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Good Friday Prayer Walk



About 56 people gathered at Emmanuel Anglican Church on Good Friday, April 2, to begin the Good Friday Prayer Walk. Shown above at the Parkette. See more on pages 6 and 7

The complicated history of Mother's Day

by Tangelene Ramsay

The second Sunday in May, in North America, has become known as a day to celebrate moms. A day to show our appreciation for all they do for us the rest of the year. However, this wasn't always the case. Mother's Day has a long and complex history going back to the ancient Greeks and Romans,

traveling forward through Christianity, and finally becoming our version of the day in the early 1900s thanks to Anna Jarvis.

In ancient Greek and Roman times, the celebration was held to honour their matronly goddesses. Rhea, for the Greeks, and Cybele for the Romans. In ancient Greece, Gaia

was known as Mother Earth and was considered the ultimate deity. According to Greek mythology, she passed this power on to her daughter, Rhea, who was worshipped as the Mother of Gods; the goddess of nature and fertility. In ancient Rome, the celebration was called Hilaria and was a time to celebrate Cybele, their mother

goddess.

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As the ancient Greeks began to embrace Christianity, they turned to celebrating the feast of Ypapanti on February 2nd. This was the day that Christians believed Mary and Joseph took their son, baby Jesus, to the temple to be blessed. In the 1960s, many Greeks turned from this February celebration to the one commonly celebrated in North America in May.

Around the world, this holiday is celebrated at different times and in many different ways. Many countries, such as Russia, Bulgaria, and Armenia, choose to celebrate on March 8th, to coincide with International Women's Day. The Spring Equinox, March 21st, is celebrated as a day to honour rebirth and women in countries such as Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia. In certain European countries, the fourth Sunday of Lent is celebrated as Mothering Day, which has a double meaning. It means to honour the mother and the mother church. Christians were encouraged to go back to their Mother Church for a special service on that day.

Our modern, North American version of Mother's Day dates back to 1905 when Anna Jarvis began campaigning to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday. This was done to honour her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who was a peace activist known for caring for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. Ann had created Mother's Day Work Clubs whose purpose was to address public health issues.

Ann had worked alongside another suffragist, Julia Ward Howe, since 1870 to have a day declared as Mother's Day. They envisioned this day to be in honour of peace; a time when mothers of all nationalities could band together to promote amicable settle-

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Williams Lake Dam needs a fix now!



Margo Kerr of Williams Lake Dam Association wants HRM to fix the dam now. Photo by Cathy Vaughan

by Cathy Vaughan

Don't let the recent high water levels in Williams Lake fool you. The dam continues to leak volumes of water daily. If the dam is not fixed, lake levels will drop substantially as soon as the winter rain and runoff stops and the warmer weather begins.

The leaky dam on Williams Lake affects HRM's public access points - Williams Lake beach on Williams Lake Road, non-motorized boat launch on Acorn Drive, swimming

area on Wyndrock Drive and the Shaw Wilderness Park.

Margo Kerr of the Williams Lake Dam Association says, "We have an engineering study of the dam from 2005. It cautions that the dam was in a deteriorating state then. That was 15 years ago! The dam is a decaying relic and does not hold this well-loved lake to normal water levels. We want HRM to move quickly to fix the dam so everyone can enjoy Williams Lake all year."



from the Management and Staff of

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Mother's Day

(continued from page 1) ment of international issues in the interest of creating peace.

After Anna's mother passed in 1905, Anna fought to get Mother's Day to be a recognized holiday. Finally succeeding in 1907, she was able to celebrate the first Mother's Day by holding a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in West Virginia. By 1911, all of the American states, and most Canadian provinces, were celebrating Mother's Day as an official holiday.

By the 1920s, Mother's Day was becoming the commercialized holiday we now know it as, and Anna was dismayed. The idea of corporations making money off a day meant to celebrate mothers was deeply disturbing to Anna and she began boycotting the holiday. To her way of thinking, mothers should be receiving heartfelt letters from their children, not store bought gifts and cards.

However, the celebration has endured as a time when children honour their mother with meals, gifts, flowers, chocolates, and love.



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Bird watching: good for your Covid soul

by Cathy Vaughan
It's in our Canadian DNA to enjoy,

revere and protect nature. The CO-VID-19 pandemic has given us a pivotal-pause to reassess our shifting lives and identify what is truly important to us.

Record numbers of folks are taking on unique hobbies, changing their fitness activities, embracing unique learning opportunities and appreciating the natural habitat in their own backyards.

What do we see and hear in our own backyards? Birds.

"Birding is really taking off. It's a huge trend," according to Kyla Makela with Bird Studies Canada, a national charity for bird research, citizen science, and conservation in Canada. Bird watching is easy to do while you are working or studying at home during the COVID pandemic. You don't have to go very far. Just look for birds in your backyard, car park, or treed spaces in your neighbourhood. You will probably see sparrows, hawks and doves.

The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) is also interested in the birds and trees in the Spryfield/Backlands area. The Backlands stretch from Williams Lake Road south to Powers Pond in Herring Cove. WLCC has applied to HRM for community funding to work with the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield and the Backlands Coalition to collect data on birds in the area.

"Sparrows Hawks and Doves" is a bird watching, data-collecting inventory. WLCC is proposing this inventory of birds in the Backlands as an integral part of their stewardship of Williams Lake, its watershed, and the Backlands.

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is hosting a newly formed bird watching group that will participate in the project. The Backlands Coalition is also committed to the preservation of Backlands as key habitat for wild species such as nesting and migrating birds in the greater Spryfield area.

WLCC would engage local professional bird expert, Fulton Lavender, to conduct a survey of nesting and migratory birds in the Purcell's Cove Backlands. The survey would begin with this spring migration in April and cover all four seasons of birding activities. The published results would be accessible, useful, and engaging for



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local families, schools, organizations and birding clubs.

The "Sparrows Hawks and Doves" project would chronicle concrete, current and reliable data, provide accessible public information on our local birds and bring attention to some of the rich, natural spaces we have in Spryfield to enjoy the hobby of bird watching in our community.

Field trips, led by Mr. Lavender, as he conducts his surveys, would include volunteers from the community interested in becoming citizenscientists and learning about identification and classification of birds from an expert. WLCC would share bird guides and trail maps with novice and seasoned bird enthusiasts to support this engaging hobby.

"We want to attract more Spryfield residents to enjoy watching birds and being out in nature. With the restrictions of Covid and the close proximity of the Herring Cove coastal trail, Shaw Wilderness Park, Williams Lake and the Purcell's Cove Backlands in Spryfield, it is really an easy way to interest folks in this enjoyable hobby," says Martha Leary of WLCC and local bird enthusiast.

The CBC news reported on a study published in the Journal of Science (2019) that found an overall 29% decline in the bird population in North America since 1970. Leary says "this shocking situation is unfortunately reflected in the decline in bird populations in Nova Scotia. Some of the biggest losses were among the common bird species such as sparrows and warblers. That's why this project is so

timely and important."

Birds are critical for biodiversity as they control pests, spread seeds, pollinate plants, clean up carcasses, and protect wetlands as well as inspire, calm and rejuvenate us. Environmental citizen-action groups are advocating with government levels to take action on these important providers

of biodiversity before any more bird populations disappear.

"During this pandemic we've realized the importance of the outdoors and nature to our physical and mental well-being. People trying to cope with stress, anxiety and restrictions are increasingly finding relief in nature. Exploring our nature reserves, trails, forests and lakes has a restorative effect on our mental health. As we nurture our own wellness, we must also invest in nature to nurture it," states Kelly Cain, newly appointed Vice-President of Nature Conservancy of Canada in the Atlantic Provinces (Chronicle Herald, Feb.25, 2021 article.)

Spryfield is close to many parks, forests, seashores and natural settings. A stroll through Fort Redoubt, Frog Pond, Graves-Oakley Park, MacIntosh Run, Kidston Lake, Shaw Wilderness Park or the Long Lake trails would be a natural place to get involved in this fascinating, life-long hobby.

Useful websites.
www.nsbirdsociety.ca
www.speciesatrisk.ca
www.natureconservancy.ca
www.cbc.ca/cbcdocspov/espisodes/
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www.cbc.ca/news/technology/birdpopulation-decline-1.5288454

Spring At St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

Signs of spring are all around us. We hear the birds singing all day, see gardeners cleaning up their yards and beginning to dig in the soil, and the days are getting longer. One sign at St. Paul's United Church is that our outdoor tap has been turned on. For years, we have provided water for people in Harrietsfield whose drinking water is unsafe. In winter, we turn off the outdoor tap because we are afraid of freezing and at that time, people have to fill their containers indoors when the building is open. In mid-April, the outside tap was turned on and water is accessible at any time.

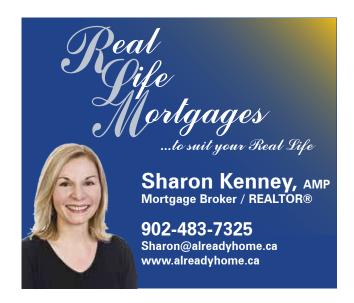
Another sign of spring at St. Paul's is our Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. This year it was held in our church yard instead of at the Dingle. It was a cold, blustery Easter morning when we met at 7:00am in the church yard to celebrate the Risen Christ.

Due to Covid, we have not been worshipping in person but via Zoom.

We had hoped to be open for in person worship by the end of April, but alas, that was not the case. We will continue to worship online and pray that we will soon be able to worship together again.

As is usual at this time of year, returning gardeners in our community garden have been at work, cleaning up their plots after the winter and getting ready to plant. The garden is a program of our community ministry, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI). Our community ministry director, Kristen Hollery, says that there are plots available. If you are interested, please call her at 902-479-1015.

Another program of FRI is Camp Paul, a summer day camp for children from 5 to 12 years of age. Due to the pandemic, we did not run this program last year but, protocols in place, Camp Paul will be open this summer in a modified form, starting on July 5. If you are interested, please call Kristen at 902-479-1015.







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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



1936 Softball Teams in North West Arm Athletic Club

by Iris V. Shea

For many years the game of softball was popular in every community in Mainland South. Men and women organized their own teams and challenged neighbouring communities while some communities chose to become part of an organized league. Reading through newspapers of the 1930s, there were some great stories of the rivalries that took place. The Evening Mail had great coverage of our local teams during the summer of 1936.

The summer of 1936 saw 14 softball teams participating in four leagues in the newly formed North West Arm Athletic Club. The first meeting of the club was held in May 1936 at the Lower Arm Hall (above Fagan's store in Jollimore, now 32 Parkhill Road). Honourable Angus L. MacDonald was Honourary President. Patrons were George E. Hagen, Dr. McD. Morton, Councillor R.D. Guildford and Father P.F. Martin. Members of the executive were: President Roy Leitch, Williams' Lake Road; Vice President Peter Marriott of Kline Heights; Secretary Allan (Brud) McQuillan, Jollimore; Treasurer Albert E. Edwards, Jollimore; Thomas Chambers, Spryfield; Sam Downing, Melville Cove; Edward Marryatt, Jollimore; Arthur Iceton, Purcell's Cove.

There were separate executives for each of the four leagues. Their role was to arrange a suitable schedule of games and to secure unbiased umpires. Participating umpires were: P. Bellefontaine, W. Purcell, Leahy, Harry Campbell, Jack Campbell, Edward Marryatt, "Hump" Bachman, Steve McNeil and Tom Chambers.

Members of the executive for the School Boys League were Herbert Powell, Jollimore, J.A. LeMarchant, Spryfield, Arthur Iceton, Purcell's Cove, and J. Dunsworth, South Street. By July 4th, Purcell's Cove had jumped into first place in that league, defeating Melville Cove in a double header with scores of 18-7 and 33-12. At the end of the season, however, the point standings for the School Boys League were: Jollimore, 27, Purcell's Cove, 18, and Melville Cove, 3. Jollimore went on to defeat Purcell's Cove for the championship.

The Seniors, with the executive made up of Edward Marryatt, Jollimore, Peter Marriott, Kline Heights, "Gigg" Lloy, Melville Cove and Carl Lynch, Purcell's Cove, had four teams participating. By the middle of June, Kline Heights managed to climb out of the cellar to drop Purcell's Cove with a score of 23 –11, giving Kline Heights a two-way tie for second place. Playing for Purcell's Cove were Bud Soward, Art Iceton, Bill Smith, Fred Dockrill, Northup, Murphy, Beaver, Roland Purcell, Carl Lynch, Percy Purcell, Charles Goodman and Aurel



Photograph courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society Jollimore Softball Team, about 1936.Back Row: Jimmy Slaunwhite, George Rockwell, Herb Powell, Dick Innes, Jim Porter, Ken Chaddock.Front Row: George (Nin) Craig, Allan (Brud) McQuillan behind unknown Lahey, Art Powell. Bat Boy: unknown

Iceton. Playing for Kline Heights were Isner, Cuvelier; Fleming, Purcell, Lannigan, Sullivan, Chambers, Cox and Whalen. Kline Heights went on to eliminate Jollimore, but were defeated in the finals by Melville Cove. More than 2000 fans came out to support Kline Heights and Melville Cove when they played off at number two diamond on the Commons that evening.

The Juniors were represented by Bill Chaddock of Jollimore; Peter Marriott, Kline Heights, and Fred Romans, Melville Cove. In Junior Boys play, the final point standings were Melville Cove, 12, Atlantic Seagulls, 10, Wellington Beavers, 9 and Jollimore, 8. Melville Cove defeated Atlantic Seagulls for the Junior title with a team made up of Johnson, Vaughan, Leahy, Harvey, Buell, Romans, Blakeney, Bachman, Wild and, as a substitute, Bell.

The Jollimore Ladies had their own executive, made up of Phyllis Jollimore, Florence Jussup, Evelyn Slauenwhite as Secretary and Theda Forward, Treasurer. Captain of the team was Mrs. Ethel (Innes) White; their manager was Doug Young. Players on the Jollimore team were Eleanor Powell, Annie Innes, Doe Powell, Edith Jollimore, Florence Melvin, Ethel White, Freda Wynn, Doris Innes and Phyllis Jollimore. Substitutes were Evelyn Slauenwhite and Muriel Boutilier.

The Ladies Softball League had a great season, with Purcell's Cove finishing with 24 points, Melville Cove 12, Jollimore 12 and Spryfield 0. The Connaught Rangers of Purcell's Cove were crowned champions of the Ladies Softball League at the Jollimore diamond. The winning team was made up of Dodo Conway, Geraldine

Bennet, A. Murphy, B. Purcell, D. Young, Maizie Judge, Doris Purcell, Dot Connors, Hilda Lyons, Zwicker and Olive Purcell. This was their second consecutive title.

While the Spryfield Ladies team in the North West Arm League did not fare well, another Ladies team from Spryfield, the Redcaps, were crowned champions in the South West Arm League, defeating Kline Heights Rangers with a score of 11-7. Spryfield's winning team was made up of O. Oakley, B. Oakley, D. McNeil, D. Blakely, B. Cross, W. Turner, H. Cox, Patterson and M. McNeil. The Kline Heights Rangers consisted of D. Lane, B. Howitt, Bellefontaine, D. Riley, G. Singer, R. Cousins, Isner, Howitt and

By 1939, the North West Arm League ceased to exist for these softball players. Following the outbreak of World War II, they became involved in war work and it was not until 1946 that organized softball teams returned to their communities.

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Fishing Derby set to take place May 30

by Lorrie Boylen

The Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) obtained permission to host our 6th Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration at Grand Lake in Williamswood is scheduled from 8:00-10:30am. Fishing will continue through the day, with the final weigh-ins ending at 3p.m.

There will be a barbeque, prizes, raffle baskets and a 50/50 draw, as well as prizes for fish caught in various age groups. All funds raised will support the Shay & MacKay Memorial Scholarship at J.L. Ilsley High School, a wheelchair accessible gazebo, fishing wharf and picnic area, and SACA. This event is healthy family fun for all ages.

Please note that Covid protocols will be in place, including hand sanitizer, wearing masks and social distancing at the barbeque and when entering the draws.

Early bird registrants between May 1 and May 23 get a chance at an additional prize. Registration is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under and includes the chance to get in on some prizes, whether you fish or not. So, even if you're not interested in fishing, be sure to pay your entry for a chance to win a prize. Registration is available at Mishoo's in Sambro or by etransfer to treasurersaca@gmail.com using the password derby. In the memo portion of the etransfer please put the name of the registrant(s) you are paying for.

The prizes will be drawn at 3 p.m.

Due to Covid restrictions an audience will not be permitted to gather on site to watch the draw, but Facebook Live draw will be available at https://www.facebook.com/SACApage.

Cory Shay and Kyle MacKay were two close friends, both avid fishermen and J.L. Ilsley graduates from the class of 2005. Both sadly passed away from cancer in their 20s, bravely battling complications resulting from their cancer treatments, and never complaining. They were an inspiration and taught everyone who knew them not to sweat the small stuff, live each day to the fullest, never take their health for granted, and always take time for family, friends and community.

This fishing derby honours their lives and legacies. A wonderful way to

start to spring, it brings folks together for a day on the lake to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and share memories.

We're looking for volunteers, donations of barbeque supplies, raffle prizes and derby prizes. If you can donate even in some small way, please contact Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583

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

Parenting can be a wild ride

by Meg McCallum, Executive Director, Chebucto Family Centre

While parenting can be an amazing experience, it can also be a pretty wild ride. Sleepless nights, concerns about healthy meals, wellness, school, homework, recreational activities, children's behaviour and discipline can create great stress.

The Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield, offers a number of free parenting programs that equip parents with the information and skills they need to raise healthy children.

The Centre offers the Healthy Beginnings Program, a comprehensive home visiting program with community referrals. The free home visits focus on supporting parents, promoting a healthy parent-child relationship, fostering healthy childhood development and connecting families to helpful community resources. The program may continue for up to 3 years. Translation

services are provided by Nova Scotia Public Health. To learn more visit https://novascotia.ca/dhw/healthy-development/enhanced-home-visiting.asp.

The Centre also offers the Parenting Journey Program. Parenting Journey is a free program of the Department of Community Services' Early Intervention and Prevention, offered by Family Resource Centres province-wide. Parenting Journey is designed to lend support and services to families caring for children and youth between ages 0 and 18 years of age, focusing on factors impacting the parenting relationship and the family as a whole. It is family-centred, with an emphasis on community connection through a strength-based approach. Partnered with a Parenting Journey Home Visitor, families can gain support on matters such as communication, discipline, development, organizing routines and other issues. It is free and people can self-refer directly. To learn more

visit https://parentingjourney.org/.

The Centre also offers free individual support, referrals, and we are available to answer your parenting questions. Other group parenting programs are offered on a regular basis. Call the Centre, 902 479 3031 to get a calendar of events.

We offer free child care during all programming.

If you would like to participate in any of the Centre's parenting programs call 902 479 3031.

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Good Friday Prayer Walk

Photos by Beth Sutherland

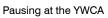


Above: Gathering at Emanuel Anglican Church

About 56 people gathered at Emmanuel Anglican Church on Good Friday, April 2, to begin the Good Friday Prayer Walk. Although rain was forecast for the whole day, it stopped in time for the walk and didn't start again till afterwards. Six Spryfield and area churches joined in the Good Friday prayer walk stopping along the 2 km route to pray for our community and the organizations that make it up.

Left: Walking along Herring Cove Rd







Gathering by the Spry Bridge



Prayer Walk Clergy: The Spryfield Ministerial clergy after the Good Friday Prayer Walk on April 2. From left: Rev. Anne Hoganson (St. Paul's United), Rev. Michelle Bull (Emmanuel Anglican), Rev. Pauline Coffin (Spryfield Christian Community Church), Pastor Steve Sutherland (Open Door Community Church), Rev. Helene Burns (Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge, United Church), and Fr. Joseph Thomas (Stella Maris Roman Catholic parish).





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Story and photos by Ann Hart

What's happening





From the volunteers

In Spryfield at the Urban Farm we have a small hilltop area for local people to grow a plot of food for themselves. It is fun and instructive, social, and a personal connection to the roots of our lives. Flowers and herbs are intermixed with the vegetables to help balance the ecology of the land and crops. The beauty of an aromatic, buzzing, brightly colorful garden is magical. May is the time of creating in the garden.

Our first event for the year is the Seedy Saturday/Plant Sale. It will be held at the Urban Farm May 29, 10 am – 12 pm. Rain date is Sunday, May 30. Plant donations are welcome. Contact us on our Facebook Group for more information.

It is the members who have been active in the Urban Farm for years, like Donna and Dale Mitchell, the newer participants like mother and daughter Marel and Emily Eager, the hard working do-everything-and-more leaders like Wanda Hall, who make the organization work.

For information about the Come Grow With Us Family gardening program, email us or contact Pat at 902-497-3683. Resources, information and membership forms to the 2021 Urban Farm season can be found on the Urban Farm of Spryfield Facebook group page or at urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com. Our mailing address is 211-339 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, N.S. B3R 1V5. Annual membership fees: Seniors/Students \$5.00, Individuals \$10.00, Families \$15.00 and Groups \$25.00. Charitable receipts will be issued for all membership dues and donations over \$10.00. Your support is greatly appreciated.

From our plot holders:

"I have had a plot at the Urban Farm for a number of years. I am the main gardener but my husband comes and helps with farm-related projects. We both really enjoy going to the farm – it's a little oasis in the city. Absolutely lovely. I usually start with transplants but last year started my carrots from seed. I got a real sense of satisfaction seeing the seeds starting to sprout. I enjoy the comradery felt with the other gardeners – it's like we stepped back in time (to an era when everyone grew their own vegetables)." Donna Mitchell

"For 25 years I have watched the Urban Farm emerge from an empty field to the beautiful community garden you see today. I would walk the dog, donate to Seedy Saturday, chat with the summer student assistants, and purchase veggies and flowers. It wasn't until last summer (when travel was impossible) that my daughter, who is on the Board, and I actually applied for, and received, a small plot in the garden. I can't believe how much food we harvested! I still have kale and pesto in my freezer, jams and chutneys in my cupboard, and a spaghetti squash in my basement. We had so much fun planning and participating in the Strawberry Social and Fall Harvest Fair – even if they were "distanced and masked"! I have met so many incredible people and feel so much more connected to this amazing community of Spryfield AND all while in the midst of a pandemic!" Marel Eager

Above left: April preparation, Marel Eager

Left: May planting, Donna Mitchell



at the Urban Farm



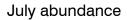
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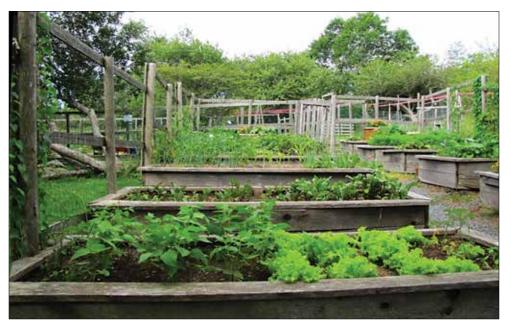
From our Head Gardener:

"I would like to welcome everyone back to the Urban Farm for another amazing season! I am happy to see the large number of people wanting plots to grow their own vegetables. The friendships that are made and the garden tips we share with each other are priceless. We all work together as volunteers to make the Urban Farm a very special place in the community. We thank everyone who continues to support the Urban Farm with memberships, donations and their time volunteering."

Wanda Hall

Right: August harvest







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OCAL OBITUARIES

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Margaret Goyetche

Age 88. It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our Mother, Margaret Theresa Goyetche (Martell) of Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mom passed away at home, with family at her side, on Friday, March 19, 2021. Born August 18, 1932 in Poulamon, Isle Madame, NS, Margaret was the daughter of the late James and Helen Jane (MacPhee) Martell. She was the last surviving member of her family, which included six siblings. Margaret was devoted to her family. She was a loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as Nan and Great-Nan. She looked after her six granddaughters through their toddler years, all who she loved and touched deeply. She was a living example of someone who believed in being kind and helping others. She also shared her love with family by celebrating birthdays, holidays, and many other special days over the feasts she proudly



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prepared and presented. Everyone especially looked forward to her turkey soup, fresh made pies, strawberry squares and Christmas fudge. In addition to hosting family get-togethers, she endlessly mended, sewed and hemmed for the entire clan and many others. She was an exceptional seamstress who made wedding gowns, bridesmaids' dresses, clothing for her daughters and granddaughters and drapery, often without a pattern and using only her keen eyes. Margaret is survived by her closely knit Halifax family, including her sons Barry (Mary Hellstrom) Goyetche; Kevin Goyetche; daughters, Rosalyn Edmunds and Heather (Robert) Lynch; granddaughters Tracy (Paul) Clattenburg, Shauna (David) Dodge, Miranda Corbett, Kate Goyetche (Shawn McGee), Rebecca (Sven) Scholtysik and Marissa Lynch; and her precious great-grandchildren, Sullivan, Megan and Tyler Clattenburg, Jake, Carson and Cohen Dodge, Grace Corbett and Violet Smith. She is also survived by her former son-inlaw, Murray Edmunds and sisterin-laws Joyce Martell and Olive Martell. Margaret was predeceased by her devoted husband Raymond Alexander who waited a long 22 years to dance and play cards again with his beloved Margaret. She was also predeceased by her sister Mildred and brothers Donald, Harold, Henry, Alfred and Albert. What a wonderful mother Margaret was. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

Eldon Victor Kirk

Age 78, of Sambro, passed away unexpectedly on March 26, 2021 at home. He was a son of the late Aubrey and Olga (Findley) Kirk. Eldon is survived by his stepdaughter, Angela Flemming (Peter); brother, Maynard (Helen); grandchildren, Jacob and Issac; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife, Margaret Rose; brothers, Winston and Arnold; and sister, Hazel. He worked for the Department of Transportation for thirty years where he made many lifelong friendships. He loved fishing, hunting, camping at Ragged Lake, bird watching, hockey- his favorite team being the Boston Bruins, he loved his history and true story books, and he enjoyed his daily drives around his neighbourhood and his morning coffee at the corner store with his friends. He especially enjoyed his longer, weekend drives to places like Mahone Bay with the love of his life Margaret Rose. He will be remembered for his kindness, understanding, always being there for family and friends, his sense of humor and his shared memories and stories of when he was younger. He will be dearly missed by all especially his 2 grandchildren whom he thought the world of, Jacob and IssacCondolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

Jack Osmond

Age 80, of Bear Cove, NS, passed away on March 22, 2021 in the QEII Halifax Infirmary surrounded by his family. He was born Ingwald John Osmond to parents Fred and Mary Osmond in Corner Brook, NL. After graduating from the Nova Scotia Land Survey School and being Gold Seal Certified by the Canadian Construction Association, Jack owned and operated numerous construction and demolition companies. Through his involvement working in the industrial sectors, Jack was a leader and pioneer in reforming and formalizing construction safety in Nova Scotia. In past years he enjoyed boating, waterskiing, and stock car racing with his children. More recently he enjoyed travelling and spending time with his wife Heather at their home in Bear Cove. Jack is survived by brothers, Philip (Tanya) and Gary; his five children from his first marriage, Cindy (Pictou County), Jak (Vancouver), April (Windsor), Scott & his wife April (Porter's Lake), and Kean (Dartmouth); as well as 8 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife, Heather Horne; parents, Fred

and Mary Osmond; sisters, Ruth Nelson (Lloyd), and Betty Efford (Sam); and brothers, Derek and Fred. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Heart and Stroke Foundation. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

Donna Marie Bevis

Age 74, Hatchet Lake, passed away suddenly at home on April 5, 2021. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Cyril and Madeline (Bremner) Blackburn. Donna is survived by her husband, Kenneth; children, Daniel Blackburn (Cindy Young), Dawn Bevis-Young (Reg); sisters, Carolyn Slaunwhite, Linda Armstrong, Valerie Blackburn, Betty MacInnis; brother, Gary Blackburn; granddaughter Ashley Young; great grandson Brayden and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Gail Wournell. Donna was respected by many and loved dearly by her family. She enjoyed watching her favourite shows on TV, which consisted of a few game shows but mostly Coronation Street and mystery shows. In the summer she'd look forward to a couple camping trips with her family. Donations in memory of Donna may be made to the Breast Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

James Thomas Lahey

Age 73, Halifax, passed away on April 6, 2021 at the V.G. Site QEII.. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Richard and Eileen (Holt) Lahey. Tom is survived by brother, Joseph; sister, Catherine Wagner. He was predeceased by sister Belinda Fougere. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.



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Sammy says



Have you noticed the birds chirping, insects buzzing and the earthy fragrance of Spring? Have you also noticed the accumulated garbage that winter winds have left us? The perfect time to clean up is now, before too much green growth hinders our efforts.

The Province is promoting the Great Nova Scotia Pick Me Up, where gloves and bags are provided to volunteers who clean up the community, improving both the appearance and the environment. Go to https:// NSPickMeUp.ca for more details.

If you're not a joiner, you can still do your part by cleaning up your own property including surrounding roadside and ditch areas.

When the snow melted in the spring, SACA discovered a large amount of dog feces in the Sambro ballfield, making it unsuitable for use by the children's soccer league. Several responsible dog owners cleaned it up, even though it was not from their pets. Thank you for making your community a better place!

Crystal Crescent Beach and Duncans Cove are still quite littered with dog waste, and we are hopeful that

folks will take the time to clean up these areas as well. Even better would be if ALL dog owners would clean up after their pets every time they visit.

Speaking of dogs, there's been a number of issues lately with off leash dogs at our local public parks, trails and beaches. While we understand the need for canines to run off all that extra energy, there have been multiple instances of uncontrolled dogs attacking other dogs. A dedicated off leash option is needed in the area, and you can contact your local politicians Patty Cuttell and Brendan Maguire in this regard. Meantime, you should leash your pets during walks to avoid any further injury.

SACA will run its next 50/50 draw during the month of May. Past winners were Cheryl Foulkes - \$2,382.50; Penny Henneberry - \$1,030.00; Jill Gray - \$2,550.00; Cyndi Garrison -\$1,250.00; Terry Lovett - \$700. Tickets are available online only at https:// rafflebox.ca/raffle/Sambro. Tune in for the live draw on June 1 at https:// www.facebook.com/SACApage.

SACA has long been hopeful that when the Sambro Fire Station was decommissioned, our group could take it over as a community centre. Due to an oil spill on the site long ago, a cleanup needs to take place underneath the building, making full demolition necessary. While this is a disappointment, it could provide a blank canvas for creating a space tailored to our needs. We remain hopeful for a community centre on this site and we will continue raising funds with this end in mind.

In June, SACA will award a \$500

scholarship to a deserving J.L. Ilsley graduate who attended Sambro Elementary School, helping put them on a path towards a rewarding career and making them stronger members of the community. If you're graduating JLI and you attended SKHES, be sure to request your scholarship application form from the office.

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



SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

Although the market is not ready to open, they are busy making preparations for the coming season. With that in mind, they are always looking for vendors, musicians, and volunteers. If any of the positions below sounds like something you need to be a part of, check out their website at spryfieldmarket.ca.

If you are a farmer, fisher, craftsperson, or cook, the Spryfield Farmers Market invites you to fill out a vendor's form and join this growing movement of providing fresh, local products to our communities.

If you are involved with a nonprofit, you might be interested in learning about the market's Community Table. Each market, one non-profit is given the opportunity to let the public know who they are and what they are about. Spots are reserved on a first come-first served basis, so head on over to the website to fill out the Community Table form

No market is complete without music, and the Spryfield Farmers Market is no exception. Whether the market is live or online, music is always an important part of the experience. If you are a musician who would like to perform at the market, there is an application that can be filled out online at the Market's web-

site. Please note that musicians are not compensated by the market so be sure to share links where patrons can show their appreciation for your talents.

Volunteers are the backbone of most not for profit organizations. The Spryfield Farmers Market relies on volunteers to assist with many of the duties that keep the market running. They are always looking for people to do curb side pick-up, manage the market, coordinate volunteers, and promote the market. Curb side pickup volunteers are people who receive products, pack orders, set up tables and tents, and load orders into vehicles. Market Manager is someone who is a "space maker with a passion for community and food sustainability". The duties of a Volunteer Coordinator are simple; keep the volunteers organized, connected, and on task. If you are someone who is well versed in social media, creative, and an outgoing member of the community, a volunteer position as a promoter would be a good fit for you.

Applications can be found on the website.

The market is also always looking for sponsor and society members. The more people who come together to support the market, the less each individual has to do to make this market a success year after year.

Death by neglect – Wil

by Cathy Vaughan Spring water levels on Williams Lake are high. That's the good news!

The bad news, Williams Lake will likely have mudflats again this summer. The dam is not holding the lake water to normal, seasonal levels. Water is currently pounding over the top of the dam, flooding around the sides and leaking volumes of water under the dam.

Let's add this current leaky situation to the long list of major issues that impact Williams Lake and the dam. Global climate change, reduced rain and snow fall, compromised watersheds, infilled wetlands, urban developments and governmental bureaucracy are some of the complicated pieces that affect Williams Lake and the declining dam.

But government moves slowly. When Williams Lake disappeared into mudflats last summer, Margo Kerr of the Williams Lake Dam Association (WLDA,) a citizen-action group, advocated government departments, met with HRM councillors, consulted with engineers and environmental groups to bring attention to, and actions on, the dam.

Kerr worked with the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) and Councillor Shawn Cleary in initiating and supporting his successful motion to study the remediation of the dam. Responsibility for studying the dam is now with

the Nova Scotia Department of Parks, Recreation and Design. Executive Director, Ms. Denise Schofield, Director, Parks and Recreation, Halifax Regional Municipality, who just announced a \$1.5 million increase to her budget for next year, will lead the study to remediate the dam and submit a report to the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee of Halifax Regional Council.

But government bureaucracy moves even more slowly.

"We've been told this dam may not be studied until 2024! The lake and the dam are in crisis now. This dam continues to deteriorate and residents, the public who use the Shaw Wilderness Park, taxpayers, environmentalists and conservation groups want HRM to fix this dam beforethe lake dies of neglect," warns Kerr.

Kerr has invited Schofield and her Parks, Recreation and Design team to meet at the Williams Lake dam to view the failing, relic of a dam. Kerr feels it is imperative that they actually witness its state of deterioration. She wants them to take action to move their staff report forward so that HRM can act on fixing the dam.

Kerr says "We have asked for a timeline for the staff report and a meeting at the dam. We need action on remediation now if this lake is to survive and thrive. We don't want Williams Lake to die of neglect!"

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Cuttell Community Update

by Patty Cuttell, HRM Councillor, District 11, Spryfield-Sambro Loop-**Prospect Road**

Happy May everyone. Certainly one of my favourite months of the year as the world continues to wake up and transform right before our eyes. It has been a very busy time at City Hall, with many big things on the go in our District.

Herring Cove Functional Plan

Last month a report on the Herring Cove Functional Plan was presented to the Transportation Standing Committee. Work on this plan began in 2018 and included public engagement with residents, community stakeholders, business owners and community representatives. This plan is divided into two phases. Phase 1 looking at changes along Herring Cove Road from the Armdale Roundabout to Glenora. Phase 2 looks at Glenora to Greystone. The reason this plan was started was to address inconsistencies in sidewalk gaps, lane widths, and traffic flow along the Herring Cove corridor.

Phase 1 is at the 60% design phase. It includes the addition of a bus lane, and looks at details around requirements for retaining walls, property acquisition, utility impacts and a cycling lane starting at Glenora. There is no proposal to remove traffic lanes in this phase.

Phase 2 is scheduled to begin this year to complete the 60% design phase. It will consider removing traffic lanes to add cycling and transit lanes. This phase of the work will follow HRM's typical project process: Review Existing Conditions, Public Engagement 1, Concept Designs, Public Engagement 2, Completed Designs, and Final Report.

The Herring Cove Functional Plan is informed by the Integrated Mobility Plan, the Rapid Transit Strategy, and the HalifACT Climate Plan. All these strategies recognize the importance of creating safe, green and reliable transit options. There are currently 2,300+ approved building lots along the Herring Cove corridor. Balancing growth, transit, and traffic is going to be challenge we need solutions for. This plan can help inform future development and support more complete communities. I also believe such a plan requires we look beyond the Herring Cove corridor at how transit can serve people in communities throughout the Sambro Loop.

Hartlen Park getting an upgrade Council recently approved upgrades to Hartlen Park at the end of St. Michaels Ave. Detailed design is ongoing, but the playground replacement project has been tendered with construction planned for this year. The park will include a range of play equipment for children aged 18 months to 5 years and for those aged 5 to 12 years, each age with a separate structure. I have received

suggestions for a crosswalk to be added at the corner of St. Michael's and Lois Lane. With anticipated increase to the use of this park I have asked that this corner be assessed for pedestrian safety.

Sambro Fire Hall scheduled for demolition

The Sambro Fire Hall has been scheduled for demolition with work expected to be finished in June. I know many hoped this hall could be repurposed for community use, but unfortunately an oil spill on the site requires the earth under the building to be removed. HRM's lease on this property has expired and once the Department of Environment signs-off on the clean-up the land will go back

to the Province. I have been working with the Sambro Area Community Association and Minister Brendan Maguire on this matter, and we plan to continue discussions about future community use of this site.

Herring Cove Sewer and Water On May 19th a report on Phase 2B and 4 of the Herring Cove Sewer and Water project will be going to the HRM Audit and Finance Committee. I know this project has been dragging on for many years, and it is my hope that the next steps will be made clear. The report will be publicly available on May 17th and will be posted on the Halifax website under Audit and Finance Committee. Anyone wishing to comment can submit letters up to the day prior to the meeting via clerks@halifax.ca.

District 11 gets it first (1st!) traffic calming measures

Exciting news for residents in the

Rockingstone Road/Kidston Estates/ Elizabeth Sutherland School area. We are getting our first traffic calming measures since the Traffic Calming program was passed in 2016. This work is planned for the 2021 construction season. Speed humps were selected as the appropriate traffic calming measure for Rockingstone Road as they encourage slower speeds. Those homes affected should receive a letter from HRM in the next couple of weeks detailing the work to be done. I know there are other areas in need of traffic calming in District 11, and I continue to advocate for them. In the meantime, let's celebrate this first!

I am so honoured to be representing District 11 Spryfield-Sambro Loop-Prospect Road at City Hall and look forward to working with you toward positive change in all of our communities.

Reg Horner Sports Corner Memorial

Thanks for the memories, guys!

The Spryfield Attack would like to take a minute to thank all of their fans and sponsors for cheering them on all season. The 2020-2021 season has presented many challenges and obstacles for all teams, with covid restrictions continuously changing.

Despite that, it was a great a season with lots of outstanding hockey.

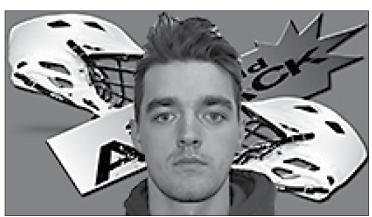
Four members of the Attack team will not be back in the fall because they are now overagers. The staff and fellow players would like to take this

opportunity to say goodbye and wish them well. "We hope that your time spent playing with the Attack stays with you in your future endeavours. We will all miss you. Thanks for the memories!"





#4 Captain Connor LeBlanc, right defense, who has been with the team



#25 Assistant Captain Tony Hall, forward, who joined the team for 2019-



#22 Tyler Bezanson, defense, who played his first game with the Attack in



#30 Justin Hubley, goalie, who has been one of the Attack's net minders for this past season

If you have a comment to share, or a question about anything in this issue, send them along to: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com

The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

MLA Spring Update: COVID Response and Investments in a Better Nova Scotia

Happy May everyone! I'm pleased to report that we have concluded Nova Scotia's first ever hybrid sitting of the legislature. It was a productive session, including the passing of the provincial budget, a first-of-its-kind-in-North America Biodiversity Act, and new legislation to accelerate the Land Titles Initiative, open adoption records, help manage our Continuing Care Assistant workforce, and create new pathways to clean, renewable energy sources. If you'd like to see more of what I presented in the legislature this session, please visit my Facebook page.

I also want to acknowledge that the country is confronting a third wave of COVID-19, and we need to remain vigilant to keep our case numbers low. Last month, we announced new restrictions on nonessential travel into Nova Scotia for residents of provinces other than PEI and Newfoundland and Labrador. This is on top of the mandatory 14-day self-isolation upon arrival. Please stay tuned to my social media and novascotia.ca/news for updates on public health restrictions as they evolve. I also encourage you to book an appointment for the first vaccine made available to your age group. Many new age groups will become eligible this month, pending availability. Monitor novascotia.ca/vaccination for all the latest updates on that front. Finally, please continue to make regular asymptomatic COVID testing part of your regular routine. Identifying where the virus is, and catching it early, is critical to our response. As always, we do these things for ourselves, our loved ones, our fellow Nova Scotians, and for the brighter tomorrow they will help bring about.

To confront the pandemic and begin to build back better, the province has recently announced a number of big investments, including those in Budget 2021-22. The focus of this year's budget is strengthening support for key sectors of our economy, investing more money in health care, and taking bold action on the environment while supporting those who need it most. It is also accompanied by Nova Scotia's second consecutive Capital Plan of over \$1 billion. This reflects the many transformational projects the province is building, from hospital redevelopments and expansions, to new schools, roads, and long-term care facilities. On that final point, I was very proud to recently announce the construction of a new pre-primary to Grade 8 school for the CSAP at Oxford and Bayers Road, which will serve the growing francophone population in our area.

Here are some of the most important investments Nova Scotia's making in Budget 2021-22:

- The largest mental health budget in our history, including a \$12.3 million increase for new programming.
- The largest increase in income assistance in the province's history.
- Millions invested for PPE, vaccine distribution, and increased support for nurses and our public health teams.
- An almost \$120 million increase to long-term care and home care funding.
- Over \$12 million invested to train more doctors and nurses.
- No tax or fee hikes, and no new taxes or fees.
- \$29 million to provide more safe and affordable housing.
- \$26 million for new Green Fund programs to address climate change, \$16.4 million for green infrastructure projects, and \$7.6 million for active transportation and public transit.

For more details, please visit novascotia.ca/budget.

The province is also taking action to help those who need it most as we navigate our way through this difficult time. I recently announced a \$10 million provincial investment in the Back to Work Community Partnership initiative to support 25 organizations in providing programming to help employers hire skilled workers and help people—especially from underrepresented groups—prepare, train and connect to meaningful employment. Nova Scotia is also using \$11.5 million in funding from the federal Safe Restart Agreement to support vulnerable people in our communities. This includes rebates for overdue power and heating bills for low-income Nova Scotians, phones and respite support for Disability Support Program clients, and support for pharmacare clients, transition houses, families that include people with autism, and foster families. By targeting our investments wisely, we can do more to help those who have felt some of the biggest impacts from COVID-19.

Finally, I want to share how proud I am that Nova Scotia has officially recognized Emancipation Day, in recognition of the history and impacts of slavery in the province. This topic is very meaningful to me, and I shared my thoughts on the third reading of the Emancipation Day Act when it came before the legislature. I hope you will listen to my remarks, posted on my Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support!

Frog Pond

As the temperature rises, so does the urge to get outside. There are many places throughout HRM to go for a stroll and appreciate nature. The Frog pond, located on the Purcell's Cove Rd is one such place. In 1905 Sir Sandford Fleming donated 95 acres of land to the city of Halifax. The Pond Trail is part of the system of trails in Fleming Park.

The Frog Pond is a wonderful walking path for walkers and hikers of all ages. The parking lot is clean and well kept. From the parking lot the trail begins its meandering course of about 1.5 km. The trail is gravel, well maintained and litter free. It is also stroller friendly for the mom on the go.

As you walk the trail you enter an intersection where you can either go left down towards the Dingle, straight around the pond, or right to a nice bench located in a clearing on the shore. And you may get lucky and spot a beaver at the lodge to the left.

If you choose to take the left fork, the trail carries on over gentle hills until you reach the Dingle, where other paths await the adventurous.

Sitting by the pond, you will be treated to a wide variety of wildlife. Herons, turtles, frogs, and various birds call the Frog Pond home, so a camera and binoculars are always good to keep close at hand.

Although the trail sees a lot of feet, passersby are friendly and you often get tidbits of information on wildlife seen, or scenic spots to check out.

Just remember to keep your distance and put on your mask. The trail is a common place for dogs and joggers to stretch their legs, and the dogs are friendly as well.

Whether you are looking to take a leisurely stroll, walk the dog, or watch the birds, the Frog Pond may be one of this community's best kept secrets. Brochures with maps can be found at the Captain William Spry Community Centre located at 10 Kidston Road.

The Maguire Report

by the Honourable Brendan Maguire. MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Portapique Tragedy

Last month marked a year since the horrific Portapique tragedy. That tragedy changed how we look at the world and remain seared into our hearts and minds. 22 beautiful Nova Scotians lost their lives that day. We will never forget them and always honour their memories. Remember if you are having trouble coping with this or anything else please contact the Mental Health Line at (902) 429-8167 or 1 (888) 429-8167 (Toll Free)

Projects on Schedule

The new JL IIsley is being built on schedule and will be opening September 2022. Thank you to all the trades men and women who worked nonstop to deliver our new school.

The remediation of the C&D site in Harrietsfield will be completed and wrapped up at the end of May. 1000s of tonnes of materials were removed offsite, along with several pieces of infrastructure. There is nothing toxic onsite and what could be removed has been removed.

I am looking forward to both of these projects being completed. Herring Cove Look Off given of-

Herring Cove Look Off given official park status

Over the last few years I have been working to have the Herring Cove Look off, which was a Park reserve, upgraded to official park status. I am proud to say that this has finally happened. Our beautiful coast line will be given extra provincial protection to ensure that it will be there for future generations to enjoy.

As we approach the nice weather, a reminder to keep an eye out for walkers, cyclists, and those on motorcycles and scooters.

Lastly I want to thank all for you for believing in me and pushing me

to make our communities better. I am so very proud to be your MLA

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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MAY

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
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.

Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Tai Jitsu accepting students for Lil Samarai classes ages 4 6 on Saturday's. Contact Natasha Poirier for details 902 293 7427
- Hiring students for our summer day camp program. Send resumes to HWCC@outlook.com
- Hiring: full-time program administrator. Summer camp hours vary between 7am-6pm. Please apply with resume to hwcc@outlook.com. Must enjoy working with children in grades primary-6. Cleaning responsibilities. Also must be kind, patient, energetic, creative and fun.

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.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield events:

- Due to Covid19 restrictions on numbers at indoor gatherings, the 25th Birthday celebrations of the UFMSS have been postponed from April 18th until Sunday, October 17th at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre from 2-4pm
- The UFMSS Annual General Meeting has been postponed until September 13, 2021. We are seeking interested people in our community to serve a 2 year term on the Board of Directors. For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com
- Families wishing to participate in the Come Grow With Us gardening program are asked to call 902-497-3683 for membership and plot information.
- Seedy Saturday/Plant Sale will be held at the Urban Farm on Saturday, May 29th (10am-Noon) Raindate Sunday, May 30th. Donations of plants would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the farm on Friday.

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.

- Roast Beef Dinner (pick up only), May
 Dinner includes roast beef, peas, mashed potatoes, gravy and lemon delight dessert, all for \$15. You must order in advance. Pick up is 4:30 6:00 in the church hall parking lot, 322 Herring Cove
- 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:

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

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

• Chase the Ace Ticket draws will be on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. as in the past.

There will also be ticket sales at the Spryfield Legion Chase the Ace ticket booth on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:45 prior to ticket draw.

Ticket holders are not required to be at the draw and if your ticket is drawn you will receive a phone call.

You will have the option to arrive at the legion in 15 minutes to make your own card draw or have one of the Chase the Ace supervisors to make the draw for you.

 Now that spring has arrived, our outdoor tap has been turned on for those in need of clean drinking water. • On Saturday, May 8, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, we will be hosting a Boutique Flea Market. For more details see St. Paul's article in this paper.

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 Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave.) Events:

- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Joan's Table and the tenants at 191
 Herring Cove Rd. plant fruits and vegs a
 labour of love which brings them together
 and supports food security with fresh produce. They are gratefully accepting garden
 donations such as soil, transplants and
 seeds which can be dropped off to the
 apartments at your convenience. www.
 joanstable.com



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

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.

Religious Services Directory for May

To have your church/synagogue/ mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by May 21 for June'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 Family Services: 9:30am and 11am

Nursery and Children's ministry: 11am

Wed. morning prayer: 10:30am

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.)

Our 10 am services are livestreamed on our webpage and facebook pages. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information as things change quickly with Covid. And of course, we are following precautions and ask people to join us online if they are sick. Everyone is welcome to our services. We are an affirming church.

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.

Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge: In-person Sunday Services at Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) at 9:30 am; St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro) 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. Mother's Day All-Ages Services will be held on 9 May 2021. Information 902-868-2791 or https://www.sambrojollimorepc.com

www.Doberty.ca







The Nova Scotia Association of Realtors just released their statistics for real estate sales in Spryfield for single family homes and condos.

Some interesting statistics to note:

In the single family homes category, there are

- more new listings,
- more pending sales and
- substantially more sales that closed in February 2021 than February 2020
- a major trend is Days on Market Until Sale:
 68.2% fewer days to sale of property
- average sales prices have increased by 10.4% over February 2020
- but the number of houses on the market has gone down

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The condo market, while smaller, remains strong with sales price increases there as well.

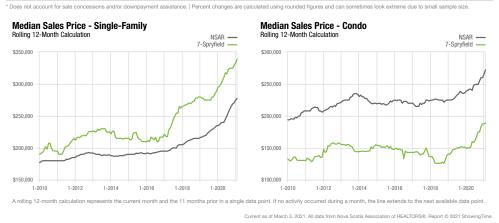
Local Market Update – February 2021

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Single Family		February			Year to Date			
Key Metrics	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 2-2020	Thru 2-2021	% Change		
New Listings	14	20	+ 42.9%	73	55	- 24.7%		
Pending Sales	27	35	+ 29.6%	58	81	+ 39.7%		
Closed Sales	25	47	+ 88.0%	54	76	+ 40.7%		
Days on Market Until Sale	220	70	- 68.2%	160	55	- 65.6%		
Median Sales Price*	\$330,066	\$369,900	+ 12.1%	\$323,150	\$379,900	+ 17.6%		
Average Sales Price*	\$341,322	\$376,828	+ 10.4%	\$336,335	\$379,289	+ 12.8%		
Percent of List Price Received*	98.0%	103.0%	+ 5.1%	99.7%	102.6%	+ 2.9%		
Inventory of Homes for Sale	94	5	- 94.7%	_	_	_		
Months Supply of Inventory	3.6	0.1	- 97.2%	_	_	_		

Condo Key Metrics		February			Year to Date		
	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 2-2020	Thru 2-2021	% Change	
New Listings	0	2	_	0	3	_	
Pending Sales	0	2	_	0	3	_	
Closed Sales	0	3	_	0	3	_	
Days on Market Until Sale	_	2	_	_	2	_	
Median Sales Price*	_	\$210,500	_	_	\$210,500	_	
Average Sales Price*	_	\$219,167	_	_	\$219,167	_	
Percent of List Price Received*	_	114.7%	_	_	114.7%	_	
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1	0	- 100.0%	_	_	_	
Months Supply of Inventory	0.4	_	_	_	_	_	







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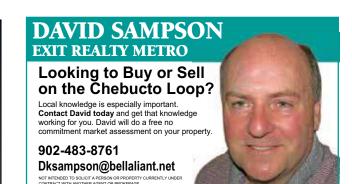
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