

□□□□ Graffiti continues to be a persistent problem in HRM however combined police-citizen efforts to eliminate remain ongoing. We have taken delivery of a new supply of special clean-up kits and they're free to residents for the asking. Simply call 490-4000 and request one or pick one up at any of our three public works divisions: 3825 MacKintosh Street, Halifax; 375 Cowie Hill Road in Halifax; and 11 Turner Drive in Dartmouth. To learn how to help the anti-graffiti campaign, go to <http://www.halifax.ca/corporate/Graffiti/>.

□□□□ I'm pleased to report that work starts shortly on the new Central Library to be built at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street. Trailers are being brought onto the site and electrical services are being secured. Soon, a tender will be awarded for archaeological exploration work in the area.

On-site archaeologists will monitor the removal of asphalt and earth in layers to watch for signs of historic structures and/or artefacts. If these are discovered, the archaeology team will begin a more detailed excavation process to study, record and preserve the items, all of which become the property of the Province.

The new library will be completed in 2013 and opened in 2014.

□□□□ Did you know that, effective May 1, it will be mandatory for all vehicles to yield to buses when they are re-entering traffic? Until now, buses had to rely on the courtesy of other drivers to merge back into the flow. With everyone obeying this new provincial law, Metro Transit's timetable efficiency should improve considerably.

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