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SACA Annual General Meeting update

by Lorrie Boylen

SACA held its annual general meeting last month. For those who couldn't make it, here are a few highlights:

SACA is now officially a landowner thanks to support from Councillor Steve Adams and HRM. The strip of land on Grand Lake will be turned into a publicly accessible, mobility friendly, recreational fishing area.

Chad Garrison and the team at the Lionheart Society have been using this space to host the Shay & McKay Annual Fishing Derby and we look forward to continuing that tradition. Chad has joined the SACA board and will head up the project as well as the derby. Work is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2019 on a parking lot, boat launch, wheelchair accessible fishing platform, and picnic area.

The 2018 Sou'Wester Days festival enjoyed favourable weather conditions this year, which was likely a contributing factor to the \$10,000 profit brought in after expenses were paid. None of it could have happened without the incredibly generous support of donors in the form of financial

support, prizes, food, and other goods, as well as our attendees and, especially, our volunteers.

Expenses for Sou'Wester Days exceeded \$20,000 and included things like policing, security, rental fees for tables, chairs and fencing, live entertainment, permits and fireworks. While many of the events bring in cash, there are a few free events that cost more money than SACA can recoup. For instance, the spectacular fireworks display costs over \$6,900, and donations taken at the gate brought in a little over \$1,063. The parade is a free event to attend and participate in, and SACA pays out \$350 in prizes to participants.

SACA's bank account has a healthy balance, with funds set aside to manage its activities and potentially take over the Sambro fire station, if that property becomes available to them when the new fire station is built.

Interested in delving into more detail? A copy of the financial report is available by contacting SACA.

Discussions ensued about upcoming

activities, starting with SACA's upcoming Breakfast with Santa on December 8 and a lobster raffle before Christmas. Potential future ideas discussed included children's movie nights, dory races, kayaking club, summer recreation club, and swimming lessons.

What are some events and activities you'd like to see in the community? SACA would love to hear your ideas.

SACA has a new website at www.Sambro.ca. It's still under construction and additional content will be added, but for now you can check there for upcoming news, requests, and updates. It's a great resource for folks who don't use Facebook. (Lorrie Boylen is a Writer, Administrative Professional and CBC Radio's Community Contact for Sambro)

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St. James United Church is host-

ing its annual Down Home Christmas concert on Sunday December 16 from 6:30-8:30 at 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro. Guests will enjoy a variety of local musical artists at this family friendly event. There will be a freewill offering collected for the church, and toiletry and non-perishable food donations for St. Paul's Family Resource Centre are encouraged.

I'm wishing all our readers the happiest of holidays, in whatever way you and your family choose to celebrate the season.

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



*All our best for this
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City Church offers a full Christmas program in December

The spirit of Christmas Celebrations is in the air as CITY CHURCH moves through December. Each Sunday, the congregation at 276 Herring Cove Road will hold Sunday morning services filled with Christmas carols and special messages dealing with the Christmas Gospel story.

Pastor Gerald Kendrick says that the morning gathering offers a casual, friendly atmosphere, featuring a relevant Christmas message, contemporary and traditional music, and other special features. It will provide a challenge for Christians to rethink their faith and belief in a life filled with faith and purpose. The Sunday morning 10:30am service will also provide an opportunity to learn about the variety of activities at City Church. The church offers nursery and children's Sunday ministry activities. It will conclude with light lunch refreshments. For more information call 902-479-2489.

December is also the month when CITY CHURCH presents its always popular CHRISTMAS MUSICAL COMEDY. The dates for this year's production are Friday, Saturday and

Sunday – December 14-15-16 at 7pm. Free attendance is open to all and there will be a special bag of candy given to all young people attending.

The theme of this year's production is "The Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told" and is packed with comedy moments and musical selections that will delight the hearts of all ages.

Another congregational attraction at CITY CHURCH this month is the CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 24th. This one hour filled gathering is a Candlelight Communion Service, and it traces, in music, the Gospel Story of the Bethlehem birth of Jesus Christ.

For more details you may call CITY CHURCH at 902-479-2489 or check out our website at www.city-churchhalifax.ca.

Another ministry of CITY CHURCH is the operation of a popular Christian radio station - Life Radio on the FM dial at 94.7 FM. This inspirational radio features Christmas music during December and can also be heard on the internet at liferadio94.7fm.com – available 24 hour as day.

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Old St. Augustine's Church in Jollimore

by Iris V. Shea

St. Paul's and St. George's Anglican Churches in Halifax contain many records of the very early Church of England settlers in Mainland South. When St. Luke's Cathedral opened in 1848 on the corner of Church and Morris Streets, it was the church of choice until it burned down in 1905. Its first rector, Reverend William Bullcock, and his assistants, travelled to the Church of England congregations at the North West Arm (later known as Jollimore), Harrietsfield, Spryfield, Ferguson's Cove and Herring Cove to perform baptisms, marriages and burials in private houses. The information was recorded in St. Luke's Church records. In 1887 St. Luke's Cathedral established St. Augustine's Mission on the western side of the Northwest Arm, using the building that had been opened in 1866 as Cunard School. William Cunard, the owner of the property on which the school was built, had been an active member of St. Luke's and was instrumental in having a schoolhouse built on his one-acre lot.

The first baptism at St. Augustine's Mission took place 2 June 1887. The Reverend W.B. King baptized Ella May Boutilier, daughter of John and Clara (Levy) Boutilier who resided at Oaklands Lodge. John Boutilier was a brother to Josiah Boutilier who later operated Boutilier's ferry and the boat rental business at the Dingle. Lay readers held services on Sunday evenings and, when the school building became dilapidated and was torn down in 1891, cottages were rented for Sunday services. Three hundred dollars had been raised towards the purchase of a site for a new building, and a plan was submitted for a chapel at a cost of \$1000. These plans were abandoned because of the high cost but the ladies of St. Luke's Parish held a sale which raised nearly \$1000 with which they purchased stone to help build a chapel. By 1894, St. Augustine's Mission was again hoping to erect a chapel but without success. In 1895, Sir Sandford Fleming came to the rescue by donating a piece of his Dingle lands with the condition that a chapel be erected "within twelve months for the purpose of conducting regular services of Divine Worship." Should these services be interrupted



Photograph ca. 1950, interior of St. Augustine's Church at Christmas. Courtesy of Mainland South Heritage Society

for a period longer than six months, he or his heirs would repossess the property. These conditions were to remain in place for twenty years, at which time the chapel would become the property of the Corporation of St. Luke's Parish.

The first service was held in the new St. Augustine's chapel on 27 September 1896. Built of rough ironstone with granite trimmings, the attractive gothic style chapel would serve the community for the next sixty-eight years. The bell in its roof tower, later relocated to the porch roof, was from the old fire station on Spring Garden Road and could be heard up and down the length of the Arm, calling parishioners to worship. The first child to be baptized in the new chapel, on 16 November 1896, was Allen Jollimore, son of Samuel and Annie (Wilkie) Jollimore.

The Ladies Guild held their first meeting on Thursday 23 February 1928 at the home of Mrs. R.T. MacIlreith. Guild members were Miss Addie Jollimore (recording secretary), Mrs. Castens, Mrs. Joe Boutilier, Mrs. George Boutilier, Mrs. F. Pye, Mrs.

Ches Milton, Mrs. R.T. MacIlreith, Mrs. Stephen Innes, Miss Margaret Chaddock, Mrs. Thomas Scarfe, Miss Marion Scarfe, Mrs. Dan Serriek, Mrs. Alexander Jollimore, Miss Etta Jollimore, Mrs. Bert Jollimore, Mrs. Strachan Jollimore, Mrs. Fred Bignell, Miss Gladys Jussup, Mrs. Sam Jollimore, Mrs. Lillian Boutilier, Miss L. Tuff, Mrs. Jessie Powell, Miss Owens, Mrs. John Sandall, Mrs. William MacIlreith and Reverend Francis Holborrow.

In 1947, a Girls' Auxiliary was formed, organized by Mrs. Fred Bignell and Mrs. George Melvin. Members of the executive were President, Pat White; Vice President, Beryl Francis; Secretary, Jane Harboard; and Treasurer, Jean Church. At the Thanksgiving Youth Sunday Services Reverend B.C. Strople presented membership cards to the above executive and to members Barbara White, Elsie Chaddock, Betty Chaddock, Betsy Innes and Fern Rainforth. The girls paraded from the home of Mrs. James Burgess with the entire Sunday school and their teachers. Ernest Scarfe carried the Sunday school

banner.

From 1910 to 1940 St. Augustine's Chapel was the responsibility of All Saints Cathedral. During the 1940s Reverend Carl Holm of St. James Church in Armdale was the minister in charge. Emmanuel Church in Spryfield took over the responsibility of St. Augustine's in 1951, changing its status from chapel to church. In 1955 St. Augustine's became a separate parish and the little stone church was no longer large enough to serve its overflowing congregation. A new and larger St. Augustine's officially opened on the Purcell's Cove Road in 1964 and the old stone building was deeded to the City of Halifax. The building sat idle for many years and on 8 June 1976 became a centre for outdoor recreation and environmental education. Now called the Adventure Earth Centre, the building continues to be used for that purpose, making full use of Sir Sandford Fleming Park with its beaches, Frog Pond and many nature trails. Old St. Augustine's was registered as a Municipal Heritage Property on 26 September 1985.

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Letter to the Editor

The good folks at city hall have given the beleaguered community of Harrietsfield a gift in the form of a new municipal funding formula.

There is no longer any debate. Harrietsfield must have city water piped to the community now. Beset for years with a substandard and downright hazardous water supply, the community and its school are in dire need of a municipal water hookup. Which brings us to city council's latest tax strategy.

Any tax revenue generated by the recently completed Convention Centre is to go directly back to the facility to cover operational expenses and to pay down any debt outstanding. Unlike taxes the rest of us pay, these funds will not go to projects and programs for all of HRM. A similar strategy is being floated for a proposed CFL stadium.

At an October 29 meeting at the

Harrietsfield-Williamstown Community Centre, Councillor Stephen Adams stated that it would cost about 5.1 million dollars to extend the city water supply from Leiblin Park to the homes in Harrietsfield. With 300 plus homes in the community and an average tax hit of about \$2000 per dwelling total yearly revenue is about \$600 000. If the money is dedicated to the payment of the new water line, similar to the targeted money for the Convention Centre and the stadium, the project is fully paid in a decade. Problem solved. After all, if the strategy is appropriate for two mega projects is it not befitting to apply it to a local community with a serious public health issue?

*Rene Gallant,
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Dec. 2 Advent 1 Hanging of the Greens Service

Dec. 9 Advent 2 White Gifts Service

Dec. 16 Advent 3 Communion Service

Dec. 23 Advent 4 Traditional Service

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm

December 30 First Sunday after Christmas Carols & Lessons 9:30 am

January 6 Epiphany Service 9:30 am

St. James United Church

(3811 Old Sambro Road, Sambro)

Advent Services 11:15 am:

Dec. 2 Advent 1 Symbols of Christmas Service

Dec. 9 Advent 2 White Gifts & Mitten Tree

Dec. 16 Advent 3 Traditional Service

Dec. 23 Advent 4 Communion Service

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 6:30 pm

December 30 First Sunday after Christmas Service of Carols 11:15 am (no Sunday School)

January 6 Epiphany Intergenerational Service 11:15 am

Emmanuel Anglican December Services:

Sunday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16: 8:00 am traditional holy Communion; 10:00 am Sunday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm, Service of Compassion and Hope
Sunday, Dec. 23, 10:00 am Christmas Cantata and communion.

8:00 pm, traditional holy Communion;

Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve: 6:30 and 9:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10:00 am, traditional holy Communion with carols.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 8:00 am traditional holy Communion; 10:00 am Carols and Devotions.

St. Paul's United Church

(173 Old Sambro Rd.)

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:50: Prayer Circle meets

10:30: Coffee and Fellowship Time

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Special Christmas Services:

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Christmas is coming to St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

I'd like to start by noting that there has been a time change for the East Coast Carolling Company's performance at St. Paul's United. This professional group of musicians and storytellers, in Victorian dress, will now perform at the Church on Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. They performed at St. Paul's United last year and they were wonderful. Everyone will enjoy this concert of Christmas music and stories. The cost is \$10.00 per person and children, accompanied by an adult, are admitted for free.

We all know that Santa Claus gets started early to prepare for Christmas, making his list and checking it twice. Much the same sort of activity is happening at St. Paul's United Church through November and December, but our lists are about food as well as toys. St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI) prepares Christmas hampers for over 200 families and individuals. Our Community Ministry Director, Kristen Hollery, and Food Bank Coordinator, Rena Eldershaw, have been busy for two months collecting food, organizing volunteers, and checking lists of clients' names, because all clients must preregister. The actual day on which people come for their food is Wednesday, December 19th. Since recipients get very large orders, they can't carry them home, so there are a lot of volunteers to drive home those without their own

transportation.

Of course, in December there are a number of special services for Advent and Christmas. Advent is that time in the Christian calendar when we wait and prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

Join us on an Advent Peace Box Journey – Sunday mornings 11am (Dec 2, 9, 16, 23).

In this season of waiting for the Christ child, we turn our hearts toward the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. What do these themes mean in our context, and for our friends in Israel and Palestine? The teachings of Christ call us to love our neighbours, to seek healing and justice for those who suffer. We remember that Christ too suffered and was born to a humble Jewish family under oppressive rule by the Romans. At this time of year, we turn our attention to the birthplace of Christ, Bethlehem. We think not only of this region thousands of years ago, but of the current context and the community living there. Our Christian friends in Palestine have called for our help and solidarity; we hear their call and we boldly respond.

“Living Nativity” (Advent small group study from the Prayer Bench).

Take a closer look at the figures in your Nativity Set and draw closer to the Mystery of the Incarnation. All are welcome, so bring a friend!

We'll meet at 7pm on the following Sunday evenings:

- Nov 25 - Approaching the Creche
- Dec 2 - Feet on the Ground
- Dec 16 - At the Edge of the Creche
- Dec 23 (tentative) - Is Everybody Here?

Service of Light – Wednesday, Dec 19 at 7pm. (This is a joint service with the Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge, held at St. Paul's.).

All are invited to join us for our

annual service of light and comfort for those seeking a quieter, more contemplative time of worship than the bustle and lights and carols that often accompany the Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Service – Monday, Dec 24 at 7pm.

Even if you have no church affiliation, all are welcome to attend any and all of these services.

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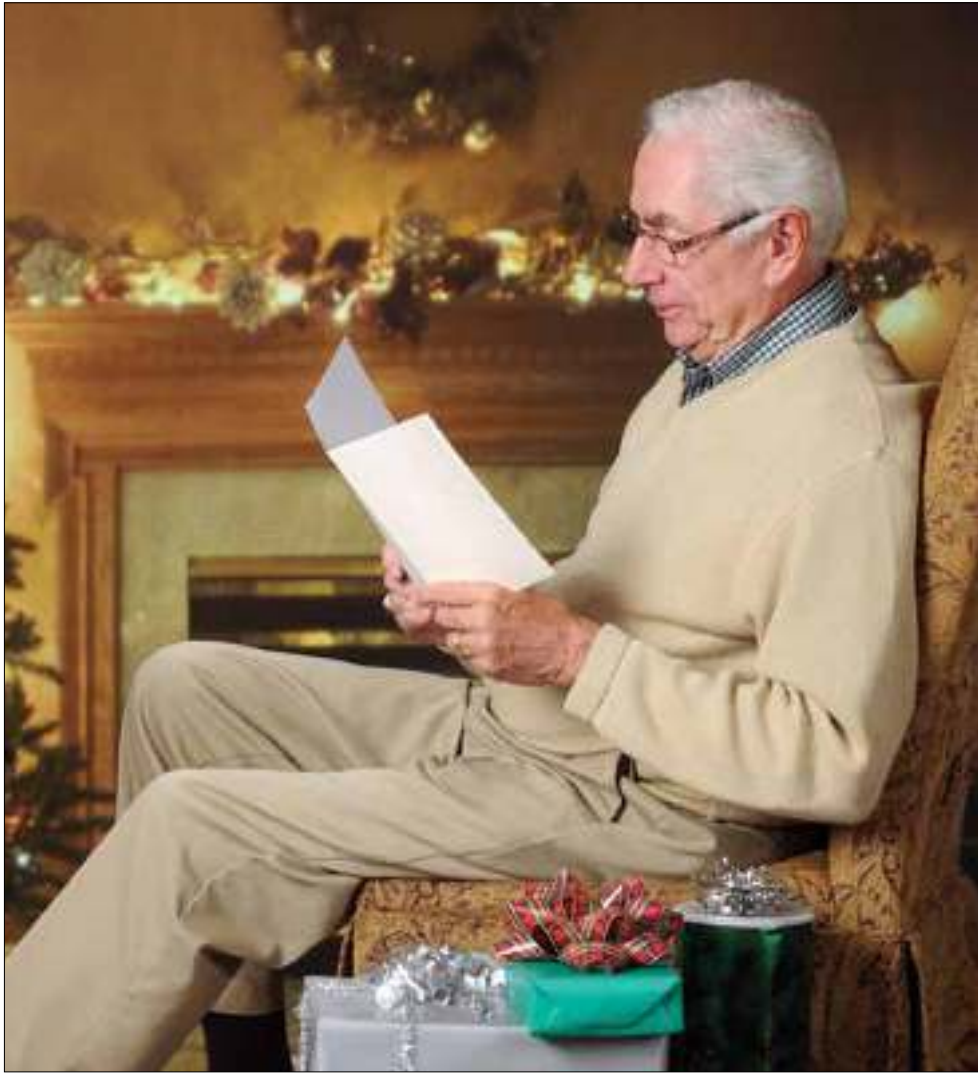
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Be a Santa to a Senior is a true community program, getting generous support from Halifax businesses, non-profit organizations, retailers, numerous volunteers and members of the community. The local Home Instead Senior Care office is pleased to partner with The Berkeley and the Halifax Regional Police Department to help with gift collection and distribution. Other organizations furthering the

efforts of this initiative are SIEMENS Canada, Southwest Properties and The Municipal Group of Companies.

It's easy to help out. Go to one of the participating locations listed below and look for the Be a Santa to a Senior tree on display from November 13th to December 8th. Each tree will be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first names and their desired gifts. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it to the store with the ornament attached. There's no need to worry about wrapping—community volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to local seniors in time for the holidays.

...the holidays often intensify feelings of distance and loneliness...

"We're always excited to see how much Be a Santa to a Senior boosts seniors' spirits during the holiday season," said Burke. "And we are grateful to be a part of a community that comes together to make this happen."

Be a Santa to a Senior trees can be found at the following locations:
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The Berkeley Bedford
The Berkeley Dartmouth
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Richard Warren Moffatt

- Age 71 of Spryfield, passed away surrounded by family on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the VG Site, QEII Palliative care. He was a son of the late Warren and Sheila (Joudrey) Moffatt. You could always catch Richard watching television, he loved watching sports especially his two favorite teams, the Blue Jays and Toronto Maple Leafs. He loved being outside, going fishing or taking a day trip in the car. He loved being surrounded by company. Richard was especially known for his smart one liners, sense of humor and sarcasm. He is survived by his loving wife, Diane Moffatt; son, Tim (Mirela); daughter, Kimberly (Doug) Kline; grandchildren, Megan (Chad), Malerie and Luca; great-granddaughter, Katelyn; brothers, Ralph (Barb), Robert (Eleena), Phillip (Carol) and Donnie (Florence); sisters, Linda (Benny) and Beverly (Rick); many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his grandmother, Alma Joudrey.

Linda Mae McGregor

- Age 65, Spryfield, passed away Wednesday October 24, 2018 at the Halifax Infirmiry, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late

Joseph and Anna (Oakley) McGregor. She is survived by sisters, Joanna Harrison; Nadine (Scott); Sherri (Gary Hawes); brother, Joseph Jr. and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Denise

John William "Bill" Organ

- Age 75, Spryfield, passed away Sunday October 28, 2018 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Sylvester and Ruby (Graham) Organ. Bill is survived by his wife and best friend, Diane (McFarlane); son, Bill (Ingrid), Ireland; daughter, Shari (Alex), Halifax; sister, Nancy (Peter previously deceased), Halifax; brother, Gary (Tena), Ottawa; grandchildren, Danielle (AJ) and Shawn; great grandson Flynn and several nieces and nephews. Bill spent his career at Allen Print and celebrated his 55th year of service in 2015, an accomplishment he was most proud of. Bill leaves behind the legacy of his family values, loyalty and work ethic which he instilled in his children and grandchildren, who will continue to teach these lessons to his great grandson Flynn, and all future generations. Bill had an avid love of sports and all things outdoors, and his favorite recollections were memories made at the camp in Moshers River. The family would like to make a special thank you to the Palliative Care and Von teams who made keeping Bill home in his final days possible with their amazing support and care.

Ruth Mae Fisher

- 88, Spryfield. Daughter of the late Winnie and Bill Smith. Mom passed away peacefully on Monday, November 5, 2018 and is now with the love of her life. A part of her died 6 years ago when dad passed. Mom loved to bake and always had brown bread, squares and chocolate balls ready to be eaten whenever someone came to visit. Mom volunteered with dad for over 20 years at the N.S. Eye Care Centre and was an active member of UCW at St. Paul's United Church. She is survived by her daughter, Valerie (Craig); son, Lloyd (Sherri); grandchildren, Todd (Amanda), Joey (Sarah), Angela (Kenneth), Chantel (Kale), Jeanette and Adam; great grandchildren, Ella and Liam; brother, Reggie (Julie) Smith and family; brothers and sisters in-law, Margie, Jean and Bob, Charlotte and Robert, Karen and Denvert, Juanita and Jim, Lee, Mary Anne and Gerald; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ruth was predeceased by her husband, Franklyn; grandson, Brandon in infancy; brothers and sisters in-law. Thank you to friends, relatives and neighbors who helped mom and also to the QEII staff on 7.1 and 8.3 – you were amazing. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory may be made to St.

Paul's United Church.

Doris Genevieve Gallant

- Age 89, Spryfield, passed away Sunday November 11, 2018 at the QEII V.G Site. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late William and Agnes (O'Connell) Lawrence. Doris is survived by sons, David, Halifax; William (Carol), Eastern Passage; daughter, Doris Walsh (James), Fall River; brother, Gerald (Adelaid), Halifax; eight grandchildren; many great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Leonard; sons, Edward, Gerald and Leonard; brothers, William and Arthur; and sister, Agnes. Memorial donations may be made to the Children's Wish Fund or Christmas Daddies Fund.

Wayne Vienneau

- 58, Williamswood, passed away on November 17, 2018. Wayne worked for Canada Post for many years and had a love for music, fishing and anything to do with the outdoors. He is survived by his mother, Cecilia Shields (Arseneau); father, Gilbert Vienneau; stepmother, Hazel Vienneau (Merrigan); daughter, Melissa Laidlaw; brother, Bruce (Dawn) Vienneau, Marc (Susan) Vienneau; stepbrother, Brent (Lynn) Roeding; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Larry; stepfather, Ron Shields. Special thank you to Dr. Volker Eichorn and

the nursing staff of 5.2 Halifax Infirmiry.

Charleen Anne Kidson

- 58, Spryfield, passed away on November 7, 2018 at the QEII, Halifax, NS, surrounded by her loving family, while holding her soulmate's hand. Born in Halifax, she is a daughter of the late Ronald and Lucinda "Lucy" (Hendsbee) Griffiths. For many years, Charleen worked at the QEII Hospital. Charleen is survived by her loving husband, Ron, her daughter, Ashley (KC Keating), her treasured grandson, Tristan, as well as another grandchild on the way. She will also be sadly missed by her beloved siblings, Mike Griffiths (Liz), Wayne Griffiths (Sher), Ronald "Topper" Griffiths (Cindy), Paula MacDonald (Weldon, "Boomy"), and Blanche Slade (Matthew, "Buddy"), as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She will also be fondly remembered by many friends, especially Leanne, Bev and Fram, who were by her side, and her many co-workers. She was predeceased by her father, Ronald Griffiths, her beloved son, Ryan, a sister, Gail Griffiths, and her mother, Lucinda "Lucy" Griffiths. The family wishes to extend many thanks to Risa Cameron, Cindy Bell, and the Palliative Care team of the QEII for the care and compassion shown to Charleen. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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need to sing in tune. Practice: Tuesday evenings, 7:15-8:45pm, location: Melville Cove area. For more information or to ask about trying us out for a week, call director Shirley at 902-405-8333.

• Come celebrate the **25th Herring Cove Polar Bear Dip** on January 1, 2019. Inviting participants and spectators and working to raise \$10,000. for the food bank and local organizations. For information about the jump go to our website www.herringcovepolarbeardip.com

• **Lion's Rink** offers a seniors' public skate Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to noon, \$2 admission.

• City Church presents its **14th Annual Christmas Musical Comedy** "The Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told" FREE ADMISSION 3 Nights Only, Dec 14, 15, 16 @ 7pm City Church 276 Herring Cove Rd "Great Music and Lots of laughs!" for more info: www.citychurchhalifax.ca (902) 479 2489

• **Spryfield Community Association** invites you to HAVE YOUR SAY about the NEW HIGH SCHOOL - what can the community do for the school, and what can the school do for the community. Join the conversation on Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre.

• Join our Prospect neighbours Dec. 16 1-4 for In the **Nick of Time** shopping event at the PRCC 2141 Prospect Road. 25 different crafters will offer locally made items perfect for gifting. FREE parking and admission.

• **Women for Music Society** meeting, Dec. 6, 1-3pm, with special guest Chris Wilcox - Founder and Artistic Director, Scotia Festival of Music. Refreshments, tea, and social. No admission-charge. New members welcome. Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Road, Halifax, B3L 1K7. www.womenformusic.com.

• The youth in the **Raise The Grade** program are hosting an evening of talent on December 12th at the Boys and Girls Club (11 Aldergrove). There will be local young talent, art work on display, and warm drinks and yummy treats.

• **Note: Church Service notifications are listed separately on page 5.**

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



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Duggan cracks Canada Games roster

The dream of playing for Team Nova Scotia has become a reality for this young female hockey player. Jillian Duggan, age 15, recently represented Team Nova Scotia in the U18 division at the Atlantic Challenge Cup in Moncton, NB from October 5-8. Jillian and her teammates brought home the gold medal by defeating Team Newfoundland 7-3. The tournament in Moncton was also the final tryout process for this group of girls for the Canada Winter Games team. Jillian

thought representing Team Nova Scotia once was amazing but now she will wear the jersey again with much pride as she has earned herself a spot on Team Nova Scotia for the upcoming 2019 Canada WinterGames. These games will take place in Red Deer, Alberta from February 24-March 2. She has worked hard over this past year to achieve her goals and she looks forward to representing Team Nova Scotia.

Sports writer wanted

The *Chebucto News* needs a new reporter to cover sports events in Spryfield! If you have an interest in writing, the time to cover and report on at least one event a month, and are interested in this **volunteer position**, please email the editor at chebuctoeditor@gmail.com.

Spryfield Judo Kai starts another season of tournaments

The end of November marked the beginning of our team tournament season with 9 Judoka travelling to Fredericton NB for some great fights!

This two day event was filled with great action, and impressive skills from all in attendance.

Day One saw Noah Hardy, Abbi McCoullough, and Jean-Claude Gavel compete.

Noah showed excellent progress with this event. He is maturing into a tough young man and a fierce competitor. His movement and gripping were excellent and he stayed calm throughout, with his last fight going into overtime. I look forward to watching Noah this year...SILVER

Abbi as usual was all business when faced with a tough competitor. After a couple of very exciting fights Abbi came away with SILVER, great job!

This was Jean-Claude's first tournament and by all accounts he did well. Great gripping and composure throughout, he eventually succumbed to a very experienced fighter, finishing the day with SILVER.

The rest of the team had the opportunity to shine on Day Two

Livie Thoms started off very strong, then lost a tooth (natural causes). Always the scrapper she returned to the tatami and finished the day strong!

Johnny Wheeliker came to the tatami with a mission and it was clear

in his face. Fighting hard every match, he held his own and made us all proud; great day for Johnny!

Sophia MacDougall's first tournament went great! Her intensity was overwhelming to most opponents and her smile made everyone's day. I look forward to seeing more of her on the mats.

Tacari Howe continued his Judo journey with a different game plan. After a couple of very tough fights he came away with GOLD!

Ella Thoms was very quick and, with a couple of very solid wins, Ella comes away from a tough division with BRONZE!

Last to fight from SJK, Logan Wheeliker was fired up and ready. Executing our game plan, Logan came away with GOLD to add to his collection.

One thing I need to mention is that it has always been important to me that our fighters show sportsmanship and a good attitude when on the mats, and I was very impressed with everyone this weekend. Even in the face of some bitter disappointments everyone came back to do their best and came away with a medal and a smile.

A quick shout out to the parents. Your encouragement and dedication to our club and your kids makes all the difference and we appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you.

Looking forward to a great competition year! See you on the mats.

Sensei Mike Lavoie



From front to back, Livie Thoms, Sophia Macdougall, John Wheeliker, Ella Thoms, Logan Wheeliker, and Sensei Mike Lavoie. Photo credit Tanya Thoms

Social media supplements, does not replace, direct contact

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

As you travel along Herring Cove Road near the 500 block, you have no doubt noticed the clearing of land and preparation for a new road. This is all taking place on the even-numbered side of the road.

The zoning is R-2, which allows for both single family and semi-detached homes. Given the size of the property and the allowable density, there will be anywhere from 52 – 104 new dwelling units. The mix of units has yet to be determined.

I had questions regarding infilling and watercourse setbacks. All regulations from an HRM and DoE perspective have been satisfied. This development was done as-of-right, which means there was no need for rezoning or development agreements.

There have been reports of break-ins, thefts and some other activity in our area over the past few months. Unfortunately, at this time of year, it becomes far too common. I would ask that if you have been a victim, or see something that just doesn't seem right, please call 902-490-5020. This is the non-emergency police number. A car will be dispatched to investigate. (There may be delays as our police officers may be on another call at the same time). I cannot stress enough the importance of reporting

these incidents. This helps our police department deploy resources, so that they can focus on areas that need additional attention. Our community constables are also working to ensure your concerns are being addressed.

With due respect to Facebook, posting on social media will do very little from a policing perspective to help. Although this is appropriate to ensure residents are aware of activity in a neighbourhood, these posts add very little, if any, value from an enforcement perspective.

In keeping with the use of social media, and its value in addressing issues, the winter season is quickly approaching. In the past, I have read posts where salting, sanding, or snow and ice control has yet to be done.

Although this is a good way to ensure other motorists are aware of possible adverse conditions, a call to 3-1-1 is

the best approach to help with these concerns. If you wish, you can email the reference number to me, so that I can follow-up on your behalf.

If you regularly watch Council meetings, whether on television or on-line, you will have noticed that our venue has changed. The technology is being upgraded, which will help our meetings move along more efficiently. We are now meeting at the Halifax Harbourfront Marriott Hotel. This venue was chosen based on availability and price. We should be back to chambers in December, or early in 2019.

On December 1st, Long Lake Park will be closing the gate into the main parking area for the winter. As well, the public washroom will be locked. This park is managed by a volunteer board, which relies on fundraising, grants and public donations for its day-to-day operation and

maintenance. If the gate was to be left open, the board would be responsible for keeping the parking lot cleared and salted. As well, there would be a need for additional insurance. Given the limited resources available, it is not possible to fund these additional costs. All Provincial parks in Nova Scotia are closed in the winter, and the board is required to follow the provincial regulations.

As 2018 comes to a close, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2019. There will be many activities for all to enjoy, including our Santa Claus Parade, 2 tree lightings, community events and many family gatherings over the festive season. As always, I will close out my December column asking you to please remember those less fortunate in our community.

Update from Ottawa

by Andy Fillmore, MP for Halifax

Hello Halifax!

This December is a festive and joyfully hectic time of year to spend with family and friends. Through the hustle and bustle of December, here are some important updates from your Member of Parliament.

Across the country, a strong and growing middle class is driving economic growth, creating new jobs and more opportunities for people to succeed. While there is more work to be done to ensure that every Canadian has a fair chance at success, real progress has been made.

More Canadians are working, wages are growing, and Canadians and businesses are more confident in their future.

The Canada Child Benefit is helping families with the high cost of raising children and, by putting more money in the pockets of nine out of ten Canadian families, helping to lift 521,000 people—including nearly 300,000 children—out of poverty. More than nine million Canadians are benefiting from the Government's middle class tax cut. By this time next year, a typical middle class family of four will receive, on average, about \$2,000 more each year, as a result of these two measures, to help with the cost of raising their children, save for their future, and help grow the economy for the benefit of everyone.

We've enhanced the Canada Pension Plan, which will provide more Canadians with a secure retirement. We've made historic investments in infrastructure, including the National Housing Strategy, which is helping more Canadians secure a safe and affordable place to call home.

Now, Canada's strong fiscal position—including the lowest net debt-to-GDP ratio in the G7—allows the Government to continue investing in the middle class, and to lay a solid foundation for future generations. In November, the Finance Minister

presented the federal government's 2018 Fall Economic Statement. Here are some of the important measures it included.

First, the government is taking action to help Canadian businesses to compete, succeed, and create good, well-paying jobs. We're introducing new tax incentives that will support business investment in Canada, including allowing businesses to immediately write off the full cost of machinery and equipment used for the manufacturing or processing of goods. We're also cutting red tape to make it easier to do business in Canada while protecting Canadians' health, safety, and the environment.

The Fall Economic Statement also makes important investments in a new "Social Finance Fund." The Government recognizes that innovative approaches are needed to tackle persistent and complex social challenges that make it difficult for some Canadians to succeed and reach their full potential.

To encourage and realize innovative ideas, the Government of Canada is creating a new Social Finance

Fund to allow potential investors to partner with charities, non-profit, and social-purpose organizations, and work together to solve our country's biggest social challenges. We're also providing support to social purpose organizations to improve their ability to successfully participate in the social finance market. All told, the Social Finance Fund is expected to help create thousands of jobs, foster economic growth, and help us build a more equal and fair Canada.

One more important update in the Fall Economic Statement is support for Canadian journalism.

A strong and independent news media is crucial to a well-functioning democracy. The Government recognizes the vital role that local journalism plays in communities across Canada, and is making key investments to ensure that Canadians in underserved communities continue to have access to informed and reliable news coverage. New measures include allowing non-profit news organizations to receive charitable donations and issue official donation receipts; introducing

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The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

Season's Greetings to everyone!

Now that the Holiday season is upon us, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and best wishes for a joyous and fulfilling New Year. I know the new year will be an exciting one, and I'm looking forward to continuing to work hard as your MLA and as a Minister to move our community and province forward.

I'm proud to say that, overall, 2018 has been another strong year for immigration in Nova Scotia. This year the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration supported more applications than any prior year, while making the process more efficient. We reached the highest population in Nova Scotia's history and, given current available numbers, we're on track for another record year. In the first year of the dedicated physician immigration stream, our province has thus far welcomed 17 new doctors, including three specialists and 14 family doctors. The province also nominated 117 Early Childhood Educators through the labour market priority stream since August of this year. Bringing more professionals to Nova Scotia strengthens our economy and labour force, and I'm encouraged by the progress made this year on this file.

Recently, I was pleased to join the Canadian Lebanon Society of Halifax for the inaugural Lebanese Heritage Month Banquet. The celebration was a very meaningful one, and I was glad to have so many join us in celebrating this historic first. Our community also marked the 75th Lebanese Independence Day on November 22, which included a flag raising ceremony at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. At the event, I was humbled to receive a recognition award from Honourary Consul Wadih M. Fares, and I want to thank him for his deep and long-standing commitment to the Lebanese community in Nova Scotia.

Last month I had the chance to tour the site of a new 400m ski track at Brunello Estates in Timberlea. This exciting winter recreation project is

the result of a partnership between the Halifax Nordic Ski Club and The Links at Brunello. With the help of a \$25,000 grant for snow-making equipment from the province, this project will soon expand opportunities for winter fun and exercise for residents across our communities. It's no secret that staying active in the colder months can be a challenge, but cross-country skiing is a fun way to enjoy the outdoors and get moving. I'm also pleased to see that the ski loop will be accessible to those who ski with mobility adaptations, and will provide kids and newbies a chance to learn the sport. I want to thank Brunello GM Miles Mortensen and my constituent Lorenzo Caterini of the HNSC for showing me the site and making this project possible. The ski club is now fundraising to cover the final \$7500 of the project's costs, and I hope you'll consider pitching in through their gofundme page which I've linked to on my Facebook.

Don't forget that the annual Herring Cove Polar Bear Dip is taking place on New Year's Day. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Dip, and it promises to be a fun and frosty afternoon for participants and their supporters. This year's Dip will be held at 2pm at Government Wharf in Herring Cove, with registration happening from 12 pm onwards at St. Paul's Parish Hall. If you're interested in taking the plunge this year, I encourage you to check out the association's website (herringcovepolarbear-dip.com) to pre-register and download the pledge form to begin collecting Feed Nova Scotia donations. Remember, the top three fundraisers will be awarded prizes at the closing ceremony at St. Paul's, so make sure to start collecting pledges early!

Finally, if you're a post-secondary student or recent graduate with an interest in the legislative process, I encourage you to check out my Facebook page for more information about the Nova Scotia Legislature's Page Program. Applications are currently being accepted for 2019 page posi-

tions, and, as a former page myself, I'd strongly encourage everyone to check out the opportunity.

However you celebrate, I hope this

holiday season is good to you and yours. Thank you for your continued support and the opportunity to serve the people of Halifax Armdale.

Raising funds for the Doula program

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Seniors

A new program was announced November 7th which will help seniors stay in their homes longer. The new program helps older adults access a variety of affordable, non-medical, services such as housekeeping, snow shoveling, meal preparation and yard work. The services are provided by people living with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues and delivered with the help of community agencies.

"This program has created an extremely valuable service," said Seniors Minister Leo Glavine. "Home Services Nova Scotia helps support older Nova Scotians age at home and maintain a connection to the community. They can get help with simple chores, running errands, even shoveling snow."

I was proud to have brought this idea forward, and to have worked on it throughout the process. It is very important that we give our seniors the choice and opportunity to stay in the communities they love.

Education

On November 8th, I was proud to announce that William King Elementary School was chosen as one of the ten province-wide spots to pilot before and after school on-site pre-primary child care.

One of the concerns we heard around pre-primary was the hours it operated and that it was difficult for parents to fit it into their work day.

This new program will provide child care before and after pre-primary classes to make it more accessible for working parents.

Families will be required to pay about \$15 a day for the recreation program, but a family with a combined income of under \$70,000 can have up to 100 per cent of the costs subsidized by the province.

There are over 3,000 children enrolled in pre-primary programs across the province.

Community Engagement

On December 16th at 4pm, I will be hosting my 5th annual Christmas Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield. If you are interested in volunteering, donating or joining us for a warm Christmas dinner, please call my office at 902-444-0147 to register. I look forward to seeing you there.

Just a quick reminder with the snow on the ground to get your winter tires installed, make sure you clean off your entire car before you drive, and, most importantly, please drive carefully.

If you have any difficulties with plowing or road conditions over the winter, please contact me at 902-444-0147 or on my cellular at 902-499-5500, email me at [\[nmaguire.ca\]\(mailto:nmaguire.ca\) or contact me via social media. I am always in contact with the hard working men and women at the Department of Transportation and will pass on any concerns you may have.](mailto:brendan@brenda-</p>
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This past month, NDP MLA for Sackville Dave Wilson, announced his retirement after 15 years. Party politics aside, Dave has been a fantastic MLA. He is someone I consider a role model and friend. Selfishly I would love to see him stay on as MLA but I understand he is leaving for personal reasons and for new challenges. I am very proud to say that I worked alongside him over the last 5 years.

A well deserved congratulations to former JL Ilsley Teacher, Nurse, and advocate, Patti Melanson, who received the Chancellor of the Order of Nova Scotia award, this past month. Thank you for all you do.

It was an honor this past month to be named one of the best MLAs by The Coast and their readers. I appreciate the recognition, but this truly is a team and community-wide effort. We all work together to make our communities a better place, and I am happy to play a small role in that.

Thank you to all the organizers and everyone who took part in our annual Christmas parade. It is hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us!

Speaking of Christmas, please join myself and Jill Hann December 14th, 7pm at the Purcells Cove Club as we host an ugly sweater Christmas party. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds at the door will go towards supporting the doula program at the Chebucto Family Resource Centre.

Lastly from myself, Rena, Oliver, Rufina and Isla, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all of you. 2018 was a fantastic year for our communities. We saw many improvements and investments and 2019 will bring many more!

Proud to be your MLA
Brendan Maguire

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a new refundable tax credit that supports original news content creation, including local news; and introducing a new temporary non-refundable tax credit for subscriptions to Canadian digital news media.

That's all for this month. Share your views on this or anything else at any time - call my office at 902-426-8691 or email me to set up a meeting at andy.fillmore@parl.gc.ca. Or, just stop by my office at Rm 808, 1888 Brunswick Street, Halifax.

Until next time,
Andy Fillmore
Member of Parliament for Halifax

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Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and All the Best in the New Year!
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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd):

- Personal Wellness Profile: Wednesday, Dec 12th 8:30-11:30
- How to Speak Assertively, 4 week program Tuesdays – Jan 15 – Feb 5 10 am –noon
- Positive Aging-Healthy Living, 4 week program. Mondays: January 7-28 6:00-8:00 pm
- 902-460-4560 or go to www.CommunityHealthTeams.ca for more information

Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion (7 Sussex Street) Events:

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm. Doors open at 12pm
- Chase the Ace: every Wednesday. 5 to 7pm. In partnership with Young at Heart Club. Open to the public.
- Seniors Christmas Dance. Dec. 11th. \$8 per person. Doors open at 11am. Dance starts at noon. Turkey Dinner at 1pm. Music by Chain and Anchor. Tickets sold in advance
- Turkey Shoot. Dec. 9th. Noon. \$10 per person. Public welcome
- New Year's Eve Dance. \$15 per person. Seafood Chowder served from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. Dance runs from 9pm to 1am. Music by Higher Limits.
- New Year's Day Dance. Free Admission. 2pm to 6pm. Music by Touch of Gray

Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) Call Wed. Pick up Thurs between 9:30am and 10:30am. 902-477-1954
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Call Mon/Tues. Pick up Wed between 10am and 12pm. 902-477-5090.
- Greystone Community Centre Association (2 Indigo Walk). Call Mon. Pick up Tues. 7:30am to 12pm. Call 902-431-8087 between 9:30am and 12pm on Mondays

Free meals for those in need:

- **Mondays:**
– Mobile Soup Kitchen 7pm Bread of Life Ministries (McIntosh St. & 500 Block of Herring Cove Rd)
- **Wednesdays:**
– 2nd Wednesday of the month, Spry Café 5:30pm at the Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave). Call 902-479-3031 ext 302. Registration required. Centre (328 Herring Cove Rd)

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre (1138 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Registration is now open for September classes of Tai Jitsu. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427
- 5:20 – 6:00 – Lil Samurai (ages 5 – 7 Wednesday)
- 6:00 – 7:00 – Juniors (ages 8 – 12 Wed and Thurs)
- 7:00 – 8:00 – Adults (ages 13 & up Wed and Thurs)
- 7:00 – 8:00 – Women Only (Wed &

Thurs)

- Girls Guides of Canada is also open for registration
- Sparks and Brownies every Monday night
- Pathfinders/Rangers every Tuesday night
- Girlguides.ca to register
- Annual tree lighting Dec 4th @ 6:30. Food bank donations appreciated. Mr and Mrs Claus will be there.
– Volunteers needed. Contact Natasha for more information. 902-293-7427

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

- JOIN THE CHOIR! You'll Be Glad You Did! The Quarter Note Singers is a mixed adult community choir that has been making music for over a decade at the Cap't. William Spry Community Centre. Singers of all levels are welcome; there is no audition. Please contact Mary Jo Mackintosh at 902-423-5636 for more info.
- Coffee House Thursday, December 6, from 7 to 9. Refreshments will be served. Donations gratefully accepted. Special Guests: Hydrostoners Ukulele Ensemble

Rotary Club of Halifax North West (Smitty's Restaurant at 362 Lacewood Drive in Clayton Park.) Events:

- Retired? Bored? Check out our club! We are known for the Toonies for Change 50/50 draw in Spryfield, which benefits eight charities in the Spryfield area, but we also support other local causes as well as international projects. To meet great community-minded people and to get involved, join us for lunch any Tuesday at 1200 noon. For more information call Roger Chiasson (902-445-5905) or go to www.rotaryclubhalifaxnw.ca

Spryfield Lions Club (111 Drysdale Road) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec centre. Come have fun, make friends and support a great organization.
- Spryfield Lions Club meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the upstairs den of the Spryfield Lions Rink. 111 Drysdale Road. Anyone interested is encouraged to sit in on a meeting, meet some great people and see how you can help your community. For additional information, please call 902-475-1878
- Spryfield Lions also collect hearing aids, CPAC machines and glasses for refurbishment and distribution.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (Captain Spry Centre and Farm at Ardwell and Rockingstone) Events:

- Regular meeting will be held at the Spry Centre on on November 19th at 7pm. All welcome to attend

Young at Heart Club (212 Herring Cove Rd):

- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.
- Chase the Ace: Every Wednesday. 5pm to 7pm. In partnership with Spryfield Legion 152. Open to the public

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

- YMCA Older Adult Fitness Class - "Forever Strong" Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00-11:00 AM Annual registration fee \$10 Drop in fee/ class \$4
- Emmanuel Christmas Bazaar, Sat. Dec. 1, 10 - 2. Crafts, jewelry, bake table with fruit cakes and breads, etc., flea market and cake bingo, plus soup luncheon (\$8). All welcome.
- Prayer Groups: On Dec. 13, we hold a prayer group at 1:00 pm in the church to pray for our community and individuals. All are welcome.
- Bible Study: After church (approximately 11:30 am) on Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, we will have a Bible Study on the gifts of the Magi: What do we bring to the Christ Child? All welcome.

St. James Anglican Church (2668 Joseph Howe Drive – at the Armdale Rotary) events:

- Meeting space is available for rent. Please contact Sarah-Jane at 902 477-4106

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Saturday, December 8TH , 9-11 a.m. Christmas themed Community Breakfast. Scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausages with tea or coffee, a visit with Santa, and cookie decorating. Adults \$6, children age 5-12 \$3, and children under 5 are free.
- Annual "Down Home" Community Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec 16th at 6:30-8:30 FREE ADMISSION, although donations of Food Bank items and toiletries would be appreciated for the St Pauls Church, "Family Resource Centre"
- Sunday School every week at 11:15am

St. Michael's Church (14 St. Michael's Avenue, Spryfield) Events:

- Bingo! December 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Doors open at 5:30pm. Mini game starts at 6:30pm and regular games begin at 7pm. 50/50 draw, canteen, and more!
- Playgroup every Tuesday morning at 9am.
- Sunday school starts Oct. 14th at 10am
- New Year's Dance. December 31st. Music by Chain and Anchor Band. Tickets \$15. 9pm to 12:30am. Pot luck light lunch. Call the Glebe at 902-477-3530 or call 902-477-7118

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

- Festively Yours with East Coast Caroling Featuring John Lindsay-Botten Dec 9th 7:00pm \$10.00 adult / children free when accompanied by an adult Call Marea: 902-477-6300 for tickets
- Recycling on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop off between 10am and 1pm. Or, call Elaine at 477-2376 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have them picked up
- For those of you who use the outside taps, please note that they are now turned off for the winter. Water jugs can now be filled inside from 9am to 3pm

Tuesday through Friday

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Drive) Events:

- Community room is available for rent on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and daytime Monday through Friday! Includes access to kitchen, bathrooms, storage, and parking. Please contact Rev. Pauline Coffin at 902-477-4099 email:sccc@gmail.ca facebook :Spryfield Christian Community
- Chimo Taekwondo Club. Training: Monday, Thursday @ 6:30 Saturday @10:30 am

Other Events and Notices:

- **Hand in Hand** (440 Herring Cove Road) which is operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society, has new operating hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday 10am to 5pm and Closed on Sundays.

- **Girl Guides of Canada Registration** is now ongoing! Interested girls and aspiring leaders can go to www.girlguides.ca for more information. Or call 423-3735.

- **Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents:** For those of you who use the outside taps, please note that they are now turned off for the winter. Water jugs can now be filled inside from 9am to 3pm Tuesday through Friday

- **3rd Spryfield Cub Pack** (ages 8 to 10) and **Scout Troop** (ages 11 to 14) are looking for new members! We meet at 7pm every Wednesday night at St. Paul's United Church on Old Sambro Road. Contact Robyn Parsons (902-477-1090) or Dan Drabble (902-477-2657) for more info or visit www.scouts.ca.

- Join **Chebucto Family Centre** at Freeman's Fairview every Thursday from 6-8 pm for Chase the Ace! The jackpot currently stands at \$970. More details online at www.facebook.com/ChebuctoFamilyCentre

- **Chebucto Family Centre** is seeking board members who are passionate about community and families. More details and posting are available on their website, www.HomeOfTheGuardianAngel.ca/board-of-directors

- The future is calling! **The Halifax Community Learning Network** offers FREE tutoring and GED classes for adults at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. If you wish to learn in a relaxed and friendly setting and work toward the GED high school equivalency test, please call 422-7648 or 490-5715. You can get your GED!

- **Women's Choir Seeking New Members:** Do you like to sing? Looking for an easy going outlet for musical stimulation? Then join the Sorella Singers choir! You don't have to read music, but do
(See more Community Events notices on page 10)

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