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NOMINATIONS FOR HRM'S 2023 VOLUNTEER AWARDS: JANUARY 6TH DEADLINE



Do you know an outstanding volunteer who gives back to our community? You can give them the recognition they deserve! Each year, Halifax Regional Municipality recognizes the extraordinary contributions of individuals

and groups who volunteer in our communities by presenting them with volunteer awards.

Residents can now nominate volunteers in three different categories: adult, youth (ages 13-19) and community group. Successful nominees will be notified in March 2023. An awards ceremony and banquet with Mayor Mike Savage and Regional Council will coincide with National Volunteer Week (April 16th – 22nd, 2023).

[Nomination forms and detailed nomination criteria are available now.](#) The deadline for nominations for the 2023 awards is Friday, January 6th.

SNOW CLEARING: MUNICIPAL SERVICE STANDARDS

With each weather event, snow clearing crews are responsible for approximately 3,844 lane kilometres of streets and about 1,000 kilometres of sidewalks! We can't control Mother Nature or what this winter has in store, but if we work together, we can all be better prepared for whatever the season may bring. For more information on our municipality's Winter Operations program, and tips to help you prepare for inclement weather, please visit www.halifax.ca/snow.



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SERVICE STANDARDS:

HRM has service standards for streets, sidewalks, and bus stops and the timing varies depending on the priority level. We prioritize commonly used streets, bus routes and roads that provide access to hospitals and schools. When the snow stops, operators work as quickly and safely to have all the roads cleared by 24 hours and major roads and bus routes within 12 hours.

Before contacting 311 about snow clearing, please ensure the service timelines for your area have expired. You can find detailed information about snow clearing service timelines on the interactive map or in the "[when should clearing be complete?](#)" section on the website.

If your street or sidewalk has not been cleared by the indicated time in each chart, please e-mail ContactUs@311.halifax.ca or call 311 so crews can be dispatched to address the issue. If an emergency vehicle needs to access a street, staff dispatch a plow immediately to that street.

apply when there are rapidly changing weather conditions. Crews will continue working until all streets and sidewalks are clear and safe. Of course, some roads are taken care of by the province, depending on where you live. Provincial road information is [here](#).

WINTER PARKING:

The municipal overnight winter parking ban is in effect annually from Dec. 15 to Mar. 31. The ban is enforced from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. during declared weather events and snow removal operations only. [Sign up for hfxALERT](#) notifications to receive important updates from the municipality, including Winter Parking Ban notifications.

For more information on service standards, winter parking, and winter's impacts across our municipality, visit: halifax.ca/snow or keep up to date on clearing operations and municipal service updates via [@hfxgov](https://twitter.com/hfxgov) on Twitter.

2023/24 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLANNING FOR HRM

The municipality's 2023/24 Budget and Business Planning process has now started and will continue until into the spring of 2023. The municipal budget funds all costs associated with servicing our municipality each year.

During this process, Regional Council will ask questions, discuss, debate, and consider each HRM department's proposed priorities and budget – from Parks & Rec to Halifax Regional Police. This can result in revisions to plans along the way. The 2023/24 Budget and Business Plan approval is scheduled for April 25th, 2023, where Regional Council will agree on next year's budget, following the presentations from HRM business units and resulting deliberations.



Residents should note that in snowfalls greater than 30 centimeters or in blizzard conditions, more time may be needed to complete clearing. The same exception may

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INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS?

- You can review the proposed schedule of budget presentations, learn about the budget process, and keep up to date on upcoming milestones [here](#).
- [Here](#) are some common questions and answers regarding the municipal budget, and how it is determined each year.
- To learn more about the current 2021-25 HRM Strategic Priorities Plan that helps inform the budget direction, [click here](#).

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE BUDGET:

- During every budget meeting, members of the public also have an opportunity to share their views on any aspect of the proposed municipal budget. You can speak directly to me as your Regional Councillor about budget priorities. During each meeting, time will be set aside for the public to provide insight and comments. If you wish to make any presentations before HRM Council about the municipal budget, then please contact the Municipal Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca or call 902-490-4210. Written submissions are also welcomed.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF BUDGET PRESENTATIONS FOR 2023/24:

Dates could change, so the most up to date information and more background on the budget process can be found here: www.halifax.ca/budget

LET'S CELEBRATE 2023 TOGETHER – THE LIVE NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT IS BACK AT GRAND PARADE

...3-2-1... Happy New Year! 🎆 It's almost that time, and Grand Parade is set to light up the sky on New Year's

Eve. Be a part of Halifax's biggest NYE celebration by joining the fun in-person or tuning in from home.

The free New Year's Eve event is from 9:45 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.



📺 Eastlink Community TV will broadcast the celebration through the evening.

📺 Halifax will have a spot on CBC's National TV broadcast from 9:45 - 10:15 p.m.

Enjoy artist performances, a main concert, large fireworks show and DJ. Performers include emerging rock star JJ Wilde, Tik Tok pop phenomenon Devon Cole and Halifax DJ OKAY TK. Find out more about this event at halifax.ca/newyareseve

Plus, ring in the New Year with a special reception with the Mayor and Councillors on New Year's Day. Join us for the New Year's Levee from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Halifax Hall in City Hall. I hope to see you there!



HRM'S TREE PRUNING PROGRAM

🌳 You might see our crews around your neighbourhood attending to municipal trees! That's because HRM's cyclical tree pruning program is now underway and will continue through March 2023.

Why is this done?

This proactive approach to maintaining our urban forest prolongs the health of street trees, dramatically reduces tree hazards and is less resource intensive than a reactionary approach to maintaining trees individually.

What work is happening?

Crews will complete the tree pruning program according to best practices regarding tree health and infrastructure clearances (e.g. considerations relating to roads, sidewalks, power lines and signage). Municipal trees are assessed for maintenance and removal on an individual basis. If removal is deemed necessary, a new tree will be planted in its place.

To learn more and see maps of impacted areas, visit: halifax.ca/trees

WINTER 2023 REC REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for recreation programs happening this winter! This includes dryland programs, along with skating and aquatics!

Program details are available at www.halifax.ca/myrec

Issues with registration? Questions can be directed to your local recreation centre or call (902) 490-6666.



Did you know?

- ✓ The [Recreation Funding Access Program](#) provides discounted recreation opportunities for children, youth and adults in financial need.
- ✓ Starting in January 2023, the municipality's aquatics program will be transitioning from the Red Cross Swim Program to the Lifesaving Society's Swim Program. Residents can find more information on the transition [here](#).

LET'S CONNECT

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EXPANSION OF STUDENT TRANSIT PASS PILOT PROGRAM

Students at select high school and junior high schools in Halifax will receive a free, annual Halifax Transit pass for use on buses, ferries and Access-A-Bus for 2023, through Phase 2 of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program.

Participating schools and grades are:

- Woodlawn High School – Grades 10-12
- Dartmouth High School – Grades 9-12
- École secondaire du Sommet – Grades 9-12
- École secondaire Mosaique – Grades 9-12
- Bicentennial School, Grades 7-9
- Caledonia Junior High, Grades 7-9
- Dartmouth South Academy, Grades 7-8
- Ellenvale Junior High, Grades 7-9
- Eric Graves Memorial Junior High, Grades 7-9
- John Martin Junior High, Grades 7-9



This pilot program, offered in collaboration with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) gives free annual transit passes to students, providing access to conventional buses, Access-A-Bus, and ferries. Halifax Transit will review the extended program in fall 2023 and provide recommendations to Regional Council on next steps for the program.



FAIRVIEW / CLAYTON PARK

Dates through end of 2022:

**Saturday, Dec. 17th
Produce & Meal Kits**

Square Roots is a social enterprise which redirects surplus farm produce to community members at an affordable rate. Requests for more information can be sent to: squarerootsfairviewclaytonpark@gmail.com

Local Veggie Bundles at \$1/lb!

The Salvation Army
50 Gesner St, Fairview
9:30am - 10:30am

Fresh produce at \$1/lb, twice per month
Family meal kits at \$5, once per month

Upcoming dates and links to register can be found at:

[facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp](https://www.facebook.com/squarerootsfvcp)

Registration is requested to ensure enough produce is available