also donating money raised by their delicious hot chocolate 'bombs' to the Black Cultural Centre. Check out their ad in my newsletter for more details. We are stronger together, and I am so pleased to be able to be a small part of sharing in the history of our African Nova Scotian Heritage, and our ongoing story.

I wish you all a wonderful month and encourage you to reach out if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely, Trish

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February marks African Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of African Nova Scotians and individuals of African descent in our region. This year's theme, Black History Matters: Listen, Learn, Share and Act, recognizes the important legacy of people of African descent and their long-standing history in the development of Canada. As a municipality, we have been taking steps to address the anti-Black racism that exists within our organization and in the communities we serve. However, we still have much work to do in removing barriers to equity and inclusion.

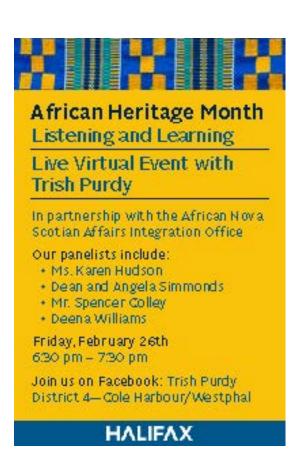


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I encourage you to celebrate the rich culture of people of African descent. Take time to recognize the great adversity the Black community has overcome and demonstrate your allyship by participating in this year's virtual events and activities. More information can be found on our website.

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT



INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN FIREFIGHTING?

Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is inviting applications between January 28, 2021 and February 21, 2021 for the development of a candidate pool to fulfill hiring requirements for permanent full-time career firefighters. Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is committed to being the best fire & emergency service and reflective of the diverse communities we serve. The recruitment and selection process includes; aptitude testing, physical abilities testing, background screening and a panel interview. The skills, abilities and competencies measured through each of these phases are in alignment with the requirements for the position of firefighter. Candidates must demonstrate competence and proficiency at each stage in order to advance. For more information, please visit our website.

GARBAGE PICK UP

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our group of volunteers who braved the cold, frozen fingers, and thorn bushes (ouch!!) to keep our community clean! (photos below). Our next community clean up will take place in the spring, when the snow melts. Please let me know where the 'problem' areas are, and we will put them on the list for community clean-up events.

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VALENTINES DAY FUNDRAISER

Want to do something fun and different for your loved ones this Valentine's Day? Check out this idea from our local Lions Club. Heart Shaped Chocolate Bombs for pick up or delivery. All proceeds will go towards the Black Cultural Centre. To place an order, inbox the Cole Harbour Lions Club on Facebook.





FEBRUARY 1st!

Singing, Drama, Play-Writing, Voice Acting, Performance, Music Theory, Musical Theatre Vocal Coaching, Rapping, Street Art, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz, a Virtual Kitchen Party, Trumpet, Tap and Musical Theatre Dance training are all currently being offered with more to come!

https://sites.google.com/gnspes.ca/halifax-regional-arts-resource/home/online-programs-2021

Halifax Regional Arts is the supplementary funded Fine Arts school that provides support and enhancement across the HRCE for music, dance, diama and visual art. We graciously acknowledge the support of HRM Taxpayers and Halifax City Council in providing the support that makes so many amazing arts experiences possible for our students. #ThanksTeYouHalifax

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DISTRICT 4 MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS



Hugh MacEachern - 92 December 27, 1928

Hugh is a published genealogist, historian and retired pigeon racer. In his younger years, he enjoyed boxing, harness racing, hunting and fishing. He was the chief of building inspection for the City of Halifax for over 30 years. Happy Birthday Mr. MacEachern!



Ron Noiles - 90 January 23, 1931

Ron is an avid fiddler! His fiddle group, The Metro Fiddlers, have played in community parades, special events, seniors' groups, and he has even played for the Queen! Happy Birthday Mr. Noiles!



CONTACT

Should you wish to discuss municipal services or programs, please contact me at trish.purdy@halifax.ca or 902-240-3067. For routine municipal matters, please call our Citizen Contact Centre at 311.

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For information on all things municipal, please visit our website.