

### COUNCILLOR KATHRYN MORSE DISTRICT 10 ONLINE NEWS HALIFAX - BEDFORD BASIN WEST

#### CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

I would like to congratulate Daaksha Ajith – Clayton Park Junior High School (**top photo**, **below**) and Jayden MacGillivray – Fairview Junior High School (**bottom photo, below**) from District 10 on being chosen as 2022 Citizenship Award recipients. Each year, HRM honours a grade nine student from each school who exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen.

Students are selected by their school's administration of as worthy of recognition for this award. We were pleased to present these awards in-person this year at an event held on May 24<sup>th</sup>.





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#### **GRAND OASIS FESTIVAL**

Come on downtown to the Grand Oasis stage at Grand Parade (in front of City Hall) all summer long -HRM's Civic Events team is bringing you 15 weeks of FREE music, art, and culture! Follow along for details and more exciting announcements on the #GrandOasis website www.halifax.ca/grandoasis and follow www.facebook.com/ hfxcivicevents

There will be 38 events, featuring 50 + artists starting on June 21<sup>st.</sup> There's a great lineup already announced, including Alan Doyle, Classified, Joel Plaskett, Neon Dreams, Ria Mae, and more – and there will be more artists announced! Grand Oasis is in the heart of the city and has limited capacity - reserve your free pass now. Don't miss out! <u>Reserve here</u> and stay tuned for more details.

#### LET'S CONNECT!

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#### **DUNBRACK ROSES**

The roses on Dunbrack Street are one of the distinctive features of our area. Thirty-five thousand of the bushes were planted in 1977. They aren't just for looks - they are so thorny they prevent pedestrians from crossing Dunbrack where they shouldn't. Some people love the roses and some people don't. After complaints about maintenance and litter collecting in the bushes, the city almost removed them a few years ago, but fortunately residents rallied to save the roses.

In May 2022, HRM hired a crew to give the roses a hard pruning. I've heard from residents who are concerned the roses were pruned too close to the ground, but these are tough rugosa roses and they will bounce back bigger and better.

#### **KEEP RODENTS AT BAY WITH** THESE TIPS

I have heard from some residents this year about rodent sightings. Staff with HRM's Property, Fleet & Environment business unit plan to submit a report for Council's consideration in the coming weeks on an Integrated Pest Management Plan that focuses on more public education greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in on rodent control. It is important to be aware of how to prevent rodent infestations and what to do if you spot one.

Residents can call 311 to report a live or deceased rat in a municipal park, or a deceased rat in the right-of-way. However, if spotted within your property or residence, it is advisable to tackle the problem of occasional invaders. Prevention is key. This involves rodent-proofing your home, starting with taking a thorough look around the outside - and inside - of your home to look for potential entry points.

Be sure to remove food sources (such as pet food left outside, or garbage) and reducing habitat, including moving woodpiles away from the home, cutting long grass, and sealing any holes or cracks you may observe on the outside of your home.

#### **HRM's SOLAR CITY PROGRAM**

Since the Solar City Program launched in May of 2016, nearly nearly 3,200 property owners across Solar Electric (Photovoltaic) the municipality have shown interest Solar Hot Air in solar energy by registering their property for consideration.

As of December 31, 2021, 6over the lifetime of the installation. The program is offered to the following property owners:83 Solar City Participant Agreements have been executed, totaling \$17.80 million in financing committed to the installation of solar energy technologies. These systems are expected to save property owners a total of \$1.24 million annually in utility costs and reduce annual the community by approximately 5,400 tonnes. To date, the Solar City Program has enabled the installation of 6.43 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy in the municipality.

Program Details: With guidance from the program administrators, property owners individual-ly select their preferred solar energy system and solar contractor. The administrator provides a level of review and due diligence to ensure that installed solar energy systems meet industry standards and will

provide energy and cost savings over the lifetime of the installation. The program is offered to the following property owners:

- Residential
- Not for profits
- Places of Worship
- Charities

The above property owners can install one or more of the following technologies:

#### For more information visit www.halifax.ca/solarcity.

For Frequently Asked Questions, including the details of rebates for each type of technology installation, please click here.



UPCOMING DATES 20 June 2022 World Refugee Day

21 June 2022 National Indigenous Peoples Day Summer Solstice

27 June 2022 Canadian Multiculturalism Day

#### 1 July 2022

Canada Day HRM's KATA'TA: Canada Day 2022 www.hrmcanadaday.ca



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#### **READY TO BUILD A** SECONDARY OR BACKYARD SUITE?

Are you considering adding a Secondary or Backyard suite to your property? These can be used by aging parents or adult children or can be used as rental units for the general public.

**Regional Council approved** Backyard Suites in 2020. The new rules apply mostly everywhere in the Halifax Regional Municipality for single-detached houses, duplexes or semi-detached houses, and townhouses/rowhouses.

#### Determine your desired type of installation:

• Backyard Suites are separate free-standing buildings, either built follow other requirements that overtop an accessory structure like may be involved in addition to a garage, or simply on their own (i.e., granny suites, carriage flats or tiny homes). A Backyard Suite must satisfy all Building and Plumbing Code requirements as they apply to a residential dwelling. There will also be a lot coverage restriction that will determine how large the structure can be, applied by the local Land Use bylaw (determined through the permit application process or by submitting a request for information through 311).

• Secondary Suites are separate dwelling units that are completely contained within a home (i.e., inlaw suites or basement apartments). The total floor area of all storeys of a Secondary Suite cannot be more than 80% of the total floor area of all storeys of the Main Suite, excluding the garage and any common spaces that serve both suites, or 80 m2 (861 ft2), whichever is the lesser.

### Apply for a Permit:

You can get permission to install or construct a secondary or backyard suite by applying for and obtaining a permit through HRM. Visit the HRM website to to learn more about applying for either a Secondary Suite or a Backyard Suite (and the various requirements for each), and to start your permit application process online. You can also **call** 311 and submit a service request if you would like to have a Planner contact you directly to help you get started. This website provides step-by-step information on the permit application process.

It is important to review, and obtaining a permit as applicable:

 Building Code and Regulatory Information

Here are other important steps involved in completing your new construction (as applicable to your property):

 Well/Septic tie-in or construction (NS Environment): Contact 902-424-7773

 Municipal Water Connection (Halifax Water): Contact 902-420-9287 or customercare@halifaxwater.ca

 Power Connection (NS Power): Contact 1-800-428-6230

You may also find HRM's "Renos: Additions & Renovations" FAQ document helpful for more information on getting started..

#### **FAIRVIEW MOBILE FOOD** MARKET





June 4, 18 July\* 16, 30 Aug 13, 27 Sept 10, 24 Oct 8, 22 \*No markets on July 2

**Titus Smith Memorial Park** Corner of Evans Ave & Titus St 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Every second Saturday • Cash & Debit





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