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## Everything is coming up roses at Bloominfloweers

By Tangelene Ramsay

Spring has arrived, Easter is here, and Mother's Day is fast approaching. What better time to think about flowers. Whether you are looking for a pot of Easter Lilies; a spring bouquet to brighten up your kitchen; or an overflowing basket of Mums for your Mom, there is no better place to go than to Bloominfloweers at 249 Herring Cove Rd

in Spryfield.

It has been almost five years since Stephen Bonnar, owner of Bloominfloweers, started doing floral arrangements here in Halifax, but that doesn't mean he is new to the field. Stephen has been creating breathtaking and unique arrangements most of his life. When he was a child, Stephen's father worked for an Italian grocery store and Stephen used to go visit him there after

school. He fondly remembers watching the three Italian ladies who worked in the floral department create beautiful flower arrangements. He learned a lot from them. On the weekends, he would be allowed to take home the flowers that were no longer fit to sell and he would practice arranging them and then give them to his mother. Laughing, Stephen describes his first corsage; it was for his brother who had neglected to pick one up for a date. He ran into the yard, gathered together some wild flowers, and wrapped them with tape. He used a brown marker to paint the tape so that it looked more like a real corsage. "That corsage," he says, "is still in the girl's freezer."

Even though flower arranging has been a life-long hobby, Stephen never dreamed it could become his livelihood. However, after Stephen and his life partner, George Cave, moved back to NS, he was offered the chance to manage Alvina's Flowers. Three months later, he signed the papers that would make him the owner.

Stephen considers the Chebucto Peninsula his home. He truly cares about

Spryfield and the surrounding communities. He is a big believer in "buy local" and he practices what he preaches. He does all his shopping in Spryfield, even though he makes his home on the other side of the harbour. "Dartmouth," he says, "is just where I sleep. It isn't my community. Spryfield is where I live. That is my community."

Local councillor Steve Adams stops into Bloominfloweers every Tuesday morning to pick up the boutonniere he wears on TV. Stephen sees that as an opportune time to bend the councillor's ear and discuss the goings on in Spryfield. He is a member of the Spryfield and District Business Commission and works hard to try to improve Spryfield's image. When the new lights went up on the Old Sambro Road, he was quick to donate the hostas that will soon be sprouting. He also creates all the wreaths that help welcome the holiday season every December.

Stephen feels that flowers are a very personal thing and he tries his best to accommodate the specific needs of each of

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Bloominfloweers, 249 Herring Cove Road

## "Building for Families" campaign raises cash, awareness, and spirits

On March 3rd, the Single Parent Centre and Home of the Guardian Angel

held a party to kick off their "Building for Families" fundraising campaign. The event raised \$1,600, including a \$500 cheque presented by J.L. Ilsley principal Al Reyner.

The Single Parent Centre needs an additional \$100,000 to add second story offices and renovate the existing playroom and program spaces at their Sylvia Avenue location in Spryfield. \$250,000 has already been raised.

Donna Williamson, SPC Executive Director, hopes construction can start soon and will move her staff into a temporary home with the Salvation Army in Greystone for the summer.

Each year, hundreds of families from the Halifax area visit the SPC to meet each other and learn how to care for themselves and their children. To donate to the "Building for Families" campaign or for

see "Single Parent Centre" pg. 2

## J.L. Ilsley students stand up for what they believe

By Katrina Campbell

J.L. Ilsley students always rise to a challenge. By making a difference in society, J.L. has found another way to improve the world. The Amnesty Campaign at Ilsley is still going strong after over twenty years and they continue to do their best to make the world a better place. Thanks to the efforts of these students and their supporters around the world, Amnesty is going strong as ever.

Amnesty International is an organization founded in 1961 by a British lawyer, Peter Benenson, when he heard the unfairness of two students from Portugal being put in jail for toasting freedom. He then published an

article about who he called 'The Forgotten Prisoners', raising the awareness of injustice against such individuals. The reaction from the global population was so positive with thousands offering their support that Amnesty International was born. By focusing on the human rights of these prisoners, Amnesty is politically neutral, not paying attention to the question of 'where' but to the question of 'how do we get them out?' Amnesty plays a huge part in the rescue of people unjustly imprisoned all over the globe.

J.L. Ilsley has been a part of the Amnesty Campaign for many years and continuously does its part to help save as many people who have been illegally jailed as possible.

These 'prisoners of conscience' need the encouragement of Amnesty and their supporters, like those at Ilsley. From writing letters to give hope to these prisoners, to reminding governments that they are crossing the line of human rights, J.L. is constantly participating in Amnesty cases. Every year, J.L. Ilsley participates in numerous campaigns such as 'Write-for-Rights' where Ilsley students write postcards in support of these prisoners of conscience. Every December, cards are written directly to the prisoners to give them hope. Ilsley's Amnesty Campaign also hosts the frequent coffee houses held

see "Students" pg. 2

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his clients. He works alone most of the time, but he has a friend who stops in and gives him a hand with larger orders. Because he has to compete with grocery giant Sobeys,

he can't afford to hire someone to help out at the store. As a small business owner, Stephen faces a great challenge when competing with a conglomerate like Sobeys; especially in a recession.  
But, Stephen is optimistic. He has

already planned his Mother's Day specials; a 'Mother's Day Basket of Colour', for \$29.95; and the 'Mother's Day Thanks For All You Do' bouquet for \$19.95. It took him four and a half days to prepare for Valentine's Day, and he is hoping it will be even busier for

Mother's Day. And, since Bloominfloweers is donating a bouquet to the winning Mom of our Mother's Day contest, we hope he is too.

## Single Parent Centre makes its big move

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more info on parenting support programs call 422-7964, or visit their website at [www.homeoftheguardianangel.ca/build](http://www.homeoftheguardianangel.ca/build)  
The photos on this page help to explain the significance and scale of this achievement.



Current Home of Guardian Angel



Artist's rendering of the new Single Parent Centre and Home of Guardian Angel

## Students stand up for what they believe in

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through out the school year. Raising funds to support Amnesty and give the local community a chance to showcase their talents, Ilsley stays as well-rounded as it has ever been.  
Amnesty is renowned for hope and results. Having helped save thousands of 'prisoners of conscience' from torture, prison and even death, Amnesty and the J.L. students that are a part of it are standing up for what they believe.



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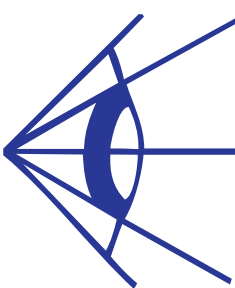
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# Book Buddies introduces kids to a new best friend – reading

By Tangelene Ramsay

It is a well known fact that the majority of children who are not read to at an early age turn into adults who don't like to read, but did you know that those same children are at a disadvantage all through school? It is an unfortunate truth that many children in the Chebucto peninsula are unprepared to enter a classroom at 5 or even 6 years of age. These same children are also more likely to drop out of school; which means they are less likely to

become successful members of society. This may sound like a dismal future for the children of Chebucto, but it doesn't have to be this way. The Single Parent Center on Sylvia Avenue, the Edward Jost Children's Centre on Mont Street, and the St. Paul's Family Resources Initiative on Old Sambro Road are all joining the campaign to improve early education by making Chebucto Book Buddies Bags available to those parents who use their services. Through the Chebucto Book Buddies

program, parents can borrow pre-made packs that contain, among other things, three books, a puppet, and activity cards. After the family has finished with one Book Buddies Bag, they can return it to the Center they got it from and borrow another one. The hope is that as parents discover the joy of reading with their children, and children learn to love books, the incidence

of children entering the school system unprepared will decrease. The program is being made possible through the generosity of Canwest Raise a Reader, the CCDA, Nimbus Publishing, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, Edward Jost Children's Center, and the Single Parent Center. For more information please visit the Raise a Reader website [www.raiseareader.com](http://www.raiseareader.com).



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PHYLLIS HAYDEN

**MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE**  
Phyllis McCarthy Hayden is proud to call Spryfield 'home'. Growing up on Clovis Avenue, she attended Central Spryfield School, Cunard Junior High and J.L. Ilsley High School. Phyllis worked in retail sales and management as well as office administration before returning to her original career plan – accounting - completing formal training with honours. Her community involvement includes terms on school advisory councils, church boards, and that of political campaign volunteer.

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## Residents of Jollimore suffered loss of three Cunard schoolhouses

By Iris V. Shea

In 1965, Cunard Junior High School opened on the Williams Lake Road in Jollimore, the fourth school in the area by that name. The new school, according to reports at the time, was named for Sir Samuel Cunard. One hundred years before, in 1865, Sir Samuel’s son, William Cunard, purchased land in Jollimore with the express purpose of having a schoolhouse built for the children of that community, about 30 in number, all members of the Jollimore, Boutilier, Slaunwhite and Innes families.

William Cunard, an active member of St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Halifax, saw the need for a Church of England school in this growing young community on the western side of the Northwest Arm. He lived at Oaklands, an estate across the Arm from Jollimore. The small church school was completed and opened for classes in 1866. At the time, in appreciation of William Cunard’s generosity, the school and the school district, number 30b, were given the name “Cunard”. The land for this first Cunard School was located where the playground is today, off Albion Road. Cunard paid \$60 to John Jollimore for the one-acre lot which was described as having a right of way to Lawson’s Mill Road on the west, and another right of way to the Northwest Arm on the east, past John Jollimore’s homestead. (Lawson’s Mill Road was the old name for Williams Lake Road and stretched from the Herring Cove Road to Lawson’s Mill, now the site of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron).

William Cunard left Halifax in 1871 to take over the Cunard Steamship Company in London, England, but the job of making sure that education continued at Cunard School was passed down to Philip Carteret Hill, former mayor of Halifax. Hill, the new owner of Oaklands, became premier of Nova Scotia in 1875. School Board records of 1875 show that he paid the salary of the school teacher, Miss Amelia Bacan. George Boutilier and John Jollimore, long time residents of the

community who had several children attending the school, were appointed trustees. Ministers from St. Luke’s Church in Halifax travelled across the Arm by boat to conduct church services and Sunday School in this building. In 1893, this first Cunard schoolhouse was demolished because of its dilapidated condition, leaving the children in the community without schooling for another nine years. James Jollimore, because he could afford the school fees, sent his daughter Lucy, and son Gilbert, to the new public school in Spryfield.

A reference in the School Board minutes for 1902 states “a school was opened early in the year at Jollimore settlement and there are good prospects for its continuance.” In 1906, following the death of William Cunard in England, the trustees of Cunard School purchased the school property for \$800 from Cunard’s heirs. This second schoolhouse survived until it was consumed by fire in 1915. The Acadian Recorder, Monday, 13 January 1915, wrote: “The schoolhouse in Jollimore Settlement was badly damaged by fire last night. It is thought that the building was set on fire as it had not been occupied since last Friday. Owing to the suspicion that an incendiary had been at work, Chief County Constable Umlah has been asked to investigate.”

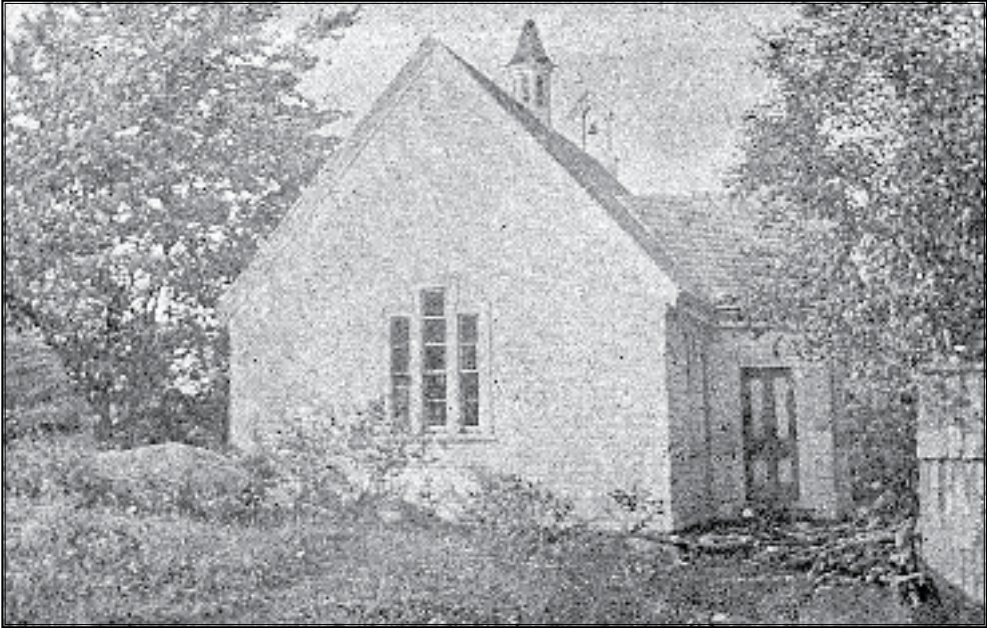
In his Annual Report to the Superintendent in July 1915, Halifax County School Inspector Graham Creighton noted: “The Cunard School at Jollimore was burned down early in January.

Mr. R.T. MacIlreith generously placed a building at the disposal of the trustees thus making it possible to continue school while a new house, almost immediately begun, was in course of erection. The new building is neat, well appointed, situated on high ground

classrooms were added to the school, along with indoor plumbing. During the 1940s, the basement contained two classrooms and an ARP (Air Raid Precaution) room. Further overcrowding made it necessary for the trustees to begin negotiating with the School Board

to build a second school, this one on property donated by John W. MacLeod, not far from the Dingle Gates. It would accommodate the children from Melville Cove, Cowie Hill and Green Road. Before the new school was built, however, fire struck again and, on 8 January 1947, the Cunard schoolhouse in Jollimore burned to the ground.

There were offers of temporary accommodation from Mrs. John Cruikshank, and from Mr. George Martin at the Dingle



Second Cunard School in Jollimore, 1902, courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

looking down upon the North West Arm, and surrounded by a grove of native deciduous trees-- an ideal spot for a school.” The trustees were Robert T. MacIlreith, Emile Gaboury and Josiah Boutilier. The secretary to the trustees was William Topple, Sr.

This third two-room Cunard School went through some overcrowding problems as children from Melville Cove, Green Road and Cowie Hill were included in its student population. The boundary also extended to Melvin’s Road in Purcell’s Cove and children from that area also attended. In the 1930s, students in grades Primary, One and Two attended classes near the Dingle, in a house owned by Samuel Jollimore. In 1939, two new

Canteen, for some of the 165 pupils. The trustees decided to act on an offer to use St. James Church Hall and the Kiwanis building at the head of the Northwest Arm for grades five, six, seven and eight. Thanks to Father Martin, grades Primary to Four were accommodated in the old chapel, originally an ammunition depot, called Melvilla Hall, behind St. John the Baptist Church on the Purcell’s Cove Road. Students from the higher grades were absorbed by the city schools. The children of Jollimore began attending John W. MacLeod School when it opened in 1948. Remnants of the old foundation of the third Cunard schoolhouse may still be seen at the back of the playground on Albion Road in Jollimore.

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At this meeting the SDBC will put forth suggestions for discussion to change the commercial levy which will ensure the future of the commission.

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## From The Editor's Desk

I have a couple of corrections to make regarding last month's issue.

First, an error was made regarding Sandi Church's appointment as Administrative Justice of the Peace. After the article was published, it was discovered that she is not allowed to hand out marriage licenses. She would like to assure Access Nova Scotia that she will not be doing that job.

Secondly, at the bottom of one of Layton Dorey's letters last month, I mistakenly added his title as President of the Halifax Liberal Association. His letter concerning Linda Mosher was written by him as a private citizen, not as a political representative. We at

the Chebucto News would like to apologize for any inconvenience he may have suffered because of our mistake.

Finally, I would like to remind our readers that, although I read every letter, and try to publish every letter, I do not edit for punctuation or spelling. I will also not publish profanity or hate propaganda. Having said that, I also want to say that the right to free speech is an important one and I am pleased to offer this forum for those people who wish to exercise that right.

Thank you.  
Tangelene

## Letters To The Editor

### Regarding letter *Michèle Raymond is a disgrace to our community* – March 2010

Political parties tend not to agree with the general direction, policies and attitudes of other political parties. Fair enough. And, there are times when people will engage in forms of political mischief. Politicians and their supporters, of all political stripe, have been known to do this; looking for an edge. Fair enough. It goes with the territory.

However, sometimes people who would (or should) have known better cross the lines of good taste and common decency, at times bordering on libel and slander.

In a letter to the editor entitled: Michèle Raymond is a disgrace to our community in the March, 2010 edition of the Chebucto News, Layton Dorey, President, Halifax Liberal Association, stated that he wanted to know what happened with 'those duplicate payments' to MLA Michèle Raymond. Fair question.

Being an NDP supporter, I certainly wanted to know as well. In fact I had already asked her, face to face. By the time I finished reading his letter, I worried if he too had asked her.

with what's been said, you can always write a letter to the editor.

Don Sullivan,  
Herring Cove

Dear Editor,

This letter should never have been published-it reeks of partisan politics and my respect for the Liberal Association president Layton Dorey has gone from "huh" to "none".

In fact, if he ever runs for political office, I will run to an alternative ballot before you can say 'vote'.

Michèle Raymond has demonstrated nothing but integrity and accessibility when it comes to our community. I could cite countless examples.

After talking to her, I believe her mistakes in her expenses were not intentional or deliberate.

If anything, her accountant probably made the mistakes of counting bother ledger entries and the receipts separately and likely didn't cross reference both sources and in the end, it was only \$3,000, hardly "grand theft larceny".

She has assured me that this mistake will be rectified if it hasn't already, and that it won't happen again.

I would also like to comment on the tone of the letter which is most prejudiced as well. It is hardly a serious reply to call a person or persons "pigs". This is not appropriate.

She should not resign – she should continue her good works as our community needs a compassionate and caring representative, as I know her to be.

Layton Dorey should resign from the Liberal Association.

Sincerely and respectfully,  
Phil Walling

### Regarding letter *Check your facts* – March 2010

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With this in mind, we find the recent letter (March V.11, #7) critical of Master Large and Chimo Taekwondo to be misspoken. In a packed auditorium, Mr. Large, following his most recent 'dan' test (December 2007), was declared as Young Master by his Master. This was a significant and qualifying achievement. Further, the Chimo students referred to had just attained their black belts prior to the Junior Nationals. They were not yet registered as

black belts and had no experience in black belt competitions. Wisely and responsibly, Master Large requested that they register under their highest grade colour belt. This was in the best interests of these students' well-being and development. Master Large's advice expressed his concern for them and for the competition rules.

Master Large and Chimo Taekwondo provide children with quality instruction and a critical life compass. We do not understand the reasons for the correspondent's personal attack on Master Large and Chimo. But, we do understand that their grandchildren received all their foundational training, including one having earned her Black Belt, within Chimo and under Master Large's direction. To our knowledge this training and the belts they earned have not been somehow disavowed or surrendered.

Regards,  
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Have you ever tried to decipher the documents that you receive? On a homeowners policy you see terms like Replacement Cost or on a Tenants Policy terms like Tenants Legal Liability. Do you know what they mean and how they apply to you?

Reviewing the homeowners policy can be a daunting task. There are figures for building limits (house) other structures, extra expense, personal property and liability.

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If you are a tenant there is one very important fact that most people are unaware of. As a broker I hear far too often" ... I don't own much so I don't need insurance...". Insuring what you own is only a small part of the policy. Insuring what you don't own is what is most important.

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# Spryfield and District Business Commission Update

Bruce Holland, Executive Director,  
Spryfield and District Business Commission.

The end of a fiscal year is a good time to review the past year, plan for the coming year and continue to develop a vision for the future. In 2009 the business commission had the great pleasure of meeting and working with thousands of people in Spryfield and surrounding community's. We continue to see a sense of pride grow bigger and better in the Greater Spryfield area.

The board of director's of the SDBC continues to advocate the interests of local businesses in building a stronger community. In addition to our continued partnership with HRM to deliver the Graffiti eradication program and the street beautification program (which includes seasonal decorations such as flower baskets, holiday wreaths and this year welcome to Spryfield banners) the commission is working to install an electronic community bulletin board at a central location in the area. The SDBC also undertook a commitment to the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade this past year and will continue to assist in the ongoing development of this major community event. We will be holding organizational meetings for this year's parade

in the coming months and would ask anyone interested in getting involved to contact us.

It is rewarding to see new businesses and organizations locating in the Greater Spryfield area and to see the commitment from member businesses to renovate and upgrade existing locations. The SDBC is committed to lobby HRM for a commitment to a "Street Scape Program" for our area.

The SDBC has established two working sub-committee's, special events and communications/external affairs, and invite interested members to serve on these committee's. Another goal for the SDBC this year is to develop a "Member services program". We anticipate this will include benefits such as health insurance for employees of small businesses that are not currently covered, discounts on car rentals, hotels and other services. Member businesses who would like to participate in such a program are asked to contact us at your convenience.

Perhaps the most significant challenge facing the SDBC in the coming year is the elimination of the business occupancy levy. This effectively cuts the SDBC budget in half. Traditionally, membership in the SDBC has been by virtue of paying either a

commercial or business occupancy levy or paying a flat rate fee (for those who do not own a business but would like to be members of the commission). As of March 31, 2010 the business occupancy levy no longer exists. For this reason the SDBC board of director's invite all of our business members, interested members of the public and community leaders to a meeting at the Salvation Army, Family Resource Centre, 328 Herring Cove Road on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 6:30p.m. to discuss the impact this will have on the commission and to propose options to ensure the future of the commission.

We believe Spryfield is an accessible well situated community that would be well served by the development of new municipal, provincial, federal and private facilities and services in our area. The Greater Spryfield area continues to grow and we will continue to advocate the benefits of living and working here. In the coming year our communications/ external affairs committee will develop marketing/promotional material that can be used to promote the many benefits of the area. The SDBC welcomes your comments, suggestions and questions and looks forward to serving you into the future.



Austin Contracting's Kelly Crossing development is taking shape.

## Seedy Saturday gets gardeners out and planting

Gardeners across the province and across the country are getting ready to prepare their gardens, and attending Seedy Saturday is one way to get a head start. The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield is holding its 12th Annual Seedy Saturday on April 17th from 2:00 to 4:30 PM at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

This popular event is for new and experienced gardeners of all ages. Swap and buy seeds, pick up Seaweed Compost and other organic supplies from one of the many

seed and plant vendors, or take advantage of free gardening advice from our experts. Enjoy Kids' Corner, displays, heirloom seeds and more. Head gardener, Jane Zentner, will offer a special workshop called "Starting Seeds Indoors".

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**Deadline for applications is Friday, April 30th, 2010**



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We want our Board to reflect our community, so diversity, gender balance and the age of our members is important to us. We encourage any interested resident of our CHB area to apply. If you have a desire to make your neighbourhoods healthier, we'd like to hear from you!

For more information contact Andrea Cochrane, Coordinator, at 487-0591 or submit a cover letter and resume that outlines your interests and background by Friday, April 30, 2010 to:



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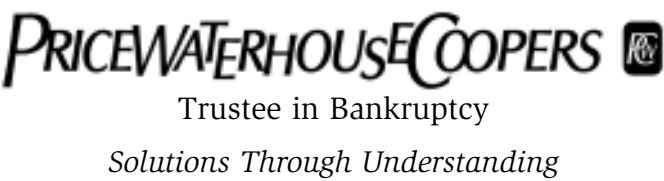
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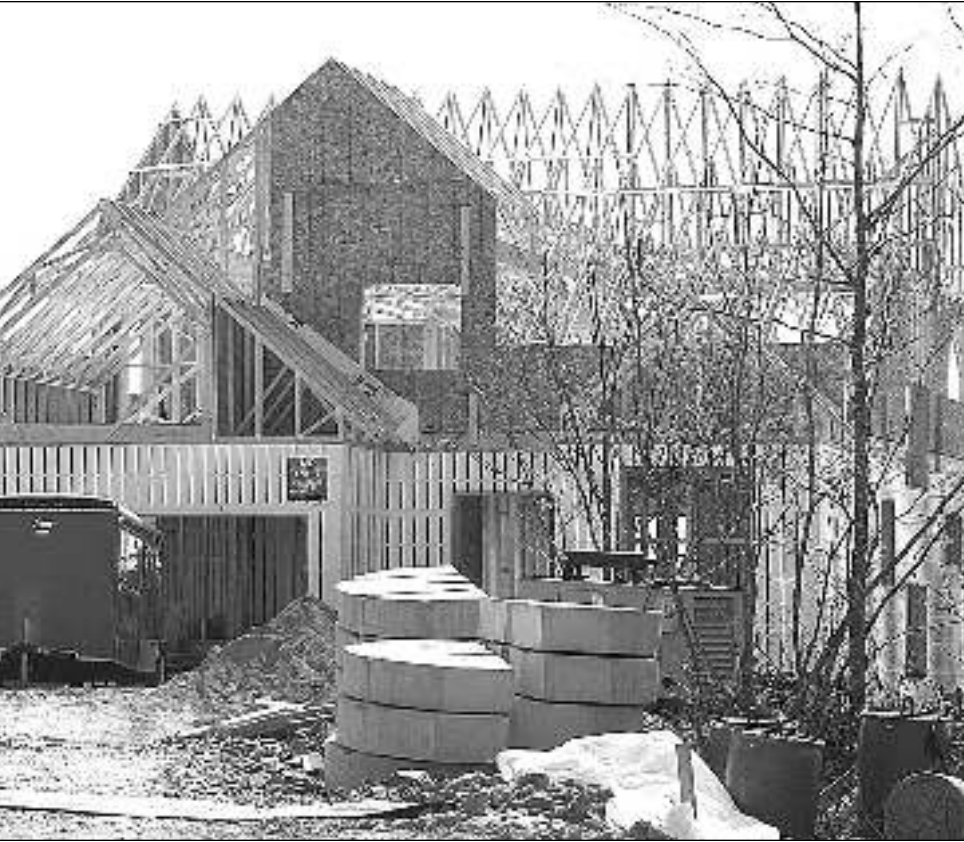
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Robert Crew of the Toronto Star calls the play, “a wise, witty and warm drama about a family in crisis, shot through with insights about the human condition. Only the truly gifted playwright can whisk an audience from laughter to tears and back in a matter of moments. The story is unfolded with simple grace and profound skill: this is a playwright at the top of his game and you are struck by the ease and inevitability of it all.”

This is the first time Theatre Arts Guild has performed a Daniel MacIvor play at

the Pond Playhouse.

The play introduces us to Al and Donna – recently divorced; their drug addicted daughter Brooke; and Al’s new girlfriend Christine. This is a wise and witty drama about the human condition and is shot through with humour and insight. Starring Debora Post, Connie Tremblett, Jonathon Tyson, and Beth VanGorder, the story cleverly weaves the past and present, revealing secrets and taking you on a spiritual journey of hope.

The play is directed by Michele Moore, is produced by Renee Hartleib, and Carolyn Boyer is the Stage Manager.

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# Promoting a better business climate for small businesses

By Megan Leslie, MP for Halifax

Small business is vital to communities because it allows for new and creative entrepreneurship, keeps money local and reflects the community-at-large. In 2010, after decades of big box stores negatively affecting communities, we are more aware than ever that the growth and survival of a community depends on local folks having control of the economy around them and having businesses that give back creatively and financially. Small business entrepreneurs have a positive affect around them, particularly when they are engaged in dialogue with each other; sharing ideas, experiences and collaborating on projects and initiatives. I saw this dynamic at work when I had the privilege of attending the Spryfield Business Association’s Networking Lunch this past month.

On February 25th, the Spryfield Business Association hosted a Networking Lunch at the Salvation Army Family Resource Centre. It was an excellent opportunity to meet with entrepreneurs and local business owners and operators, and to get to know this important sector of our community a little better. There were display tables showcasing business supports like CBDC Bluewater, and the proceeds of the event went to the J.L. Iisley Scholarship Fund. After the luncheon, we heard from Karen Casey, interim leader of the Progressive Conservative party; Stephen McNeil, leader of the Liberal party; and Michele Raymond, longtime NDP MLA for Halifax Atlantic. It was a great opportunity to hear from the provincial parties about their vision for small business in Nova Scotia.

What can we do at the Federal level to ensure that our community has the resources to foster small business? I believe that we need to improve conditions for small business owners, and we have to cultivate a business friendly environment in our own communities. There are many creative ways to do this at the Federal level, especially when we focus on creating vibrant communities in which small and medium sized businesses can thrive.

Improving our public transit system to allow better movement of people, whether they are entrepreneurs or consumers, is a good way to promote local business. Focusing on developing community cores as commercial and service hubs helps give a community focus and brings folks into a concentrated area where they can buy, sell, share ideas and learn without having geography as a barrier.

We also see programs like the federal Community Access Program, which gives the opportunity for people from marginalized and rural communities to access the internet and electronic resources, as a vital means for the engagement of new entrepreneurs in the modern economy. We need to break down barriers to small business start-ups and one way to do it is to link people to markets, consumers and resources electronically.

Regions like the one we live in, with vibrant arts communities, have innumerable opportunities to support local entrepreneurship, and I am committed to promoting and supporting the arts and culture in part because it makes financial sense. Supporting the arts has a ripple effect on a community by creating opportunities for crafts-persons, material supply companies, and commercial rental proprietors, just to name a few. Art and culture bring people together

and develop a sense of community, a sense of identity and gives a venue for people to express themselves.

The reality is that sometimes times get tough for our entrepreneurs, and we should find ways to support them when this happens. The NDP successfully lobbied for the government to extend EI benefits to the self-employed for exactly this reason. We also recognize that in order for people to take advantage of small business opportunities

## Chebucto Update WITH MAYOR PETER KELLY

By Mayor Peter Kelly

Hello, it’s nice to see you again. I’m pleased to report that a new Metro Transit route is planned for Districts 17 and 18 in late August. It will be a return service and will include a park-and-ride facility which will be built at Exhibition Park.

This new service will be designated Route 22 and will operate 7 days a week, every 30 minutes at peak times.

The area covered will include: Prospect Road; Ragged Lake Boulevard; St. Margaret’s Bay Road; Albert Walker Drive; Walter Havill Drive; Stonehaven; Glenmore; Quarry Road; the Armdale roundabout to Chebucto Road; and the Mumford Terminal.

As well, Metro Transit is planning to increase service on Route 32 at peak times and to extend the Saturday service for Route 20 to downtown.

And speaking of buses, I’d like to take this opportunity to remind you about the trial bus running to Sambro. Last August, Regional Council approved a Metro Transit pilot service from the Ketch Harbour Fire Station with stops at Ketch Harbour Road, Old Sambro Road and Dentith Road, terminating at South Centre Mall.

The service is Monday-to-Friday, starting at 5:30 a.m. with interval runs throughout the day. The last trip leaves the fire station at 8:15 p.m. To check departure times, please call 490-4000.

This pilot project is being monitored by Metro Transit and a decision on its future will probably be made by late spring. I do hope you’ll make use of this Sambro service.

The arrival of spring is most welcome, however this earlier warmer weather means we have to be extra careful with some of our outdoor practices.

In the first two weeks of March, firefighters in HRM responded to more than 65 wildfires - many of them serious. Investigators determined they were caused by runaway grass and brush fires that had been set by residents. The situation was so serious that a ban had to be put in place on all open fires, except those in enclosed wood-burning appliances.

With everywhere so dry due to the lack of snow this winter and now the sun and wind, we cannot afford repeats of the wildfires which have occurred in the recent past. Last spring, brush fires between the Purcells Cove and Herring Cove areas forced the evacuation of more than 1,000 residents and destroyed several homes. In the summer of 2008, a large forest fire near Porters Lake caused 400 homes to be evacuated.

I encourage you to go to <http://www.halifax.ca/fireprevention/> or contact Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency at 490-4017 for

they need stable, affordable housing, which is why we are working to pass our National Housing Strategy in the House of Commons. Affordable childcare and access to affordable education and retraining are essential for vibrant communities that create the environment for local business to flourish, and these are also priorities of mine federally.

Unfortunately, the 2010 Federal budget failed to recognize the need to support these kinds of measures, and instead offered \$6

billion in tax cuts to big corporations; not the kind of support that we need here in Spryfield, Ketch Harbour or Harrietsfield. I urge you to join me in advocating on behalf of local entrepreneurs and small business owners so that this region can shine here at home and across the country. And congratulations to the Spryfield and District Business Association for such a successful networking luncheon, and for doing its part to foster a supportive environment for small business in our community.

important information about burning.

Incidentally, one way to dispose of your unwanted brush safely is to tie it in armloads and leave it alongside your green cart, maximum of five bundles at a time. Bundles are collected throughout the year. And speaking of spring clean-ups, don’t forget you are also entitled to put out up to 20 bags of leaves and other yard material on green-cart collection days.

And finally, an update on the new Chain of Lakes Trail that HRM is developing on the former Chester spur line which we bought from CN last year. The trail is fast becoming a reality with much credit due to District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher who initially saw the potential for the disused rail bed.

Once CN has removed the track, the 8.7 km section will be developed into a public trail for jogging, walking, cycling, etc. and will stretch from Joseph Howe Avenue, across from the Super Store, all the way through the Bayers Lake Industrial Park to connect with the Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Trail.

A community group called the Chain of Lakes Trails Association (COLTA) is assisting our planners develop this new asset and will hold an open house April 15 at St. James Church Hall at 2668 Joseph Howe Drive from 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

The anticipated cost of creating the new trail is \$1 million, of which HRM will pay a third and the rest will be covered by the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Members of staff are finalizing plans, prior to calling tenders for construction of the surface of this exciting new public thoroughfare. All being well, it should be completed and usable this fall. Landscaping, interpretive signs and benches are to come later and will be funded by HRM over a 5-year period.

HRM is fortunate to have a wide range of trails within its boundaries, everything from informal fishing-and-hunting paths to ones through parks and even water trails along our coast.

If you’d like to see a selection of trails, heritage trails, parks and wilderness areas in HRM, please visit <http://visitors.halifax.ca/trails.shtml>. With the good weather upon us, this is an ideal time for you and your family to explore the beauty around us that we sometimes take for granted.

I’ll look forward to perhaps bumping into you out there.

I’d welcome your input on these and any other HRM items of interest. Reach me here at City Hall at [kellyp@halifax.ca](mailto:kellyp@halifax.ca) or by phoning 490-4010.



## District 18 updates and schedule information

By Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 18

In a previous article, I discussed a new project at the end of Lyons Avenue. The present structure was to be demolished and a new facility was to be built. This new building would provide 20 affordable housing units for seniors and mobility impaired residents.

I had also stated that provincial staff were going to deliver information to local residents, with a contact number and a

drawing. However some residents did not get the information. I will have it sent out so that everyone will have a better understanding of what is in store.

The Spryfield Lions Rink and Recreation Society Committee have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss plans for our facility. In order to allow for a seamless transition from the Lions Club this committee has been addressing financial, recreational and other

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# Healthy changes take time and patience

By Michèle Raymond

As I write this, the House of Assembly is preparing to open again, and the NDP government is preparing to introduce its second budget; although arguably, this will be the first real budget of the new government. It has been an eventful, even tumultuous, nine months since the NDP came to government, and I hope this session will bring into focus, and solidify, some of the long-needed, fundamental changes that have already begun.

A budget is a statement of priorities, and as such, it is always open to criticism, a fact which is embodied in the legislative process. Over the next few weeks, the budget will be presented, examined and debated by the government and Opposition parties. It's a long, detailed, and often emotional process, and this will be no different. The NDP government has committed itself to ratcheting back the province's huge debt, which currently stands at well over half a billion dollars. That debt has been growing exponentially, and it brings enormous, volatile interest charges that have to be paid, and have been taking up more and more of the province's resources.

The debt must be hauled in, but it can only be done if the province takes in more money, spends less, or some combination of the two, all without losing the services governments must provide.

Nova Scotians face some of the country's highest rates of chronic disease at tragic human cost, as well as many kinds of financial cost. It will take a long time to reverse this too, but I am pleased that some significant investments have been made towards healthy lifestyles in the province, and locally.

Spryfield has more young people than many parts of the province, and recent commitments reflect that; from the launch of the Department of Health breastfeeding strategy here, to the \$1.3-million grant to the Jost Centre, which has long provided fine childcare, and can now expand in a new building, allowing more local parents to work with confidence their children are getting the

best in care and early childhood education.

J.L. Ilsley was one of 15 organizations across the province to benefit by one of the Department of Justice's new Lighthouse grants, designed to offer young people afterschool activities as a healthy lifestyle alternative. I'm glad that this investment not only strengthens the Arts Express program, but recognizes the importance of the arts in our community.

At the other end of the spectrum, it's good to know that NS seniors entering longterm care will no longer need to provide security deposits, as a result of changes taking effect next month. (Deposits will be refunded to families who have already paid them). Locally, the construction of 20 new affordable housing units will offer stability and security to another contingent of seniors.

Safe, affordable housing is a central determinant of health at any age, and

I'm confident that renovations to units in Greystone will contribute significantly to family health.

Further, Spryfield will soon be the site of significant, innovative healthcare facilities, with the establishment of a Community Health Team at the newly renovated South Centre Mall. The Spryfield Team is a prototype for the Department of Health, and will focus on health promotion, prevention and management of chronic disease, at an individual and family level. Other provincial health services and Cowie Hill Family Medicine will also be located at the health centre.

The CHT is a vote of confidence in our community, and will bring not only health facilities, but a new economic focus to the area.

Other organizations are showing their confidence in the area; another part of the economic puzzle. I am delighted by the

reopening of Brenton Gray's boatyard in Sambro, under the ownership of Canadian Maritime Engineering, which has facilities across the country. The yard will maintain the Halifax-Dartmouth ferries, has already done work on Canadian Coast Guard vessels, and represents another new economic focus at the other end of the Sambro loop. This is complemented by some of the innovative energy research being conducted nearby at the rejuvenated National Research Council station at Sandy Cove.

The House of Assembly reopens in challenging times, but these challenges are the result of necessary change. Healthy changes are never easy, for an individual or an economy, but the work has begun, and I am confident that in Nova Scotia and in Halifax Atlantic, we can look forward to a healthier future for our people, based on essential services provided from a healthier economy.

## Rationale for policing resources study

By Linda Mosher,  
Councillor - District 17

Recently, there has been a large debate about Halifax Police versus RCMP for policing in HRM. But essentially, the review of the current configuration is primarily based on cost. HRM's policing is unique; we are the only municipality in Canada with dual police forces. Prior to amalgamation we had four municipal units: the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth, the Town of Bedford and the Halifax County. When HRM was created, the municipal police services extended mainly to urban areas and HRM was responsible for 100% of the cost. The RCMP provided policing to more rural areas and this continued after amalgamation and HRM was responsible for 70% of the cost. In HRM the RCMP services contract is a Provincial Service Agreement (PPSA) between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada who pays the province. Our current PPSA has been in existence since 1992 and it expires in March 2012. Under our current contract the province pays for 30% of the RCMP costs. At this

time we have no written indication from the province that they will extend the 30% when the agreement expires and this is why HRM was examining our options. In all other areas of Canada, municipalities over 15,000 people only receive 10% cost sharing, not 30%.

Therefore, we are faced with the possibility that HRM may have to fund 90% of the RCMP instead of 70%, resulting in considerable cost increases. Thus, we would have to decide how to handle this increase. Do we increase taxes? Do we area rate households where the RCMP are present? Do we cut other municipal services to cover the deficit? These are real questions that we would have to consider should the funding formula change to the standard in Canada.

Given that the existing policing contract expires after March, 2012, Council requested that the Police Commission assess our current policing contract and come back with recommendations. The Police Commission came back with a recommendation for Halifax Regional Police (HRP) to expand and take over all Policing in HRM. This would be similar to the HRP taking over the Sambro Loop from the RCMP a few years ago. Despite exaggerated and incorrect facts being discussed by some in the media, the rationale had to do with funding gaps and not which police force provided better service.

The Police Commission presented four scenarios: Status Quo with the 70/30 agreement and Status Quo with a 90/10 agreement; a Redefined Urban Core (HRP taking over more area); all HRP (their recommendation) or finally all RCMP. Most of the data presented to Council is available on-line at [www.halifax.ca](http://www.halifax.ca) search Policing Resources Study. It is important to note that in the Model D, All RCMP, that the RCMP felt that we are currently over policed and they reduced the overall number of officers by 100. Thus, if we had an apples-to-apples comparison, this figure would be much larger. Our current officer complement is 470 full time HRP and 178 RCMP (however the actual number is unknown as often these officers are dispatched elsewhere). We are billed \$114,050 for each RCMP employee, including civilians, regardless of how much they are actually paid. The figure for HRP

varies according to rank, seniority and position but is actual cost.

There was a consultant report evaluating policing in HRM which was researched and prepared by Perivale +Taylor. The report noted that both of our police agencies met appropriate national standards and all opportunities to integrate these forces have been done. With respect to the financial data, the Police Commission requested that both RCMP and HRP provide them with projected costing. Also, Deloitte & Touche LLP verified the figures and provided a report and cost analysis on HRM's policing options. They were retained to validate the cost assumptions from both forces and prepare a cost model and financial analysis of each of the five options.

Currently our integrated police force costs taxpayers \$74 million (\$54 HRP and \$24 RCMP). If we no longer have the 30% cost sharing and have to fund 90% of the RCMP policing costs, the phased in cost to HRM will be \$24 million more in the first three years. Each subsequent year it is estimated to be \$24 million more, each year, than we are currently paying.

In summary, if the province fails to fund 30% of the cost of the RCMP, then this matter must come back to Council to determine what option we will take. We have proven that integrated policing is unusual but successful in HRM. Our deliberations have nothing to do with which force is superior but about fiscal responsibility. No matter what decision is made, the RCMP will also always have a place in HRM. HRP already has homicide, vice, fraud, etc. divisions. But the RCMP's national mandate is for federal drugs, high end fraud, border security, etc. and they would still have that mandate regardless if they have boots on the street doing regular patrols. We will always have provincial RCMP working out of HRM and they would still be present for community events, parades, or murder investigation with their expertise such as their blood spatter division.

With respect to the actual number, for now it will be status quo. For the future - well that is up to the Province of Nova Scotia to commit to 30% funding.

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Chebucto News Community Events

To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to dandoherty@eastlink.ca

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
Easter Sunrise Service Are you an early riser? Join us at 6:30 am on April 4 for an Easter Sunrise Service at the Dingle (at the end of Park Hill Drive.) Please bring your own chair if you would like a seat. In case of heavy rain or snow, service will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd. After the service there will be light refreshments at St. Paul's. For more information please call 477-3937.

**Bruno Groening Circle of Friends**  
Introductory lecture about the Bruno Groening Circle of Friends: Healing on the spiritual path. Tuesday, April 6 and Wednesday April 21, 7 pm, Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre, 14 Purcells Cove Road, Halifax. 477-1078

**Urban Farm Museum Society Meeting**  
The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will meet on Monday, April 12th,2010, 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Volunteers and new members welcome. For further information please contact Pat at 477-6087 or e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

**Dahlia Society of Nova Scotia Meeting**  
The Dahlia Society of Nova Scotia will meet on April 14th at 7pm at the Captain William Spry Center, Spryfield Program – "The Many Different Flower Types of Dahlias". Door prizes of dahlia tubers. Lunch provided. Everyone welcome.

**Seedy Saturday**  
Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its annual Seedy Saturday at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, April 17 from 2 to 4:30pm. Buy, sell, exchange seeds, Kids Corner, and much more. Head gardener Jane Zentner will conduct workshops on "Starting your plants indoors". All welcome. Admission free, donations accepted. Contact Jean: jpwhite@ns.sympatico.ca

**FREE Book Bonanza**  
Mark your calendars for April 17, 2010!!! We are celebrating our love of reading in Spryfield with the 2nd Annual Spryfield FREE Book Bonanza, taking place at the Captain William Spry Community Centre Lobby from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for fun and games, an opportunity to create your own book, meet with award winning Authors and Illustrators, storytime, "book doctor", and you will leave with a bag of free books, newspapers and magazines. This event is sponsored by the Spryfield Family Task Force, Edward Jost Children's Centre, The Single Parent Centre, and Captain William Spry Centre, in conjunction with the Atlantic Book Awards. You can donate your new or gently used books or magazines for the event to either Edward Jost or The Single Parent Centre.

**Mad Hatters Craft Market**  
The Sambro Loop Crafters Circle presents The Mad Hatters Craft Market, one day only! April 24, 10:00 AM to 2:00PM. Admission \$1.00 per adult, children FREE. A variety of handmade items will be offered from greeting cards, felted accessories, flower pins, primitive recycled craft, jewellery, soap, t-shirts and so much more. Tables are still available, \$7.00 each. Easter bonnets or crazy hats optional. Parking and canteen onsite or nearby. For more information please call Marian 868-2171 or email mondo@eastlink.ca

**Genealogy Open House**  
The Mainland South Heritage Society will conduct a Genealogy Open House at the Captain William Spry Library in Spryfield, Saturday, April 24th, 1 pm to 4 pm. Local researchers and librarians will guide you in your quest to learn more about your ancestors through online and library resources. All welcome. Contact Iris: ishea@eastlink.ca

**Sambro Dinner Theatre**  
Sambro Dinner Theatre presents "From the Heart". April 30 and May 1 at 6:30 pm, May 2 at 4:30 pm, May 7 & 8 at 6:30 pm. St.James United Church Hall in Sambro. Lobster or Roast Beef Dinner. Tickets go on sale March 15, 2010. Please call Eva Mae at 346-2075 or email: emg2@eastlink.ca

**Chebucto Communities Development Association Opportunities**  
The Chebucto Communities Development Association (CCDA) is looking for community minded people who live in the area from Armdale right around the Sambro Loop and might be interested in joining our board. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. CCDA works on helping to connect neighbours to neighbours, residents to community groups and partnering with community groups, agencies, businesses, institutions and governments to improve the quality of our community. If you are interested or want to check us out, please call Diane LeBlanc, the chair, at 209-3219 or email at diane.leblanc@yahoo.com. Our web-site is www.chebuctoconnections.ca

**United Church Women**  
The UCW (United Church Women) at St. James United Church in Sambro is looking for women who like to socialize and help others. If you are interested, please call 868-2791. Keep the UCW tradition going!

**Starting Again In Life**  
S.A.I.L. (Starting Again In Life), is a support group for divorced, separated and widowed individuals. They meet at St. Agnes Parish Hall, 6903 Mumford Rd. on the third Wednesday of the month. April's topic will be Safety and the guest speaker will be a member of the RCMP.

**Elderobics**  
Elderobics, sponsored by the YMCA, is an exercise program for older adults. Participants are encouraged to exercise at their own pace. Classes are held many HRM locations, including Emmanuel Church Hall, St. Phillip's Anglican Church Hall, St. Matthias Church Hall, and Bethany United Church Gym. Fee is \$3 per class plus an annual fee of \$5; free to Y members. Sessions are led by qualified YMCA fitness instructors and set to lively music. Each class includes a warm-up, low-impact aerobics and muscular strength exercises, followed by stretching and relaxation. Come join the fun...and get fit! For more information call Susan Theriault at 423-9622 Ext.253.

**Auction 45 cards**  
Come join us for an evening of fun every Monday at 7pm in St. James Church hall, Sambro, playing cards.

Admission \$2.50. Merchandise prizes. Light lunch included. For information call Eva Mae at 346-2075

**Legion Events**  
Bingo every Sunday at 1P.M. Mini Bingo at 6 P.M. and Superstat Bingo at 7 P.M

**Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre Association AGM**  
The annual general meeting (AGM) of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre Association will be held at the centre (1138 Old Sambro Road) at 7 PM on Thursday April 15th. All area property owners and residents are invited to attend. The last year at the centre will be reviewed and the upcoming years plans and programs will be discussed. Election of the board of directors will also be held. Anyone wishing to participate as a director or needing more information should contact Larry Sinclair at 477-8749.

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issues related to the rink and recreation centre.

We have also met with HRM staff to discuss capital improvements. The most expensive of these upgrades are hidden. In fact, you will not even notice that they have been done. These include a new water line and sewer line. Presently we get our water off J.L. Isley and a septic system handles the sewage. The upgrades will connect the rink to municipal services.

The visible improvements and some important upgrades will be a complete renovation of the washrooms, to include wheelchair accessibility. Three spaces will be set aside in the bleachers to allow those in wheelchairs the ability to enjoy the on-ice action. Ice cleats will also be installed on the roof of the rink, which will allow the jersey barriers to be removed from the sidewalk.

It is the time of year when we look at

our upcoming budgets and determine, as a Council, where our priorities lie. You may have read we are facing a \$30 million deficit, which must be addressed. I have suggested that we forgo some of our bigger projects for a one year period until we can address our operational issues. Although our staff suggests this would not help, I disagree. The analogy is one that households may face at one time or another. If you are having trouble meeting your monthly expenses, you probably would delay purchasing a car or other large item. Our solution is no different.

On a personal note, I am scheduled to have shoulder surgery on April 20. I am not sure as to the length of recovery, but I will be unavailable for at least two weeks. Should you require assistance while I am off, you can call the Councillor's Support Office at 490-4050 or, yes you can call my cell phone for additional information.

LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

YEADON, Blanche — 72, Halifax, passed away March 1, 2010, in the Halifax Infirmary QEII. She was a daughter of the late Capt. Ivan and Beatrice (Simpson) Collier. She is survived by daughters, Katherine Wilson-Yeadon, Donna Forsyth; sons, Barry, Gregory (Sarah), John, Billy; sisters, Major Charlotte Robinson (Ivan), Shirley Moulton (Frank), Beatrice Verge, Bertha Larsson (Boyd); eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Halifax (477-5601). By request there will be no visitation. A private service will be held at a later date.

LEWIS, Patrick Walter — 54, Halifax, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at home. Born in River John, he was a son of the late Dr. James Walker and Sybil Vera (Pattison) Lewis. Pat is survived by his loving daughters, Stephanie Lewis (Richard), Sydney, and Lucinda (Cory) Hutchingame, Ottawa; brother Noel (Kerry-Ann) Lewis, Halifax; grandsons, Gavin and Aiden. Cremation has taken place under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601). In keeping with Pat's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Donations in memory of Pat can be made to the SPCA. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting: www.walkerfh.com

BEDLEY, Barbara M. — 79, Halifax. With deep sadness, the family announces the passing of their beloved mother, Barbara Bedley, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. She was born in West LaHave, Lunenburg Co., daughter of the late Karl and Laura (Mullock) Wagner. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert J. Bedley; son, Scott M. Bedley; brothers, Moran and Karl Wagner. Barbara is survived by her sons, Dennis (Elizabeth), Dartmouth; Karl, Edmonton; daughter, Deborah (Ronald) Peadson, Texas; grandchildren, Nicholas, Karmin, Jasmine, Chelsea, Laura and Rachel; sisters, Annie Bradley, Ferne Hillier; brothers, Earle and Max Wagner; many loved nieces and nephews, especially Virginia, Brenda and Heather. Special thanks to her many friends, Toddy, Susan, Bertha and Gertrude. She was

employed at Simpson Sears for many years and retired early to be with her husband, they enjoyed their retirement for 20 years, especially the trip they took to Europe. She was a volunteer at Melville Lodge and a member of St. James Anglican Church, Armdale. Arrangements are under the care and direction of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd, 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield, (477-5601), where a fellowship of family and friends will be held on Monday, March 1, from 10 -11 a.m., followed by a Service of Remembrance, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Rod Gillis as celebrant. Interment will take place at a later date. Special appreciation is extended to the caring doctors and nurses of the Halifax Infirmary, 8.4. Donations may be made to Canadian Cancer Society, or to a charity of one's choice.

JAMES, Capt. Lawrence Gilbert "Lonnie" — 76, Dartmouth, passed away suddenly on Thursday March 4, 2010. Born in Toronto, he was a son of the late Pearl Garth. Lonnie worked for Canada Post and served in the Armed Forces for over 30 years before his retirement. After retiring Dad enrolled at Mount St. Vincent where he successfully completed and received diplomas for special programs for seniors. He was an active member of the Fairview Branch Legion as well as a great musician. He played many different instruments with various bands and shared his love of music to all who listened. He is survived by companion, Rose Macdonald, Halifax; daughters, Barbara (Richard) James-Collicutt, Dartmouth; Michelle James (Frederick), Halifax; Donna States (Cyril), Halifax; Melbra (Bruce) Brown, Halifax; sons, Carl James and companion Gail Bartlett, Hatchett Lake; Lawrence James Jr. (Sandy Gallant), Halifax; Bryon (Joyce) James, Halifax; Allen James, Halifax; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren all whom he adored; sisters, Barbara James, Dartmouth; Donna Garth, Judy Garth, both from Ontario; brothers, Neil Garth, Grover Garth, Paul Garth, all from Toronto; Richard Garth, Ontario; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by wife, Minnie; son, Russell in infancy; grandparents, and sister, Lucille. Visitation will be held 2-4, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, in Atlantic Funeral

Home, 6552 Bayers Rd., Halifax. A funeral service and Legion Tribute will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, in Atlantic Funeral Home Chapel. Interment in Oakridge Memory Gardens, Lower Sackville. Reception to follow in Fairview Legion. Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers a donation in Lonnie's memory to the Boys and Girls Club Spryfield/Dartmouth or the Red Cross (Halifax) would be appreciated by the family. Special thanks to Mr. Neil Landry of the Fairview Branch Legion.

THORNHILL, Clyde — 89, quietly passed away in the QEII, New Halifax Infirmary on Thursday, March 11, 2010, surrounded by his family. Born in Anderson's Cove, Newfoundland, he was a son of the late Enos and Henrietta (Brown) Thornhill. Clyde left home at an early age on the schooners out of Fortune Bay for deep sea fishing and then finally settled in Halifax, where he spent 32 years in the HMC Dockyard. His interests were in trout fishing, hunting, gardening, and square dancing. He was a long time member of St. Paul's United Church and the IOOF Lodge, and was also a Cub Leader. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Annie (Childs), one daughter, Linda (Mrs. David Fanning), Port Williams, four sons, Roy (Theresa),Halifax, Frank, Yarmouth, Don (Linda), Halifax, and Clyde (Pam), Bridgewater, three sisters, Dulcie (Mrs. Tom Dodge), Port Bickerton, Anne (Mrs. Arthur Pardy), and Mrs. Belle MacIntosh, eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Marjorie (Mrs. Clyde Bond), and brother, Ellison (Rhonda). Cremation has taken place under the care of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, NS (477.5601). A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 2 PM from St. Paul's United Church, Old Sambro Road, Halifax, NS, with Rev. Jeanne Manning Stright as officiant. A reception will follow in the church hall. A private family burial will take place following the reception. By request, family flowers only, in lieu, remembrances may be made to St. Paul's Church or the Lung Association of Nova Scotia. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

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