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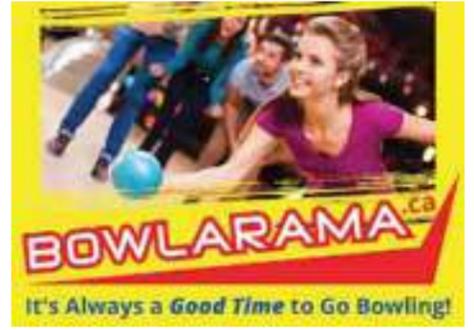
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Left to Right: Legion President Terry Bobbitt, Sinead Dempsey, Zone Commander Wendell Crouse, Poppy Chairman Jaddus Poirier

Black & White Poster Contest

Sinead Dempsey from JL Ilsley High School is presented with a certificate for coming in 2nd place at the provincial level in the 2015 Senior B&W Poster Contest. Congratulations Sinead!



Left to right front row: Georgia Brown, Sasha Fillmore, Isaac Fillmore, Sarah Dort
 Back row: Bordie Garrison, Sinead Dempsey, Terry Bobbitt, Jaddus Poirier, Matthew Dort, Olivia Dort, Cailin Lake, Zone Commander Wendell Crouse, Meata Martin

Legion Level winners

Students from various schools were invited to the Royal Canadian Spryfield Legion and Presented with the 2015 Literacy and Poster Contest Certificates and Prizes. Congratulations to all!

PAWS Room comes to Ilsley

by Ciara Harris
 Second semester began with a bang at JL Ilsley high school, or perhaps with a bark! Therapeutic Paws of Canada visited the school library with three of their therapy dogs. Ilsley was visited by Baxter, a golden retriever; Charlie, a foxhound; and Colby, an Australian Labradoodle. Over a hundred students visited the dogs during this event. Many commented on the calming effect of the dogs during their visit. Mark Grant, local team leader of Therapeutic Paws of Canada, explains the benefits of a PAWS Room event. "Therapy dogs make people smile, they lower the blood pressure

of people, and they take the stress out of everyday experiences. Particularly in a high school environment, when students might have a test or exam, the dogs just make people happy."
 All of the dogs who visited Ilsley went through a rigorous process to become therapy dogs. One of the handlers, Kim Allen, explained the process that she and Charlie had to go through for him to become a licenced therapy dog with Therapeutic Paws: "We adopted Charlie from the SPCA, so we went to one of their events, and there were booths set up. Charlie's nature and demeanor made
 (See PAWS on page 2)

Market moving

by the Market Steering Committee
 April is here, and city and country folk everywhere are itching for spring. As sights are set on the growing season ahead, momentum has been building for the Community Market, and our committee been overwhelmed with vendor applications. To ensure we can accommodate these new vendors and market goes alike, we are planning to move to a larger space in the community to ensure an inviting community hub. This later start means that farmers will have a wider variety of offerings, which we can all look forward to. You can keep up to date with us regarding this location change here, on our website (www.spryfieldmarket.ca) and through social media. We're excited that there was so much interest in having a community market, and are working to ensure that we find a community space that carries the "conversation" of the market forward. Given this new direction, the

launch will be postponed until May 15th.
 Please join us Saturday, April 2nd at the Captain William Spry Community Centre for the market's pre-launch celebration. From 1:30pm - 4:30pm we'll be offering planting and sprouting demonstrations; following this is a film screening of Plant This Movie, an award-winning urban agriculture documentary. Details about volunteer opportunities will be shared as well. The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will be co-hosting the event (by donation). We will also be holding a coffee house at the Community Centre on May 1st from 6:30pm - 9:00pm with a \$2 entrance fee. Market musicians will be performing and guests can indulge in market treats. Everyone is welcome!
 On a final note, we'd like to extend a big thanks to Dan Doherty of Chebucto News for providing this space to us.

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PAWS

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him seem like the perfect pet to be a therapy dog.” Once they made the call to Therapeutic Paws, there was a 4-hour evaluation that simulated the scenarios that they might encounter on the job to gauge the dog’s and handler’s reactions. There were also three supervised visits, a medical clearance test, a criminal records check for the handler, and a background check to ensure that the dog had no history of aggression. Nancy Vanstone, owner of Colby, and Merien Weltmen, owner of Baxter, had to go through the same process to have their pets become therapy dogs.

The J.L. library was packed full of students when the dogs arrived. Students were delighted to have the opportunity to spend their lunch hour with



Colby the Labradoodle with Taylor Warren and Megan Watters

the dogs. At one point there were over a dozen students on the floor petting Baxter, whose happiness was very evident in his wagging tail. Ursula MacKinnon, the school’s librarian, was very pleased with how the event went, saying: “The dogs were so well behaved... and so were our kids! Our students were so respectful and gentle with the dogs; I was very proud of them.” Isley students are looking forward to our next PAWS Room event, later on in the semester.

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Seniors' Beat: Make as many friends as you can

by Beverley Clarkson

The Boogie Boys have been touring their original R&B since the early 70s, under different names as some of the members moved around. As Jim Wambolt of Spryfield says, you learn a lot about people when you put together a band. He's created a few of them, including another current duo he performs with: The Bald Brothers.

He is a songwriter who models himself on the best: Sam Cooke (inventor of soul music), The Allman Brothers, Stax artists, Zeppelin, like that. He plays the guitar and does backup vocals. "Oh, you sing?" "Only until they hear me" he chuckles. But boy, he picks a mean guitar.

"Back in the day everyone around here played an instrument. Everybody's story is different though. Gordie Thomas is our great lead singer and original songwriter. He had a band in Cole Harbour you might have heard, The Atlantic Rhythm Section; they were incredibly good but it got hard playing bars every night for peanuts. I figured out a way we could still play and make an easier living by doing concerts."

Jim, now "retired", made his daily bread to raise his kids as an entrepreneur with small businesses. But in addition to his passion for music, somebody instilled in him a need to look after those around him. He's served on many local boards: The Chebucto Communities Development Association and The East Coast Blues Society among others.

"I always believed that Boards should represent the people they serve and should not just be made up of the usual lawyers and such." He stays close to our elected representatives and keeps them on their toes, like a community elder should.

Jim's own family are local but his mother was a British war bride, his father a WWII soldier; his grandfather an Ox-

ford don. His uncle was Professor Jimmy Edwards, for those up on famous post war British comedians; he worked with the likes of Eric Sykes and Tony Hancock. The wit lives on in look-alike Jimmy.

He's proud of his family and is taking care of his 14 month old grandson for a few months. When the laughing little guy stood on the back of a sofa down the room a few days ago, however, he realized why parenting's restricted to the young. Over he toppled, but fortunately landed on the soft side of the sofa. "Now I wear my dog's old choker and he has the leash, so next time he wanders off, he'll drag me there too."

Jim's current passion is the international language students he boards and fathers while they learn English. He has Israelis and Palestinians living happily under his roof, wealthy Chinese and proper Koreans, and their far off parents come quickly to rely on him and his wife to coach their kids in managing our much more permissive society.

Some are experimenting with the freedoms before returning home and he has to be careful how he photographs them; others embrace our lifestyle and want to stay. Every student is an opportunity to learn how others live on the planet. That leads him to think about us differently.

One student from Brazil marvelled that Canada had 512 murders in a year. He said, "Back home, we call that Friday night".

He's been offered fabulous trips and left unintentionally in charge of a wayward 16 year old girl who had to be hustled home. He has an international following of friends that suggest he should be an ambassador for Nova Scotia.

"Best thing could happen to the Maritimes is that 500 000 immigrants get dropped off here. They're hungry,

in a way we are not. They come from extremely competitive environments and have to work so hard because there are thousands of applicants for every job. They are always polite and respectful. They will make successes and take us ahead with them."

What he'd say to young people today? "It's not how you look or dress that makes you happy, try not to be superficial. Make friends in as many cultures as you can and it's as valuable as all you learn in school."



Sammy says

The 2nd Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby on Grand Lake in Williamswood is set for May 28, 2016 from 8:30am until 3:00pm in memory of Cory Shay and Kyle MacKay.

Last year's derby raised \$1,000 each for both the IWK Health Center and the Canadian Cancer Society. There will be trophies, a 50/50 draw, raffles, silent auction, and an early bird draw for those registering before May 15th. The Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") will host the barbeque again this year. The derby is fun for all ages and is a great way to introduce the kids to fishing.

Cory and Kyle were best friends, both Montreal Canadiens fans, 2005 grads of J.L. Ilesley High School, and passionate about fishing. Both were well liked by everyone they met and were loved by their many friends and family. They both fought fierce battles with cancer and the complications resulting from their treatments.

For updates or more information, check out their Facebook page, email info@lionheart-society.org or go to www.shaymackayderby.com.

This year St. James United Church in Sambro is performing Sambro Goes Footloose at their dinner theatre.

BTW, these Boogie Boys are simply big time great and they're ours. Check them out on You Tube. I love the train visual on the knock-em-out-of-the-park first one and the second is a heartfelt message to us all today. <https://youtu.be/qoMphBTK95Q> and <https://youtu.be/vPLdgmWNYpw>

The Boogie Boys are delivering a concert Saturday, April 15, 2016 at the Spryfield Legion. Sounds like a treat to me. Come see for yourself.

"Despite it being 1989, Sambro is way behind the times! The Sambro Loop Area Heritage Protection Society has banned music recorded after 1935 and its President, Gertrude Garrismith, is going to make sure everyone follows the rules! The local radio tower has been rewired to only receive Seaside FM and there are fines levied for dancing anything other than jigs and reels. But when the new minister arrives in town with a passion for modern music and talk of having a dance in the church basement, Gertrude starts to lose control of the iron grip she wields over the village. There may yet be dancing in the streets of Sambro!" Written by Rev. Keltie van Binsbergen, Directed by Pam Halstead. Music Director is Susan Feltmate and Co-ordinated by Marilyn LeBlanc.

Shows are at 6pm Apr 29th and 30th; 4:30pm on May 1st; and 6pm on May 6th and 7th. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased online with a credit card at sambrodinnertheatre2016.eventbrite.ca. Seats are chosen at time of purchase. PLEASE NOTE: tickets must be presented to gain entry to the performance, either in printed form or by scanning from Eventbrite's smart phone app.

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



Dick Hodgson of the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest presents a cheque to the Urban Farm from the Toonies for Change project. Board members (left to right) Kim Elliott, Tom

Casey, Elizabeth Eve and Michèle Raymond, with Dick Hodgson at the March meeting of the Urban Farm.

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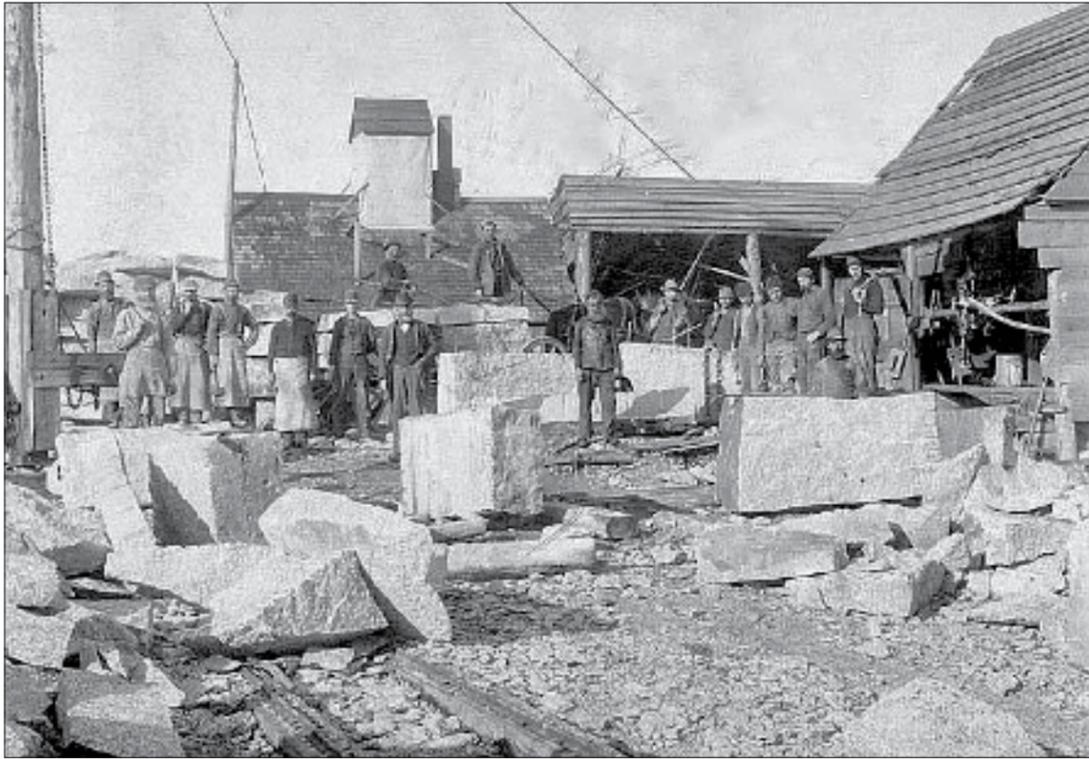
New Long Lake Park Trail to open in Spryfield

by Iris Shea

This month you will get a chance to be part of history when a new trail in Long Lake Provincial Park is launched. Mark April 22nd on your calendar, Earth Day, as the date for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Please check the website (Long Lake Provincial Park Association) for further information.

The new woodland trail begins on Northwest Arm Drive across from Cowie Hill Road and the subdivision called Long Lake Village. The parking lot at the entrance to the trail will accommodate 60 cars. The trail, a five kilometer loop of packed crushed stone, will take you around Witherod Lake, passing through former quarry lands and crossing other man-made paths. Residents and former residents of Kline Heights may be responsible for creating some of the older paths leading to Witherod Lake, a favourite swimming place for well over 100 years. Some of the paths may date back to the time when, in 1844, the Halifax Water Company was formed. Bringing clean drinking water from Long Lake to the residents of Halifax was the mandate of the company. Charles W. Fairbanks, the engineer who designed and constructed the water works, hired engineers, mechanics and labourers. They built the dam at the outlet of Long Lake, and made a canal or channel leading from the other end of the lake to carry water, by gravity, to the two Chain Lakes. These men were, in Fairbanks' own words, "a class above those commonly found in works of this nature." They came from Richmond County, Cape Breton, from Galway, Ireland, "farmers in exile who were remarkable in their skill and industry," and from our local communities. Accidents during construction resulted in several deaths and injuries.

Landowners around Long Lake had some of their shoreline property expropriated. In about 1833, William Yeadon, Senior, purchased 770 acres of land in Spryfield from the estate of George McIntosh. The deed was not registered until 1846, a requirement, no doubt, to prove that he owned the land on the eastern shore of Long Lake which the Halifax Water Company expropriated. In 1846 William and Elizabeth (Drys-



Yeadon Quarry in Spryfield, ca. 1910. Courtesy NSARM, Jean Holder Fonds

dale) Yeadon received £32 for 16 acres of their valuable shoreline property. The dam was built on former Yeadon land. That same year, John and Elizabeth Kline had land expropriated from both sides of Long Lake, a total of 57 acres for which they received £30. Before the flooding of its shoreline, Long Lake was known as Beaver Lake. Raising the water level of Beaver Lake from 175 feet to 200 feet above sea level caused Cocked Hat Lake to disappear and the combined two lakes became Long Lake.

Paths were also created by the men who travelled through the wooded area to work in Yeadon's and Kline's granite quarries. Quarrying was a thriving industry in the area for more than 100 years, from the 1850s until the last contract in 1954. The industry provided a livelihood for many families. The Yeadon quarries were first operated by William Yeadon, Junior, who passed them down, in 1893, to his three sons, Amos, Isaac and Andrew. The three separate Yeadon quarries were on both sides of present day Northwest Arm Drive.

A 1910 report, written by William A. Parks in Report on Building and Ornamental Stones of Canada, Ottawa, 1914, states that Isaac Yeadon usually employed five or six men in his quarry, using hand derricks only. Andrew Yeadon employed eight men with two derricks in position, and Amos Yeadon had

two derricks installed and eight men employed. Black knots were prevalent in the stone in all three of the Yeadon quarries and, because of this disfigurement, the size and use of the roughly squared blocks of granite were limited. The stone was carried to Halifax by horse and wagon, or to the head of the Northwest Arm and placed on barges for transport to other areas. A price of 40 cents per cubic foot was paid for the roughly squared blocks, and \$1.25 per ton for rough building stone. Some of the stone from the three Yeadon quar-

ries was used in Halifax's Parade wall, in Custom House, in St. Mary's Cathedral, and in monuments and store fronts.

John Kline's quarry was next to, and north of, the Yeadon quarries. When you walk on the trail across from Peter Saulnier Drive you will see remnants of that quarry not far from Witherod Lake. Kline, according to William A. Parks, had several small points opened for quarrying in 1910, with six derricks working. He had a small mill "in which are installed one Jenny Lind and one vertical polisher." He delivered his roughly squared stone in Halifax for five dollars a ton to be used as monuments and as building stone.

The amount of rock seen today in Long Lake Village subdivision and in the high rock cliffs along Northwest Arm Drive will give you some idea of the size and depth of the Yeadon quarries. The last quarry contract in 1954 was worked by descendants of Isaac Yeadon in the area where the new parking lot is located. That stone was used in the construction of harbour buoys.

A lot of blasting took place when the new parking lot was recently constructed. A walk along the new trail will provide us with an opportunity to view traces of the Yeadon and Kline quarries and to walk the route of our ancestors.



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Mark your calendar

by Carolyn Mont

On March 14, I walked through my garden and saw one little crocus in bloom. That is the earliest I have ever seen this sign of spring and I was so encouraged that winter was almost over. At the very least, it was a sign of change.

Spring is an important season of change in churches as well. After all, Easter, the highlight of the Christian calendar, occurs in spring and is a time of rebirth with the Risen Christ. All churches follow the steps to the cross

through the season of Lent, then the crucifixion on Good Friday followed by the joy of Easter. At St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, we begin Easter Sunday with a Sunrise Service at the bandstand in Fleming Park, also known as the Dingle. Our new minister, Rev. Anne Hoganson, was happy to continue this tradition. (Easter this year occurred after The Chebucto News went to press, so I can't comment on it here.)

With that behind us, we look forward to new things in and around the

Church. Certainly, gardeners at our Community Garden are examining their plots, deciding what to plant and looking forward to the day when they can actually start digging and preparing the soil. The Community Garden is part of the Family Resources Institute (FRI) at St. Paul's.

We are looking forward to our dessert party, Divine Desserts, on Saturday, April 9th. There will be 2 sittings, one at 2:00 pm and one at 3:15 pm. All tickets, at \$10.00 each, must be purchased in advance. Carolyn Mont (902-477-0187), Marea Prowse (902-477-6300) and the church office (902-477-3937) have tickets.

Not all events are fundraisers. On Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm, the United Church Women (UCW) are hosting a presentation by Marcel Mason from Solid Waste Management. Mr. Mason is a very well informed, and very entertaining, presenter. You will get important up to date details on our city recycling program and will actually enjoy learning from him. You don't have to be a church member to attend. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Some of our regular Nordic Walkers have been asking when the group will begin regular walks. That will probably be in April, depending on the weather. Those who have been attending in the past will be notified about returning but there have been some inquiries about a beginners' session. If that interests you, call Kristen at 902-479-1015. This is a program sponsored by FRI. There is no

charge and poles will be provided, courtesy of the city Parks and Recreation department at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

On the last Saturday of the month, April 29th, St. Paul's will be having another of our famous church suppers. This will feature ham, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, tea/coffee and dessert for \$15.00 per person. Dinner will be from 4:30pm to 6:00 pm.

Camp Paul, a day camp for children between that age of 5 years and 12 years, operates during March Break and for 6 weeks in the summer. More information about this FRI run program, may be obtained by calling Kristen (902-479-1015).

A not to be missed summer event is the Garden Party; the only fund raiser that FRI sponsors. Because the Garden Party is meant to be a light supper, with sandwiches, sweet, tea and coffee, it runs from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in our garden. Mark your calendar as it will be on Tuesday, August 16th.

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TOP from left to right: Margaret Pegg, Niguair Rodriguez Gomez, Jeannine Moe
BOTTOM from left to right: Marian Stevenson, Pat Blaikie, Clare Parks, Ruth Collins Larson, Tanya Morrison

by G. H. Blaikie

Niguair Rodriguez Gomez was an energetic 10 year old in her native province of Cienfuegos Cuba, when she was

selected to attend the prestigious Santa Clara Ballet boarding school. She, along with a brother and sister, grew up in a musical family. Her father was a

well known Cuban band leader, so the children were constantly immersed in the rhythm and music of Cuba.

After five years at the ballet school, Niguair moved on to the National School for Instructors in the performing arts, located in Havana, where she received another five years of instruction to prepare her to go back to her community and a teaching career. As part of her contract she was obligated to provide two years of public service after graduation. Upon completion of her obligation, she became a member of Teatro Escambry, a music, dance and theater group, where she remained for 15 years as a performer and choreographer.

In the past 30 or so years there has developed a close relationship between musicians in Nova Scotia and musicians in Cuba. In 2005 the Cuban musical group Ekwe, led by Niguair's father, Orlando Rodriguez, was invited to perform in Nova Scotia. Niguair was part of the Ekwe group. The group made such a wonderful impression that they were invited to perform at Celtic Colours in Cape Breton in 2007.

In 2002 Niguair had met a Canadian businessman, Rich Morrow, who came to Cuba from Toronto for a Spanish Language Immersion course. Rich's father had been an engineer with Maritime Steel in New Glasgow, and as a young boy Rich had developed a love for Nova Scotia and the sea, nurtured by summers on the shore at Chance Harbour and his dad's contacts in the seafaring town of Lunenburg. With Ni-

guair's arrival in Nova Scotia in 2005, it was an opportunity to renew acquaintances that quickly turned to plans for marriage.

On June 4, 2009 Niguair and her daughter Flavia became permanent residents of Canada. After Niguair and Rich's wedding, the family lived for two years in Toronto, while plans were completed for the construction of a new home in Herring Cove on the site of the former Mrs. Clark property, located by the breakwater at the mouth of the Cove. The move was completed in November of 2012.

Upon her arrival, Niguair set about establishing a dance facility at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. Her concentration is in the popular dance-exercise form called Zumba, with her own unique Cuban twist. The classes are applicable to all ages, and body types, or for anyone who is interested in having fun while they exercise. With the Zumba routines a person burns around 500 calories per hour, making it one of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to get fit. With Zumba, you feel the music, and it helps build a sense of rhythm. In addition to classes in the HRM's recreation program at Chocolate Lake, Niguair has now expanded to St. Paul's Hall in Herring Cove on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 11.00 am, and a new time beginning March 22nd on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 – 9:00 pm. If you'd like to join in on the fun, you can drop in or contact Niguair at niguairsdance@yahoo.ca or visit her facebook site Niguair's Cuban Zumba.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Earl Kitchener Mitchell

Age 93 Spryfield, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 18th, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Port au Bras, Newfoundland, He was a son of the late Fred and Violet (Piercey) Mitchell.

Earl will lovingly be remembered and never forgotten by his son, Kenneth (Janet); grandchildren Jonathan, Jana, Shawn (Denine), Glen (Lenore), Jodie (Chris); great grandchildren Kevin, Marlee, Katelyn, Noah, Madison. He was predeceased by wife Mary; son Bert; brothers, Matt, Amos and Leonard.

Special thanks to Doctors and Staff of QEII, 8.2 for their kindness and care. Also the staff of Walkers funeral home for their kindness and support.

Donations in Earl's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Association.

Vincent R. Johns

91, Herring Cove, passed away peacefully on February 20, 2016 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, QEII. Born in Halifax, Vince was the son of the late Stella (Hartlen) and Frederick Johns. Vince worked in the Navy as a cook and, in later years, worked with Atlantic Wholesalers. He liked music and was a member of the Halifax Police Fife & Drum Band. Vince enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching hockey. He was known for a good game of cards

as well. Vince was a peaceful and kind soul and had a quiet sense of humour. He would go out of his way to help anyone, with many of his family, friends and neighbors on the receiving end.

Vince's greatest joy was being married to Celie for 62 years before she passed in 2013. He would do anything that would make her happy, including many trips to Newfoundland visiting Celie's family. Vince had a very loving manner and it was evident in the care he showed especially to his Mom and Celie.

Vince is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Lionel & Shirley Johns, Dartmouth and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Joyce & Hudson Cleveland.

Extreme thanks to Ann Anthony for her genuine love and care, as well as Home Instead Senior Care, the staff on 3 West Veteran's Memorial and all his friends and neighbors for all their care, prayers and help during Vince's journey and final hours. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society of NS, the Veteran's Memorial or a charity of your choice.

Edward M. deBoer

70, Spryfield. Edward has finally been reunited with his beloved wife, Linda. He passed away peacefully on February 24, 2016 at the QEII, surrounded by his

family.

Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Johannes deBoer and Vera Ingram and raised by Jim and Kay Trott, who were like parents to him. Ed enjoyed bingo and camping, but most of all spending time with his grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his children, Tanya and Eddy (Cara Lynn); grandchildren, Brandon, Robbie, Devin and Kensa; many in-laws and extended family. He was predeceased by wife, Linda.

Michael C. Salkin

Age 97, of Halifax, died February 25, 2016, at the Camp Hill Veterans' Memorial Building, Halifax. In 1918, he was born Nicholae Oanea in Lachine (Montreal), Quebec, a son of Romanian parents Gheorghe Oanea and Bariscova Dogari Gogan.

He served in the Second World War, initially as a carpenter in the No. 4 Platoon "A" Company of the Pictou Highlanders in 1941, and then in the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer (a shipwright) on the Canadian destroyer and convoy escort HMCS St. Francis. After the war, he worked as a master carpenter and helped to build many of the prefabricated houses in north-end Halifax. In 1946, Mike was employed with Canadian National Railways as a brakeman and retired in 1983. In the mid-to late 1960s, Mike was the leader of the 2nd Armdale Cub Pack and also served as Boy Scout District Commissioner for the Harbour West district. While employed with Canadian National Railways, Mike served as Treasurer for the United Transportation Union. He was a long-time member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Since the 1940s, he had been an avid motorcyclist and rode his 1947 Indian Chief into his 70s. He was also a life member of the Atlantic Vintage Motorcycle Society.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann Salkin-Marryatt, son-in-law Allan Marryatt, two grandsons, Michael and James Marryatt, Halifax; a granddaughter, Barbara Salkin, Halifax, and niece Mary (Jim) Tirone, Fonthill, Ontario. He was predeceased by his wife, Shirley, his son, Michael, and sister-in-law Margaret Christian; his step-father, Nichita Solcan "Charles" Salkin, half-brother, Zaharie "Harold" Salkin, brother Wallace Oanea, sister Mary Oanea Carter, sister Aurora "Laura" Oanea

Patterson, half-sister Gafitsa Solcan.

Many thanks to the staff at 5th Floor Garrison East, Veterans' Memorial Building, Camp Hill for their care and compassion. In accordance with Mike's wishes, there will be no viewing or service.

Joseph Charles Craig "Beav" MacDonald

Age 48 of Spryfield, passed away with his family by his side on February 27, 2016 at the V.G. Site QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Edward and Rose Marie (Mosher) MacDonald. Joe was a drywall taper for 30 years and often known as "Beav" on job sites for being busy as a beaver. He was a family man, the more people he could fit around the kitchen table with a few guitars and laughs, the happier he was. Joe was kind hearted and would do anything and everything for you, even if he didn't know you, even if you needed an honest opinion, he gave it, his loving, caring and stubborn personality will be greatly missed.

Joe leaves behind his four girls in his life, his world and everything of 35 years, his wife Tabitha; the beautiful blessing who made him a father, Chrystal; his baby girl Justine, and his prized possession, his granddaughter, his little piggy, McKenna; his baby boy he's wanted his whole life, grandson baby boy Smith (due July 2016); son-in-law, Russell Smith, who has gone above and beyond all expectations and is trusting to take care of his girls. He is also survived by siblings; Rose Greenwood (Dennis) and John (Joan), Halifax; Jack (Stephanie), Toronto; Crystal Little (Mark), Elmsdale; best friend of 40 years Patrick Evans; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Joe fought incredibly hard for very long and we would like to thank Dr. Ploudre for extending his fight for four years, Dr. Morzyck, Dr. Bowes, Suzanne, Glenna Thornhill, Dr. Dupare and the nurses of 7A Palliative Care and Loretta Pike of VON greater Halifax.

Cyril Purcell

Purcell, Cyril Nelson- Age 87, of Portuguese cove, passed away March 2, 2016 in the Windsor Elms Village, Falmouth, NS with his family at his side. Born in Portuguese Cove, he was a son of the late Ernest and Irene (Redmond) Purcell. Cyril was employed with Guilfords (See Obituaries on page 9)

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William Edward "Bill" "Hun" Mantley

Age 82, passed away March 3, 2016 at the QEII Halifax Infirmity Site. Born in Africville on November 18, 1933, Bill was the husband of Pauline (Lee) Mantley.

Bill worked for the Halifax School Board until he retired. He was famous for the cleanest van in Spryfield, where for a small fee, he would take you

anywhere you needed. Bill was always on the go and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone.

He is survived by his only son William "Boo" Mantley (Cathy); his "best buddy" grandson Diaz Mantley, and his many friends. Bill will be missed by everyone who knew him. Donations can be made to the heart and stroke foundation of Canada.

Joan Elizabeth Jennings

Jennings (O'Neill), Joan Elizabeth: 69, Spryfield, formerly of Saint John, NB, loving wife of the late Donald Jennings, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 5, 2016 following a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Born February 15, 1947, she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Miriam "Mim" (Johnson) O'Neill. Throughout her life, Joanie was a "girl Friday" to many employers, having worked at insurance companies and several retail stores. She met the love of her life, Donnie, at age 13, later marrying in 1969 and started a family. She was the epitome of a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Above everything, her family was the most important aspect of her life and Joanie will be remembered for always doing for others and always putting everyone ahead of herself. Her beautiful smile will never be forgotten by her son, Ryan (Brooke), Albuquerque, NM, her daughter, Erin (David), Halifax, NS, her only grandson, Connor, Albuquerque, NM, sisters, Carol

Johnson (Boyd), Miramichi, NB, and Kathy Stewart, Saint John, NB, brother Terry O'Neill, Saint John, NB, nephews, Liam, Sean, Robbie and Jamie, nieces, Kate, Robyn and Taryn, David and Janice Jennings and their family, who were very special to Joanie, along with numerous cousins, friends, and former coworkers. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 35 years, Don, her father, Fred, and her mother and best friend, Mim, and her ever faithful companion and fur baby, Maggie. A special thank you to all moms' precious caregivers for all the love and compassion shown to mom over the years in their care.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Alzheimer's Society.

Memories of Joan and words of comfort may be sent to www.walkerfh.com

Jeffery "Jeff" Thomas Delaney

42, Spryfield, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at home. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Milton Thomas Ford and the late Joan Mary (Worth) Delaney. Jeff was a land surveyor, working several years in the US, Alberta, Nova Scotia and Labrador. He is survived by his daughter, Katelyn; son, Tyler and his partner, Lauri Jennings; brother, Mark. Donations in Jeff's memory may be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association or charity of one's choice.

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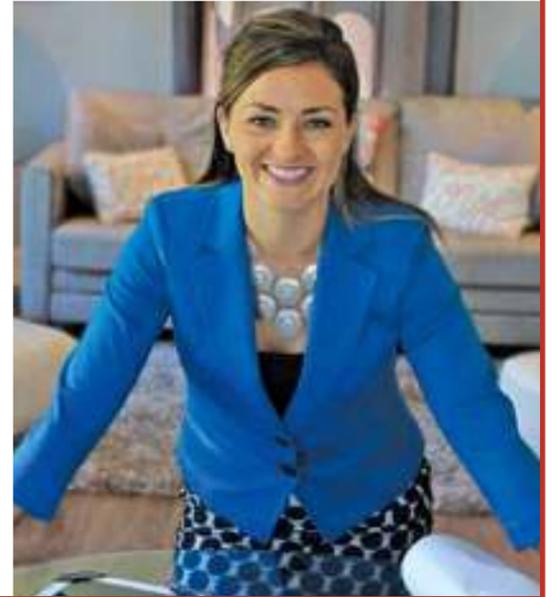
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Local Business Updates

Spryfield Mall New Tenant – Renovations for a new tenant are currently underway in part of the space formerly occupied by Rogers Video. Herring Cove Pizza will be open for business early this spring. Also watch next month for the announcement of another new tenant in the mall.

The Spryfield and District Business Commission in cooperation with The Halifax Partnership & the City of Halifax is hosting a half day forum on April 14th on *Reforming The Development Process in The City of Halifax*. Please see their ad in this paper for further details.

A Public Information Meeting was held on March 23 at the

Captain William Spry Centre on a proposed Development Agreement amendment for the Gem Healthcare property at 15 Shoreham Lane. Gem is seeking to have the current agreement amended to allow 6,000 square feet of space that was formerly part of the Lawtons drug store to be used as a family restaurant. If the proposal gets approval from Community Council it is possible that renovations could get started this fall.

Do you have news of businesses that are new in our area, or business expansions or renovations that you think the community should know about? Drop an e-mail to [dan@dandoherty.ca](mailto:dandoherty.ca) so that we can keep the community informed.



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Unique Lawn & Garden Statues ready for another season

by Lorrie Boylan

Unique Lawn & Garden Statues in Sambro Creek is opening its 2016 season on April 1st with an even larger selection of concrete pieces, as well as ponds, solar lights and other garden décor.

Their offerings include concrete fountains, planters, tiki solar light holders, various styles of birdbaths, chess and checker tables, benches, dog water dishes, and statues including cherubs and angels, Easter Island heads, animals, mystical creatures, totem poles, religious figures and so much more!

Each item is unique; hand stained with precision and care. Paint is not suitable for our climate but they discovered a concrete stain which is much more durable.

Debbie and Tony Beare opened the business four years ago after Tony suffered some medical issues and had to leave his career as a nurse and give up his diving business. They wanted gargoyles for their garden but weren't able to find what they were looking for, so opted to buy a mold and make their own. Two of their original four gargoyles still sit at the end of their driveway. People would stop to take pictures of the gargoyles and come to the door and ask about them, so friends urged them to make more. As Tony's health began to improve, they decided to try to build a family business.

Since then they have slowly built up their collection of molds. Some have been purchased from companies going out of business, some from overseas



manufacturers, and Tony creates some of them himself. Depending on the size of the mold, they can take up to 4 months to make.

Tony created the website himself and this summer will be uploading new photos and descriptions. Debbie does the bookkeeping. Tony Jr. has come on board this year to learn the business from the ground up and they have hired some local people to help. They have expanded their display area and put up a new building.

During the summer months they estimate they lift about 5,000 pounds a day as they lift concrete, gravel, sand and full molds.

Custom pieces can incorporate

cremated remains into memorial pieces such as urns or a memorial bench with a picture.

They have even done some repair work on older concrete pieces for clients.

Unique Lawn & Garden have garnered the attention of customers all over North America. They sent 10 lighthouses to Yellowknife, and have sold props to movie companies both here and in the States. While the reasonable cost of their items is attractive, the shipping costs to the U.S. are astronomical. The two Dobermans they sent to Hollywood cost \$2,800 each just to ship them.

The company is donating a concrete Lighthouse to Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") to raffle off dur-

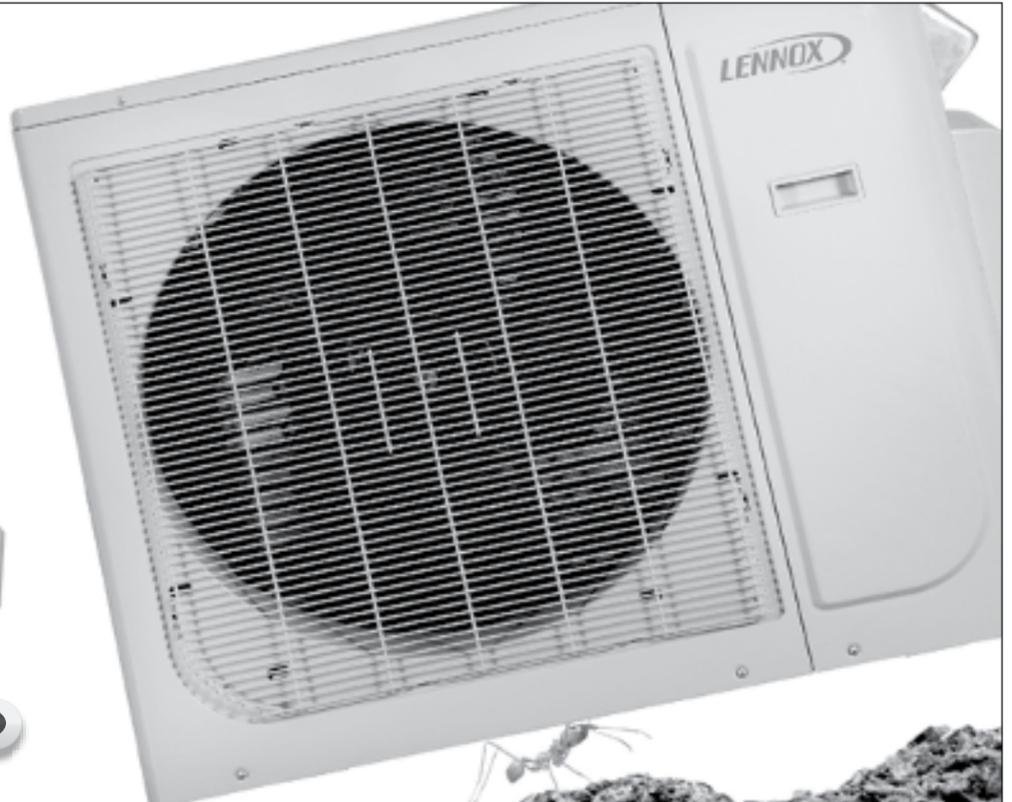
ing the 2016 Sou'Wester Days festival, which is scheduled for August 5-7 this year. They are already planning their entry for the community parade on the morning of August 6th.

To check out their ever-changing selection, visit them at 316 Sambro Creek Road Wednesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from April to October or reach them at 902-346-2020. They can also be found on Facebook at Unique Lawn Garden Statues or their website at www.uniquelawngardenstatues.bravesites.com.

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

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Reg Horner Memorial **Chebucto News** Sports Page

1st Annual Dave Hart Memorial Tournament a big success



by Benny DeVine

Dave Hart was a young man from Sambro who passed away far too young.

Dave passed on April 12, 2015 and 11 months later his friends, family and co-workers all gathered at the Spryfield Rink where Dave grew up playing Minor Hockey for the Chebucto Atlantics and then for the J.L. Ilsley Judges. He wore #12 every season for Chebucto and when he went to High School he changed his number to 78.

Dave had a lifelong dream of being a Fire Fighter. He was a Volunteer Fire Fighter and he looked forward to every shift as he really liked helping people that were in trouble. After coming really close to being a Halifax Fire Fighter Dave took a job as a Metal Fabricator at the Irving Shipyard.

Dave was very well liked and respected at the Irving Shipyard. It was Irving's idea to have the Hockey Tournament in Dave's memory. When Dave's Father Donny was asked about

the tournament he wasn't sure at first but after talking with the family they decided it was a great idea because of Dave's love for hockey. It was decided that the Tournament would be held where the Hart family spent a lot of time over the years: the Spryfield Rink. Brandon Hart – Dave's Brother said "the tournament is what we should have done for Dave's funeral service. This is a true way the celebrate Dave's life."

There were 5 teams in the tournament. Four teams from the Shipyard and the Sambro Colt 45's. The 45's are a team that was made after Dave, Brandon and their friends' minor hockey careers were over. Dave's Sister Kady Myers dropped the puck for the opening ceremonies with Donny Hart and lifelong friend Matt Fleming taking the face off. There were lots of great hockey games played and, in the spirit of how Dave played hockey, the play was hard but clean; there wasn't one incident of bad blood between the players.

The final game was back and forth and after regulation the game was tied at 3. A 3 on 3 over time didn't produce a goal so the game would be decided in a shootout where the Sambro Colt 45's came out on top.

The Hart family would like to thank everyone that made the tournament possible. Ryan LaPointe, Irving, Unifor, Uncle Bucks, Bluenose Seafood, the Lions Rink, other sponsors and the many volunteers. A special thanks to the Lobster Fishermen of Sambro who donated Lobster for a Lobster draw. Between the Lobster draw and a 50/50 draw, \$3200 was raised and the money was donated to Chebucto Minor Hockey in the name of Dave Hart. The Hart family requested that the funds raised be used so kids who might not be able to afford to play hockey get a chance to play the game Dave loved so much.



Dave Hart



Chebucto wins the Jon Sim 3-on-3 during the March Break Tournament

Numa Cup 2016

On April 30th 2016, Nova United Martial Arts will be hosting its 4th annual Numa cup Judo tournament at the Spryfield Lions rink. This Annual tournament brings in over 300 competitors from ages 5 and above with participants coming from all over Canada and

St Pierre et Miquelon. NUMA will have a strong presence with over 50 competitors from Spryfield and the surrounding area. This will be a great event. There is no admission charge and we encourage everyone to come cheer for our Spryfield judo competitors.

First goals scored!

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Josh Little

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Public Meeting Armdale Rotary/Emera Oval update

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

Over the past several years traffic queues have been increasing from Purcell's Cove Road and Herring Cove Road entering the Armdale Rotary. Years ago we converted the rotary to a roundabout and it now follows roundabout rules. This conversion reduced the likelihood of gridlock, and ensured larger volumes of traffic could travel through the circle. Some physical changes were made to the arterials to reduce the speeds of traffic entering the circle. There were no changes made to the Purcell's Cove/Herring Cove merge or the Herring Cove Road leg entering the circle. Since that time there has been significant growth, particularly in Spryfield and surrounding areas. The additional traffic volumes are causing unacceptable delays. Due to the road configurations we cannot make express lanes or changes to allow public transportation to have a priority. As a result, our buses are stuck in the traffic as well.

Based on these issues, I requested that our transportation planning department assess potential changes to alleviate the backups at the Herring Cove/Purcell's Cove merge as well as look at other options for the circle itself and/or arterials leading into the circle. Funding was approved in last year's budget and two consultants were retained to evaluate these issues. One involved a functional review of the Herring Cove Road approach to the roundabout. The other was assessing the Purcell's Cove Road/Herring Cove Road merge. In addition, capital funds were approved in the recent budget in order to make any recommended changes.

Residents who travel this area know the issues well and we would like to have your input into some proposed changes. I requested a public meeting and HRM will be holding an open house and presentation session. It is an opportunity for residents and municipal staff to exchange ideas regarding the management of traffic approaching the Armdale Rotary from Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road. Preliminary work has been completed on two small scale roadway modifications and drawings of these will be on display. Residents can comment on these proposed changes or on other issues regarding the management of traffic in the area. This meeting will take place at the Captain William Spry Centre – Community Multi-purpose Room on Wednesday, April 18, 2016. The open house starts at 5:00pm; there will be a brief staff presentation at 6:30 then a question and answer session. Meeting closes at 8:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to provide feedback, please feel to contact me at linda.mosher@halifax.ca Or Councillor Stephen Adams at adamss@halifax.ca. We

will provide all correspondence to our staff for evaluation.

On a different note due to the rapid weather changes, it was impossible to keep a quality skating surface at the Emera Oval and as a result the season ended early. Over 120,000 people used the oval during the 2015/2016 winter skating season. Our Parks & Recreation staff are keen to keep the

facility open for other activities. During the March Break they changed the surface for inline skating. We have free inline skates and other equipment that can be borrowed and there are a variety of child and adult size options. A valid government issued I.D. is required to sign out equipment. As per provincial regulations, all users, whether it be inline skates, bikes, scooters, etc. are re-

quired to wear a helmet. HRM will continue to provide free lessons and we have begun the official preparations for the summer skating season later this year. Residents are advised to stay tuned to www.halifax.ca/skatehrm and @SkateHRM on Twitter over the next few days for more details on inline skating schedules.

Lower tax rates offset higher assessments

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Welcome Spring!

Although grateful for a milder winter this year than the one we experienced in 2015, I am sure everyone is pleased to welcome spring! With spring comes the end of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next. I am pleased to advise that by direction of Regional Council, the operating and project budgets for 2016-17 include improved municipal services while maintaining the same average property taxes for both residential and commercial taxpayers.

The average residential tax bill (\$1,835) and commercial tax bills (\$40,800) will remain the same as in 2015-16. This will be achieved through a reduction in the tax rates that offset the assessment increases. Over the last five years, concerted effort has been devoted to service efficiencies which have reduced the pressure to raise taxes.

Council passed a \$198m capital budget with a particular focus on the maintenance of existing assets and public infrastructure, in keeping with best practices in public finance. Notable projects include an increased focus on road and street maintenance.

Overall, the Halifax region is in a healthy financial position given Council's commitment to expenditure and debt management, while paying attention to growth strategies to enable long-term prosperity and sustainability.

Capital Projects for 2016-17

Now that the Capital Budget has been passed, I am pleased to announce that the following capital work will be done in our area this season:

Aldergrove Drive – Chip Sealing
 Charlton Avenue – Chip Sealing
 Dentith Road (W - SL) – Sidewalk Renewal
 Hayes Street – from Charlton Avenue to the end – Chip Sealing
 Herring Cove Road – from Sarah to Hebridean – Recapitalization
 Leiblin Drive (S) – from Rockingstone to Elmdale – Sidewalk Renewal
 Old Sambro Road – MacIntosh Run to Rockingstone – Microsurfacing
 Old Sambro Road – MacIntosh Run to Sus-

sex – Planner Patching
 Rockingstone Road (S) – Old Sambro Road to Ardwell – Thin Overlay
 Whalen Avenue - Herring Cove to the end – Chip Sealing

Armdale Roundabout – Herring Cove Road / Purcell's Cove Road

On April 18th at the Captain William Spry Centre from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, HRM will be holding an open house and presentation session for residents and municipal staff to exchange ideas regarding the management of traffic approaching the Armdale Roundabout from Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road.

Preliminary work has been completed on two small-scale roadway modifications and drawings of these will be on display. Residents will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes or on other issues regarding the management of traffic in the area.

Hope to see you there!

Development – Case 20120 Parkmoor and Charleton

You may have noticed some activity at the end of Parkmoor Avenue and Charlton Avenue off Herring Cove Road. This is due to the request by WSP Canada Inc. to rezone lands of F. H. Construction Limited from R-1 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone to R-2 (Two-Family Dwelling) Zone. The applicant has indicated that a mix of single unit and two unit dwellings will be proposed, yielding approximately 150 two-unit dwellings (300 units).

The area is designated LDR (Low Density Residential) under the Municipal Planning Strategy for Halifax (MPS), and are zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential). The property is currently vacant, and there is a watercourse and wetland on the property.

For more information, please view the concept plan online at: <http://www.halifax.ca/planning/applications/case20120details.php> or call 902.490.6704 to speak with Erin MacIntyre, Planner 1, Planning Applications.

Snow Removal - Property Damage

With the snow season moving behind us, we

turn to yard maintenance and garden preparation. As you commence spring clean-up of your properties, some of you may have noticed damage caused by snow clearing equipment. If you have damage to your lawns, walkways, and/or driveways caused by municipal Snow Removal equipment, please report the damage by calling 3-1-1 or by filling out an online customer service form at: <https://apps.halifax.ca/311>

Unless there is an immediate safety concern, most damage will be repaired in the spring, when the weather improves.

Pet Waste

I continue to receive phone calls and Facebook messages regarding noticeable amounts of uncollected pet waste. The issue is especially prevalent given that there is no longer a snow cover. By-law A-300 Respecting Animals and Responsible Pet Ownership, requires that you clean up after your pet. Picking up your pet's waste shows you care about your pets, your neighbours and your environment. Please be respectful of your neighbours and pick up after your pet. It only takes a minute.

Halifax Transit Moving Forward Together Plan

By the time you read this article, the Halifax Transit Moving Forward Together Plan will have already been brought to the Transportation Standing Committee for discussion and their input. The proposal brought forward by our staff is recommending that the Sambro bus (Route #402) be cancelled and that the Purcell's Cove bus (Route #15) be modified to extend to York Redoubt at peak hours only. The staff recommendation also proposes that this bus proceed through Governors Brook via Williams Lake Road / Herring Cove Road and Pinegrove Drive / Theakson Avenue.

The following link will take you to the staff report that was before the Transportation Standing Committee on March 24th and includes maps of the proposed new routing outlined in Appendix A found on page 104: <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/sctransp/documents/160324tsc1213.pdf>.

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Real change—by the numbers

by Andy Fillmore, MP for Halifax

With our new federal government's first budget now tabled, I thought it would be a good time to take stock of some of our work over the last five months. Let's look at the numbers.

25, 000 Syrian refugees.

Since taking office, our government has resettled 25, 000 Syrian refugees safely inside Canada.

I had the deeply moving opportunity to greet Halifax's first Syrian refugee family at the airport in December. I was proud not only of our government for putting compassion into action, but also of our community. The airport was dotted with welcoming signs and Haligonians with open arms, taking this new family into our community.

The fact is, Canada's diversity is Canada's strength. And refugees' entry into our country enriches the Canadian experience—where multiculturalism is prized, where compassion and tolerance is promoted, and where newcomers become our neighbours.

The Canadian identity is built on a long history of immigration, and now these new Canadians will become an important part of that identity, our nation, and its history.

While we're here, another number: 300. That's the amount by which federal Immigration Minister John McCallum agreed to raise the cap on immigrants entering Nova Scotia through the provincial nominee program this year. In the words of the Minister, "you'd have to be an idiot" not to hear Nova Scotia's call for more immigrants. The total cap for 2016 is now 1350.

1 million dollars

That's the amount in funding Neptune Theatre received this month from the government, including \$945 000 from our federal government, and \$100 000 from the province.

The Minister of Canadian Heritage, Melanie Joly, was in Halifax to make the funding announcement through the Canadian Cultural Spaces fund. The \$1 million investment will go towards technical upgrades, seating, and a new outdoor sign.

This investment demonstrates our federal government's commitment to the arts sector, and our recognition that an innovative economy is a strong economy. Neptune Theatre, for instance, employs 400 people and contributes more than \$7 million to our local economy each year.

Our federal government has also launched "Innovation 150" with a \$6 million dollar investment. The money will fund a travelling exhibition that will highlight Canadian thinkers, science, and innovation. It will travel to more than 80 communities across the nation.

During Minister Joly's visit, she also announced \$2.4 million for francophone community organizations across the Maritimes.

As you can see, investing in arts and culture, and honouring our Canadian heritage, is a key priority of this government, and we will continue to support our heritage, arts and creative sectors.

2016

This one's obvious—the year. But more than that, it's the year our nation begins its transition to a low-carbon economy.

Our government understands that growing the economy and protecting the environment go hand-in-hand. But for a smooth transition into a low-carbon economy, we must retool our economy for this change. It will require action from businesses, multiple levels of government, and investors, all working together.

For its part, our federal government is committed to supporting our partners to support this transition. In Vancouver this March, the Prime Minister made two funding announcements which demonstrate just that. First, we invested \$75 million for

the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to help local governments reduce emissions and build climate resiliency. The federal government's funding of FCM has also allowed Halifax to continue its Solar City project -- allowing more residents in Halifax to install solar panels on their homes. Second, we invested \$50 million to improve resilience in building and infrastructure codes nationwide.

Halifax received a specific investment from the federal government as well. Local clean-tech company DMF Medical Inc. received \$687 000 -- they're reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the emissions of anesthetic vapour in hospitals.

These investments from the federal government will help us reach our climate change goals and ensure long-term stability for the Canadian economy, and Canadian communities.

One last number: 902 426 8691. You guessed it—that's mine. Please be in touch any time.

The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

As part of the national initiative to settle Syrian refugees, we have welcomed more than a thousand newcomers to the Province. We continue to work with all partners in the resettlement process. I am proud of all Nova Scotians who have embraced this opportunity to support and welcome our newcomers. With this in mind, I organized an MLA Writing Contest for the elementary schools in Armdale: John W. MacLeod – Fleming Tower, Springvale, and Chebucto Heights. I asked students in grades 4-6 to write about what advice they would give newcomers to help them better connect to their new community and how in turn the students and their friends can be welcoming. Essays will be submitted later this month. This initiative was designed to support literacy, diversity appreciation and a welcoming community spirit. Recently, Sunday school students at Bethany United church organized a toy drive for newcomer Syrian children. I thank these students together with teacher Louisa Duck for their commitment to welcoming newcomers and making a difference in the community.

I am pleased that we were able to successfully negotiate with Federal Immigration 1350 nominations for our Provincial Nominee Program in 2016 and we also agreed to keep working together to increase the number of immigrants coming to our province. We will continue to ask Ottawa for greater flexibility and control over our provincial program. We are focused on retention and continue to advance an action-oriented approach with the aim to maximize all immigration pathways. Working with all our partners is critical.

Last month, I participated in a number of announcements made by Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly. Halifax was picked as 1 of 4 regional sites for Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. The launch of the Canada 150 Vision took place at the Discovery Centre where two projects focusing on youth and retention were highlighted. Halifax's Discovery Centre will receive \$6 million to support youth and innovation.

Premier Stephen McNeil with Minister Joly announced more than a million dollars in funding to Neptune Theatre. Neptune plays an important role in our cultural industry and contributes more than seven

million dollars and more than 400 jobs to the economy each year. The Theatre will begin this spring with renovations to expand operations and performance spaces.

Things are looking good for the Nova Scotia seafood sector. Exports grew by 33% last year! An estimated 10,000 people work in the industry. Revenue from processed seafood in 2015 was \$917 million. Last month I was pleased to visit Bluenose Seafood in Sambro to discuss opportunities and strategies with the management team.

Thank you for your continued support. Contact me by phone, email and follow me on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with my latest activities and community/provincial news.

Trails to open on Earth Day, April 22

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

After a mild winter, Spring is finally here!

I want to start this month's article by thanking all of the Department of Transportation employees for a fantastic job this winter. They do not get a lot of credit for the long hours they put in during the winter to keep the roads clear and all of us safe. I would like to thank each and every one of them. Here is to no more snow this season!

Speaking of roads, I want to let the people on White Head Road and Fraser Road know that their roads will be receiving some much overdue maintenance this paving season: potholes begone!

Thank you to CBC Information Morning host Louise Renault and the CBC Do Crew for letting me be a part of their group this month; we showed up, mops in hand, to scrub the Spryfield YWCA top to bottom. I am looking forward to working with the Do Crew in the future, helping organizations in different communities.

My March Break Free Family Swim and Beach Party at the Captain William Spry Centre March 14th was a huge success. The pool was packed with people of all ages, and laughter from the children filled the room. Oliver and I enjoyed meeting all of you, and I hope you all had fun. I am looking forward to throwing more free community events in the coming months, so keep an eye on my Facebook page and Chebucto news articles!

This past month I took Minister of Fisheries Keith Colwell and Minister of Municipal Affairs Zach Churchill for a tour of our community to hear local success stories. Thanks to Ian Dempsey, Elliot Givner and Donnie Hart from Sambro Fisheries for taking the time to meet with us. The meeting was educational, and it was important for them to see first-hand the success of the Sambro Fisheries. After that we dropped in at the Chebucto Family Resource Centre for a chat with Executive Director Tammy Turple. Tammy described to the Ministers the important work the Centre does for our community through their programs; thank you Tammy for your time. The tour of the riding ended with a delicious coffee and sandwich from Pavia in Herring Cove. I can now say both Ministers are fans and are excited for Pavia to open their new location at the Nova Scotia Art Gallery (conveniently close to the Legislature!)

I am very excited to announce that the new Long Lake Provincial Park trails will be officially opening this coming Earth Day, April 22nd! The five kilometres of trails with an accompanying parking lot is a welcome addition to our community

and, quite frankly, long overdue. This was a campaign promise of mine two and a half years ago, but I cannot take full credit for this project. The reality is that it was a group effort. The Long Lake Provincial Park Association has been the backbone of this project; the Departments of Environment, Transportation and Natural Resources have all chipped in to help move this project along; and last, but not least, Polycorp owner Peter Polley and Atlantic Development owner David Graham funded the project through donated labour and material: this would not have been possible without you. So, as you can see, this was a huge project involving many different people, and I am proud we were able to make this happen for our community.

I will be heading back to the Nova Scotia Legislature April 14th. Being in the Legislature is a real honour, but takes up a lot of time, especially because of my duties as Government Whip. So, in the coming months, I may not be able to meet with you as quickly as I have in the past. However, my constituency assistant Kelly will be working regular hours, 9am – 5pm, and will be available for any inquiries you may have.

Lastly, we hear a lot about Nova Scotia's declining population in the media. Well, my wife Rena and I have decided to make it our personal mission to reverse that trend. That is why I am proud to announce that we are expecting our third child. You may be wondering why we dislike sleep so much, but I assure you with one year-old Rufina and three year-old Oliver, we haven't had a full night's sleep in a long time. All jokes aside, we are extremely excited to add another little one to our family!

Please contact me anytime:

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Adams

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I welcome your comments with regard to the proposed new routing of Route #15 – proposed Route #25 on the map shown below or at this link: <http://shapeyourcity-halifax.ca/moving-forward/documents>.

Contact

Please contact our HRM Citizen Contact Centre at 3-1-1 if you have a municipal issue that needs to be addressed. This is the most expedient method through which to have your issue recorded in our system and forwarded to the appropriate staff for action. You will be given a reference number which can be used to follow the progress of that particular issue. If you wish to speak to me concerning municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca.



Something to say?
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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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

APRIL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield (11 Alder-grove Road) Events:

- Upcoming Day Camps: Limited Spots still Available! 7:30am to 5:30pm. \$25 per member per camp
 - April 1st - Calling All Green Thumbs! Planting and prepping for summer gardening
 - April 14th – Carnival! Carnival games galore and prizes to be won!
 - May 13th - Creepy Crawlers! Do you like creepy crawlers? Grossology on tap!
 - June 28th - Summer Smash! School's out for summer, let's have some fun! Celebrate the beginning of summer at the Club!
- Summer Camp 2016 - a good place to be!
 - 9 weeks of summer fun to choose from!
- Summer Day Camps - Grades P-6. Registration opens Wednesday, April 20th. 6PM-8PM current members* and 7PM-8PM general public *to be considered a current active member, child must have registered any participated in a program prior to March Break 2016

Contact Samantha at samantha.snow@bgcgh.ca or call 902-477-9840 for more details on registration.

- Race for Kids - Grow-ups play, kids win! BGCS Fundraiser!! Venue: Dartmouth Crossing (Pond Side Park) Date: Saturday, June 11th 2016 Registration Opens: 8:30 a.m. OR anytime online Start Time: 10:00 a.m sharp! Cost: \$10/participant registration fee (waived); \$360 fundraising minimum per team. Top Fundraiser automatically wins two West Jet Tickets to fly anywhere that West Jet Flies! (Some rules and regulations apply). Web Site: <https://bgccan.akaraisin.com/Common/Event/Home.aspx?seid=11658&mid=8>

Captain William Spry Library Events:

- Friday, April 29th: 2:30pm. A women's self-defense seminar
- Friday, April 22nd: 2:30pm. DIY Heathy Candy Workshop
- Saturday, April 2nd: 1:30pm. Community Market Launch (see their article in this paper)
- Sunday, April 10th: 3pm. Atlantic Master Gardeners Series: Starting Your Garden Early: Growing Transplants and Garden Planning with Jim Sharpe
- Wednesday, April 13th: 6pm Caring for Your Children's Teeth with Dr. Asraa El-Darahali B.Sc., D.D.S.

Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd) Events:

- Personal Wellness Profile: Have your cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, body fat and waist circumference measured. April 9th and April 20th. 8:30am-11:30am.
- Living with Stress: Skills for Life- 4 Week Program. April 4th through 25th. 9:30am 9 11am.
- Is it Just Me? Why is Change so Hard? April 21st 11am to noon
- **CALL 902-460-4556 to register or go online at CommunityHealthTeams.ca**
- **PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Clayton Park, Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 487-0690, go to www.communityhealthteams.ca or drop-in to register.**

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

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm. Doors open at 12pm
- April 11th: 12:30pm to 4pm. Seniors Dance. Music by Chain and Anchor Band. \$4 per per-

son. Light lunch served. All Seniors Welcome

- April 18th and 25th: 7pm. Washer Toss \$5 entry fee. Everyone welcome. Prize money determined by number of entries.

- April 29th. 9pm to 1am. Karaoke with Cheryl and Star. \$5 per person

Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) Call Wed. Pick up Thurs between 9:30am and 10am. 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:**
 - Continental Breakfast at Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) from 9:30am to 11am.
 - Mobile Soup Kitchen 7pm Bread of Life Ministries (McIntosh St. & 500 Block of Herring cove Rd)
- **Tuesdays:**
 - Continental Breakfast at Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) from 9:30am to 11am.
 - Soup's On Program 12pm to 1:30pm at St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro 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.
- **Thursdays:**
 - Hot Breakfast 8:30am to 9:30am Salvation Army- Spryfield Family Resource Centre (328 Herring Cove Rd)
- **Fridays:**
 - Continental Breakfast 9:30am to 11am. Salvation Army- Spryfield Family Resource Centre (328 Herring Cove Rd)

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

- Every Sunday evening from 7pm to 9:30pm. Music Jam Sessions. Free admission. Just bring your instrument. For more info check out the Facebook Page hwccjamsessions
- April 21st: 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Preteen Dance. Grades 3 to 6. \$3 per student. Adult supervision. Funds raised will support the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)

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

- April 11th: 7pm. Monthly meeting at the Spry Centre. All welcome to attend.
- May 14th: Seedy Saturday Sale! Keep watching for more details in the May issue!

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

- Thursday nights from 7pm until 9pm. Singers Wanted! We are 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 are no auditions. For more info please call Steve Trusoni at 902-477-2664

Spryfield Lions Club (25 Drysdale Avenue) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec centre. Come have fun, make friends and support a great organization.
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Lions Club Meet. Upstairs in the Lions' Den. Please consider becoming a Lion! The Pride

always needs new members to keep it strong in service!

YMCA Events:

- Elderobics-Forever Fit classes. No registration necessary. \$4/per class plus annual fee of \$10.
 - Emmanuel Church Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 11am.
 - Captain William Spry Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 10am

Young at Heart Club (212 Herring Cove Rd):

- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.
- April 6th: 11:30am to 1:30pm. Luncheon. \$5 per person. Cold plate, rolls, apple crisp, coffee and tea. For more information, call 902-477-7192
- April 8th: 7pm to 9:30pm. Bingo
- April 24th: 2pm. Ecumenical service

Emmanuel Church Hall Events (322 Herring Cove Road) Events:

- April 9th: 8pm to 12am. Dance. \$7 per person. Music by Bay City Band. Light lunch at intermission
- April 23rd: 2pm to 4pm. Afternoon Tea at "Spryton Abbey". \$10 per person. Call Liz at 902-477-7992. Music & Sing-along with the cast of "Spryton Abbey". Ladies are required to wear hats, please.

St. Augustine's Anglican Church (290 Purcell's Cove Road) Events:

- May 6th: 8pm to 9:30pm. Art Show and Sale with Wine and Cheese. Cash and cheques only. Tickets \$12. Doors open at 7:30pm

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

- April 29th, 30th, May 1st, 6th, and 7th: Dinner Theatre. This year's production is "Sambro Goes Footloose," featuring music from the 80's. Tickets are sold online with a credit card with the following link. <http://sambrodinnertheatre2016.eventbrite.ca>. Please call 902-868-2791 for more information.

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

- April 15th and 29th: 7pm to 9:30 pm. Bingo

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

- 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 in the Harrietsfield/Williamswood area who fill water jugs at our outside tap, please note the following change: Now that the weather is getting colder, we have to turn off the outside tap. Water is now available inside from Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 3pm. Please email weneedsafewater@gmail.com with questions or to arrange an alternate pick up time.

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Drive) Events:

- Church services Sunday 11-12 am
- Bible Studies Monday 7 -8:30 pm.
- Oromo Gospel Church: Sunday worship service: 3 pm. Tuesday prayer: 10 am.
- Chimo Taekwondo Club Training: Monday and Thursday @ 6:30, Saturday @10:30 am
- 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 Contact: Judy @ 902-479-0772

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.
- **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 Brad McCallum for more info at 902-401-1223 or visit www.scouts.ca.
- **Fifth Wind Quintet to Play in Jollimore** April 9th at 10.30am - "The Big Bad Wolves" story-telling concert for children and adults at 85 Boscobel Road by ticket in advance from www.InnerSpaceConcerts.ca. April 16th at 2 .00pm - "Musical Meet & Greet" concert at Parkhill United Church, 5 Kirk Road by donation towards Out of the Cold (outofthecoldhalifax.org).
- **Rene Quigley Annual Business Bowling Challenge** will be held on Sunday May 1, 2016 at the South Centre Bowlarama. The involvement of your employees, the networking and the friendly competitions with one another will be our success in building a stronger community while supporting an amazing organization that supports our local children/youth at the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield (www.bgcspiryfield.ca). Please contact Wallace Thompson at 902-446-9706 or 902-471-0712 for more information or to register your team!
- **Nova Scotia's Second Chances Community Band's** third annual Halifax Community Band Festival. This festival is for band musicians of all levels. It all begins at 6:00pm on Friday, June 3, 2016, and cumulates with a public concert starting a 2:30pm on Sunday, June 5th. All events are being held at Mount Saint Vincent University. For more information about the Second Chances Band and to register for the festival, visit us at: www.secondchancesband-ns.com. You can also find us on facebook at: www.facebook.com/secondchancesbandns and on Twitter at: @secondchancesNS
- **MacIntosh Run Watershed Association** is hosting its annual general meeting on April 19th at 7pm in the Captain Spry Community Centre.
- **Harrietsfield Elementary School:** Vessey Seed orders are due by April 25th. For more information or to place an order, please contact the school office at 902-479-4230
- **Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents:** For those of you in the Harrietsfield/Williamswood area who fill water jugs at the St. Paul's United Church outside tap, please note the following change: Now that the weather is getting colder, we have to turn off the outside tap. Water is now available inside from Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 3pm. Please email weneedsafewater@gmail.com with questions or to arrange an alternate pick up time.

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



WHY PAY RENT?



716 Herring Cove Rd. \$149,900

Why pay rent? This 2 bedroom bungalow is a great starter home for a young couple or a retirement home for someone looking to downsize with one level living. This cozy home has an eat in kitchen, living room, bathroom and two bedrooms on the main floor and a good sized rec room in the full height basement. Located directly on a bus route you are just minutes to all amenities. Call David Sampson now to view this home 902-483-8761.

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