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DISTRICT 6 ONLINE NEWS

HARBOURVIEW - BURNSIDE - DARTMOUTH EAST

Together We Can Build Safe, Healthy, Active Communities

WELCOME MARCH

Is it Spring yet? We've had some warmer weather days that give some hope that winter is coming to a close. Please keep in mind that the Winter Parking Ban can be in effect until the end of March, so keep an eye on our social media and website if we do have winter weather and think before you park.

This month we celebrate Mois de la Francophonie, a time for our Francophone community to connect, learn about career and cultural opportunities in HRM and share their language with their community.

We also acknowledge International Women's Day on March 8th. This year, the organizers are encouraging us all to #choosetochallenge. A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. How will you help forge a gender equal world?

WELCOME MARCH

Est-ce déjà le printemps? Nous avons eu des jours plus chauds qui donnent un peu d'espoir que l'hiver touche à sa fin. Gardez à l'esprit que l'interdiction de stationnement d'hiver peut être en vigueur jusqu'à la fin du mois de mars, alors gardez un œil sur nos médias sociaux et notre site Web si nous avons un temps hivernal et pensez avant de vous garer.

Ce mois-ci, nous célébrons le Mois de la Francophonie, un moment où nos francophones peuvent se rapprocher, se renseigner sur les possibilités de carrière et de culture dans la Municipalité régionale d'Halifax (MRH) et partager leur langue avec leur communauté.

Nous soulignons également la Journée internationale des femmes, le 8 mars. Cette année, les organisateurs nous encouragent tous à #choisirdedéfier. Un monde en difficulté est un monde en alerte, et du défi vient le changement. Comment aiderez-vous à forger un monde où les femmes et les hommes sont égaux?





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PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE

As directed by the province, new public health guidelines have taken effect. These guidelines will continue until at least March 27th:

Spectator capacity

Spectators will not be permitted in any municipally-owned facility.

Facility bookings & rentals

In the areas affected by restrictions announced today (see [here](#)), no games or tournaments will be permitted. However, sport practices and training as well as organized arts and culture rehearsals will continue to be permitted with up to 25 people. The municipality also coordinates facility bookings for all Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) schools for community and school use. HRCE has advised that community bookings in the affected areas will be cancelled.

Recreation programming, partner facilities, gyms & pools

Fitness facilities will continue to be permitted to operate at 75 per cent capacity while maintaining three metres between people during high-intensity activities. Most municipally owned recreation centres, fitness centres, gymnasiums and pools have reopened. Please call your local recreation centre for more information.

Residents are reminded they may continue to use [REC at Home](#) which offers a variety of activities that you can enjoy with your family from arts and crafts to at-home workouts. For more information on municipal services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [our website](#).

FRANCOPHONIE MONTH

March is Francophonie Month, a time when we celebrate the French language and diverse Francophone cultures from around the world. Francophonie Month is an opportunity to take some time to learn about how Francophones play a valuable role in contributing to the cultural, social and economic development of our region.

As an organization and as a region, the municipality is committed to advancing Francophonie initiatives more broadly. To support these efforts, the Office of Diversity & Inclusion is developing a French-Language Services Strategy that will be presented to Regional Council in the coming months.

Learn more about events happening throughout the municipality [online](#).

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING



On February 11th, Halifax Regional Police Chief Dan Kinsella and I hosted a virtual Town Hall meeting with community leaders from Dartmouth North to discuss policing and community safety. There

were many senior officers as well as 46 community leaders in attendance including representatives from the Neighbourhood Watch Association, local schools, libraries and churches.

Some of the potential action items included establishing a Neighbourhood Watch for the Leaman Drive area, more efficient dissemination of regular official information and details after a major event, increased surveillance for busy public areas, advocating for safe injection sites and needle boxes, working with partners to develop programs for women's safety, establishing a Dartmouth North Mobilization team and providing an update on gun reduction. Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in this meeting!



STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP

Spring 2021 Step Up to Leadership sessions are now open for registration! Sign up for your free spot online at [halifax.ca/myrec](#) using the course code 00038442 or call our registration line at 902-490-6666.

Location | Fairbanks Centre, 54 Locks Rd., Dartmouth (Shubie Park)

Time | Thursdays starting March 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for nine weeks.

Course code | 00038442

[halifax.ca/volunteer](#)

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MASTER COMPOSTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that registration for the Spring 2021 Master Composter Recycler program is now open.

The Master Composter Recycler (MCR) program is a free, six-week education program that provides training sessions and virtual facility tours for residents to become more knowledgeable on waste management in the Halifax region. Participants will also learn how to reduce waste through backyard composting and other at-home solutions.

This virtual program is open to all residents interested in becoming waste champions within their families, communities and work places. For more information, [visit the website.](#)

MUNICIPAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

This month Regional Council will continue to hear detailed presentations from various business units for the 2021/22 Municipal Operating and Capital budget:

Business Unit	Date
Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency	March 3 rd , 9:30 a.m.
Halifax Transit	March 10 th , 9:30 a.m.
Transportation and Public Works	March 24 th , 9:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation	March 31 st , 9:30 a.m.

You can provide your feedback by sending your comments to the Clerk's Office (PO Box 1749 Halifax, NS B3J 3A5 or Clerks@halifax.ca). You can also view the meetings online by getting the links [here.](#)

NORTH GROVE MARCH PROGRAMS

In March, the North Grove are offering more Community Action workshops, holding tax clinics and reopening their Good Food Market. Click [here](#) to view their March calendar and to get more details.

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THE 2021 SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY PROGRAM:

- EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS
- WOMEN IN TRADES, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS
- AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SCHOLARSHIPS
- NOVA SCOTIA POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS
- MI'KMAQ BURSARIES



Deadline for applications: APRIL 19, 2021

Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply



ANNUAL SPRING WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

To minimize potential damage to municipal streets and roads, the Halifax Regional Municipality has introduced its annual spring weight restrictions.

These restrictions are for heavy vehicles travelling on municipally maintained roads. Regular weight tolerances apply on exempt roads.

The weight restrictions are expected to remain in place into the spring, at which time the municipality will issue a PSA advising that the restrictions are lifted.

The municipality's spring weight restrictions are consistent with those of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR). Details of vehicle restrictions can be found [online.](#)



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PRIVATE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CONTRACT

The Halifax Transit 2021-22 Budget and Business Plan will include the procurement of an on demand accessible transportation service for consideration.

There are currently two main types of accessible transportation services available in HRM - Halifax Transit's Conventional Transit and Access-A-Bus (AAB) Service, and Private Accessible Transportation.

As of 2016, 100 per cent of Halifax Transit's fleet is low floor accessible, providing improved access to transportation for many residents with mobility issues. For those unable to make use of the conventional transit network, Halifax Transit also operates Access-A-Bus service, which provides door to door, shared ride public transit service to approved clients. The service is heavily subsidized by the municipality in order to offer it to the client at the same fare as the conventional transit service, and needs to be booked in advance. The client application process can also be restrictive to those who require temporary accessible transportation service.

Private Accessible Transportation is offered by privately owned taxi operators and bus service vehicles who provide door-to-door, on-demand service. However, the high capital and operating costs of accessible taxis, combined with the requirement to charge the same meter rate as conventional taxi service, has meant there is little incentive for the industry to provide this service.

If we proceed with this option, a contract would be established between HRM and a provider who would offer private, accessible, on demand, door to door service to clients at a standard taxi rate as any other taxi, but would also receive revenue from HRM, collected as per the terms of the contract. The rate paid by HRM would be agreed upon through the procurement process, thus providing operators with a reliable income to offset the additional costs of offering such a service.

To learn more, read the [report](#).

Halifax Region Visitor Economy (Pre-Covid-19)

- 5.3 million overnight stays/year and \$1.3 billion spending (1 in 27 people in HRM are an overnight visitor)
- 54% of Nova Scotia Tourism Revenues
- Approx. 4,000 businesses in Halifax's visitation economy employing 34,000 people
- Property Taxes to HRM Estimated at \$42 million and \$85.3 Million in Revenue to the Province
- One of the fastest growing industries (Globally and Nationally)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m., the Halifax St. Patrick's Day Parade will be broadcast as a virtual show. This year's event will feature music, dancing, jokes, baking, stories and more — all for you to enjoy safely and comfortably from home. For more information visit their [website](#).



CREATIVE EXPOSURE DROP-IN

What
Looking to paint? Maybe chill out with some drawing exercises? Or maybe you have some creative ideas of your own! Join Katie from the MacPhee Centre on Monday's to explore a variety of art activities. Limit of 9 youth per session! Questions? Email Katie at katie@macpheecentre.ca

When
Monday's starting February 8 2:30-4:30PM

Where
The Boardroom on the lower level of the East Dartmouth Community Centre

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HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SERVICE AREAS

Public Services

Provides direct library service to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality through the Library's 14 branches, as well as through community outreach.

Access Services

Access Services provides the infrastructure of materials and technology to facilitate the delivery of library service throughout the region. This includes deployment and support of public access computers and free public Wi-Fi, management of a specialized integrated library system including a searchable database of all library materials, development of a high-quality collection of materials both print and electronic, and the accompanying systems to support the circulation of those materials.

Administrative Services

Provides strategic planning, marketing and communications, fund development, finance, facilities, and human resources services to support the delivery of excellent library service across the region.

HALIFAX PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ABOUT US

ANNUAL LIBRARY USES

20M

NUMBER OF BRANCHES

14

NEW LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

18K

HOURS OF SERVICE

39K

WI-FI CONNECTIONS

3.9M

NUMBER OF ITEMS BORROWED

4.4M

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

221K

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

744K

WEBSITE VISITS

2.5M

2019/20 Actual Statistics.

MONTEBELLO TRAFFIC CALMING



The Traffic Calming Green Bollards on Montebello Road are part of a pilot program designed to make vehicles take the corners more slowly, and making crossing for pedestrians

safer. Once the test period is finished, we will either remove them or replace them with concrete bump-outs. So far they are serving their intended purpose and many pedestrians have told me they feel safer as it stops the double cars at the four way stop. These devices have been used in other parts of HRM and other municipalities with great success. They have been proven successful to improve safety. This is new to us in the Montebello area, so I ask for your patience.

DARTMOUTH NORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

The Halifax Regional Municipality is planning a deep energy retrofit of the Dartmouth North Community Centre and Library as part of the HalifACT target to achieve net-zero municipal operations by 2030. Some highlights of the deep energy retrofit include:

- building envelope improvements
- electrification through air to water heat pumps
- controls upgrades
- LED Lighting
- energy efficient equipment like fans and motors
- ventilation optimization
- 75 kW solar electric installation

Completion of the retrofits will result in a low carbon building and it will serve as a template for future retrofit projects. To partially offset the cost of this work, the Municipality will receive incentives through Efficiency Nova Scotia's business programs. The library portion of the project has been tendered and the remaining work is scheduled to be tendered in late March.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM



The province announced a new rebate program for electric vehicle's that will provide up to \$3,000 for new vehicles, \$2,000 for used

vehicles and \$500 for e-bikes. There is also a \$5,000 federal rebate available for new electric vehicles.

MOBILE FOOD MARKET JOB OPPORTUNITY

The [Mobile Food Market](#) is an amazing organization that brings healthy, low cost food options to areas that do not currently have access to good food.

They are looking to hire a senior manager of strategic development. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more, please check out the full job posting [here](#).



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HARTLEN STREET EXTENSION



This drawing is an artist's rendering only—the final layout will be determined through detailed engineering design.

74 Lakecrest and 145 Main St. were demolished last month as part of the long-term vision for the Village on Main area. Hartlen Street is being extended to connect with Lakecrest Drive to create a more walkable and vibrant neighbourhood.

A temporary walking path and green space will remain in place for the next few years while a permanent multi-use street is designed. Stay tuned for opportunities to share your ideas for this space.

DECOMMISSIONED BUSES

Halifax Transit has five buses that are being decommissioned this year. Do you know of any community or non-profit groups who could benefit from the use of a standard diesel, 40 foot bus? Please reach out to me by March 19th if you are interested.

SAFETY FOR SNOWMOBILING

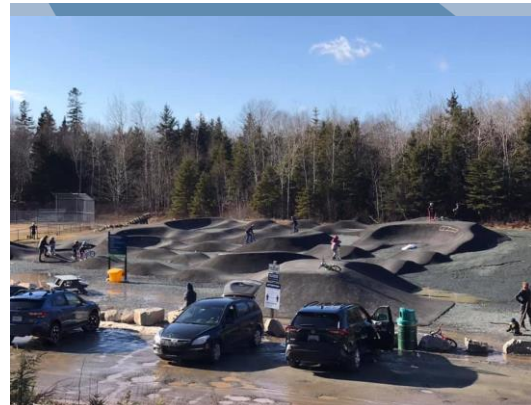
Snowmobiling is enjoyed by many Nova Scotia residents during the winter months. The Nova Scotia RCMP is reminding snowmobile enthusiasts about the importance of safety on the trails this season:

- Always check the weather conditions before you leave, particularly when travelling over ice.
- Never ride alone.
- Take a cell phone in case of emergency.
- Have a map and take note of shelters available along the way.
- Always wear protective clothing. Wear layers of clothing to keep warm and dry.
- Ride at a reasonable rate of speed. Know your riding partner's driving limitations as well as your own.
- Ride sober. Don't drink or consume drugs before or while snowmobiling.
- When venturing into remote areas, snowmobilers should be alert and take all precautions necessary, as help could be several hours away.

For additional snowmobile safety tips, visit their [website](#).

IMPAIRED DRIVING STATISTICS - JANUARY

Halifax Regional Police charged 16 drivers with impaired related offences during the month of January. Police received three calls throughout the month of January from citizens who suspected impaired drivers. We thank citizens for calling in suspected impaired drivers and encourage citizens to call 911 immediately if you suspect someone is driving impaired.





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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2021-22

Here is the proposed list of 2021/22 Roads and Active Transportation Capital Program for District 6.

These are the projects that staff will make every effort to design, tender and construct in 2021 subject to budget approval:

Street Recapitalization

Brigadoon Ave. – Main to Mount Edward (Integrated Traffic Calming)

Langley Ave. – Valleyfield to End

Mount Edward Rd. – Woodlawn to Bellevista

Skeena Ln. – Valleyfield to Skeena

Asphalt Overlay

Akerley Blvd. – Burnside to John Savage

Micro Surfacing

Burnside Dr. – Commodore to Akerley

Wright Ave. – Windmill to MacDonald

Wright Ave. – Burnside to 100m past Williams

Sidewalk Renewal

Princess Margaret Blvd. – Limits To Be Determined

New Sidewalk

Mount Edward Rd. – Woodlawn to John Cross

Retaining Walls

Mount Edward Rd. – wall for new sidewalk

Planer Patching

Caledonia Rd. – Dumbarton to Breeze

Main St. – Gordon to Caledonia

Windmill Rd. – Dawson to Wyse

Proposed Crack Sealing

Akerley Blvd. – Windmill to Joseph Zatzman

Breeze Dr. – Waverley to Montabello

Burnside Dr. – Commodore to Akerley (Micro Prep)

Caledonia Rd. – Main to Dumbarton

Castleton Cres. – Breeze to Civic 22

Castleton Crt. – Breeze to Cul De Sac

Clarence St. – Lahey to Albro Lake

Commodore Dr. – Eileen Stubbs to Hwy 118

Ethel Crt. – John Brenton to End

Forest Crt. – Gertrude to End

Gourok Ave. – Montrose to Culrain

Jackson Rd. – Leaman to Victoria

Lahey Rd. – Farrell to Clarence

Lawson Ave. – Athorpe to Valleyfield

Leaman Dr. – Albro Lake to Crystal

Lockes Rd. – Waverley to End

Saratoga Dr. – Lexington to Walnut Hall

Tacoma Dr. – Gordon to Main

Valleyfield Rd. – Woodlawn to Tacoma

Wilkinson Ave. – 400m N Cutler to End

Woodlawn Rd. – Main to Mount Edward

Wright Ave. – Windmill to MacDonald (Micro Prep)

Wright Ave. – Burnside to 100m past Williams (Micro Prep)

January - April 2021

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NEW CONSTITUENCY COORDINATOR

Council Constituency Coordinators provide support to the Councillors with scheduling, budgets and handling resident concerns. Many of you have had the opportunity to interact with my constituency coordinator Laura Nooyen. Laura will be going on Maternity Leave starting this month, and Nadine Yuriev will be taking over in her absence. You can reach Nadine at yuriev@halifax.ca and 902-490-1577 starting on March 15th.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS



It was an honour to serve on the Halifax Board of the Police Commission. I respect the men and women who wear the uniform. There is still lots of work to be done, especially repairing the relationships with our African Nova Scotian, Indigenous and LGBTQ2+ communities. The Wortley Report must be maintained as a top priority for the Commission.

I am disappointed that the Police Commission has delayed recommending 'Body Worn Cameras' until next year's budget. They have however, recommended to hire a civilian to manage the body worn camera project in this year's budget.

I would like to thank former Councillor and Chair of the Halifax Police Commission MLA Steve Craig for providing direction to the Board and offering his guidance to me when I needed it.



HALIFAX WATER TEXT SCAM

Halifax Water does not currently contact customers via text message about their account details. If you receive a text claiming to be from Halifax Water, delete the message and contact their Customer Care Centre at 902-420-9287.

HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE

ABOUT US (2020)

TOTAL INTEGRATED EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLS(HRM)

173,383



TOTAL 911 CALLS (HRM)

125,931



HRP STAFF TRAINING HOURS

13,070



HOURS CONTRIBUTED BY HRP VOLUNTEERS

5000



HALIFAX Halifax Regional Police / RCMP Budget & Business Plan 2021/22

CHAMPION OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that Divert NS offers up to \$20,000 in regional scholarships to Grade 12 students who exemplify leadership in protecting our environment? Applicants submit a research essay, a summary of their environmental activities and a reference letter. For more detail see their [website](#). Applications are due by May 2nd.



Thank you Square Roots Produce program volunteers!



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DIVERSITY IN HRM



Halifax had the third fastest population growth in 2019, and the second-fastest in 2020 across all cities in Canada. The largest component of growth in both years was international migration. The beauty of Halifax’s growth, however, lies not in the number of people but the diversity of source countries!

PET SAFETY FOR COLD WEATHER

With the temperature continuing to be below freezing, police are providing some simple tips to help citizens take extra care of their pets.

- Never leave your pet in a cold car.
- Don’t leave pets outside for long periods during cold weather.
- Stay with your pets when taking them out for a bathroom break; if it’s too cold for you, it is too cold for them and you should head inside.
- Use extra caution around lakes, ponds and rivers as the ice may not be thick enough to hold you and/or your pet.

Police remind citizens that if you see animal in distress call 911 and take direction from the call taker.

NORTH DARTMOUTH ECHO

The North Dartmouth Echo is a great source of community news for the North Dartmouth Community.

You can check out their latest issue [here](#). Thank you to everyone who work to make this paper available!

ONLINE MARKETPLACE SCAMS

In the last month, Halifax District RCMP have received several reports of online marketplace scams.

Scams involved victims placing an ad online for various items (these have included clothes, electronics and instruments). The suspect poses as a buyer and asks the seller to send the items, promising that payment will follow but the payment never arrives. On at least four occasions, victims have been defrauded after sending a deposit for a dog or puppy. The victim sends the money and the suspect provides a fake address to pick up the dog and receives no further communication.

When considering making a purchase from an online marketplace, there are some things residents can do to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim:

- If you’re looking for a pet, consider adopting one from a reputable rescue organization or contacting a registered breeder with the Canadian Kennel Club.
- If the person is selling an animal, ask for the pet’s veterinarian clinic and call to confirm that the pet is a patient there.
- If the person is claiming to be a breeder, ask for the breeder registration information. If they won’t give it, this is likely a scam. If they do give it, verify the information.
- If you are looking for a purebred, do research to get a sense of what a fair price is for the breed. Think twice if someone is selling a purebred dog at a very low price.
- Ask for the seller’s phone number. Call and ask specific questions about what the person is selling. If they don’t give a phone number, it could be a sign of a scam.
- Ask for multiple photos of what the person is selling. Compare them to ensure the item is the same in all photos.

Anyone can be a victim of a scam, and it's important to view all potential purchases with a critical eye. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, contact your local police. If you encounter a scam but you have not been victimized, contact the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#).



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CALEDONIA ROAD REZONING CASE



On

Thursday, March 4th at the Harbour East Marine Drive Community Council we will be discussing Rezoning 95 Caledonia Road from C-1 (Local Business) to C-2 (General Business). C2 zoning would allow the developer to build a 5 storey apartment building with commercial on the ground floor. If approved on Thursday then there will be a date set for public consultation. You can find the full report [here](#).

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Public spaces are the glue to our communities. The Healthy Communities Initiative will provide funding to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities and nonprofits for projects, programming and services that help communities:

- create safe and vibrant public spaces,
- improve mobility options and
- provide innovative digital solutions to connect people and improve health.

Applications are due March 9th. For more information and the application form, visit their [website](#).

STUDENT TRANSIT PILOT PROGRAM

The Transportation Standing Committee (TSC) will be considering a Student Transit Pass Pilot Program that would allow transit to partner with HRCE and CSAP to offer transit passes to students. The first phase will include Dartmouth High, Prince Andrew High and École du Sommet and École Mosaïque. You can find the presentation [here](#). This report is expected to come back to TSC on March 25th.

SHUBIE PARK WINTER MAINTENANCE



In Shubie Park, HRM Trails work hard to keep select trails open all winter long. You can find the winter maintenance map [here](#).

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 Regional Centre Community Council
 Environment and Sustainability Committee
 Transportation Standing Committee
 Special Events Advisory Committee
 Shubenacadie Canal Commission
 Liaison to the HRM Acadian Francophone Community
 SAC for Prince Andrew High School
 Greater Burnside Business Association
 Alderney Landing Board of Directors
 Halifax Public Library Board of Directors

**“And when this
 has passed, may
 we say that love
 spread more
 quickly than any
 virus ever
 could.”**

- Dr. Strang

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