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 DISTRICT 12 ONLINE NEWS
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WELCOME JULY!

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**CONGRATULATIONS,
 2022 GRADUATES!**

Best wishes for your next adventure.
 Have a safe, happy summer!

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Congratulations to all of the graduating students at Park West High, Ridgecliff Middle School, BLT Senior Elementary School, BLT Junior Elementary School, Beech Tree Academy, Halifax West High School, Halifax Christian Academy and Park West School.

Have a great summer!

COMMEMORATIVE DATES

July 14 – July 24	Halifax Pride Festival
August 1	Natal Day



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TUNE IN OR ATTEND A REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



Regional Council is now back in-person after being held virtually in recent months.

We are scheduled to have two more Halifax Regional Council meetings over the summer months. **Regional Council meetings are held on Tuesdays, though the start time may vary:**

- August 9
- August 23

Halifax and West Community Council are planning to meet Tuesday July 19th at 6:00 p.m.

I look forward to participating in these meetings, and I hope you can join us – in person or by tuning in on YouTube! Check out the full schedule of upcoming meetings - including committees [here](#).

Meeting agendas and a link to watch video are generally available by the Friday prior to the meeting. Reports are available for many meetings and are linked within the agendas.

RECONNECT 2022 – HALIFAX PRIDE FESTIVAL



CELEBRATE PRIDE – Reconnect 2022

The 35th annual Halifax Pride Festival is happening July 14th - 24th, 2022. There are many exciting, inclusive and accessible events for everyone to take part in, from the Canada’s Drag Race Premiere Party, the TD Block Party, Proud Prana Yoga, live music, and so much more. Be sure not to miss the Halifax Pride Parade in Downtown Halifax on July 16th.

Check out the full online calendar [here](#).

As you’ll see in the calendar, this Pride Festival will be a full-scale event, with new activities, an expanded Festival Site (9 days!), and a major focus on reconnecting with friends, culture, and our past.

Access the full Pride Guide brochure [here](#) for details on the Festival Site, Parade, and much more.:

Let’s celebrate together this year, and reconnect with Pride! #HfxPride

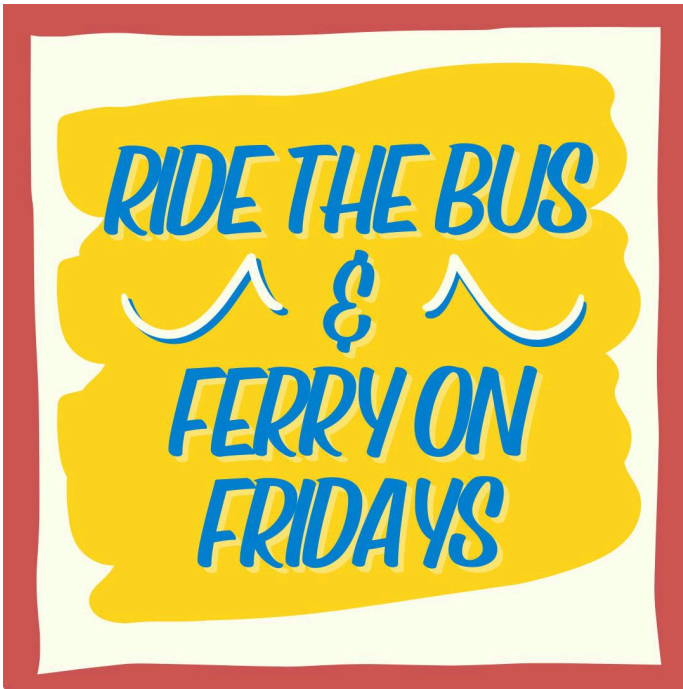




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FREE FARE FRIDAYS & FREE SAIL SATURDAYS



Halifax Transit will be offering free transit service (that's buses, ferry, and Access-A-Bus) on Fridays and free Alderney ferry service on Saturdays this summer from July 1st -August 31st!

This initiative was approved by Regional Council in April 2022 and aims to encourage former or new riders to take transit and familiarize residents with the transit service available in their communities.

Trying to figure out where you'd like to go for free? Visit our [website](#) and check out all the Transit routes and schedules.

CANOE '22 – YOU'RE INVITED!



The world's best paddlers are coming to Dartmouth this summer, and you're invited! Cheer on the athletes or get directly involved in this event as a volunteer.

The 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint and Paracanoe World Championships are taking place on Lake Banook August 3rd -7th with over 1000 athletes from over 70 countries, and Canoe22 organizers need volunteers to make it happen. The success of this event is dependent on volunteers, the heartbeat of any event!

Organizers are looking for volunteers across many functional areas of this event with no paddling experience required. You can join in on the competition sport-specific side, help create an exciting community experience within the Street Festival, marketplace, or concerts, or lend your skills to the logistics space helping with transportation, food services, technology, or accreditation!

Volunteers will get decked out with Canoe 22 clothing and swag, receive special perks such as a free SaltWire Media membership, and will be rewarded with an exciting post event celebration.

Click [here](#) for more information on the event, full volunteer roles, and how to register.



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BE AWARE: BLUE-GREEN ALGAE



Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, are naturally found in freshwater environments like lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams. They thrive in warm water and can be harmful to people and fatal for pets.

Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface. Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

Here are some tips for staying safe this summer:

- When visiting a lake, river, stream, or pond, always scan the water and shoreline before entering the water or letting children or pets play in it.
- Pets may be attracted to the smell of algae mats.
- Do not allow pets to play with or eat algae mats, as it could be fatal.
- If a beach is closed, do not swim or play near the water.
- Swimming in contaminated water may cause itchy and irritated eyes and skin, including hives, rashes, or blisters.
- People or animals that consume contaminated water are at risk of headaches, fever, diarrhea,

vomiting, cramps, muscle, joint pain, and liver damage.

- Do not drink or cook with water where blue-green algae are present. Boiling water will not remove toxins.

Watch for advisories by visiting our [website](#) and following @hfxgov on Twitter. Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.

Learn more at www.halifax.ca/cyano

IN THE COMMUNITY

August 1st - Emancipation Day Run/Walk – Beechville at 6:00 p.m. Munroe Subdivision

SATELLITE RUNS

EMANCIPATION DAY RUN/WALK

August 1st 2022

<p>AMHERST @ 10AM DICKEY PARK EAST PLEASANT ST</p>	<p>AFRICVILLE @12pm SEAVIEW PARK BY PLAYGROUND</p>
<p>NORTH PRESTON & EAST PRESTON @10AM PRESTON AREA HOUSING (TEACHERY) IN NORTH PRESTON</p>	
<p>HAMMONDS PLAINS @11AM UPPER HAMMONDS PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE</p>	<p>BEECHVILLE @6PM MUNROE SUBDIVISION</p>







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RCMP DEPOT TOUR



Halifax Regional Councillors Proudly Supporting Basketball Nova Scotia

HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCILLORS PROUDLY SUPPORTING Basketball Nova Scotia

 Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon District 1	 Councillor Becky Kent District 3	 Councillor Trish Purdy District 4	 Councillor Sam Austin District 5	 Councillor Waye Mason District 7
 Councillor Lindell Smith District 8	 Councillor Shawn Cleary District 9	 Councillor Iona Stoddard District 12	 Councillor Lisa Blackburn District 14	 Councillor Tim Outthit District 16

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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 156 – Annual BLT
 Canada Day Pancake Breakfast**



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I currently serve on the following boards and committees along with Regional Council and the Halifax & West Community Council:

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Transportation Standing Committee, Vice-Chair
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Community Monitoring Committee

