

WELCOME JULY!

Have a great



School, BLT Senior Elementary School, BLT Junior Elementary School, Beech Tree Academy, Halifax West High School, Halifax Christian Academy and Park West School! I hope you all took time to relax and enjoy KANA'TA: Canada Day 2023!

Happy July!
Congratulations
to all graduating
students at Park
West High,
Ridgecliff Middle

My heart goes out to those residents who are still facing challenges caused by the wildfire. This said, I am also so proud of the volunteers at the Canada Games Centre. There were insurance representatives, the Red Cross, EMS, members of government, social workers, pet care, and more to help those displaced during the fire. There were lots of games for the kids and food galore. Thank you Canada Games Centre and everyone for your services!

For persons effected by the wildfire, the municipality has a [Residential Property Tax Exemption Program](#) in place for properties that have been destroyed or

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partially destroyed by the fires, as determined by Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE). The municipality calculates property tax based on the property assessment value determined annually by Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), the assessment authority for Nova Scotia. PVSC will contact property owners directly to request access to properties prior to their review. Residents with questions about the review process can contact PVSC at 1.800.380.7775 or inquiry@pvsc.ca. Questions specific to property tax can be directed to 311 or contactus@311.halifax.ca.

If you were impacted by the wildfire and need additional supports, please call the provincial 2-1-1 hotline or visit their website [here](#).



Please don't hesitate to reach out by phone (902.240.7926) or email (iona.stoddard@halifax.ca) to discuss municipal programs or services.

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HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL AND HALIFAX & WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meetings of Halifax Regional Council and
Halifax & West Community Council will take
place on the following dates:

Regional Council:

Tuesday, July 11 at 10 a.m.

Halifax & West Community Council:

Tuesday, July 4 at 6 p.m.

Please confirm meeting dates and times on our
[website](#) as they are subject to change.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR READY FOR SUMMER REC

Register now for Ready for Rec summer programs for
youth 13-18.

Date: Weeks of July 4, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31
and August 8

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Central Spryfield Elementary School, 364
Herring Cove Road, Spryfield

This fun summer program is designed for youth with
disabilities aged 13-18. Participants will explore the
community and learn new things along the way. The
focus is healthy living through fun recreation activities.
Participants should be able to be in a group of two or
three campers to one staff.

Date: Weeks of Aug. 14 and Aug. 21

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Shubie Park (drop off by the Fairbanks Centre)

The Ready for Rec Outdoor Camp offers an inclusive and
supported environment for youth (13-18) with
disabilities to learn and explore nature. Participants will
engage in a combination of structured and unstructured
seasonal activities, such as nature walks, scavenger
hunts, creative expression and free play. This program
offers one-to-one staffing if needed.

- To register for Ready for Rec youth programs,
please contact inclusion@halifax.ca.
- To learn more about our Ready for Rec
programs, click [here](#)



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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 [here](#) and following [@hfxgov](#) on Twitter. Report suspected algae contamination by calling 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476) and 311.

Learn more [here](#)!

SPLASH PADS NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON



Bring on summer... splashpads, beaches, and outdoor pools are now open for the season!

🌊 Open NOW:

- Bayers-Westwood splashpad
- George Dixon splashpad
- Isleville Street splashpad
- Cole Harbour
- Shirley's Splashpad
- Westmount & Sackville splashpads
- Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools
- Supervised municipal beaches
- Plus, FREE indoor swims at the Needham pool all summer long!

Bookings are required for the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, and can be completed on [our website](#). Click [here](#) for full schedule and details!



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SUMMER EVENTS SAFETY TIPS

The start of summer means there will be a number of events happening throughout the municipality. To learn more about the lineup of events and festivities, visit [Discover Halifax](#).

HRP will have officers performing traffic control at a number of locations to help keep everyone safe. Please plan ahead and take extra time to arrive safely, keeping in mind any associated road closures, parking restrictions and public transit schedules.

Here are some more tips to help everyone enjoy our community events to the fullest:

- Plan ahead. Check the event's website to ensure you're familiar with the venue, its location and the amenities it has to offer.
- Drink lots of water and wear sunscreen and a hat if the event is outside. Find a shaded place or go inside to cool down in warm sunny weather.
- Stay safe this summer when including your pet in activities. Never leave your pet unattended in parked cars. Carry water and extra snacks for your pet and always ensure they have a shady place to get out of the sun.
- If possible, take public transportation. These events draw large crowds, causing heavy traffic and making parking difficult.
- If you drink, don't drive. Alcohol will be served at some of our summer festivals, so it is important to have a designated driver or take public transportation if you plan to indulge.
- Many boaters enjoy summer events from the harbour. Please boat responsibly and appoint a designated 'skipper.' Remember that penalties for impaired boating are the same as impaired driving on the road.
- If you witness suspicious and/or criminal activity, including impaired driving or impaired boating, call 911 immediately.

It's easy for little ones to become lost in the midst of a large crowd. Here are a few simple steps

parents/guardians can take to help keep their children safe:

- When you arrive at an event, agree on a meeting place in case you get separated.
- Don't allow your child to go to a public washroom or concession stand alone.
- Carry an up-to-date picture and make note of what your child is wearing.

Here's to a safe and fun-filled summer season!

NO BURNING AFTER MIDNIGHT

In the Halifax Regional Municipality, open air burning is not allowed between the hours of midnight and 2 p.m. The time of day may be further restricted by provincial or municipal bans, check for bans every time before you burn. They are posted 2 p.m. every day [here](#).

For more information on Municipal Burning Rules & Regulations visit [here](#) and [here](#).





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HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE DEPOTS

Residents looking to dispose of household special waste, not acceptable for curbside collection, can bring their materials to the following upcoming mobile household special waste depot events:

When: Saturday, July 8

Where: BMO Centre (61 Gary Martin Drive, Bedford)

When: Saturday, July 15

Where: Brookside Jr High (2239 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake)

When: Saturday, July 22

Where: Horizon Community School (168 Redoubt Way, Eastern Passage)

When: Saturday, July 29

Where: George P Vanier Jr High School (1410 Fall River Road, Fall River)

The mobile drop-off depot will be in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will take place rain or shine.

Materials accepted at the household drop-off depot include:

- leftover corrosive cleaners
- pesticides/herbicides
- gasoline
- fuel oil and used motor oil (or find a collection site with Atlantic Used Oil Management Association)
- solvents
- thinners
- pharmaceuticals and drugs (or return to pharmacy)
- aerosol cans containing hazardous substances
- barbecue propane tanks
- small propane cylinders (for example, those used for camp stoves and propane torches)
- batteries (visit call2recycle.ca for a full list of retail drop-off locations for batteries)

- leftover liquid paint (paint and empty paint cans may also be returned to any Enviro-Depot. Please visit their website for locations and hours of operation)
- CFL and fluorescent bulbs

The municipality also operates a permanent Household Special Waste Depot at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive. Drop-off times are most Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The household special waste drop-off depots are open only to residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Business waste is not permitted.

For more information on Halifax's solid waste program including updates on future depot events, please visit our [website](#), download the [Halifax Recycles app](#) or call 311.

FIRE SAFETY – BARBEQUES

To stay King or Queen of the grill you must include some basic “fire safety” ingredients in your barbecue recipes.

Whether fueled by charcoal or gas, barbecues are approved for outdoor use only – they emit carbon monoxide. Never barbecue in your garage, tent or other enclosed space.

Read and follow all manufacturers instructions.

Place your barbecue on a solid surface so it cannot tip over and be sure it is a safe distance from anything that can burn - we've all seen the results of a barbecue that was used too close to vinyl siding. Remember too that since barbecues do get very hot you need to keep children and pets away as well.

Be cautious of wind strength and direction before using your barbecue and always stay with your barbecue when it's being used.

For specific information related to grilling safely with a gas or charcoal barbecue this summer, click [here](#).



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HRM LAKEWATCHERS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM



Get involved in monitoring the quality of our local lakes! The municipality's LakeWatchers program launched last year and is a great way to help keep our lakes safe and clean. 🌿

The program will involve community teams to:

- ✓ Conduct environmental monitoring in 76 lakes across the municipality.
- ✓ Collect data, such as pH levels, to inform future actions to maintain/improve a lake's health.
- ✓ Share data with residents through future staff reports to Regional Council and through the municipality's [Open Data Portal](#)

You can get involved!

Data collection will take place twice yearly through a year through internal sampling (staff or contractors) and/or trained community teams, called LakeWatchers. The municipality will leverage existing water quality community groups and welcomes new volunteers to collect data in support of this program. Interested in getting involved? Learn more [here](#).

*Note that the LakeWatchers Program is separate from regular water quality testing for safe recreational use. This program runs every summer from July 1 to August 31.

WANDERERS BLOCK UPDATE



The municipality has recently heard from many groups regarding the future of the Wanderers Grounds.

Please know that there is no plan for the land to be sold. The current and future Common plans allow for the private sector to donate to the construction of facilities, but make it clear that the municipality owns the land and the facilities. In some cases, exclusive rights to use the space are allowed, such as Lancers and Lawn bowling.

WanderersHFX FC does not now, and will not in the future, have exclusive use of this space. The picture above is of one of the Canadian rugby teams that recently played on Wanderers Grounds. The field is available for booking year-round, by anyone.

There will be considerable opportunity for public input in the upcoming months. I encourage residents who have concerns to get in touch with [District 7 Councillor Wayne Mason](#).



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WEEKLY GREEN CART COLLECTION STARTED ON JULY 3

The Halifax Regional Municipality is advising residents that weekly green cart collection has begun as of Monday, July 3.

The summer green cart collection service will be in effect for the months of July, August and September. Collection services can begin as early as 7 a.m. Residents are asked to place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day to ensure items are collected. Residents can look up their collection schedules on our [website](#).

Bi-weekly green cart collection will resume on Monday, October 2.

For more information on curbside collection, visit our [website](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS IN HRM

Speed limits will be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in the residential area of Brookview in Eastern Passage and residential streets bound by St. Margarets Bay Road, Osborne Street, Herring Cove Road and Walter Havill Drive. Crews will begin work this week.

Neighbourhood speed limit reduction is one of many road safety initiatives employed by the municipality to achieve the Regional Council-approved commitment to move toward zero fatalities and injuries related to any mode of transportation. Road safety is key to ensuring safe communities with thriving, accessible, mobility options for all ages and abilities.

To learn more about the municipality's commitment to road safety, including how streets are considered for neighbourhood street speed limit reduction visit our [website](#).

JULY ROAD SAFETY FOCUS



Construction Zones: Summer is a peak time for construction projects. Without a doubt, you'll come across a construction crew on our roads in your travels.

Summer's warm temperatures make it the ideal time for safety improvements to our streets and sidewalks.

Watch for crews in construction zones and respect speed limits. Construction crews working on roads are counting on you to work with them to ensure everyone gets home safe at the end of the day.

Left-Turn Traffic Calming:

Left-Turn Traffic Calming is coming back to five locations this summer. Left-turn traffic calming is intended to slow down left-turning vehicles by tightening the turning radius with temporary speed bumps.

Read more [here](#).

Interested in learning more about road safety in HRM and the progress we are making?

The [Road Safety Dashboard](#) provides an overview of collision data and allows users to track progress the municipality is making on a number of different road safety initiatives as we work together to accomplish our Towards Zero goals. Collision details are also available on the [Open Data](#) Catalogue.



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DISTRICT 12 BUS STOP UPGRADES



As part of the ongoing bus stop improvement program and to address accessibility at bus stops, the following construction is planned at stops in our district:

Bus Stop Location	Location of Work	Scope of Work
Chain Lake Dr At Civic 209 (6394)	West Side of Chain Lake Dr abutting Civic 209	Extend concrete pad for rear door.
St Margarets Bay Rd After Clearwater Dr (6175)	North Side of St Margarets Bay Rd after Devonshire Dr and St Margarets Bay Rd Intersection	New concrete pad and pedestrian ramp to intersection.
St Margarets Bay Rd Before Sheppards Run (6157)	South side of St Margarets Bay Rd adjacent to 438 Sheppards Run	Shelter replacement.

Work is expected to commence in the coming weeks and is anticipated to be complete by the end of construction season. Our team will be updating the webpage [Bus Stop Construction](#) as we receive more details from the contractors about the timing of the work.

OUTDOOR POOLS AND BEACHES NOW OPEN



The Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, as well as all supervised municipal beaches are now open!

Bookings are required for the Bedford and Cole Harbour outdoor pools, and can be completed on [our website](#). Memberships for the Bedford Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Lebrun Recreation Centre, and memberships for the Cole Harbour Outdoor Pool can be purchased at the Cole Harbour Recreation Centre.

The new Halifax Commons Aquatics Facility will be opening soon. Please visit [our website](#) for updates.

The Bayers-Westwood, George Dixon, Isleville Street, Cole Harbour, Shirley's, Westmount, and Sackville splashpads opened for the 2023 season on Saturday, June 17.

The municipality will also begin testing water quality for bacteria levels and monitoring for blue-green algae at all supervised beaches. For more information, click [here](#)!

Hello July

- Just be you, because you are
- Unīque, worthy and amazing
- Live every day to the fullest as
- You deserve all the good in life





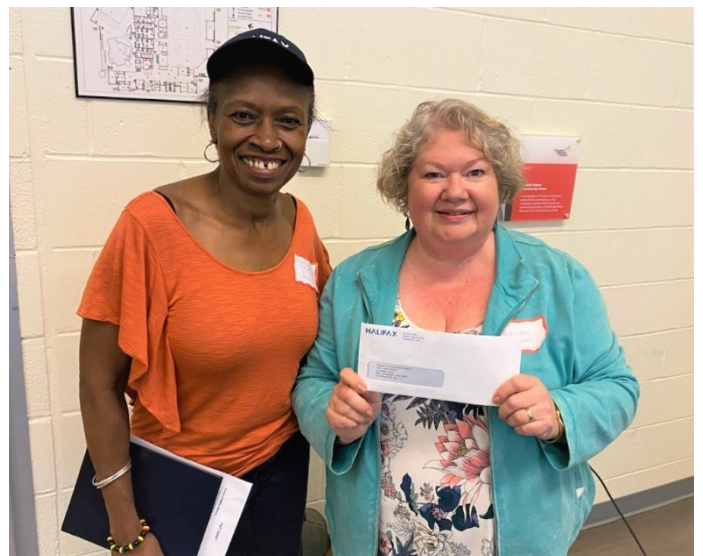
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IN THE COMMUNITY



Wildfire volunteers at the Canada Games Centre.



Presenting cheque of Support to Friends of Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes (BMBCL) Chair Mary Ann McGrath presented during their Annual General Meeting on June 26. For more news on BMBCL, click [here!](#)



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It was an honour to represent District 12 at the Indigenous Peoples Day Flag Raising on June 21.



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2632 Halifax West Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp,
Regional Cadet Support Unit (Atlantic) / Cadets and
Junior Canadian Rangers graduation ceremony.

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Halifax Regional Fire Fighters graduation ceremony.



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Halifax West High School graduation ceremony.



Bayview High School graduation ceremony.



Halifax West Valedictorian Charles Joshua Paris.



Ridgecliff Middle School graduation ceremony.



It was an honour to attend many of our district's graduations last month!



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ROAD WORK IN TIMBERLEA



Construction on Johnson Avenue from Eisener Street to Dorothy Crescent in Timberlea started on July 3, 2023.

See all HRM street and sidewalk disruptions [here](#).

RESCHEDULED DATES FOR DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW

the [District Boundary Review webpage](#) has been updated with the rescheduled hearing information:

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) public hearing to review the municipality's 2022 District Boundary Review application ([Matter No. M10924](#)) has been rescheduled to the following:

Hearing starts: Thursday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Evening Session: Thursday, September 7, from 6:30 p.m. (Registered Speakers List)

Hearing Location: Offices of the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, 1601 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor, Halifax, NS

This hearing will be live broadcast on the Board's website and can be accessed by visiting their [website](#).

The deadline for speakers to register at the original hearing was May 10, therefore there will not be an opportunity for additional speakers to register to speak at the rescheduled hearing.

FAIRVIEW CLAYTON PARK FARMER'S MARKET



The weekly Fairview/Clayton Park Farmers' Market is on every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m., rain or shine, you will find the market in the multipurpose room and parking lot of the Centennial Arena (27 Vimy Avenue). Visit the Fairview Clayton Park Farmers' Market on [Facebook](#) for more information.

POP-UP BIKE HUB AT LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WE PROVIDE THE SPACE, TOOLS
AND SOME OF THE KNOW-HOW SO YOU CAN FIX YOUR BIKE YOURSELF.

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AUGUST 22-24, 2023: 2-6 PM

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HALIFAX MAINLAND COMMON TRAILS



Try to get active this summer and visit the Halifax Mainland Common Loop Trail or Off-Leash Dog Park!

The Mainland Common Loop Trail is a family-friendly woodland trail located in the Mainland Common. It is a great way to get out with people of all ages to enjoy a woodland setting in the heart of Clayton Park West. The trail includes a boardwalk look off as well as benches to sit and enjoy the day.

The Off-Leash Dog Park is a great place to play for dogs of all sizes. The park is separated into two grass fields, the upper field is intended for large dogs and the lower for small dogs. Both fields are equipped with sheltered picnic tables, bag dispensers, garbage cans and benches.



Visiting the Geizer Hill Trail. That snake looks much bigger than it actually was!



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STAY ACTIVE



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Western Common Wilderness Common site visit with Alex Quinn, Gareth Evans, Mike Lamplugh, myself, and District 11 Councillor Patty Cuttall (left to right)

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

- Appeals Standing Committee
- Environment Standing Committee
- Audit and Finance Standing Committee
- Western Common Community Council
- Halifax & West Community Council
- CMC (Community Monitoring Committee) for the Otter Lake Landfill
- African Descent Advisory Committee

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