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## Finally! – Municipal water available and flowing in Herring Cove

Finally!  
After 40 years of promises, conversation, and at times, controversy, municipal water is flowing to some residents of Herring Cove now that completion of Phase 1A of the long awaited water and sewer service project has put at least

a partial end to the continuing use of unsafe water supplies.  
For 135 homeowners in Churchill Estates, completion of the first phase of the project means they can now reach to their taps to get clean, safe drinking water. The new service,

turned on in December, is hooked to the subdivision's existing common water system so residents here don't have to hook up to the new water main now in the ground. For about 120 other residents who live along parts of Herring Cove Road and St. Paul's Avenue, the installation means they can connect laterals to hook in whenever they want.

And for two schools in the area, Sir William King Elementary and Herring Cove Junior High, the end of using bottled water is in sight. Community Liaison Committee Chair Bruce Cooke says the mains is waiting to be hooked with laterals to the school but project planners are delaying the hook-up, for safety reasons, until school is out in June 2006.

Among others called to an "informal thank-you" by District 18 Councillor Stephen Adams, who has worked toward water and sewer installation in Herring Cove throughout his now 14

year tenure as a municipal councillor, and the CLC, Chair Cooke thanked former Herring Cove Ratepayers Association President Brian Dempsey.

"I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge in particular Brian Dempsey and the scores of people Brian worked with over many years to make this servicing project a reality," he said.

For his part Councillor Adams offered his appreciation for Fisheries Minister Geoff Regan and the federal government commitment of a million dollars to the project. He thanked Municipal Services Minister Barry Barnett for the provincial contribution of a million dollars and former Harbour Solutions Project manager Maurice Lloyd for bringing \$5 million to the project. Both the councillor and Chair Cooke, after expressing their appreciation for govern-

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Santa wanders through the crowd saying hello to the children who gathered at the end of this year's 31st Annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade, one recognized by many as the largest ever held with more than 70 entries.

## 31st Santa Claus Parade has record 70 entries

If Chair Kevin Johnson had the ability to gain direct access to Santa Claus himself, he could not have asked for a better day for this year's running of the 31st Spryfield Santa Claus Parade.

Not only did the more than 70 entries marshal on Punch Bowl Drive under sunny

and unseasonably warm skies, thousands of spectators lined Herring Cove Road to watch the record number of entries pass by, many not even huddled together or wrapped in their heaviest of winter's clothing.

And no doubt Platinum Sponsor Crowell's Pharmasave, Gold Sponsors Uncle Bucks,

Chebucto Community Council gave its approval this month to the long awaited Herring Cove Road Community Development and Streetscape Planning Project compiled by Ekistics Planning and Design through a series of community consultations earlier this year.

And although Senior Planner and presenter Richard Harvey told Council "the acceptance of this report does not commit Council to undertake any of its proposals," it is viewed as a

RDM Recycling and Halifax Regional Municipality; and Silver Sponsors Bowlarama and the Wave Pool, were delighted at the hundreds who assembled at South Centre Mall for the closing ceremonies, prize presentations

"conceptual document devoted towards improving the character and functionality of the community area."

Understanding that some of the concept ideas and proposals within the 156 page document are outside HRM's existing financial capability, Harvey said "several of the projects, such as installation of street benches, trash receptacles and other amenities are already being initiated through HRM's streetscape program." Included in this list are improvements to several park areas including Punch Bowl drive; at Winchester Avenue where a look-off overlooking the Armdale Yacht Club is being considered and at St. Michael's Avenue.

The plan also suggests "giving the Captain William Spry Community Centre a Herring Cove Road address" by creating a park along

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# Streetscape Plan passes Chebucto Community Council

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the McIntosh Run and connecting the Centre to Herring Cove Road with a pedestrian bridge.

## Municipal water in Herring Cove

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ment funding, committed to an ongoing effort to try and secure new funding to help offset the costs to consumers.

"Forty percent of our community now has access to municipal water and sewer services,"

The plan also envisions developing a skate board park near the Sussex Street Legion.

The proposal has identified a "Spryfield Village" theme for the community which would

said Cooke. "Phase 1B will be tendered within the next two months and I want to assure all of our residents that Councillor Adams and the Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee will not rest until every family and senior in our community has access to an adequate supply of safe water and modern sewer services."

serve the residential and business centre needs for all communities in the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula of the Sambro Loop. Denser housing and increased retail opportunities would form the basis of the Village Centre concept.

The document calls for considerable changes to a number of key intersections including at Sussex Street and Osbourne Avenue, and suggests changing the Central Business Core roadway configuration between Old Sambro Road and Dentith Road to a three lane format with a left-right turning lane in the centre with carefully placed boulevards dotting the landscape.

The plan suggests improvements to and connection of walking trails and pathways to

encourage pedestrian movement throughout the business corridor and envisions a bicycle lane along Herring Cove Road and a transit terminal in the vicinity of South Centre Mall to provide alternatives to vehicle use.

The study team recognizes that changes in the land use planning of the street and its surrounding area are necessary to bring the recommendations to reality.

Councillor Stephen Adams suggested some of the recommendations are beyond HRM's financial ability to manage but Harvey suggested the document allows Council to prepare for the longer term. Copies of the plan may be obtained from the Office of the Municipal Clerk by calling 490-4208.



Geoff Regan, Fisheries Minister and Bedford MLA, left; District 16 Councillor Stephen Adams, former Herring Cove Ratepayers Association President Brian Dempsey, Herring Cove Community Liaison Committee Chairman Bruce Cooke, and HRM Senior Engineer Charles Lloyd, were on hand to celebrate the completion of Phase 1A of the Herring Cove Sewer and Water Services Project.

## Santa Claus Parade sets record

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and the official warm welcome of Santa himself.

Judges District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher, Tanya LeClaire and Judy Webster had a difficult time deciding on some of the awards presented. But in the end they chose the following as 2005 winners:

- Best Overall Entry – Chebucto Heights Elementary Home and School Association:
- Best Community Entry – 2nd Herring Cove Beavers and Cubs with honourable mention to the 4th Spryfield Cubs and Beavers:
- Best Commercial Entry – Atlantic Superstore with honourable mention to Spryfield Animal Hospital:
- Best Majorette Entry – Halifax Sparklettes

with honourable mention to Fusion:

- Best Cheerleading Entry – Rockingstone Elementary School:
- Most Original Entry – Chebucto Minor Hockey:
- Best individual Entry – Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada with Jessys Pizza as honourable mention:
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- Honourable mention overall winners included Herring Cove Fire Department, Central Spryfield Coop Program and Spryfield Residents Association.



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# Indigo preparing women to enter workforce and improve job skills

By Elizabeth Hay,  
Staff

Spryfield is home to an innovative new project that aims to provide young women with an opportunity to increase their employability in the job marketplace.

Indigo is a year long program with two distinct components. The first half of the program is composed of personal and employability skills workshops and the second is a 24 week work placement to gain actual hands on work experience.

The workshop component, which began in November 2005, covers subjects such as Personal Development, Goal Setting, Problem Solving, First Aid and CPR, Employability, Job Searching and Work Preparation. An IT course includes computer use, internet and research, and email use. Academic upgrading is available (GED – Grade 12 Equivalent). To address issues of Work-Life balance, a healthy eating component is run in conjunction with St Paul's Family Resource Institute and there are plans for adding communications skills and other short courses such as SuperHost and WHMIS.

The program has already incorporated guest speakers, such as Chris Hayes of True Potential (team building) and the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) speaking about their educational programs. A field trip to the Centre for Entrepreneurship (CEED) on Grafton St was taken in December for those who might be inspired to start their own businesses.

Michelle Riley, placement coordinator, says so far the program has been a brilliant success. The participants are a diverse group with varying circumstances, backgrounds and skill-sets. They are learning new skills, but also assessing their existing skills in a new and advantageous light. What they have in common is a determination to complete the program and overcome any obstacles they face.

The participants are motivated by goals of further education or finding rewarding jobs that will pay more than minimum wage and where there may be room for advancement. Some are considering employment in health care, information technology, small business

and the trades. Many are prepared to go on to further training at community college after they have completed the Indigo program.

The program is currently full, but there is a waiting list for interested participants. To be eligible you must be a woman between the ages of 18 and 30 living in Spryfield or surrounding areas, facing barriers to employment, be motivated and able to dedicate yourself to the program full time for the remainder of the 50 weeks. Indigo staff are in the process of establishing 24 week work placements for participants in the Spryfield or Metro area to begin in late April. If you are an employer who may be interested in providing a work placement opportunity for Indigo participants, please call Michelle Riley, Work Placement Coordinator at 444-7399 to find out more information.

Indigo is sponsored by the Women's Economic Equality Society (see [www.women-scednetwork.org](http://www.women-scednetwork.org)) and is funded by Service Canada, with support from the NS Department of Community Services.



This class photograph of the Indigo participants was taken during the Holiday Season. The young women are in training to re-enter the workforce.



Executive Director Terri Whetstone, Instructor Emile Kuchler, and Urban Farm Museum Past President Pat MacLean stand behind the new wrought Iron gates the accompanying students, including Allan Pippy, Jesse Johnson, Andrew Walker, Matthew Anderson, Tung Danh, Lee Pickrem, Kyle Gray, Matthew Hame and Thomas Anderson, made for the Museum's barn at J.L. Ilsley High School.

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST

### War in America brings excitement to our shores during Christmas week, 1863.

By Iris Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

The week of Christmas, 1863, brought an unusual bit of excitement to our shoreline communities. The American Civil War (between the North and South) was in its third year, and people in this area were emotionally involved, with their sympathies leaning toward the Southerners (Confederates). Three local men, John Flemming and Bernard Gallagher of Ketch Harbour, and Jerry Holland of Duncan's Cove, happened to get caught up in an event of the war, referred to by newspapers of the time as the "Second Chesapeake Affair."

On December 17, 1863, a steamer called the "Chesapeake," its ownership being challenged by U.S. Northerners, was captured off Sambro by a U.S. Gunboat accompanied by another U.S. armed vessel, "Ellen and Annie." Earlier in December, "Chesapeake" had been carrying its valuable cargo of cotton, wine and sugar from Portland to New York when a group of Confederates overtook the crew and headed the steamer for Saint John, N.B., to re-coal. After dropping the Northern crew and passengers on Partridge Island, it was not long before government officials from the United States were in pursuit of the Confederate pirates, and the "Chesapeake" was redirected to Nova Scotia. Thinking they had eluded their enemy, Captain John Braine and his Confederate crew made it as far as Sambro Harbour. While the steamer was taking on coal, all except two of the crew went ashore at "Mud Cove" in Sambro.

Halifax Harbour pilot John Flemming was on board the British schooner "Investigator" at Sambro Harbour when the two U.S. vessels pulled alongside the "Chesapeake," captured it, and took its two crewmen into custody. Flemming reported that armed officers then boarded the schooner "Investigator" and threatened to take its master, John Holt, as prisoner if he did not allow them to search the vessel. Hiding below deck was John Wade, one of the crew of the pirated "Chesapeake." He was placed on board the "Ellen and Annie" with the other two prisoners, and the

two American vessels, with "Chesapeake" in tow, sailed for Halifax where local authorities were waiting to receive the prisoners.

In Halifax, a group of prominent Haligonians, about 40 in all, including Dr. W.J. Almon, Dr. P.H. Smith and Alexander Keith, Jr., were waiting on the Queen's Wharf, ready to intercept and free John Wade. These men were sympathetic to the Confederates and believed the Northerners were performing an illegal act by capturing the steamer and taking prisoners in Nova Scotia waters. Dr. Almon and his friends believed that Wade, innocent of any crime, would certainly be sentenced to death if allowed to remain in the custody of U.S. authorities.

Some of the men present on the wharf that cold December day in 1863 remembered standing, as young children, in the same place fifty years earlier, in 1813. At that time the British were at war with the Americans (during the War of 1812) when HMS "Shannon" captured and brought the disabled USS "Chesapeake" into Halifax. It was an event that brought the people of Halifax to the waterfront to share in the excitement. Fifty years later, as the events of the "Second Chesapeake Affair" unfolded, newspapers reported that it looked as though Halifax would once again become the headquarters for British operations against the United States.

Dr. Almon, whose son was a surgeon in the Southern Army, hired Paul Woods, with his fast horse, to grab Wade as soon as he stepped ashore. This plan, however, had to be scrapped because it would be too difficult to escape on horseback through the crowds and

the police. Dr. Almon then noticed two men in a dory not far from the wharf. Recognizing them as Bernard Gallagher and Jerry Holland,

he was in their dory, they were to row as fast as they could to Ketch Harbour.

When Wade appeared, Almon instructed him to jump into the dory, and the two oarsmen, with their human cargo, headed away from the wharf among cheers of encouragement from the crowd. A policeman attempted to fire on them, but Almon and another man grabbed him, allowing Gallagher, Holland and Wade to reach Ketch Harbour safely. During the night, Paul Woods and his fast horse transported Wade from Ketch Harbour to Hantsport where, according to newspapers, "he disappeared, never to be heard of by the enemy afterward." Wade and most of the "pirate" crew, including Captain John Braine, were all natives of New Brunswick.

The photograph used here is that of HMS "Shannon" bringing USS "Chesapeake" into Halifax Harbour in 1813, following the "First Chesapeake Affair."



Shown is the HMS "Shannon" with USS "Chesapeake," in Halifax Harbour. NSARM Photo.

the two fastest oarsmen of the time, Almon called them over, offered them 10 pounds to wait for the prisoner, John Wade, and, when



Springvale Elementary School PTA held a Christmas Craft Sale in December. Tracey Warner, Sandra Quinn and Kathleen Bates were among the vendors offering unique gifts to shoppers.

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# Local students send school supplies to hurricane ravaged Louisiana

By Ali Bryan, Staff

Students from Central Spryfield School and Fairview Heights Elementary were busy last month. Together the schools collected enough supplies, everything from notebooks to backpacks, to fill seventeen boxes destined for hurricane ravaged Louisiana.

The decision to help displaced students south of the border was initiated by students and parents from both schools. Hurricane Katrina devastated the Central Gulf Coast just days before the school year started. "They wanted to do something," said Katherine MacLeod, Guidance Counsellor for both schools, when students returned in the fall.

She immediately searched the Internet to

determine an effective "hands-on" way for students to help out. That search took her to the United States Department of Education website. Displaced students throughout the Gulf Coast were in desperate need of school supplies, from the very basic pens, pencils and paper, to erasers, rulers and combination locks. Through the department, Central Spryfield and Fairview Heights adopted the Assumption Parish School Board in Napoleonville, Louisiana, a school board serving more than 4500 students in ten schools.

Students, parents and staff members enthusiastically embraced the project. "I just wanted to help out" recalled Fairview Heights grade five student Matthew Roberts, "it made me feel happy." Matthew helped sort the massive dona-

tion of supplies and also decorated some of the boxes with maple-leaf stickers.

The constant flow of donations kept spirits high throughout the collection period. The momentum also continued outside in the school yard when one Central Spryfield parent used money earned from a garage sale to buy and donate a number of backpacks.

When Fairview grade six student Kayla Giles presented the project to her parents, they suggested she ask for corporate support. With the help of her father, Kayla was able to secure a sizeable donation from Staples. Overall, the response was overwhelming. Once the boxes were packed, some students included heartfelt messages of encouragement while others drew pictures and made cards in hopes of brightening the spirits of the recipients. Central Spryfield grade one student Chelsey Horne said "it felt good to help because it was nice."

David DeVan and Wally MacAskill, the principals of Fairview Heights and Central Spryfield respectively, were extremely proud of the generous effort put forth by their students, staff and the community at large.

When it came time to deliver the boxes,

Katherine recalled a "logistical nightmare." They hadn't foreseen the difficulty and expense of shipping seventeen heavy boxes to the United States. Many organizations expressed an interest in helping out, but were involved in other Hurricane Katrina fundraisers, or were focused on collecting and distributing monetary aid.

Luckily the offices of Halifax West MP The Honourable Geoff Regan and The Honourable Diana Whalen, MLA Halifax-Clayton Park, plus John Swain of Survival Systems Training Ltd and Fairview Heights Elementary agreed to split the shipping costs. The boxes left Canada in mid-November and both schools are anxious for the packages to be received and opened by the students of Assumption Parish.

Katie Zinck, a grade six student at Central Spryfield imagines students will "feel happy because they're getting new stuff that kids donated, and their stuff had been destroyed." Long after the last pencil has been sharpened and the last squirt of glue dispensed, the care and concern expressed by two schools and their communities will last a lifetime for the students of Assumption Parish.



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Kelly Regan, wife of The Honourable Geoff Regan, presents a cheque to Fairview Heights Elementary and Central Spryfield Schools in support of the shipping costs of sending school supplies to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Participants in the relief effort were: Back Row (from L to R): Principal Wally MacAskill, Central Spryfield School, Principal David DeVan, Fairview Heights Elementary, student Kayla Giles, Kelly Regan, student Eric Walsh. Front Row (from L to R): students Amanda Fitzgerald, Stephanie Ssebazza and Mohamed Farjallah.

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# Thompson hired to lead project

The Board of the Captain William Spry Community Centre (CWSCC) is pleased to announce that Kate Thompson has been contracted as Project Coordinator for the Board's Healthy Housing, Healthy Community Project.

The Project will enable residents of Spryfield and communities of the Sambro Loop to explore how the built environment (houses, roads, parks, etc.) influences personal health and community wellbeing. For example, a community that is very walkable, with lots of routes to multiple destinations, makes it easier for people to choose walking, biking or skateboarding over automobile use. This in turn reduces the risk of obesity. As well, public

places where people can meet and be together helps increase the friendliness of communities.

Ms. Thompson is an environmental planner and a graduate of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. She has worked in Spryfield before and says she is "excited to be working again with the people of this area. They have such enthusiasm and appreciation for where they live."

As part of the Board's project, Ms. Thompson has been looking for examples of other communities that assess proposed developments for their impacts on health and wellbeing. Starting in 2006, she will be holding community conversations to hear residents'

views on ways of improving the built environment for community wellbeing. She says she is looking forward to the conversations "because I have seen how residents pull together to make their community even better."

Ms. Thompson can be reached through the CWSCC Board at 477-0964, or sprycentre-board@ns.sympatico.ca.



Kate Thompson

# Beazley elected President

The Spryfield Residents Association (SRA) has had a busy year. Participating in the Santa Claus Parade, Clean Nova Scotia's annual Clean Up, working with Action for Neighbourhood Change and following local issues.

The Spryfield Residents Association is happy to announce the winners of this year's Christmas raffle. B.J. Frenette won the first prize gift basket; Pauline Mantley took home Upper Clements Park passes as part of 2nd prize and Loretta Lahey won the third place gift basket.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the fundraising efforts of the Spryfield Residents Association. A portion of the raffle proceeds will be used to help a Spryfield resident.

The Spryfield Residents Association ended its year on 30 November 2005 with the Annual

General Meeting and election of a new executive. Wendy Beazley was re-elected for a 2nd term as President. Other officers are: Nancy Wooden, Vice President; Theresa Snow, secretary; and Janet Kidston, Treasurer.

We are looking forward to an active and exciting 2006. All residents of the Spryfield area are encouraged to attend meetings.



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# Mental health issues need more attention – Cafe

The Spryfield Healthy Minds Community Café held in November sparked a great deal of stimulating discussion about improving mental health for residents of Spryfield and communities of the Sambro Loop.

In response to new strategic directions being implemented by Mental Health Services in the Capital Health District, the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors and the Chebuco West Community Health Board brought together local residents and health professionals to establish local priorities.

Residents said they wanted more attention paid to promoting health in general, and that mental health and physical health cannot be separated. This fact was emphasized in the opening remarks of Dr. Aidan Stokes, Acting Head, Department of Psychiatry at Dalhousie University.

Participants also said that proper nutrition and rest, spiritual care, education, self-confidence, and assertiveness are vital to a healthy mind. Decision-making and relationship skills are also important, and all of these factors need to be nurtured in the general population. Drop-in centres for youths,

parents and children, and seniors were seen as good vehicles for socializing, as well as for connecting to people who may need help but who feel shy or don't know where to go for help.

The link between poverty and mental distress was also discussed, as was the need to focus efforts on reducing poverty to enhance community mental health. Participants felt that outpatient services currently located at the QEII Health Sciences Centre should be de-centralized and located in Spryfield. Other services, such as those currently provided by Heather Haworth, should be located in Spryfield, particularly because of transportation issues and the fact that individuals prefer to access mental health services in their own community.

It was also noted that information on a variety of existing services is not readily available. Other important themes identified were participatory research into mental health and mental health services, having residents identify the programs they want to see in local agencies, and some sort of coordinator, such as a staff person from the Healthy

Minds Cooperative, who would connect services and support communications throughout the community.

A report from the consultation will be made available through the Board's office in the Captain William Spry Community Centre, the Public Library in the Centre, Chebuco West Community Health Board, and Healthy Minds Cooperative. Anyone

interested in participating in future discussions on mental health can contact the CWSCC Board at 477-0964.

In summary, it will take time, resources and political will to implement the changes identified during the Spryfield Healthy Minds Community Café. Understanding the priorities identified by residents is certainly an important first step.



Brandon Benson's drawing of the Old Kidston Farm took top honours in this year I Spy Heritage Contest of the Urban Farm Museum Society. Show during the award presentation at Brandon's Central Spryfield School are Pat MacLean, Society Past President; Brandon's Mother Anna Benson; Councillor Stephen Adams and Grade Four Teacher Janet Stoddard.

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Sometime over the last few months, you, your mother or even your cousin has been asked what you think about Spryfield. Maybe it was through a survey, a one-to-one conversation or visit to your community group. The idea is to get a good picture of our community today—the good, the bad and the ugly.

This information is being collected as part of a project called **Action for Neighbourhood Change**. As Spryfielders, we are part of this unique, nation-wide program. It encourages people to help one another make their neighbourhood a better place to live.

So take a look and see what we think about ourselves and our community. These are our voices, and our lives.

A recent survey showed overwhelmingly that people are friendly and helpful to each other. Almost as strongly, we can find enough ways to meet and talk with each other and most importantly, many of us have a strong purpose in life.

We are also very proud of those things that are uniquely Spryfield. Our Lions Wave Pool, the Captain William Spry Community Centre and the thousands of acres of green space are three powerful points of pride. We are Spryfield proud.

Still, we know we have our problems. But to tackle these challenges, everyone knows you need heart and commitment to move forward.



## Our Challenges

The opinions of Spryfielders are:

- We have a reputation as being a bad place despite our average crime stats.
- Litter, graffiti and boarded-up buildings make our community look unattractive.
- There is a lack of local job opportunities.

The research shows these trends for Spryfield, compared to HRM and Nova Scotia.

- Our average household income has not risen for many years.
- We have a high number of single-parent families.
- A smaller proportion of adults are in the labour force.
- Our 15- to 24-year-old youth have difficulty finding work.
- Fewer of us have passed Grade 9, graduated from high school or gone on to university or community college.

Unless action is taken now, Spryfield will continue to fall behind. The time to act is now.

We need to prepare for the next stage of HRM's regional plan, which focuses on community vision and action.



## The Solutions Start with Us

With this project, Spryfield has an opportunity to turn things around and plot our own course of action for a brighter future.

Now, it is up to us. We must build on our strengths. Our Heart, our Pride and our People.

**Action for Neighbourhood Change** can help us get together, but it is up to each and every one of us to take the first steps toward changing.



## The Next Step

Spryfield needs you! Come and attend our Community meeting on:

**Saturday, January 21,  
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And look for regular **Action** updates in the coming weeks and months.

# Finally! After 40 years water flows to Herring Cove – Adams

By Stephen Adams, Councillor District 18

Finally! After more than 40 years of waiting, talk, promises and commitments, municipal water is flowing in the community of Herring Cove. Homes along Herring Cove Road and St. Paul's Avenue have access, and a drive on these streets show additional work being done to hook up to the system. For those residents in Churchill Estates, there is no action required by homeowners, except maybe a little patience for the pressure to build and the air to find its way through the system. At the time of writing this article, residents with whom I spoke were reporting minimal, if any, problems.

On Tuesday December 20 we held a press conference to thank those who worked so hard

to bring this project to fruition. We thanked Geoff Regan for his assistance in bringing just over one million dollars to this project. As well, we thanked Barry Barnett, Minister of Municipal Services, for his help in securing another one million dollars. Maurice Lloyd, who worked with Harbour Solutions, was instrumental in bringing five million dollars to the project. Unfortunately, neither Barry nor Maurice were available for the press conference.

Bruce Cooke spoke on behalf of the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and pledged to move forward with additional funding requests and to work on behalf of the residents of Herring Cove. Members of our staff were also present. Charles Lloyd, our Senior

Engineer, worked tirelessly to ensure this project was successful. James Campbell worked to ensure the wishes of the CLC were fulfilled and act as a liaison between the committee and staff.

Brian Dempsey, the former Chair of the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association also attended and gave the history behind the project and the Service and Settlement Strategy. This strategy was implemented to control development with the extension of services and will prove very effective.

In keeping with the project, additional Federal and Provincial funding is necessary to help offset costs to residents. HRM has submitted the propriety list for consideration, however, our project is not listed. I was able to amend the list to include phased sewer and

water projects should a submitted project not qualify.

The encouraging aspect of this is that I have an appointment to meet with Minister Barry Barnett regarding funding. Barry helped us obtain funding previously and I am confident he will be able to help us again.

Earlier this month we saw our first snowfall of the season. The snow was heavier than expected and caused numerous issues throughout District 18. I have spoken to the HRM supervisors and the areas of concern were brought forward. As I drove through the Sambro Loop, the clearing was less than reasonable. A call to DOT Dispatch quickly gave explanation in that equipment broke down and other equipment could not handle the snow.

# Recreation Centre should follow Halifax West High School model

By Graham Steele, Halifax Fairview MLA

The best lobby group that I have seen ever, anywhere, on any topic, is the citizens' group that formed around the need to build a new Halifax West High School.

This was a broad-based, talented, articulate group of people who came together because the old school was making students and teachers sick. Over several years, this citizens' group persuaded decision-makers that a new school had to be built, and built right.

They were neither confrontational nor partisan, they had good answers to the tough questions, they were always polite and well-informed, they did not back themselves or anyone else into a corner, and most importantly, they never gave up. We see the result in the new Halifax West High School.

I was reminded of all this during the December 9th public meeting about the Mainland Commons Recreation Centre.

Once again, a citizens' group has formed around badly-needed community infrastructure.

see "Recreation Centre" pg. 11

## Stephen Adams

HRM Councillor, District 18



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# New "advanced capital budget" system to speed projects – Mosher

By Linda Mosher  
Councillor District 17

Last year was a very busy construction season as there were many capital projects for both HRM and the provincial government. As a result, bids for construction projects were coming in way over HRM's carefully prepared internal estimates for each project. Projects that were tendered early in the season were fine for the most part, however, many projects that were tendered late in the season came in at 50 to 220% over cost estimates. These prices were too high and therefore we did not have the money to have them completed. The funding for these projects will be carried over to the next year. One such project in our area was the Armshore Drive sewer installation, water main renewal and road reconstruction project. Since residents on Armshore had already agreed to pay for the sewer installation at an estimated cost, HRM could not go forward with a huge increase to these homeowners. We will tender this project very early next season to ensure fair pricing.

Our fiscal year starts April 01 of each year. Council usually starts deliberating the budget in March and it is passed sometime in March or April. By this time the construction season has already started and we don't have any tenders ready to go since the capital budget was not passed. Therefore, HRM capital projects are difficult to complete in the year that they were approved in the budget.

This is due to factors such as the aforementioned tender pricing and others such as unpredictable weather, land acquisitions where

required, and utility and regulatory approvals. By tendering early we can take advantage of lower tendered prices, take advantage of the entire peak construction season, and complete projects that may have a long lead time to order equipment.

Examples of projects that would benefit by tendering early would include the ability to schedule projects that are sensitive to weather, or that are within school zone areas where completion can be done during the summer break, or installation of traffic signals. It also gives HRM Engineering staff time for project design, tendering, contract awards and start of construction.

Because these issues have been occurring, Council has passed an advanced capital budget

## MLA resolves to keep working for the people of Halifax Atlantic

By Michele Raymond  
Halifax Atlantic MLA

January, the opening of the New Year, is named for Janus, the Roman god of doorways, the two-faced god who looks backwards and forwards at the same time.

At New Year, many of us look backwards and forwards, making resolutions to increase health and happiness in the coming year. My own resolution, as MLA, is to keep working for the health and happiness of the people of Halifax Atlantic, and as NDP environment critic, of Nova Scotia in general.

In theory, health is simply the absence of injury and illness, physical or mental, even as we age. It's not always that easy, though.

for 2006/07. Based on extensive analysis these projects have been deemed a priority. When the entire budget is passed these projects will go to tender right away. Projects that I brought forward and obtained Council approval of in our district include resurfacing Purcell's Cove Road from Fleming Drive to Burns Drive (\$330,000) and a new sidewalk installation (\$275,000) at this location. Also approved was pumping station upgrades and wet weather flow solutions program for the Whimsical Lake pumping station (\$600,000) located on Inverness Avenue. Although a previously approved project, more funding was needed for upgrades to the Chocolate Lake Crescent Avenue pumping station, so an additional \$200,000 was approved.

Another project that were approved last year and was not completed are the traffic lights at Springvale Avenue at Joseph Howe Drive. The traffic signals and installation were tendered and awarded in November. However, it takes up to twelve weeks for these to arrive so we cannot indicate an installation date.

Best wishes to all residents for the upcoming year. In 2006 our district will have many exciting projects starting; such as the Armdale rotary conversion to a modern roundabout, reversing lanes on Chebucto Road (giving us two lanes going inbound during the a.m. peak and two lanes outbound during the p.m. peak), improvements to the St. Margaret's Bay Road, and implementation of some of the Herring Cove Road study recommendations.

At the very least, humans need water, air, food and shelter. These must be clean, pathogen-free, available, affordable, and physically accessible.

If it's a struggle to get and keep access to these basic needs, stress and unhappiness result both for those struggling and for other members of the community. Stress damages physical and mental health, affects the immune and circulatory systems, encourages addictions and, at worst, promotes suicide. Mental illness

and its consequences are one of the leading causes of death in Nova Scotia.

So the struggle goes on. I will continue to fight for affordable, clean water at Herring Cove, encouraging HRM to make its required formal application to the federal and provincial governments for infrastructure money.

Wells and groundwater must be kept clean. I have introduced legislation so developers can be

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## Recreation Centre should follow school

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The Build-It-Right folks are to be congratulated for focusing attention on the need for a recreation facility that fits our community. Without them, I don't think we'd have the so-called "Option C-Plus" that HRM staff will be recommending to Council later in January.

But the toughest question (as it is with most political issues) is "Who's going to pay for it?" To this question, there is no single, simple answer.

Let me give a few examples. First, other similar projects were built with an extra property tax on residents served by the facility. This possibility wasn't even mentioned at the public meeting. Are you willing to pay an area rate for the MCRC? If so, how much? How much are your neighbours willing to pay? For how long? How far out would this area rate extend? Tough questions.

Second, a number of speakers at the public meeting said that the \$2.8 million from the federal and provincial govern-

ments is not enough, and that's probably true. But what was not said at the meeting was that there was quite a bit more federal-provincial infrastructure money available, it's just that HRM has a priority list as long as your arm and \$2.8 million is what HRM allocated to this particular priority. Every project on the HRM list is worthy and necessary. Should HRM's priorities have been different? Tough question.

Third, Option C-Plus includes a community fund-raising component of more than \$8 million. People with fundraising experience tell me that's very, very ambitious. With or without a special property tax, can we raise that much from amongst ourselves? Tough question.

There is an opportunity here for another irresistible citizens' movement. It has to work hard and work smart. It has to face the tough questions and have real answers to them. It has to get everyone working together. More than anything, it must never give up.

After all, it worked for Halifax West.



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# NDP have invested in the people of Halifax – McDonough

By Alexa McDonough  
NDP Candidate, Halifax

Thank you for your support. As your Member of Parliament, I have worked hard for our communities, city, province and country.

I am proud, that my Leader Jack Layton and our NDP team worked constructively throughout the last parliament to get results for people across Canada.

I am especially proud of what those results have meant for Haligonians.

Since first elected MP in 1997, the most rewarding part of my responsibilities has been my advocacy work on behalf of thousands of constituents who have called my office for help on a myriad of problems in areas such as student loans, citizenship and immigration, employment insurance and taxation.

I also work on a variety of issues important to our communities.

\*Fought for maintaining a publicly funded atmospheric research facility on Sable Island. I am pleased that the federal government finally agreed to long-term, stable funding of the island's world renowned research facility.

\*Successful in convincing the federal government to support the largest international gathering on Microcredit financing ever assembled, with thousands of experts from all around the world gathering in Halifax next fall to discuss sustainable ways of helping the world's poorest.

\*Working to secure increased federal funding for enhanced security measures at Halifax Port.

\*Ensuring real investment for desperately needed affordable housing units in Halifax.

\*Pushing hard to get funding for water and sewer infrastructure in Herring Cove.

Working together, NDP MPs got a better, balanced budget adopted in June 2005, which included, in addition to the \$830 million for the Atlantic Accord, bolstering the fiscal capacity of the provincial government to meet the needs of all Nova Scotians; and \$137 million for child care;

\*at least \$22.5 million for post-secondary education in Nova Scotia;

\*increased funding for training workers;  
\*impossible number of directions. Hearing no response to my knock, I began to jot down a brief message. I was trying in vain to breathe life into a pen that had long since frozen when suddenly the door opened to reveal a very pleasant woman smiling down at us. She took quick stock of the situation and immediately invited us to step inside. At that moment, the cautionary words of the campaign manual were soundly trumped by the warmth of our hostess and the waves of welcome heat spilling from her front door.

\*new affordable housing in Halifax; and,  
\*an energy retrofit program for low-income housing.

In short, the NDP invested in the people of Halifax: more accessible education and child

care, better training, cleaner air and better transit.

The NDP took a budget that failed to address Halifax's needs and transformed it into one that makes life better for Haligonians.

If I am privileged to be re-elected by you on January 23, I will continue to work with all my energy and passion to get results for you, your loved ones, and our community.

# Perils of the Winter Campaign – Andrew House

By Andrew House  
PC Candidate Halifax

The Conservative Party Campaign manual makes a suggestion to candidates: visit voters on their doorsteps — not their living rooms. This is very good advice as you can never be quite sure of what you'll encounter on the other side of any given door. Something tells me this particular part of the manual was written on a lazy summer afternoon in Ottawa. It definitely wasn't written in late-December on the shores of the Northwest Arm.

When speculation began about the advent of a winter campaign, I was one of those who laughed off the possible perils. Canadians are, after all, the toughest of the tough. We survived the frozen trenches and icy Atlantic of two world wars. A little snow and ice wasn't going to keep Haligonians from the polls and it wasn't going to stop me from visiting you, door-by-door.

I had a chance to reflect on my early-fall bravado as I stood on a porch along Crown

Avenue a few nights ago. It was getting on for 8:30 pm. Standing with my canvass partner at a particularly exposed portion of the street, a frigid wind was howling down at us from an impossible number of directions. Hearing no response to my knock, I began to jot down a brief message. I was trying in vain to breathe life into a pen that had long since frozen when suddenly the door opened to reveal a very pleasant woman smiling down at us. She took quick stock of the situation and immediately invited us to step inside. At that moment, the cautionary words of the campaign manual were soundly trumped by the warmth of our hostess and the waves of welcome heat spilling from her front door.

After a photo presentation on her growing family and review of key neighborhood happenings, our hostess summed up her views on the election:

"Well dear, I hope you win," she exclaimed as we moved reluctantly towards

the door. "Ma'am, I hope so too," I smiled back.

Emboldened by her support, I made the crucial ask: "How about a sign for that lawn?" Her response is the wisest thing I've heard in this campaign: "Oh no thanks dear. I'm not an activist — I always speak with my ballot."

Needless to say, as a result of this experience, my respect for the letter carriers, delivery personnel and outdoor workers of our City has increased ten-fold. Visiting door-to-door is the best opinion poll I can think of. Some encounters are lighthearted affairs with dogs and cats trying to make their escape into the night. Others are poignant: the woman who's husband was diagnosed with cancer and told he would have to wait 8 months for treatment. He died at the sixth month mark. She received a call about his appointment two months later.

Here's to the sound of many ballots speaking together. You can read Andrew House's Campaign blog at [www.andrewhouse.ca](http://www.andrewhouse.ca).

# The Green Party – a viable alternative – Wright

By Nicholas Wright  
Halifax Green Party Candidate

Many people misunderstand the Green Party. When I represented the party at the rally for Global Climate Change, Alexa McDonough joked when she saw me: "Ahh, the right-wing party!" She may have been referring to my name, Nick Wright, but I laughed anyway. Not at the pun, but how the left thinks we're right and the right thinks we're left. What's the truth?

It was the truth I was seeking when I first came to politics. When deciding which party to support, I quickly realized that none of the old parties appealed to me. The NDP is fiscal-

ly irresponsible, the Conservative party is socially backward, and the Liberal Party is corrupt.

Then, I discovered the Green Party. I was excited to find that it stood for what I have believed in all along: fiscal responsibility, progressive social policy, and environmental sustainability.

Progressive social policy is a top priority, but The Green Party won't bankrupt the country in the process. Likewise, subsidizing and promoting unsustainable practices that destroy the environment and make people sick is just plain foolish.

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# The Green Party – a viable alternative – Wright

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The people I have met in the Green Party have strengthened my confidence in what we can achieve if we all work together.

## RBC gives to Health Kidz Program

Calling Greystone Healthy Kidz Program "one of only two programs in Atlantic Canada that received approval," Royal Bank Regional Vice-President Tammy Holland presented the Family SOS sponsored project \$40,000 as part of the Royal Bank of Canada's After School Grant Program.

Gathered among the children who decorated the centre's walls with bristol board sized Christmas cards of thanks, Holland said "we're all very proud that this (program) is in our own back yard. This was one of the best of the 15 groups that applied for funding."

To be chosen for an RBC grant after school programs must offer structured, supervised activities in an environment that provides what RBC has termed the "3 Ss," safety, social skills and self-esteem. Family SOS provides activities such as homework tutoring, literacy instruction, one-on-one mentoring, art and swimming lessons. The program emphasizes good interpersonal relationship skills, pro-social choice decision making, and anti-violence curriculum and the development of self-esteem.

"Our experts said the best programs help kids learn new skills, build self-esteem and enjoy learning and, from what I see here and from our review of this program, this is one of the best," Holland said.

For example, Rob, a young lawyer, is worried about how we are managing our nation's finances. He is fed up with excessive red tape in government, unfair taxes, and trade negotiations that fail to defend Canadian sovereignty

She told about 15 children attending the presentation that "it is the type of community and the parent support you have in this community that is very important for you. It is the volunteers and workers in this facility who are the energy that makes this work.

She said giving back to the community is very important for the RBC. "We've had the opportunity to do that since 1999 through this After School Grant Program. We believe that the best after-school programs can give a real boost to the skills and knowledge children gain in a formal classroom. We congratulate Family SOS and know it will give children a safe place to shine, and continue their learning through a wide range of activities that go beyond academics," said Holland.

"RBC's grants are considered a seal of approval among Canada's after-school program providers," said Sharon O'Connor, Executive Director of Family SOS. "We are thrilled that these funds will help us continue to deliver much needed programs in our community."

Holland, who is Chair of the After-School Grants Committee, brought a contingent of RBC delegates to the presentation including Herring Cove Branch Manager Sherry Lampshire-Hall and Leo the Lion who entertained the children.

and the interests of Canadian citizens.

Then there is Sharon, a long time community worker and volunteer who is dedicated to making our community better. Concerned about raw sewage pouring into Halifax harbour and the threat from pesticide run-off in drinking water, she is working to elect the Green Party. No other party is committed to conserving energy, protecting wildlife habitats, and preserving our natural ecosystems.

Lisa, a student at Dalhousie, strongly believes in the Green Party's vision of shifting to a green economy by promoting transportation systems that make ecological and social sense, reducing greenhouse gases, achieving Kyoto targets, and requiring compensation from those that pollute recklessly.

All Canadians are concerned about our universal public healthcare system. My disabled father and elderly grandparents value the quality of care they have received and worry

about the future. The Green Party takes an uncompromising stand against privatization, and is alone in calling for an emphasis on prevention - on health, not just healthcare.

The Green Party... new solutions...new ways of thinking.

Philosophy, Law and Master of Business Administration degrees at Dalhousie have taught me the value of taking a broad-based approach to solving problems in new ways. Countries in Europe have embraced this thinking by electing Green Party candidates to government. They have embraced the broad vision and innovative solutions that we need in Canada to lead us during these challenging times.

I'm Nick Wright and I ask you to consider the Green Party — a viable alternative. In Halifax, vote Green on January 23rd. For more information:

www.greenparty.ca or www.nickwright.ca.

## Raymond's Resolutions

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required to assess water supply and quality. We also need legislation controlling erosion, infilling and chemical runoff of pesticides and fertilizers into watercourses. I plan to introduce enforceable controls on unrestricted dumping of industrial contaminants and contaminated soil, a major problem in parts of Halifax Atlantic.

Clean air is also critical. Nova Scotia has

one of the highest rates of asthma in Canada, as well as other respiratory diseases. We need to find ways to lessen air pollution: public transit, even at a small scale, should be required where the population and tax base exist, as well as local access to essential services. Too many seniors are being forced to move into town, because they have no way to get to doctors, banks and grocery stores.

No matter what, however, safe roads are essential. I am delighted that the Department of Transportation has responded to my request for repaving of the Old Sambro Road, and has been attentive to bridge and sign repair on provincial roads here.

Food remains a challenge for many in Halifax Atlantic. The cost of nutritious food is prohibitive for anyone unemployed, living on the meager support allotted by the Department of Community Services, or working at minimum wage. This is why the Urban Farm Museum began. These are chronic issues, which can only be addressed by lasting, local economic development, and by making sure that wages and DCS rates move with the actual cost of feeding a family.

Shelter means both safety, and protection from weather. Many in Halifax Atlantic can't afford to heat their homes, and to pay for electricity. I've helped people forced to heat and light their homes by resorting to open flame; I have no idea how many others are also endangering their lives, and their neighbours'. Until we control costs of heat and electricity, this risk will continue.

Rental accommodations don't always meet minimum standards, and tenants are afraid to report unsafe conditions; this should be addressed by regular inspection of commercially rented apartments.

Skyrocketing property tax assessments are threatening many longtime residents of Halifax Atlantic. As others recognize the beauty of this area, and pay more to buy homes here, taxes rise steeply, even with no increase of municipal services. This "fairmarket value" assessment system must change.

Illness, injury and age will always be with us, but their effects can be lessened by ensuring basic needs are met. Knowing this will happen means less stress in the community, and less stress means more health and happiness in the community.

Happy New Year!

## Spryfield Lions – We Serve

### Lions Club Events

#### Bingo

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### Lions Club Objectives

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding:
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship:
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community:
- To unite the clubs in bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding:
- To provide a forum for the open discussion of matters of public interest:
- To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward.

### The Spryfield Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month

For information or to book space in our Club Board Room, Recreation Centre or Den call 479-2917

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



# LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

**SHADBOLT, Leo Bernard** - 81, passed away Monday, November 21, 2005, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Bill and Ann (Slaunwhite) Shadbolt. Leo was a veteran of the Second World War, having served overseas. He was a custodian for many years with the school board until his retirement. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed spending time with his family. Leo is survived by his children, Jean (David) Gaudet, and Jane Patrossie, Halifax; Jocelyn (Donald) Taylor, Toronto, Ont.; John (Melissa) Shadbolt, Halifax; Jeffrey (Donna) Shadbolt and Joanna (Josh) Hibbs, both of Lower Sackville; his grandchildren, Vicky, David, Shellie, Sheri, Scott, Thomas, Randy, Katelyn, Jalysa, Jillian, Justin, Jordan, and Jersie; his 12 great-grandchildren as well as his cousins. Interment has taken place in Oakridge Memory Gardens.

**NICKERSON, Russell Orman** - 89, East Pennant, son of the late Harry and Grace (Marryatt) Nickerson, passed away in QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born on March 6, 1916, in East Pennant, he had been employed with the Halifax Shipyards until his retirement. In his youth, Russell enjoyed fishing with his father and older brother, Ralph. Russell often called his family and friends to give them his interpretation of the upcoming weather. He is survived by brother, Ralph Nickerson; sister, Myrtle Snow, as well as several nieces and nephews. Russell was predeceased by his parents, and sister, Marjorie Reid. Interment was in East Pennant Cemetery.

**NORTHUP, Kenneth Gordon** - 76, Halifax, passed away in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Shubenacadie, Hants Co., he was a son of the late Dudley and Lena (Ward) Northup. He was a dedicated family man who took great pride in his family. He was a devoted son, an awesome father, loving mate and friend to many. He was predeceased by the great love of life, Joan, with whom he shared 37 years of married life. He

was also predeceased by an infant daughter, Mary, and his sister, Patricia Slaunwhite. Kenneth was a master carpenter, skilled mechanic, and jack-of-all-trades. Since retiring, he enjoyed working on various projects with his son, Gary, especially those that involved working in his garage. He also enjoyed visiting with his daughter, Sharon, and other family and friends. He advised and helped with many building and repair projects, and gave sage advice on life issues. He enjoyed playing cards, doing crossword puzzles, going to the camp and reminiscing. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon (Harvey), Enfield; son, Gary (Heather), Sackville; grandchildren, Sandra (Trent) Galbraith, Dianna Gilday, and Craig Gilday, all of Enfield; Gregory (Tracy), Pasadena, NL; Nichole (Jason), Sackville; Jennifer, Sackville; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Caleb Galbraith, Enfield; brother, Donald, Stewiacke; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was lucky to find another love in his life, Pat, and they shared the last 13 years together with their blended families. He enjoyed visiting Pat's children, Gina (Steve) Brazeau, Ottawa, Ont.; Kerry (Nina) Dorey, Toronto, Ont.; Krista (John) Cook, Harrietsfield. He was an honorary grandfather to Pat's grandchildren, Juliana Brazeau, Tristan Dorey, and Megan and Hannah Cook. Interment has taken place in Fairview Lawn Cemetery.

**PURCELL, Cecilia Mary "Nancy"** - 74, wife of the late Roy Edward Purcell, passed away in QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Simon and Evangeline (Terrio) Mombourquette. Nancy loved campgrounds, especially "Rawdon Gold Mines." She loved to laugh and cook, and she loved people. Nancy enjoyed playing bingo. She was a loving mother, and is survived by her daughter, Jo-Ann (David) Mason, East Usitack; her son, Thomas Purcell, Fairview; her sisters, Florence Ryan, Lakeside; Nora Purdy, Goodwood; Helen Wilkie, Dartmouth; her brother, Arthur Mombourquette, Ottawa; grandchild-

dren, Christopher and Ryan Tanner, and Jacqueline and Jason Purcell, as well as many nieces, nephews and special friends, Jan and Alley. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy; her parents; sisters, Margaret Briand, Emileen Holmes and Agnes Comstock, and her brother, Wilfred Mombourquette. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax, (477-5601). A memorial service was held in the funeral home chapel.

**ENTA, King Tusuro** - 87, Brookside, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2005, after a lengthy illness. He was born in New Westminster, B.C., and was the eldest son of Yanazo and Imayo (Takao) Enta. King moved to Winnipeg in 1943 and resided in Manitoba until moving to Toronto in 1970 where he retired as a senior executive with the Hudson Bay Company. He moved to Brookside in 1983. King had 50 years service with the Masonic Lodge, was a Past Master, and most recently was a member of the Timberlea Lodge No. 136. He was a long-time member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. His interests were gardening, oil painting and mall walking. He is survived by daughter, Lisa (John) Katai, Murphy, Texas; sons, Ken (Sheelah) Enta, Brookside, and Tom Enta, Winnipeg. He is survived by sisters, Jessie Kobuke, Yuki Fugishige, Molly Kitajima, Bernice (Hiro) Yamamoto; brothers, Fred (Betty), Bill (Chico) and Tom (Maurine) Enta. He was predeceased by brothers, George and Ken; grandchildren, Lonnie Katai, Lauri Barnick, Michael Katai, Brant Enta, Susan Bumstead, and eight great-grandchildren. Interment has taken place in Sunrise Park Inter-Faith Cemetery.

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#### Healthy Cooking Classes (\$5.00 each, 6-8pm)

Monday, January 9th - *Spanish Black Bean Soup, Chicken, Rice and Every Spice, Maple Roasted Roots, Chocolate Torte*  
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**Free Senior Skate**

The Spryfield Lions Rink offers a free skate to seniors from 10 am to noon every Tuesday and Thursday. Tea and coffee is available. All welcome.

**Benefit Dance**

Chebucto Heights Home and School Association is hosting a Benefit Dance and Auction in an effort to help Tammy, Kyla, Keira and Kaylee rebuild their lives. Ecole Chebucto Heights Home and School Association is holding a silent Auction and Dance at the Sir Earl Francis Royal Canadian Legion on Sussex Street, Friday, January 20th at 8:00 p.m. Hundreds of items to be auctioned. 50/50 tickets - Door Prizes. Tickets are \$10.00 per couple or \$6.00 per person. For information contact Tara 479-2417 or echpta@yahoo.ca.

**New Singers Welcome**

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**Business Networking**

The Spryfield and District Business Commission and K.N. Umlah Insurance Agency will hold a business networking session at the offices of Umlah Insurance January 26 from 5 to 7 pm.

**Money Raised**

The Central Spryfield Second Annual Turkey and Toy Bingo held in December raised more than \$2,600 for the school through the support of staff, school families and the communities.

**Heritage Meeting**

The Mainland South Heritage Society meets the last Thursday of each month. Next meeting January 26 at 7 pm at the Captain Spry Library. All welcome.

**Urban Farm Meeting**

The Urban Farm Museum Society meets the second Monday of each month. Next meeting January 9 at 7 pm at the Captain Spry Community Centre. All welcome.

**Spryfield Residents Meet**

The Spryfield Residents' Association meets the last

Wednesday of each month. Next meeting January 25 at 7 pm at the, Captain Spry Community Centre.

**Prenatal Classes**

The next series of prenatal classes begins Tuesday, January 24 at the Single Parent Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue. Classes run for 9 weeks, from 6:20 to 8:30 pm every Tuesday evening. During that time, we will be covering a wide variety of topics related to pregnancy, labor, birth and the new born. The Single Parent Centre also offers many other programs to pregnant women and families. To register call Trena @ 479 - 0508

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**Legion Notes**

The following events will be held at the Earl Francis Memorial Legion:  
Bingo - Every Sunday beginning at 1 pm - doors open at noon;  
Karaoke Friday December 2 - Members and Guests welcome;  
Senior Dances December 5 - 1 to 5 pm - Featuring Newfie George

**Library Happenings:**

Children's All Ages Puppet Shows Alternate Saturdays 11 a.m. Patrick the Pig, Moe the Crow and Cutie Pie invite you to bring the whole family and all your friends for a half hour of hilarious entertainment featuring your favourite puppet characters. For group bookings, call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796. January 14 - Brer Rabbit and on January 28 - Stone Soup.  
Preschool Family Drop-In - 45mins. Tuesdays / 10:30am - January 10 - March 7 - Ages 0-5 Preschoolers accompanied by an adult friend are invited to drop by the library for lost of entertaining activities. Puzzles, play dough and crafts followed by stories, songs, finger-plays and rhymes makes this a fun-filled time.  
Storytime Fridays at 10:30 a.m ages 3-5. January 13 - March 10 - A love of reading is a gift to last a lifetime. Stories, songs and finger-plays introduce preschoolers to books in this special half-hour just for them. No registration required. For more information, call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796.  
Reading Support Children's Reading Support-Tuesdays to Thursdays 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Help children over reading difficulties and develop a love of books. Volunteers meet children at the library for an hour or more of reading, games and activities each week. For more information, call Dorothy Minaker at 490-5714.

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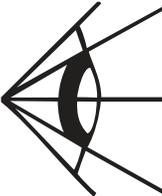
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