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Summer at St. Paul's United Church



Practising safe socializing at St. Paul's

by Carolyn Mont

As we work our way through the Covid-19 pandemic, we are constantly alert to any changes from the government. At St. Paul's United Church, we have looked closely at the protocols from the government and the United Church of Canada. We have decided that, based on that, we will not be open for services until at least the fall.

Some of you may be aware that the Food Bank and Soup's On programs are continuing and wondering how that is possible when we are not hold-

ing services of worship. These fall under the umbrella of our community ministry, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, (FRI). Our community ministry director, Kristen Hollery, has been able to continue these programs by following new guidelines. Clients for each of those programs do not come into the building. Soup's On, a free lunch program every Tuesday, is now a takeout service. Those who use the Food Bank call in their request on Monday, get a follow up call on Tuesday and pick up their order on Wednesday. When they arrive, their

order has already been filled and the clients come to the Food Bank door and are handed their order. None of these people come into the building.

Kristen is assisted in this by food bank coordinator Rena Eldershaw, along with a group of dedicated volunteers. The volunteers follow strict regulations with respect to social distancing and cleanliness and when they leave, our custodian comes in and sanitizes everything they may have touched. FRI continues to accept income tax forms to be completed by a
(See Summer at St. Paul's on page 2)

Greetings from Healthy Minds Around the Loop

Do you want to make a difference in your community? Or meet new people? Or share your skills and maybe learn some new ones? Healthy Minds Around the Loop Association needs your voice!

Healthy Minds advocates for, and promotes access to, mental health resources and resilience skills in our community. Nurturing health and exploring diverse experiences are at the core of who we strive to be. We have been working through these changing times to keep our community informed and adapt to how we, as diverse people, can be a part of being together for healthy minds.

We welcome your participation. You will have opportunities to develop skills in our projects, strengthen social media, and/or serve in various board positions. Watch for our annual meeting in late summer or early fall. If you are interested in community health and personal development please contact us at healthymindsaroundloop@gmail.com or sign up through the <https://osberghealth.com/healthymindsaroundtheloop/contact-us/> You can also find us on facebook @hmatla, and we'll be on-line at the Spryfield Market Social details found here <https://www.spryfieldmarket.ca/events>.

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Summer at St. Paul's

(continued from page 1) volunteer. This service is available to low income people. A heartfelt thank you goes out to both the staff and all volunteers who work diligently to keep these important programs going.

Rev. Anne Hoganson has been very busy in this time of transition. We do have services of worship, just not in person. Rev. Anne conducts the service alone in the church and tapes it to be sent out to members of the congregation in a weekly email. It is also available on our church Facebook page. She does an amazing job, speaking to just the camera while in our sanctuary. We are not sure what

we are transitioning to but Rev. Anne has worked with a number of committees in the church to keep on top of the ever-changing guidelines and to help keep the congregation informed. She sends out a weekly bulletin and, periodically, that is accompanied by a report from Susan Latham, the chair of the Unified Board.

Our community garden is going strong with a dedicated group of gardeners. The gardeners are not necessarily from our congregation; nor are they all from the Spryfield area. What they have in common is a strong interest in gardening as well as a sincere desire to help new gardeners with their plots.

The Spryfield Farmers Market is meeting at St. Paul's for the second year. With Covid-19, patrons have had to place their orders online and then

arrange to pick up their produce at St. Paul's on Sunday afternoon.

The members of the congregation are used to seeing each other at least once a week at Sunday worship. It has been a long time since we were able to gather as a group and since we are not able to meet in the building, we decided to have a picnic on the park(ing) lot on Sunday, July 19. We met on the lower parking lot where we had trees on 3 sides and were not in the way of the gardeners coming and going in our community garden. Nor were we in the way of those picking up their orders from the Spryfield Farmers Market. There were, of course, rules set for the picnic. We had to socially distance ourselves, at least from those not in our personal bubble, and bring our own picnic lunch as well as our own chairs. We were delighted that we had a good turnout, the weather was good and we had a lovely breeze. This was not a church service but a chance to greet our friends face to face. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are looking forward the time when we can actually get together for worship in the sanctuary.

In the meantime, we are preparing for our second Cultural Connections Festival. This will be significantly different from last year when we had various cultures represented in person, displaying stories, music, food, and customs. This year, it will be an online festival due to the Covid restrictions and will be available on October 3. This format is new to us and we couldn't be more excited. More information will become available as we get closer to the date.

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The Spryfield Farmers Market has reopened—just in different ways

Having access to sustainable locally produced food and crafts is an important resource for everyone. The Spryfield Farmers Market is thrilled to announce that it continues its work to bring local products to the community by partnering with the Prospect Community Farmers Market to offer a weekly online ordering system. Items are available to be purchased online, every Monday through Thursday (noon closing), with pick-ups every Sunday at either the Spryfield or Prospect Market locations. The Spryfield Farmers Market customer pick-up is at St Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road). Order through: prospectfarmersmarket.com.

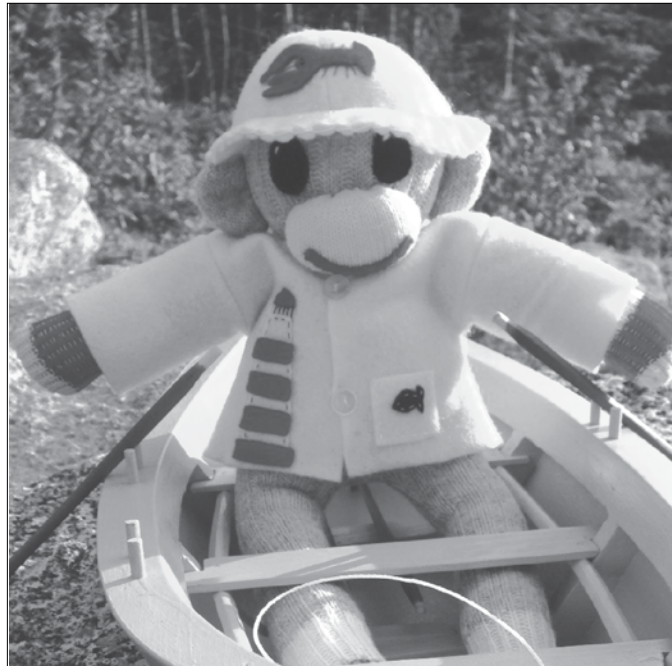
We welcome all vendors who would like to sell through our online ordering system or volunteers who would like to help distribute orders on Sundays to contact us through our website: spryfieldmarket.ca.

Have you been part of the fun? Spryfield Farmers Market has been hosting online socials that feature local talented musicians, an opportunity to chat with vendors, and be part of the Spryfield Farmers Market community. Dates and time of upcoming online socials are avail-

able through our website and social media platforms.

“Nothing Beats Spryfield” Design Contest: Limited time left!!!

The Spryfield Farmers Market is hosting a “design our tote bag” contest. The theme is to celebrate Spryfield and all that it has to offer.



COVID-19 affected virtually everything, including the Sambro Area Community Association's Sou'Wester Days, which was cancelled. The Bluenose II was scheduled to dock at the govern-

There are only a few days left to get your design entries in - you must be in it to win it! Voting on entries will occur during the second half of August through the Spryfield Farmers Market social media. All information and contest rules are available

through our website.

Visit our website SPRYFIELD-MARKET.CA to find all the ways that you can get involved in our online ordering, socials, the tote bag design contest, and all the resources that are available.

Sammy says

ment wharf for the weekend, and that will no longer happen either. In addition to bringing our community together in celebration, it's also a factor in SACA's fundraising efforts. Some funds raised are set aside for the start-up of the next year's festival, and some are put into an account for our future community centre, which we hope will soon become a reality.

To continue building our nest egg, SACA ran our very first online 50/50 draw. We were astonished to see our jackpot rise to our highest amount EVER, as it topped out at

\$4,765. During a Facebook Live in front of Mishoo's Variety in Sambro, Jordan Gray drew Cheryl Foulkes' lucky ticket for half the take, at \$2,382.50! Congratulations, Cheryl!

SACA is eternally grateful to Diana and Esper at Mishoo's in Sambro for their continued support during this event and others throughout the years, and we're happy we were able to run this fundraiser safely, without putting extra strain on their resources during a pandemic. We're grateful to each and every person who purchased tickets.

We have more draws planned for the future. Follow the Sambro Area Community Association's Facebook page to stay up to date.

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

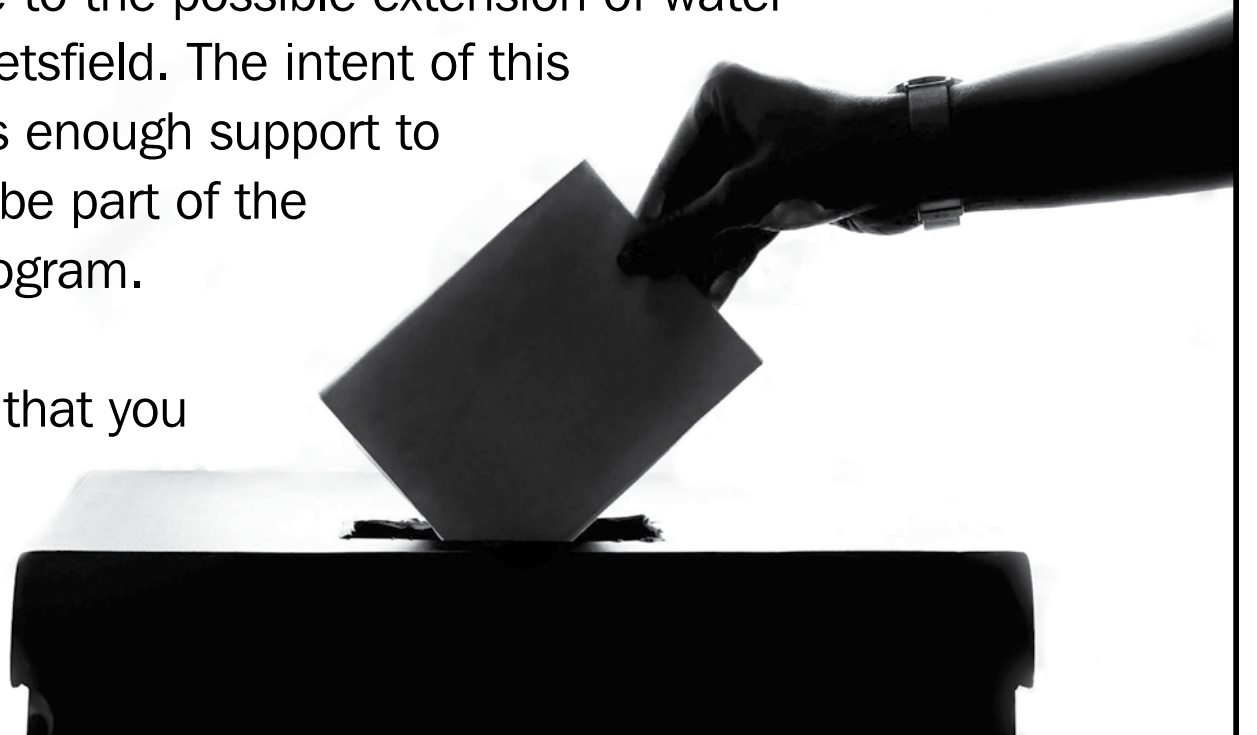
ATTENTION

Harrietsfield Residents

In mid-July, the Council Support Office sent a letter to properties along Old Sambro Road between the 600 block and 1300 block, up to 286 Whitehead Road, Brunt Road, Mercury Avenue and Venus Drive.

This ballot is in reference to the possible extension of water services to parts of Harrietsfield. The intent of this is to determine if there is enough support to request that this project be part of the Federal Infrastructure Program.

It is extremely important that you take a few moments to reply.



DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Sutherland family letters reveal many personal stories

by Iris Shea

One of the greatest finds in researching your family history is often the letters written by one family member to another. In the Sutherland family of Spryfield so many letters were saved and passed down through generations. From the 1860s until the 1920s, happy times are recorded along with the sadness experienced by the family members.

William Sutherland moved to Spryfield in 1816 with his wife, Elizabeth Kidder, and three of their four sons who were born on Melville Island. Sutherland served as the civilian steward to the prisoners on Melville Island from about 1807 until the War of 1812 ended in 1815. Documents show the purchase of 500 acres in Spryfield from George McIntosh, Esquire, part of Captain William Spry's farm. In Spryfield, William Sutherland sold butchered meat to store owners in Halifax. His eldest son, George, inherited the property called the Alva Farm and continued to farm the land until his death in 1889.

Letters written by, or to, George Sutherland's wife, Mary Ann Carmichael, and their five children, are part of the collection of artifacts saved and passed down to their descendants. Mary Ann Carmichael Sutherland was a school teacher from Greenhead, near Goodwood on the Prospect Road. Her daughter, Elizabeth Sutherland, was Spryfield's first school teacher. In the letters Elizabeth is referred to as Bessie.

The earliest letter was written by Rebecca (Becky) Umlah of St. Margaret's Bay, dated June 7, 1869, to Maggie Sutherland. Maggie (Margaret Emma) was Elizabeth Sutherland's sister. A quote from the letter "The Bishop of Newfoundland is to present here Friday. I would like to hear him. I heard the dry bones rattled in the old Beech Hill last Sunday. I heard you were there. I suppose your beau drove you out." Maggie married Charles William Drysdale, November 21, 1871. Becky married Maggie's brother, George Walter Sutherland, January 16, 1872.

Tuberculosis, written as "consumption" in most records at that time, was prevalent among a lot of families during the latter part of the 1800s. The closeness of these two families, the Sutherlands in Spryfield, the Umlahs in Seabright, St. Margaret's Bay, would have been a factor in the spread of the disease. Maggie Sutherland Drysdale died August 7, 1872 of tuberculosis less than one year following her marriage. Savilla Umlah, Becky's sister, died in 1884 of tuberculosis. Becky Umlah Sutherland died of the same disease in 1888 and was buried in Emmanuel Cemetery, Spryfield.



Photo of Alice and Sidney Drysdale, about 1876. Courtesy Descendants of the Sutherland family of Spryfield.

Letters during the 1880s were written from Maggie and Bessie Sutherland's brother, James Albert, to his mother when he was living in Boston, Massachusetts. They contained worrisome news for the family. James had been suffering for a long time with a chest condition and persistent cough. A letter, dated January 1882 to his mother in Spryfield, reported that "smallpox is very thick here". He was thinking of sending his wife, Lizzie, and their two children, two year old daughter, Carrie, and infant son, George William, to spend time with his wife's family in Newfoundland to recuperate after the cold winter. Before the winter was over, however, their infant son was dead.

In the summer of 1882 Lizzie and Carrie arrived in Spryfield. James wrote to his mother saying, "So you have got my pets with you now. I miss them awfully. How do you think they look after two years in the United States?" He always signed his letters with the words "from your affectionate son, James. Lizzie returned home to Boston but Carrie remained with her grandparents in Spryfield. Both Lizzie and James Sutherland were unwell. James died of tuberculosis in

March of 1883. A letter, dated January 17, 1884, Auburndale, Massachusetts, from Lizzie to her mother-in-law, Mary Ann Sutherland, Spryfield, tells of how she spent Christmas working from 5 pm until the next morning. Lizzie, a nurse, worked in the local hospital and wrote "I did not finish the old year up very good. I had cramps all afternoon. I took a tremendous one doubled me right up I fainted". The medical doctor told her it was enlargement of the liver, gave her some medicine to take and to paint her abdomen with iodine. She said it made her feel better.

Lizzie Sutherland's death date is not recorded in the Sutherland papers but oral history in the family indicates she did not live long after the death of her husband. It is not known where she is buried but a gravestone for her husband, James Albert, is in Emmanuel Cemetery, Spryfield. Carrie, her daughter, was brought up in Spryfield by her Sutherland grandparents from the time she was three years old. Caroline married James Alfred Yeadon of Spryfield and both Carrie and James Alfred are buried in Emmanuel Cemetery. Their descendants, still living in Spryfield, continue to save the Suther-

land letters and artifacts.

George Walter Sutherland and his wife, Rebecca, adopted four year old Sidney Reuben Drysdale in 1874. Sidney's six year old sister, Alice, was adopted at the same time by George's parents. They were brought up as members of the Sutherland family but retained their Drysdale name. Their parents, Andrew Drysdale and Hannah Boutilier Drysdale, of Brookside, died within a few months of each other in 1872. In the collection of Sutherland letters, many are written to Alice.

In Alice Drysdale's autograph book, George W. Sutherland wrote the following verse. It is undated. One might conclude that he was writing this as a tribute to his dead wife, Rebecca.

"A loved one gone on before.
Her gentle voice now is hushed.
Her warm true heart is still.
And on her sweet and innocent
brow is resting death's cold chill.
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breast I have kissed her lovely brow
And my aching heart I know I
have no darling now."
G.W. Sutherland.

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Urban Farm Museum celebrates 24th Birthday

by Patricia MacLean, President
Masks, “social distancing”, a restricted number of guests and several rain showers could not dampen the enthusiasm of the day as friends and members celebrated the 24th Birthday of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield on Saturday, July 11, 2020.

Founded in 1996, the Society has consistently grown from a very small group of three founding members to paid memberships of 75 - 100, many of whom volunteer on a regular basis. Many others who are not able to physically volunteer at the farm financially support our UFMSS - funding which is greatly appreciated.

Following an oxen ploughing event in 2001, on land licensed from the Kidston family, gardens were planted; a storage barn was built for our 1940s wagon and tools; programs and events were organized; a cookbook, a garden/curriculum book and planting brochures were published; and board and member training sessions were offered to members. Currently, the Society is participating in an evaluation program to receive museum accreditation - all part of the continuing efforts of the UFMSS to preserve the agricultural heritage of Spryfield. We are so fortunate to have a rich proud history from which to build and develop a museum right here in our community. The gift of 2.14 acres of adjoining land from Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Medjuck in 2016



Shown cutting the cake (L-R) MLA Brendan Maguire, Patricia MacLean, UFMSS President, and Councillor Stephen Adams

gave the UFMSS a place of their own to start a Forest School program and create trails in an old growth forest to share with all in our community.

Hopefully, the safety precautions we are following will continue to keep the Covid-19 pandemic away from our Urban Farm and we can still have an “Evening in the Garden” during the summer and our Harvest Fair on September 26th. We would also like to work with students and youth in our community if school resumes in September. Our thanks to Andy Fillmore and the Federal Service Canada Youth Program for financial support to hire

summer staff. We are very happy to welcome Madison Newcombe, a graduate of J. L. Ilsley High School, to our Urban Farm. You can find her in our gardens from 10am-4pm, Tuesdays - Saturday.

Our sincere thanks to our MLA, Brendan Maguire for sponsoring our Birthday garden party, to our Councillor, Stephen Adams who has supported all our efforts over the past 24 years, our guest soloist, Ann Denny and to our members and volunteers for organizing our celebration.

We plan to launch our new website on July 31st and look forward to your

comments. We invite you to become a member and join our Facebook group. Yearly membership fees are \$5.00 for youth and seniors, \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for families and \$25.00 for groups. Membership fees and donations over \$10.00 will receive a charitable receipt. For further information, our email address is urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com or call Pat at (902) 497-3683. Our mailing address is #211 - 339 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, N.S. B3R 1V5.

Our Urban Farm is located near the corner of Ardwell Avenue on Rockingstone Road across from Kidston Estates. Please enter through the driveway gates marked “Urban Farm”, our farm driveway is on your left. You may also walk from the Capt. William Spry Community Centre along Kidston Road through the city gates to McIntosh Park. Our farm entrance is on your right opposite the bridge at Tartan Ave in Thornhill Park. Although pets are welcome, we respectfully ask that they are kept on a leash at all times and “clean-up bags” are taken home with you.

Our Urban Farm is now open to a limited number of visitors/members at one time, but everyone must continue to adhere to all current health regulations. We look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Your Friends at the Urban Farm



NEWS & VIEWS

from the desk of
Bruce Holland



Current public health information can be seen at www.canada.ca/coronavirus. The province's site for all things COVID is <https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/> Information on programs for individual and businesses can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

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SPRYFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Have you checked out the Spryfield Farmers Market? Now in its 5th season, they've changed the way they're operating for the moment. They're operating virtually for the most part, but items can be preordered from their vendors and picked up at St. Paul's Church on designated Sundays, all while practicing safe social distancing. Check them out at <https://www.spryfieldmarket.com>.

SCHOLARSHIP

We recently had the pleasure of presenting Laura LeBlanc with our first Eric Caines Memorial Scholarship. Laura is a 2020 graduate of J.L. Ilsley High School and will be studying business at Saint Mary's University. We wish her the best of luck in her future, and hope that the \$500 scholarship eases some of the financial burden of post-secondary studies.

We are accepting donations for the scholarship, and in future if sufficient funds are raised, we will expand to offer multiple scholarships. To make a donation, contact admin@discoverspryfield.ca.

WORKPLACE EDUCATION

Our free training programs with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education continued throughout the pandemic by presenting them online. When it's safe to do so, we will switch back to in classroom training. What programs would you like to see offered in the future? Contact 902-452-7472 or bruce@discoverspryfield.ca to share your thoughts.

CBDC BLUE WATER

CBDC Blue Water's remote business assistance continues. Contact their Senior Business Development Officer, Alayne Jackson at 902-889-7523 or email alayne.jackson@cbdc.ca to see how they can help you.

RURAL BUS SERVICE UPDATE

The SBC Board of Directors has completed every requirement asked of us to introduce a Rural Bus Service in the Spryfield/Sambro/Ketch Harbour area. There is a deficit between the amount of grant funding available to go ahead with the pilot project and the lowest bid we received to operate it. We have asked the Province and the Municipality to each contribute an additional amount to cover that deficit. Presently the Province has approved an additional amount of the funding to start the service and we are awaiting approval from Halifax Transit/HRM to provide the additional funding necessary to go ahead with the pilot. We hope to introduce the new Chebucto Transit Service and begin to operate in the Fall, perhaps by October 1st, provided the funding is approved.

An important piece of this project will be the steering committee which will eventually take over the management and operation of the Rural Bus. We're looking for community minded members of the general public to sit on that committee. If this is something that interests you, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

We will continue to share the progress on this project as it unfolds.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Matt Madden of Halifax Real Estate Photography. Matt can be reached at info@halifaxrealestatephotography.com or by calling (902) 499-0391.

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Local volunteer memorialized with plaque!

by Bruce Holland

A nice sized crowd turned out for the unveiling of a plaque to Memorialize longtime community volunteer Skip Horton at the Sambro ball field on Saturday, July 18th, 2020.

Skip's legacy is described on the plaque: "His selfless commitment defined him, which is evident throughout Sambro and surrounding communities."

Councillor Stephen Adams, a close friend, who gave the Eulogy at Skip's funeral and led the effort to have the plaque created, said, "Skip was always doing something in and around the community. Whether it was for Sambro Sou'Wester Days or a ball tournament, Skip was a one man grounds crew here at the field; he was truly a giver. Skip is going to be missed by all!"

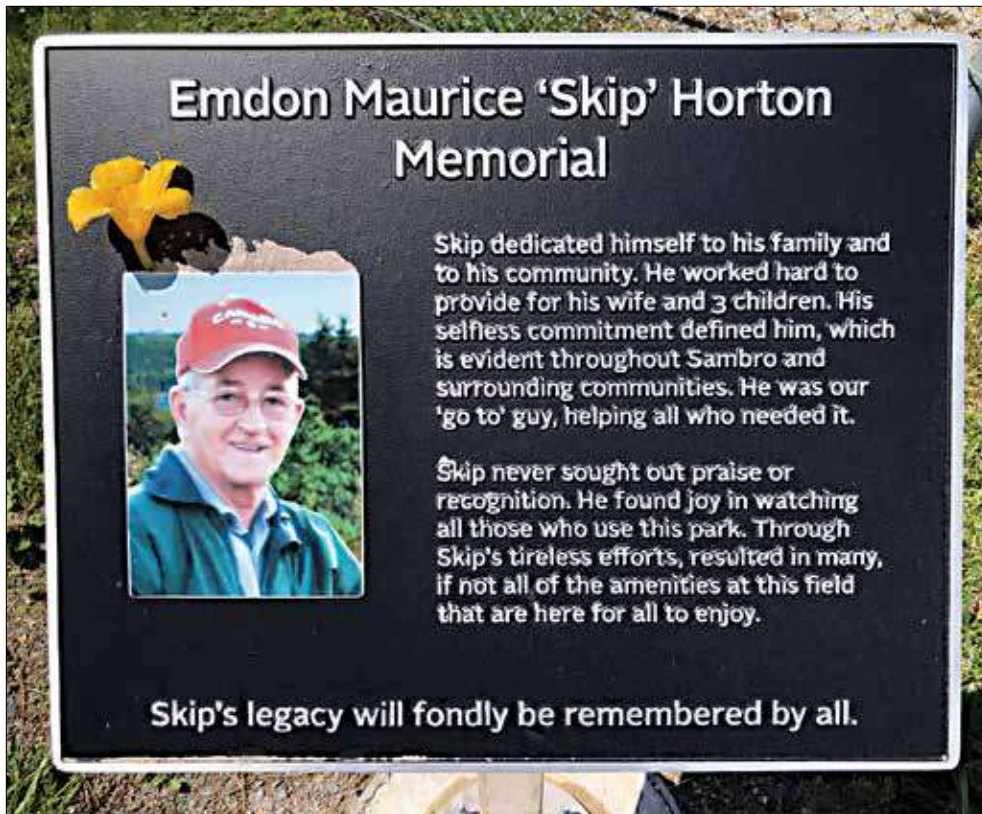
There were approximately sixty + people who turned out on a beautiful afternoon to pay tribute to Skip. Kimberly Horton, Skip's daughter who came down from New Brunswick, said, "It is nice to have a place where we can come and visit with Dad!"

Daughter Janet Cox and son Stephen Horton had the same sentiments, "The turnout today shows the appreciation folks had for Dad and how much he meant to the community; it's so heartwarming to see!"

After Councillor Adams said a few words, those in attendance offered good wishes and condolences to Skip's wife Vivian, and members of the family. It truly was an outpouring of respect for a great man!



Skip Horton's family heartwarmed by outpouring of good wishes



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J. L. Ilsley graduate receives first annual Eric Caines Memorial Scholarship



Pictured left to right; Bruce Holland SBC Executive Director, Eric Caines (on the screen in the background), Cecil, Eric's Father, Laura LeBlanc, scholarship recipient, and Eric's best friend and co-coach Peter Mowat

by Bruce Holland

The Spryfield Business Commission (SBC) was pleased to present Laura LeBlanc, a 2020 graduate of J. L. Ilsley High School, with the first annual Eric Caines Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was renamed in memory of long time Spryfield businessman, SBC board member and Treasurer, and community advocate Eric Caines who, sadly, passed away this spring.

Peter Mowat, a long time friend of Eric's, who co-coached the Chebucto Atlantic's Midget AA Hockey Team with Eric for many years said, "Eric was a very special guy. My son played hockey for Eric and won a Provincial championship on Eric's team. When I retired as a deep sea Captain, I wanted to get involved in the community and my wife suggested I contact Eric, which is what I did. I ended up coaching with Eric and we became best friends." Peter went on to say, "Eric had a can do attitude, there was nothing he couldn't do!"

Laura, who said in accepting the award, "I am honoured to be receiving this scholarship in Eric's name!" is going to Saint Mary's University to study Business. The Award was presented to Laura by Eric's father, Cecil Caines, who is also a long time businessman in Spryfield and former SBC board member.

The Spryfield Business Commission has been giving a J. L. Ilsley graduate a scholarship for many years and thought it would be fitting to rename the scholarship after Eric, a J. L. Ilsley graduate himself, who was so committed to the Business Commission and his community.

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Stronger together

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

To all residents and families, Happy Natal Day long weekend! As we celebrate the city's 125th Natal Day, I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe summer. Though I'm thinking fondly of the picnics and BBQs I usually host at this time of year, I know we'll all find ways to make this year's festivities just as fun.

As we all adjust to the "new normal" in the workplace, I've been involved in lots of virtual meetings over Zoom and other platforms. Last month, I hosted a meeting for local community groups and associations to discuss provincial grants for sport, physical activity, and recreation programs and facilities. This was exciting for me as it was the first time representatives from our Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage met virtually with potential grant applicants. If you or someone you know is involved with a community group serving our area, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As you may have heard, Nova Scotia has released a back-to-school plan that includes public school students returning to the classroom on Tuesday, September 8. The plan is supported by public health and the IWK Health Centre, and was developed with survey feedback from more than 28,000 parents and students, and input from union and education partners. In September, students, families and staff can expect: plans to support enhanced cleaning, physical distancing and situations specific to schools in their area, classrooms to be reorganized to increase spacing, treating a class as a bubble to minimize contact with other students, enhanced cleaning on school buses as well as all school bus riders and drivers being required to wear a mask, and much more. A number of instructional videos will be released, and I will share them on social media. The province is also investing \$4 million to secure computers to support student learning if at any point a school or community needs to switch to a blended (not full capacity) learning model or to fully at-home learning. The school setting will look very different in the fall, and I strongly recommend all families review the full plan and safety measures by visiting

ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool and watching the videos so we can all adjust to our new habits.

On July 20, our province issued the first monthly payments of the expanded Nova Scotia Child Benefit. In Budget 2020-21, Nova Scotia invested \$18 million to expand the benefit to include more families, while also raising the amount that eligible families receive. This represents the largest single increase to the benefit since it was created in 1998, and is intended to make it easier for families to afford their day-to-day expenses. Families with incomes below \$34,000 will now be eligible, and the amount will also increase from \$625 per year to \$925 annually for the first child for all eligible families. The benefit is tax-free and families do not need to apply.

I encourage all Nova Scotians to vacation locally and take time to rediscover all the wonderful attractions and small businesses our province has to offer. Personally, I spent a weekend

last month at White Beach Resort. I took the occasion to explore the surrounding area, the farmer's market, Hell Bay Brewing Company, Main & Mersey Coffee Bar, Carter's Beach, and even bought a lovely dress from Lilieth, a local boutique. I encourage everyone to plot their own Nova Scotia staycation this year and take advantage of the summer. Our towns and our tourist businesses need our help, and there's never been a better time to find new favourite places in our beautiful province.

It is now mandatory for drivers and passengers to wear a non-medical mask on public transportation, including on school buses and in private taxis. It is also very important to remember to wear a face mask in indoor public spaces. The public health recommendations are clear: wearing a non-medical mask while you're out helps protect others and reduces the spread of COVID-19. Show kindness and care for your fellow Nova Scotians by wearing one in all public places, and make it a habit to bring one with you when you leave your home. Of course, not everyone can

wear a mask, and exceptions exist for children under two or anyone who has a medical reason for not wearing a mask.

Don't forget that grade 7 students from the 2019-2020 school year are able to get up-to-date on immunizations at clinics hosted by Public Health this month. The second round of clinics for this past school year were postponed due to COVID-19. In HRM, families can call (902) 481-1892 or 1 (800) 430-9557 for more information. Calls are returned within 24 hours. Eligible families will be contacted directly by Public Health.

In closing, I'm excited to share that, as the MLA for Halifax Armdale, I am putting together a Youth Advisory Committee. This committee is open to youth in our area aged 15-29, and will help bring the voices of our young people to our province's decision-making. If you know a community-minded young person who would like to make up part of the committee, please have them send me an e-mail.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Wear a mask, save lives!

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As measures and restrictions related to COVID-19 begin to be lifted and things slowly go back to normal, it is easy for Nova Scotians to become complacent and forgetful in following health protocols. While there is no question we have made great strides with respect to fighting COVID-19, it is imperative that we continue to follow public health directives and proper hygiene practices. This includes proper hand-washing and wearing a mask. As Premier McNeil has said, when someone is wearing a mask, they are not only protecting themselves – but also others. Dr. Strang has also strongly recommended the use of non-medical masks when you're out in public and can't ensure physical distancing. Wearing a reusable non-medical mask safely is easy and the least we can do to keep our community safe and healthy. We must remember, wearing a non-medical mask or face covering alone will not prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all must also continue to wash our hands often, practice physical distanc-

ing, and stay home if we are sick.

24th Anniversary of the Spryfield Urban Farm

I was proud to sponsor the 24th anniversary of the Spryfield Urban Farm. The Urban Farm is one of my favorite spots and I always look forward to visiting. The weather was a little dark and sometimes wet but that didn't stop the community from coming out. Thank you to all of the Urban Farm volunteers past, present and future for making our community a better and healthier place!

Essential Healthcare Worker's Bonus

Throughout this pandemic, our healthcare workers have worked long hours on the frontlines and have made significant sacrifices to keep our community safe. In May, the Government of Nova Scotia announced that in collaboration with the federal government, a cash bonus would be provided to hard-working healthcare providers in patient-facing roles. However, there has been some concern with regard to the eligibility and scope of the program. This program, as proposed by the federal government, only applied to frontline essential healthcare workers earning \$30k or less. This meant that only an estimated 200 Nova Scotians would benefit. Thanks to the leadership of the Nova Scotia Government and the hard work of provincial government officials in lobbying the federal government, the income threshold has been removed, and approximately 43,000 Nova Scotian frontline healthcare workers now qualify. I'd like to thank all our healthcare workers for their sacrifice during this unprecedented and difficult time. We would not have been so successful in our continued battle

to flatten the curve and fight this virus without you.

The Organ and Tissue Donation Act

The Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act will come into effect on Jan. 18, 2021. The new law will make it possible for more Nova Scotians to donate their organs and tissues at the time of their death.

Starting on Jan. 18, people who do not record a decision on their health card, and are eligible, will be seen as agreeing to be a donor after death. A single organ donor can save up to eight lives, and a single tissue donor can help up to 75 people. As of June 29, 108 Nova Scotians are waiting for an organ transplant. Last year, 53 Nova Scotians received organ transplants. This policy is a big and progressive step for our province. To learn more about the changes and Nova Scotians' donation options, visit www.novascotia.ca/organtissuedonation.

Expansion of the Nova Scotia Child Benefit

On June 29th, Premier Stephen McNeil announced an expansion to the Nova Scotia Child Benefit. This is a benefit that I deeply support and a benefit that will help many families and children in our community and across the province. The reality is, our children deserve the best possible start in life, but not all children have the same advantages. That's why the Government of Nova Scotia is putting more money directly into the hands of families who need it by expanding eligibility for the Nova Scotia Child Benefit and increasing the amounts families receive. The first payment will be issued on July 20th and families do not need to apply.

For more information, visit

(See *Wear a mask on page 9*)

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Setting the record straight

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Over the past years, there has been extensive speculation, rumour, innuendo, misinformation and a myriad of other descriptions regarding RDM in Harrietsfield. I had not planned on writing about this; however, some recent Facebook posts and accusations leave me no choice. The following information is a matter of public record and is readily available.

To be perfectly clear, the intent of this chronology is not to lay blame nor point fingers. It is simply to outline the facts, which have become distorted and misinterpreted over the years.

The following information is contained in a staff report dated October 8, 2002. For those reading this online, here is the link: <http://legacycontent.halifax.ca/council/documents/020810ca71.pdf>. (You can also visit Halifax.ca, agendas, meetings & reports, browse pre-2017 meetings, Regional Council 2002).

This is a direct quote from this report. "Nicholson's Auto Salvage operated on this site from the 1960s as a salvage yard, which is defined in the Land Use By-Law. A "Salvage Yard means a lot or premises for the storage, handling, processing or sale of used scrap goods or material. Nicholson's business concentrated on vehicles and RDM concentrates on C&D materials. While the specific materials handled by the businesses may differ, they both involve the storage, handling, processing or sale of used goods or materials. Consequently, no rezoning or public input was required. The conversion was permitted as-of-right."

What this means is that the decision to allow RDM to operate under the salvage yard license was made internally by our planning staff. The local Councillor, Council, MLA, MP nor any other political body was involved and could not, nor would not, have influenced this decision. Land-Use planning applications and decisions of this nature are not uncommon.

The staff report referenced above was written as the result of an application to allow disposal on the site. For the record, I supported this rezoning application, which was not in line with the staff recommendation. Given

the amount of stockpiled material on-site, disposal would address this issue. The rezoning request was approved and the property was given a CD-3 zone, which allowed for disposal, pending provincial approval. The following is noted in the staff report referenced above:

"...the Department of Environment and Labour which is responsible for final approval of C&D disposal sites ..."

As per the HRM process, HRM issued a Development Permit for disposal Feb 6, 2003. In March of 2003, HRM issued a C&D Disposal License to RDM, both of which were conditional on approval from the NS Department of Environment and Labour, such that they meet they Provinces' C&D Disposal Guidelines.

In October of 2003, The Minister of Environment, Kerry Morash, issued a letter to RDM advising that the Department of Environment and Labour (DEL) would not issue the approval for a C&D disposal facility. He utilized the 'precautionary principle' in refusing the application.

Given that the Department of Environment refused the approval for disposal, HRM, from 2004 forward, never issued a C&D Development

Permit nor a C&D Disposal License.

However, in 2004 the Nova Scotia Department of Environment did approve a remediation plan for RDM which included the encapsulation of a large stockpile (120,000 tons) of non-reusable C&D materials. In essence, NSDEL approved the disposal of this material without HRM permits or licenses.

An email from the Minister of Environment, dated Feb 3, 2005 stated quite clearly that, "The RDM facility had received authorization from this Department to remediate a quantity of non-recyclable material by burial in an engineered containment cell." In a Freedom of Information request to the province, I asked for the date when this approval was issued. I was refused this very simple request.

The verbatim reply was, "We are refusing access to the record(s) for the following reasons: Section 4(2)(h)(i) a record relating to a prosecution if all proceedings in respect of the prosecution have not been completed;"

Trying to get information from the province has proven to be very frustrating, bordering on impossible. In comparison, when information was requested of HRM, I was provided 85

pages of documentation.

The following is a very interesting and well-written article which was submitted to the Provincial Ombudsman in 2016. I encourage you to have a look.

Summary of Complaint to Nova Scotia Office of the Ombudsman: Drinking Water Contamination in Harrietsfield, Nova Scotia Ecojustice. For those reading this on-line, here is the link: <http://www.ecojustice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Ombudsman-Complaint-Summary.pdf>. (You can also visit Ecojustice.ca to read this.)

This article raises many interesting points. However, the one that stands out is the following, on the first page.

"As outlined in further detail below, the mismanagement of the Property can be seen in five primary and well documented failures:

"the Department approved the disposal of large volumes of waste on the Property after concluding that such disposal was inappropriate;"

Should you wish to discuss this in further detail, please contact me at adamss@halifax.ca or (902) 477-0627. I would be pleased speak with you.

Wear a mask

(continued from page 8)
<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200629001>.

We are slowly starting to come out of this COVID-19 nightmare. Shops are opening up, we are able to travel within the Atlantic Provinces, spend time with loved ones and we are seeing life getting back to normal.

I know this has been tough on you. Quite honestly, it has been tough on me. Our physical and mental health has taken some lumps. We are a strong community; we are a caring community; and most importantly we are a community. Do not be afraid to reach out or to ask for advice. Most importantly please be kind to one another.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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James Patrick MacDonald

Halifax. It is with saddened and broken hearts that we announce the passing of James MacDonald "Jimmy", our precious Dad, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and father-in-law on May 8, 2020 in the Halifax Infirmary QEII. Dad was born September 30, 1931, to the late Mary Cowie. Dad worked many years for the City Field and then went on to pursue a career with Canada Post for 32 years, from where he retired. Dad was a loving husband to his wife, Rowena (Greenwood), and they were married for almost 65 years. Dad was predeceased by his wife, Rowena in March, 2017 and his youngest daughter, Jo-Anne in June, 2012 and the loss of them totally broke his heart. He was a very caring, compassionate Dad and loved us dearly. Dad, we are sad to lose you but happy you are no longer suffering. Now you will be united with Mom and Jo-Anne. Dad is survived by his loving daughter, Rowena Baker; his loving son Jamie (Christina); loving grandchildren, Allan Patrick (Carolyn), James Patrick and Sarah Mae; brothers, Alex Cowie (Dolly), Edward Cowie, Frank Cowie (Diane); brother-in-law, Joe Greenwood (Marie), Stewiacke; sister-in-law, Marie Greenwood, Halifax; as well as many nieces and nephews. Dad was also predeceased by his grandmother, Ella Whalen; brother, Alfred Cowie; son-in-law, Allan Baker; brothers-in-law, Robert Greenwood, Patrick Greenwood and Basil Greenwood; sisters-in-law, Sandra Cowie, Ethel Greenwood and Florence Greenwood; nephews, Joey Greenwood, Patrick Greenwood (son of Patrick),

Patrick Greenwood (son of Robert) and special family friend Herbert Keddy. Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Halifax. Donations may be made to Hope for Wildlife, 5909 Highway 207, Seaforth, Nova Scotia B0J 2L0. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, a private family service will take place. To leave condolences for the family, visit his tribute wall at www.walkerfh.com

Kimberly Diane Parsons

Age 51, Bridgewater (formerly Spryfield), passed away peacefully June 27, 2020 at the V.G Site, QEII. Born in Toronto, Ont., she was the daughter of the Diane (Hill), Halifax and the late Douglas Parsons. In Jimmy's life she had many health struggles, at birth she was diagnosed with congenital deformities which caused her to spend the majority of the first five years of her life in the hospital. Through her childhood and adulthood she had many health issues such as kidney transplants and full time dialysis. Through it all she showed her strength and worked in Alberta and Nova Scotia. She had also started a family. Jordan was born in Edmonton and Joshua and Ashley in Nova Scotia. Jimmy was always active with her children and encouraged them in their involvement in school and life. In her recent years her health issues had been an ongoing struggle. She leaves behind her children, Jordan Smith, Joshua and Ashley Bona; step-children, Jessika and Marissa Pike; special aunt, Mary Wilkie, and several other aunts and uncles and numerous cousins. She was predeceased by her partner, Shawn Bona, brother, Douglas Parsons, and maternal grandparents, Herbert and Emily Hill. Donations in memory may be made to the Canadian Kidney Foundation. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Palliative Care Unit, especially to Dr's Nunn and Tan and to Desiree and to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home and Donnie Cameron for his guidance, care and compassion. To place words of comfort and condolence, you may visit www.walkerfh.com

Jimmy Hann

Sadly, the family announces that Jimmy passed away on July 2nd while in Palliative Care after many years of suffering with heart disease. Jimmy was born on February 7, 1937. He was the son of the late James and Hilda (Gray) Hann. In his working years, Jimmy started in the Military and later years he worked as a mechanic and School Bus driver. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Ivy (Kirk) Hann and their children: Mitzi (Lou) Shaw of Ellershouse, Marty (Sue) Hann of Halifax and Michelle (Howie) Smith of Spryfield. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley (Len) Cavan of Sambro Head and his grandchildren, Jennifer, Bradley, Sara, Jill, Trevor, Travis and many great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Jimmy was predeceased by his infant son, Norman Patrick. Jimmy will be in our hearts forever and missed by all his loving family. Arrangements have been entrusted to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Cremation has taken place and a private burial will follow. No visitation or flowers by request. Memorial donations can be made to St. James United Church, Sambro and online condolences can be placed at www.walkerfh.com

Bella Clark

We are all saddened by the passing of Bella Clark on Monday, July 13 at the

QEII-Halifax Infirmary. Born in Halifax, Bella was the daughter of the late Lawson and Amanda Pelrine. Bella was an older sister to Keith (Wendy), Halifax, and predeceased by her husband Denny, brothers: John, Warren, and sister Margie. Bella met the love of her life Denny; married and raised her family in Spryfield. She had three children who she was very proud of, Jerry (Janice) of Stewiacke, Doug of Stewiacke and Nicole (Tim) of Halifax, grandchildren: Nicholas, Kara (Ryan), Kirsten, Kyle, Cody, Darren, and Marisia and two great grandchildren: Maxwell and Bailey. Bella was a kind soul with a giant heart; always willing to help others, she loved people and could make friends everywhere she went. She made many friends in her career as the supervisor of the stock room at the Spryfield Zellers, many who she kept in touch with for years even after retirement. She always looked forward to her Tuesday night Tops meeting as she did not really go and expect to lose some extra pounds but to spend an hour or so with her Tops girlfriends and catch up on all their new endeavors. Bella spent many weekends with Denny up at the old hunting camp in Stewiacke where they both enjoyed the country life and later nearly every weekend with Janice and Jerry at their now country home. She loved it most when someone would come through the door just to sit for a few minutes and have a chat with her. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Diabetic Association or charity of one's choice. Words of comfort and condolence can be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

Eleanor LeBlanc 1927 – 2020

It is with great sadness that we say good bye to a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother and "Nan" to so many others.

She was a long-time resident of Spryfield arriving from Moncton, NB in 1948 and lived at the corner of Sussex Street & Herring Cove Rd. for 50 years. This is where she raised her family of girls – Emerice, Ida, Doris, Sylvia and a special grand daughter Tina. A long-time member of St. Michael's Church. A shy lady who always made room at her table for another. A kind lady with a brilliant smile. She loved to travel enjoying her trips to Europe, Caribbean, many provinces of Canada and the US. Her happiest times were spent with her grand & great grandchildren. Always having time to spend with them. She was loved by all.

She was preceded by her husband Henry LeBlanc, two infant children, grandson Michael Ewing, her maternal parents Sylvie & Antony Melanson, a brother and two sisters.

Her family would like to express the wonderful care she received from the VON and Bayshore Home Care especially Wendy, Zelda, Courtney, Janice and many more. The team from the congestive heart clinic especially nurse practitioner Amanda Tinning. Finally, the staff of the Halifax Hospice for all the wonderful care and attention she received till the end of her life.

A celebration of her life to be held later due the Covid-19. Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of Eleanor please support Halifax Hospice.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) Our Food Bank will continue to operate as long as possible. Please call 902-477-1954 and leave a message if you need some assistance.
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled

Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers take out breakfast

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

- City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248 c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.citychurchhalifax.ca
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd.) events:

- Emmanuel Food Bank is open. Please call 902-477-1954 to reserve a food box. Pick up is Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30 only.

Other activities will resume as permitted in the fall.

Our website: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:

- Breakfast to-go bags: 9:30-10:30am Monday to Friday
- Family Services by phone call 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226
- Our hours are reduced from 9:30-12:00pm

St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Public access to the outdoor tap will

begin in early May. We request that users follow hand washing/sanitizing procedures and social distancing when accessing this water.

St James United, (3811 Old Sambro Road), Sambro events:

Drive through: Takeout Only Supper Fish Cakes and Baked Beans with Strawberry Shortcake
AUG 16th, 3-6pm, \$15.00. Delivery to local area- call 902-868-2791

Mad Hatter Market in Support of Spay Day HRM.

Vendors, crafters, food and music Spryfield Lions Rink 9-12, Sunday August 30. Tables still available. Free Admission! 902-719-8389 for tables or event information.

Please note that due to covid-19, many events including those listed here may be postponed or cancelled.

Call ahead to find out if an event you are interested in attending is still taking place.

Chebucto news looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

Check our Facebook page for late arriving events and changes or updates to listed events.

Religious Services Directory for August

****To have your church/synagogue/mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by August 12 for September's issue****

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.

CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

St. Augustine's Anglican Church (2010 Purcell's Cove Rd)

Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Prayer Time: 10:00 am;
Sunday Family Service: 10:30 am;
Nursery & Children's Ministry 10:30 am; Wednesday Night Prayer: 7:30 PM

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Dr)

Church services Sunday 11-12 am

Oromo Gospel Church

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd.)

We are gradually re-opening for in-person Sunday worship, with physical distancing and many precautions in place for your safety. Wearing masks as you come and go is strongly recommended. If you decide to come, please do maintain physical distancing as a way of showing your care and respect for one another.

10:00 am, BAS Holy Communion, in person, and live streamed on our Facebook site, Emmanuel Anglican Church, with links to our webpage. We will continue to livestream our worship for the foreseeable future.

We are an affirming church. Everyone is welcome at any of our

services.

St. Michael Catholic Church (6 St Michaels Ave, Spryfield)

Saturday: 5 pm and Sunday 11 am

St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)

Due to Covid-19, our building is closed except for Soup's On as a take out on Tuesdays and for Food Bank on Wednesdays. Please phone 902-477-5090 on Monday for Food Bank. However, Rev. Anne Hoganson does the church service alone and posts it on our Facebook page. She is available if you wish to speak with her, at 902-237-3318.

Stella Maris Church

St Michael's Catholic Church (6 St Michael's Ave, Spryfield)

Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am

St Paul's Catholic Church (137 Hebridean Dr., Herring Cove)

Sunday 9 am

St John the Baptist Catholic Church (Purcell's Cove Rd.)

Sunday 10am

Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd)

Regular Sunday worship at 11:00am. Preceded by a prayer meeting at 10:30am

The Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge (Parish):

St. James United Church: 3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro
Parkhill United Church: 5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore

We hope to return to services in our churches in September, date to be announced. Until then, our church buildings are temporarily closed. We offer a pre-recorded Worship Service every Sunday on St. James United Church-Sambro Facebook Page. We look forward to being with everyone again when we get the all clear. Until then... Many Blessings! Information: www.sambrojollimorepc.com

A Blessing of the Fleet service will be held at 11:30 am, Sunday, August 9 LIVE at the Government Wharf in Sambro.

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Bring us your receipt from
having one of our competi-
tors make your wine for you
and we will **make your first
wine kit with us for free!***

*The fine print: You must never have made wine with us before, must present your receipt for having had one of our competitors make a wine kit for you, and the kit to be made must be purchased from us. THIS OFFER CAN NOT be combined with other sales, offers or discount coupons. Winery Fee includes 30 corks and having us sanitize 30 bottles for you.

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or Verdicchio
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