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## Golden Age Centre restructuring to keep facility open for seniors

The Golden Age Society and the Centre it operates at 212 Herring Cove Road is undergoing a resurging makeover and

revamping in efforts to keep the facility operating for senior citizens throughout the community.



The Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Executive if full engaged getting set for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration. Members include Tom Delorey, 3rd Vice-President; Annette Hobin, Sharon Nicholson and Vivian Melnick, Members at Large; Betty Neville, President; Pidge Chant, Treasurer; Maureen Connors, Service Officer; Eline Nolan, 2nd Vice-President; and Al Bergeron, Sergeant At Arms.

## Spryfield Legion heading to 50th Anniversary Celebration

It just might be the best time to become a member of the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion as it plans to celebrate its 50th Anniversary next month.

President Betty Neville says the Legion is in full swing preparing for the milestone anniversary to be held March 10 through 15 at the Sussex Street location, the last of three locations the Branch 152 has occupied in its 50 years.

There are a number of events planned beginning with a Senior's Day from 3 to 8 pm on Monday March 10 to open the week long celebration. All Legions in the Zone will be invited to a ham dart shoot on Wednesday March 12 but the real celebration begins on Friday March 14 with the official opening of the "Hall of Remembrance" and "Military History Wall" being created in the hallway between the legion lounge and dance hall.

"This is a special celebration for us because we have worked long and hard to create a suitable remembrance place for our war veterans and others interested in war history," says Neville. The event starts with

a wine and cheese celebration and a dance to follow. Special guests from the Legion Zone Commander's office will be in attendance.

On Saturday the legion will celebrate the actual Anniversary beginning with a Medal and Awards Ceremony followed by a roast beef dinner and a dance.

Neville says most of the events are open to legion members only. "We don't have a big enough hall to open the doors to the general public," she says, reluctantly suggesting the legion will have to curtail participation to members and a few special invitees.

In the meantime, she says the organizing executive is continuing its search for old legion memorabilia. "We're still trying to find old pictures of our first location at Catamaran Pond and our second location at Leiblin Park. We'd just love to have photos of these location and pictures of war veterans and we're hoping someone out there has some things that we can borrow and copy for future use."

Anyone with photographs or mementos they would like to share can call the legion at 477-0467 or e-mail shelleydean@eastlink.ca.

Society Secretary Mrs. Dorita LeBlanc says the organization fell in disarray over the past few years and began struggling to pay the operating expenses of a facility that in recent years has been the home of the Young At Heart Club.

"The problem was that at some time in the past, members felt a new organization, the Young At Heart Club, would be better suited to obtain government grants. The Club operated out of the facility but the Society which ran the Centre became disbanded," she said, "so the club was operating but did not own the building and management of

the building began to fall on difficult economic times."

The original structure was purchased by the Society in 1979 from the Gerald Ferguson Holding Company. That push, led by former Deputy Mayor J. Albert Walker, was followed by revamping the existing house to accommodate the Society. The original Young At Heart Club began at St. Michael's Church and raised money for the project through quilt sales, bazaars and a rock-a-thon. "The house was remodeled

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## Sambro Island signal – celebrate it, battle for it, or both?

It's either "let the celebration begin" or "prepare to go to battle" for the Mainland South Heritage Society (MSHS) and others trying to preserve, protect and celebrate the 250th anniversary this year of the Sambro Light.

The Sambro Light was established by resolution of the Nova Scotia Assembly in October of 1978, but the Canadian Coast Guard turned off the lighthouse's fog horn in late 2007 despite the upcoming anniversary to be celebrated. The Coast Guard, which has been divesting itself of infrastructure, including wharves and lighthouses all over the east coast in recent years, turned the horn off after the lighthouse suffered electrical malfunction.

According to some sources, the light was reinstalled through the use of solar panel power which is not sufficiently strong enough to run the fog horn as well. And the Guard says there are no plans to installing another panel to run the light or find an alternative way of keeping the horn operational.

All of this is being opposed by the Mainland South Heritage Society and local residents who have become accustomed to the

horn and believe it to be of immense value to inshore fishermen and pleasure craft operators who often visit or use the Harbour as a safe haven in times of bad weather.

"We're wondering whether or not the Coast Guard actually has to give notice of its final decision not to turn the horn back on," says MSHS President Leslie Harnish. She said residents "were very encouraged" to hear a horn during snowstorms over Christmas.

"I, and many others in Sambro, heard the horn and I had lots of people congratulate me on having the horn turned back on," she said, further explaining that the horn residents heard was from Chebucto Head. "I'd love to know the science behind us being able to hear the fog horn from Chebucto Head in the snow when we don't hear it at other times," she said. "If our estimation of the distance of sound can be that distorted, just imaging being on a boat hearing that and thinking it was coming from Sambro. Vessels without all the fancy technology could find themselves in distress," she said.

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inside and the hall was built afterwards,” said Young At Heart Vice-President Pat LeBlanc.

The Young At Heart Club contributes to the building but without an active Board of Directors or management team the Society began shortfalls of revenue. This past summer the LeBlancs approached a number of local business people to help re-establish

the Centre on a good financial footing.

The new team, including Cecil and Eric Caines of Cemanco Properties as President and Treasurer; Paula Lawlor as Vice-President; Dorita as Secretary and Board members Pat, Erin Jennings from J. Albert Walker Funeral Home and Mark Hebert from the Royal Bank, began sifting through the books. Few records were available and Dorita said the group “couldn’t even apply for a government grant because we didn’t

have an up to date bank statement.”

She said there was a time when there was no insurance on the building, snow plowing services are unpaid and the taxes have to be paid. “There was \$10 in the account when we stepped in last August year. We’re trying to pay the bills and keep the Centre open for seniors. We’re sprucing up the facility and have plans to try and market it for rent to help offset the costs of keeping the Young At Heart Club operating.

“The Young At Heart Club is open to all seniors from the community, from Sambro to Armdale,” said Pat. “You don’t have to be a member or anything to join in our programs.”

Among existing programs offered through the Club are darts and crib every week, a monthly bingo, two afternoon and one evening dance with a nominal \$3 charge at the door.

“We need more volunteers and we need to rent the facility to help raise funds to keep the service open to seniors,” Dorita said.

# More than 100 participate in “Polar Dip”

The Annual Herring Cove Polar Dip was attended by more than 100 dipping enthusiasts. “There were 89 officially registered jumpers,” said Robert MacLellan, Jump Organizer.

MacLellan said a special thanks must be extended to the Herring Cove Fire Department

for their professional and friendly manor. Their primary concerns were ensuring the safety and orderly conduct of the jumpers. For those who have never attended the dip, it takes place at the government wharf in Herring Cove, and the Fire Department supplied 10 staff, two

of which wore survival suits and remained in the water for over an hour. “We owe the Fire Department a great deal of thanks,” he said.

As well Pelham Electric was the main sponsor of the event. Donny Pelham was first of the mark to aid in the organization

by donating 100 Tee Shirts. It was the 40th anniversary of Pelham Electric and they have been a great sponsor in the Halifax Community. The tee shirts were a treasure snapped up by the jumpers at Pelham’s Diner.

The Diner, located at 937 Herring Cove road, was the sponsor of the ‘Pre Jump Pump’ held from 10 am till noon. Jeff Pelham, owner was eager to help provide the jumpers with a place to meet and greet and have a shot of courage before the jump. Afterwards many of the jumpers and their friends and family returned for delicious Pizza, Nachos and Chicken wings.

Finally door prizes were donated by Gatorade and the winners were Jeremy Miller and Teri Spems. A special thank you from all the jumpers goes to Charles Brown for providing a boat building shed stoked with a hot furnace. Charlie’s boat building company outgrew the location adjacent to the government wharf and he now builds in Harrietsfield. He has thoughtfully provided us the location for many years.

# Sambro Island signal

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Halifax Atlantic MLA Michele Raymond delivered a Resolution to the House to Assembly in November calling upon the provincial government to “express its displeasure to the federal government” for silencing the horn. She called the Coast Guard’s action “careless disregard for the nation’s Maritime heritage and its history of responsible government.” Her

request that the government request the horn be reinstated immediately received the support of all three parties in the House.

Following that action the MLA created an on-line petition so people can show their support for turning the horn back on. The petition is accessible at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nsmshs/SambroLightPetition2008.doc>. The final paragraph of the petition reads as follows: “Therefore we the undersigned request

the federal government to show proper respect for the Sambro Island Light, for Atlantic mariners, and for the history of democracy in this country, by instituting the necessary building repairs and restoring the sound signal on which local fishermen depend in foggy conditions.”

In the meantime the MSHS is continuing to plan for a celebration. The organization has applied for funding for a co-op public relations student and HRM has donated \$500 towards the anniversary and \$200 of in kind support thanks to efforts of Councillor Linda Mosher and the city’s Heritage Division.

## Letter to the Editor

### In defense of anti-smoking legislation

Dear Editor,

Recently I obtained Council endorsement for a report to prohibit smoking in recreational areas when children are participating in activities. Unfortunately some people have blown this issue out of context. To be clear, residents asked me to bring this forward because they were concerned children were being exposed to smoke when they were participating in activities. Some specific examples provided to me were adults smoking at Harltin Field while kids were playing baseball, smoking at Chocolate Lake Beach and throwing cigarette butts in the sand, and smoking at the Dingle playground.

There is evidence showing that depending on wind and proximity to children, smoking

outdoors can have the same negative second hand effects as smoking indoors. Plus if a child ingests three cigarette butts or one whole cigarette they are to be taken to emergency as they can have an increased heart rate or seizures. The third problem is that when adults smoke near children it sends a message that smoking is okay. Unfortunately if youth smoke they can become addicted in a few days versus taking months for an adult. I am sure that most residents would agree that restricting smoking near children participating in activities at municipal recreational facilities is reasonable and a logical extension of our smoking bylaw. Therefore the goal of these changes is simply to provide additional protection to children.

Linda Mosher  
Councillor, District 17



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# Spryfield mourns loss of community supporter Rene Quigley

*Editor’s Note:*

*Spryfield and surrounding communities mourned the loss of a tireless community supporter on January 8 when 67-year-old Rene Quigley died suddenly. Rene’s dedication to his beloved Spryfield Lions Club, where he was not only the King Lion but the impetus behind club progress, and his community will be missed by all. In his honour, the Chebucto News this month carries a black ink only banner, the only time in nearly ten years we have run a black nameplate. We’ll let his obituary speak eloquently of his life’s history. Rene is already missed.*

QUIGLEY, Francis “Rene.” It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the passing of Francis “Rene” Quigley, 67, of Harrietsfield, on Tuesday, January 8. Rene was born in Port Hastings, NS, to the late Francis Emmett Quigley and the late Ethel Christine (McNeil) Quigley. The family moved to Halifax in 1946. In 1956, Rene, at a tender age, went to work at the Moirs Chocolate Plant in Halifax. In 1957, the employees joined the Bread, Cake, Cracker, Candy, Biscuit, and Confectionery International Union Local 446, which later became known as the Bakery

Confectionery Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union Local 446. The union certification started Rene’s career in the labour movement. He was elected local union president. He then went on to become the Business Agent, where the International Union recognized his achievements and in 1987 he was hired as International Representative for Atlantic Canada. He retired in June of 2002. Throughout Rene’s union career, he hosted radio and TV programs, “Labour Speaks” on CHFXFM and “In the Working Place”, Dartmouth Cable, with his wife Sandra by his side. He was President of the Halifax Dartmouth District Labour Council, Past Chair of the Editorial Board, and Secretary Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, member of the NS Labour Relations Board, and the NSFL Board of Directors of the United Way. He was also the NDP Candidate for Halifax Atlantic three consecutive terms, represented employees at Workers Compensation, Human Rights and Arbitration Hearings, held annual bowling and dart tournaments to raise money for the Big Brothers & Big Sisters. At the time of his passing, Rene was the King Lion of the Spryfield Lions Club

for the past 4 years. He played a leading role in the building of the playground at the Lions Rink and Recreation Centre in Spryfield, along with the major renovations at the Rec. Centre. Rene currently held the position of President of the Nova Scotia Federation Union of Retirees and was a member of the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada. He was a man of true trade union principles and values, always purchasing union made goods and services. Getting into a discussion with Rene would end with a

membership either to the BCTGM Union or the NDP. He was an advocate of the human rights of people. Rene loved life, his family and friends, and so many were special to him. Rene is survived by his best friend and loving wife, Sandra (Whitehead), Harrietsfield, daughters, Karen (Paul LaVigne), Lawrencetown, and Trina (Brendan Boymook), Alberta, his son, Troy (Diane Bosdet), Herring Cove, his grandchildren, Sabrina, Samantha, and Nicholas Quigley, Kyle and Haley Boymook, his brother, Tom (Yvonne), Alberta, sisters, Jeanette Delaney, Prospect and Mildred (Tim) Quigley, Toronto, as well as many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend our sincere thank-you to Clarence Creelman, Rene’s buddy, for being with him on January 8. A special thank you goes out to all the individuals who helped Rene in his time of need in Bedford. God Bless all of you.  
Resting at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601), where visitation will be held on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 10 AM from St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Spryfield, with Fr. Rob Arsenaault as celebrant. A reception will be held following Mass at the Lions Recreational Centre, Drysdale Road, Spryfield. A private family interment will take place in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville, NS. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate remembrances in memory of Rene to Big Brothers & Big Sisters or to the Spryfield Lions Parent and Tot Program. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com).




Rene Quigley



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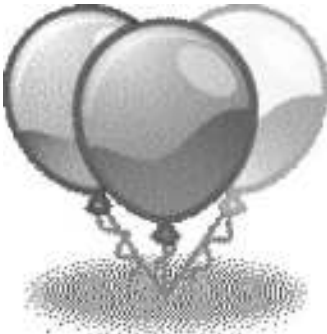
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# DISCOVERING OUR PAST



## Operating a light and fog signal on Sambro Island always a challenge

By Iris V. Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

The duties of a lighthouse keeper and his family required working, usually in an isolated location, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep the light burning at all times and to fire a signal when weather conditions were foggy. Sambro Island, the granite island located about 2 nautical miles outside the entrance to Halifax Harbour, contains the oldest working lighthouse in North America. The island was home for five generations of the same family, from 1817, when James Goodwin became keeper of the light, until 1929 when Goodwin’s great-great grandson, Roy Gilkie, left the island to work with his father, Arthur, in their boat building business in Melville Cove.

In a talk to members of the Mainland South Heritage Society in 1994, Roy Gilkie spoke of the 15 years he spent on Sambro Island, beginning as a four-year old in 1914. A school teacher, Miss Grace O’Leary, was hired by his father, and lived with the family in the large light keeper’s house on the island. School hours were Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Roy and his two sisters “graded twice a year,” allowing Roy to complete grade 12.

Although the first reference to William Gilkie as lighthouse keeper was 1856, Roy Gilkie knew that his ancestor, William Gilkie, was on Sambro Island since 1839. The marriage record of William Gilkie shows him working and living on Sambro Island in February 1840 when he married Mary Goodwin, the lighthouse keeper’s daughter.

Maintaining the light and the fog signal on Sambro Island was a challenge for the lighthouse keepers. From the time the 60 foot stone tower was erected and a lantern installed on the rocky island in 1758, there were problems keeping the light burning. Newspapers in the early 1770s reported that the King’s ships approaching Halifax found it necessary to fire at the lighthouse to make them show the light, and ships’ masters complained of having to pay for the support of the light which never seemed to be operating when needed.

In 1772 Mathew Pennell was appointed lighthouse keeper, the first of a series of full time light keepers on Sambro Island since Joseph Rous held the appointment from

1759-1769. New lamps were installed that provided “a strong clear light.” In thick fog, however, ships could not see the light, resulting in the need for a fog signal. The Royal Artillery had the job of manning a signal station on Sambro Island, firing guns from a cannon at regular intervals and in response to signals fired by approaching ships.

Over the years, various methods of fog signals were used in the form of guns (cannons), fog trumpets and rockets. A report in “The Mayflower” - Nov 4, 1877, reads as follows: “During the summer of 1865 Nova Scotians were extremely interested in the expected arrival of two “fog trumpets,” previously ordered by the Government, one to be placed at Cranberry Island, Cape Canso, and one destined for Sambro Light House. On the 4th of August the trumpets arrived in the brigantine “Janet Kidston” and it was announced that the inventor, Mr. Duboll, after having already placed several on the English coast, would be a passenger on the next steamer from England. He was to superintend their proper installation.” The Royal Engineers were to oversee the operation.

By 1871 the Duboll fog trumpet was found to be unsatisfactory and taken out of service. In the 1871 Sambro census, 24 year-old Joseph Gilkie of Sambro Island, son of William, was listed as “Fog Trumpet Sender.” Guns and the Royal Artillery were returned to Sambro Island.

During the investigation of the tragic event of April 1, 1873, when SS Atlantic hit Mars Rock off Lower Prospect, lighthouse keeper William Gilkie testified that the light on Sambro Island was burning brightly at all times that night, and that the weather was very hazy, raining heavily. George Head, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, was stationed on Sambro Island that night and told the inquiry that he fired two guns at 10 pm and another two guns at 2 am “owing to the fog.”

Next, a steam fog whistle was used on Sambro Island and housed in a large hut near the lighthouse, as shown in the accompanying photograph. In 1891 the whistle was replaced by rockets, fired at 20 minute intervals. This

later practice continued until 1934 (except during wartime). Roy Gilkie recalled how he

was sent out to Sambro Island. Mr. Gilkie remembered the complaints that came from the residents of Sambro after firing that 18-pounder. Plaster and chandeliers fell from their ceilings, and houses shook. The 18-pounder was soon replaced by a friendlier nine-pounder.

Over the last century, the lighthouse tower was extended in height and painted with three red stripes; the brightness and visibility of the light increased to 24 miles and the lantern painted red; and the methods used to signal ships in foggy conditions changed frequently. Through the efforts of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society, the Sambro Lighthouse was designated a national heritage site in 1997. In October 2007 the latest fog horn, established on the island in the 1970s, was silenced, an act that surprised

and disappointed local residents and fishermen. For those interested in a petition to save the Sambro Island Fog Horn, please go to this web address. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nsmshs/SambroIslandPetition.pdf>. You may print it off, gather signatures, and return it by July 1st to Mainland South Heritage Society’s mailbox at the Captain Spry Centre, main desk.



Building to house steam whistle on Sambro Island, 1877. Courtesy DFO/Coast Guard



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Six girls and two coaches from the Halifax/Chebucto Ringette Association are members of the team including Katie Fillmore, Melissa Henneberry, Kristen Fowler, Gracie Barnhart, Bailey Hart and Kelsey Duthie. Local Coaches included Steve Fowler and Jason Duthie.

This group of 11 year old girls participated in the Sackville Christmas Tournament in December, beating the Sackville Tweens 5-4 in the Gold medal game. The team rested for a couple days before heading to Montreal for the Pierrefonds tournament the first week of January.


The NS team came out on top once again winning the Championship game 4-2 over arch rivals, New Brunswick. This is the first time a Nova Scotia Team has brought home gold from Montreal in the 'A' division.

The team will be heading to Charlottetown, PEI for the Atlantics Championships the middle of February. In the accompanying photo members of the team include back row: Coach Steve Fowler, Assistant Coach Jason Duthie, Assistant Coach Kevin Deveau, Manager Juarda Savoy, and Assistant Coach Cathy Burton: middle row Olivia Henwood, Katie Fillmore, Melissa Henneberry, Kristen Fowler, Rachael Burton, Allison Kinch, Gracie Barnhart, Erica McLean, Bridget Deveau and Madison

Hamilton: front row Renee Savoy, Bailey Hart, Patricia Gemmell, Kelsey Duthie, Courtney Foster, Robyn Lawlor and Courtney Rawding.



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# "I thought my husband was dying"

The wife of former Nova Scotia Premier John Buchanan said she “thought her husband was dying” when he collapsed at their Halifax home earlier this in mid January.

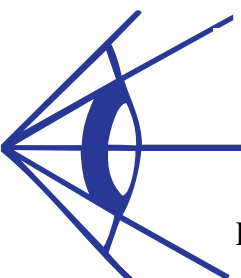
Mavis Buchanan said the former Conservative leader complained of feeling faint and cold before falling to the floor in their kitchen. “I thought, ‘He’s dead, he’s dead, what am I supposed to do?’” she said from her home just before her husband was due to undergo a procedure to have a pacemaker implanted. The former Premier was rushed to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by paramedics where he underwent relatively minor surgery to have a pacemaker inserted to help maintain a regular heartbeat.

“I was just holding him up and everything

had gone - his head had gone down his arms had gone down. It was a very terrifying experience,” said Mavis who many consider to be the true energy behind the former Premier’s political success over the years.

Buchanan, 76, was had the surgical procedure after undertaking a series of tests and said doctors had diagnosed an irregular heartbeat. Mavis said the former Senator was fixing a leak in the basement of their home and complained that his hands were cold and he felt faint. The next thing she knew, he fainted twice before paramedics arrived to take him to hospital for tests.

Buchanan, a life long Spryfield resident, was Nova Scotia’s premier from 1978 to 1990.



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# New Residents Association planning General Meeting in March

The newly formed Harrietsfield, Williamswood and Sambro Residents' Association is planning to follow up a Board of Director's meeting in February with a General Meeting of all interested residents in March.

Vice-President of the organization Sandi Church said a notification to all members of the community will be issued to invite residents to the session. Residents interested in learning more about the organization can call 444-2494 she said.

Church says the originating group, which saw more than 50 members of the community attend the initial meeting in November, has set a number of priority issues on the table for discussion in March.

She says the association has a goal to "advance, protect and advocate the common interests of the residents of Harrietsfield, Williamswood, Sambro, East and West Pennant and Sambro Creek."

Initially, she says, the organization will centre discussions on issues including a public transit strategy, a more useable trail system, bike lanes along Old Sambro Road, recreation programs and activities for the youth and the elderly, water quality issues, development concerns, the preservation of the area's lake system and recreational access to the community's many lakes.

Church says the new association is continuing to search for volunteers to sit as "members at large" for the Sambro area.

Interested person should contact Ellen MacPherson at 346-2150. Existing members of the board of directors include President Franco Tarulli; Ms. Church as Vice-President; Ellen MacPherson as Secretary; Treasurer Darlene Stone; Harrietsfield Member at Large Karyn Hammond; Williamswood Member at Large Debbie Irons and Gordie Bell; and Community Liaison Officer Sherry Flemming.

Councillor Steve Adams, who co-chaired the initial meeting, said he was impressed with the turnout of more than 50 community members at the organizational meeting. "Clearly by the turnout alone, there is interest" in organization into a residents group.

He said the first meeting identified a number of concerns, some related to HRM and some related to the Department of Transportation. He suggested residents wanted HRM to investigate the possibility of creating a public access to Moody Lake which is at this moment quite restricted. Residents also were concerned about ditching along Old Sambro Road which, for the most part, is a responsibility of the provincial Department of Transportation.

Continuing dialogues regarding taxation levels and the provision of water and sewer services will continue but the Councillor did not leave the residents any hope that municipal services would "be a reality any time soon."

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# Public Hearing expected soon for B.C. Silver property – Adams

By Stephen Adams  
District 18 Councillor

At Our Regional Council meeting held January 22 and significant step was taken with respect to the former B.C. Silver site. Council agreed unanimously to proceed with a Plan Amendment to allow for a single-family home subdivision. The proposal would be to allow between 40 to 43 homes and a 100 foot buffer, 1000 feet in length, along the McIntosh Run.

Although a date for a Public Hearing has not been set, I expect it to be held in February or early March. Residents in the immediate vicinity will be notified by HRM Planning and a notice will appear in the local newspapers. As well, I will have a notice sent to residents to ensure a good turnout.

The residents along Levis Street were concerned with respect to property lines and encroachments. A provision was put in the proposed Development Agreement to allow for flexibility with these property lines, so that the effect on these residents is minimized or better yet, eliminated.

In my years on Council, I have never been involved in a development whereby staff, residents, the proponent and Council are in agreement with a proposal. This certainly looks like it could be the first.

Concerns continue to be received

regarding the installation of “No Parking” signs at the entrance to the former parking lot at Long Lake, located just off Old Sambro Road. Our staff provided a report on January 22nd, summarizing the approach that is being utilized by the Provincial Department of National Resources and the Long Lake Provincial Park Association. A draft management plan will be available in a few weeks with a final report scheduled to be released in May.

I am becoming increasingly frustrated with the amount of time this process is taking. What was initially a single request to remove barriers to an existing parking lot has become a bureaucratic nightmare. More importantly, it has developed into a potentially dangerous situation for pedestrians and motorists alike.

I have had numerous phone calls regarding snow removal over the past few weeks and all on the positive side. Some operational and functional changes were made and the improvements are clear. Should you see any snow clearing issues that are not acceptable, please report them to HRM’s contact centre at 490-4000. As always, I encourage you to contact me as well.

I close this article on a very somber and sad note. On January 8th, our community suffered a tragic loss. Rene Quigley passed suddenly at the age of 67.

Rene was a tireless community supporter and champion for those in need. He undertook numerous community projects, which benefited young and old alike. Words alone could never describe the loss we all feel; as a community supporter, but more importantly, as

a true friend. He will be missed.
 I have asked our staff to begin the process to rename the Lions Recreation Centre, playground and surrounding areas in Rene’s honor; if it wasn’t for his work, none of it would have been possible.

# Tackling graffiti becomes “a community issue” – Mosher

By Linda Mosher, District 17 Councillor

Recently a Police Detective, the Manager of Community Response and I (as Chair of HRM’s Graffiti Task Force) went to New York City to investigate their approach to stopping graffiti vandalism in their communities. We had a jam packed agenda, meeting with many different people and organizations that are involved in this issue. They call graffiti a quality of life issue and it falls under their City-wide Vandals Task Force. In NYC graffiti is treated as a crime and any offenders that are caught can face jail time. Recently a 26 year old man was arrested, sentenced to six months in jail, a \$25,000 fine and four and a half years of probation. Although our laws are not as tough, nor enforced as much as the United States, there are still many effective solutions that we can implement.

Community by-in was important for NYPD’s successes. The first step we need to take is to have the public, Police and the courts recognize that graffiti is a crime and report it.

NYPD gave us a report for graffiti crimes for one week, it was half the size of our phone book. They report it and arrest people for the crime.

They also emphasized that as soon as it appears, you have to remove it, or it keeps coming back. We need laws to combat graffiti to ensure that business and residential property owners remove graffiti. We are currently compiling a bylaw. There were some great programs whereby NYC assisted in the removal, which I would like to see in HRM. I am consulting with legal and HRM staff to see if we can do this. It is important to make it easy for people to remove graffiti. As well, we need to either encourage or force businesses that sell graffiti instruments to not display or sell them to minors so that graffiti implements are not readily available to youth.

NYC has learned many lessons in its fight on graffiti and we can benefit from their experience. We saw areas in NYC where some building owners allow people to paint

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# Halifax to Harper – Your plan is all wrong

By Alexa McDonough  
Halifax MP

In early December, in my capacity as your Member of Parliament, I joined the Parliamentary committee on finance hearings in Halifax, to receive input from Maritimers for the upcoming federal budget.

To say presenters from our communities are worried about the next budget is an understatement! One after another, citizens strongly condemned Harper’s Fall mini-budget, which provided a \$60 billion tax “gift” to the wealthiest corporations, but no investments in rebuilding the programs and services that working Canadians have identified over and over again as their priorities. Adding insult to injury, by far the biggest winners in the Conservatives’ tax cuts were big banks, who are still gauging the public with excessive customer service charges and big oil, who continue to gauge the public at the pump. Of 18 presentations from our region, 15 blasted the Fall budget for taking us in the wrong direction, labeling it “disgraceful” and “insulting.”

As Dianne Swinemar from Feed Nova Scotia said, “even a small increase, perhaps even \$100 a month, in the [child tax] benefit rate would improve a family’s everyday living situation. This seems an affordable and reasonable way to improve the lives of the working poor given that the economic update of October 2007 announced \$60 billion in future tax cuts.”

Paul O’Hara of the North End Community Health Centre asked “how many reports does government need before it acts? Government knows what to do, and it’s doing the opposite. There are lots of benchmarks in

child care and early childhood education, in affordable housing and minimum wage. There doesn’t seem to be any real integrity in the government approach.”

Marc Lamoureux of the Association of Nova Scotia University Teachers told us “the crisis created by the massive increase in student tuition fees over the past decade, which actually is a result of a large decrease in core funding to post-secondary education in the nineties, should be addressed... through a restoration of core funding to levels that would allow tuition fees to be reduced, and through the introduction of needs-based programs to provide students with the levels of financial support that will guarantee access to all qualified applicants, regardless of income level.”

Ian Johnson from Nova Scotia General urged the government to abandon plans to abandon large individual and corporate tax cuts, and commit itself to developing wait-time solutions in the public system... and establish a national pharmacare program, and a national human health resources strategy.

Susan Nasser of the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers noted that Canada is a prosperous country. In 2007 Canada recorded a surplus for the ninth consecutive year... there is plenty for everyone, and it’s disgraceful that people are being excluded from the good life we all know is possible here.”

The message from our region is clear: the Conservative government is out of touch with Canadian values. Given how wrong-headed the government’s priorities were last time round, it’s heartening to hear our region speaking out for what working Canadians really want.



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# MLA explains Northwest Arm Drive construction plans

By Graham Steele  
Fairview MLA

Anyone driving along Northwest Arm Drive will know that construction work is happening at the Walter Havill Drive intersection. The big purple signs at either end of the work area say that \$250,000 is being spent. I have had some inquiries about what's being done that would cost that much.

I thought I would use this month's column to share with you the detailed project description given to me by the Department of Transportation. If anything is still unclear after you've read this, please contact me. My contact information is in the ad on this page.

Here is what the Department of Transportation told me:

"As you know, following up on concerns brought to our attention by yourself and by your constituents, we recognized this intersection was experiencing an abnormally high collision history. A review identified two main areas of concern:

(1) vehicles making left turns from Northwest Arm Drive onto both Walter Havill and Albert Walker were experiencing collisions with on-coming traffic;

(2) vehicles turning right onto Northwest Arm Drive from Albert Walker did not have adequate time to accelerate due to sight distance issues. Rear end collisions were occurring.

"To alleviate the safety risks in the intersection the Department chose a two phase solution. The first phase, which is scheduled for completion by February 29, involves the installation of new signal poles,

mast arms and a new traffic controller cabinet. The new signals will provide a protected left turn arrow at the beginning of the signal cycle, and a "no left turn" red during the green phase.

"New poles and mast arms were required as the old signals had only a single three light column (red, amber green). Also, for the "no left turn" on red to meet current specifications, the red signal must be positioned directly in line with the left turn pocket. Hence, a 14.9 meter long mast arm was required to reach over three lanes, with three new signal heads, one over each lane.

## Variety is more than the spice of life – Raymond

By Michele Raymond, Halifax Atlantic MLA

Like people all over Canada, I've been following with fascination the saga of HRM's urban chickens, following closely on the story of its cats and its rats.

We may be the butt of fowl humour and catty comments from all over the country, but it's no joke; these initiatives are only symptoms of a larger phenomenon that threatens the physical and even emotional health of all of us.

Post World War II, North America had a lot to be proud of, and new ways to show that pride. The New World had proven its mettle on the battlefields of the Old, and could offer a new life, and liberty to those fleeing the ruins of war. One way to show that liberty was to demonstrate prosperity, freedom from daily chores, and a vast bounty of natural resources.

North American cities could afford to

Due to the increased length of the mast arm and the additional weight of the signal heads, a large moment [distribution of weight around the centre of gravity] is created, therefore a massive new reinforced concrete foundation was required.

"The existing traffic control cabinet was not capable of controlling the new layout so a new one had to be manufactured. A three month time frame was required to construct the new controller cabinet.

"To allow the intersection to continue to function while construction took place, the original traffic signals had to be relocated to

temporary locations.

"This year's project also included brush clearing along the edge of the roadway to improve the stopping sight distance approaching this intersection from the south.

"The second phase, which is slated for the 2008-09 construction season, will involve the construction of a merge/ acceleration lane for vehicles turning right onto Northwest Arm Drive from Albert Walker. This additional lane will begin at St. Margarets Bay Road and will continue to the Northwest Arm Drive intersection and will include a right turn acceleration on Northwest Arm Drive."

effectively trucked in from somewhere else. The Common, (or Green), set aside for grazing

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## Graffiti is a community issue

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murals anywhere on the building. Vehicles and even the green bins were tagged. You could see adjacent buildings that tried to remove the graffiti but couldn't keep up with the vandalism. The whole community was full of debris, litter and looked like no one cared about it. In NYC free walls absolutely contributed to neighbourhood decline. It costs them 10's of millions of to remove graffiti. Last year in HRM it cost us \$2 million just to remove graffiti off municipal properties. Even if we are vigilant in removing it, if a neighbouring property owner doesn't remove it, the vandals will keep coming back.

One of the big mistakes that I made here in HRM was to agree to give the graffiti vandals a "free wall" at the former B C Silver School, that they could legally paint in exchange for them staying away from business and residential properties. HRM did a blitz and cleaned the Herring Cove Road of graffiti. At first the area was kept clean but then it got pounded by graffiti from the vandals tagging buildings on their way to and from the free wall. Fortunately this building has been torn down and we are not giving any more free walls.

NYC also does not recommend murals as they proved to increase graffiti vandalism in an area. In HRM murals used to be respected but most of them are now being tagged. Last week

I called in a couple that had profanity painted on them and many were tagged with hate graffiti. Large murals like the Sir Sandford Fleming mural are considered community art, not a graffiti deterrent and are clean so far. I will be talking to external stakeholders such as Aliant and recommending that the money from their mural program would be better used for prompt removal of graffiti.

The City Wide Vandals Task Force is something that I will be recommending for HRM. A group specifically addressing these issues would be more effective, similar to how our traffic division has successfully focused on traffic and safety issues. There is a wealth of information out there that links vandalism such as graffiti to other collateral crime. It may start with graffiti but eventually this escalates and the end result is a high crime rate, which we have now. Although our violent crime rate has decreased over the past few years, we still have the one of the highest rate of youth crime and in particular violent youth crime which is increasing significantly each year.

NYPD advertises to residents that they should report graffiti immediately, remove it immediately from their properties, maintain or improve property lighting and natural landscaping and stress the importance of respecting public and private property to youth. Public education is something we have not done, but we have an opportunity to enhance awareness.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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DELOREY, Alice “Edna” - 88, Passed away at the QEII Infirmary. Edna was the daughter of the late William and Lillian (Holland) Cooke. She was an employee of Regal before becoming a fulltime homemaker. In her youth she was very involved in sports and athletics. Edna was a long time member of St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove. She is survived by her sons, Gerald (Evelyn), Herring Cove; and Tommy (Nova), Harrietsfield; daughters, Jean (Donald) O’Melia; Carolyn DeLorey; Kathleen McLeod, Halifax; and Diane MacLeod, Toronto ON; brother Henry “Harry” Cooke, Porter’s Lake; sisters Margaret Lowe, Shirley Turner, Herring Cove; and Helen Launt, British Columbia; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband Clifford; sons David, and Clifford “Sonny;” brothers, Harold, William, and George; sisters Esther, and Agnes. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd, Spryfield (477-5601). Interment will be held at a later date.

STEVENS, Shirley Louise - 76, Spryfield, passed away in the Halifax, Infirmary, QEII. Shirley fought her hardest to make it until Christmas. Born in Moncton, N.B., she was a daughter of the late Edgar and Lillian (Arsenault) Cormier. She is survived by her son, Bryan, Halifax; sisters, Mae Cormier, Montreal, Que; Geraldine Cormier and Joanne Buckingham, both of Moncton, N.B.; Sandra Randall, Dallas, Tex.; brothers, Donald, Fredericton, N.B.; Bill, Montreal, Que. She was predeceased by her husband, Lorne; son, Wayne; sister, Dorothy. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville.

NAGLE, Harold Dean - 89, Halifax, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Herring Cove, Harold was a son of the late Harold and Carrie (MacKenzie) Nagle. He was a member

## Variety is more than the spice of life

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and food production in every planned European settlement, could be turned to other, more decorative uses.

This happened early in Halifax, despite the stern words of the Lords of Trade in Britain, when one early governor tried to grant parts of the Common to prosperous settlers. “How will the poor widow feed her family?” they asked, ordering the land returned to its intended use, as common pasture. In fact, by the mid-19th century, the Commons were converted to the Public Gardens, institutional uses, and to 999-year leases along today’s Spring Garden Road. Freshwater Brook was buried (though it surfaces on the Common, and sometimes, unintentionally along Barrington Street).

Interestingly, the years after World War II also saw the lavish use of antibiotics, a wealth of cleaning products (many now banned), the rise of cosmetic pesticides that promised a green and homogeneous lawn, and, according to some studies, an increase in immune disorders among children never exposed to a wide variety of the allergens that exist in the world. Not all the conclusions are universally accepted, but there is a pattern.

Environmental scientists tell us that variety is important, and that living systems achieve a balance through biodiversity- when one species is on the wane, another is on the rise. This is just as true of bacteria as it is of coyotes, rabbits and sheep. Sometimes, artificially

of St. Matthias Anglican Church and spent four years in the air force during the Second World War. He was also a former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission employee for 35 years. He is survived by his daughter, Terri Lee (Robert) Zinck, Halifax; grandchildren, Sarah and Katherine; sister-in-law, Dorothy Murphy; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Olive Nagle; son, Stephen Nagle; sisters, Doris Duff and Vilena Kingswell; brother, Richard. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in St. John’s Cemetery, Halifax.

CONNOLLY, Violet Ella - 84, Halifax, passed away. Born in Halifax, Violet was a daughter of the late John Bayfield and Agatha Maude (Mason) Mitchell. She is survived and will be sadly missed by her daughters, Connie Mercer (Lorne), Spryfield; Marie Brydon (Robin), Blackrock; Sharon Rose, Prince Edward Island; sons, Derek Connolly (Patti), Spryfield; Walter Connolly (Indira), Cambridge, ON; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Garneau John Connolly, son, William “Bill” Briand, sisters, Ella Mitchell, Ruby Hillier, Daisy Butler; brothers, Arthur, Bayfield, William, Stanley, Percy and Harry. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, (477-5601).

PURCELL, James Reginald “Reg” - 92, passed away in Camp Hill Veterans’ Memorial Building, QEII. Born in Portuguese Cove, he was a son of the late Bresnan and Mary Alice (Power) Purcell. He was a veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War. After retiring from the army in 1965 with 23 years of service, he enjoyed several occupations of which fishing was his main love. He is survived by his former wife, Velma (Bunny) Purcell, Sambro; daughter, Glenda

suppressing one species, whether it’s a germ or a chicken, throws off the balance. I’ve marveled at the thinking that leads HRM, unlike other jurisdictions, to recommend meat scraps in compost, an open invitation to rats, and then to lock up cats. Apparently others have been surprised too.

Nutritionists tell us that variety is important, when they recommend eating foods of many different colours (dye doesn’t count), to get the greatest number of nutrients. But humans are creatures of habit, and aren’t as likely to eat a variety of foods when a favourite cantaloupe or tomato can be trucked in or flown in year round. The turnip may not be as appetizing first time around, but it’s still part of a balanced diet- and it doesn’t need to come from California.

Recently, government policies have suppressed a lot of variety, in transportation, recreation, food choices, immigration, types of housing and even the look of our homes. Other parts of North America are beginning to look at the side-effects of sameness, though, as other cities actually encourage urban food production. People are starting to question whether it makes sense to ban clotheslines in favour of electric dryers, to widen roads instead of putting public transit on the existing streets, and to wonder whether it’s really necessary for all the houses on one street to have the same ‘look.’

The chickens are only the tip of the iceberg.

(Russie Henneberry); son, Brent (Frances), Portuguese Cove; sister, Lillian Martin, New Glasgow; grandchildren, Holly Henneberry (Jason Lake), Williamswood; Chad Henneberry, Kelly Purcell and Amanda Purcell, Portuguese Cove. He was predeceased by sisters, Eva Purcell and Olive Tone; brother, Bresnan. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601).

KEDDY, Aubrey Albert - 58, Harrietsfield, passed away in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax, with his family by his side. Born February 26, 1949, in Halifax, he was a son of Hazel (Kennedy) Keddy, Dartmouth, and the late Robie Keddy. Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife, Marion (Crouse) Keddy; daughter, Kristal (Scott) Gray and grandchildren, Courtney, Evan and McKayla, Herring Cove; son, Kraig (Darlene Hewens), granddaughter Tiffany and stepgranddaughter Alicia, Herring Cove. He is also survived by brother, Brian (Ruth) Keddy, Stewiacke.

WEAVER, Barbara Anne - 76, Passed away peacefully at her home in Purcell’s Cove, as she wished, after a long battle with cancer. Born in Rockdale, Cape Breton, July 26, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth (Minnie) Martell and Murdoch Mombourquette, and the step-daughter of William Morvan. She is survived by her caregiver and long-time companion Andrew McKay; her children, Lynn, Alexander (Toby), and Robbie, Toronto, ON; her sister Theresa, Sackville NS; sisters Bev, Sandra, and Judy; brothers Bill, and Roy; and several nieces and nephews.

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"Setting Sail Again", written and directed by Carol MacDonnell, a dinner theatre, will be performed at Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, April 18, 19, 25, & 26 Tickets \$25.00; (Wine \$4.00). Doors open at 6:15. For tickets and information call Alecta 477-7870

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Another Catholics Coming Home Program begins at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall on February 6 at 8:00 PM. This is the first of six sessions designed to welcome and support those who are thinking about returning to the Catholic Church. For more information or to register please call Debbie @ 477-4857 e-mail debbie richard@eastlink.ca or http://catholicscominghome.ca

**Farm Society General Meeting**  
The Urban Farm Museum Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday, Feb.18 at 7:30pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Special guest speaker will be Fulton Lavender talking about the Birds in our farm field and community. Everyone Welcome!

**Next at TAG**  
"A Night in the Theatre" is a modern comedy that will sweep away the winter blues and completely entertain our audiences. Walter and Donna, along with their friends Stanley and Margaret, are off to see a produc-

tion of Hamlet but unfortunately none of them are really up to the task. Between this foursome, you will meet every annoying character you have ever sat close to at a theatre or cinema! Despite their hilarious all around ignorance and best efforts to destroy the performance, a little of Hamlet does get through with surprising consequences. Perhaps even for Walter, Donna, Stanley and Margaret things just might not be the same once Mr. Shakespeare has woven his timeless magic. The play runs February 21st to March 8th. Book your tickets early. The annual holiday presentation sells out every year. Tickets go on sale January 31st through the TAG Box Office 477-2663 - Or book on the web at www.tagtheatre.com.

**Seedy Saturday**  
The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is holding its 10th Seedy Saturday at Captain William Spry Community Centre, Spryfield, on Saturday, March 15, 2-4 PM. Swap and or buy seeds, visit seed and plant vendors, Kids' Corner, displays and speakers with focus on Seeds of Diversity, and heirloom seeds. Admission by donation. Door prize! For more information or to book a table contact Jean Henshall White (902) 477-2933, email: jphwhite@ns.sympatico.ca.

**Heritage Event**  
The Mainland South Heritage Society Annual "Heritage Tea and Display" will be held Saturday, February 23, 12- 3pm, at Captain William Spry Community Centre. View photographs of Milestones in Mainland South, and celebrate two milestones, the 250th anniversary of Sambro Light and the 250th anniversary of the NS Legislative Assembly. Featuring the Memorial Tower in Fleming Park, built to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Representative Government, and the 200th anniversary of the house on Melville Island, now the home of Armdale Yacht Club.

**Church Services and Programs**  
The Congregation of Gospel Light Baptist Church extends a warm invitation to all to come out and share

this beautiful building with us. Programs include Sun. 9:45am - Family Bible Hour for everyone (infant to adult); 11:00am - Worship Service (junior church for children); 7:00am - Young Adults Meet (singles and couples); Wed. 7:30pm - Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting (quality supervision for children); Thurs. 6:30 – 8:30pm - Youth Group Fun Night (12 yrs.+ or grade 7+); Fri. 6:30 – 8:00pm - Kids Club (5 – 12 yrs.); Upcoming Special Events: Sun. Feb 3- 6:00pm – 8:00pm - Variety Show (fun for all ages); Dress for the Tropics! Sat. Feb.16 6:00pm; Adult Valentine Dinner (great food and fun) - Sat. Feb. 23 12:00 – 4:00pm; Kids Korner (crafts, games, etc. for Ages 4yrs.- 12yrs.) This is something we are expecting the kids to really enjoy. You can drop the kids off or come in and enjoy with them. For information please call 479-3322.

**Tinnitus Meeting**  
Do you suffer from tinnitus (ringing in the ears) or know someone who does? If you do, plan on attending the next meeting of the Tinnitus Support Group of Atlantic Canada. It will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 7 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Center, 10 Kidston Road in Halifax. For more information please call 473-4366 or visit: http://tinnitusatatlantic.tripod.com (website) or tinnitussupport@eastlink.ca (e-mail).

**Scout Supper**  
The annual Scout pancake supper will take place at Fairview United Church, 3524 Dutch Village Road (across the street from the Dairy Queen) on Tuesday February 5 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. \$5 for Adults and \$4 for Children.

**Halifax Kennel Club Shows and Trials**  
The Halifax Kennel Club will host 2 All Breed Dog Shows and Obedience Trials on February 9 and 10 at Exhibition Park from 8am to 5pm. Join breeders and exhibitors from across the Maritime Provinces as they compete for top honors. This show is bound to be a crowd pleaser as the popular Rally-O competition returns. A complete schedule of events can be found on canuck dogs. Please note: As per CKC regulations, only dogs pre-registered in the show are permitted on site.

**VON Volunteers**  
VON of Greater Halifax is looking for caring individuals to provide volunteer visiting, palliative and respite care in Halifax Regional Municipality. A seven-week training course will begin on February 26 at the Halifax Shopping Center Tower One. A small refundable registration fee will be charged. Please call 455-6654 for more information.

**School Bottle Drive**  
Cunard Junior High School is having a bottle drive on Saturday February 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help raise money for sports equipment. It will be held at Cunard Junior High on Williams Lake Road. Come on out and support the kids in their drive.

**Family Health Drop-In**  
Public Health Services - Healthy Beginnings Program will hold a family health drop-in at the Captain William Spry Library in Spryfield the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. It will be facilitated by a Public Health Nurse. A range of services will be offered including breastfeeding support, parenting education, health

and community information for parents, babies and children up to 5 years of age. For more information call 481-5800. Tell a neighbor and bring a friend!

**Recycle for Funds**  
Sambro Ketch-Harbour Elementary School's Grade 6 class has initiated a recycling fundraiser to raise money for their school trip. An account has been set up for the School at the Beaver Enviro-Depot in Spryfield. Anyone wishing to donate money from their recyclables towards their trip would be greatly appreciated.

**Legion Notes:**  
Seniors Days – Mondays,– February 11 and 25 – 1 to 5 pm - featuring Newfie George.  
Bingo every Sunday – Doors open at noon – Bingo starts at 1 pm  
Super Star Bingo – Sunday evenings – Doors Open at 5pm  
Karaoke February 18 and 22 – 9 to 1 am.  
Valentines Dance – February 16 9 to 1 am – Featuring The Tide – Members and Guests Welcome.

**Library Happenings:**  
Volunteer Tutors Needed  
Captain William Spry Library is looking for Tutors in the ESL (English as a Second Language) For Adults Program. The program runs on Wednesdays in the morning from 10 - noon and in the afternoon from 1-3 pm. If you enjoy meeting and helping new people in the community please call Pam at 490-5715 or email barret@halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.  
ESL at Captain William Spry Library  
Get help with your English Language skills at Captain William Spry Library on Wednesdays from 10 – noon or 1-3 pm. This program is free and open to permanent residents, refugee claimants and Canadian citizens. For more information call Pam at 490-5715 or email barret@halifaxpubliclibraries.ca.  
Preschool Programs  
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Tuesdays 10:30am - July 3 –  
Children's Programs  
Teen Program  
Teen Drop In Thursdays 6:30pm Ages 12+ - Drop by the library to find out how you can make a difference in Spryfield. It's a chance to hang out with friends, play games, use computers, make crafts and have fun!  
Teen Computer Drop In - Ages 12+ - 6:30pm - Hang out and use a laptop to play, surf or chat.  
Adult Programs  
Book Club  
The libraries' book clubs are a great way to meet people, explore new authors, share ideas and celebrate the joy of reading.

**Fundraising For Guides**  
Beaver Enviro on Herring Cove Road has set up an account for the Armview District Girl Guides. Every time you recycle you can make a donation to the organization.

**Organist Wanted**  
Emmanuel Anglican Church on the Herring Cove Road is looking for an Organist. Our musical equipment includes an Allen Organ and a Roland Digital Piano. Closing date is Dec.15. Phone 477-1782 for more information. Forward resume to Rev. Dianna Brett-Frye, 322 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax, NS B3R 1V4.

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The Nicks 'n Dings building at 531 Herring Cove Rd. (former Halifax Countrywide Furniture Building) has been sold. We must vacate before February 26th, and everything must go. Over 12,000 sq. ft. of home improvement items are being liquidated, regardless of cost or loss. Some excess inventory has been sold to LumberMart Stores and they are conducting the wind down, close-out at this location. We'd like to thank the people from Spryfield and surrounding communities for their support over the past few years. We hope to see you soon!

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