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# **Bowlarama making use of downtime to grow business**



Expanding their Games Room is a way for Bowlarama to secure their future when the pandemic is brought under control and the citizens of Spryfield can get back to fun

During a time filled with much uncertainty, and many local businesses being forced to shut down as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, Bowlarama decided to take it as an opportunity to plan for the future.

As part of a long-term plan to move their Spryfield location towards a more full-scale entertainment location, Bowlarama had been planning to double the size of their existing games room. With a growing demand and increased popularity in arcade games as of late, Bowlarama had decided to remove four of their bowling lanes to increase the size of their arcade – then COVID19 hit.

However, rather than dwelling on their centre being closed, Bowlarama saw it as an opportunity to get the work done at a time where it wouldn't impact regular business – so they did just that. It was also an opportunity to appeal to an even larger demographic when their doors did re-open for business.

While Bowlarama's namesake focuses on bowling, and a large part

of their regular business is with their bowling leagues, making additions such as this larger games room, and therefore increasing their future entertainment business, is how Bowlarama has managed to grow over the last few years when many bowling centres faced losses. With six locations across the Maritimes, this is something Bowlarama had already done across their three New Brunswick locations — with much success. As a proud part of the Spryfield community for the past 35 years, it's that same success Bowlara-

ma is hoping to mimic here now, and for the next 35 plus years to come!

Bowlarama recognizes that these are uncertain times for everyone, but they also recognize that one day – hopefully soon! – things will return to normal; and when they do, Bowlarama will be ready with an amazing new games room to greet you. Double the size, double the games, and double the fun!

# Covid Valentine anyone?

by Tangelene Ramsay February 2020 was very different from February 2021. We were not yet infected with the Covid-19 virus and life went along as it always did. Not for a moment did any of us think that we would be spending sooooo much time with our loved ones for the rest of the year. Many people saw their routines change completely. No longer were people leaving the house for work or school; instead we were becoming a home based society. And while that has been great for the environment in some ways, it hasn't been so great for many relationships.

Relationships are tough at the best of times, let alone during the extra stress this year has added. You and your significant other may find yourselves not feeling like "putting the effort in" any longer. Which is why it is so important to do just that. When we become complacent, we lose something special. We shouldn't need

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# **Covid Valentine**

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a special day to remind us of that, but sometimes we need a catalyst to kick us back into gear. Instead of looking at Valentine's Day as a single event, why not try to make it a part of your new routine?

Valentine's Day is about more than flowers, chocolate, and romance. It's about connecting with your significant other, re-igniting the intimacy you share. Remembering why you fell in love in the first place. If, like many people, you and your sweetie have fallen into the habit of plopping yourselves down in front of the TV after supper, why not use this day as a catalyst to jump-start a new routine?

Pick one or two nights a week where you do something that allows you to connect on a more intimate level. Flip through old photo albums together, play cards or board games, do a puzzle, go for a walk, or whatever else helps you reconnect with each other.

For those who do want to celebrate Valentine's Day without breaking Covid restrictions, there are ways to be traditional without breaking the bank or the rules.

If the weather cooperates, why not go for a hike along one of our beautiful trails? The HRM has trails for everyone; from walks along the water, to walking paths around the Dingle, to more challenging trails outside the city limits, you and your significant other should have no problem finding one that works for you. Take a thermos of premium hot chocolate with you, along with some strawberries,



and slices of your favourite cheese, and you can have a romantic winter picnic. Exercise and fresh air is good for your body and your soul, and the chance to reconnect with nature can make us all feel a little happier.

Going out for a meal is usually a part of the typical Valentine's Day routine, but it isn't always feasible; especially this year when restaurants are open or closed based on Covid numbers. Financial constraints can also play a part in preventing us from going for a romantic meal out. That doesn't mean you can't do a romantic meal though. Get a "to go" meal from the grocery store and serve it on the good china with candles and a bottle of your favourite wine. Or treat yourselves to a delicacy that you would normally not get and cook it yourself. Cooking together can be a great way to reconnect.

Flowers are pretty much synonymous with Valentine's Day. It isn't

unusual to see the floral refrigerators bursting at the seams with roses during the week leading up to Valentine's Day. Cut roses are the floral stars of Valentine's Day. They have a dramatic effect and are gorgeous, but if you want a bouquet that will last into March, carnations will last for weeks and come in an amazing array of colours. At a fraction of the cost of roses, their longevity makes them a more romantic flower, in my opinion. Even better are potted flowers, like mini-roses, which will bloom year after year. Carnations are so easy to pick up at the grocery store that they are a great way to let your significant other know you are thinking of them any time of the year.

Remember, Valentine's Day is only once a year, but your significant other is there for you 365 days a year. Keep that intimacy flame lit and it will warm your heart forever.

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# New organ donation rule in effect in Nova Scotia

On January 18th, Nova Scotia had the distinction of becoming the first place in North America to change from "opt-in" to "opt-out" for organ and tissue donation. This was an important decision for the future of the transplant waiting list. The hope is that in the future, no one will die waiting for a transplant due to a lack of donors.

According to the NS Dept. of Health and Wellness, "one donor can save or improve the lives of over 80 people". When we stop to consider the reality of that number, it is amazing to think that one person can have that great of an effect on society after they die. By donating your heart, lungs, kidneys, or liver, you can save the life of another person. By donating your skin, bone, tendons, heart valves and corneas, you are changing the life of someone for the better. Your corneas can give someone the gift of sight, your tendons can help someone have better mobility, your skin can become grafts for burn victims, and so much more.

Should you choose not to donate your organs and/or tissues after you die, you can opt out. You can choose to opt out of all donations or just some. Go online to the Health and Wellness website, listed below, and follow the links. You can also opt out by downloading the Health Card Renewal Form if it is time for you to renew your card, or the Organ and Tissue Donation Form if it isn't time for you to renew your health card.

There are still a number of people who don't qualify for deemed consent for tissue and organ donation. Anyone who does not have the capacity to make decisions, or the capacity to

understand that they are automatically deemed giving consent is ineligible. If you are here as an out of province/ country student or here on a temporary work permit you are not part of this new law. Those in the military or with the RCMP who are stationed in Nova Scotia are also exempt from deemed consent. If you are under 18, you are not considered old enough to opt in and so are exempt until you turn 18. Even if a person is not considered

eligible under this new law, they can still donate their organs and tissue after they die. According the N.S. Department of Health and Wellness, "A person who is not eligible for deemed consent may still be able to be a donor if they, or someone on their behalf, consents to donation. For example, Nova Scotians 16 and over can indicate their wish to be a donor through their Health Card renewal process"

It is vitally important to talk with

your family, your loved ones, and anyone who may speak on your behalf should you die unexpectedly, share with them your wishes and listen to their concerns. If everyone isn't on the same page, it can make a tragic event so much more distressing. If you want more information on this new act, or if you need help deciding whether or not to opt out, you can go online to www.novascotia.ca/organtissuedonation or www.nshealth.ca/legacy-life.

# Why your pet needs a toothbrush

by your Spryfield Pet Valu Animal Care Team

Did you know you should be cleaning your dog or cat's teeth regularly? Dental health is a serious matter for pets. Dogs are five times more likely to get gum disease than humans and studies report that between 50 and 90% of cats older than four years suffer from some form of dental disease.

Good news is, these diseases are largely preventable. Here are some tips to help you establish a good oral care routine with your pet:

Start slowly – to get your pet comfortable with brushing, put a small amount of pet toothpaste on your finger or a finger brush and gently massage it into their teeth and gums. Slowly increase the number of teeth you brush over time.

Always use pet toothpaste – as pets can't rinse or spit, it is important to use a pet toothpaste that is designed to be swallowed. Available in beef, chicken or peanut butter flavours, pet toothpaste doesn't contain chemicals and reduces plaque and bacteria that's



unique to pets' mouths.

Don't force it – if your pet resists having their teeth brushed, try a water additive instead. Simply add the amount suggested on the bottle to your pet's water and the additive will help remove plaque and tartar.

Make it fun – dental toys such as ropes and hard rubber balls provide a range of benefits including cleaning and massaging gums, flossing and removing tartar. Dental chews massage your dog's gums, scrape away plaque and tartar, and freshens breath.

Reward with treats – dental treats are designed to remove plaque buildup and contain ingredients that freshen breath and clean your pet's mouth. Look for all-natural treats, and for dogs, avoid rawhide treats and bones as they can damage teeth and lead to choking.

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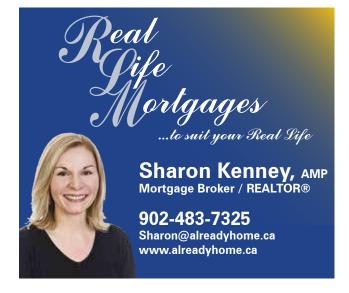
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### DISCOVERING OUR PAST



#### Residents of Jollimore suffered loss of three Cunard schoolhouses

by Iris V. Shea

In 1865 Sir Samuel Cunard's son, William Cunard, purchased land in Jollimore with the express purpose of having a schoolhouse built for the children of that community, about 30 in number, all members of the Jollimore, Boutilier, Slaunwhite and Innes families. The community of Jollimore was referred to as North West Arm or Lower Arm until the 1890s.

William Cunard, an active member of St. Luke's Anglican Church in Halifax, saw the need for a Church of England school in this growing young community on the western side of the Northwest Arm. He lived at Oaklands, an estate directly across the Arm from this community. In 1866 the small church school was completed and opened for classes. At the time, in appreciation of William Cunard's generosity, the school and the school district, number 30, were given the name "Cunard". The land for this first Cunard School was located where the playground is today, off Albion Road. Cunard paid \$60 to John Jollimore for the one-acre lot which was described as having a right of way to Lawson's Mill Road on the west, and another right of way to the Northwest Arm on the east "past John Jollimore's homestead". Lawson's Mill Road was the original name for Williams Lake Road and stretched from the Herring Cove Road to Lawson's Mill, now the site of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

William Cunard left Halifax in 1871 to take over the Cunard Steamship Company in London, England, but the job of making sure that education continued for the children at the "North West Arm" was passed down to Philip Carteret Hill, a former mayor of Halifax. Hill, the new owner of Oaklands, was premier of Nova Scotia from 1875 to 1878. School Board records of 1875 showed that Hill paid the salary of the school teacher, Miss Amelia Bacan. George Boutilier and John Jollimore, long time residents of the community who had several children attending the school, were appointed trustees that year. Ministers from St. Luke's Church in Halifax travelled across the Arm by boat to conduct church services and Sunday School in this building. In 1893 this first Cunard schoolhouse was demolished because of its dilapidated and unsafe condition, leaving the children in the community without schooling for the next nine years. James Jollimore, because he could afford the school fees, sent his daughter, Lucy, and son, Gilbert, to the new public school in Spryfield.

A reference in the School Board



Painting by Kate Lear



Cunard School, Jollimore, 1902-1915

Photograph, at top, is of a painting by Kate Lear of the 2nd Cunard School in Jollimore in 1902. Below it is a photograph of the same school, opened in 1902, burned down in January 1915. Courtesy of Iris Shea and Mainland South Heritage Society.

minutes for 1902 stated "a school was opened early in the year at Jollimore settlement and there are good prospects for its continuance." In 1906, following the death of William Cunard in England, the trustees of Cunard School purchased the school property from the heirs of William Cunard for \$800. This second schoolhouse survived until it was consumed by fire in January 1915. The Acadian Recorder, Monday, 13 January 1915, wrote: "The schoolhouse in Jollimore Settlement was badly damaged by fire last night. It is thought that the building was set on fire as it had not been occupied since last Friday. Owing to the suspicion that an incendiary had been at work, Chief County Constable Umlah has been asked to investigate."

In his Annual Report to the Superintendent in July 1915, Halifax County School Inspector Graham Creighton noted: "The Cunard School at Jollimore was burned down early in January. Mr. R.T. MacIlreith generously placed a building at the disposal of the trustees thus making it possible to continue school while a new house, almost immediately begun, was in course of erection. The new building is neat, well appointed, situated on high ground looking down upon the North West Arm, and surrounded by

a grove of native deciduous trees—an ideal spot for a school." The trustees were Robert T. MacIlreith, Emile Gaboury and Josiah Boutilier. The secretary to the trustees was William Topple, Sr.

This third two-room Cunard School went through some overcrowding problems as children from Melville Cove, Green Road and Cowie Hill were included in its student population. The boundary also extended to Melvin's Road in Purcell's Cove and children from that area attended. In the 1930s, students in grades Primary, One and Two attended classes near the Dingle, in a house owned by Samuel Jollimore. In 1939 two new classrooms were added to the school, along with indoor plumbing. During the 1940s the basement contained two classrooms and an ARP (Air Raid Precaution) room. Further overcrowding made it necessary for the trustees to begin negotiating with the School Board to build a second school, this one on property donated by John W. MacLeod, not far from the Dingle Gates. It would accommodate the children from Melville Cove, Cowie Hill and Green Road. Before the new school was built, however, fire struck again and in January 1947 the Cunard schoolhouse in Jollimore burned to the ground.

There were offers of temporary accommodation from Mrs. John Cruikshank of Jollimore and Mr. George Martin at the Dingle Canteen for some of the 165 pupils. The trustees decided to act on an offer to use St. James Church Hall and the Kiwanis building at the head of the Northwest Arm for grades five, six, seven and eight. Grades nine to twelve had been attending LeMarchant Street School and Queen Elizabeth High School for several years. Thanks to Reverend Father P.F. Martin, grades primary to four were accommodated in the old chapel called Melvilla Hall, originally an ammunition depot behind St. John the Baptist Church on the Purcell's Cove Road.

The children of the former Cunard School in Jollimore began attending John W. MacLeod School when it opened after Christmas in 1948. Its official opening ceremony took place in April 1948. Remnants of the old foundation of the third Cunard schoolhouse may still be seen at the back of the playground on the corner of Albion and Kirk Roads in Jollimore.

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# **Playwrights @ TAG** Festival



ZOOM! Where did two years go? It's time for TAG's Fifth (!) Biennial Playwrights @ TAG Festival. As with everything else, because of the pandemic, there will be adjustments. Since we are unable to have live performances, Playwrights @ TAG is moving online. So many of our activities, work and play, have been conducted on Zoom or similar platforms. What challenges have you experienced transitioning to using these platforms? What's life like under lockdown and ever-changing Public Health Regulations?

Write and submit an original, maximum 20 minute (minimum 10 minute) play to be performed/recorded on Zoom about life under lockdown. Keep the cast to 3 or 4. Drama, comedy, musical, dance – the possibilities are endless. Three plays will be chosen by February 28, 2021. They will be pre-recorded either on TAG's or another Zoom account to be presented online for three nights, March 25-27. Check out our website for all the details and submission guidelines at tagtheatre.com.

TAG is always looking to expand our membership and invite all who are interested to join us today. Head on over to our website and join the fun! www.tagtheatre.com

# Winter hikes fend off cabin fever

Pandemic or not, fighting boredom and inactivity has always been a challenge in winter. Hike Nova Scotia says that one way to fend off cabin fever is to hike or snowshoe.

"We can glue ourselves to screens this winter or we can get off the couch and do something good for our bodies, minds and souls," says Janet Barlow, Hike NS Executive Director. "Getting out for a hike or a snowshoe is something most folks can do close to home on a local trail."

Hike NS and 15 host organizations partnered to offer the Winter Guided Hike Series in January, February and March. There are over 35 hikes scheduled province-wide. Hikes are led by local folks and participants qualify





to win trail prizes. All of these free or low-cost hike or snowshoe events require pre-registration and will follow public health protocols, including social distancing.

The full schedule with registration details and directions is found at www.hikenovascotia.ca. Hikes are listed by date and region and include various lengths and difficulty levels. For some of the guided hikes, snowshoes are provided. If there's no snow, events will go ahead as hikes.

Hike NS thanks its local partners for organizing the hikes on the ground as well as The Trail Shop, Goose Lane Editions and the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage for their support. Hike NS encourages and promotes a growing hiking culture throughout the province, striving to be the voice for those who hike, walk and snowshoe.

### From The Editor's Desk

From the Editor:

In this issue there is an article about the new organ and tissue donation law, which came into being in January. For those of you who may be considering opting out, I would like to share a personal story. 8 years ago, almost to the day of this law going into effect. I lost my brother to a brain aneurism. It was sudden and devastating for the family. We had never had the donation conversation, but we knew Jason was a kind, giving, caring person and we knew he would not want his death to be the end of his ability to help others. The decision was made to donate his organs and tis-

sues. A few months later, we received a letter telling us about the impact that donation had on the life of another; a person whose sight had been returned because my brother's corneas were donated and were a match for this person. The sense of comfort that I felt knowing that someone's life was improved because of his final gift can not be expressed in words. I will never be able to look into my brother's eyes again, but I can take comfort in the knowledge that someone else is using them to enjoy this world. Organ and tissue donation is the greatest gift we have to give. Please don't waste it.

# **Combatting Hunger**

by Meg McCallum, Executive Director, Chebucto Family Centre Everyone should have enough to eat. Unfortunately, many people in our community cannot afford, or access, affordable, healthy, culturally appropriate food. 12.7% of Canadians are food insecure and 15.3% of Nova Scotians are food insecure.

Hunger is a solvable social determinant of health. Social determinants of health reflect the social factors and physical conditions of the environment in which people live, work and play. Hunger can be solved by implementing healthy public policies that make food affordable and easily accessible.

Until this country and province implement healthy food policies the Chebucto Family Centre is one of

many local organizations trying to combat hunger

We offer a free lunch to go every Wednesday at noon. Drop by the Chebucto Family Centre at 3 Sylvia Avenue to enjoy a healthy meal. We also offer a free breakfast and dinner to go on a regular basis. Call us to receive a calendar of events, 902 479-3031.

We supply a Community Emergency Food Cupboard and Basic Needs Shelf. This provides free canned, frozen foods, dry goods, diapers, wipes and personal hygiene items on a bi-weekly basis.

If you would like to help combat hunger call your MLA or MP to advocate for healthy food policies or donate to the Chebucto Family Centre, visit www.chebuctofamilycentre.ca.

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# Sick and tired of being dumped on!

by Rebecca MacEachern

Most people have come across illegally dumped garbage and debris, whether it is in parking lots, parks, abandoned construction sites, or at the sides of highways and roads.

Peter Mowat is all too familiar with the issue. He is a regular volunteer for the clean-up of the Long Lake Provincial Park area and has been shocked by some of the items he has found.

"There was lots of garbage, old tires, but we also found an old car battery, I mean who does that?" says Mowat. "Just throws it out the window into a ditch by the road."

Mowat, who is Chairperson of the Board of the Spryfield Lions and Recreation Society, does not have to travel far to see other examples of illegal dumping.

"Oh yes, we also have to deal with it at the Lions Rink...thev dump it in the back of the rink and leave garbage in the parking lot," says Mowat. "Once, there were 15 bags of old lottery tickets and bags of diapers."

A security system at the rink, which includes a 24-hour surveillance camera, has helped to discourage people from dumping around the rink.

"We can actually see them dump-



ing the stuff and if we can identify them then we call the police and have them deal with it from then," he says. "I think that the word is getting out about it."

But Long Lake Provincial Park

and the Lions Rink are not alone when it comes to dealing with other peoples' junk. The Hand-in-Hand thrift store, operated by the Saint Vincent De Paul Society, has been a favourite target of illegal dumping for many years.

Kathy Broussard has been on the frontlines dealing with the illegal dumping at the Herring Cove thrift store since she came on board as manager about 5 years ago. Some days are better than others, but it is a constant, uphill battle.

"On some Monday mornings there is so much junk that we have trouble making a pathway to the door," says Broussard during a busy day at the store. "We also get lots and lots of old filing cabinets, tires and couches."

Mowat's heart goes out to Broussard and the many volunteers who help support Hand-in-Hand, an organization that depends upon the generosity of others to stay in business.

Photo by Ann Hart

"They shouldn't have to deal with it...the volunteers are wonderful, and the place does so much for the community...it's a great place you know, if you need to get a good set of pots or pans or something."

Photo by Kathy Broussard from Hand-in-Hand

Last Christmas, Mowat was taken-aback when he saw the piles of junk, broken furniture, household garbage and other debris at the popular thrift store.

"It was truly heartbreaking, it really was...when I saw that I just wanted to go over with my half ton and fill it up just to help them out and give them a hand."

Both Broussard and Mowat agree that the items that are dumped illegally, like stained and broken couches, huge filing cabinets, tires and even an old propane canister are not suitable for re-sale at Hand-in-

"I've seen a kid's tricycle with three wheels missing, who can use that?" says Mowat.

(See Sick and tired on page 7)



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# Doubling the parking area at Crystal Crescent Beach should help control summer congestion

by Lorrie Boylen

Work has started on the third parking lot at Crystal Crescent Beach, which should double the existing parking. With the cold winter weather and the pandemic keeping people from heading to warmer climates, beaches may not be top of mind for most of us, but this summer, people will be flocking to them. With its three crescent shaped white sand beaches, boardwalks and hiking trails leading to Pennant Point, its popularity draws huge crowds.

On busy beach days we typically see people posting on some of the local Facebook groups commenting about how jam packed it is. There have been days when people got stuck at the beach for hours longer than they meant to be there because they couldn't exit, raising multiple concerns including whether an ambulance would be able to reach them should the need raise.

The gravel road leading in to the beach has sides that slope off into wild bushes and trees, so it's not wide enough for cars to park on both sides of the road and still have two lanes of traffic.

With cars parking on the Sambro Creek Road congesting traffic and sometimes blocking residents' driveways, seniors living on that road with health issues had concerns that if they required emergency services, they wouldn't be able to reach them.

MLA Brendan Maguire has been

getting requests pretty steadily for the last 2 years around parking at Crystal Crescent Beach. The original solution by HRM and Lands and Forest was enforcement and ticketing, but this wasn't always consistent, and was a bit heavy handed for people coming to the beach to relax and have fun.

There was always a plan for a third parking lot, but unfortunately funding was never put in place to build it. At one point it was designed and the spot was cleared, but over time it grew back in and was never developed.

The parking lot is expected to be completed in March, providing at least 100 spots. This will help get people off the road and into a safe parking area. Funds are being provided from the province's infrastructure projects announced early this year. In a recent Provincial press release, the total cost of the expansion is estimated at \$680,000.

Our community's lakes, trails and beaches are some of its strongest assets. We need to ensure people can access them in a safe manner, and this is a good start.

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

# **Covid changes at St. Paul's United Church**

Many of you would have seen, in last month's Chebucto News, a picture of our new stove at St. Paul's United Church. For the past few years, we have struggled with keeping the old stove going, some days with more successfully than others.

by Carolyn Mont

years, we have struggled with keeping the old stove going, some days with more successfully than others. This has impacted the volunteers who cook every Tuesday for Soup's On, our free lunch program. They would come in not knowing if the stove would cooperate with them and now they know they can rely on the stove. It is such a relief for them as they know that people rely on that Tuesday meal, both for the food and also for the social connections that have been made. All Covid 19 protocols are followed, of course. Soup's On is a program of our community ministry, St. Paul's Family Resourc-

Those who work on our fundraising meals are also relieved to have a stove they can count on. St. Paul's has long been known for our deli-

es Institute (St. Paul's FRI).

cious dinners and we will be back in business in February. Of course, things are different now in the time of Covid so the meals will be takeout only. In February, we will have a take-out hamburger soup and in March we look forward to preparing our famous turkey dinner. The dates for these are yet to be determined but when decided upon, they will be posted on our sign at the corner Old Sambro Rd., Sussex St., and Rockingstone Rd. Details will also be posted on our Facebook page. All meals will have to be preordered.

As of the time of writing, our church services are still held on Zoom, recorded and then uploaded to Facebook and Youtube. At our monthly board meetings, we discuss when to open for worship in person but have so far put that decision off until the next month. If you wish to join us on Zoom, please either call 902-477-3937 and leave a message or email us at stpaulschurch@east-link.ca. You can then be added to our Zoom list as it is necessary to be invited to join Zoom. If not, please feel free to check out our on line service.

# **Sick and tired**

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The illegal dumping is further exacerbated by scavengers (the human variety), says Broussard. They come at night, go through the piles of junk, take what they want and leave an even bigger mess in their wake.

"There was one time that I was told a person was in the middle of a pile and just flinging everything in the air and just leaving it all over the place."

During last summer's Curbside Give-Away Weekend, an annual event where people line their curbs with used and unwanted items, Hand-in-Hand took action as Broussard figured that many people would be looking to off-load the stuff that was not taken. She figured right.

"This young man turned away 17 people!" she says "Imagine, 17 people came by during that time, so we were very glad that he had been there to prevent them from dumping." It simply is not cost-effective to hire someone to work every night to discourage the illegal dumping, says Broussard.

Broussard is hoping that a homegrown remedy will eventually resolve the illegal dumping issue. Once Spring arrives, Broussard says that they hope to put their plans in motion.

"We would like to put in cement planters and have them close enough so that cars, trucks and trailers can't get through. We are looking into having a fence built as well as a gate put in so hopefully this will stop people from dumping."

But Spring is still many months away, and, as Broussard says, the cost of removing the junk comes out of their charity coffers.

"It has easily been in the hundreds and hundreds of dollars," she said. "We can only take so much....and if you have more going out than coming in, well, that's not good."



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# Big issues with a small lot in Spryfield



Read the sign. Provide your input. Make change happen your way.

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by Cathy Vaughan

There is a definite sign of change in Spryfield. The enormous blue HRM sign on the small vacant lot at 48 - 50 Old Sambro Road is evidence of change that may happen in your Spryfield neighbourhood. Read the sign. Provide your input. Make change happen your way.

Wadi Fares, a well-known developer in the city, has applied for the rezoning of the lot located at the intersection of Dunbrack and the Old Sambro Road; the busiest intersection in Spryfield. He is applying to rezone the small lot, from R-2P General Residential to R-3 General Residential and Low-Rise Apartment to accommodate

his proposed 3-storey, 13-unit apartment building of one- and two-bedroom units, plus underground parking for 13 cars.

Neighbours and conservation groups have some big concerns with the rezoning of the small lot. The "Spryfield Defenders" Facebook page owner Dana Oakley, a resident of Spryfield, panicked when she read the large HRM sign on the property. She immediately started a petition on her facebook page outlining issues with rezoning the property. She reached 200 followers and her petition has over 300 signatures.

"To rezone the area of 48-50 Old Sambro Road will affect the natural wildlife in the area who utilize the area daily for crossing from the Long Lake to the Catamaran Pond. It is a wetland crossing area. This area is already an extremely dangerous traffic zone as many drivers tend to drive 10-20kmh over current speed limits. There are many traffic incidents and accidents on file for the area. There are many older homes in the area that will also be affected in two possible ways. One being a property tax increase and the other being foundation and/or dwelling damage due to any required blasting," writes Dana in her petition.

The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC), a volunteer, non-profit organization is also concerned about the affect of the re-zoning and development of the property as it is in an important watershed area. Catamaran Pond is next to the small lot and is a vital waterway that feeds into Governor's Brook, Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake.

According to a recent water flow report by Dr. Melanie Dobson, molecular biologist with Dalhousie University and member of the WLCC, "Water originating on the hillside east of Dunbrack and from ditches along the road is piped under the junction with the Old Sambro Road and feeds into Catamaran Pond."

Catamaran Pond is in the Williams Lake watershed and is an important part of the fragile watersheds of the surrounding lakes. The pond will be negatively impacted by the construction of the apartment building and its underground car park if the rezoning is approved.

Councillor Shawn Cleary also knows the connection between development and water flow. His two motions to study the rezoning of the Church of Christ lands on Williams Lake to Urban Reserve, and to study the remediation of the Williams Lake dam included the investigation "of the influences of climate change, development and other relevant factors on water levels and water quality in Williams Lake watershed."

Currently, the application to rezone the property on the Old Sambro Road is in public engagement phase and you are encouraged to fill out a short survey online on how you think the community is impacted by the rezoning of this property.

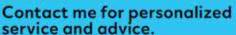
HRM Planning department's Jennifer Chapman, Planner Ill, whose email appears on the HRM sign, is in charge of this public engagement phase. Besides the online survey, she has sent a letter to the surrounding area explaining the proposal and asking for feedback.

"Your feedback will be considered in the staff recommendations that will go to Halifax and West Community Council for a public hearing," reads the HRM website for Case 22890 at 48 - 50 Old Sambro Road.

All the documents and the survey can be found by searching for "Case #22890-48-50 Old Sambro Road." Visit www.halifax.ca/planning/Phone 902 225-6742. Email chapmaje@halifax.ca



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# **McNally Construction pays it forward**



The Herring Cove Breakwater, owned by the Atlantic Pilotage Authority (APA), has now been repaired by McNally Construction, following the damage caused by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. McNally always "pays it forward" by making a donation to a charitable organization in the commu-

nity where their construction project takes place. The charity chosen this time was the Herring Cove Community Association (HCCA), to support the design and construction of a new community centre. APA was pleased to match McNally's contribution for a total donation of \$2,000.

#### Before the breakwater



After the breakwater



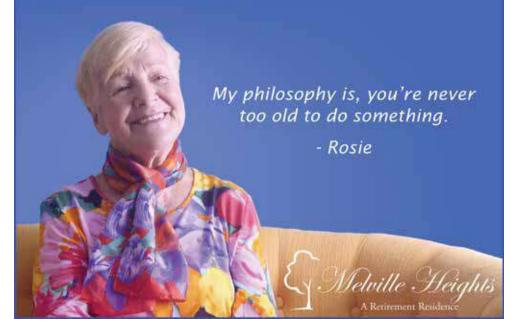


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# L OBITUARIES

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#### **Mary Agnes Oakley**

Age 87, of Lower Sackville. It is with heavy hearts that Mary's family announce her passing on December 17, 2020 at Caritas Residence. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Annie (Fewer) Kline. Mary is survived by daughters, Debbie Strang, Gail Naugler (Derrick), Christine Wamback (Junior), and Susan Anderson; sons, Dale (Pam), David Jr. (Mary Ann), and Rick; sisters, Theresa Brine and Lorraine McCarthy (Ernie); fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-three great, grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, David; brothers, Buddy, Billy, Laurie, and a brother lost in infancy; sisters, Shirley and Gloria. Condolences can be left on her tribute page at www. walkerfh.com.

#### Patricia Elaine Sampson

Age 73 of Halifax. It is with heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of Patricia on December 18, 2020. She was a daughter of the late Frederick Lionel and Agnes Ferguson (Nelson) Manthorne. She is survived by her children, Elvis (Eileen) Oickle, Crystal (Larry) Williams, and Charles (Shelley) Oickle; and grandchildren, Riley, Josie and Obadiah. A special thank you from the family to Arborstone Enhanced Care. Donations may be made to the Schizophrenia Society



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#### **Nina Janette Pippy**

Age 89, Harrietsfield, passed away December 20, 2020 at home. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late William Henry and Nina (Gallivan) Emberly. She was a former employee of Dover Mills Ltd. She loved getting her hair done every Saturday and enjoyed spending time with her family at their cottage in Chester. She will be missed and was loved by all who knew her, including her doggie Holly, who was her best friend. She is survived by sons, Alan Pippy (Theresa), Roger Pippy (Joanne); daughters, Lois Croft (Jack), Kim Kline (Doug MacIsaac), Jocelyn McDougall (Edward), and Shirley; 12 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband William, and daughter Pauline. In lieu of flower, donations can be made to Hope For Wildlife. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

Frank Ian Hall March 3, 1938 – December 21, 2020 It is with profound sorrow that the family of Frank Ian Hall announce his death on December 21, 2020 at age 82 at Melville Lodge in Halifax, Nova Scotia with his wife Louise and daughter Christine by his side. Frank was born Francis Ian Hall, the youngest of six children to Robert J. Hall and Adeline Moineau, on March 3, 1938 in Montreal, Quebec. Frank also had a loving stepmother, Simone Hall, who raised him in Verdun. After schooling, Frank began work in engineering drafting and design and went on to have a distinguished career in international procurement and logistics management with various companies including ATCO, Volk Precision, Valens, and Krupp Canada, which offered him the opportunity to travel and explore the world and meet new people. Frank had an exuberant personality and embraced his life to the fullest. "Francesco" loved travelling the world for work and with family, and always took great pleasure in a fine vintage, or a wee dram, or a rich expresso if he could raise his glass in someone's company. Frank also loved adventuresome pursuits and his favourite was downhill skiing in Saint-Sauveur, Quebec as a member of the Martian Ski Club. It was on the slopes he met the love of his life, Louise, and they went on to ski around the world including Aspen, Switzerland, and Lake Louise. He also relished fishing in Northern Quebec and on the Bow River, playing golf everywhere but especially Willow Park, boating and rafting, and attending the annual Calgary Stampede. Frank was a kind, caring, generous man to all. He might have been short in stature, but he had a huge heart and smile for everyone and loved and was devoted to his family. Frank will be dearly missed by family and good friends in his unmistakable and cherished Royal Stewart tartan tam. Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Louise (nee Fortin), daughter Christine, son-inlaw Kevin, daughter-in-law Celina, granddaughter Sophie, grandchildren Kyle and Kelcie, and a large extended family across Canada. Frank was predeceased by his parents and siblings, his adored mother-in-law Sarah (Madame) and his cherished son, Jason. Our family is extremely grateful to the healthcare heroes at Melville Lodge Long Term Care Centre, especially the East Unit nursing team, for their tireless care, kindness, and compassion given to Frank during the 2.5 years he lived there. You will always be remembered as part of our family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Frank's memory to the Melville Lodge Recreation Fund, 50 Shoreham Lane, Halifax, NS B3P 2R3 (902-479-1030). Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### John Walter Franklin Ehler

Sept. 11, 1949 – Dec. 20, 2020, Halifax. It is with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to John on December 20, 2020 after a long fight with COPD. John passed away at home with his family by his side. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Franklin and Marguerite (Jamieson) Ehler. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Sharon; sons, Chris (Tammy); Johnny; daughter, Roxanne (Jeff); grandchildren, Alyssa (Craig), Danielle, Emma (Jordon), Emily, Ashley, Alex, Nettie, Nick and Chase; great grandchildren, Jonah, Caleb and Dakota and special girl Aaliyah and her little brother Alexander. He is resting easy now and always be in our hearts Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com. Daniel John Frederick Jones 65, Ketch Harbour, NS, passed away December 21, 2020 at his home in Ketch Harbour, NS after a sudden illness. Daniel was born in Halifax, the son of John Taylor Jones and Isabel Jean (Devinney) Jones. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Edith "Edie" (Martin) Jones in April 2019 after 35 years of marriage. For many years the focus of Dan's life was providing excellent care to Edie at home following her stroke. Dan followed his own path in life and enjoyed many adventures. He aspired to the belief that if it is worth doing, it is worth doing well which was seen in his work and hobbies. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, motorcycles, knife making, photography, games, cooking and baking and being in nature. Dan is survived by his parents John and Isabel Jones, his siblings Kathy McCarthy (Randy) and David Jones (Krista); Edie's siblings, Marjie Gray, James Martin (Cathy), Peter Martin and Patsy Oakley; nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and nephews. We would like to thank all the health providers in Truro and in Halifax that provided excellent and timely assistance to Dan during this difficult time and allowed him to remain at home. Cremation is taking place with a celebration of life at a later date. Those

who wish to honour Dan, please see

the opportunities to provide kindness and assistance to others with him in mind. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### **Joseph Osmond Skerry**

passed away peacefully December 23rd, 2020 at Melville Lodge, Halifax. He was born September 15th, 1931 in Halifax, the son of the late James Walter and Mary Ellen (Monaghan) Skerry. Joe started working at a young age to help out his family. He recognized in his youth that education and determination along with hard work would help him earn the success he desired. While Marie watched their young family, he took night courses, becoming a Registered Industrial Accountant. For most of his distinguished career, he worked in the banking industry, followed by a stint at Nova Scotia's Workers Compensation Board. The advances in his career took him across Canada, including Toronto, Windsor, Sudbury, Winnipeg, Montreal, and finally back to Halifax. A true Haligonian at heart, throughout his moves, he bundled up his family for annual trips back to Nova Scotia, often enjoying various campsites along the way. Joe was always proud of his Irish heritage and his beloved Nova Scotia. He loved to regale anyone within earshot with stories of his beloved granddaddy (and role model) and other family members, as well as sharing his encyclopedic knowledge of the history of Halifax. In addition to his fascination with local history, he was also an early adopter of the latest computer technologies, constantly amazed at the latest new advances. The true love of his life was of course, his beloved Marie, who he cherished above all else. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marie Elizabeth (Short) Skerry, his brother Francis (Frank), and his children Ellen Marie (Macdonald) Brantford ON, Cynthia Louise (Neil Oldreive), Boutiliers Point NS, Frances Anne (Daniel Forget), Musquodoboit Harbour NS, and Brian Joseph (Teresa Guella), Chandler, AZ, along with 9 grandchildren (Joseph, Norman, Neil, Heather, Graham, Melissa, Stephanie, Emilie, and Katherine) and two great grandchildren (Louis and Ember). He was predeceased by siblings Ellen, Frederick (Snook), James, Mary (Babe), and Barbara, as well as his son-in-law Archie Macdonald. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the recreation department may do so in his name to Melville Lodge Recreation Fund, 50 Shoreham Ln, Halifax, NS B3P 2R3 (902-479-1030). Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### **Giselle Marie LeBreton**

Age 61, Halifax Formerly of Tracadie, NB., passed away peacefully on December 24, 2020. Born in Tracadie, NB. She was a daughter of the late Victor and Basilice (LeClair) LeBreton. She is survived by her children, Justin Bonin (Amanda Welburn), Genevieve Bonin; granddaughter, Mercedes Paul; sister Françoise (Allen Gautreau); brothers, Daniel, Fernand, Camille (Angelina Duguay), Samuel (Rita Rouselle) and Telesphere (Lisa

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# What's happening at the Urban Farm

by Joshua Barss Donham

Tracks in the snow reveal the goings on at the farm in the heart of winter. People pass through walking their dogs. A wide path left by a sled and deep footprints tell of the laboured ascent of a parent pulling a childladen sled up the hill from the recreation centre. At the base of a clump of tall grass are the tiny tracks of a vole, up out of one hole and back down another. The tracks of a red squirrel lead from the base of a spruce tree to a stump where scattered bits of a spruce cone tell of a recent meal. The deer use the paths through the wood daily, browsing on the tender tips of maple saplings along the way. A crow's tracks lead across the yard and then vanish where it has taken flight.

In winter, goldenrod, asters, and grasses provide seeds for wildlife. Roses, privet, and viburnum make up the thickets that border much of the farm and have fruit well into the winter. Flocks of American goldfinches in search of seeds pause to eat privet bush berries. Cardinals feast on rose hips in the multiflora rose bushes at the bottom of the field. Spruce trees that provide food for the red squirrels also host small flocks of pine grosbeaks who are fond of the tender spruce buds and seeds from cones hanging from the loftiest branches.

There is also a wealth of life that lies hidden. Most insect species that inhabit the farm in summer overwinter in tree crevices, beneath logs, curled up within a plant stalk, or buried in the soil. Some overwinter as adults in hibernation, others as larva, pupae, or eggs. In the flower beds, leaves and plant stalks are left until Spring to be cleared away; the shelter they provide helps to ensure the survival of the insects that will go on to pollinate garden plants.

Most birds that remain through winter rely heavily on insects for food. The brown creeper, a tiny, mottled brown bird, has evolved to live almost exclusively on insects. It feeds by working its way up tree trunks



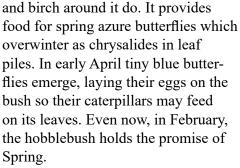
A female northern cardinal feeding on small rose hips in the multiflora rose bushes on the farm

and branches in a spiral, using sharp clawed feet to "creep" along, probing crevices and tiny holes in the bark with a long, narrow, down-curved bill in search of insects and insect larva.

Standing in the wood at the farm in the stillness and muffled silence after a heavy snow fall, one can appreciate phrases like "the dead of winter", but with the arrival of foraging chickadees, the wood springs to life. Enthusiastic vocalists, chickadees are usually accompanied by other species like the white-breasted nuthatches who add their short nasal calls to the chorus, and small downy woodpeckers flitting and moving about on the trees in search of food.

In the southwest corner of the wood is a hobblebush, a shrub on which tiny immature leaves and flower buds have already begun forming. Growing among taller trees, the hobblebush has evolved to leaf out and flower weeks before the maples

### Photos: Joshua Barss Donham



A reminder that 2021 membership dues can now be remitted. A membership form will be enclosed with our annual newsletter, or you can contact us through our email - urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, our Facebook page, or by calling Pat at 902-497-3683. Our mailing address is 211-339 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, N.S. B3R 1V5. Charitable receipts will be issued for all membership dues and donations over \$10.00. The cost remains the same - Seniors/Students \$5.00, Individuals \$10.00, Families \$15.00 and Groups \$25.00. Auto e-transfer to our email address. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Plans are underway for 2021 youth and children's programs and you may indicate on your membership forms if you would like one of our 12 Come Grow With Us Family garden plots, or by contacting us at urbanfarmprogrammer@gmail.com



A hobblebush with a flower bud and tiny leaves already well developed in mid-winter



The Brown Creeper "creeping" its way up the trunk of a birch tree in search of insects

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(continued from page 10) Thibodeau). She was predeceased by her brother Leo. Giselle was a kind, caring, and generous woman to all. She was a proud employee of the Halifax Regional Centre for Education for over 30 years. She loved her job, especially her time spent at Chebucto Heights School where her warm and welcoming smile greeted staff and students each morning. She was also a dedicated member of St Michael's church and showed her generosity through her countless volunteer efforts at the church and in the community. She is known by all for her amazing baking, especially her homemade bread and sweets. Everyone who knew her knows that she was most proud of her two children and beautiful granddaughter. Our family would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Melville Lodge, especially the recreation staff that she loved so much. Donations in memory can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia, Melville Lodge Recreation Fund, or the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by

#### **Stella Catherine Cooper**

visiting walkerfh.com.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Stella Catherine Cooper (McKay) beloved and cherished wife of Joe Cooper who died Sunday the 27th of December at home. Stella is survived by her husband Joe, son Joseph (Lisa Benjamin), daughter Angie and grand-daughter Violet. She was predeceased by her beloved parents Joe and Angela (Cox) McKay; her brothers Val and Gabe and sister Marion. She is survived by her sisters Anne-marie (Peter Covert), Mary (Kevin Stewart), Betty (Steve Freeman) and Ella and brothers Mike (Margie Hart) and Pat (Connie Hart). She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Stella was very active in her church St. Michael's having been a member of CWL, a eucaristic minister, a member of the baptismal team and parish council. She was also involved in many social activities at church such as fall fair and fall fair dinner which she headed for a number of years, bingo, and the Knights of Columbus 45 card games. She was also active in politics serving in John Buchanan's campaign for several elections. She loved her bingo, 45's and Wednesday night darts, especially her time with family at family gatherings and with the Texas hold 'em games played at her sister Anne-Marie's she especially liked thwarting brother Mike. She will be greatly missed by numerous people. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### John Mansfield O'Leary

Age 94, sadly passed away Christmas Day with his wife, Helen by his side. A long term resident of Spryfield, formerly of Guysborough Co., NS. He was predeceased by his parents Robert and Alice nee-Ehler who passed away when John was a young child of three. He was brought up by his foster parents, Mary and Daniel

O'Neil of Guysborough County. Also predeceased by his sister Eva and brother Michael, and his former wives Mary O'Leary nee MacMillan and Julienne O'Leary nee Fougere. He is survived by his wife Helen O'Leary, his step children Cheryl Jones (Chris Parsons), Douglas Pyke (Michelle Hughes), Bernice Pyke (Steve Anderson) and many grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as his nieces and nephew in the United States. He was employed with the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission for 28 years. He was a faithful member of St. Michael's Parish as well as a proud member of Council Knights of Columbus 5017 3rd degree. He was happiest when he was working in his flower garden or tinkering in his garage. He was a big fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He enjoyed stamp collecting, cross word puzzles and bowling as well as a great game of cards with his friends. He always had a smile on his face and was affectionately known as Papa John to his family. A special thank you to all of the employees of Shannex-Clayton Park for their great care given to John along with the 4.1 staff of the QEII for their kindness and support to John and his family. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walk-

#### **Thomas Roy Manuel**

Age 56, Halifax, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2020 at the V.G. Site QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Roy and Beulah (Marriott) Manuel. Tom had worked for the Irving Shipyard for many years. He loved kids and would do anything for them. He is survived by stepdaughters, Nicole, Pam and Jocelyn Jenkins; sister Etta Lennox (Kevin); former partner, Donna Jenkins; grandchildren, Brianna, Kailynn, Hannah and Owen Jenkins; nephews Aaron and Max. He was predeceased by a sister, Millie Manuel. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com

#### William Joseph Yeadon

Age 84, passed away in Arborstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home Halifax on Friday, January 1 2021. Born and raised in Spryfield, he was the son of the late William P. and Winnifred A. (Jarrett) Yeadon. He is survived by his daughters, Katherine, and Donna; sons, Barry, Gregory, Johnny and Billy; grandchildren, David, Shawn, Ryan, Andrew, Thomas, Luke, Natalie, and Rachael; great-grandchildren, Jack, Eva, Alayna; brother, Bernie (Nancy); sister-in-law, Ruth; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Hilda, Mary, Helen, Winnifred, Theresa, Rita, Dorothy, and Margaret; brothers, Bobby, Harry, Malcolm, John, and Ron; sisters-in-law, Vera, Mary, and Marge; brothers-in-law, Carl Manuel, Charlie Stephenson, Cecil Banfield, Cecil Thorn, Roland Cleveland, and Al White. Bill was retired from The Province of Nova Scotia – Department of Transportation and Public Works. From an early age he had a strong entrepreneurial sense and was a natural salesman in his many business ventures. Bill enjoyed being a people

person and was a volunteer coach for Herring Cove Minor Hockey, where he and his sons braved many cold, early mornings at the rink. Email condolences to barryyeadon@live. ca or visit Bill's Tribute wall at www. walkerfh.com. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice.

#### **Kevin Joseph Hackett**

It is with heavy hearts of the fam-

ily that we announce the passing of Kevin Hackett, 80, of Halifax, Nova

Scotia, who passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at home with his family by his side. Kevin was born in English Harbour East, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland to James and Margaret Hackett, being raised by Philomena and Michael T. Hackett, from the age of 6. He was the loving husband to the love of his life, Carol Hackett (Raftus). They shared 57 wonderful years together raising their two boys Phillip and Darren. Kevin is predeceased by his birth mother, Margaret Hackett and her parents who raised him, Philomena and Michael T. Hackett. Kevin is survived by his wife Carol (Raftus), sons Phillip (Karen), and Darren (Vicki), and brother Michael (Margaret) Hackett. At the age of 16 Kevin moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia to work at the Forty Fathom Division of National Sea Products fish plant where he met his one true love Carol of who he married on September 7, 1963. After 18 years at the fish plant, he began working at the Halifax Shipyard of which he worked from 1975 until his retirement in 2001, as a rigger. Anyone who knows Kevin would agree that he was a hard-working family man who enjoyed parties, playing darts, cribbage, and horseshoes with whoever was up to the challenge, especially his best friend Alfie Jollimore. He loved being at the lake with his family and friends so much so that he, his sons, with some help from friends built a beautiful cottage. After completing the cottage in 1993 you could find Kevin with his family and friends, spending endless days at the cottage, cruising around in the boat, swimming and playing games. Never a day would go by where there wasn't laughter and stories. Kevin always lived on the bright side of life, working hard, and partying harder. So many fond memories to remember and share, thank you for sharing your life with us, until we meet again Kev, may you rest in peace. The family would like to thank Dr. Andrew Humphrey, Palliative Care, Victoria Order of Nurses (VON) for their kindness, care, and support. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kidney Foundation in Kevin's memory. To leave words of tribute for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com. Mike (Francis) Kelly Age 68, of Halifax. Predeceased by his parents Frank and Doris (Kelly) Kelly. For most of his career he was employed at the Halifax Dockyards in P&P and HazMat. He was also employed at Dow & Duggan Log Homes and Giant Tiger. He is survived by his wife, Fay (Gardiner); sons, Scott (Holly Schnare), Aaron (Julie-Mae Lutes). He was affectionately known

as Grumpy by his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Brooklynn and Landon; brother, Terry; sister, Kim; and many nieces and nephews. To leave words of tribute for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

#### **Nicole Lynn Higgins**

37, Halifax. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Nicole on Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Halifax, she was the beloved daughter of James "Jim" and Sheila (Lewis) Higgins. Nicole's son, Aidan meant everything to her. She loved him with all her heart, just the way she loved her entire family. Nicole will be fondly remembered for her love of Majorettes, having been a twirler and a coach for many years. She is survived by her treasured son, Aidan Higgins-Patton, and his father, Harold Patton. She will also be lovingly remembered by her parents, Jim and Sheila; her brothers, Tony Jollimore (Lori), Shane Fraser (Michele), and Jimmy Higgins (Tasha); her nieces and nephews; a very special great-nephew, Saion, born January 7, 2021; her maternal grandmother, Brenda Lewis (Gerard); as well as aunts, Bernice (Con), Mauretta (Peter), Joyce and Pauline; uncle, Shawn Lewis (Laura); many friends and cousins. Nicole was predeceased by her maternal grandfather, Robert Lewis and her paternal grandparents, Bill and Evelyn Higgins. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Nicole Higgins GoFundMe Fundraiser Page on Facebook. To leave words of tribute for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

#### Mary Elizabeth Roach

Age 83. Passed peacefully on January 8, 2021 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. Mary was a proud Spryfield girl. She lost the love of her life after nearly 50 years together, she missed Leo every day... They are together again. Mary was predeceased by her parents John and Hilda (Hartlen) Chant, brother, John ""Popeye" and sister, Margaret. Survived by sisters, Marion "Pim" Turner (Sonny), Viola "Molly" Charlton (David) and brothers David "Lover" Chant, and William "Beazy" Chant (Donna). She is also survived by her three children, Rhea and husband Chris, who cared for her everyday, and sons, Ricky (Halifax) and Jamie (Montreal). God knows she had her hands full with those three! But loved them unconditionally and always gave her full support in everything. Mary loved sitting down with a friend or two for a nice cup of tea. She enjoyed spending time with her family, listening to country music, playing Bingo and cards, or yard sales and shopping. Most of all, "Nan" will be remembered for her unwavering love and devotion to her grandchildren, Adam Pellerine (Angela) and Trina Miller (Kyle), and "Nanny Mary" to her great grandchildren, Isabelle, Lilly, Carter, Cooper and Blake. She also held a special place in her heart for her grandson-by-choice, Stephen Fleming (Paige) and family. She sure loved you guys...thank you. Since COVID-19, Mary missed her many

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# **The Armdale Report**

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

As we make our way through midwinter, there is lots to look forward to and plenty I would like to share with you. This month we mark African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, as well as Nova Scotia Heritage Day on Monday, February 15. I will share events and resources related to both on my Facebook page (@LenaMetlegeDiabNS), including a special tribute I'm working on for this year's Heritage Day honouree, Edward Francis Arab. We also welcome a new premier this month, and I'm excited to get to work with whomever takes over in the Premier's chair to continue strengthening supports for our community and all Nova Scotians and plotting a robust and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As Minister of Immigration, I'm deeply proud to share with you that Nova Scotia continues to make incredible progress on welcoming skilled newcomers. In 2020, we approved 3,517 immigration applications, exceeding our allocation of 3,292, by focusing on skilled newcomers in essential services, such as healthcare and transportation. These people and their families are expected to arrive over the next few years when travel and border restrictions ease and as the federal government processes their cases. What's more, many healthcare professionals from other countries were attracted to the province over the last 12 months, including continuing care assistants, nurses, and physicians, who have arrived since March. We are also making big gains when it comes to retaining talented young people: Last year, 1,018 international graduates chose to live in Nova Scotia after their studies, a significant increase from just 35 in 2014. As we plot our recovery from the pandemic, I know immigration will play an important role.

Last month saw the province make some important investments to support students and workers. As Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, I had the honour of joining the launch of the African Nova Scotian Road to Economic Prosperity Action Plan, a collaborative strategy developed by the African Nova Scotian community with support from Halifax Partnership and Halifax Regional Municipality. In support of this strategy, the province is investing approximately \$139,000 over a two-year period to the African Nova Scotian Connector Program to help attach young people and those from underrepresented communities to the workforce. I was also proud to announce that Nova Scotia has provided our 10 universities with supplemental funding of \$25 million to help them manage the financial impacts of COVID-19. These key investments will us build a more inclusive and equitable workforce and support students as they further their studies in this unprecedented time.

I'm pleased to share with you that Legal Info Nova Scotia (LINS) is now offering a free Personal Directive App to help Nova Scotians make a personal directive from the comfort of their home. Every Nova Scotian should have a personal directive particularly during this time of pandemic as it expresses one's wishes for care when the person cannot. LINS is also offering a free seniors' navigator program where trained community volunteers are available by phone to provide help with using the Personal Directive App. To make things even easier, virtual clinics will be offered every month to help people with the app. To get started creating your own personal directive, please visit legalinfo.org/ forms/personal-directive, and if you would like to volunteer as a navigator

with LINS to help seniors in our communities navigate the app, please visit navigator.legalinfo.org/. I've also been informed that LINS will soon be launching similar apps for Wills and Powers of Attorney, and I'll share that information once it's available.

My office continues to offer support for those looking to apply for the province's Heating Assistance Rebate Program. We also now have paper applications for the 2021 HEAT Fund offered through the Salvation Army and Nova Scotia Power. The fund is available for families earning under \$67,937 who pay for their own heat and are experiencing a home heating emergency. You can apply through my office or at salvationarmy.ca/maritime/home/programs/heat/. Please note that, previously, a household would only be eligible for the HEAT Fund

once every 24 months, however, this restriction has been waived due to COVID-19. The HEAT Fund offers a maximum assistance in the amount of \$400, and applicants can receive assistance regardless of their residence type or ownership/rental situation.

Finally, for those who are looking for a way to join our fight against COVID-19, NS Health now has opportunities available for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, for example at a vaccination clinic, please visit www.nshealth.ca/coronavirus to enlist. As we ramp up vaccinations significantly in the spring, we will need trained volunteers on-hand to make the rollout process as efficient and seamless as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support.

# Harrietsfield cleanup nears completion

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

#### **Covid update**

The first month of 2021 is behind us and Nova Scotians have proven that they are the absolute best at keeping the spread of Covid under control. A lot of work has gone into this and you have proven time and time again that you put each other and public health first. We are coming out of this and you should all be so proud of yourself and one another.

## **Crystal Crescent Beach sees upgrades**

This past month saw Crystal Crescent beach get a third parking lot. You have reached out to me over the years about the parking issues at the beach and I listened. I took your concerns to the Department of Lands and Forest and the Department of Transportation and was able to secure the funds needed to get this new parking lot. Thank you all for reaching out to me on this matter.

#### Harrietsfield Cleanup

Over the next month or so the cleanup of the C&D site will be complete. 1000s of tonnes of materials were removed from the site, a new cell was built and no hazardous materials are contained inside. The effluent was also treated and there will no longer be anything leaching out of the cell or off

the site. The property is now owned by Nova Scotia Lands and will be tested continuously moving forward.

The first month of 2021 saw a single snow storm but we did see some ice on the roads. Remember to drive carefully and if you are on a provincial road that needs plowing, salting or sanding please reach out to me on my cell 902-499-5500

Lots of love from my family to all of you and yours

I am so proud to be your MLA Brendan Maguire 902-444-0147 Brendan@brendanmaguire.ca

#### **OBITUARIES**

visits with her life long dear friend,
Marion Cranston. They held each
other up over the years and enjoyed
a "brownie" or two; they had some
great times together. Mom will be
missed by Chris, her son-in-law, who
could light up her smile right to her
end...she loved him to the moon and
back! Also, would like to thank Paulette Cable for many years of support
to Mary and family. Words of comfort
may be sent to the family by visiting
www.walkerfh.com

#### Laszlo (Leslie) Sandor Mihaly

Age 95, of Halifax passed away on January 2, 2021 at Melville Lodge. He was the only child of the late Nyikos, Jusztina and Mihály, Sándor from Hungary. He is survived by his caring wife (Giselle), son Steven (Christine Clark), daughter Susan (John Fraser) and grandchildren James, Sarah and Alexander. Lászlo was born on August 9, 1925 and grew up in the town of Hodmezovasarhely in Hungary. His studies in engineering at the Technical University of Budapest were interrupted by WWII. After being released as a prisoner of war he returned to his engineering studies and graduated as a Forestry Engineer from the University of Sopron in 1950. He began working in mining and forestry in Transylvania and eventually worked at the Budapest Geodesic and Mapping Company where he met his future wife, Giselle. In 1956, they fled Hungary during the

Hungarian Revolution and married in Vienna on December 20. The couple were able to gain sponsorship to come to Canada as refugees along with the entire student and faculty of the forestry department of Sopron University. They arrived in Halifax at Pier 21 in January of 1957 and boarded a train to Montreal where they settled. Lászlo then worked in resource development in the Yukon and Baie Comeau and further gained a Canadian degree through McGill University in Civil Engineering. He was employed as a Municipal Engineer in Point Claire and served as City Engineer for the town of Deux-Montagnes. In 1970 he moved to Halifax to work for McNamara Engineering. In 1971 he accepted a position at the province of Nova Scotia Department of Housing, from which he retired as Chief Engineer in 1991. While spending most of his life in Canada, he always had strong roots to his home country of Hungary and frequently visited. During his retirement, he volunteered for CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) which provided him opportunities to share the expertise he learned in Canada with the Hungarian government. In Canada, he enjoyed retirement by being outside land surveying and loved to socialize with his friends with whom he would solve our world problems. Lászlo also had a passion for making wine which started in Montreal and extended well into his later years in Halifax. The family would like to thank the health

care workers at Melville Lodge for their compassionate care provided over the past five years. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

# William Albert Edmond Joseph Slaunwhite

We are sorry to announce the passing of William Albert Slaunwhite on January 16, 2021, age 89. Born in Halifax he was the son of the late Russell and Hazel (Sears). He retired as a Captain with the Halifax Fire Department after nearly 35 years of service. In his younger years Bill loved to hunt, fish and play hockey for the Halifax Fire Department. Bill played baseball for various teams, he loved to golf, go out to the casino and he loved the Toronto Maple Leafs and St. Louis Cardinals, he was a real sports fan. He was also involved with horse racing for several years owning two horses of his own at Eric Whebby Stables. Bill was very proud to say he was from Terrence Bay. Predeceased by his brother, Keith (Jean). Survived by Betty Maxner; brothers, Jim (Doreen), Ron (Helen); children, Billy (Sharon), David (Denise), step-children Wayne (Kayo) Maxner, Shelley (Charles) Oickle; grandchildren, Vanessa, Karli, Matthew, Shelbi Allen, and Tyler Maxner; great grandchild Dawsyn Allen. A special thank you to Parkstone Nursing Home, Citadel Court for their care and compassion. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

#### **Food Banks:**

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd)
- 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

#### **Spryfield Lions Club events:**

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time

to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

# 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:

- Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 10 11 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients.
- We are cautiously resuming activities, with Covid protocols in place. Everything is subject to change without notice so please call or email to confirm or check our webpage for updates.

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:

With Covid, the church is largely closed but Kristen Hollery, our Community Ministry Director will be on site on Wednesdays, Thursdays and on Friday morning and can assist those who rely on the church for clean drinking water.

#### **Developmental Pickup Hockey**

Looking for players 40+ years old. Spryfield Lions Rink Fridays 12-1pm. Starts Friday, Oct 16. Skills sessions first week, next 3 weeks pickup. We call it Developmental Pickup Hockey. Skills to increase puck time on your stick and improve your game. Pickup

at a bit slower pace.

Let me know if you're interested. 902-497-2068 or ronaldbulmer@gmail.com

# Improve your reading, writing and math skills, work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations. COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more information. Let's get learning together!

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 February

\*\*To have your church/ synagogue/mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail. com by February 19 for March'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 open for in person worship and also livestream our 10 am services on our Facebook page and webpage.

Sunday Worship: 8:00 am: quiet, contemplative, traditional service of Holy Communion.

10:00 am: Contemporary, lively communion service with choir. February 17, Ash Wednesday services at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm with communion and imposition of ashes.

Thursday, February 25,10:00 am: Lenten mid-week communion service, followed by Bible Study.

We are an affirming church. All are welcome to our services. There is no pre-registration but we will take your name and phone number at the door. Please practice all Covid restrictions, wear a mask and if you are sick please join us online instead of in person.

All services are subject to change if Covid restrictions change.

Watch our website for updates.

# **Open Door Community Church** (11 Aldergrove Drive)

Church services - Sunday 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

We welcome you to come worship with us. Standard Covid-19 protocols in effect, please wear a mask. www.opendoorhalifax.ca

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

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.

We now have a paid Zoom account and members of the congregation will be able to be a bit more involved in the worship service. As had previously happened, the service will be posted on our Facebook page for those who couldn't join the 11:00 am service. If you would like to be part of that service but are not a member of the congregation, or if you are a member but we don't have your email address, please call the church at 902-477-3937 to

be added to our list.

#### Stella Maris Church at St Michael's Catholic Church

All welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey! Saturday 4:00 pm and Sundays 10:30 am. Registration required at www. stellamarishalifax.com and all COVID protocols must be followed.

#### **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

In-person Sunday Services at Parkhill United Church at 9:30 am; St. James United Church at 11:15 am. For those unable to attend in person the service will be live-streamed at 11:15 am on St. James Facebook Page. Information 902-868-2791 or https://www. sambrojollimorepc.com

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