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Spryfield future direction to be decided by "visioning process"

Ask yourself this question – how do I want to see Spryfield look in the next five – ten or 20 years? – and then take your thoughts to a new group about to be established called the "Community Liaison Group" whose job it will be to put the needs and wants of the community in a document to guide future growth.

Planning staff from HRM kicked off the

process this month with an exploratory meeting at the Captain William Spry Community Centre when about 20 residents gathered to hear how the visioning process, undertaken already in three other HRM communities, is expected to unfold.

Staff said the process starts with people undertaking what is called an "Appreciative Inquiry" approach. This involves taking stock of

all the amenities of the community and by listing what people like about Spryfield.

To start the process folks attending the meeting were gathered in small groups to identify what they collectively like about the community already. Among the most popular likes was the fact that Spryfield has a rich history with many resident families being generations old. People liked the friendliness of the community and the fact that long standing residents have a "seemingly tremendous pride" in the upkeep of their homes.

The responses at the meeting also suggested people like that they can achieve most of their everyday needs in the community, there are many green spaces and walking trails, there is a bus service (which needs some improvement), there is the community centre for people to use and gather in and that the community seems to be on the grow.

The kick-off to the process this month was geared to simply get the process going. From here HRM staff will collect names and attempt to identify volunteers who will want to spend the time and make the effort to help create the community vision for the next few years.

People interested in participating the process will require a time commitment of about eight to ten hours per month for the next year or so said staff. Once the Community Liaison Group has been identified it will be its job to lead the process, with direction and the support of HRM planning staff, and hold a series of information sessions and workshops to give as many residents as possible opportunity to add their thoughts to the future direction and help create an action plan to guide the plan.

For more information, call 490-5857.



Students at Sambro Elementary School gathered in their small gymnasium to witness Emergency Medical Service present Breanna Cross with a certificate as a "hero" for helping her mother deliver her baby brother Chace. Her brother Donald and step-sister Teneal Perry were also honoured at the ceremony for their part in the birthing. Bearamedic was on hand to witness dispatcher Sean Murphy make the presentation.

11-year-old Sambro girl delivers baby brother

Eleven-year-old Breanna Cross will always have the upper hand over her newly born brother Chace Perry after delivering the little boy at 2:45 am April 1 in an emergency situation that was no April Fool's joke.

Breanna, her brother Donald and step-sister Teneal Perry, were at home alone with their pregnant mother Brandi Naugler when her water broke shortly after 2 am. With their father at work and their mother calling for help

the three youngsters stepped into a world even some adults would hesitate to enter.

Teneal was instructed to call 911 immediately while Breanna ran to her mother's aid. "I don't even think I was thinking," Breanna said following a presentation at her Sambro Elementary School where she was given a certificate or merit from the Emergency Medical Services organization as part of Emergency Services Week.

Claiming she had bare hands when she was faced with catching her baby brother Chace who had decided apparently that he had been in the womb long enough. With Emergency Response Personnel on the phone Breanna ran to get blankets to keep baby and mother warm while she took the lead role in delivering the baby.

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke came to Spryfield this month with a message for the 20 or so who attended his presentation on crime. "If you've got a program geared to helping youth at risk, we've got money to fund it," the minister said.

And the message was simple. Clarke said the government has recognized that "we

have to do some things provincially" to help stem the tide of youth crime. "Community dedication is what we're talking about," the minister said. "Ultimately it comes down to how we respond at the community level" in trying to deal with youth issues.

The minister said the government has set aside more than \$1 million to fund community projects that help troubled youth. And the program to help is as simple as it can be, he said. "We did not set a program in place requiring groups and organizations to match criteria we've established. What we've done is set the money aside and asked people to bring programs to us. As long as the program can help troubled youth the funding is available. It's very open ended," he said.

The minister gave examples of providing dance and floor mats for a program in Lunenburg and providing money for such things

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"If you've got a program we'll help fund it" – Clarke

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at Wii and Guitar Hero systems. "These might seem unusual but if that's what the kids want to do together is compete with electronic games, and if it keeps them indoors and helps them build self esteem then we can fund it," he said.

Clarke, who has been navigating the province in search of public support for his effort to encourage changes in the Youth Criminal Justice Act, said the act works for the majority of youth but "for those who can't get help through restorative justice systems the act needs to be changed."

He said the government recognizes that there are three things necessary to affect change. There has to be enforcement, there has to be an intervention piece and there has to be

programming put in place. "It's about capturing people (who are at risk). There is a need for core infrastructure, access to community schools and other efforts to get kids inside in programs rather than outside doing graffiti," he said.

"I would say to Spryfield that we're looking for ideas and applications for funding – you tell us what you want and we'll help," said Clarke recognizing that there already exist a number of worthwhile program in this community for young people.

Mr. Clarke said the phrase "CATCH," Children At The Critical Hour, has been created to help put a focus on youth. "What we're trying to put in place is a policy that says we don't have all the answers. We're increasing police numbers throughout the province and the government is supporting that

initiative. We're going after organized crime because that victimizes youth and encourages youth to become involved in crime."

The minister introduced Fred Sanford who has the responsibility to enforce new legislation called the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act. This "cutting edge" legislation gives more power to government to help close out trouble spots in communities like crack houses.

Sanford said the organization receives complaints about illegal activities in neighborhoods and send out an investigative

unit. He said the complainant never has to go to court and the department is not able to disclose who the original complainant may be. "We do the investigation and we lay the charges and all we need to prove in court is that there is illegal activity which is detrimental to the community. Once that's done we can shut down activities like crack houses."

Sanford said the government received 197 complaints, 86 in HRM, convicted 42 people and shut down a crack house in Sydney where the owner is not allowed back in the house for a full year.

Girl delivers baby brother

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In a lively, well scripted and entertaining presentation before the entire school body, ambulance dispatcher Sean Murphy said "I was floored" when Breanna matter of factly told him "it's okay...the baby's here now," and set about following his directions. "I think I would have run away myself," he said of Breanna's courage.

Murphy instructed Breanna to clean the baby's mouth and nose, keep mom and baby warm after she told Murphy that "I'm the one that delivered the baby." Murphy petitioned Breanna's brother Donald to keep an eye out for the ambulance he was dispatching. Murphy stayed on the phone with Breanna who he said "did an awesome job. She seemed to have it all together and stayed calm throughout the ordeal," he said.

The paramedics arrived several minutes later, gave mother oxygen and hooked her up to an IV, wrapped mom and baby in blankets and took them off to hospital. Both were returned home safe and sound a couple of days later.

Mrs. Naugler said she had been watching television when, without warning or any labour pains, her water broke "and the next thing you know it came on pretty quick. I realized we weren't going to make it to the hospital so I yelled to Breanna that she was going to have to help deliver the baby."

"She was pretty calm," said Mrs.

Naugler. "She caught the baby when he was coming and helped me get him cleaned up and then passed him to me. She was my hero that night."

Teneal and Donald were also recognized by Emergency Services for their part in the process during the celebration at Sambro School which saw baby Chace wake up only after television cameras and flash bulbs disturbed his nap.

As for baby Chace he had better watch his "Ps and Qs" as he grows up. "I'm going to tell him I brought him into this world and I can take him out," Breanna said in jest following the ceremonies.



Justice Minister Cecil Clarke was in Spryfield this month delivering a message aimed at letting people know his department has funds available for programs that help encourage youth at risk.

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SMU leads "BioBlitz" of Long Lake Provincial Park

More than 70 scientists from Saint Mary's and other universities throughout Atlantic Canada will converge on Long Lake Provincial Park June 6 and 7 to conduct the first annual BioBlitz in Nova Scotia.

A BioBlitz is a biological survey to identify as many groups of organisms as possible in a designated area in 24 hours. Similar events are held throughout the world in wilderness areas, but this will be the first BioBlitz in Nova Scotia.

Starting at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 11 teams of scientists will identify as many species as possible in five different habitats in the park.

Throughout the night, the teams will bring their discoveries to a base camp at Exhibition Park to be identified and catalogued. The goal of the BioBlitz is to gauge the biodiversity in the park.

On Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the scientific base camp at Exhibition Park opens to the public to let people see the teams of taxonomists at work and learn more about the plants, animals and fungi collected and photographed by the scientists.

There will be short presentations, displays, hands-on activities, a Wilderbeats performance and opportunities to meet the taxonomists

throughout the day. Admission is free.

The BioBlitz will be led by Saint Mary's University in partnership with the Ecology Action Centre, the Discovery Centre, the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the Museum of Natural History and the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources. Contact Suzanne Boudreau at (902)420-5559 or Suzanne.Boudreau@smu.ca or go to www.smu.ca/BioBlitz for more information.

Long Lake Provincial Park is bordered by the Old Sambro Road, Northwest Arm Drive and the Prospect Road. The park was established in 1980 when the 2,095 hectare (5,177 acre) former Halifax Watershed lands were acquired by the Province. It was subsequently designated under the Provincial

Parks Act in 1984.

According to the Department of Natural Resources' website, Long Lake Provincial Park is significant because of its three high quality fresh water lakes, its relatively natural state, and its proximity to a large urban population. Despite its relatively small size, the park is one of a number of provincial parks in Nova Scotia established for the protection of natural areas and representative natural landscapes.

The site also notes that while protection of the park's inherent natural and cultural values is of paramount importance, this area of forest, lake and stream also offers a range of complimentary outdoor recreation activities including swimming, canoeing, fishing, hiking, as well as outdoor education and nature appreciation.



Sue Marriott helped Spryfield Lions Club members Eldon Hubley, Vic Eisan, George Myles and Dan MacDonald draw the winning names for a lobster draw fundraiser. Pauline Surette won the \$100 prize while Tracy Hall took the second \$50 prize.



District 18 Councillor Stephen Adams, left, was on hand to watch Sobeys store manager Mark Gouthro present a \$2,000 cheque to Shawn Higgins and Nicholas Lundrigan, members of the newly incorporated J.L. Ilsley football team. The presentation was part of Sobeys' celebration of its 100th birthday.

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Sanitation a major concern of Halifax County Council during 1950s

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

Reading through the annual minutes of Halifax County Council meetings provides information on the communities from Armdale to Pennant (Districts 11 and 12 at that time) and on the people who served those communities. During the 1950s when poliomyelitis was prevalent in each community, Council emphasized the need to follow the Medical Officers' recommendations pertaining to sanitation. In 1953, the incidence of poliomyelitis was much reduced over the previous year and the Medical Health Officer for Halifax County West, Dr. J.H. Charman, reported no major epidemics that year. Dr. Kevin Smith of Spryfield was appointed Health Officer in 1956.

For several years during the 1940s and 1950s, Walter Brown of Herring Cove was Councillor for District 11. Gerald Spears of Ketch Harbour was elected as Councillor in 1956. This district included the communities from Purcell's Cove to Pennant and Harrietsfield, plus part of Spryfield south of Dentith Road.

Some of the residents who held offices in District 11 in 1953-54 were: Presiding Officer Ernest Brown, Herring Cove, Deputy Presiding Officers Mrs. Aurrell Icton, Purcell's Cove, Mrs. J. Scallion, Portuguese Cove, William Tough, West Pennant, and Mrs. Stanford Brunt, Harrietsfield. Members of the Board of Health under chairman Walter Brown were Russell White, Purcell's Cove, Gerald Spears, Ketch Harbour, Lendell Findlay, Sambro and Paul McKay, Harrietsfield. Serving as Overseers of the Poor were Walter Drysdale, Herring Cove, Seymour Gallagher, Ketch Harbour, and George P. Gray, Sambro. Building Inspector was Erylin Harrigan, Herring Cove, who also served as Sanitary Inspector for that community. Other Sanitary Inspectors were Aurrell Icton, Purcell's Cove, Owen Purcell, Portuguese Cove, Samuel Gray, Sambro Head and Paul McKay, Harrietsfield. The Pound Keeper was James Mackey, Ketch Harbour. Fence Viewers were James Gray, West Pennant, and James Mackey, Ketch Harbour. Constables appointed that year were Basil Spears, Ketch Harbour, Walter Drysdale, Herring Cove, Aurrell Icton, Purcell's Cove, Alfred L. Gray, Sambro and Paul McKay, Harrietsfield. Percy Smith of Sambro Creek was the Sheep Valuer.

William A. Sullivan of Herring Cove, Building Inspector and Sanitary Inspector from March 1952 to February 1953 in that community, reported that the water in Long Pond was analyzed and found to be heavily contaminated.

In 1955 the Medical Health Officer for Halifax County West reported on the fine new school (West Spryfield), built despite his previous warnings that the site was "thoroughly unsatisfactory and grossly polluted." Sewage affluent from septic tanks was running within a few yards of the school's playground. Permits, according to the Health Officer, should never have been issued to build houses on steeply sloping

ground with no main sewer facilities since it was obvious the sewage affluent from these houses would flow downhill (Olie Street). The school was opened before any attempt was made to cope with this menace to the health of the children in this school."

District 12 was represented by Councillor Frederick Leverman and covered Jollimore, Melville Cove, Armdale, Fairview, Kline Heights and Spryfield north of Dentith Road. Mr. Leverman began serving as Councillor in 1951 and was appointed warden in 1956, a position he held until 1961. Officers in District 12 were : Presiding Officer H.J. Howard, Armdale; Deputy Presiding Officers were Mrs. H. Moir, Armdale, Mr. Fred Bignell, Jollimore, Thomas Killeen and John Egan, Spryfield. Serving on the Board of Health, headed by Councillor Leverman, were William White, Spryfield, George Craig, Jollimore, Gregory Kelley, Kline Heights and A.M. Ferguson, Armdale. Overseers of the Poor were Alfred Power, Spryfield, George Craig, Jollimore, Gregory Kelley, Kline Heights and A.M. Ferguson, Armdale. Appointed as Constables were

Robert Baker, Spryfield, Daniel McNeil, Spryfield, Fred. J. Bignell, Jollimore, Edward J. Rent, Armdale, and Reginald Marriott, Kline Heights. Building-Plumbing

being disposed of in the Northwest Arm and therefore "would provide no menace to the Public Health despite objections from Halifax City." He pointed out how odd it

seemed that the City should object to this "when there are at present most glaring instances of pollution of the Northwest Arm by the City." The Medical Officer gave two examples: "...that there is a City sewer discharging into the Arm near the so-called Public Baths (Horseshoe Island) and apparently the City tolerates a horse barn draining directly into the Arm near the Public Baths." He added that "horse manure is the main source of Tetanus (or Lockjaw) and is bound to constitute a potential hazard to bathers. The County Council can be reassured that their projected method of sewage disposal for the school is

satisfactory and safe."


In 2008 it would appear that all of District 12 (absorbed by District 17) is connected to sewer and water. The same cannot be said of all communities in District 11 (now District 18), and contaminated drinking water continues to be a major concern. Swimming in the Northwest Arm is discouraged because of contamination from untreated sewage.



Maidie Mont and friends in 1929 swimming at Horseshoe Island (Public Baths) at head of Northwest Arm.

Inspector and Sanitary Inspector was John W. Hollohan, Sambro Road, who reported that of the 19 wells inspected in 1954, only one was condemned.

The Medical Officer for Halifax West reported on the method used to dispose of sewage from the newly built Armdale Rural High School (now Chocolate Lake Centre). The sewage affluent from the school's septic tanks would be chlorinated before



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Mayor Avenue multi-unit complex up for discussion at meeting

A public information meeting is being planned this month so residents surrounding Mayor Avenue in Spryfield can input to plans to create a multi-unit building in the neighbourhood.

Olympia Developments Inc. has made application to HRM's planning department to rezone 21 and 23 Mayor Avenue to allow for a multi-unit housing project.

The meeting is scheduled to be held June 11 beginning at 7 pm at the Captain William

Spry Community Centre. Interested residents are encouraged to attend to give their viewpoints on the project.

According to information provided to the Chebucto News, the project has been in the planning stages for several years. But lack of sufficient sewer and water capacity held the project in abeyance.

But with recent upgrades to the sewer system the project has the capacity required to

move forward. The information meeting will provide members of Chebucto Community Council insight as to how members of the surrounding community feel about the proposed

plans. A pubic hearing will be scheduled at a late date by the community council. No information regarding the height, size or number of units proposed was available.

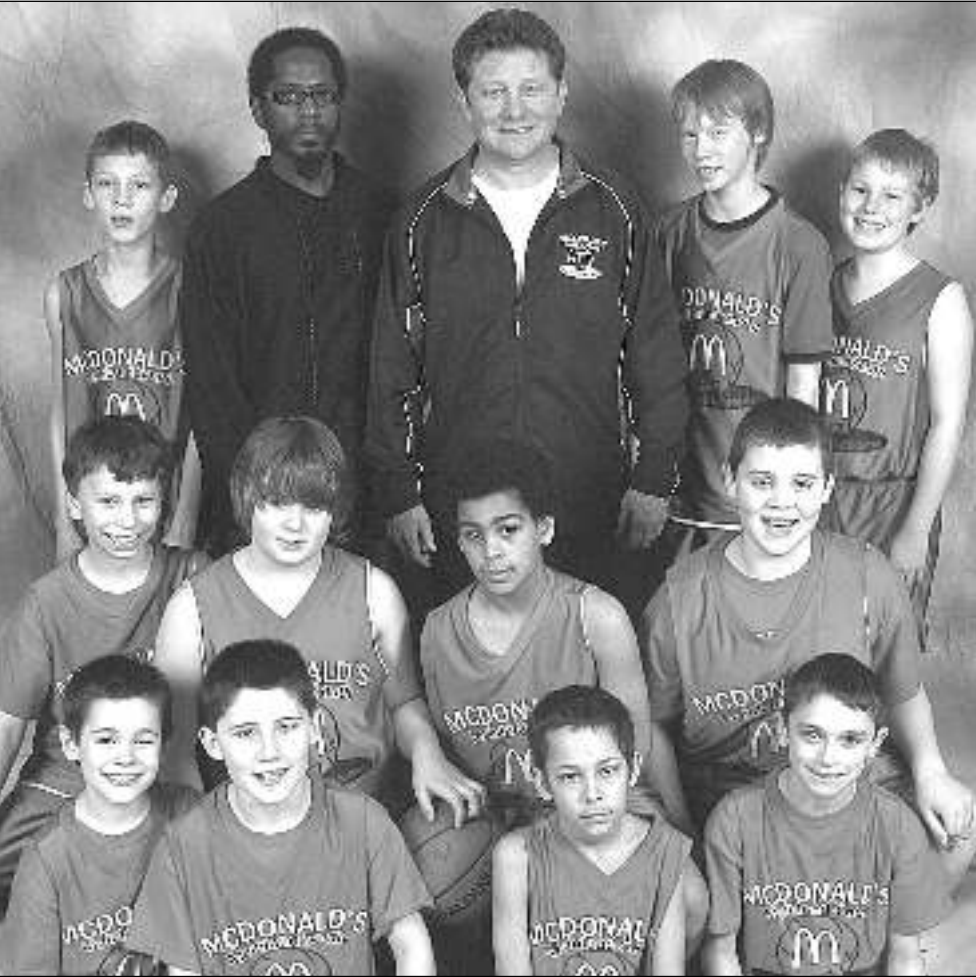


Canadian Olympic Team hockey star Haley Wickenheiser, a member of Canada's Hockey Hall of Fame, greets students at William King Elementary School where she answered questions and participated in a floor hockey game as part of the International Ice Hockey Federation week of activities.

McDonald's Mini Boys win provincial bronze

McDonald's Mainland South Minor Basketball Association is proud to present the Mini Boys Representative team following a successful first season in the Metro Basketball League. Their gold medal performance at the Eastern Passage tournament in March was an exciting week-end for the team. Their outstanding performance at the Nova Scotia Provincials, as host of the division, earned them a bronze medal, defeating Cole Harbour, Halifax Osprey and Norwood Knights. The bronze medal game was considered by fans to

be the most exciting game of the tournament when McDonald's Mainland South edged Norwood Knights by a score of 45 to 44. Members of the team include front row, L to R: Nathan Chranofsky, Conner Withers, Donte Irvine and Blake Francis; middle row, Shaun Richards, Captain; Tom Fiander, Captain; Josiah Bradfield and Devin Kelsie; back row, Tyler Donald, Coach Ibraheim Abdul Allah, Coach Gary Kirby, Braden Wiswell and Jeffrey Turner. Missing from the photo are Tristan Oliver and Coach Melissa Thibodeau.



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Mustangs win Bantam “BB” tournament

The Chebucto Mustangs were victorious, placing 1st in the Bantam BB final in the 2nd Annual Lee Whynot Memorial Tournament held in Bridgewater.

This was the first “away” tournament for many of the players and the team rose to the challenge under the skillful coaching of Duncan Cann, Dave Gates, Jen LeBlanc and Gilles LeChance.

The Mustangs dominated in their first game winning 9-2 against Liverpool. Tables were turned though in the second game and they lost 7-1 against Shelburne. A 2-0 win over Bridgewater in game three allowed for the Mustangs to advance to the championship game.

Chebucto excelled in the final game against Shelburne to win the Bantam BB division with a score of 10-1. Jordan Lee was chosen as tournament MVP. Sam Gates was named “Most Sportsman-Like” player for the tournament and Luke Vaslet received the “All Star Team” award. Congratulations to the Chebucto Mustangs and their coaches.

Members of the team pictured here include back row, left-right: Duncan Cann (Coach), Glen Koshi, Jordan Lee, Daniel Hersey, Luke Vaslet, Daniel O’Hearn and Jacob Goulden: second row, Aidan Blanchard, Conner MacEwen, Sam Gates, Hope Goddard, Jen LeBlanc (Assistant Coach) and Gilles LeChance (Assistant

Coach): third row, Brandon Gray, Devon Hanrahan, James Cann, Jacob Hendsbee and

David Gates (Assistant Coach): front row, Ben Powell and Brendan Hanrahan.



Letter to the Editor

In support of high school football

I am part of the parent group helping with the resurrection of the “Judges,” the J. L. Ilsley football team trying to recreate itself. We are well on our way to success, we have a motivated Principal, Coach, and Parent Group. Most importantly we have a group of boys that want to play football, and without the success of the Ilsley program many of these boys will see this tremendous opportunity pass them by.

Football is the kind of sport that brings together such a diverse group of kids, ones that may never otherwise interact and some that may never play any sport at all. My son is in Grade 9, he is 6’ 2” and 250 pounds. Football could have a huge impact in his future. Without the opportunity to play High School Football there will be no football in his future.

I understand all the complexities and I know there are many reasons why Ilsley has not had a football team for almost 10 years, but I believe, as do many others, that we are ready to overcome these obstacles.

We have registered and been accepted by the Football League, we have a Head Coach and many support coaches, now we need the

funds to get the team up and running. We have also started working on feeder system for our area, this year there will be a Mite and Atom team operating from Chebucto Heights, the recruiting for these teams will be focused from our area.

This First year will be trying. We have to purchase all new gear and uniforms. We estimate \$30,000 plus to get the program running again. Many of the parents have pledged their support by paying a deposit of \$500 because we felt we needed to show that we were willing to do what it takes. We have created a corporate sponsorship letter, and I have delivered this letter to many of the businesses in our community.

We realize there are many worthwhile causes and it is impossible to help everyone but we are hopeful the local community will support our cause, attend our fundraisers and be welcoming to this new venture. Should anyone be interested I can be reached at 448-2950.

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Old Sambro Road gets a litter facelift

In celebration of Earth Day Old Sambro Road looks much better after the efforts of many volunteers and residents.

Under the Adopt-A-Highway program, The 3rd Spryfield Scout Troop scouts and leaders cleaned up a large proportion of the three kilometre section of Old Sambro Road from the four-way stop at Rockingstone and Sussex Street out to Fish Brook in Harrietsfield. Volunteers collected roughly 120 bags



Members of the 3rd Spryfield Scout Troop pose after clearing a section of Old Sambro Road of litter, a project participated in by many groups which made a huge dent in the amount of refuse strewn along the roadway.

of litter, plus innumerable large items (tires, etc.), from the road and the ditch. They have about 1km left to finish, and are hoping that they will be able to get back on the road at a later date.

Employees from RDM Recycling in Harrietsfield also contributed to the spring clean-up by cleaning three kilometer section the road through Harrietsfield, from Fish Brook to Whitehead Road. They took 4 truckloads of assorted trash and litter from the road.

Members of the Gospel Light Baptist Church Youth Group and congregation, under Adopt-a-Highway, removed the litter along the three kilometre section from Whitehead Road to Moody Park Drive. They collected about 90 bags of litter, plus a considerable amount of bulky items.

Finally, progressing south to Sambro, many residents of Williamswood cleaned up in front of their properties this weekend. The folks from the Beechville Base (Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal) hauled away the litter.



Piles of garbage were collected by Department of Transportation staff after local residents and interested groups undertook a litter pick-up this past month.

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Celebrating 250 more years of Sambro Lighthouse

By Alexa McDonough
Halifax MP

On May 13, I rose in the House of Commons on behalf of constituents in my Halifax riding to call on the government to protect the lighthouse at Sambro, with the following words:

"It is my privilege to table a petition that arises out of the 250th anniversary of Nova Scotia as the first representative government

in North America. One of the first acts of that government was to establish a lighthouse on Sambro Outer Island, which stands proudly to this day as the oldest working lighthouse in both North America and South America and a valued national historic site.

The petition calls upon the federal government to show proper respect for Sambro Island lighthouse, for Atlantic mariners, and for the history of democracy in this country by instituting the necessary building repairs

and restoring the sound signal upon which local fishermen, to this day, depend in foggy conditions."

The petition could not have been more timely. After ten years, Sambro's lighthouse is hopefully that much closer to receiving the government attention it so richly deserves. Thanks to real leadership and effort from committed individuals and community groups like the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society, legislation is now in place to recognize

this important heritage.

Today, there are 583 lighthouses across Canada – 160 in Nova Scotia alone. But many of our lighthouses are being torn down and developed, or simply falling apart from long standing neglect and a steady decline in government funding. Despite the dedicated efforts of concerned citizens to protect these treasures of our maritime tradition, legislative measures have been a long time coming.

In 2000 Nova Scotia Senator Mike Forrestall introduced the first bill to protect Canada's lighthouses. Sadly, Mike passed away before he could see his dream fulfilled. Fortunately, Senator Pat Carney picked up the torch. Over the years, Peter Stoffer, my New Democrat colleague for Sackville-Eastern Shore and I and others passionate about coastal communities and lighthouse preservation have pressed successive Liberal and Conservative governments for legislation to protect our heritage lighthouses. I have also called upon the Minister responsible to commit the necessary resources for vital repairs to the Sambro lighthouse.

On May 7, the House of Commons finally passed Bill S-215 An Act to protect heritage lighthouses, enabling communities to petition the Minister of the Environment for heritage designation.

This summer, Halifax will celebrate 250 years of representative government in North America. At 250 years old, the Sambro lighthouse was one of that government's first legislative acts. The citizens of Sambro, the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society and the broader community have every reason to celebrate this newest legislation, and another 250 years of the Sambro lighthouse.

Upgrades planned for Armdale locations

By Linda Mosher, District 17 Councillor

Last month I wrote about our application to the federal government for National Historic Site status for the Memorial (Dingle) Tower. The column mentioned my meetings with many Provincial Ministers about having the Memorial Tower as a signature project for the Provincial Government's Democracy 250 Project. Minister Cecil Clarke requested a cost estimate of the financial requests I had made. HRM staff and I retained the services of a conservator and prepared a report detailing the specific requirements to restore the Memorial Tower, lions and exterior of the property. The total financial request is \$671,000.

Although Halifax Regional Municipality has been a good steward of the property, including restoration of all faces of the Memorial Tower, there is still damage to some of the stones, plaques, stairway, observation deck and lions which require restoration. The document we provided to the Provincial Ministers included a description of potential enhancements for this historical land mark such as signage, guides and landscaping. In addition, I have requested a statue of Sir Sandford Fleming and a Democracy 250 interpretative panel to educate residents on democracy and governance.

As part of the Herring Cove Streetscape project, signage has been installed for Spryfield. The plan is also to include Armdale signage, but given that Armdale geographically encompasses many neighbourhoods, it is difficult to determine the best location(s) for signage. I have proposed that Welcome To Armdale signage be located at the Armdale Rotary. This traffic circle has 60,000 cars per day driving through it and it would be a prominent and relevant spot to locate an Armdale sign. Some residents have expressed concern that Armdale seems to be a forgotten community and Spryfield is overshadowing our communities, so the rotary

should be a good starting point to emphasize Armdale. Right of way services must ensure that it is located in an area that will not be obstructive to view planes or traffic.

I would like to share with you a few projects which will be starting soon. One is the initial phase of upgrades to the Chocolate Lake park area (in grassy area in front of the beach). This project will include some remedial path work, landscaping and benches. Another budgeted item was \$144,000 this year and funding for next year for improvements to the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. This approval was in response to my Council request to make this centre safer and more attractive to users in the area. Funding was also allocated to replace playground equipment in Kline Heights at the Leo Lanigan Park.

As a result of the dedicated work of area residents, Fleming Tower School will receive a new playground. They were granted \$30,000 in the HRM budget and \$5,000 from District 17 funds. As well, Minister Barnett from the province has agreed to provide \$30,000.

The Armdale Rotary will again be undergoing construction this summer. Between the roundabout at the intersection of St. Margaret's Bay Road to the intersection of Keating Road, the road will be widened to include a left turning lane. Due to more lanes entering than exiting, this section has been a "choke point" and has caused back-ups into the circle. I have met with the HRM Engineering, Urban Forestry and Landscape Architect staff on-site regarding tree removal. New trees will be planted throughout the exterior of the circle which will provide much needed vegetation in the area. I have requested that we put a sculpture in the middle of the circle. Originally I had requested a fountain, however, due to the infrastructure below the circle, this is not possible. More information will be forthcoming on a public request for a sculpture. I will be using district capital funds to plant a vine (Virginia Creeper) to soften the

existing and future retaining walls and provide more vegetation in the area.

On a final note, last week Professor Clairmount presented his 647 page document in response to Mayor Peter Kelly's request for an assessment of crime in the municipality. The full report is available at www.halifax.ca The report was very comprehensive and included input from all relevant groups and citizens in HRM. I look forward to implementing the recommendations that HRM has authority to do so and working with the other levels of government to make sure they step up and be a partner in this initiative. Currently we have 41 % of the population of Nova Scotia and conservative estimates indicate that this will be over 50% in the near future. Given that we are the commercial and university centre for the province and all of Atlantic Canada, the other two levels of government need to respond to the realistic recommendations in the report and ensure that we make our city safe for visitors and residents in our municipality.



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Recycling information, Visioning for Spryfield, current topics for Adams

By Stephen Adams
District 18 Councillor

Over the past couple of months I have had an increasing number of inquiries about waste and recycling collection. Residents have diligently sorted, shredded, bagged and paper cardboard etc., and have been left with the infamous “orange sticker.”

I will give an overview to help avoid the dreaded orange sticker attack. Simple paper and such as newspapers, magazines

and envelopes go into grocery bags or clear bags. The clear bags allow collectors to get a glimpse of the contents. Cardboard boxes and pizza boxes are to be broken down and bundled in 2’ by 3’ by 8” segments. In seems that is quite time consuming to do this at the recycling plant.

Blue bags are to be used for cans, jars, milk cartons and the number one and number two plastic bottles and containers. These numbers are embossed on the container. Avoid mixing paper and cans. Although they are all recyclable

they undergo different sorting processes. You may want to keep your containers that have value separate, you can take them to the local Enviro-Depot or save them for one of our many good community causes.

For additional information on this or other waste disposal needs, visit www.halifax.ca/wrms/recycling.html.

On May 22 we held our first visioning meeting at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. You might ask “what is visioning?” Visioning implies the future

and is a process whereby residents, with the help of our staff and the direction of a “Community Liaison Group” develop a plan of how we would like Spryfield to look in the next five to 20 years. Other areas of HRM have undergone this process with impressive results. I encourage you to get involved. I will personally ensure your voice is heard and that we develop a consensus to move forward.

The past few weeks have been busy with other meetings as well. Whether it be transit for Williamswood and Harrietsfield, a BMX Park or a new playground in these communities, residents are working together to improve our neighbourhoods. Well done to all of you.

A trip to Greystone will show a huge improvement regarding sidewalks and the road. Although it is still a work in progress, the finished project will be beautiful. And speaking of Greystone, we will be locating a new Community Police Office in the neighbourhood. As soon as a location is identified we will move ahead. I have a call into housing to explore options.

This is the time of year when school and community fairs abound. Do your best to attend if at all possible. These groups need your support and they are great fun as well.

Over the past month we have lost two great Haligonians. Former Mayor Ron Wallace and former City Solicitor and City Manager Dan Murphy passed away at 91 and 79 respectively. Although I never served under mayor Wallace, it was well known he served with dignity and respect. Mr. Murphy was tenacious and always stood for what he felt was right. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families.

Fairview MLA votes against electricity tax increase

By Graham Steele
Halifax Fairview MLA

The Legislature has just wrapped up its spring sitting. As usual, the “main event” in the spring sitting was the provincial budget.

The budget is important because it outlines what the government plans to do with \$8.3 billion of your money. The budget is also important because there must be an immediate election if a budget is defeated. But there will be no election this year.

On May 15th, the budget came to a vote. All Liberals (9) and Conservatives (22) voted for the budget. All New Democrats (20), including me, voted against. So the budget passed by 31 to 20.

I voted against the budget because I believe it’s time for you, the voters, to decide whether you want Rodney MacDonald and his Conservatives to continue as your government.

I voted against the budget because it will increase the tax on electricity for every household in Nova Scotia. The 8% HST rebate on electricity is going to be scrapped for

“basic” electrical service. That will cost every household an extra \$100 per year.

Rodney MacDonald promised in the 2006 election that he would not tax home energy. I don’t remember him adding “but only for a while.” Now he says his government has other priorities and can’t afford the rebate on electricity. He broke his promise, made only two years ago.

Removal of the rebate will take \$28 million from Nova Scotians this year. In exchange, the government is re-introducing a one-time grant program, similar to the “Keep the Heat” program from the past. But that program is worth a maximum of \$10 million. We know from the past that many people won’t hear about the grant program, or won’t apply.

It doesn’t take a math whiz to figure that if the government is taking \$28 million and giving back a maximum of \$10 million, the total tax grab is at least \$18 million.

At a time when everyone is struggling with energy costs, particularly gasoline, diesel and furnace oil, we think that an \$18 million

tax grab on electricity is the wrong choice.

Most importantly, I voted against the budget because you, the people who sent me to the Legislature, told me to. In every phone call and e-mail I received, and in every conversation I had in the community, I could not find a single person who supported this budget, this premier or this government. I did find one gentleman at the Bayers Road Tim Horton’s who said that he thought elections were too expensive, although that didn’t mean he liked the government. Every single other person wanted me to vote against the budget. So I did.

Like you, I believe we need a government that understands the struggles facing Nova Scotia families. This one doesn’t.

I believe we need a government that can deliver a better deal. This one can’t. But an election will have to wait until next year.



Sobeys Grocery Manager Richard Murphy is heading a campaign to raise \$10,000 to provide a wheelchair for Pamela Supple who has struggled with MS for 23 years. Murphy and Mrs. Supple’s husband Dave are planning a Kick-off to the project on June 7 which will be followed by barbeques, a flea market and auction.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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CHARLTON, Paul Murray - 45, Halifax, passed away suddenly at home. Born in Dundee, Scotland, Paul immigrated to Canada with his family in 1968 at the age of six. He spent his youth in Port Hawkesbury, was educated at SAERC and graduated in 1981. He was a member of the Port Hawkesbury Youth Band, active with the track and field athletics, and the chess club. Paul was an alumnus of St. Francis Xavier University and a graduate of the Lawrencetown Geographic Sciences School. He moved to Halifax as a young man. He was employed for the last 18 years with the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission. He was a member of the St. Andrew's Lodge No.1 AF and AM, Halifax, and volunteered for several charities over the years. Paul was a generous and kind person to all who knew him. He possessed an unshakable belief in the goodness of people and was never as happy as when he was helping his fellow man. An avid reader, his interests in history, art and spiritual topics were unquenchable. Paul loved antiques and spent countless happy hours seeking out treasures. Paul is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 12 years, Lesley Ann (Jackson); parents, William and Glenda Charlton, Port Hawkesbury; sisters, Elaine Charlton, Halifax; Gail (Roger) McMullan, London, England, and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles, all residing in England and Scotland. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Maria Jackson, and brother-in-law, Christopher Jackson. He was a great lover of animals and will be greatly missed by his two beloved dogs, Daisy and Fergus. The funeral was under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or any animal related charity. On-line condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.walkerfh.com.

MCGREGOR, Joseph Walter "Joe" - 71, Spryfield, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII, following a brief illness. Born in Halifax he was a son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Preshong) Gregor. Throughout Joe's life he was a pipefitter, having been a dedicated member of 46 years to the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 56. Joe will be remembered as being a family man who loved his family dearly. Joe spent much quality time on his 70 acre farm in Aldersville, where he happily and diligently worked the land, always keeping a well maintained garden and clearing for firewood. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his loving wife of 54 years Anna "Genora" F. (Oakley) McGregor; his treasured children Joseph "Joe" McGregor (his companion Melissa and her daughter Melanie), Lower Sackville; Linda McGregor, Halifax; Nadine Currie (Scott), Spryfield; Sherri McGregor, Spryfield. Joe is also survived by his sister Delores Greeley, Halifax; and his brother Kenneth "Ken" "Unc" (Freda) McGregor, Spryfield; grandsons Gary Joseph Hawes, Joseph Walter Hawes, Michael Harrison (companion Laurie), and Jamie Harrison; great-granddaughter Amanda Harrison, as well as another great-grandchild on the way; aunts Linda Sampson, Spryfield; Doris Parker, Toronto; nieces, nephews and many cousins. The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Tennakore and his staff, as well as nurse Lee, for all the care and compassion given to Joe in his time of need. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Limited, Spryfield. Internment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. In Lieu of flowers remembrances may be made to Triage of the Emergency Department, QEII. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

EGAN, Rita May - 103, East Gore, formerly of Spryfield, passed away at home. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Howard and Maggie (Oxner) Thomas. Rita was a member of St. Paul's United Church as well as the U.C.W. She was a life member of Topaz Rebekah Lodge No. 125, Spryfield. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. Rita was predeceased by her husband, Frank, and 11 siblings. Arrangements are under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations in Rita's memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or IWK Health Centre Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.walkerfh.com.

CHRISTOPHER-ASTLEY, Lee Ann: 35, Halifax, passed away following a brief illness in the Dartmouth General Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of Joanne Smith (nee Drake) and her step-father, Robert Smith. Lee Ann will be remembered fondly by family and friends for her great love of animals, her sense of humor and kind spirit. She is survived by her loving and treasured daughter, Jessica Christopher, Halifax, her mother, Joanne, her maternal grandparents, Alfred and Frances Drake, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Edward Christopher and her paternal grandparents. Arrangements are under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). The family would appreciate remembrances to the Elizabeth Frye Society. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

BETHUNE (Awalt), Ruby Adelia: 84, passed away in the QEII Health Sciences Centre after a brief illness. She was a daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Hame) Awalt. Born in Musquash, NB, she resided in Halifax for the last 50 years and spent her summers at her cottage in Seacrest, Pictou County. She was formerly employed as a bookkeeper in the dental office of Dr. George Clark. She was an active volunteer, including the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre Auxiliary, which raised money for the hospital through the Gift Shop. She was an active curler, playing Ladies, Mixed, and Senior competitions in the Halifax area, serving on different committees and teaching curling. For a time she was the club president for Glencoe Ladies Curling Club and only recently she retired as the historian of the Ladies Metro Bonspiel. Ruby had a life-long interest in creating pottery and teaching crafts to others. Ruby was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Bethune. Surviving are daughters, Nancy (James) Cleveland, Parrsboro, and Elizabeth Bethune, Mount Uniacke, and sister Mary (Don) Ward, Halifax. Interment was in Haliburton Cemetery, Pictou this summer. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Interment condolences may be left at www.walkerfh.com.

SKELHORNE, Douglas Kenneth J.: 85, Halifax, passed away at home. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Emma (Rowe) Skelhorne. Douglas began his career with the Merchant Navy in 1938; Army R.C.D's from 1954-1966. He then was employed as a commissionaire, where he worked until his health declined, and later retired. He is survived by loving wife of 60 years, Kathleen (McManus), sisters, Hilda L.

Bushie, Simons Settlement, Marion E. Paquin, Lakeside, Betty L. Johnson, Montreal, brother, Lloyd Walter, Quebec, as well as his nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by brothers, Donald W., Delton H., Murray A., and Eric W., and sister Doris M. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). Interment will take place at a later date. In memory of Douglas, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

BURKE, Douglas Joseph "Dougie" - 69 of Halifax, passed away peacefully in the Halifax Infirmary ICU. Born on August 21, 1938 he was a son of the late Richard and Julie (Mamie) Aucoin. He is survived by sisters, Pauline Liebhardt and Sandra Casey, Halifax; brother John Burke, Halifax; nephews Scott, Denver, CO and Frankie, Ottawa; niece April, Toronto. Dougie was predeceased by infant brother Paul and niece Emma. Arrangements are under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601). By request there will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held at a later date in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Until then have a toast to Dougie and share some of his great stories. Donations in Dougie's memory may be made to the SPCA or Bide Awhile Animal Shelter. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

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Coffee House
The Quarter-Note Singers invite you to attend a coffee house at the Captain William Spry Community Centre Thursday June 5 at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. Donations accepted.

Fundraising Dance
The committee to improve the playground at Harrietsfield Elementary School will hold an adult fundraising dance at the Harrietsfield Community Centre Saturday June 7 from 9 to 1 am. \$5 per person and there will be a DJ and door prizes.

Annual Heritage Walk to Rockingstone
The Annual Walk to the Rockingstone with members of Mainland South Heritage Society and Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will be held Saturday June 14 beginning at 10 am. Meet in parking lot of Captain William Spry Community Centre.

High School Football
As part of the effort to raise funds in support of returning J.L. Isley High School to the provincial school football scene after a nine year absence, a “Big Concert” fundraiser will be held Wednesday June 4 at 7 pm in the J.L. Isley gym. The event will feature Blue Thunder and several local bands. Practice sessions for football start August 17. For information contact saunders@halifax.ca.

Yard Sale
A Yard Sale will be held rain or shine Saturday May 31 from 9 am to 1 pm at Purcell’s Barber Shop parking lot, 353 Herring Cove Road, in support of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Explore George’s Island
Parks Canada and Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia (OTANS) are pleased to present a unique opportunity to experience Georges Island National Historic Site on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15. Tickets for this exciting event go on sale at Ticket Atlantic Outlets or www.ticketatlantic.com as of May 24. For further event information or questions, please go to www.otans.com/events or call (902) 426-5080.

Trout-A-Rama
The Halifax Wildlife Association will present the 16th Annual McNamara Trout-A-Rama Saturday June 7 from 9 am to 2 pm at Cunard Pond on Williams Lake Road. There is no fee and no license required. Registration begins at 8 am. For information contact Bob Blom at 477-0178.

Blooms and Tunes
A Garden Tour and Plant Sale in support of the ALS Society of Nova Scotia will be held June 29 from 1 to 5 pm. Garden Tour begins at 5 Fortress Drive, off Purcell’s Cove Road. Tickets at \$10 per person in advance, \$12 on day of tour. For more information contact Debbie Symonds, dsymonds@deloitte.ca or ALS Society of Nova Scotia at 454-3636.

Farm Museum Meeting
The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 9 at 7 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Everyone Welcome! If you would like to become a member or would like information about our Urban Farm programs, please call Pat at 477-6087-e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

Street-Wide Yard Sale
Osborne Street residents in Kline Heights Subdivision are having a Street-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday June 7 from 8:30-12, rain date Sunday, June 8. Many families participating! Lots of great bargains! For information call 477-1859.

Spring Fling Dance and Appetizers
A Spring Fling Dance and Appetizers event in support of the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield will be held at the Spryfield Lions Deb Saturday June 21 from 8 pm to 1 am. \$10.00 per person includes Nachos, Veggie Tray, Pretzels, Tea/Coffee. Cash Bar Opens at 8 pm, Dance starts 9 pm. Tickets available through the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield and Spryfield Lions Club Members. For information call 477-9840 or 477-0436. Featuring music from the 1940s - 1990s.

Anniversary Music Rally
Calvary Baptist Church, 91 Thornhill Drive, will hold an Anniversary Music Rally June 8, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Featuring “The Shepherd’s Joy” Singing Group from Shelburne County. Refreshments following the program. Free will offering. All Are Welcome.

Lobster Supper
St. James’ Anglican Church in Herring Cove, 1 Harrigans Road, is having an Annual Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 14 from 3 – 6 pm. Dinner choices are lobster or scallops or 1/2 and 1/2. There is a ham dinner and a children’s menu available for those who prefer a non-seafood dish. Tickets are sold in advance only. For more information or to order tickets, please call 446-8168 or 477-5535.

Ticket Sale
The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is selling tickets on a basket of home made items which will generate funds to purchase new tires for their farm wagon. The wagon plays an important role at Urban Farm events, providing tractor-drawn wagon rides to visiting children. It is also used by the society to participate in the annual Spryfield Santa Clause parade. The value of this basket is \$150 and includes such items as crocheted Christmas ornaments and a pine cone wreath, knitted gloves, scarf and child’s sweater, a fleecy handmade throw, a copy of Urban Farm’s Foods of Spryfield cookbook, packages of herbs from the Urban Farm Field, jam, relish, pickled beets and chow made from the produce of the farm field, and numerous other hand-crafted items. Tickets may be purchased from members for \$1.

Come Grow With Us
The Urban Farm Museum Society would like to invite children, youth, adults and seniors to participate in our Come Grow With Us gardening program. For further information please call Martha at 420-1520 or Pat at 477-6087. Volunteer training begins on May 31st from 10 am to noon at the Captain Spry Community Centre. CGWU classes

start at the Urban Farm on Saturday, June 7th at 9:30 to noon. Everyone Welcome!!

Spring Fair in Sambro
Sambro School PTA Annual Spring Fair will be held Saturday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope you can join us for some great fun!

Vintage Bicycle Show
Come and see a collection of old, odd and unique bicycles. Sunday June 1, 11 am-4m at Bloomfield Centre, corner of Agricola at Almon. Contact 429-0024 for more information. This event is part of HRM Bike Week.

McNabs Island Clean-up
Kick off Environment Week by joining the Friends of McNabs Island Society for the annual cleanup of McNabs and Lawlor Islands Provincial Park to be held Sunday June 1, Rain Date: June 7, or June 8. Time: 10 am - 3:30 pm. Meet at Murphy’s on the Water, Cable Wharf, Halifax Waterfront before 10 a.m. Space on the boat is limited and available on First Come, First Served basis. Bring work gloves, drinking water, a lunch and enthusiasm. We will supply the garbage bags and free transportation to the island for volunteers willing to clean up the beaches. Groups of more than ten persons must pre-register with the Friends of McNabs Island. This is the 15th year that the Friends of McNabs Island have organized a beach cleanup of the islands. Since 1991, volunteers have collected 8,000 bags of garbage and recyclables from McNabs and Lawlor Islands Provincial Park. Sponsored by Clean Nova Scotia, Parks Canada, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Halifax Regional Municipality, Murphy’s on the Water and McNabs Island Ferry. For more information or group pre-registering, contact: Cathy McCarthy - 434-2254 or Faye Power - 443-1749. mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca www.mcnabsisland.ca.

“Green Machine” wins recreational hockey title

Adorned with new socks donated by Councillor Linda Mosher and a fundraising campaign to cover the costs of entry and travel, the Green Machine swept the Aaron Blackwood Memorial Tournament and brought another championship banner home to the Spryfield Arena.

In what can only be described as a dominating performance, the Chebucto Green Machine took on all comers. At one point in a show of sportsmanship, when the New Glasgow goalie got hurt, the Green Machine gave them one of the team’s goalies to play with until their goalie was able to return. This brought everyone in the stands to their feet, clapping and saying what good sportsmanship the team displayed.

Along with their on-ice performance, the players who also represented the association with class off the ice, the Machine dumped Thorburn 10-2; edged Cumberland 5-4; and whipped New Glasgow 14-0 before defeating Cumberland for the second time by a 6-2 score in the Championship game.

The Green Machine players include Michael Murphy, Dustin Dempsey, Sahill Khanna, Simon Richardson, Luciano Innocente, Sydney Nordin, Tyvonn Ritcey, Tanner Costen, Kyle Mitchell, Alex Mitchell, Mackenzie Lawless, Ross Traves, Marc Cormier, Cody Scheibel, Austin Hawker, Nicholas Spicer, and Coaches Joel Brewer, Ryan Brewer and Jonny Anderson.



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