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## Commission to meet with regional planners over community designation

Executive members of the Spryfield and District Business Commission are preparing to meet with Halifax Regional Municipality's Regional Planning Committee in early June to present a case for changing the planning docu-

ment's designation of Spryfield as a "local service centre."

The draft regional plan suggests three designations for communities in HRM. The main designation is the Regional Centre, followed

by "District Centres," then "Local Service Centres" and finally by "Rural Commuter Centres." According to the definitions for each, the Commission believes "Spryfield is best suited as a District Centre," says Chairman Kevin Umlah.

"When we looked at the designations," he said, "it seemed odd to us that Spryfield was given a designation compatible with communities such as Mount Uniacke, Porter's Lake, Tantallon and even Herring Cove. We simply don't believe Spryfield fits this mold so we have requested a change and have been granted a meeting to present our case," he said.

In March this year the Commission wrote a letter to Chief Administrative Officer George McLellan outlining the request and offering a brief description of why the Commission is requesting the change.

According to the draft plan a Local

Service Centre is defined as a community "located throughout HRM in urban, suburban and rural areas, including a mix of housing and a small amount of convenience business services." Local Centres "could receive future piped water and sewer services" and "residents of local centres would travel to other local centres or a district centre for things like libraries and recreation centres."

The plan defines a District Centre as "much like small self-sufficient towns, having a mix of homes and businesses primarily focused around an existing shopping centre." The definition suggests "residents of local centres or rural commuter centres would likely travel to a district centre for their larger shopping and service needs." The definition suggests "all new developments would receive

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The newly reorganized Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park have organized a Park Day June 5 for the area most commonly called "The Dingle." Among the organizers were Kit Bowen, left; Coby MacDonald, Iris Shea, Joy Pennick, Judith Tulloch and Hugh MacDonald.

## CWSCC Board AGM a feedback opportunity for residents

The Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors is hoping for considerably more than re-election of officers when it holds its Annual General Meeting Wednesday, June 22, at the Centre's Community Meeting Room.

Board Chair Jim Connolly says the Board is inviting all residents of Districts 17 and 18

to the AGM to hear results of the April Community Forum "Our Community On The Go" in its attempts to reposition itself as an active and purposeful body in the community.

"The Community Forum in April generated a lot of ideas, which the Board has turned into a report called "Our Community is On The Go," he said. "We believe we have a better understanding of what residents would like from the Board and we want to share that with as many people as we can," he said, hoping residents will help identify the role the Board should play in the community. Once this information is assembled, he said, the Board will begin to devise the methodologies needed to get the job done.

The community forum, facilitated by Peter Greechen, asked the more than 50 attendees what they felt makes the community a good place to live, what the community would be like in an ideal world and what can "we all do to make our community a better place for all."

The summation report suggests it is the people, the environment, the village and rural character, the history and heritage, the community's ability to work together, the amenities, the business contribution and the variety of services offered in the area that make the com-

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## First ever Sir Sandford Fleming Park Day June 5

Guided tours, a park clean-up, information displays and an open house at the Adventure Earth Centre are all part of the first ever "Fleming Park Day and Park Clean-up" being hosted by the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park Sunday June 5 from 11 am to 3 pm.

"We want to celebrate the historic and natural heritage of the park and also encourage greater participation by community members in the Friends Society for this year," said Joy Pennick, secretary of the newly revised organization.

Councillor Linda Mosher established the original "Friends" organization in 2002 and the newly formed group of 14 members has adopted a mandate "to be the Voice of the Park from historical, ecological and recreational perspectives," said Pennick. "The Society's

goal is to involve the community in supporting the good condition of the Park through participation as volunteers."

To assist in that role the Society has created "Park Day" which will include the cooperation of the 2841 Halifax Rifles Royal Canadian Army Cadets who will undertake a park clean-up that day as part of their annual Cadets Caring for Canada program. The clean-up begins at 8 am.

At the Adventure Earth Centre, the old stone church which sits behind the Dingle Tower on Parkhill Road, an "Open House" will contain information and displays from such groups as the Mainland South Heritage Society, the Urban Farm Museum Society, HRM Recreation and the Friends organization. Refreshments will be served.

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pipled water and sewer."

Umlah said HRM has just completed a "Herring Cove Road Streetscape and Planning Study" which identifies the future goal of making Spryfield the centre of business, recreation, cultural and historical activity for the area from the Armdale Rotary to Sambro, more commonly called the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula. Through the study, the consultant team undertook an extensive community consultation process, the result of which is the identification of Spryfield as "the Village Centre" for this area.

And he said much of Spryfield falls within

the development boundary of the municipality and, as a result, all developments within its borders are able to "receive piped water and sewer services" as proposed in the definition. "When the new sewage treatment plant comes on stream in Herring Cove in 2008 this community's sewage capacity, which has been limited and slowing development in recent years, will be underutilized and utilizing existing infrastructure is a key ambition of the plan," he said.

He said Spryfield contains a mix of housing types required by the District Centre designation and, according to the recent study, the community's focus is already pointed toward an existing shopping centre, South

Centre Mall, where the study recommends creation of a "central bus terminal" to better service the entire area.

Spryfield and the surrounding communities also benefit from the regional services of the Captain William Spry Library, the Captain William Spry Community Centre, the Spry Fitness Centre, the Spryfield Lions Wave Pool, South Centre Mall and the Spryfield Lions Arena where Chebucto Minor Hockey Association players from throughout the region gather for games. "These are all public amenities Spryfield has available for all residents of the entire Eastern Chebucto Peninsula," said the chair, who also suggested Spryfield's J.L. Isley Senior High School has been designated by the Halifax Regional

School Board as the feeder school for all middle and elementary schools in the district.

"A main focus of the Spryfield and District Business Commission is to recreate Spryfield as the business, service, shopping and cultural centre for all residents west of the Armdale Rotary and south of St. Margaret's Bay Road," said Umlah. "As was identified in the recent study, the Commission believes Spryfield should position itself as the central business district for all surrounding communities we are working toward that goal."

Umlah urged all residents and business owners in the Eastern Chebucto Peninsula to contact SDBC Executive Director Reg Horner at 452-7472 if they would like to express and opinion or support the application.

## CWSCC Board AGM

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munity a good place to live. It also suggested protection of the environment, the equitable, diverse and inclusive nature of the people, healthy planning and development concepts, local economic development, connected and engaged residents and leadership are components of what was considered "our ideal world."

The forum concluded that individuals need to lead by example, speak up and participate if the community is going to be a better place for all. And there is a need to celebrate community, a need for governments to work together and be accountable and for the Board to advocate on behalf of the community and to engage the community in that process through communication, coordination and leadership.

Connolly said those at the forum made it clear that "with so much change and development on the horizon the need for citizen engagement and community coordination on a wide range of issues is greater than ever."

He said the participants also generally indicated how much they appreciated the opportunity to discuss openly the state of the community. "Now that we have this information the Board will use the community's input

to help make plans for the future. That's why we want to invite people to the AGM. So we can present plans to the community and request feedback," he said.

Connolly also said the Board also needs to discuss fundraising for any activities it undertakes. Halifax Regional Municipality pays for the operation of the Community Centre, recreation staff, and programs. While the Board receives modest support from HRM, an office, and access for meetings at the Centre, it has to raise funds for its staff and community activities.

As well as a discussion of these and other issues at the AGM, the Board will be asking for input into Board composition and a revision of its mandate. It is also an opportunity for residents to get to know others, learn more about what is going on, and perhaps be elected to the Board.

The Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors represents everyone from Armdale to Sambro in Districts 17 and 18 and everyone is welcome to attend. Copies of the Community Forum Report are available at the HRM Community Development Office, the Captain William Spry Community Centre and in the Captain William Spry Library.

## Sir Sandford Fleming Park Day

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Pennick said there is a new playground at the Park, the canteen and washrooms have been refurbished and a mural has been painted on the canteen. The seawall has been repaired with more work expected this year and there is

anticipation of new park signs and picnic tables for this year as well.

"We have an ambition to bring the park and residents closer together," said Pennick explaining why the Friends have organized Park Day for next Sunday.

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# McLellan sees challenges for HRM in "connecting the dots"

By Betty Dobson  
Staff

When George McLellan arrives at the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion for the Annual General Meeting of the Spryfield and District Business Commission, the meeting is already under way. Undaunted, the Chief Administrative Officer for Halifax Regional Municipality steps up to the podium to fulfill his duties as guest speaker.

"I apologize for being late," McLellan says. "When I get back, we'll have to talk about improvements to the rotary." The crowd laughs appreciatively, knowing the Armdale Rotary is a contentious issue for all drivers throughout HRM.

But McLellan has come to speak of business and community. "We know the business situation we have here in HRM is pretty challenging," he says identifying that HRM inherited more than \$140 million in debt at the time

of amalgamation. "The reserves were totally tapped out."

McLellan notes that since amalgamation there has been an 18 per cent increase in the number of dwelling units in HRM. "We don't overspend," he adds. "We're so dependent on property tax," he said, adding that the challenge lies in reducing that dependence.

He speaks in support of eliminating business occupancy tax, but cautions that the difference will be picked up in the commercial tax rate. Controlling taxes, he says, is like stepping on a balloon. "If you put your foot in one place, it'll just pop up some place else."

Some of the challenges McLellan sees for HRM include rebuilding our communities, reinvigorating our youth, and re-establishing values. "Condos, hotels are not a growing economy. They're a shifting demographic." He pointed out the need to deal with such issues as solid waste, the harbour cleanup, and pesticide use. "Other cities have more luck than we have in that some of these responsibilities are shared responsibilities (with other levels of government)," he said.

In the early days of amalgamation, HRM considered taking down community signs in order to reinforce the idea of unity, but those same communities are trying to hold on to their individuality. McLellan says HRM understands and now wants to work within that sort of framework.

"I don't mind getting the colour of the swing set wrong," he says, "but you can't be wrong on certain fundamental things." He encourages communities to develop commercial centres so they don't become bedroom communities. The idea, he says, is to get traffic flowing both ways or not at all. That's how you form self-sufficient, intra-dependent communities.

"We're really proud of the individual communities we have," he says. "We're talking about using our existing settlement patterns." He proceeds to map HRM on the table with little pools of bottled water. "Connecting the dots is easier than doing this," he adds as he dumps the rest of the water, creating one big pool that spills onto floor. "How do we make things better without making what we have worse?" he challenged.

HRM is trying to make sure peninsula development takes a certain shape. "Sixty-five per cent of HRM jobs are on the peninsula," he says. "Next year we're predicting commercial tax growth to be flat."

Despite such a prediction, McLellan strikes an overall positive note. "We've committed to our council that we'll come back with a new tax review this fiscal year." Appropriately, and perhaps not by accident, he promises improvements to the rotary will be included in this year's budget.



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### Spryfield - a well-established farming community during early 19th Century

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ON THE HISTORY OF SPRYFIELD

by Iris V. Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

**1** 800-1821: Before he died in 1821, George McIntosh, Esquire, sold, in addition to his holdings on the Northwest Arm, all of his Leiblin Manor lots in Spryfield and Harrietsfield. Several of the transactions were completed by his executors

Sutherland family, the church-school was located at the top of present day Sussex Street, now part of Emmanuel cemetery where William Sutherland was buried in 1846. The South Centre Mall is also located on Sutherland's 500 acre lot which extended as far as Sprucehill Lake in Harrietsfield.

1822: William Kidston, Jr., settled on lots four and five in Leiblin Manor (also part of Captain William Spry's land) and called his farm "Thornhill". Born in Halifax of Scottish parents, he was the grandson of Richard Kidston (a loyalist) who established his family

bushels of grain and 13 tons of hay. John Henneberry married Robert Findlay's granddaughter and was farming on two cultivated acres of Findlay's land.

1831: Catherine Hartell/Hartlen, widow of Joseph Christian Hartlen, bought a small part of lot number two in Leiblin Manor. Located on the Old Sambro Road, it was inherited by her married daughter, Susanna Warner, and became known as the Warner farm. Others may know it is the Booth farm, now part of Long Lake Provincial Park.

1833: William Yeadon brought his family from Rawdon, Hants County, and built his log hut near the junction of the Herring Cove Road and William's Lake Road. He purchased, in addition to Spry's 80 acre grant, several other adjoining lots from the McIntosh estate (none of which were in Leiblin Manor) for a total of 771 acres. Yeadon and his wife, Elizabeth Drysdale of Brookside, Halifax County, raised four sons and three daughters on their Spryfield farm, all of whom shared ownership

of the land following their father's death in 1849. William Yeadon was buried on his own land in the Yeadon cemetery on Herring Cove Road.

1835: Paulus Brunt and his wife, Jane Reyno of Herring Cove, bought a small part of Robert Findlay's property and began farming the land (Brunt's father, Philip, settled his large family in Harrietsfield about 1812). Paulus Brunt's descendants continue to live on part of his Spryfield land (Princeton Avenue).

1844: The Halifax Waterworks was formed to provide good clean drinking water to the town of Halifax. Long Lake in Spryfield was chosen for this purpose and in 1848 the dam, still in existence, was built at the foot of the lake.

1845: Edward Roche, an Irishman, bought part of lot number six and set up a working farm on the Herring Cove Road which would contribute to Spryfield's economy over the next 100 years. Roche's Pond was named for this family.



The Edward Roche farm on Herring Cove Road circa 1845.

after he died. His grist mill on the stream from William's Lake to the foot of the Northwest Arm was purchased in 1811 by Robert Letson. Robert Findlay and his wife (Lydia Heath) purchased the eastern half of lots eight and nine in Leiblin Manor in 1816 (250 acres each) and established his farm on the Herring Cove Road. Green Acres subdivision, Briarwood Golf Course and Princeton Avenue are now located on these two lots. Trails, carved out of the wilderness, connected Findlay's farm to Harrietsfield on the west, and to Ferguson's Cove on the east. Two of Findlay's daughters married Glazebrooks of Ferguson's Cove, and two of his sons married Frasers of Harrietsfield.

William Sutherland bought all of lot number three in Leiblin Manor in 1816. Sutherland had been employed at Melville Island prison during the Napoleonic Wars and the War of 1812, serving as steward to French and American prisoners of war. In 1815 he served as steward to the Chesapeake Bay Black Refugees who were housed on Melville Island. Sutherland married Elizabeth Kidder in 1810 and his two eldest sons were born on Melville Island. His move to Spryfield was the beginning of a large farming operation that was passed down to his son, George. Once part of Captain Spry's land, the Sutherland farm provided Halifax shopkeepers with root crops and butchered livestock, and grain to be ground into flour at the local mills. His granddaughter, Elizabeth Sutherland, was Spryfield's first school teacher in the Church of England school. Built on land donated in 1853 by the

business in Halifax, trading Nova Scotia lumber for textiles and spirits from the very successful Kidston family business in Scotland. As a young man, William Kidston, Jr., moved to Scotland with his parents, studied law, and returned to this province in 1810 as head of the family business, first in Pictou and later in Halifax. He married Elizabeth Dawson of Pictou. Following the move to Spryfield, the Kidston business on the corner of George Street and Bedford Row was sold to young William Stairs and later became known as William Stairs, Son and Morrow. William Kidston died in 1836; his widow died 10 years later. Their son Archibald took over the farm, which included an additional 100 acres of lot number six in Leiblin Manor which Elizabeth Kidston purchased from William Gardiner just before she died. The Kidston homestead on Rockingstone Road is still occupied by members of the Kidston family.

1827: Of the families listed in the 1827 census, four were farming in Spryfield. Kidston's operation was the largest, with 14 sheep, three horses, four swine and 12 horned cattle. His 30 acres of cultivated land produced 500 bushels of potatoes, 15 bushels of wheat, 250 bushels of other grains and 20 tons of hay. William Sutherland had the second largest operation with one horse, 11 swine and six horned cattle. His 14 cultivated acres produced 350 bushels of potatoes, 15 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of other grains and 10 tons of hay. On Robert Findlay's 15 cultivated acres were one horse, one swine, four horned cattle, and a yield of two hundred bushels of potatoes, 15



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# Come Grow With Us a family activity

By Kate Horodyski

The onset of warmer weather means more than just the end of shovelling for the Spryfield community. It also signals the beginning of the second annual Come Grow With Us program of the Urban Farm Museum Society (UFMS).

Last year the Society created a program to provide community members of all ages an opportunity to learn about and grow different Maritime plants. Due to last year's success, the program has returned for another harvest season.

Generally, the harvest season refers to a period from May to September, but this is subject to slight change because of Nova Scotia's

fickle weather. Come Grow With Us seeks to teach people the skills to cultivate their own produce. The meetings are divided into two sections.

First, the members meet and follow a short lesson plan. This can involve drawing pictures of nature, examining seeds, and discussing environmentally friendly choices. The group then takes a short walk to the Kidston farm, which is located behind the Captain William Spry Community Centre. At the farm, the group plants a variety of organic produce, including potatoes, peas, and squash. The farm is open to all members of the UFMS.

Yet, planting is only one of aspect of the program. An emphasis is placed on community spirit, and discussions focus not only on culti-



The Urban Farm Museum Society held a plant sale at the Captain William Spry Community Centre this month including participants Marjorie Willison, Donna Foley, Marie Russell and Janet Kidston.

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vation but also on Spryfield's background. Originally a farming area, Spryfield is a prime location for such a program, and topics such as the community's origins and the land's ancestors are frequently discussed. The program was also designed to give participants lessons in teamwork and cooperation as well as physical activity.

Come Grow With Us is only one of the numerous activities organized by the UFMS. Activities occur year round and some highlights include June's Harvest Walk, September's Harvest Fair, and the Christmas Carol Sing. Although the activities are held in the Spryfield community, attendance is open to

members of all communities.

Meetings for the Come Grow With Us program are held every Saturday morning, from 9:30 am until noon. The members meet at the Captain William Spry Community Centre (10 Kidston Road) for drop off and pickup. Children and adults of all ages are welcome, though children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome as the UFMS is a registered charity. For more information on the Urban Farm Museum Society or to become a member, contact Patricia MacLean, the organization's President, at 477-6897.

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**Umlah expected to be Chairman**

Kevin Umlah, owner of Umlah Insurance Agency, is expected to re-elected to the position of Chair of the Spryfield and District Business Commission when the newly elected Board of Directors holds its first meeting in early June.

Umlah was among nine Board members re-elected to their post without nominations from the floor during the Commission's Annual General Meeting held at the Royal Canadian Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion in late April.

But besides electing Board Members, the membership also agreed to restructure the Board's composition, eliminating six members and bring the number of Board representatives to nine from 15. And in presenting the pro-

posed restructuring to the membership, the Nominating Committee said members would from this point on be considered to be first, second and third year members of the Board.

The Committee, chaired by Umlah, said third year members of the Board would be eligible to leave the Board after completing their individual terms of three years. Second year members would move into third year positions and the community would be asked to fill the first year appointments on an annual basis. "This allows for continuity among Board members to ensure the work continues in an organized fashion, but also allows the Board to encourage new people with new thoughts and ideas to apply for Board participation," Umlah said.

First year members elected at the AGM included Greg Vandenhoogen of Crowell's Pharmasave, Neil Rodgers of Halifax Countrywide Furniture and Linda MacLaggan of Spryfield Physiotherapy. Second year members included Peter Ainslie, Spryfield Animal Hospital; Allan MacDonald, South Centre Mall, and Gwen Armshaw, Paradigm Investments. Third year members, who may elect to offer for a second three year term, included Umlah, Fred O'Hearn of Lumbermart and Doreen Archibald or Maritime Campus.

In another vote members of the Commission voted to increase the minimum amount of dues paid by individual businesses from \$50 per year to \$75 per year. Acting as Chair of the meeting, Umlah said that although the Commission's expense expectations are minimal, its budget would be "insufficient to allow effective communication with our members" if the rates are not increased by a minimal amount.



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# "Dance Fits All" is a celebration performance

"Dance Fits All," to be held Thursday, June 2 at 7 pm at the Saint Mary's Boat Club in Halifax, will celebrate the creative spirit and hard work of students from Cunard and Herring Cove Junior High Schools who have participated in a unique after school dance program supported through the Active Kids Healthy Kids program of the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission, the Arts Express Program, and Dance Nova Scotia.

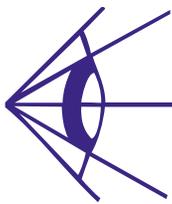
Most of the participating students are not involved in other types of organized physical activity and many are, for various reasons,

disinclined to do so, says Arts Express Coordinator Willie Reid.

But thanks to breakdance artist Jake Evans, working with physical education teachers Mary Lou Buckle of Cunard Junior High and Doug Aucoin from Herring Cove, these students have discovered an activity that requires strength and aerobic conditioning while providing a sense of teamwork and belonging and they are seriously enthusiastic, she said.



The kids and families of Calvary Baptist Church heard and watched a stellar performance during May from a group known in the parish as "The Calvary Kids."



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## Flight Sergeant Amara Drysdale Best All Around Cadet

"If it takes a village to raise a child you members of the 529 Armdale Kiwanis Royal Canadian Air Cadets have quite a village," Major J.M. Constantine, CD Commandant RCIS(A) told the cadets at their 55th Annual Ceremonial Review and awards presentation held at Elizabeth Sutherland School in May.

In addressing the cadets Major Constantine said like all cadet squadrons in Canada, Squadron 529 benefits from the support of the Air Cadet League of Canada and each benefits from their sponsor, in this community the Armdale Halifax Kiwanis Club.

But the major also identified his "particular excitement" about the role the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion is taking on by accepting the challenge of assuming sponsorship of the squadron now that the Armdale Halifax Kiwanis Club has closed its operation because of shortages in membership.

"Veterans of military service built the Legions and I can't think of a better way to perpetuate the legacy of veterans than by becoming involved with the young people of this Air Cadet Squadron," he said.

And he suggested to attending parents that if they are helping their cadet children with their uniforms they should stop it. He told of his own entrance into cadets when he went to his mother with arm bands for his uniform and asked if she would sew them on. "I didn't join," came her short reply said the Major, admitting that after a few failed attempts he finally got the stripes positioned correctly.

"It was a valuable experience for me," he said, but he suggested his mother wasn't completely correct. "She wasn't exactly right. My parents had to adjust their schedules to support

my activity. You do a lot of hard work and you put in a lot of time but it's because of the people who support you that you are able to do this. If it takes a village to raise a child, between the League, your sponsors and your parents, that's quite a village," he said.

He told the cadets that what they have done by becoming involved in this program is "you have made an investment in yourself. There is no press coverage here as there would be for a swarming," he said, advising the cadets that "you can't stop tomorrow from coming but you can plan for its arrival and that's what you are doing by learning the skills you learn. This may be a small unit," he said, "but judging by the size and performance of the Cadet Band it is a unit that thinks big."

Throughout the afternoon cadets performed the usual March Past, Band and Drill Team display but they also entertained their parents and guests with skits identifying their sports program and flying scholarship program. In handing out the awards Squadron Captain Ken Mayo thanked the parents and sponsors for their support during the year.

During the awards ceremonies Slight Sergeant Amara Drysdale was obviously the top cadet for the year. She not only received the Best All Around Cadet Award but was presented with the Lord Strathcona Medal and the Canadian Cadet Scholarship provided by the Cadet League of Canada.

Other awards included Top Level One Cadet L.A.C. Amanda Gardner; Top Level Two Cadet Cpl. Matthew Gouchie; Top Level Three Cadet Sgt. Neil Hynes; Top Level Four Cadet Sgt. Curtis Swinimer; Most Improved Cadet Cpl. Alex Paris; Top Personal Drill Cpl.

Amanda Brown; Sportsmanship Award L.A.C. Alyssa Pyke; Most Dedicated Drill Team Member L.A.C. Gardner; and Top Marksman WO2 Jim Lutz.

Captain Mayo also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Saraguay Club, Captain William Spry Community Centre, Armdale Halifax Kiwanis, Atlantic Superstores in Spryfield and Bayers Lake; Parent Lorraine Andrews; Elizabeth Sutherland Custodial Staff and Principal Glenn Taylor and the Spryfield Legion. Mayo also gave out appreciation awards to a number of cadets and Graduation Certificates to those leaving the squadron.



The Colour Party and members of Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 529, Armdale Halifax Kiwanis, held their 55th Annual Ceremonial Review at Elizabeth Sutherland School this month. Parents and supporters were treated to a series of skits outlining the program.

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# Budget, Legislature mark positive progress, says Fairview MLA

By *Graham Steele*  
Halifax Fairview MLA

Not perfect, but positive progress. I'm talking about the provincial budget that was approved on May 16th, and the spring sitting of the Legislature that ended on May 19th. Under the leadership of Darrell Dexter, the NDP was able once again to use the challenges of a minority government to deliver real results for Nova Scotia families. In contrast, the provincial Liberals took a negative, confrontational tone, much like Stephen Harper and the Conservatives in Ottawa. It was satisfying to work through the spring sitting of the Legislature here in Nova Scotia in a reasonable and productive way, in marked contrast to the chaos in federal politics. The NDP can tell students and their parents today that as Official Opposition we have been

able to secure deals that will reduce tuitions, establish needs-based grants, and increase opportunities for apprenticeship and training. We can tell independent gas retailers that with their support we have been able to finally get this government to call forward a gas regulation bill that, with NDP amendments, has the potential to move them towards stability based on fairer prices for product. We can tell taxpayers that from now on bonuses paid to government executives will no longer be kept secret, that our Labour critic Frank Corbett was instrumental in settling a crippling school strike in Cape Breton, and that a public campaign led by John MacDonell successfully forced the Department of Natural Resources to abandon plans to de-list twenty-six wilderness areas. This has been a good session for the NDP, but more importantly, a good session for fami-

lies in this province. In the provincial budget, the Hamm government responded to the NDP's call for school breakfast programs, help for autistic children, and assistance for low-income diabetics. The government's expressed commitment to address two key issues in the last NDP election platform, namely ending health-care wait times and more resources in the classroom, were also significant factors in our decision to vote for the budget. Moreover, there was a freeze on Pharmacare premiums, six new MRIs to reduce

wait times for health care, and new resources to deal with the lack of mental health care. We will be watching closely to see if the budget produces real improvement in Nova Scotia classrooms, and in health care wait times. We are looking ahead to the 2006 budget vote, as a key point in our efforts to remove the HST from family essentials like home heating. If the government fails to move on this priority, the outcome of next year's budget vote will likely be different.

## NDP budget measures good news for Nova Scotians

By *Alexa McDonough*  
Halifax MP

The House of Commons has, for the first time in our history, passed an NDP budget at second reading, and referred it to the Parliamentary Committee on Finance. When re-elected to Parliament last June, I pledged to respect Canadians' election of a minority Liberal government and to make it work for my constituents, for Nova Scotians, and for Canada as a whole. With the NDP success in having our budget pass in Parliament, I am more committed than ever to deliver on that promise. In the coming weeks, our NDP budget bill will be studied by the parliamentary committee before being returned to the House for a third and final vote. A similar process will take place in the Senate. The NDP's better balanced budget is a golden opportunity for greater investment in post-secondary education, making tuition more affordable for students and their families, better public transit, cleaner air, and more affordable housing here in Nova Scotia. Conservative MPs from Nova Scotia voted for the Liberals' Budget Implementation bill, which included the Atlantic Accord with monies owing to us from our offshore resources. Moments later, those same

Conservatives teamed up with the Bloc Quebecois to vote against the NDP budget in an attempt to defeat the government, killing the Atlantic Accord and long promised child care investments. Fortunately, the Conservative-Bloc alliance failed, and the Atlantic Accord (\$830 million for Nova Scotia) and child care funding (\$137 million for our province) passed along with the other progressive NDP budget measures. My New Democrat colleagues and I are proud of this achievement. We took a budget that failed to address the needs of Nova Scotians, and we transformed it to make life better for people in our province. But we cannot celebrate these accomplishments until the budget becomes law. I urge you to send a clear message to Stephen Harper's Conservatives that Nova Scotians want both the Atlantic Accord and the NDP budget improvements to pass. I want to assure you that you can count on New Democrats to hold the Conservatives accountable for their actions. With equal vigor, we will hold Paul Martin and his Liberals accountable for their broken promises and scandalous kick back schemes. Were it not for a minority government and nineteen New Democrats, Paul Martin would never have agreed to support the NDP's budget measures. Just think what many more New Democrats in Parliament could accomplish!



Elizabeth Sutherland students Karen Pay, Erica Bower, Cheyenne Comeau and Scott Prinoski chat with Historian and Historic Building Model Builder Peter Saulnier and Principal Glenn Taylor at the Urban Farm Museum Society's Heritage Day.

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# Exciting times in District 18 - Councillor Adams

By Stephen Adams  
Councillor District 18

As summer approaches, construction activity throughout HRM and especially in District 18 is at an all time high. Over the past month, I have had numerous calls regarding excavation and tree-clearing on Rockingstone Road in Spryfield. Directly across from Elizabeth Sutherland School, there are plans to build single family homes. About one half a kilometer up the road there will be a development of about 116 single family homes, with another 34 proposed. The access will come off Rockingstone Road and allow for homes to be built in the area bounded by Rockingstone Road, Avon Crescent and Birchfield Crescent.

When a plan becomes available, I will try to distribute the information to the abutting neighbours. In the interim, you may contact Liz Scott, one of our Development Technicians at 490-4409.

In addition to this there is a significant land holding in the area of Kidston Lake which has yet to be developed. Presently the moratorium does not allow for any building (unless services are provided) in this area. The new Regional Plan will allow for public input and allow us to implement environmental protection for the lake and adjoining waterways. The Regional Plan will help to develop a blue print for our future. With that in mind, HRM will hold public meetings. After consultation with our staff, I will try to arrange a public

meeting for District 18, to allow for additional input.

In May I put forward a motion to Council to implement a management agreement between HRM and the Spryfield Lions Club. This agreement will transfer ownership of the Lions Rink to HRM while allowing the Lions Club to continue to operate it. This motion was endorsed unanimously by Council, with many members praising our club for their great work in Spryfield and surrounding areas.

This agreement will ensure that much needed upgrades and repairs to the arena will be completed with all the benefits of the exceptional ongoing operations provided by the Club and rink staff. I would like to commend Lion Darrell Wentzell for his tireless work and patience to ensure this was successful. I would again like to thank all members of the Lions Club for their dedication to our community and for providing us with one of the

finest facilities in HRM.

As of the writing of this article we are scheduled to begin the process to develop a by-law to deliver sewer and water services to Herring Cove. This will set the frontage rates for residents and begin the process to initiate construction which is scheduled for August. In my next articles I will have more detail with regard to the entire process, costs etc. It is indeed an exciting time.

I have had calls about playgrounds throughout our area and have been meeting with our staff to look at upgrades. Weather permitting, we will address the area's of concern as soon as we are able.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all graduates in District 18 from primary to grade 12. You should all be proud of what you have accomplished and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.



## Linda Mosher

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# Community to receive commemorative USS Constitution flag

By Linda Mosher  
Councillor District 17

Our district is blessed with many historically significant sites. One such area is Deadman's Island. The island received its name in part because at least 195 American prisoners from the War of 1812 died while being confined on Melville Island's prison. There is evidence that at least some, if not all, were buried at the nearby island. As many recall, back in 1999 this privately owned land was slated to be a condominium development. Members of the North West Arm Heritage Society, particularly Guy MacLean, brought forward information about the burial ground and suggested that it should be preserved.

The Americans were also very interested in these unmarked graves. The Society of the War of 1812 in the state of Ohio proposed that a memorial be erected on Deadman's Island. The Ohio Sons of the American Revolution, the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States and the American Legion, and the Royal Canadian Legion supported this effort. Halifax Regional Council, under former Mayor Walter Fitzgerald and former Councillor Ron Hanson, supported the quest and ensured that HRM purchased the island

and adjacent land.

During the War of 1812, Melville Island served as a military detention camp. This area is now home to the Armdale Yacht Club. During this war, prison staff kept excellent records. Their Entry Books included names of the American prisoners, details of their capture and their cause of death. There were other people that came to Melville Island including the Spanish, French, Irish and the Chesapeake blacks. It is known that at least 104 former Chesapeake Bay black refugees, who came to Canada from 1812 to 1815, died from small pox when they were quarantined on the island. It is believed some of these people are also buried on Deadman's Island.

After nearly 200 years, the burial grounds of American prisoners who died here will be formally commemorated in a private ceremony on the morning of May 30th. The area will be available for viewing by the general public later that afternoon. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has produced a significant granite monument with a bronze plaque that inscribes the names of the 195 American prisoners of war that will be unveiled that day. As well, the ceremony will include the colour party from the USS Constitution participating in the

see "Community" pg. 13

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# Thank-you for your support

The benefit dance that was held on April 23, 2005 for Michael MacIntyre-Smith was a huge success. Close to \$5,000 was raised. Everyone will be happy to know the new communicator has been ordered. Thank-you to everyone who was involved including Chebucto News, Elaine Wiwczor, Russell House Marketing, Edwin Kirk, Doug Garrison - Sambro Fisheries, 44 North, Sheraton, Cathy Ainsworth, Mishoo's Variety, Harrietsfield Pizza, Cathy's Hairstyling, RDM Recycling,

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*The MacIntyre-Smith Family*

# Wrong yacht club

I enjoy reading the "News," but I noticed an error which could mislead your readers. I am referring to the article on page 3 of the May edition - "Deadman's Island to be marked" - in which Deadman's Island is "just south of Purcell's Cove Yacht Club." I drive by this area every day and I think you will find it

south of the Armdale Yacht Club, nowhere near Purcell's Cove.

*Tom Humes*

Editor's Note: Our apology for this error.

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**SMITH SHIRLEY ANNE** - 68, Purcell's Cove, passed away at home. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Tress Peters. Surviving are her husband of almost 50 years Raymond Smith; daughter, Bernice (Paul) Levy, Halifax; sons, Perry (Pam),

Halifax; Tim and Tony, at home; Graham (Dianne), Halifax; brothers, Carl (Mary) Peters, Sackville; William (Dorothy) Peters, Halifax; George, Halifax; grandchildren, Kathy, Joey and Michelle; great-grandson, Shawn; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters Mary Richardson and Helen Schnare. Funeral arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment was in Ferguson Cove Cemetery, Purcell's Cove. Donations may be made to Victorian Order of Nurses, Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

**SOTIROPOULOS, George** - 75, Halifax, passed away in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Nafaktos, Greece, he was a son of the late Basillis and Martha Sotiropoulos. George landed in Canada in 1958, he continued in helping other immigrants come to Canada from Greece. Throughout the 70's, George had served as the president of the Greek community. Over the course of his lifetime, George had owned and operated many restaurants. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed playing cards. He is survived by his wife, Maria (Tsagaris); his sons, Sam and his wife Kim, and Stamos, both of Dartmouth; daughter, Martha (Mrs. Mike

Hadjigeorgiou), Ohio, U.S.A.; brother, Nick; sisters, Maria and Sophia; grandchildren, Maria, Alexandria and George, as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and several brothers and sisters. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was in St. John's Cemetery.

**NICKERSON, Donald James Sr.** "Nick" - 85, passed away in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Halifax in 1920, he was a son of the late James Edward and Ora Maude (Publicover). He served in the RCA from 1939-1957. He was a bartender at the Chief's and PO's Mess for 21 years. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Verna Elizabeth (Joudrey), Melville Lodge, Halifax; his sons, Donald James Jr. "Jimmy" and wife Barbara, Windsor; Robert "Wayne" and wife Valerie, Halifax; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. He is also survived by brother, Robert, Ottawa; sisters, Gwen Rodgers, Halifax; and Claire Mapps, Salmon Arm, B.C. He was predeceased by sister, Barbara; brothers, Edward, Albert, George, and Reginald. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction

of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601).

**JENKINS, Marjorie Lillian** - 81, Melville Lodge, Spryfield, passed away surrounded by her family. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late William and Alice (Hudson) Wiswell. She will be sadly missed by sons, Walter (Paula), New Brunswick; Nelson, Gerald, Keith (Pam), Paul (Darlene), Kenneth and Michael (Leola), all of Halifax; daughters, Cecilia (Michael) Isaac, Susan (Clarence) Martin, Shirlene (Walter) Rose and Belinda Jenkins, all of Halifax; daughter-in-law, Faye; brothers, Harry Wiswell, Frederick (Doreen) Wiswell, and Everett (Marion) Wiswell; sisters, Florence (Donald) Tanner and Bernice Mosher; 27 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by son, Charles; grandson, Jeffery; great-granddaughter, Marissa, and brother, Robert. Special thanks to the nurses at Melville Lodge, East Unit for all of the kindness displayed to Marjorie while she was under their care. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment has taken place in St. John's Cemetery.

## Community to receive commemorative USS Constitution flag

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ceremony. The Land Forces Atlantic, 78th Highlanders will present Mayor Peter Kelly with a flag that was once flown on the USS Constitution. This is one of the ships used during the war of 1812 and is the oldest commissioned warship afloat. The Mayor will then turn the flag over to me, Councillor for the area, to accept on behalf of residents in the district. We will permanently display this flag in our area, likely at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre.

Late in 2001 I put out a public request to form a parks group. Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park was formed to play a stewardship role in this historically significant and beautiful park. Initially, about fourteen people were interested and we had quite a few productive meetings in 2002 and 2003. However, the initial group had difficulty

focusing on key objectives and eventually ceased to meet. I am pleased that recently this group has reformed and now includes some former as well as new members. Already they have had an impact, requesting additional garbage cans to service the park and they have planned a Fleming Park day for June 5th.

The day will include a park clean up with the Halifax Rifles, Royal Canadian Army Cadets. Fleming Park day will also include informational displays and refreshments in the old stone church and guided walking tours of the park. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. I encourage everyone to attend this wonderful event and hope that other residents join this dedicated volunteer group.

On a different note, congratulations to all 2005 school graduates. I wish you best success in your future endeavours and a wonderful summer.

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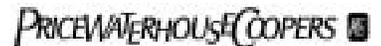
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# PetCare Insurance is both available and worthwhile

So many times when pet owners are faced with an unexpected veterinary bill, they have jokingly said how great it would be if they had health insurance for their pet.

Surprisingly, a large majority of the pet owning population in Canada still do not know that pet insurance exists. This year, PetCare Insurance Brokers Ltd., a subsidiary of PetHealth Inc., a Canadian company incorporated in 1998, launched its new PetCare policies which are now available to dog and cat owners all across Canada. The newest policies seem to end the wait for pet health insurance that is both affordable and user friendly.

Veterinarians have always wholeheartedly supported and encouraged pet owners insuring their pets for obvious reasons. Firstly, by having more pets insured, veterinarians are hopeful that there will be a decrease in the percentage of animals euthanized due to illnesses or accidents for which the owner has no financial ability to cover. As well, pet insurance will permit a higher level of medicine to be practiced by veterinarians in that insured animals will benefit from receiving all the advanced diagnostic and therapeutic procedures open to them. Vets have been encouraged by the new policies offered by PetCare, and, in fact, in 1999, both the Canadian Veterinary Association and the American Veterinary Association exclusively endorsed their policies.

So how affordable is this insurance? Monthly premiums for dogs and cats start as low as about \$10 for the QuickCare policy and can go as high as about \$40 for dogs of select breeds in the MasterCare policy. New pet owners are highly encouraged to enroll pups and kittens in the QuickCare policy, since pets are eligible for enrollment at 8 weeks of age and because of the increased risk of accidents occurring in the young

pet. This type of policy covers things such as motor vehicle accidents, foreign body ingestion, cuts or lacerations including porcupine quills or abscesses resulting from cat bite or scratch wounds, burns, reactions to insect bites, poisoning, accidental death and in some cases, for accidents resulting from feline highrise syndrome (injuries resulting from cats falling out of apartment buildings). Anyone that has a dog which has a penchant for pursuing those prickly porcupines can attest to the fact that unfortunately these dogs are often repeat offenders at a veterinary price tag of up to several hundred dollars a chase, depending on how reluctant your dog is to let go. Such owners may find this policy a steal.

Cat owners who have made several trips to the vets office for bite wounds their Fluffy has incurred while out defending her turf may also be interested. With the rising costs of medical treatments, particularly drugs such as antibiotics and anesthetics, these policies are worth considering. For many people, the ownership of such a policy could easily save hundreds, even thousands of dollars over their pets entire lifetime, particularly if your pet is unfortunate enough to become poisoned or hit by a car - accidents which often involve lengthy hospital stays and orthopedic surgery in the case of a hit by car, which can range up into the thousands, depending on the severity.

For owners wanting more peace of mind there is the MasterCare policy which covers all other unforeseen accidents and illnesses which a pet may experience. This may be a better choice for owners of purebred dogs, which may experience higher veterinary costs over the pet's lifetime, owing to an increased risk of inherited diseases, and also for older pets (pets can be switched from QuickCare to a higher benefit pol-

icy up to age 8 unless they are a select breed where the limit is 6 years of age). There is a list of 18 select breeds which have a slightly higher premium owing to this fact. However, the policy is excellent and has an almost all encompassing list of coverage.

There are a few minor limitations to the policies, such as no coverage of preexisting conditions (which only serves to encourage people to sign up early on). Behavioral problems are not covered, as is the case with the costs of breeding and pregnancy related problems. As well, pets must have a physical exam every year and be up to date on all vaccines deemed necessary by the attending vet for the policy to be valid and all such costs of what is considered to be routine health maintenance costs are expected to be paid by the owner. For each claim, there is also a

standard \$50 deductible fee.

On the upside, there is not much to lose really. If you have already purchased a pet and accept the responsibility of the regular ongoing costs of having an animal, the benefit of spending a few more dollars a month does seem worthwhile. The policies seem very fair, even when read between the lines. Advantages this policy has over others in the past include a fixed deductible, regardless of the total cost of a claim. There is also no two year chronic clause, which means that should your pet's health conditions become chronic, they will not be cut off after a set time, but will be covered for life. Premiums do not change with age and older pets enrolling do not have higher premiums. For those injury prone pets, coverage applies for an unlimited number of accidents as well.

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### Fleming Park Day

The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park, in co-operation with Halifax Regional Municipality, are hosting a public open house at Fleming Park on Sunday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will take place at the Adventure Earth Centre (old stone church), 68 Parkhill Road, and will feature a cleanup of the park by the 2841 Halifax Rifles, Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp., displays by Mainland South Heritage Society and Urban Farm Museum Society, and guided walking tours of the park and Frog Pond. Call 490-4539 to register for the walks. No charge.

### Youth Leadership Adventures

The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club is registering participants for a Youth Leadership Program for youth ages 12

to 15 which will run weekdays July 4 to August 26 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Fee is \$60 per week. For information contact Darlene at 477-9840.

### Summer Adventure Day Camp

The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club will run a Summer Adventure Day Camp with the theme "The Arts" Monday to Friday from July 4 to August 26. Fee is \$60 per week. For information call Darlene at 477-9840.

### Outdoor Garden Party

Urban Farm Museum Society will hold a family outdoor Garden Party at their farm field on Kidston Road, off Rockingstone Road, in Spryfield, Monday, Aug. 1st from 2-4 pm as part of the Halifax Natal Day celebrations. Miniature ponies will be on hand for the enjoyment of children of all ages. Everyone welcome.

### Merchandise Bingo

A Merchandise Bingo and Silent Auction in support of The Arthritis Society's "Joints in Motion Training Team" will be held Sunday, June 12, at the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion. Doors open 6 p.m., games start 7 p.m. Many great items and gift certificates

to be won! Canteen available. 50/50 Draw. Food Bank donations accepted at the door. Please note this is a non-smoking bingo. All welcome! For further info call 475-3607 or 422-7525, or check out our website at <http://users.eastlink.ca/~merchandisebingo/>

### Plant Sale

The Williams Lakes Conservation Company will hold a fundraising Plant Sale May 29 from 2 to 4 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. All welcome.

### Lobster Chowder

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will hold a Lobster Chowder on Saturday, June 18 from 4 to 6 pm. Adult portion \$9.00; Child portion \$5.00. Take Out Available. Everyone welcome. For information contact Crystal Gilkie at 868-2939.

### Society AGM

The Urban Farm Museum Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday June 13 beginning at 7:30 pm in the Capt. Wm. Spry Centre. Everyone welcome! For information contact Pat MacLean at 477-6087.

### Art Show Fundraiser

An all Ages Art Show and Root Beer Fest fundraiser for the Arts Centre at J.L. Ilsley High School will be held at the school on Tuesday June 21 from 4 to 7 pm which will involve fabulous local young bands. The \$5 entrance fee gets you the music and dancing as well as a hot dog, root beer and chance for draw prizes.

### Lobster Supper

St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove will hold the Annual Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 18 from 3 to 6 pm. Tickets are sold in advance only. Menu includes mussels for an appetizer, a choice of Lobster or Scallops or 1/2 lobster and 1/2 scallops, beverage and dessert for \$20; Childrens meal includes Chicken nuggets or Hotdog, beverage and dessert for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Evelyn at 446-8168 or Clarence at 477-1051.

### Road Toll Fundraiser

The Spryfield Lions Club will hold a Road Toll at Dentith Road June 18 in support of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia.

### Remarkable Woman Award

Crowell's Pharnasave and Spryfield Physiotherapy are developing an award for the remarkable women in Spryfield. The nominations need to include name, address and short write up regarding why the person believes this woman is remarkable. The forms are available at Crowell's and Spryfield PT and should be returned to these places. For information call Linda MacLaggan at 475-7900.

### Annual Trout-A-Rama

The 13th Annual McNamara Trout-A-Rama of the Halifax Wildlife Association will be held Saturday June 4 at Cunard Pond, Williams Lake Road, from 9 am to 2 pm with registration from 8 am to 11 pm. No license is needed and the event is free and open to all children under 16 years of age. Fish limit of five applies but there are prizes the largest, most and tagged fish. A Free lunch of hot dogs and pop. For information call Bob Blom at 477-0178.

### Parent Group Meets

The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club Parent Group will meet the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Club space above the Spryfield Lions Rink. All welcome. For more information please call the club at 477-9840.

### J.L. Ilsley Class of 1991 Reunion

The 1991 graduating class from J.L. Ilsley is having their 15 year reunion on July 8, 2006, in Halifax (place to be determined). Please contact Carren at [scottandcarren@yahoo.com](mailto:scottandcarren@yahoo.com) for more information, or call Angela at 902-463-7182.

### Legion Bingo

At the Earl Francis Memorial Legion. Every Sunday beginning at 1 pm - doors open at noon;

### Food Bank

People interested in Food Bank services provided by the St. Paul's Family Resource Institute should call 477-5090 on Tuesday for pick-up on Wednesday.

### Library Happenings

**Children's Programs**  
The Children's Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Special at the Captain William Spry Community Centre will be held Wednesday, June 29 at 2:30 p.m. Get your summer reading off to a wild start with a show that will send you blasting to the far reaches of space with stories, songs and jokes. YAHOO! The party will wrap up with an introduction to the reading club and a chance to register!

### Puppet Shows

Captain William Spry Public Library has Puppet Shows for all ages on alternate Saturdays at 11 a.m. Patrick the Pig, Cutie Pie, and Moe the Crow invite you to bring the whole family and all your friends for a half hour of hilarious entertainment with a show featuring your favourite puppet characters. On Saturday, June 4th Space Creatures Meet Mother Goose and Saturday, June 18th, puppet show is Moon Rock Soup.

### Adults:

The Book Discussion Group for Adults at the Captain William Spry Library is a great way to meet new people and share the enjoyment of good books in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Be ready for an hour and a half of animated discussion and a lot of fun. Books for discussion are decided by the group. For more information, call Scott Taylor at 490-5774. On Wednesday, June 15th at 7 p.m. it will be Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life by Queen Noor.

### HWHS 1980 Reunion

The Halifax West High School class of 1980 will hold a 25 year reunion July 29 and 30. All graduates and teachers are invited to attend and join in the fun. Further information and registration is available at [www.hwhs1980.com](http://www.hwhs1980.com)

### Kermesse Fair

The Kermesse Family Fun Fair will be held June 4 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Halifax Forum Complex. It will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$1.00 and under 16 years is free. Official opening is at the Almon Street entrance. This annual event includes a flea market, pantry table, Art Gallery, hand painted articles, children's activities and much more. The Art Gallery opens on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Centre. Monies raised helps the IWK Auxiliary provide comfort items for the patients and their families of the IWK Health Centre.

### Sharing Art

The Captain Spry Library is looking for people interested in sharing their art skills and artistic talents with young adults. If you are interested call Marlene at 490-5715.

### Taoist Tai Chi Society Events

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada ([www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org)) Atlantic Region is holding a Garden Plant, Bake Sale and Flea Market at the Atlantic Regional Centre, 2029 North Park Street, Halifax on Saturday, May 28 from 8 am to noon. Rain date: Sunday May 29th. The Society is also offering beginners courses in Taoist Tai Chi starting June 2 and running Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm. Last date to register is June 9th. Ongoing Health Recovery Classes: Saturdays 10 am to noon and Tuesdays 2 to 3:30pm. Wheelchair accessible. The Society invites the public to visit their booth at the Multicultural Festival on the Dartmouth waterfront on Saturday June 18 at 10 am see a demonstration of Taoist Tai Chi on stage at 12 noon. There will be a presentation by Canada Post to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Atlantic Region of Taoist Tai Chi. For more information about any of these activities, please call the Atlantic Regional Centre at 422-8142, or email [ttc-atlantic@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ttc-atlantic@ns.sympatico.ca).

### Condominium Focus Group

A focus group in HRM is presently examining the Provincial Condominium Act to evaluate its effectiveness in addressing the rights and concerns of condominium owners. If you have had or are currently having problems dealing with your board of directors or management team, or if your problems have not been resolved to your satisfaction, we want to hear from you. Please send your confidential letter or electronic mail to the following address: Condominium Focus, 287 Lacewood Drive, Unit 103, Suite 156, Halifax, NS, B3M 3Y7 - or by e-mail to [condoblues@3web.com](mailto:condoblues@3web.com).

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