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Danielson's Water and Wine Crosses The Road

by Chris Mills

Dan "Mr. Danielson" Doherty knows you've go to roll with the punches to stay afloat in business. Doherty has operated has operated Danielson's Water And Wine in Spryfield's South Centre Mall since 1992, and over the years he's seen businesses come and go. On April 1st of this year he got the official word that he will be one of the ones to go. A

major shakeup at the mall means Danielson's, a nail salon, and a tanning business will have to find other locations to set up shop. The changes follow the recent closure of the NSLC outlet at the mall, and the opening of a new location next to Sobey's on the Herring Cove Road.

Doherty, who is also a real estate agent, says he has mixed emotions about changes at the mall, which reportedly include a health clinic, and new retail space. "I'm not sure that

it's the best use of the mall," he says, "but at the same time, having Capital Health here is going to bring needed services to the community."

Mall administrator Tanya Reddick won't comment on the Toronto-based owners' plans for the facility, citing "confidentiality" concerns. Reddick says she'll be able to reveal more in the fall.

Meanwhile, Doherty says his business

hasn't been left out in the cold. Danielson's is moving across just Dentith Road to a small strip mall, next to the Uncle Buck's takeout. Doherty says the change of location has promise, and perhaps a few drawbacks.

"It'll definitely have an impact on our volume of business," he says. "You just can't

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The Halifax fire. Photo by Jim MacLean.

Urban Farm expects busy summer

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The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (UFMSS) was born from the energy of several Spryfield residents who saw the potential for building community through a museum of people cultivating living plants. The UFMSS cleared the brush, plowed the field with oxen and welcomed local people to plant their food and flowers. Urban Farm membership is one of the best deals in town at \$10.00 a year for individuals, \$15.00 for families and \$5.00 for students and seniors.

The Urban Farm has worked conscientiously over the past decade to

provide quality information and programs for all people. Our garden paths are accessible for everyone and we are pleased to welcome children, youth, families, seniors, singles and couples to our events throughout the growing season. Expect another summer of unexpected pleasures in our Evenings in the Garden featuring local artists, musicians and performers. The Harvest Fair rounds out our season of events with great fresh food, games and companionship.

This year Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield is exceptionally fortunate. The United Way of Halifax has contributed a three year grant to the UFMSS, aimed at maintaining our quality programming, improving the local fresh food supply through our Market Garden and increasing our community outreach capabilities. The Chebucto West Community Health Board contributed funding for programs at the Urban Farm and our Urban Farm Greystone Gardens. These programs bring practical information on growing food to local people and encourage healthier eating for all. In addition, this year the 4 C's Foundation has contributed a grant for making art a centerpiece of community building for people in Spryfield. Join us in our project, Rhythms, this spring and well into the fall. Expect fun!

For more information on how you can participate, please contact Pat at 477-6087 or write us at urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com. Look for more information on our website www.urbanfarmspryfield.com as well.

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Spryfield Residents, Trash, Schools, Skateboards

by Heather Whitehead

On May 12th the Spryfield Residents Association is hosting a public meeting to talk trash. Specifically, what goes in the garbage, what is and what is not acceptable in the green bin, and what can be turned in for cash at the Beaver Enviro-Depot on the Herring Cove Road. Kathy Johnston, HRM Waste Educator, will show us the city's waste processing facilities. She will be prepared to answer all

our questions on the do's and don'ts of sorting waste. Wyatt, of Beaver Enviro-Depot, will be on hand to give us some insight into his area of expertise – refund and recycling. The HRM is providing door prizes and special give away items. The new buzz word "carbon foot print" signifies that our presence on this planet becomes more evident with each passing day. Join us on May 12th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, at the Captain William Spry Center.

Talking about our carbon footprint brings

to mind the Imagine Our Schools proposal to close community schools and bus the students to other locations. It would seem more environmentally friendly for the kids to walk to and from school. There are other benefits to walking, both socially and health-wise. Children get to know one other and develop a sense a community, while the fresh air and exercise helps promote an active life style.



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Danielson's Water and Wine at new location

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do the volume in a strip mall that you can in an enclosed mall." Doherty estimates the move could cause a 75 per cent drop in sales of lottery tickets, which in turn could affect the number of employees on his payroll. He currently has nine staff.

On the plus side, Doherty is optimistic that his new location will become a gathering place for the community, thanks in part to help from Uncle Buck's owner Rick Tanner.

Doherty says Tanner "has been wonderful about the whole thing. He's going to allow our customers to have access to his dining room." Danielson's will sell tea and coffee at the new location and Doherty says Tanner has plans to start serving breakfast at the take-

out. By providing a new place for people to gather, have a bite to eat and shoot the breeze, Doherty hopes to create a healthy business and give back to the community.

Spryfield Residents, Trash, Schools, Skateboards

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The Spryfield Residents Association contacted the Imagine Our Schools consultants and requested a public meeting in Spryfield to discuss their proposals. We were granted a meeting on March 31st, which was called off due to snow. A new date of April 20th was scheduled. Unfortunately, the consultants cancelled the April 14th Herring Cove meeting and decided to host two meetings, with two venues, on the same

The new Danielson's Water and Wine will also sell milk, bread and other items. Doherty plans to set up his real estate office at the site.

As he prepares for his move at the

end of April, Doherty says "I'm a little bit philosophical about it. Change has to happen. As a businessman, I see the other side of the coin, too."

night. We hope to report on these meeting in the May issue of the Chebucto News.

The HRM is looking to construct a skateboard park at the Captain William Spry Center on Kidston Road. We understand this to be a future project, maybe a couple of years away. The position of the Residents Association is that if there is a recognized need for a skateboard park, then good, lets build one - but not at the Spry Center. A much better

location would be at the Lions Club Recreation Center on Drysdale Road. The Lions Club has approximately 14 acres of land. It is already a well known site, attracting people of all ages. The recreation center is close to schools, has after school programs, a hockey rink, an outside tot playground, all promoting active, energetic lifestyles. This is in sharp contrast to the Spry Center which is geared to quiet, passive and intellectual endeavors.



McDonald's Express Bantam Girls of the Mainland South Basketball Association are shown here following their successful week-end in capturing the 2009 Nova Scotia Provincial Championships. Front, left to right: Chelsea Finch, Kelly Hovey, Jenna Jackson, Gillian Parsons, Robyn Dearman. Back: Coach Todd Umlah, Ashley Prescott, Allison Sweet, Danielle Cormier, Bryanna Shaddock-Mundle, Kelly Umlah, Annie McEvoy, Assistant Coach Jeri Lee McElhiney.

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Traffic safety a concern for all in our communities

The purpose of this article is to address some of the issues surrounding traffic safety in your community. I hope to do this by generating a greater public awareness and by informing people of two main concerns that the Halifax Regional Police have in relation to traffic safety.

The first concern involves crosswalk safety. It is a fact that accidents involving pedestrians in a crosswalk often result in serious injuries. Drivers have to be aware that with the privilege of driving, comes the responsibility of being alert and attentive at ALL times.

When a pedestrian is using a cross walk, drivers must stop in all directions until the individual has completely crossed the road. This applies to ALL crosswalks.

There is also an onus on the pedestrian(s); If there are signal lights available for the

crosswalk, please use them. Always make sure that traffic has stopped in all directions before crossing.

When it comes to pedestrians using crosswalks with WALK and DON'T WALK signals, please obey these signals for your safety.

The second concern involves the use of cell phones while driving. Simply put, using a hand held cell phone in any capacity while operating a motor vehicle is illegal.

If a driver must use a hand held cell phone, they first have to safely find a place to park their vehicle, then they may access the phone. The phone must be put away before driving again. There are also options for using hands free devices.

Below are some of the charges that driver's and pedestrians could face under the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act:

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- Pedestrian failing to obey traffic signal \$164.50
- Using hand-held cellular telephone or text messaging on communication device while operating a vehicle on highway \$164.50

Police will be actively enforcing these laws under the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act and violations WILL be issued. Law Enforcement cannot do this alone. There must

be a joint effort on the part of the Police and community awareness.

The Halifax Regional Police believe that

a heightened awareness and focus of both motorists and pedestrians will have a positive impact on traffic safety.



Constable Andrew Conrad, West Community Response Officer, Halifax Regional Police



On the set of the movie production " Halo."

Hollywood comes to Spryfield

by Rich Horner

Principal filming recently wrapped up at a couple of locations in Spryfield for a new movie based on the award winning play Halo written about a dozen years ago by Dartmouth playwright Josh MacDonald. The film is set in a fictitious small Nova Scotia town of Nately and tells the story of a dedicated atheist whose life is changed forever when she fakes the image of Jesus Christ on the outside wall of a donut shop called Krowne Donuts.

An old Ultramar gas station on Herring Cove road was transformed into the donut shop for some of the filming. And film publicist Greg Guy says the makeover was very convincing. "It looked so real that several truckers and at least one bus stopped across the street from the location and drivers

came over looking to buy a coffee and a donut" says Guy.

Filming also took place at Saint Paul's United Church on Herring Cove road, and cast and crew used the old Zeller's location as their base camp for meals. Some filming was also done at the Legion branch in Shubenacadie. Principal filming for the entire movie was completed in about 3 weeks.

Guy says the comedy-drama movie is a journey of faith, fraud and customer service, and was loosely inspired by an apparition on the wall of a donut shop in Cape Breton in the '90's that attracted a lot of curious people. Guy says the producers hope the movie will be ready for the film festival circuit in the fall in time for the Atlantic Film Festival in Halifax and the Toronto Film Festival which critics consider one of the top such events in the country.

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Hosterman's Mills served the world from the Head of the Northwest Arm

by Iris V. Shea

In 1752 Rev. Aaron Cleveland, Giles Harris and Joseph Chadwick, as joint owners, received a grant of 300 acres of land at the head of the Northwest Arm. The land, situated between present day Melville Cove and the Armdale Round-About, extended from the shores of the Arm to beyond the western shoreline of Chocolate Lake. The most important feature of this grant was the stream that flowed downhill from Chocolate Lake to the Arm, providing enough force to operate a series of mills on that stream for 150 years.

Cleveland, Harris and Chadwick immediately began to develop a sawmill one-third of the way up the stream from the Arm. They soon ran into financial difficulties and by 1755 the land and sawmill were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Rev. Cleveland was a Congregational clergyman from New England. He returned to the United States where, generations later, one of his descendants, Grover Cleveland, would twice become President.

Three new names then entered the picture: John Fillis, a Boston merchant who had recently settled in Halifax, his brother James Fillis, and John Scutt, a Halifax merchant, none of whom had any interest in operating the sawmill. John Fillis, Esquire, became an active participant in this province's business and political circles; James Fillis soon left Halifax to take up residence as a farmer in Horton, Nova Scotia, and John Scutt died within a few years of acquiring the property. His share went to his widow, Susanna, and her new husband, Thomas Bridge. Bridge held a seat in the House of Assembly and also served as a magistrate, a Justice of the Peace, a coroner, and a clerk of licenses. In 1771 he received a grant of 200 acres on the western side of the Arm which later became Boulderwood, Jollimore and part of Fleming Park. A chocolate mill replaced the saw mill at the head of the Arm and in 1788 a grist mill "where formerly stood the old Chocolate Mill" was built by John Hosterman, a young entrepreneur.

Hosterman, with his parents and siblings, were part of a group of foreign Protestants from Germany who settled in Lunenburg, N.S. in 1753. The name was originally spelled Österman. As a baker and spruce beer maker, Hosterman resided in Halifax in 1770 when he married Anna Felicia Weinman of Lunenburg. He

purchased the one-third share of land at the head of the Northwest Arm in 1780 from Thomas and Susanna Bridge and, with permission from John and James Fillis, established the first grist mill on the stream at the head of the Northwest Arm and, at times, leased its operation to others.

The Hosterman name remained associated with this property for two more generations following John's death in 1818. Thomas, John's only surviving son, bought out the shares of his nine sisters. As for John and James Fillis, no deed was found to determine when they relinquished their shares, but it was apparent that the Hostermans controlled the entire 300 acres. Thomas Hosterman had been a business partner with Benjamin Etter in a jewellery and silversmith company and married Benjamin's daughter, Eliza Etter. Today, the Hosterman-Etter coin of 1815 is a valuable collector's item.

In 1823 Thomas Hosterman, in partnership with William A. Black, erected a more sophisticated grist mill at the head of the North West Arm, the largest of its kind in the province, to manufacture flour and shelled barley. Machinery was brought in from Great Britain in order to produce flour which would compete with that imported from the United States. Among their purchases were a drying kiln, an oatmeal mill and a pair of stones for manufacturing "superfine" flour. Black was another well-established merchant in Halifax. His father, William Black, was the Methodist minister whose visits to Sambro in the early 19th century encouraged the congregation to build a Methodist church in that community.

During the 1830s, ships transported grains from as far away as the Baltic and Black Seas, sailing up the North West Arm to the grist mill, their cargo to be ground into flour. Following Thomas Hosterman's death in 1863, his sons,

John Edward and Charles Owen, inherited, in addition to several properties in Halifax, all of the real estate at the North West Arm including the "Mill Property, Nail Factory, Foundry and

"Armview" overlooked the Arm but the family lived on Argyle Street in Halifax. Before his death, Thomas Hosterman built a large tenement house overlooking the mill stream on the Herring Cove Road. His son, John, occupied this house as did the men employed at the Hosterman's nail factory and iron foundry. Charles Owen Hosterman built a large house on what was later known as Edmonds' Grounds. Charles and John continued to operate the heavily mortgaged Melville Iron Foundry and nail factory. The untimely death of Charles in 1870 at the age of 35 years made it difficult for John to pay off creditors. Charles left behind four sons and one daughter, all



Hosterman's Mill, at the head of the North West Arm

Forge, and all machinery".

Until Thomas Hosterman's sons took over, none of the previous owners of the mill property chose to live at the head of the Arm. Thomas Hosterman's summer cottage

under 10 years of age. Creditors foreclosed on the loans and sold off the business assets outside of the Hosterman family. The next generation of Hostermans relocated to Halifax and to the eastern United States.

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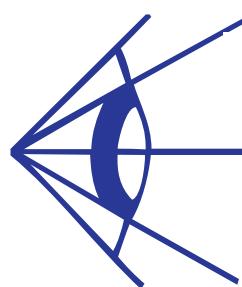
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Openhanded spending needs to come with open books

by Michèle Raymond,
MLA for Halifax Atlantic

I write this on a bright spring morning on the day the Nova Scotia Legislature is finally about to return to session. It has been a difficult, even a devastating winter for people across North America as financial crisis has taken down some of the giant industries of the 20th century.

Some of that crisis has been the result of uncontrolled use of credit, as giant American banks lent freely on inadequately secured mortgages; other industries have fallen as a result of this crisis, which has poured a flood of foreclosed housing onto the American market, and driven down the demand for

new construction.

Here in Nova Scotia we have not been immune, as the demand for our traditional raw resources has fallen in proportion: lumber, coal, and gravel are less needed now, and the luxury export market for our seafoods has largely dried up. We are beginning to understand the effects of climate change, as weather extremes and rising sea level press their demand that we slow the heating process, reducing oil and coal consumption, and spending less energy on travelling and moving goods to distant markets.

Yet we, and everyone else, still need to eat; we still need housing, we still need heat, and we still need medical care. Banks, oil

companies and auto makers may stumble, but we, as individuals, cannot afford to.

The numbers are staggering. Newscasts talk daily of billions and trillions of dollars of loss, and potential replacement by government. Stimulus spending (government job creation) is proposed. The federal government is offering to share the costs of massive "shovel-ready" physical infrastructure projects with the provinces.

The Nova Scotia government has begun to promise individual projects, yet has presented no budget, and has flatly refused to provide any financial updates along the way. A province which in the past year has lost thousands of full-time jobs and more small businesses than any other province, is the last in the country to see a budget with the spending proposals for the coming, critical year. Instead, a patchwork of individual promises has been laid out willy-nilly around the province. Some will be of long term benefit to entire communities; others may not be as enduring, or of use to as many people. The projects may or may not be justified, but they will require the province to borrow almost a billion dollars, in order to buy into the offered federal money.

This is just as Nova Scotia has begun to dig its way out of the debt incurred by a last spending spree in the 1990s, using the hard won money of the Atlantic Accord, which finally recognized the province's right to the benefit of its offshore oil and gas resources. While Nova Scotia has been scrimping for years just to make the annual interest payments, Nova Scotians have gone

without basic services, watching hospitals and schools close, roads crumble and bridges wear thin.

When Nova Scotia won the Atlantic Accord money, the legislature passed a law requiring that it would go to pay down the province's massive debt. Today, the legislature will reconvene, and will be asked to change that law for an assortment of shovel-ready projects.

Will these projects improve the lives of Nova Scotians in the long term? Can we afford to buy the federal infrastructure money? Do these projects make the best use of our wealth of natural and human resources: clean energy potential, farmland, coastline, first-class research and educational institutions? Nova Scotians don't know; they haven't been given enough information about the choice of projects, or about the overall state of the province's finances. Too much decision-making has been done by regulation, in the back rooms of Cabinet, when the House of Assembly has been closed.

It is a great failure that this year, more than any other, Nova Scotians have had to wait so long for a budget, and spending plans to be presented, and the chance to decide whether it's worth going deeper into debt for those plans.

Public money is at stake, for public needs, and the openhanded spending should come with an open set of accounts. Government isn't something that gets done to people; it should be done by and for the people. Nova Scotians deserve nothing less.

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School Data Skewed and Unfair Transit Tax – Mosher

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 17

Recently our area has been subject to the Imagine Our Schools process. Unfortunately, I feel that there was not adequate public consultation and, in my opinion, the data that they are utilizing is not inclusive. I continue to work with HRM Planning & Development staff to refute the data from the Imagine Our Schools process. In the Winter I met with the Consultant for this process and a Halifax Regional School Board staff member. In addition I have been in discussions with our School Board Representative. Based on the development potential in the area I cannot agree with the enrollment projections as I believe it is not practical or appropriate to close Cunard Junior High School. The school is needed not only to accommodate future growth but it is also a valuable community asset. I attended this school and was fortunate to be able to walk to and from school and was able to walk home at lunch. It is important to have a school in the community and it adds to the vibrancy and enjoyment of the area and also the health of students. Cunard is adjacent to a lake for swimming, tennis court, baseball field, beach volley ball court and is across the street from our new soccer field and trails as well as being near Sir Sandford Fleming Park. The strategic assessment for locating these facilities was due in part to the proximity of this school. I cannot think of another example of a junior high that has so many amenities for its students.

In addition I am deeply disappointed that no funding was announced for J.L. Ilesley High School. Physically, this school is the same now as it was in 1980 when I graduated from there. Although the teachers, academics and school

spirit are second to none, the physical attributes are not comparable to the other high schools in the general area. Sir John A. MacDonald High School, Halifax West High School and Citadel High School are new state of the art high schools. These schools have additional amenities such as auditoriums, state of the art IT equipment and afford greater opportunities for students to explore alternative interests other than standard academic endeavours.

Transit enhancement and expansion has been a hot topic from both Council and members of the public. Currently there are many areas within the municipality that have no access to transit. We define access to transit whether or not transit is within one kilometer of a community. Transit provides a key benefit to residents who have access to transit, but the benefits also extend beyond those that take the bus. Transit reduces traffic congestion, costs less to maintain the roads and there is less pressure for measures to accommodate more traffic such as widening roads. Transit also reduces green house gas emissions and can promote economic growth as it allows residents to get to work and commercial traffic moves more quickly.

Subsequent to Council's approval of an aggressive \$155 million five year plan, we discussed changing how transit is taxed. Presently HRM tax payers subsidize about half of the cost to operate transit and the other half comes from user fares. The taxation model on how to tax property owners to fund transit has led to extensive debate. Finance staff presented Council with ten models (including the status quo) and asked Council to pick how we will tax for transit. Tax implication data was requested and we were provided a detailed list that

included the average what each district is paying now and then nine other options.

In looking at the data for District 17, Purcell's Cove-Armdale, our district pays considerably more than most districts in the municipality. Currently the average household in HRM pays \$199 towards transit and an average household in our district pays \$302. Of the ten proposals, on average, eight of them would see a decrease to tax payers in our district. Two options would increase our payments. By comparison, the average tax for District 3, Northwest Arm-South End was \$568

and all but two solutions would also decrease payments for this district. In District 18 - Spryfield-Herring Cove the average is \$135, and all but two options would increase the taxes paid by this district.

On a final note, Councillor Steve Adams and I are continuing to have signs installed identifying our communities. There will be Welcome to Armdale signs placed at entrance points to our district such as at the Armdale Rotary. Due to staff oversight the Welcome to Armdale sign was not installed on the Williams Lake Road but will be installed in the near future.

Council set to amend bylaws

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 18

At our council meeting held on April 14, we passed a motion to begin the process to amend our Planning Strategy and Land Use By Laws. These proposed amendments would allow townhouse style development where apartments would otherwise be permitted. This motion was the result of a public meeting held in June of last year to deal with a proposal to build a 3 story, 24 unit apartment building on 21 and 23 Major Ave. Local residents were not satisfied with the proposal, and offered alternatives.

Through the efforts of our staff, and especially Patricia Hughes and Luc Ouellet, and the input of the local residents we developed this proposal. My sincerest appreciation goes to Mr. Randhana and former alderman Rick Grant for their efforts. They did everything possible to accommodate the

resident's needs and respect their wishes.

On April 9, I attended a dual meeting of the HWCC Annual General meeting and a transit update meeting for the Sambro loop.

We were given a presentation on finances, programming and the plans for the future. I am pleased with the progress and dedication of the board, staff and volunteers.

I have had a number of inquiries regarding the playground in Portuguese cove. It has been assembled at one of HRM's depots and installed when the area is a little drier. Once installed, we will begin to plan further improvements.

I have written the minister of natural resources to ask permission to have two flower beds at long lake near Dentith and Old Sambro Road. These would be similar to the one at the end of northwest arm drive. I have also asked for a few benches in this area. This is all dependent upon the minister's approval.



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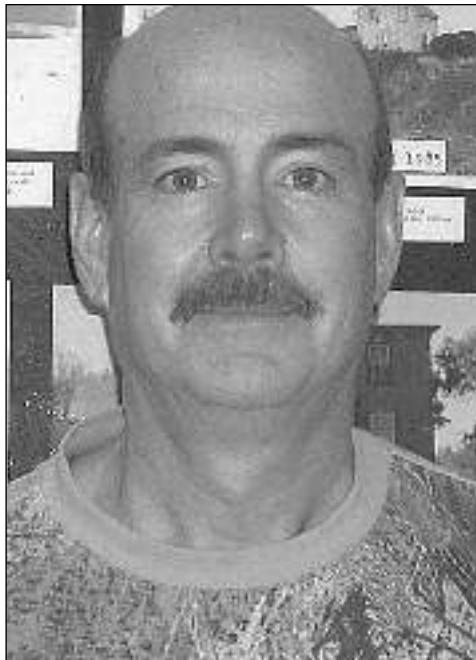


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John Carpenter has been the Treasurer of the HWCC since January 2009. He has only lived in Sambro Head for a little over a year, after emigrating from Denver, Colorado to Nova Scotia in September 2007. A retired IT analyst and programmer, John first got involved with the community centre by playing in the weekly Friday night dart league. As a long time volunteer, he has always found that one gets much more out of the volunteer experience then he puts into it, by making new friends and learning new skills. "The more I find out about the HWCC, the more I understand its importance to the community. It provides quality, low cost, after school care for pre teens. The centre is a great facility for rentals for community groups, wedding events, birthday parties, and other occasions. It also hosts benefits for in need community members and pre-teen dances. It is just a great community resource. I am glad to be able to assist the committed board of directors to keep the centre active and relevant."



My name is Lawrence (Larry) Sinclair, I'm 57 years old and work at the Victoria General Hospital on a full-time basis. My partner and I brought our new home and moved to Harrietsfield from Spryfield in 2002. Since arriving, I got involved with starting a new dart league in the community for Friday nights, which I might add is still going strong. Upon doing this, I got involved with the community centre and its Board of Directors, whereby the dart league was being housed at the centre. Following the first year, I was asked to join the board as a member and before long was in the chair's position, doing everything I could to see the centre's aims and objectives were met. My biggest motivator is the fact that I have always been a person to do what I could to help others and benefit my community, by sharing with my neighbours. Where I lived before, I was always involved in the betterment of my neighbourhood, and if there was a cause to go to bat for or lobby for, I was there. I used to open my home at Xmas, and have all the children in the neighbourhood come in and visit with Santa, and see the toy land around the Xmas tree, with many bright lights. On occasion, there was even Mrs. Santa Claus (aka my mother), which was a tradition for some ten years. My need to do things for others is compulsive and stems back to my childhood, where I started out being involved with the Salvation Army and its Red Shield campaign, and teaching Sunday School. From then on, it just continues, and can't help myself for wanting to volunteer and contribute to my community. Besides my full time job and my duties as chair at the centre, I am also the provincial president of the Army, Air Force, Navy Veterans of Canada organization, which is a volunteer service to our veterans and their families. On occasion, I volunteer at the Parkstone enhancement home, setting up the mass and helping the residents to and from, and assisting in any way I can. My need to do community work allows me great satisfaction and the feeling of fulfillment, and I hope I have many more years of service and dedication to offer my neighbours and community.

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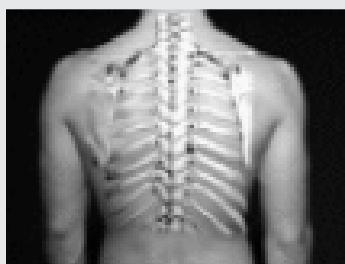
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Road to Recovery Walkathon

The Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia invites you to join our 5km Walkathon, Road to Recovery Walkathon, on Saturday, May 9th, beginning at 12 noon at St. Matthews Church on Barrington St. For further information, to register and obtain an official pledge sheet please contact: Donna Methot at 462-8658 or e-mail hrcchaptersns@accesswave.ca

Ham & Scallop Potato Supper

St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove will be holding their Annual Ham & Scallop Potato Supper on Saturday, May 9 from 4:00pm-6:00pm. A bake table will open at 2pm. For more information, please call 446-8168.

Chowder Lunch and Bake Sale

Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, Saturday May 2, 2009, 11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M., Fish chowder or corn chowder \$8.00, Hotdogs for children \$2.00.

Urban Farm Meeting

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 11th, 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Centre. New members/volunteers welcome. For more information please call Pat at 477-6087 or jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

Beginners' Tai Chi

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada, Atlantic Region, is offering a new beginners' course in Taoist Tai Chi® taijiquan at their Halifax location: 2029 North Park Street, starting June 7th and running Sundays 10am – 12 noon for 12 weeks. The last date to register is June 14th. Health Recovery classes are ongoing at this location: Tuesdays and Saturdays 2pm – 3.30pm. The centre is wheelchair accessible and there is free parking on site. For

more information, call the Atlantic Regional Centre at 422-8142 or email atlantic.office@taoist.org; www.taoist.org. Please note we are a charitable, non-profit organization.

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 Pat 477-6087 or email urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com. Volunteer training Thursday, May 27th @ 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. CGWU classes start at the Urban Farm on Saturday June 6th from 9:30 - noon. Everyone Welcome!!

Halifax Rowing Club Open House

Why not try something new this season and take a Learn to Row class? Come to the Halifax Rowing Club's Open House, Sunday, May 3rd, 1-4pm, 1641 Fairfield Rd. off Jubilee Road, Halifax. If you can't make it to the Open House, you may register, starting May 6th, on Monday and Wednesday evenings between 6 and 7 pm (come down to the dockside level, last doors on the right). For more information: call 423-0323, email halifaxrowing@gmail.com or visit www.halifaxrowing.ca

Adopt-A-Highway cleanups

There are two Adopt-A-Highway cleanups scheduled for a couple of 3-km stretches of the Old Sambro Rd. Some members of the local community might want to participate, and I'm sure that the two groups involved would welcome a few extra volunteers. The first cleanup is being done by the Spryfield Boy Scout Troop from St. Paul's Church, starting at 8:45am on Sunday, May 24th (weather permitting). They cover the stretch of road from the church (at the 4-way stop at Rockingstone, Sussex, and O.S. Rd.) to the bridge

over Fish Brook just as you enter Harrietsfield.

The second cleanup is being done by members of the Gospel Light Baptist Church, starting at 9:00 on Saturday, May 30th (weather permitting). They cover between Whitehead Rd. and Moody Park Drive. Volunteers should wear long sleeves and pants, sturdy boots, and work gloves. We'll provide the safety vests and trash bags. Interested volunteers should let me know in advance by e-mail hbird@eastlink.ca.

Annual Plant Sale

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield holds their Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 30th, 10 AM to 12 Noon at Captain William Spry Community Centre. Donations of plants accepted at Community Centre, Friday May 29, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM.

Archival Material Sought

I am writing a book about Halifax Municipal Airport which operated within the area bounded by Bayers, Connaught, and Chebucto Roads in the 1930's. Any document, photograph which I could scan would be appreciated. So, would anecdotes. Please contact Peter Lawson at 475-5555. Thank you.

Annual MacIntosh Run Clean-Up

On May 30 The Annual MacIntosh Run Clean-Up will be taking place. All residents of Spryfield are encouraged to take part in the event that will clean up the waterway running through their community. This is a partnership between The Watershed Association and J.L. Ilsley High School students. Snacks and lunch will be provided for those participating. The event will be operating from the Spryfield Legion starting at 9:00 and running until 12:00. If more information would be helpful let me know. I look forward to hearing from you!

Weekly Summer Day Camps

The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield's weekly summer day camps for ages 5 to 12 are taking place from 8:30am until 5:30pm starting July 6th and ending on August 28th. The registration fee is \$25.00 and the weekly day camp fee is \$100.00. For further information please contact the club by telephone, (902) 477-9840, or by e-mail, info@bgcspryfield.org or check out our website, www.bgcspryfield.org.

Committee on Addiction Awareness

Are you concerned about drug and alcohol use, smoking, and problem gambling in the Spryfield community? A Local Committee on Addiction Awareness is being established and residents are encouraged to get involved. Volunteers will meet once a month to discuss addiction issues and organize awareness activities at schools and public events. For more information please call 424-4976.

Mainland South Heritage Society Annual General Meeting

Mainland South Heritage Society invites you to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 28 at 7pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. All welcome.

Grocery Bingo

The Spryfield Lioness Club will be holding Grocery Bingo on Monday, May 25 in the Lions Den, Drysdale Road. Doors open 6.30 pm. Bingo at 7.30 pm. Proceeds to be used to help Lioness Projects. If you need more information please Call Carol White at 477-4188.

Concert

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