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## Home schooling gets creative in Spryfield



Max is filling a buck with seaweed, while James is hauling it up the rocky shore

by Lorrie Boylen

With the closure of schools during the pandemic, parents have had to find unique ways to aide their children in finishing out their school year, while

keeping them in good spirits.

Some children are not keen on schoolwork, so their parents need to turn everyday activities into learning opportunities. Some science related

activities include planting, learning how to grow their own food, going outside in nature to identify plants and birds, learning about tides and identifying the treasures that they find while walking on the shore.

Toys like Lego are useful in learning math and creating art. "Gym class" is riding bikes, bouncing on the trampoline, snorkeling, going for walks, hikes and runs.

Socialization is an important part of school, too. The kids have been adapting well, using tools like Google Hangouts, Messenger, Zoom, Face-time and gaming systems to stay in touch and lift their mood. Piano and dance lessons are being done via video chat as well.

Kim McCallum arranged to have a friend teach her children how to make pizza dough on video chat. Measuring ingredients and following instructions is a practical way to enhance math and communications skills. Since then, her daughter has been making pizza for the family once a week, and has gone

on to learn to make rolls.

She also arranged for their uncle who's a geologist to do some Zoom lessons. They're learning to type, do carpentry and gardening projects, and have been cleaning up the community. They're nursing a kitten back to health that was surrendered to the vet clinic Kim works at.

Lucinda Woodard's family has been building a fort using a saw and hatchet, and made a rocket stove. Her sons have been harvesting, rinsing, chopping and bagging seaweed, and selling their 10 pound bags. They've learned a lot about seaweed, and have been using Excel skills to keep track of over 100 orders so far. If you're in need of mulch, you can contact them at 902-430-9699 or email [lwoodard@amca.ca](mailto:lwoodard@amca.ca).

Sarah Slade Doucette and her son have a family business called Nauti State of Mind, where they create and sell nautical themed items like buoys, keychains, ornaments, candle holders, lamps and shelves. He's learning

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## Sammy says



In consultation with government officials, SACA has made the difficult decision to cancel

the 2020 Sou'Wester Days. This is not unexpected, given the cancellation of so many other festivals and events scheduled for this summer. Although this is disappointing, it's absolutely necessary for the health and safety of

our patrons and volunteers. We look forward to hosting in 2021, assuming we are allowed to do so.

We're working on some other things, so stay tuned for details of future fundraising events. Be sure to follow SACA on social media or our website at [www.Sambro.ca](http://www.Sambro.ca).

As COVID numbers shrink and restrictions are lifted, please continue to follow social distancing recommendations to flatten the curve. We want to make sure that when we come out the other side of this that we're all still here.

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# Home schooling

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skills like power tools, math, budgeting and art. They recently appeared in a segment on CTV Morning Live. Their business can be found on social media @NautiStateOfMind or you can email them at Jayceadvertising@eastlink.ca

Teacher Tara Sampson created a YouTube channel for the school, where she and her girls create and post videos twice a week. Her family has been working on a picture book based on the song Our Sambro Light, and another where they are collaborating with other school families based on Sambro Beside the Sea. Once complete, they'll put all the pictures together and sing the books on the YouTube channel.

Nancy Ewing's children stick to a



Ana Almeida, from CTV news, interviews Jacye about his family's nautical creations business

routine in the morning, then have free time in the afternoon. Her 11 year old usually prepares lunch. Her 7 year old created a supper menu and took the family's orders as a school writing assignment. She then ran a restaurant for supper, helped Nancy cook, and then served the meal.

Families have been delivering surprises to friends' porches, and having special parades to celebrate birthdays and special occasions. They're creating homemade slime, playdough, and

using cereal boxes to create puzzles, marble mazes, dollhouses and stuffy houses. Many are finding that they are doing things they never had time to do before, when they were running to various lessons and sporting events.

Hats off to all the families for making the best of a difficult situation. Well done!

(Lorrie Boylen is a Freelance Writer, Administrative and Communications Professional and CBC Radio's Community Contact for Sambro)



Max shows off his seaweed while his brother James collects more in the background

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# Something old and something new

by Carolyn Mont

This time of pandemic has touched everyone's lives in so many different ways. It has impacted us socially, economically, physically, academically... the list goes on. As we are now in the third month, we struggle to find things that have not changed as even those things that are relatively constant have changed. We see churches which, in an effort to continue, have come up with a variety of ways to connect with members of their congregations. At St. Paul's United Church several things are almost the same as they were while others are very different.

What is still almost the same? Well, our outdoor tap is on so the people from Harrietsfield who do not have access to safe tap water at home can access our tap every day. You may recall that in winter, because of the risk of the out-

door tap freezing, public access to our water is only when the church is open. We ask that people bring hand sanitizer to use and that they respect social distancing guidelines.

Our free lunch program, Soup's On, continues every Tuesday, at least for the month of June. It is, however, a take-out service until further bans are lifted. Our Food Bank continues to operate, with clients calling 902-477-5090 to register on Monday for a pick up on Wednesday. Our community garden will also be open but in modified form in keeping with physical distancing guidelines. Soup's On, Food Bank and the community garden all are programs of our community ministry, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI).

There is a variety of ways that churches reach out for Sunday services. At St. Paul's, Rev. Anne Hoganson

films the service from our sanctuary and invites the congregation to worship on Sunday morning. The service is also posted on the church's Facebook page for any who wish to view it. Print copies of the order of worship are delivered to members of the congregation who do not have access to the internet.

Something new to us and available to all is a reading Rev. Anne does every weekday morning at 10:00. You can take part in this by "liking" Anne Hoganson on Facebook. She has chosen to focus on women of the Bible, many of whom are not well known. Rev. Anne reads from the part of the Bible where the woman is mentioned and then reads about her from a book called *And She Said: Monologues on Biblical Women* by Betty Radford Turcott. The readings remain as videos on Rev. Anne's Facebook page. Turcott's work is fiction

but told, first person, by someone who is living in Biblical times. Since the church is closed, Rev. Anne reads from home and is often joined by her beautiful cat, Winston.

We have no idea when restrictions will lift but we at St. Paul's United Church are looking forward to a time when we can gather again. With that in mind, we have begun to plan for our Cultural Connections Festival to be held on the weekend of October 3-4. Saturday, October 3 will be a time of celebrating the varied and exciting cultures of members of the greater community. This will include food, dance, storytelling, music.... On Sunday, October 4, the church service will reflect cultural diversity. We know many summer events are cancelled but plan to be ready with our festival in October in hopes that restrictions will be lifted. Mark that date on your calendar.



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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST

### Church Hall in Jollimore was focal point for community events

by Iris Shea

The parishioners of St. Augustine's Anglican Church on Parkhill Road in Jollimore began their Building Fund in February 1949 to build a church hall that would provide space for church and community events. The Ladies Guild donated \$1,069 at that time and Mrs. A.D.M. (Brenda) Curry donated \$1000 in memory of her late mother, Marion (Essen) Morrow.

The Ladies Guild continued to hold fundraising events such as their teas, suppers and card socials at members' homes. I recall taking home a "penny box" from Sunday School for the building fund, filling it with pennies, and returning it. Mrs. Aylmer Burton issued penny boxes to all parishioners.

Parishioner Josiah "Joe" Boutilier donated land for the hall. The name declared was Boutilier Memorial Hall. For those of you who are not familiar with the hall location, it is now Pond Playhouse at 6 Parkhill Road. Reverend Beverly Strople turned the first sod in the spring of 1951. Mr. Rex Burgess signed the contract to build the hall and construction began shortly after the sod turning ceremony. There were financial headaches along the way causing some delays, but these were eventually resolved when Mrs. Curry offered a \$4000 loan and later donated another \$2000. Joe Boutilier also made a loan of \$2000 to the Hall Committee, and Rex Burgess reduced his building fee by 10 percent.

The new Boutilier Memorial Hall officially opened on November 6, 1952. I do not recall hearing that name used for the hall. St. Augustine's Church Hall was the usual name. The building was a long one-level cement structure with a raised stage at one end. The space behind the stage was used as a kitchen. The entrance



Photo of Variety Show at St. Augustine's Church Hall, Jollimore, about 1957. From left to right, Grace Powell, Etta Jollimore, Hilda Gilkie, Glady Melvin, Unknown, Ruth Dimock. On floor is Olive Glover. Courtesy Mildred Richardson.

faced Parkhill Road.

Enthusiastic parishioners and their friends gathered to attend the pre-Christmas event in 1952 sponsored by the Ladies Guild, with Mrs. Arthur Scarfe and Mrs. Ralph Hopkins as conveners. Mrs. Guy Henson and Mrs. George Melvin organized the pantry table to sell baked goods; Mrs. Charles Yeadon and Miss Adwyn Jollimore sold fancy work; and Shirley Jollimore, Leah Jollimore and Dorothy Bignell organized games for children. A special feature of the event was a series of stages set up to represent the customs and activities of four countries, Africa, Japan, Arabia and Holland. Mrs. A.D.M. Curry provided the costumes and Mr. Curry built the four backdrops. Children and adults from the parish, thirty in total, were dressed in those costumes.

Another successful event held in the church hall was a Christmas concert in 1953. A capacity audience enjoyed the

singing by the young children as well as the play "The Little Shepherd" starring Lois and Clinton Proctor, David and Wendy Melvin, and Michael Scarfe, under the direction of Mildred McDonald and her assistant, Brenda Glover, who also served as accompanist.

Annual Variety Shows were a big draw and a great fundraiser. The Men's Club of St. Augustine's Church helped organize the shows and usually starred in them along with other members of the parish. Joan Schnare's comedy acts were memorable, as were the performances of many talented singers and actors. One performance that stands out in my memory is that of brothers, Russell and Leo Topple of Kline Heights...Russell on the fiddle, Leo on the piano, playing the Orange Blossom Special.

Organizations like Brownies and Cubs started meeting at the hall in 1952. Girl Guides began weekly meetings in 1953 under the direction of Mrs. George

Melvin. Parishioner Walter (Bing) Jussup brought movies to the hall every Saturday evening. This was one of the highlights of growing up in Jollimore. I do not remember paying a fee. We, as young children, did not have spending money. My brother, Greg Umlah, was in charge of setting up the chairs in the hall before the movie began, and taking them down when the movie was over, his friends helping him. There was always a full house. We watched movies that were shown in the movie theatres only one week earlier. The exception, however, was the 1953 movie called "So Big", starring Jane Wyman and Sterling Hayden. That movie appeared a week later in local theatres. Mr. Jussup was a member of the Canadian Army, one of the reasons why he had access to these great movies.

The church hall was the focal point of the community, bringing people together for church suppers and weekly card socials. Wedding receptions and other family events took place in the hall. My mother, Mrs. Allan Umlah, held her annual June recitals there for her piano students. If you were a member of the parish and wished to rent the hall, you paid \$15. The cost to non-parishioners was \$25.

In 1963, the need for that hall was ending. A new St. Augustine's Church was built on the Purcell's Cove Road and a church hall was located in the basement. The dedication of the new church took place on March 21, 1964. In April 1964, plans were made to sell the church hall for \$8000, with the Vestry agreeing to a reduced price of \$7000. In November 1965 Theatre Arts Guild made an offer; in February 1966 St. Augustine's Church Hall on Parkhill Road became the property of the Theatre Arts Guild and Pond Playhouse was born.

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**Edward 'Neddy' Vincent Dempsey** Herring Cove, passed away peacefully at home April 29, 2020 with family members by his side. Born in Halifax May 9, 1926; the eldest son of the late Anslie Patrick Dempsey and Catherine Dempsey (Power), survived by wife, Laura Dempsey (Fraser) of 65 years, daughters, Anne Warren (Peter), Marian (Glen), Catherine Brown (Tim), Lois West (Mike), Ellen (Steven); sons, Edward (Lana), Matthew (Carla), Fraser (Laurel); 20 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren. Also survived by brothers, Anslie (Barb), Joseph (Julie), Dennis (Barb); sisters, Doreen Reardon, Rosie Dempsey, Angela Arsenault, Shirley Kerr, Cathy (Fred MacDonald) and sister-in-law Doreen Dempsey, many cousins, nieces and nephews. Predeceased by daughter, Janice, brothers, Jeremiah, Patrick (wife Lillian), Raymond (wife Violet); sister, Mary (husband Doug Purcell); brothers-in-law, Bill Reardon, Brian Dempsey, Joe Arsenault, Harold Cameron, Albert O'Neill, Frank Kerr. Also predeceased by daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Moar and son-in-law, Garry MacDonald. A faithful parishioner of St. Paul's Church, and lifelong resident of Herring Cove, he was a licensed fisherman until the age of 75 years. He was also employed at the HMC Dockyard for 10 years, a deckhand for the Atlantic Pilotage Authority for 10 years and at times a freight handler on the Halifax waterfront with 25 yr. union membership. A true gentleman, he will be remembered for his kindness, humility, generosity and love towards family, friends and many acquaintances. Many

thanks to Dr. Irwin, Northwood Homecare and the VON. Words of comfort and condolence can be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

## Eric Edward Caines

55, Williamswood, NS, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2020, following a courageous battle over the last number of months at Hospice Halifax, Halifax, NS. Born on April 5, 1965, in Montreal, Quebec, he is a son of Cecil and Doreen (Welsman) Caines. Eric was a graduate of J. L. Illsley High School, who in 1991, Eric found his niche and began working for Cemanco Properties Ltd. That year, he renovated and completed the new home of the Royal Bank of Canada, Herring Cove Branch, where he then became the building manager. In 1992, Eric's father, Cecil, joined him and together they grew and expanded the business, managing several condominium projects and other family owned commercial buildings. At present, Eric was the President of Cemanco Properties Management. Throughout the years, Eric was dedicated and fully committed to his community. He will be remembered for serving on the Spryfield Business Commission, volunteering and serving on the board of directors at the Lions Rink, which was his second home, and helping to proudly complete and support Long Lake Provincial Park, along with a variety of other community projects, too numerous to mention. Beyond his family, career and community involvement, hockey was Eric's passion in every aspect of the game, proudly cheering on the Montreal Canadiens and the Mooseheads. Having played in his youth for Chebucto Minor Hockey, he loved hockey his entire life. This is why Eric made yet another difference, by coaching for Chebucto Minor Hockey for over 25 years. His journey as a coach began when his two step-sons, Kyle and Brad wanted to play hockey. As the boys grew up, Eric remained committed to Chebucto Minor Hockey as a coach, coaching and mentoring youth of all ages and levels, having taken many teams to Provincials and Championships. He wanted to be a positive influence and help others achieve their goals. His success was evident when former players of his returned to assist him with coaching years later. For his love of the game and the youth, he will forever be remembered for always saying "This is why we do it". His legacy has been permanently etched in the spirit of hockey, especially with Chebucto Minor Hockey and for his dedication and involvement with the Kyle Henneberry Memorial Hockey Tournament, of which he was so honoured to be part. Eric is survived by his loving wife, Christine A. (Henneberry), his devoted and heartbroken parents, Cecil and Doreen Caines, his mother-in-law, Linda Keating, whom he adored, his son, Brad Henneberry (Hannah), younger brother, Brian, and little sister, Suzanne (Jeff), both whom he protected, and aunts and uncles, including his Godmother, Donna, and Uncle John, with whom he was very close. He is also survived by special nieces, Justine and Anna, and special nephew, William, as well as numerous cousins, especially Todd and Sean, as well as his right-hand man, Peter Mowat. Eric was predeceased by his son, Kyle Henneberry. For those wishing to make donations in memory of Eric, please support Chebucto Minor Hockey or Hospice Halifax. Words of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com). The family wishes to thank all who cared for Eric

over the last number of months, including Palliative Care and Hospice Halifax.

## George Wilson Collier Anderson

Age 70, of Halifax, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2020 at Northwood Long Term Care Facility where he was a resident. His family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care he received from such a loving and devoted staff. George was a son of Angus and Janet Anderson of Sydney Mines. After graduating from Sydney Mines High School, he received his post-secondary education at Dalhousie University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors. He was a well-respected telecommunication specialist with Teleglobe working out of Beaver Harbour in Sambro. George will be remembered by his family and friends for his intellect and his self-taught musical skills. Following in the footsteps of his father, George carried on the family music tradition, passing along his musical gift to his children and grandchildren. He loved a good jam session and would often amaze us as he played the harmonica accompanied by guitar and piano - a regular one-man-band. George was a modest but proud man who cherished his wife and was a devoted father and grandfather. He and Valerie shared many memorable trips throughout the years. He was also a loyal brother and uncle. George is survived by his loving wife, Valerie (Lovell) Anderson, his two beloved sons, Jamie and George (Santana); his precious grandkids Hayden and Ryleigh; his sisters, Jan Glenham and Liz Theriault (Freeman) and numerous nieces and nephews who remember him for his kindness, caring and exceptional musical fun times. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Jim, his brother-in-law Gord Glenham

and his father-in-law George Lovell. To leave condolences for the family, visit his tribute wall at [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).

## Mildred Evelyn Walters

Dartmouth (formerly Spryfield). It is with broken hearts and profound sadness that the family announces the passing of our beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister and aunt on Sunday May 10, 2020 at Oakwood Terrace Nursing Home. Born April 6, 1933 in Pine Grove, she was a daughter of the late Florence and William Sarty. Mildred worked a successful and fulfilling career with the NS Provincial Government in several departments, eventually retiring from the Sheriff's Department. Mom loved spending time with her family, relatives and friends, eager for visits and always game for a road trip (especially if someone else would drive). She enjoyed shopping, camping with the trailer, working on a good puzzle and her vacation trips to Newfoundland. She is survived by her children, Shirley Innes, Halifax; Jim (Kim), Dartmouth; Cathy Oickle (Mitchell), Hatchet Lake; Rick (Irene), Spryfield; her sister, Beulah Davis, East Uniacke; grandchildren, Rodney, Sylvia, Scott, Jessica, Courtney, Kyle, Britney, Zachary; five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Beside her parents, Millie was predeceased by her husband, Eric and son-in-law Barry Innes. The family wishes to thank Oakwood Terrace staff and volunteers, especially Unit "A", for their kindness, care and support! A special thanks to Mom's roommate Lillian for being her friend and watching over her. Donations in memory may be made to one of Mom's supported charities, the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. To leave condolences for the family, visit his tribute wall at [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).



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## NEWS & VIEWS

from the desk of  
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The COVID-19 situation continues to be ever changing, and we are all continuing to adjust and learn to work and live differently. Current public health information can be seen at [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://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>

### LOCAL BUSINESSES

Local businesses are doing their best to make their services available. Local fitness training facilities are offering online classes and personal training. Many restaurants are offering takeout, and some are selling alcohol as part of their takeout option. They've designed safe procedures for picking up orders. Grocery stores have special hours set aside for the elderly and vulnerable, and are closing earlier to facilitate deeper cleaning. Stores and other businesses have installed plexiglass shields for optimal protection. In the coming months, we will see additional changes as some COVID-closed businesses begin opening up.

It's more important than ever that we support local businesses, to ensure they survive. Remember, they are the ones who support your kids' sports teams, school events, and other community fundraisers. It's time for us all to give back when they are most in need.

### WORKPLACE EDUCATION

Our partnership with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education continues, and we are offering our free courses virtually. What are the programs you would most like to see offered in the future? Let me know your thoughts at 902-452-7472 or [bruce@discoverspryfield.ca](mailto:bruce@discoverspryfield.ca).

### 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](mailto: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. It is now up to the Province and Halifax Transit/HRM to provide the appropriate funding to enable it to go ahead. We can introduce the new Chebucto Transit Service and begin to operate in late summer, perhaps around Labour Day, provided the funding is approved.

We are seeking community minded members of the general public to sit on a steering committee that will eventually take over the management/operation of the Rural Bus from the Spryfield Business Commission. 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

We are pleased to welcome new member Serpent Brewing to Spryfield. Opening this summer in the old Frenchys location, they will be offering traditional Belgian inspired and seasonal beers. You can follow them on Instagram and Facebook. We look forward to sampling their wares when they open!

I'd love to hear your questions, comments and ideas. Please e-mail me at [bruce@discoverspryfield.ca](mailto:bruce@discoverspryfield.ca).

Take good care!  
Bruce

# Growing together

*From the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield Members*

The benefits of urban and community gardening have become important enterprises worldwide. The benefits of fresh food, exercise, time in nature, and social cooperation are great and people are creating gardens of all sizes and shapes with enthusiasm. The following are comments from members who enjoy urban farming in

Spryfield:

From Jonas Gow: Although I'm new to the Urban Farm, it didn't take me long to realize what a great place this is to have in an urban area like Spryfield. Being from the Annapolis Valley and growing up on a property with chickens and many gardens, it's in my blood to want to be around nature. At the Urban Farm you can get hands on with nature and the growing

of food, just like I did at home. It's a great place to learn new things or build on knowledge you already have about gardening, and the people there are wonderful to work with!

From Marc Piccinin: When time came to prepare for my retirement I got a membership to the Spryfield Urban Farm. I was anxious to keep busy and learn new things. Last year my wife and son and I got a family plot and started a garden. We planted radishes, green salad, green and yellow beans and tomatoes. We certainly benefited from the advice of experienced gardeners. I really enjoyed the time spent in the garden particularly on sunny days, savoring the quietness or the company of fellow gardeners or the sight of a beautiful monarch butterfly. The garden provides a favorable environment and a safe haven for these butterflies prior to their long journey south. It has also been a valuable experience for our son who is on the autism spectrum. He enjoyed being outside weeding, watering and helping where he was needed.

From Katie Studholme and Stephen Glazier: We are returning to the Urban Farm for our second year as ploholders and volunteers. During our first year we were amazed at the access to knowledge, space, and community the Urban Farm offered. Members and organizers shared valuable, locally relevant knowledge on plants, pests, and techniques that are tried and true, leading to the most successful gardening year we've ever had. It



Jonas Gow makes a new pollinator wildflower bed



Lynne Walsh tends the Senior Planter

is becoming increasingly difficult to find quiet, public space within cities - especially spaces which promote wildlife, native flora and fauna, and are dedicated to the preservation of the local ecosystem. Every visit there we are excited to look for evidence of monarch butterflies, chrysalises, and caterpillars, and have started to plan our own insect-friendly gardens at home. Every time we visited the Urban Farm to garden, volunteer, or attend community events (complete

*(See Growing on page 7)*

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# Virtual Market opening

What will the rest of 2020 bring? The board of the Spryfield Community Farmers' Market has been contemplating this question throughout the pandemic lockdown. Right now is seed-planting time. We pray for the right amount of physical helpers, sunshine and rain to grow another season of vegetables, beans and grains for the harvest to tide us over the winter. The importance of this tradition has been underscored by the shortages and limitations of international supply chains and our need for migrant labour to accomplish the planting, tending and harvesting. The importance of all our social contacts and cultural and educational opportunities in and beyond our own family has also been brought into the light.

The founding mandate of the Spryfield Farmers' Market was threefold: to bring a regular supply of fresh local farmers' products into Spryfield, to help new entrepreneurs start up local food, craft and culture related businesses (including our wonderful buskers); and to provide a local forum for the community to get together. It's all become so much more important to us these past few months! Rain, shine or pandemic, we will open on June 7th for our 5th year! It may have to be virtual at first, but within the following few weeks we hope to announce that the physical market will again welcome you all at St. Paul's

United Church hall and grounds, for 3 hours on alternating Sunday afternoons. We are planning more seasonal special events, a game tournament, new foods, crafts, cafe tables, buskers and more. There is still space for new vendors and volunteers to join us in creating that wonderful local market atmosphere. Please visit <https://www.spryfieldmarket.ca> and click on "Get Involved" to apply.

To join us June 7th, check our website: <https://www.spryfieldmarket.ca> To join our virtual Market just click on the link and enter the password. Meet your neighbours in our break-out rooms, check out vendors on-line offerings, and enjoy your local entertainers. Keep an eye on that page, and the Chebucto News, for announcements of when the actual Market will open its doors again.

## (Virtual) Spryfield Farmers' Market Opening Day

June 7, 2020 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Whether the sun shines or we are allowed to gather or not, the Spryfield Farmers' Market will open, to welcome YOU our customers, vendors, volunteers and buskers back for our 5th season, alternate Sunday afternoons.

Location: (virtual) on-line Zoom meeting OR at St Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd (when permitted, actual hours will be 12:00-

3:00pm)

Watch this space for announcements. Drop in on-line! There will be rooms for vendors and visitors to chat; rooms to listen to local entertainers; educational rooms where you can take a gardening or cooking course; and, of course, a room with activities for the kids.

**Spryfield Farmers' Market Zoom Meeting, Sunday June 7, 12:30pm - 2:00pm.** Click on this link

## Growing

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with food and music!) we felt welcome and connected. Even when we were the only people at the garden, we felt a part of the community, sharing and contributing to a purposeful, beautiful space that everyone was creating together. The Urban Farm offers a space to disconnect from our busy world, meet new friends, learn new skills, and teach new generations valuable skills before they become a lost art. The Urban Farm is truly an oasis of connectedness to community and nature in our fast-paced, ever-changing world.

From Susan Smith Wheaton: There are many ways you can build community. But it wasn't until I become an active member at the Urban Farm that I felt that I belonged. I not only grew vegetables, I met so many dif-

ferent people and families, developed friendships, volunteered for events, and learned more about my local neighbourhood while weeding or just helping out on the farm.

We will open to the public and resume CGWU family and other programs once the health crisis is past. Gardening by appointment with social distancing will be open to members only this season at the Spryfield Urban Farm, with restrictions in place due to COVID -19. No visitors, children, or walkers are allowed on the property until restrictions are lifted. School Farm Day and Harvest Fair may be possible in the fall. Stay safe, everyone, and check the Facebook Group page for updates.

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# We're in this together

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

I want to begin by sincerely congratulating the Class of 2020. Whether you finished college or university, graduated high school, or completed grade six or nine and are moving on to a new school in the fall, you have so much to be proud of. I've spoken to a number of students over the last few weeks, and I know that it's disappointing not to be able to celebrate together. However, many are finding unique ways to mark this milestone, and nothing will diminish the effort you've put in, and the accomplishments you've had. I'm wishing nothing but the best to all students, and want to encourage any constituents who have a graduate in the family to reach out to me if you'd like a personalized congratulatory certificate to mark the occasion.

As we move into the summer months, we continue to make progress on turning the page on the first wave of COVID-19. We have made many changes and sacrifices over the last two and a half months, and they have made a difference in flattening the curve and allowing us to ease restrictions. With more outdoor activities permitted and the introduction of immediate household bubbles, Nova Scotians are able to enjoy more opportunities for recreation and socializing, and I'm pleased to see a number of local businesses return to operations in this "new normal." Over the last few weeks, businesses like the Lakeside Bar & Grill, The Armview, Allano's Catering, Spinnaker's Restaurant, and Athens Restaurant have returned, and I encourage all community members to show them some love as we shop local and help our small businesses get back on their feet. Here, I want to especially thank Charbel Khattar and PZZA. CO-HFX on Joseph Howe Drive for joining me and others in donating pizzas to a number of our long term care facilities in appreciation of their hardworking frontline staff. We all have a role to play in supporting our

local economy, so place an order, share a post, write a nice review, and tell your friends which local spots you're grateful to patronize again.

As you may know, Nova Scotia has recently moved to re-open parts of our health care system. The IWK and NSHA have resumed day and short-stay surgeries and clinics, and we are actively working to make more services available again. The Health Centre will be contacting patients directly to let them know when their surgeries have been re-scheduled. Note that the resumption of programs and services, including clinic appointments, is going to take time as facilities adapt their spaces and processes to meet public health measures. NSLC has also recently extended their operating hours to better serve their customers. Furthermore, in a move that I know will help many, the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists has relaxed the 30-day prescription measure that was put in place to protect the drug supply. With restrictions being lifted and re-openings being announced almost daily, I'd encourage you to keep an eye on my Facebook page where I try to share as many updates as possible.

As the economy starts to open up, I want you to know that the Department of Business, our public health team, and Dr. Strang have been hard at work for weeks consulting with stakeholders in many different sectors. This includes the restaurant and drinking establishment industries; personal services and fitness establishments (such as hair salons, barber shops, spas, nail salons, body art establishments and gyms); self-regulated health professions, including podiatrists and ophthalmologists; unregulated health care providers (including massage therapists, naturopathic doctors, Chinese medicine practitioners, acupuncturists, and other complementary and alternative medicine practitioners); dentists; veterinarians; and owners of privately

operated campgrounds. Each group is working on a plan for their own membership so that they can safely open while protecting staff and the public. Consultations are also ongoing with representatives of the arts, culture, sports, and recreation sectors, and many others.

I want to close by thanking all of the non-profits, essential workers, health care staff, and first responders who have put in so much effort over

the course of this pandemic to serve Nova Scotians. We deeply appreciate your compassion, selflessness, flexibility, and hard work. If you are involved with a local business or non-profit organization that has been impacted by COVID-19, please reach out to my office if I can be of assistance to you. I can also send notes of appreciation to those who may appreciate receiving them.

Thank you for your continued support.

## COVID-19

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our economy forward has to involve listening to industry professionals, and working side-by-side with them to ensure they are best prepared to serve the public safely. That's why our government is taking a grassroots approach to engaging in sector consultations to discuss what works best for them. They, like all Nova Scotians, are looking forward to getting back to doing what they do best.

### Highlights from the press conference held on May 22nd:

The IWK and the Nova Scotia Health Authority have resumed day and short stay surgeries and clinics. Health Minister Randy Delorey is set to continue working on gradually reopening the health care system.

### Medication supplies:

Nova Scotia pharmacies are once

again allowed to give patients more than a 30-day supply of medication. Drugs that have a stable supply will be distributed in the quantities prescribed, said the Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists.

### Club road update:

The department of transportation will be soon be done with cleaning the road.

We will be looking at solutions to prevent further dumping, including fixing the gate and cameras.

Thank you to all who brought this to my attention.

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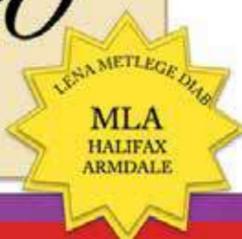
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# Councillor Adams throws support behind firefighters

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

During May, Council discussed our new budget, which has changed as a result of the coronavirus. We have debated, argued, questioned the numbers. This has been the most difficult budget process in which I have ever been involved.

It is important for all to understand that these are discussions and recommendations. No decisions have been made. This process is set out to ensure we heard from all departments, including the rationale for proposed reductions. Once we hear from everyone, our staff, under the leadership of our CAO and CFO bring a recommendation back to Council for a decision. Chances are, there will be some additional changes.

Of particular interest in the original budget document was the proposal to transfer career fire fighters from various locations (including Herring Cove) to a station on the Eastern Shore. Although I appreciate that those communities are under serviced, it is unfair to possibly compromise the safety of other areas. As well, there was a proposed reduction in the honouraria for our Volunteer Firefighters. This stipend, which on a per volunteer basis is relatively small, is small reward for their work at all hours of the day and night. I can assure you that this is not why they volunteer. I can also assure you that it is the principle.

In discussions with some of the Halifax Fire Executive Team and the union, a solution was identified.

I put the following motion forward, for consideration:

I move that staff be directed to prepare a supplemental report identifying alternative funding sources for the \$1,770,000 required to permit an amendment to delete the line items with respect to closing station 11 and the possible transfer of day staff from Station 50 or 60, and the reduction to HFRE Volunteer Fire Recognition Program.

I am optimistic that this will pass. If approved, this will ensure our station in Herring Cove keeps all personnel in place, and our volunteers keep their honouraria. This is the least we can do for our volunteer firefighters, who are available, all day, every day,

to keep us safe.

Over the past few months, Council has also held a number of virtual meetings to discuss various issues. On April 2, an item came before us related to a proposal for a property at 1246 Ketch Harbor Road. Although the staff report references it as a former telecommunications facility, most of us remember it as the former Coast Guard station. The proposal was to allow for 60 units, (in total) with a focus on the 55+ age group and retirees. The units would be a combination of bungalows, semi-detached units and townhouses.

The staff recommendation was not favourable for this proposal. For various reasons, (contained in the report) our planners did not support this idea. However, they would have recommended a subdivision with 16 units in total.

After much debate and discussion, I put the following motion forward:

Regional Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to initiate the RMP and MPS amendment process and follow the public participation program for municipal planning strategy amendments as approved by Regional Council on February 27, 1997. A decision of Council to initiate a process to consider amending the Regional Municipal Planning Strategy and Planning District 5 (Chebucto Peninsula) Municipal Planning Strategy is not appealable to the NS Utility and Review Board as per Section 262 of the HRM Charter.

What this means is that there will be public participation and to get the opinions from residents in Ketch Harbour and surrounding communities. Once the process for input is identified, residents will be notified.

In mid-May, the Honourable Chuck Porter announced that the elections scheduled for October 17 will proceed. HRM is preparing for this, by ensuring a number of different ways in which you can cast your ballot. As these roll-out, we will ensure voters will be notified.

As of the writing of this article, 10 individuals have put their name forward to become the new Councillor for our area. Each one of them bring different strengths and perspectives.

Although this campaign will be far different than those in the past, they will all use various means to reach you. Please hear their platforms, so that you can make an informed decision when it comes time to vote.

As I have noted in previous articles, there are numerous methods which are used to relay concerns. Due to the volume of various types of

messages, at times it can be difficult to ensure that I see them all. I cannot stress the importance of using email or texts to contact me and to use 3-1-1 for issues, as well. If you use 3-1-1, email the reference number to me. My assistant Ken is also available at (902) 490-7184 or benoitk@halifax.ca. My email address is adamss@halifax.ca.

## COVID-19: some good news

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

This past month Dr. Strang and Premier McNeil shared some much anticipated good news on easing restrictions as we continue to flatten the curve here in Nova Scotia. Below I outline the changes that we can now enjoy.

### Two Household Bubble Now Permitted:

Nova Scotia is introducing the immediate family bubble, allowing two immediate family households to come together without physical distancing. The families must be mutually exclusive to each other to minimize risk of COVID-19 spread.

Families cannot have large family gatherings like birthday celebrations or reunions. When selecting which other family household they'll connect with, families should consider three factors - age, occupation and health condition of all household members.

### Outdoor Restrictions Loosened:

- Archery, Equestrianism, Golf, Paddling, Sailing/Boating and Tennis can resume at outdoor facilities as of Saturday, May 16 at 8 a.m. provided social distancing, environmental cleaning and participant hygiene can be maintained; organized coaching or training, competitions, tournaments, regattas or similar events are not permitted

- Public beaches can also reopen as of May 16 at 8 a.m.; people must stay two metres apart and not gather in groups of more than five

- The province-wide ban on open fires - those within 305 metres (1,000 feet) of woods anywhere in the province including domestic brush burning and beach fires - has been extended to Monday, June 1 at 11:59 p.m. Use of backyard appliances like chimineas and fire pits will be temporarily permitted for households. The ban does not apply to private campgrounds.

A phased plan to further lift public health restrictions is under development. It will be informed by local data and consultation, and guided by a national framework developed by chief medical officers of health. The timing of each phase will be determined by the result of the easing of restrictions.

Please enjoy responsibly and continue making wise choices as we fight COVID-19.

Working with our local businesses  
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across the private sector to pave the way for economic recovery, while ensuring businesses are ready to serve you safely. It is critically important we take a measured approach to lifting further restrictions, so we don't undo all the progress made to date. This will be a slow, deliberate process - as part of our recovery plan.

Science and reason will continue to lead the way forward as we work our way out of this crisis. Our government continues to collaborate with public health and industry leaders across the province to determine best practices in reopening our economy - while preventing a resurgence of this deadly virus.

We know that any plan to move  
(See COVID-19 on page 8)



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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JUNE

### 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](http://www.citychurchhalifax.ca)
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

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

- At this time, Emmanuel Church has cancelled all in person services, events and non-essential meetings until such time as the Medical Officer of Health advises us that it is safe to resume them. For the latest updates see our webpage.

Our Food Bank will continue to operate as long as possible. Please call

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### 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.

**2020 Homecoming for Nurses' Alumni** Calling all Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing graduates. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Nursing Alumni, the longest continuous Nursing Alumni in North America, 1920 to 2020. Set aside the week-end of September 11-13, 2020. Invite your nursing classmates to attend with you. It will be fun. It takes place in Halifax at the Westin Hotel (formerly the Nova Scotian Hotel). For more information and to register check out our Nursing Alumni website at [www.halifaxvghnursesalumni.ca](http://www.halifaxvghnursesalumni.ca).



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

## A message from Theatre Arts Guild

Without a doubt, this has been a very strange and challenging few months, and unlike anything many of us have ever experienced. We are all feeling the effects of this situation, whether that be in our personal or professional lives. I hope you have all found ways to adapt to whatever your new normal has become and are faring as well as possible.

The pandemic started to really affect the province just as TAG was preparing for the opening of *Dracula: The Bloody Truth*. Despite the fact the situation was beyond our control, the TAG Executive was disappointed when we had to postpone the rest of our 2019/2020 season. However, the safety and health of our cast, crew, volunteers, and patrons was and will always remain a priority. I would like to thank the cast and crew for the many hours they spent rehearsing and preparing. The beautiful set remains intact on the stage and the costumes are still on their hangers in hopes that the show will eventually go on.

The month of May is when we would normally host our Season Launch and announce the productions and events for the next season. Again, that is not something we can plan for at this time as we have no idea how long our doors will have to remain closed.

We are highlighting some of our dedicated volunteers this month via Facebook. These volunteers were nominated by fellow TAG members, and were provided with a series of questions. Their responses and photos are being shared online every week. Thanks to all those who took the time to respond, and to all those who are making such heartfelt and glowing comments about these individuals.

This is what it's all about.

While the theatre is vacant, we took the opportunity to have the lobby carpet, backstage areas, and all auditorium seating steam cleaned. Regular cleaning throughout the theatre is still occurring and will continue to be a

focus when we are back in operation. The Executive continues to have a virtual meeting once a month to discuss future plans. We know our return to the theatre will not look quite the same as we're used to, but we remain optimistic that we will eventually

be able to provide the high quality theatre experience our patrons have come to expect. One thing is for sure: we certainly miss our TAG family and friends.

I look forward to the day we can open the theatre doors again and welcome you all back. Be well.

Rayna Smith-Camp  
President - TAG

## JUNE Religious Services Directory

**\*\*To have your church/synagogue/mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: [chebuctoeditor@gmail.com](mailto:chebuctoeditor@gmail.com) by June 10 for July's issue\*\***

### 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.)

At this time, Emmanuel Church has cancelled all its in-person services, events and non-essential meetings until such time as the Medical Officer of Health advises us that it is safe to resume them. For the latest updates see our webpages [emmanuelchurch@east-link.ca](mailto:emmanuelchurch@east-link.ca), [emmanuelanglicanchurch.net](http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net).

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.

We are posting spiritual resources and live streaming our worship on our webpage and our Facebook page and clergy continue to be available by phone for spiritual counsel.

Although our building is closed and we can't gather, our church is still operating, in worship, mutual caring and helping the community. We pray that everyone in Spryfield (and elsewhere) will stay safe and that together we can prevent the spread of the Covid pandemic. May God bless us all in this anxious time.

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**

Church buildings temporarily closed.

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](http://www.sambrojollimorepc.com).

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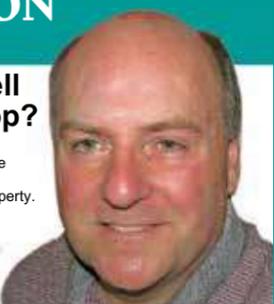
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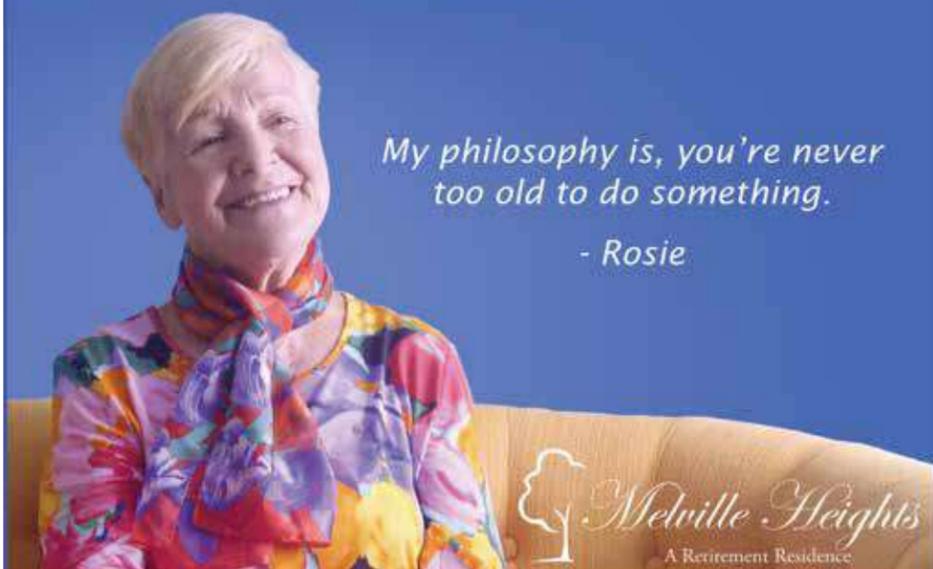
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