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Local resident describes her biggest volunteer project to date as a dream come true



Team arrives at the Ortlip Centre, a Wesleyen Missionary Guest House. From back to front: Eileen McKay-Saturnino, Shannon Fear, Robin Churchill, Karyn Hammond, Deepak Prasad, Dianne Stairs, Melanie Geoffrion, Shirley Pothier and Susan O'Handley. Missing from photo: Dr. Val Lewis

Karyn Hammond, along with 10 coworkers from the RCMP and a doctor friend, recently embarked on a seven-day mission to Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. The main reason for the mission was to fund the completion of a school on the island of La Gonave. Each of the volunteers paid their own way in addition to raising \$20,000 for the completion of the school. The next seven days proved to be what Hammond describes as "life changing."

They arrived in Port Au Prince and travelled to the Ortlip Centre, a Wesleyan Ministry via the back of a truck that was similar to a chicken truck. The two-hour bumpy ride was just the beginning. The team settled in nicely with a delicious traditional Haitian meal of beans, rice, beef and pickliz.

The following day was much anticipated. They travelled to La Gonave on a sailboat named Wesleyanna. The team spent the next three days on a Wesleyan compound run by the WISH foundation. Here they met other teams from Halifax and Texas working on other projects. They packed their schedules full of visits to some of these projects, such as hospitals, schools and a reverse osmosis clean water treatment plant for a local Community. They visited the Wesleyan Dentistry, a local ice plant and the only hospital on the island of 120,000.

On Thursday, the team made the 3.5 hour journey up the mountain on extremely rough terrain in the back of two pickup trucks to spend the day at the site of the school and visit with teach-

ers and students. It was a day of pure joy for everyone. They were welcomed by smiling children everywhere. They spent the day playing soccer, pat-acake, skipping and Frisbee with the children. A homemade lunch was served as the children sang a Haitian song in appreciation from the small, crammed, one-room schoolhouse.

The next few days were spent visiting the Apparent Project. The team attended a Wesleyan Sunday church service and they spent some time at the Children's Village, an orphanage that houses and schools about 80 children, but hopes to expand with the help of sponsors.

The trip back to the mainland on rough seas and high winds was difficult. A local Haitian who was on board bailed water with a large bucket, but the water quickly splashed back in. Everyone was drenched.

The second to last day proved to be not only the second most anticipated day of the journey, but, by far, the most

emotional. The team travelled from Port Au Prince to Carrefour to visit the Sgt. Mark Gallagher School while delivering a \$1000 gift from the RCMP Memorial Fund and graduation gowns donated by schools in New Brunswick. The vocational school was erected in Gallagher's honour after he was killed in the earthquake in 2010. The drive was sombre and each of the members agreed they were not prepared to see the length of devastation that still lined the streets. Vendors set up everywhere selling fruit, vegetables, meat, fish and products amongst piles of garbage as there is no waste disposal system in place. At one point, the team drove by two dead bodies lying in the streets and locals yelled, "blanc, blanc." People can't afford to pay for burial for their loved ones so they are left in the street until the government finally comes to take and dispose of them. Arrival at the Sgt. Mark Gallagher School unveiled a sea of emotions for each of Gallagher's (See Local resident on page 2)

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(See Friends on page 2)











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How to Register:

For information and to register, contact info@mcnabsisland.ca or fill out the contact us form on our website http://www.mcnabsisland.ca/ with the full names of the volunteers, preferred departure point (Eastern Passage or

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Check out our 25th Anniversary McNabs Island Picnic JULY 18th! Tickets will go on sale in June.

Local resident

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colleagues. The volunteers all introduced themselves to the students in French or Creole and one of the students stood up and spoke of Gallagher himself and how he lives on in each of them. The team's bilingual volunteer Mel translated to the team while fighting back her tears. Students at the school are expected to pay fees that, to date, have mostly been taken care of through donations and the very first graduating class will be in 2015!

The last day was an unscheduled

visit to the Apparent Project to spend some left over money buying homemade Haitian crafts. The project employs Haitians by teaching them to use recycled materials such as cereal boxes and tin cans to make beautiful crafts while being able to bring their children to work. The Project is known as an "un-orphanage," enabling parents to provide for and feed their children.

The frightening boat and truck rides on rough terrain and seas, mouse-sized cockroaches and the devastation seen by all were all minute in comparison to what each of these volunteers brought home. Haitians are gracious, warm, hard-working people, trying desperately to recover and re-build from total devastation, but so much more is still

The team will continue to provide help and fundraising efforts through another colleague who is moving to Haiti with family to continue doing humanitarian work.

As for Hammond, she plans to return and lead another team of like-minded individuals with the same visions. Not only Hope for Haiti, but providing much needed education and life's necessities for all children.



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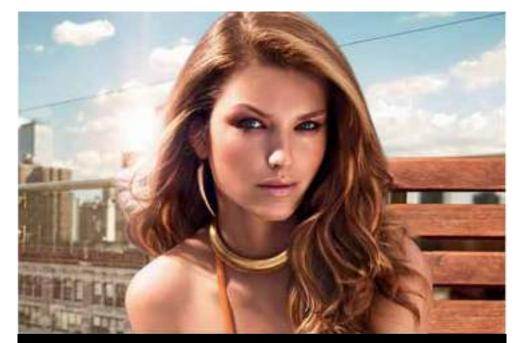
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Seniors' Beat: Keep looking for the green

by Beverley Clarkson

Are you lucky enough to know an artist? That is, someone who sees beauty or ideas in their own way and presents it to us in many forms: visuals, music, dance; whatever calls to them. I've always admired art and artists, and long to dabble at painting myself, but seldom manage to put brush to canvas. Procrastination or lack of confidence?

"Daunted by the years it takes to build up competency? Just start by looking at all the green around us," says Spryfield's Ann Hart, who should know. "Then start putting colour on paper". A painter of fine watercolours, she has exhibited all over North America and has just completed a show in Chile while visiting her daughter. She found the new landscapes so inspiring that she had to create images of them, and since her daughter organises cultural events at a university there, she got to display them in a huge gallery. A thrill.

She strongly encourages others to express their artistic selves; we don't do that enough. She works with seniors with dementia who can continue to communicate with us through their painting and music and movement, even if other faculties decline. It can be a discouraging time of life, especially when there's no hope of getting better. "Helping them express their creativity brings them to a more positive state of being" she explains. "Sometimes I even just sit there with them; the companion-ship gives them energy."

She also happens to be an indefatigable advocate for the arts in Spryfield, participating in artists groups and organizing shows by local artists in MLA Brendan McGuire's office. Hint to Reader: they really want young artists to come forward for a show, so encourage someone you know to submit their name. "I'm basically an artist and teacher with an interest in healing. I learned a lot from my then husband who was a doctor. It all works together."

"I was an art major who could not find art that grabbed me until I discovered Chinese and Japanese painting. I had an instant affinity for it and adapted the techniques to western style watercolours." Her landscapes are featured on her blog http://hartsong.blogspot.ca/, as well as in many collections. She collected and published poems and images by Nova Scotians of this glorious province called Season's Light. Raised in Missouri in the middle of the twentieth century, she came to Cape Breton on vacation many years ago, and stayed. She raised three daughters and speaks longingly of her house on a cliff there, in a small artists' colony where they raise animals, grow food, flowers and herbs, and support each other in their artistic fields.

They created a successful school for everyone's children oriented to Waldorf ideals that emphasize the role of imagination in learning. But as the inevitable happnes, the time to come closer to things that keep a senior going arrived, and she moved here to start again.

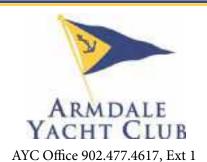
"I'm basically an artist and teacher with an interest in healing. I learned a lot from my then husband who was a doctor. It all works together."

And, among other passions, she bring her growing and teaching expertise to the Urban Farm Museum. "I am nourished by surroundings," she says, "and we have such a positive group there. We built it up out of nothing and we are very supportive of each other. It is about good people helping others learn to grow good food and nourish each other. It is a treasure."

Another main passion is travel: "I love to see new places whenever I can. It's always about learning. My personal philosophy has evolved. I believe there is a universal benevolence independent of religion. We are each responsible for our lives and for making healthy choices. And it comes down to this motto: Trust the Good. That is what I live by."

She is also very modest about it. "Oh don't write that down," she laughs. Of course I wrote it down. I am warmed by her thoughts and contributions and I want to pass some inspiring messages on to others in this troubled time from someone who lives them. People tell me they like to hear them.

Especially her suggestion about looking for the wonderful array of greens to see after our long white winter. Drinking it all in this minute. Now, where is that watercolour box?

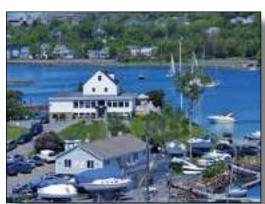


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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



The western side of the Northwest Arm welcomes cottagers from Halifax

by Iris Shea

There are several houses in Jollimore that have stood the test of time. One in particular, in its early years, was referred to as the Bradford Cottage. When walking along the shore, from the boat launch at the Dingle in Fleming Park to McManus Road, Bradford Cottage is the third house from Fleming Park. I knew it as Reynolds House or Atwood's House when I was growing up. Later generations probably know it by the surname of its present owner.

There are very few Jollimore residents today who recall the Bradford name, or why the house acquired that name. The cottage was built for Henry Bradford, headmaster of King's College School in Windsor, Nova Scotia, from 1893 to 1897. Bradford had the two storey house built as a summer cottage for one summer term. He moved to Annapolis in the fall of 1897 and became headmaster at the school there. Henry Martin Bradford occupied Bradford Cottage for such a short time but the name continued to be used long after he lived there.

Robert T. MacIlreith made his presence known in the Jollimore area during the 1890s. A lawyer in Halifax, he acquired the two storey house and shoreline lot next door to Bradford Cottage, formerly the summer cottage of William and Mary Ann (Umlah) Yeadon of Spryfield. The Yeadon family purchased their shoreline property in 1867 from Henry C.D. Twining of Boscobel. In 1893, Yeadon sold his cottage and shoreline lot to St. Augustine's Mission at St. Luke's Cathedral in Halifax



Wedding of Jessie Reynolds at Bradford Cottage, Jollimore, October 19, 1905 Photo courtesy Nova Scotia Archives

in order for them to build a church on the western side of the Northwest Arm. Sandford Fleming stepped in and donated another lot for a church which allowed St. Augustine's Mission to sell the former Yeadon property to Robert MacIleith. Another two storey house behind Yeadon's former summer cottage, owned and occupied by George and Arabella (Boutilier) Boutilier, became part of MacIreith's holdings before it was torn down. North of these two houses was the "lower terrace" of George Jollimore's land, acquired by MacIreith from the heirs of George Jollimore. MacIlreith was a founding

member of the Northwest Arm Rowing Club and stored the club's boats on a seasonal basis along his shoreline property.

MacIlreith bought the heavily mortgaged Bradford Cottage in 1897. This house and lot soon became the home of Walter and Jessie (Lippincott) Reynolds. In 1905 MacIlreith became mayor of Halifax. He had served as an alderman prior to this date. On 27 April 1905 the Evening Mail reported a win for 33-year-old MacIlreith with a majority of 731 votes over his opponents. He was one of the youngest mayors to enter office, and held the position until 1907.

Another highlight of Halifax Society in 1905 took place on October 19th when Jessie B. Reynolds of "Bradford, North West Arm", married 34 year old George E. Coleridge, of Clifton, Bristol, England. He was paymaster of the Royal Navy (see photograph taken in front of Bradford Cottage). Many years later, following the death of her husband in England, Jessie (Reynolds) Coleridge returned to Bradford Cottage where she died in 1945 at the age of 61 years. Her mother, Jessie (Lipincott) Reynolds, died in April of the same year at the age of 93 years.

In 1906 Robert MacIlreith married Gladys Reynolds Clark, a first cousin of the above Jessie B. (Reynolds) Coleridge. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. MacIlreith were summer residents in Jollimore for a few years before settling as permanent residents of Jollimore. The house they built is the

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first one you see as you walk from the park to McManus Road. The Reynolds and MacIlreith families were well respected families of Jollimore. They participated in the events at St. Augustine's Church and were active in Old Cunard School in Jollimore. The MacIreith boys, William, Robert and Maurice, attended Cunard School during their elementary school years. Maurice died of tuberculosis in 1931 at the age of 20 years. His father died in Jollimore of pneumonia, July 13, 1943, aged 71 years; his mother died May 2, 1944, of heart disease, aged 60 years. I have been told that my first name came from Mr. MacIlreith's boat "Iris". My father had been Mr. MacIlreith's gardener.



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Effie May Fiander (Levy)

Spryfield, slipped away quietly in the early hours of April 14, 2015 at the age of 99, at the Halifax, Infirmary, QEII. Born in Indian Harbour on January 22, 1916 to the late Artimus Levy and Gertrude (Hurshman) Levy-Cleveland. In her younger years, before marriage, she was a maid at the Halifax Ladies College. She was devoted to her Anglican faith and was a life time member of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Spryfield. She was active in most church activities right up until her health started to fail just recently. Effie is survived by daughters, Sharon Leipert (Klaus), Burnaby, BC.; Linda Middle Sackville; brother, Harold (Rose), Indian Harbour; sister Annie Smith, Portuguese Cove; special granddaughter Debbie; grandchildren Doug, Heather, Anne-Marie, Paul, Vickie, Angela, Kevan and Shannon; 15 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by husband Frederick Fiander (1966), son, Leonard, daughter, Colleen, grandsons Christopher (1986) and Derek (2009) and granddaughter Erin (1997), sisters Dora Kane, Gladys Williams, Hilda O'Neill, brothers Ronald and Keith Cleveland, Raymond in infancy and son-in-law Weston. Interment to take place in Emmanuel Anglican Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations can be made to the Emmanuel Anglican Church or the Canadian Cancer Society. Special thanks to the EMS and Emergency staff at the QEII and the staff on 8.4 and to the Red Cross Home Care.

William "Billy" Clark

63, Spryfield, passed away unexpectedly at home on Sunday, April 19, 2015. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Gerald and Emily (Oakley) Clark. Billy was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. Many special seasons were spent with his brothers hunting deer and rabbit, and "May fly" time was always memorable. He was a jack of all trades and mastered them all. A kind soul, he would do anything for anyone and never look for anything in return. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his four legged fur baby, Jackie. Billy is survived by sons, Michael MacAulay, Trevor and Robert Siteman; siblings, Donald (Eileen), Ronald (Peggy) and Donna (George); sisters in-law, Bella and Mildred Clark; brother in-law, James Kelly. Uncle Billy will lovingly be remembered and dearly missed by his many nieces and nephews. With his special bond, he connected with them by helping and enjoying their many individual needs and interests. He was predeceased by siblings, Myrtle Kelly, Ernest and Roy Clark. Interment will take place at a later date in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory may be made to the SPCA.

Jean D. Salsman-Pay

85, Dartmouth, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 17, 2015 in the Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Hospital. Born in Halifax, Jean was one of seven children to the late Roland and Blanche (Murray) Bell. She had a deep love of music and regularly got together with her sisters for singsongs. She played the accordion (self taught) as well as the harmonica. Jean had a love of animals. especially her dog Misty and always missed the days she had on the farm. In earlier years she enjoyed playing darts and was part of a league. In later years she spent a great deal of time with her family, living her final year with her grandson, Mark and his family. Jean will be greatly missed by her family and all those who knew and loved her. She is survived by grandsons, Steven Salsman (Sandra Benedetti), Vancouver, BC and Mark (Holly) Salsman, Dartmouth; step daughter, Diana "DeeDee' Watson (Bobby), Spryfield; step grandchildren, T.J., Dustin and Madison; great grandchildren, Chase, Bianca, Aric, Rykelle, Christopher and Kasper; great great grandson, Kaiden; sisters, Mary Marriott, Betty Minik and Muriel Shatford, all of Head of St. Margarets Bay. She was predeceased by husbands, Carl Salsman and Percy Pay; son, James Salsman; brother, Murdock Bell; sisters,

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Catherine Ann "Kaye" Drysdale

Age 76, passed away peacefully at Vimy Court Nursing Home with her daughter and son by her side. Born in Elmsdale, Catherine was a daughter of the late Alf and Eleanor Nielsen. Catherine is survived by her daughter Kathleen (Tim) Drysdale, Shorts Lake; son Michael (Greta), Harrietsfield; sisters Elizabeth McWilliams, Vancouver, and Emily St. Pierre, Ontario; brothers Earl (Nadia), Ontario; Bill (Patsy), Dartmouth; Jack (Betty Ann), New Brunswick; Alf (Jacqueline), Dartmouth and Harry (Evangeline), Vancouver; grandchildren Michael Murphy, Kristopher Drysdale, Kyle Drysdale and Brandon Drysdale; great grandchildren Michael Murphy Jr., Ethan Brady, Tihonnah Lynn Clayton and Nash Kristopher Oickle as well as many nieces and nephews. Catherine was predeceased by her husband Allan; brother Bernard Nielsen and sister Inga McInnis. Catherine will be remembered for her quick

wit and love for life. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. She would keep herself busy by travelling or just by walking up herring cove road. Catherine would never be too far from her oldest and best friend of sixty six years, Mary Roach, who will miss "Kaye" dearly. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the VON nurses who looked after Catherine at home as well as a special thanks to the staff at Vimy court and the palliative care staff. The family would also like to extend their gratitude to her special niece Betty Ann Hatt whose visits always made Catherine happy. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, The Alzheimer's Society or a charity of ones choice.

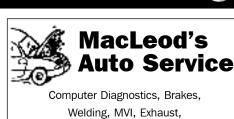
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The Scratching Post



by Sarah Fraser

If you have any questions or comments, please write to me at thescratchingpost-halifax@gmail.com

I can tell you, as a cat rescuer, there are times when you have to make some difficult decisions. Your passion and your purpose is to help animals in need, and doing so can result in heartbreak. Doing what is best for the animal is the number one priority, although it is not the easiest thing to do in all cases.

Recently, a hot topic in the cat rescue community and with cat lovers alike, has been feline leukemia. Feline Leukemia Virus (or FeLV), is one of the leading causes of death in domestic cats. It is highly communicable, and because of this and its dangers, it's strongly recommended any new cat be tested for it prior to being introduced to a household. Not all cats will exhibit signs of the illness, which include Loss of appetite, gum issues, poor coat condition, fever, respiratory illness, diarrhea and vomiting, seizures, vision problems, jaundice, and lethargy. For a complete list of symptoms, please go the SPCA

webpage.

Remember—cats are masters of disguise. In the wild, it is dangerous for an animal to show any form of weakness that may make them an easier target for a predator. People will often say that their cat looks happy, or doesn't look sick, but a cat that is suffering will do everything they can to disguise their pain or illness.

Linda Felix, creator and operator of Spay Day Nova Scotia, knows the sadness and hurt of FeLV all too well. It may be harsh, but it is a reality in our community.

"From a rescue view, it is a heart breaking disease to deal with. I euthanize for it, as it has been my experience that the cats have a long suffering lingering death." says Felix. "It is highly contagious to other cats and easily transmitted. It is the primary reason I recommend people keep their cats indoors. I see far too many cats in Spryfield with feline leukemia."

FeLV is not just a local problem; it has been found in every part of Nova Scotia, Canada, and the world. Its dan-

ger to cats is that it weakens the kitty's immune system, and can give a cat a much greater chance of infections and diseases which include kidney disease and lymphosarcoma, a fatal cancer of the lymph system.

Felix has been on the front lines, and has saved thousands of cats from suffering homelessness and umpteen litters of more unwanted kittens, but with FeLV, she has to know when to throw in the towel.

"It is extremely rare for the cats to survive the virus for more than 2 years and most die within the first year. They do not live long healthy lives." said Felix.

So, now you have taken the first step in learning about Feline Leukemia. How do you prevent your kitty from getting it?

According to the ASPCA...
"There is a vaccine available for cats who are at risk of contracting FeLV. Like all vaccines, there are risks involved in vaccination, and the vaccine is not a 100-percent guarantee against infection. Your veterinarian can best evaluate whether this vaccine is right for your cat.

As with any infectious disease, the best prevention is eliminating sources of exposure. Routine FeLV testing and keeping your cat indoors and away from cats whose FeLV status is not known remain the best way to prevent your cat from becoming infected."

Ask a pet vet

Question: I recently lost my only cat to Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV). I would like to get a new cat. When is it safe to bring a new healthy cat into my home?

Answer: Feline Leukemia Virus is a retrovirus which is unstable in the environmental meaning it can live for only minutes outside the cat's body, and is readily destroyed by most disinfectants. Because FeLV is so unstable, a new, healthy cat can be brought safely into a "contaminated" house within days of the departure of a Feline Leukemia infected cat. (Source Veterinary Information Network)

Question: My cat is not feeling well and my veterinarian suggested I viral test him for Feline Leukemia virus. But he was tested as a kitten and was negative. Would it be redundant to test him again?

Answer: No, because this virus can be a latent (or hidden) infection. A latent infection develops after initial infection in which the viral DNA is present in the bone marrow but no active production of virus occurs. Cats are not viremic at this point, do not actively shed virus, and are not infectious to other cats. But latent infections can reactivate spontaneously or following stress or immunosuppression. Cats with latent infections do not test positive for in-house test kits but may later in life when the virus reactivates. (Source: Veterinary Information Network).

Question: I am planning on taking in a Feline Leukemia virus (FeLV) positive cat into my home but I already have other cats who have tested negative. How do I protect my current cats?

Answer: If FeLV-negative and FeLV-positive cats live in the same household, the best means of prevent-

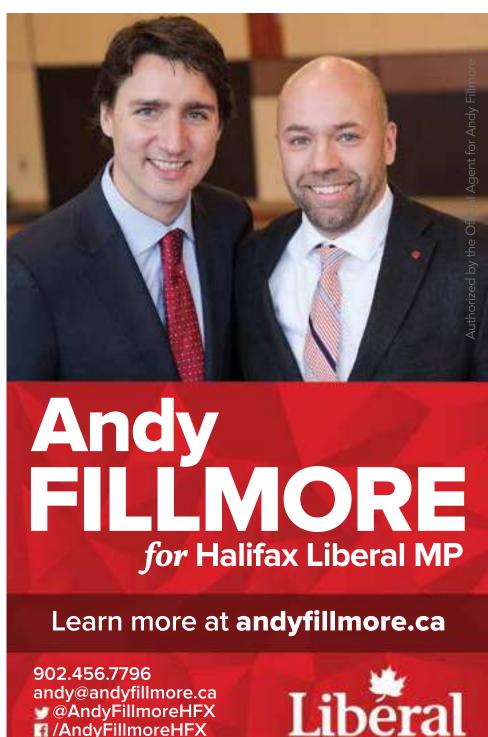
ing spread of the virus is to separate infected cats from uninfected cats. FeLV is fragile in the environment and does not survive well and is susceptible to common disinfectants. FeLV vaccines are recommended for cats at risk for exposure to the virus (e.g. cats that go outside, cats residing with FeLV-positive cats, etc). The vaccine protocol consists of two initial doses separated by 3-4 weeks, followed by annual boosters. The FeLV vaccine does not necessarily produce sterile immunity (100% protection). (Source: Veterinary Information Network).

Kim McCallum is a veterinarian at the Metro Animal Emergency Clinic and lives in Sambro with her two and four legged family

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Derek Shepherd, aka McDreamy, is a sweet young black male cat who needs an understanding home. He was born in a colony of feral cats—the offspring of tame cats who were abandoned near the beach. McDreamy is a wonderful little boy—we guess he is between 9-12 months old. He is very timid but starts to purr as soon as I touch him. He loves to have his belly rubbed. His instinct in the wild was to hide, so he still tends to go under tables and furniture, but it is easy to get him out from his hiding spots and give him cuddle time. He is a truly gentle boy. He is nervous of new situations and people, but warms up quickly. If you have the time and patience to help a scared little cat to blossom into a loving pet, please contact Sonya at Healing Animal SCARS to inquire about adoption. Email katsonya@accesswave.ca or phone 902-469-6369. McDreamy has been tested for Feline Leukemia and FIV, has had a full panel of vaccines and we will include the booster vaccines in a few weeks. He has been neutered, given flea treatment Revolution (even though we didn't find any fleas on him) as a preventive measure, and dewormed. He will also be microchipped. The adoption donation is only \$150 for this whole package! A great deal, compared to a "free" cat.





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Public Transit: service or business?

by Beverley Clarkson

There is a trend these days to see everything as a business. Does it make a profit is the key question. What is the bottom line? Many apply this thinking to government in hopes of cutting costs and increasing efficiency. Not a bad idea, but when it comes to the purpose of government, which is to provide services to residents, costs are only part of the story.

Shane O'Leary, Vice President of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, says "In my opinion, transit is not a business, it is a service. Taxes are collected to serve residents, not to make a profit". In the case of public transit, like buses in HRM, there are many reasons to support access.

One is to reduce use of cars and congestion in the peninsula. Another is to help citizens move around HRM. A third is to ensure that people with handicaps can get to their appointments by Access a Bus, which is tied to normal bus routes. A fourth is to fulfil the federal and provincial commitment to ensure public transit is available to all.

The current routes miss that commitment by many who are not served at all. Removing existing services is a denial of these reasons for those of us who still pay the taxes. There are also costs to not having it.

Says Shane "If you take away access to transit, you are certainly going to have more cars downtown clogging up the arteries, competing for scarce parking, and benefiting the convenience of a few and paid for by the many".

And so we come to the HRM transit plan. This plan baldly states that it wants to remove routes with "lower usage" to enhance the busier routes in the core. They want to know what people think of it. The ones who will benefit are singing its praises. "Sure take it away if they are not using it," they chirp. But when does removing that service cost more than it is worth? Who decides enough are not using it?

Those of us in, say Harrietsfield or Sambro or Ketch Harbour, getting to work or school events or the doctor, or even just meeting a friend in town, are very alarmed. Those in Purcells Cove/Williams Lake were promised bus service that is being removed in this plan, and they are shocked and discouraged with their city government. Betrayal is not a good way to deal with residents.

I take the bus to town whenever I can and chat with other riders. There is deep dismay with this plan to remove service. There is a checkered history of bus service in this area and people are just starting to trust the recent commuter service enough to use it regularly.

There is certainly a continuing rider-

ship of at least a dozen folks per run on a normal day; I ve seen that many often. I'm told there are many more for school events in town or special groups. Many have hesitated to use it but the Chebucto area and The Loop is growing fast, unlike other places in Nova Scotia, so the need is not going away. Property values are affected too. Local businesses will be cut off.

So I asked our Councillor, Steve Adams, what he thinks of the plan. "I do not support the changes to Route 402 to Sambro nor to Number 15 in Purcells Cove", he says with no equivocation. "I do not think it fair to residents nor appro-

Sammy says



My friends at the Sambro Island Lighthouse Heritage Society ("SILHS") were delighted to receive news that the oldest lighthouse in the Americas.

Sambro Island Lighthouse, will receive \$1.5 million towards its restoration, including concrete renovations, rehabilitation of the original lantern and gallery and installation of a heating and ventilation system. This grant will not cover ongoing maintenance, so efforts need to continue to ensure it is well looked after in the future.

This majestic structure has served as a beacon for 257 years and with the help of concerned citizens, community groups and government agencies, can continue to shine on for many more generations. Last November NDP MP Megan Leslie tabled a private member's bill and presented the House of Commons with a 5,000 name petition to add the lighthouse to the places protected by Parks Canada, but that hasn't happened yet. For more information or to find out how you can help, email SILHSpres@gmail.com or SILHSsec@gmail.com.

Spring is here and the Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") is making it easy for you to clear out your space. Their Salvation Army Used Clothing and Household Goods Drive is still on until June 6. The Salvation Army will pay SACA for every pound of accepted goods collected. There is high demand for men's, women's, and children's clothing; shoes and sneakers; purses and belts; and bed and bath linens. Also accepted are vases and knickknacks; empty photo frames; jewelry; glassware; dishes; pots and pans; school and office supplies and craft items.

Please note: items NOT being ac-

priate to remove their service. There are no other options for these people." Thank you, Councillor.

I might offer an alternative if the planners were really thinking about service. Alternate times, or smaller busses. Perhaps a thorough community consultation and listening to the answers instead of pro forma public meetings that few can attend. By someone who cares to make a good plan for all, not a business case to profit some.

So what can you do, if you want to keep the buses rolling? Here's where being a citizen works. Take Steve up on his

cepted as part of this drive are: DVDs, CDs, VHS tapes, records, electronics, household appliances, cameras, books, toys, puzzles, games, plastics (e.g. Tupperware), cosmetics, liquids, loose candles, indoor or outdoor furniture, holiday items, large items such as bicycles, wicker or baskets.

Your donations to this drive will have double the impact by simultaneously helping two great organizations. Items may be dropped off to Nicole Gilkie at 18 Basin Vista Drive, Williamswood. Call 902-497-7521 to arrange a drop off before June 6th. Arrangements can also be made for your items to be picked up if necessary.

My friends at SACA have been working hard on plans for the 2015 Sou'Wester Days. Watch this space for more details regarding specific locations and times, and mark your calendars for August 7-9 so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Weekend activities include a family friendly music night, a corn boil, basket lottery, parade, children's carnival, baseball tournament, barbeque, lobster invitation to let him know how you feel. It is ammunition for him to take to Council when they vote. The more contacts we make, the stronger the case he can make for us.

So please: call number 902-477-0627 or Email Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca. Or Linda Mosher 902-477-8618 and linda. mosher@halifax.ca. Complete the survey if you have not already: http://maketransitbetter.ca. Somebody could start a petition. Someone else might make posters. Others can just keep the subject out in the open. Pass this paper around. But let us not roll over when someone we pay tries to take away our rights and a major service. Let's use our voices; enough of them make a difference.

chowder supper, blessing of the fleet, rubber duck race, Sambro Island Lighthouse tours, washer toss tournament, fireworks, small business expo and an adult dance featuring the band 2nd Time Around. Dance tickets are \$15 and will go on sale Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at St. James United Church in Sambro.

The success of Sou'Wester Days would not be possible without the many volunteers that keep things running smoothly. Everyone has something to offer, so if you can spare a bit of time, please call 902-475-1583 or email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com.

I have friends looking for a good home! For a limited time only, and for just \$30, you can have your very own Sammy to cuddle, love, hang out with or take on tour (we LOVE to travel!). Funds raised will help SACA reach their long term goal of having a community center. Email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com or call 902-868-2553.

You can follow Sammy on Twitter or friend him on his Facebook page



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The development features twenty-seven R2 pre-planned, semi-detached lots and a playground. In speaking with Mike Crosby, one of the partners in the project, he explained that in order to create the feel they wanted, a designer was hired to insure that an upscale community was developed.

There are five unique craftsman exteriors and three interior designs from which to choose and many options and upgrades. Each of the lots has a home preassigned so that when the community is complete, no two styles will be side by side. Siding colors, roof shingles and stone

have all been selected by our designer in order to ensure that residents will be proud of their homes.

The current model home, which has an Open House scheduled every Sunday form 2-4, features three bedrooms, two baths and laundry upstairs, main floor kitchen with breakfast bar, living room with walkout to the covered deck and separate dining room. The basement has a fourth bedroom, office, rec room and another full bath. All of the homes will be wired for security and tech ready. Pot lights throughout, hardwood staircase, craftsman trim, walkout basement, paved driveway and main floor hardwood help set this home apart.

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Blue Nose Race winners and participants



Allie Martin finished first in her division for girls under 15 years old and she came second overall in the Women's Division at the Blue Nose 5km race



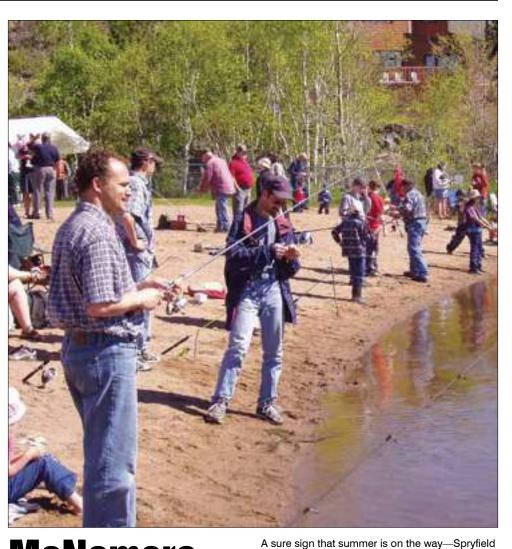
Cutter and Daniel DeVine, and Jasper and Alex McLellan participated in the Blue Nose 10km race

Coach of the Year named



Darren Bentley receives the Chebucto Recreational Coach of the Year award. The award was present-

ed by Mike Bemish, President of Chebucto Minor Hockey



McNamara Trout-A-Rama 2015

The Halifax Wildlife Association is having its 23rd. annual McNamara Trout -A-Rama on Saturday June 6, 2015 from 8am to 1pm. Registration starts at 8am and continues until 12 pm. Registration is free. The location is Cunard Pond on Williams Lake Rd. in Jollimore, Halifax, behind Cunard Junior High School.

This is a great family event, always held on the first weekend in June which is the Nova Scotia Sports Fishing Weekend. On this weekend a fishing license is not required by adults. The McNamara Trout-A-Rama is open to all children between the ages of 3 and 16. Children twelve (12) years and under must be accompanied by an adult. There will be many door prizes as well as prizes and trophies for the largest, longest, most and tagged Trout. The fishing limit of 5 fish will apply. The Trout are supplied by the department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and they are part of their regular stocking program.

Halifax Wildlife Association will have a number of fishing rods available for loan and will also provide the bait.

The objective of this event is to introduce children between 3 and 16 years of age and their parents or guardians to fishing as a family sport. Also emphasize the need for catch limits and the importance of leaving the area clean.

This is a great community event and a fun day for the children and their families as well as our organization and volunteers. A free lunch of hot dogs and a drink will be served. There is no charge for this event due to the generosity of our sponsors and the Halifax Wildlife Association

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New municipal budget not in keeping with previous direction by Linda Mosher. HRM Councillor. District 9

After several months of discussions, Council approved the 2015/2016 budget. For the first time that I can recall I voted against it. Why? Finance presented the fiscal pressures for HRM and Council approved this direction to maintain property taxes at inflation, which is 1.8%, and the average taxes on a single family home would rise 1.8%. Our expenditures were under control going from a ten year average of 3-4% to 2-3%, and debt is falling. Over several months Council kept adding more to the budget, which will reverse this trend.

I was very disappointed to see the initial direction ignored and a new recommendation to increase the rate by considerably more. The average taxes on a single-family home will now rise by 3.2% and the average taxes on a commercial property would rise by 2.3%. To "get around" the initial Council direction of keeping with inflation, the new chart looked like an 'a la carte' menu at a restaurant: It stated increase taxes at inflation, 1.8%, add 1.0 cents for strategic capital (which sounds like a small amount but this is a 1.24% increase), add one cent for fire.

This budget included political pressures instead of fiscal pressures and responsibilities.

Unfortunately, the property tax increases will continue. Our Fire Chief came forward with an extensive analysis on how to better deploy and consolidate resources to ensure appropriate service response. The majority of Council ignored the recommendation, directed staff to keep all fire stations open and hire 52 new firefighters! This resulted in a modest increase in the budget of \$350,000 for this year. However, in the future, each year this will increase our budget by \$6,500,000!

In July 2014, Council approved a strategic funding strategy to address the need for large capital projects. It included taking the proceeds of sale of land such as St. Pat's High, allowing debt financing, and included adding one cent to the general tax rate. This one cent should have been part of the approved 1.8% increase. Some of the projects are in the planning stages such as the Peninsula and Dartmouth longterm arena strategy and redevelopment of the Cogswell Street interchange. It also included projects that are ideas at this time, such as a stadium, performing arts centre and commuter rail.

Given that these projects have huge cost implications, such as an estimated \$60 million for a new stadium, I brought forth the issue of holding a plebiscite in conjunction with the 2016 municipal election. Including the questions with a municipal election increases awareness of issues and ensures all eligible voters/residents are given an opportunity to express their opinion.

This is a democratic and transparent approach to obtain clear collective direction from members of the public. Additionally, at a relatively low cost we could have potentially increased voter engagement and turn out, as evidenced by the plebiscite which was held as part of the 2000 election.

The questions could have included whether or not residents would like municipal funding to be used to construct a stadium. Other questions could have included: whether residents would like a performing arts centre; or sidewalk snow clearing to continue, and any other questions as deemed appropriate by council.

Unfortunately the majority of Council did not support my motion for a plebiscite. Yes, Council is elected to make decisions, and I have been comfortable supporting major projects within our mandate such as the harbour clean up and the Central Library. These projects also received external funding. Given that the proposed projects have a significant capital outlay I think it is important to ask members of the public what they think.

Spryfield students receive HRM Citizenship Award by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Municipal Budget

As I write this month's article, I think back to the many budgets that have been approved by various Councils. Months of meetings, numerous formats and much discussion brought forward a document which most, if not all of Council, could support.

However, this years' budget was an exception from an approval perspective. Five of the 17 members of Council voted against this past budget, which is unheard of, as budget go. For the first time in 23 years, I was opposed to the budget.

My reason for a negative vote was based on two specific reasons. The first was that Council directed staff to bring back a budget with a 1.8% increase in tax, which would equate to an average increase of \$30. However, we were presented with a budget that had a 3.2%, or \$57 increase. Although a 1.9% increase was referenced in the document, there were "add-ins" effectively increasing the rate.

The second reason for opposing this budget is that our Police services added two management positions. Other options could address some of the higher profile crimes we have experienced over the past two years.

Congratulations to the 2015 Citizenship Award Recipients



Olivia Turner





Dominik Drozdowski



Helena Smajlovic



Julia Slaunwhite

the outset of the regular Council meeting at City Hall. Recipients are chosen by teachers and principals based on demonstrated qualities of good

citizenship. Those

chosen have shown

total of 43 outstanding

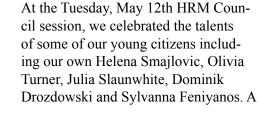
Grade 9 students were

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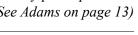
HRM Citizenship Award

at a special ceremony at

that they not only excel academically, but are also committed to giving back to their school and their community at large. Our five award recipients are youth that have actively participated in



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The Halifax Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

The NS House of Assembly has wrapped up the spring legislative session, which was marked by some difficult decisions in a tough budget year. We are en route to a sustainable fiscal position. In the meantime, we were able to make some targeted investments. Highlights include:

- \$1.8 million in new caregiver support
- \$3.8 million in new home care funding;
- \$2 million to address orthopedic surgery wait times;
- \$2 million in new mental health funding; • Funding for grade 7 HPV vaccination
- for male students;
- Funding for insulin pumps to age 25;
- \$20.4 million in new public education
- \$4.4 million for improved early literacy support;
- \$3 million to improve math education;
- \$3.6 million for elementary school classroom cap sizes;
- \$3.8 million to eliminate interest on provincial student loans;
- Forgive up to \$15,000 per student for Provincial Student Loans;
- New funding for sound recording, film, publishing and the creative economy.

I want to thank the residents of Armdale who took the time to share their thoughts on the budget (and other bills) with me. I always appreciate your feedback.

I am happy to share the good news that 43 schools are receiving upgrades, repairs, and improvements this year as part of capital repairs funding. In total, select schools will receive more than 15-million-dollars. All capital repairs projects will represent improvements to school infrastructure - JL Ilsley is one of the schools that will continue to get help for the much needed roof repairs that we have been advocating for.

The community of Armdale has had some notable achievements and fundraisers. Mrs. Helen Rafuse recently celebrated her 95th birthday. Grade 7 student Thomas Duck was declared the NS Spelling Champion of 2015 and will represent our province at an international event in Washington, D.C. Allison Drage and Victoria Turcot helped lead their under 16 Tigers Volleyball Team to a provincial gold victory and we wish them the best of luck in competing at

Nationals in Calgary. The parish of Bethany United recently held a sold-out Auction and Spring Gala, which will likely become an annual social event due to its success. 1st Armdale Scouting held a fundraiser yard and bake sale to help offset the cost of enrolment in this year's Scotiajamb, their epic camping jamboree in July. It was great connecting with parent volunteers and meeting Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

I believe it is very important to en-

gage young people with politics, which is why I am helping to promote Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust opportunities to local schools. I was happy to hear Springvale Elementary was accepted by the Trust to send students for an interactive tour of Province House, Government House and City Hall on June 9th. I look forward to seeing many of you at school spring festivals, graduation ceremonies and community events in the coming weeks.

On the immigration front, the NS government has just launched its second new immigration stream this year called NS Experience: Express Entry. This will create a pathway to permanent residency for highly skilled applicants who have worked for a NS employer for at least one year. For more information see: https:// novascotiaimmigration.com/move-here/ nova-scotia-experience-express-entry/

My office door is always open to listen to your concerns. You can contact me at 902-455-1610 or by email at info@lenadiab.ca. You can "like" my page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ lenadiabmla) and follow me on Twitter (@LenaDiabMLA) to stay up to date with my latest activities and news in the community/province. Thank you for your continued support.

Spryfield wins community spirit award

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

The month of May has been an exciting time for our community. We have seen multiple announcements about funding and the announcement of a very prestigious award!

2015 Education Capital Repair Budget

Once again I am proud to announce that our community has seen significant funding from the Department of Education. Minister Casey has announced funding for repairs to schools. For the second year in the row our community has received multiple funding announcements from this program. This year Central Spryfield will receive funding for ongoing structural repairs. The goal is to have the school, which was once up for closure, repaired and reopened at the start of the new school year. I have been assured that this plan

Also included in the announcement is continued funding for the ongoing repairs for JL Ilsley. As most of you know, our school, which opened in 1971, has served our community well. Over the years JL has seen very little investment; in fact, the last two years it has seen the most investment since it originally opened. While I am very proud that I was able to obtain the funding, our school is still in need of much more. I will continue the conversation with the school board, our Minister and our Premier about JL Ilsley. I think it is time for a school that matches our community; top notch!

Spryfield wins The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award!

The Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award celebrates the power, strength and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia. It profiles their achievements and increases their visibility through a formal recognition program.

I am proud to announce that Spryfield was chosen as the 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award recipient. Our community will be honoured through celebration and recognition. The Lieutenant Governor will attend a community celebration, presenting an award hand-crafted in Nova Scotia that stays in the community, and unveiling a sign for display. Our community will get province-wide recognition for being one of the best places in

Nova Scotia to live, something each and every one of us already knows!

I want to take a moment to congratulate the 529 Armdale Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron of Spryfield for another successful year.

To the Girl Guides and Pathfinders of Harrietsfield, thank you for taking the time to show you care about your community by organizing a community clean-up.

Also with pothole/paving season in full swing, please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues.

I will continue knocking on your doors in the coming days, weeks and months. I look forward to our conversations and wish you all a great month of June!

Adams

(continued from page 12) school activities such as the Me to We program, various sport teams, band, fundraising events as well as community volunteer work in the role of Instructors/Coaches for sports, band and dance. Many are also involved with their local churches and various community groups such as the Pathways Program, Poppy Sales, Air Cadets, Kumon Math and Reading Center, Food Banks, and outreach to seniors.

To these future leaders, I say thank you.

Halifax Transit

I have received your calls and emails in regard to Halifax Transit's proposed "Moving Forward Together Draft Plan" and thank you for providing me with your valuable input.

From April to September 2015 staff will be reviewing the data from the online survey and public meetings they hosted throughout the municipality. Staff will then prepare the report for Regional Council. The report will be before Regional Council this fall.

Although a decision on the Halifax Transit plan is expected to be made by Council this fall, the implementation of any changes would not commence until the fall of 2016. Full implementation of the changes would be part of a five-year

Highlights of the proposed changes that would impact our District are as

• Many routes have been shortened, realigned, or consolidated, to reduce overlapping services, and make the

network easier to understand.

- A more direct, faster trip between Herring Cove Road and Scotia Square via Quinpool Road and Cogswell Street.
- Introduction of service to the Williams Lake Road and Governors Brook neighbourhoods.
- Service removed from low ridership areas, including Sambro, portions of Purcells Cove Road, and Exhibition Park.

I want to emphasise that I am NOT in support of the proposed changes to the Routes 402 (Sambro) and 15 (Purcells Cove).

Safe Boating

With the spring temperatures settling in, most residents who enjoy the pleasure of our lakes, bays and coves have readied their vessels for the boating season and have perhaps enjoyed their first sail of the year. Because boating laws change from time to time, it is a good idea to review Transportation Canada's Safe Boating Guide for the most current information. You may view the guide at the following website: http:// www.tc.gc.ca/publications/EN/TP511/ PDF%5CHR/TP511E.pdf.

Please respect the regulations and have a safe and enjoyable boating season!

Please call 3-1-1 if you have an issue that needs to be addressed. 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 in regard to municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca.



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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

JUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Captain William Spry Community Centre (16 Sussex St.) Events:

• Get Your GED! 10 week course offered by the Halifax Community Learning Network. Please call 902-490-5715 for more information

Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd) Events:

- May 26th through June 16th: 6pm to 8pm. Living With Stress. 4 week program.
- May 27th through June 17th: 2pm to
 4pm. Weight Management. 4 week program.
- June 2nd, 9th, 16th: 10am to noon. Making the Most of your Food Dollar. 3 week program.

(located in the Spryfield Shopping Centre)
PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the
programs are anyone who lives, works or
has a family doctor in the communities of
Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea, Hackett's
Cove, Hatchet Lake, Hubbards, Peggy's
Cove, Prospect, St. Margaret's Bay, Tantallon, Terrance Bay, Clayton Park, Fairview,
Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield
and around the Sambro Loop. Please call
902-487-0690 or drop-in to register.

Chebucto Connections Events (531 Herring Cove Road):

- Nova Scotia Legal aid will offer legal services at our offices every second Friday. Dates for July are the 4th and 18th. Please call 420-3450 to set up an appointment and ask for the Spryfield office.
- Volunteer Board Members needed! Interested parties will want to be a part of a team that is actively engaged in making our community a healthy and vibrant place to live and work!
 Contact ccda.stecroix@gmail.com or 477-0964 for more information
- As part of 100 in 1day events, Chebucto Connections is proud to present: Actively Roving Spryfield and the Loop. This connects outdoor spaces and physical activity. On Saturday, June 6th: 9:30 join our gal Carolyn Langlands for Movement and Play at the fire road part of Acres Road, Williamswood. 10am Walk the McIntosh Run with The Golden Girls and Guys of Spryfield (Meet at the Lions Rink Entrance). 10am join Darrin and Shelley for Zumba at Lynnett Park(Corner Forbes and Lynnett). 1pm be dazzled by a disco demonstration with Suzanne Bechard at Ready to Rumba. 2pm yoga on the Ketch Harbour Community Wharf with Ketch Harbour Yoga

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

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm.
- Seniors dance on June 15th from 12:30pm to 4pm. \$4 per person. Light lunch served. Door prizes, 50/50 draw. Music by Albert Martell. All seniors welcome
- Canada Day Activities:
- Washer Toss Tournament: 10am to 4pm. \$5 per person. Registration is at 9:30am Prize money determined by number of entries.
- Barbeque from 12:30pm to 3pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs \$2.50
- Dance/karaoke from 5pm to 9pm. \$5 per person
- Summer Activities: Open to the Public
- Crib: every Monday starting June 8th at 7pm \$5 per person
- Darts: every Wednesday starting June 17th at 7pm \$5 per person

- Washer Toss: every Thursday starting June 11th at 7pm \$5 per person

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

- Friday Night Mixed Dart League with bar service. 8pm. \$5 to play Phone 902-403-1666 or 902-477-8749 for more information.
- Jam sessions every Sunday evening at 7pm. Free admission, just bring your instrument.. Call John at 902-220-7720 for more information or check out the Facebook page hwccjamsessions.
- June 6th: 9am to 1pm. Annual Fishing Derby at Spruce Hill Lake. Contact Dave Barke. BBQ to follow with prizes from 2pm to 4pm at the centre.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays and Saturday morning: Tai Jitsu Classes. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.
- Now doing registration for Summer Day Camp, See Angel at the centre

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

- June 11th: 7pm to 9pm. Coffee House will be held at the Capt. William Spry Community Centre. Refreshments served. Donations gratefully accepted. Special Guests: Hydrostoners Ukulele Ensemble.
- 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 Trussoni at 902-477-2664

Sambro Area Community Association:

• June 24th: 7pm to 9pm. Movie Night! At St. James United Church in Sambro. Grades primary through six welcome. \$5 per child. Snack and drink included. For more information, check out their Facebook event page: SACA-Kick off Summer-Kids Movie Night

Sambro Sou'Wester Days (Various locations):

• August 7-9: Events include: Family friendly music night, corn boil, basket lottery, parade, children's carnival, baseball tournament, barbeque, lobster chowder supper, blessing of the fleet, rubber duck race, Sambro Island Lighthouse tours, washer toss tournament, fireworks, small business expo, and an adult dance featuring 2nd Time Around. More details will be available shortly. We are actively seeking volunteers, so if you can help out in any way, big or small, please email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com or call 902-475-1583

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. 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!

Theatre Arts Guild (Pond Playhouse):

• June 18 to July 4, 2015 "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith Come and enjoy a delightful frolic of deception and seduction 18th Century style,

loaded with unforgettable characters and preposterous humour. Book early and book often, this Classic is sure to be a sell-out. FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL TICKET ATLANTIC 902-451-1221

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

- June 8th: AGM at 7pm. Everyone welcome.
- June 8th: Following the AGM there will be a presentation by Yvon and Jill from the Honey Bee Society on Beekeeping.

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.

St. Agnes Church Hall (6903 Mumford Road)

• June 6th: 7:15pm New Players Choral Society is proud to present "Music from the Movies, Part Two". Admission is \$10 at the door. For more info contact Denise at 902-425-6911

St. James Anglican Church (2 Harrigan's Road) Events:

• June 20th. 3pm to 6pm. Annual Lobster Supper! Menu includes mussels appetizer, choice of lobster, scallops or ham, salads, dessert and a beverage. To order tickets or for more information please call 902-477-0398 or 902-477-1051

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

- June 10. 6pm Tickets go on sale for the Sou'Wester Days annual Adult Dance, which will take place on August 8th. \$15 per person. Band is 2nd Time Around
- June 20th 4pm to 6pm: Halibut Supper (Ham alternative). \$15 adult. \$7 Child. Everyone welcome

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
- Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents who question the safety of their drinking water can fill up empty water jugs 24 hours a day at the tap outside the Church!

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. We have everything you need to start the New Year off on the right foot! Updated the wardrobe or toy-box over the holiday season? We will happily take the old clothes and toys for someone new to love.
- June 6th: 11am to 2pm. Sambro Elementary School Spring Fair (3725

Old Sambro Road). BBQ, Raffles, Bouncy Castle and more! Special guests from the Fire Department and the Coast Guard. Everyone Welcome!

- 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 who question the safety of their drinking water can now fill up empty water jugs 24 hours a day at the tap outside the church
- Salvation Army Used Clothing Drive. May 22nd to June 6th. Items may be dropped off to Nicole Gilkie at 18 Basin Vista Drive, Williamswood. Call 902-497-7521 to arrange a drop off time. Guidelines on acceptable items can be found in this month's Sammy Says column.
- McIntosh Run Watershed Association meetings held on the third Monday of the month at the Captain Spry Centre.
- Spryfield Lions Rink and Recreation Society AGM June 18th. Meeting to be held in the Atlantic Room, front entrance upstairs. All welcome.

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

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WE CARE

Time for a move?

Welcome to this unique home in a sought after family friendly neighbourhood with access to excellent schools and just a short walk to a tennis court and a playground. Freshly painted throughout this carpet free home is bright open and airy. It has recently had new light fixtures, with energy efficient LED bulbs in most, in-stalled in all the bedrooms, bathrooms and



dining area. Upstairs is a huge open master bedroom with a cathedral ceiling, a den, another bedroom and a 3 piece bathroom. Backyard. Come have a look at this unique home today.



Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bathroom bungalow with a huge concrete driveway on a 7000 sq ft corner lot in Leiblin Park! This home has just had all of the original hardwood floors refinished, a load of new paint, baseboards plus a new bathroom vanity to name some of the recent work done. This is a very family friendly neighbourhood with access to great schools, transportation,

shopping and recreation, come check it out you won't be disappointed!

25 Juniper Cres. \$214,900

1 Marriott St. \$274,900

Looking for a fixer upper in a great location? This 2 bedroom bungalow in Kline Heights is just waiting for new owners to step in and update it and build equity for themselves. Located within walking distance to the beach at Chocolate Lake and in an area of good schools this home is just a two minute drive to the Armdale Roundabout. The lot is flat and zoned R2 so there



are lots of possibilities with this home. Come have a look today!

This three bedroom one and a half bath home sits on a very family friendly street in an area of excellent schools and is close to shopping, transportation and recreation of all sorts. This home has a great country style open kitchen, large living room, laundry and a half bath on the main floor. The second floor has a large master bedroom with a big walk in closet, a large

full bathroom and two more good sized bedrooms. The large fenced backyard has a new deck with privacy walls, a shed and garden space. Come have a look at this great home today. 126 Abrams Way \$214,900

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on the property. Come have a look today.

WHY PAY RENT? WHY PAY LOT RENT? This compact bungalow started life as a mobile home but was moved to this 24,000 sq ft R2-zoned lot in the mid 70's. The home had a new oil furnace installed in 2010 and has just had new carpet installed in December 2014. Besides a carport on one end of the house there is also a detached single garage with its own driveway

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