

2014 - APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

We have a rich tradition of volunteering and community involvement. Volunteers are on the front lines of all of our community services: community health care, heritage and arts, maintenance of green space, disaster relief, volunteer fire-fighting, community protection, recreation, minor sports, etc. - the list is endless. National Volunteer Week (NVW) pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who donate their time and energy. NVW is the biggest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism this country has. This year, NVW is from April 6th-12th. An annual campaign has been created to help organizations and individuals deliver their own NVW celebrations. To help you say 'thank you' to volunteers, Volunteer Canada has developed programs to access resources and products that can be attained through their web-site: www.volunteer.ca/nvw. Something new this year is the "Volunt-Hear Hotline." Just call 1-855-372-5077 to thank a volunteer. Also be sure to check out: www.getvolunteering.ca or "Get Volunteering" on Facebook for information, ideas and inspiration on how to foster more volunteerism in our society. Here are other web-sites you can explore for ideas to deliver your own volunteer recognitions: www.recreationns.ca/volunteerawards & www.halifax.ca/volunteerservices/. Each year the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in HRM communities. In our own district the following seven citizens have been nominated for recognition: Vivian Cain, Stefanie Condon-Oldrieve, Valaria Greenwood, Paul Hoveland, Rita McArthur, Melissa Pryor-Arnold, and Anita Rose. Many thanks to all volunteers!

DOG LICENSES: NEW or RENEWAL

HRM's Animal Control By-Law A-300 requires all pet owners to license their dogs annually by April 1st. The licensing year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Pet owners are required to apply for a license within 10 days of obtaining a dog. If you obtain your dog before September 30th you must pay the full licensing fee. If you obtain your dog after September 30th you pay a pro-rated fee. There are discounted license prices for seniors, as well as for any dog that has been spayed or neutered. There is no fee for Special Aid Personal Assistance Dogs, and there is one rate for any dog that is deemed as "Dangerous." You can license your dog or have its license renewed either in person at any HRM Customer Service Centre or at select veterinary clinics, or by mailing a completed licensing form with the correct payment to: HRM Dog Licensing, PO Box 1749, Halifax NS B3J 3A5 or for license renewals only with a credit card by calling the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or 1-800-835-6428 (NS toll-free). Pet owners found to be in violation of HRM By-Law A-300 licensing regulations may be issued a warning notice, or a Summary Offense Ticket of \$342.41 or greater, and/or could have their dog seized by Animal Services and face further prosecution in court. For more information, please go to: www.halifax.ca/animalservices/PetLicensing.html

License for Fertility	Full Year		Pro-rated Part of Year		Special Cases	Rate
	Standard	Senior	Standard	Senior		
State of the Dog					Personal Aid Dog	N/C - no charge
Unaltered	\$50	\$25	\$33.35	\$16.67	Dangerous Dog	\$100
Spayed / Neutered	\$15	\$7.50	\$10	\$5	Replacement Tag	\$5

FIRE SEASON BEGINS EARLY & NEW REGULATIONS

The Province is changing the way domestic brush burning is permitted. People will no longer need a provincial permit to burn brush. The permit has been replaced with an on-line burning restrictions map to inform Nova Scotians when it is OK to burn a pile of brush. Restricted brush burning will also start earlier on March 15th instead of April 15th. The on-line map is at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe. It will ensure everyone knows the risks of wildfire in all areas of the province each day. The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county to let us know if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe with restrictions. The map and recorded phone message will be updated daily. Call BurnSafe toll-free 1-855-564-2876. These changes affect brush burning on domestic properties, such as rural residential lots, woodlots, fishing camps and cottage lots. But Commercial / Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from a DNR office. Where municipal open-air burning bylaws exist, such as in HRM, there will be additional burning restrictions. HRM Burning Permits which are FREE are required all year round and can be obtained from some of the HRM Fire Stations in District 2. For more information go to: www.halifax.ca/fireprevention/OpenAirBurning.html. Be sure to follow all instructions and rules of conduct as outlined on that permit and please be respectful of your neighbours when you want to burn. Be cognizant of those with any sensitivity to smoke. Instead of burning now, residents should save up their brush in a covered pile and burn it between October 15th to March 15th when Provincial burning restrictions are not in effect. Winter burning allows for a safer burn with less risk of wildfire.

LET'S CELEBRATE 44th EARTH DAY – GREEN CITIES – April 22nd

This year's theme for Earth Day 2014 is Green Cities. See what you can do on April 22nd at www.earthday.org for events and ideas. Clean Across Nova Scotia (CANS) is kicking off the 2014 cleanup season with a month-long campaign: the Pick-Me-Up Earth Month Challenge. Register your own community event or join a local cleanup at: <http://clean.ns.ca/programs/waste/cleanacrossns/> or on **Twitter: @CleanAcrossNS**. For more details about this campaign, call the CANS Co-ordinator: Ashley David 420-7940 at Clean NS - 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 1H8.

2014 HRM INTERIM TAX BILLS DUE DATE – APRIL 30th

HRM sends tax bills to all property owners twice a year. The Interim bill was mailed mid-March and is due on April 30th. The final bill will be due October 31st. If you have any enquiries about your tax bill, please call the HRM Contact Centre at 311 or go to: www.halifax.ca/revenue/tax/ for more details.



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