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Chloe Kerr and her mum Melissa Kerr watch Jeff Smith of McGowan Fish Hatchery stock Williams Lake with speckled trout. Photo: Cathy Vaughan

## Williams Lake –keeping it reel!

*by Cathy Vaughan*

Hundreds of trout travel to Williams Lake in Spryfield every year. They leave their circular ponds and raceway-tanks in the McGowan Fish Hatchery and take the trout-truck from Caledonia directly to Williams Lake in Spryfield to be introduced into their new wilderness home.

The fish hatchery truck arrived at the community entrance to Williams Lake at the Acorn Road Park to send off 2 and 3 year old speckled trout into the cold, clean waters of their new lake habitat. The wiggly trout were welcomed by a gathering of interested folks, local neighbours and a young, novice fisher.

Chloe Kerr is 3 years old and she is hooked on fishing. The amateur angler is learning to fish on Williams Lake with experienced guidance from her parents. Chloe watched the stocking process with reserved astonishment as the hatchery technicians loaded their pole-nets with the thrashing trout and carried them to Williams Lake.

About 350 speckled trout are released into the high-water levels of Williams Lake every year in the spring, according to Marielle Turner, Manager of the McGowan Fish Hatchery. The jolt of cold water energizes the docile fish, and they splash and thrash their way into the lake to check out their wild, free-range territory. The troutlings search for safe hiding spots under the lake's mammoth boulders, explore the salad-bar of rich vegetation in the riparian habitat on the shorelines and taste-test new treats of insects, leeches, worms, and minnows. Then they hook-up with their trout cousins at the local watering-hole for a briefing on which resident raptors and furry predators will eat them.

The McGowan Lake Fish Hatchery is one  
*(See Williams Lake on page 3)*

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**St. Augustine's Anglican Church** (2010 Purcell's Cove Rd)  
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**City Church** (276 Herring Cove Road)  
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Nursery and Children's ministry: 10:30am  
Wednesday night prayer: 7-8pm

**Spryfield Christian Community Church** (91 Thornhill Dr)  
Church services Sunday 11-12 am

**Oromo Gospel Church**  
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**Emmanuel Anglican Church** (322 Herring Cove Rd.)  
[emmanuelanglicanchurch.net](http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net), 902-477-1783.  
All our services are in person and also some are livestreamed. Please note, we will still be following Covid protocols with gradual loosening

of restrictions, so you may be asked to wear a mask and distance. If you are ill, please join us online.  
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10:00am Lively, contemporary communion service with choir.  
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Special Services in June: June 5th: Pentecost and Baptism. June 12th: Trinity Sunday.

**St. Paul's United Church** (173 Old Sambro Road)  
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**Stella Maris Church at St Michael's Catholic Church**  
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Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 am at St Michael's Church, Spryfield  
Weekday Masses at St Michael's Church, Spryfield:  
Monday and Tuesday 12 Noon  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Thursday and Friday 9 am  
All current COVID protocols will

be followed.  
All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

**Parkhill United Church** (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) and **St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)  
In-person Sunday worship services  
Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) at 9:30 am  
St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro) at 11:15 am.

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# Williams Lake

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of three hatcheries operated by the province that support sport-fishing in Nova Scotia. The hatcheries stock about 1 million fish annually in over 400 sites throughout the province and 25% of Nova Scotia’s recreational sports fishery depends on hatchery production, according to their website.

Williams Lake has a long history as a year-round sports and recreational lake and a prized, secret fishing spot for avid anglers from all over HRM. The Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture Hatchery Fishery Program stocks about 200 lakes in HRM each spring, for summer sport-fishing and in the fall, for the really hearty winter fishers.

Speckled and Rainbow Trout are the most popular fish used to enhance not only sport-fishing on HRM’s lakes, but also the biodiversity and ecosystems of many lakes. The hatchery trout are an important link in the food-chain that supports a healthy aquatic ecosystem. They provide nutrients for lakes’ aquatic plants, their presence reduces pressure on vulnerable wild fish stocks, and they add some variety to the menu for many raptors and piscivores that inhabit the lake waters and its surrounding watershed.

Anglers usually prefer to catch pan-sized fish for supper, but many trout never reach that size because of

the challenges that can impact their survival during their relatively short life span. Fish populations are sensitive to changes in air and water temperature, unstable or fluctuating lake levels, turbidity of the lake water, loss of spawning areas, or invasive organisms in the lake waters.

The tiny, invasive organisms that stick to boat hulls are transported from lake to lake and create major problems for the ecology of highly sensitive aquatic systems. Pollution from motorboats has detrimental effects on vulnerable fish populations. Gas, oil, battery acid, exhaust emissions, anti-fouling paints, garbage, cigarettes, fishing lines and lures all affect the growth of healthy fish populations in lakes.

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture cautions anglers to “avoid discarding fish used as bait into the waters they are fishing in. Because of the potential threat to local fish populations, it is illegal to use certain species as bait or to possess them for bait (whether alive or dead). These include bass, bullhead, white perch, yellow perch, goldfish, pickerel, or any fish not taken from provincial waters.”

Happiness is a big fish and a witness! So, gear-up and hook-up with your most credible witness and head for Williams Lake. There are four community parks on the shoreline of

the lake for anglers to challenge their casting and catching skills. Non-motorized launches are located at Acorn Road Park, Pine Bluff Islands Park on Wyndrock Drive and the Williams Lake Beach on Cunard Pond off the Williams Lake Road. There is also a kilometre of pristine shoreline on Williams Lake at the Shaw Wilderness Park on Purcell’s Cove Road.

“Good things come to those who bait!”

Learn more:  
Read: “Angler’s Handbook 2022”  
Visit: McGowan Fish Hatchery website and book a tour.  
Videos: Williams Lake Dam Association - Facebook  
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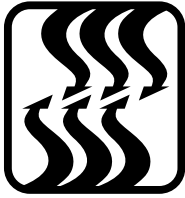


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# May at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

Susan Latham, the chair of our Unified Board at St. Paul's United Church, regularly sends out a newsletter to the members of our congregation. As I look at the current newsletter, I am amazed at what goes on in this church. I will share some of those things with you.

Currently, until the end of May, we have a part time minister, Rev. Carol Smith. She will be most sadly missed but her short time with us will have left a lasting impact. In June, our Lay Worship Team will be conducting the worship services. This team is something new to us and upon her arrival with us six months ago, Rev. Carol saw a need, organized the team and worked regularly to help them develop the skills they will need going forward. This dedicated team will also conduct occasional services through the summer.

How fitting it is that on the last day that Rev. Carol will be with us as our minister, there will also be a celebration of baptism. It is always a joyous time when young people are brought into the church.

For several months now we have had a Fellowship Tea on the afternoon of the third Wednesday of the month. This began in recognition of the fact that members of our congregation missed seeing their church friends because worship was held on Zoom.

At the monthly teas, we are able to practice social distancing while still enjoying tea and cookies as well as time of fellowship.

Susan went on to remind us that the Prayer Circle is now back meeting on site. They shared their prayers by email for a while but are much happier meeting and praying together on Sunday mornings before church. This group meets at 9:50 until about 10:30 on Sunday mornings, offering prayers of praise and supplication, with all prayers being in confidence.

May was the month when the United Church Women across Canada celebrated their 60th anniversary. Over the years, the UCW have met for both fellowship and to help with the work of the church. During Sunday worship, Valerie Connors, current president of the UCW, offered commemorative pins to members, both past and present, recognizing the contributions they have made.

In her newsletter, Susan also recognized that in April, our Community Ministry, FRI, supported 51 members of the Spryfield Muslim community during Ramadan, a religious observation of Muslims worldwide. This is a month-long time of fasting from dawn to sunset, prayer, reflection and community connection.

After much discussion, our board has decided that we will continue to ask those who gather in our church to

wear masks. We recognize, of course, that during FRI's free Tuesday lunch, Soup's On, we can't eat and wear a mask; nor can we when we gather for our Fellowship Tea.

Regular readers will know that we

offer free water for those people in Harrietsfield who do not have access to safe drinking water. In winter, of course, our outside tap is turned off due to fear of freezing and people must come when the building is open in order to get their water. The outside tap is now turned on for the season.

# Sports-oriented private members club coming to Spryfield



Pictured above is the Admiral Club, a private members club which is due to open in the coming weeks. It is located on the Graves-Oakley Memorial Park site, situated between two ball diamonds on one side and three pitches (rugby, soccer, etc.) on the other.

The Admiral Club hopes to attract local community, sports teams and more as a place to relax, enjoy the camaraderie of old friends and have

the opportunity to make new friends. As the Club becomes more aware of its clientele's interests, it will be offering more than just reasonably priced beverages. The club will have a large viewing screen to take advantage of major sporting events, making it a go-to place for sports fans. Stay tuned for more updates!

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# What’s Happening at the Urban Farm



A Pileated Woodpecker explores a tree limb searching for insect larva Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

by Joshua Barss Donham

Early this spring a Sharp-shinned Hawk, our smallest hawk, took up residence in the wood at the Farm. It was a young male, patrolling the wood edges, weaving his way among trees with great agility and speed, and aggressively harassing a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers that are frequent visitors. The Pileated Woodpecker is the largest of our woodpeckers, about the size of a crow and, also, about the size of a Sharp-shinned Hawk. The hawk took to following the woodpeckers about, perching nearby, then darting out at them. When he came too close, they would turn, spread their wings and brandish their bills, but generally seemed unconcerned, returning to feeding as soon as he veered off. The presence of a hawk also drew the attention of the resident crows, who trailed after him, mobbing him, and raising a ruckus. He appeared no more perturbed by this than the woodpeckers were of his pestering.

Sharp-shinned hawks are birds of the forest. They have long tails designed to aid them in flight as they navigate through the tree branches chasing down small songbirds on which they prey. The Farm has a wide variety of bird habitats: the thick hedges of roses, elderberry and vibur-

num are home to nesting Catbirds and Song Sparrows, and the apple trees, Saskatoon berry and choke cherry are where warblers and robins nest. However, most of the wooded area at the Farm is mature deciduous trees, a mix of sugar maple, red maple, white

and yellow birch, beech and a few red oaks. Enough of a forest to accommodate a young hawk for several months. Pileated Woodpeckers need mature trees. They feed mostly on ants and can work a large dead standing tree until it is more holes than solid wood,

leaving large piles of wood chips around the base. They even line their deep nesting cavities with wood chips rather than feathers or grass. If you hear a slow rolling drumming coming from the woods on the Farm it is  
*(See Urban Farm on page 7)*



Right: The Sharp-shinned Hawk perched high in a birch on the Farm Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

# Safe cycling this summer

*Originally written by Carrie Forbes (Safe Summer Cycling, Chebucto News, July 2011) and updated by the editor, Tangelene Ramsay*

You don't have to be a child to enjoy the freedom and adventure that riding a bicycle can bring. As the weather improves, cycling enthusiasts and casual riders make their way to trails and paths around HRM, and in particular, around the Chebucto Loop. With so much wilderness and breathtaking scenery surrounding our community, the Chebucto peninsula is a go-to destination for both mountain bikers and road cyclists. As gas prices continue to rise, commuters are also seeing the benefits of pedal-power both on their wallets and waistlines.

However, it can be challenging for motorists and cyclists to 'share the road' as the signage tells us we should. The province of NS has put legislation in place to protect bicyclists and make them aware of their responsibilities in sharing the road. Bill 93, otherwise known as 'the one metre rule', states that motor vehicles must allow one metre (or approximately three feet) of space when passing cyclists. Motorists can cross the centre line to allow for this clearance as long as it is safe. The penalties for failing to provide the one metre of space are stiff – a fine of \$282.71 for the first time, up to \$800.21 for three times or more.

At first glance, this law appears to put the pressure on motorists to share the road, however, there are a number of provisions that cyclists need to be mindful of to not only do their part to make this road relationship work, but to be seen and be safe. Bill 93 states that cyclists must stay on the right hand side of the road, in the direction of traffic, as long as it is safe to do so. Groups of cyclists must ride single file, again, on the right side of the road. If there is a bike lane, this must be used by all cyclists. A minimum fine of \$138.96 can also apply if a cyclist doesn't adhere to these rules.

For safety, cyclists are mandated to wear helmets, and have their bicycle equipped with a bell or horn, and a headlight or reflector. The rules of the road are the same as those for motorists, and anyone riding a bicycle must yield to pedestrians and observe all road signs and traffic signals. When turning, cyclists must use appropriate hand signals to indicate the direction they are going. Should a cyclist



impede the flow of traffic, it is recommended that they move over to the side of the road until the traffic has cleared. Motorists may not always have a safe place to move over to allow the one metre clearance, particularly on blind hills and curves in the road. Likewise, cyclists may not be able to ride on the extreme right of the road, particularly if the road is in bad condition.

Before taking your bike out on a

new route, it is a good idea to find out if there is a bike lane available, what kind of terrain you will encounter, blind hills where you and vehicular traffic may be in danger of causing an accident, and any busy intersections that will need to be crossed. Preparation can save lives.

Finally, remember that just because your vehicle doesn't have a motor, doesn't mean you can drive distracted.

When you text and cycle you are putting yourself in danger. So please, leave the cell phone in your pocket while biking.

Want to know more? Check out <https://www.novascotia.ca/tran/publications/NovaScotiaBicycleSafety.pdf> for an online booklet detailing the rights and responsibilities of both motor vehicle drivers and bicycle riders.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

## Urban Farm

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likely a Pileated Woodpecker, much slower than the drumming of the Hairy Woodpeckers or Northern Flickers.

White-breasted Nuthatches prefer deciduous woods. They are vocal birds, and their nasal call, "yank, yank, yank", can be heard any time of day at the Farm. They work their way down trees and branches headfirst, often perching upside down. The nuthatch gets its name from its habit of wedging seeds or nuts in tree crevices and hammering them open with its bill. While nuthatches most often nest in tree cavities, usually holes abandoned by woodpeckers, they also will use nesting boxes.

As we move into the warmer days of June in the garden, after the excitement of planning and planting has past, we step back a little, weed and water as need be. The wildlife at the

Farm also finds a different rhythm. The drama of early spring is but a



Spring cleaning! One of the nuthatches clearing out a nest box donated to the Urban Farm by Jim Pretty Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

memory. The Sharp-shinned Hawk has moved on. Nesting territories have been established.

This month, Fulton Lavender with the Williams Lake Conservation Company, will be leading a bird walk at the Urban Farm, Friday, June 24. This is one of a series of four walks, others taking place at the Frog Pond and the Shaw Wilderness Park. Registration can be done at the Spryfield library or online at the Halifax Public Library website in the "events" section. Fulton will talk about different bird habitats and give hints for bird watching.

Farm Memberships are due for 2022. Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. Garden plots are now available. For info: [urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com), Pat MacLean: 902-497-3683. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/>

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# The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

### NS Power

Last month at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Nova Scotia Power executives were questioned by me and others on their proposed 10% electricity rate hike over the next three years. On top of this, NS Power wants to increase their 9% guaranteed rate of return. These increased costs couldn't come at a worse time as gas and food prices soar and people are defaulting on their rent and mortgage payments.

Premier Houston said in the Legislature that he wasn't aware of NS Power's rate increase until it was released in the media. He also said he could not remember meeting with NS Power. What we heard last week at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts is that none of this is true and that he was made aware and did meet several times with NS Power executives. Houston also said the bills he passed in the Legislature would protect Nova Scotians from rate increases but we heard firsthand from the Department of Natural Resources that there is NOTHING in the bills that prevent future rate increases.

I have several questions for both Premier Houston and NS Power.

To NS Power I ask:

Why are you not investing in our province and in our communities?

Why are we seeing more and more power outages?

Why is NS Power and Emera giving million dollar bonuses and growing their empire internationally while Nova Scotians go without power and have to swallow rate increases?

To Premier Houston I ask:

Why protect and side with NS Power instead of the Nova Scotians who elected you?

What's almost as upsetting as the rate hike itself is that, before meeting with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, NS Power executives told us that they could not answer questions on rate increases until they present their evidence to the UARB. So, I asked that they return to the committee after their evidence is public to answer our questions, barrier-free. The committee members who are part of the Houston government voted AGAINST this motion, refusing to call NS Power back to the committee so our questions could finally be answered. This lack of transparency is baffling to me.

Furthermore, I asked for an extra hour of time to question Nova Scotia Power executives at the committee meeting and the Houston government members voted it down, refusing to allow additional time. Again, I scratch

my head.

What I saw last week from NS Power and the Houston government was disappointing on so many fronts. As your MLA, it is my job to stand up for you and ask hard questions and I promise to continue fighting for my constituents.

### Gas prices

For the last few months, I have been advocating the Houston Government to give all Nova Scotian's relief at the pump by temporarily suspending the tax on gas.

As the price of gas increases, government makes more money.

The government this month publicly said they will not be exploring this option, that they need the money.

In the end this should not be about making more money off the back of Nova Scotians. We should be working together to find relief for all.

### Graduates

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all the Elementary, Junior High, High School and Post-Secondary graduates.

2022 was another challenging year but you made it!

To all the teachers and staff thank you for all you do, you are truly appreciated.

Lastly I would like to send my heartfelt condolences and prayers out to the families of Charlie Norman and Mike Ritcey, two giants in our community; you will both be missed.

Lots of love to Kim and the boys and the Norman family.

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Welcome to the newsletter from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, where we share the club's and Rotary's news and activities with the communities we serve. This issue highlights rotary's Youth Services. Rotary spends much of its effort on Youth Services because we strongly believe in the adage that our youth is our future. Youth make up a very important part of our membership.

Interact clubs are for young people between the ages of 14 and 18. They are usually present in high schools and are sponsored by "parent" Rotary Clubs. Interact clubs take on projects of interest and relevant to today's youth.

Rotaract are similar clubs for youth over 18 years of age, usually present at universities. This year Rotary International has recognized Rotaract Clubs as having equal status to Rotary Clubs.

Both Interact and Rotaract clubs offer our youth development opportunities in leadership, good citizenship, international awareness, ethical behavior and community service.

In addition, Rotary clubs also take on projects focused on youth development. An example is a col-

laboration with two other local clubs with Outward Bound Canada to send a youth group from Phoenix Youth Services on a wilderness canoe expedition in Kejimikujik National Park. The goal of the trip was to draw on Outward Bound Canada's expertise in the development of self-esteem and self-confidence through shared group experiences in unfamiliar settings. This approach was seen as helping the participants to become effective, contributing and resilient leaders, both in their own lives and within their communities. During the trip participants were presented with a series of physical, social and mental challenges. Participants learned that everything they did impacted on the others in the group.

Finally, for several years our club has participated in a program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ottawa for the Adventures in Citizenship (AIC) program. The program is a unique opportunity for young Canadians to gain a better understanding of our country and to learn about the workings of our democratic institutions through meetings with political leaders and senior officials and participating in a mock parliament. It also gives participants the opportunity to meet and interact with their peers from all corners of the country and to gain a perspective of their perspectives and experiences.

Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclusive – and we're friendly! We currently meet virtually (in person when pandemic circumstances allow) every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Freeman's on Dutch Village Road in Fairview.

For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or 782 234 9408.



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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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**COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JUNE**

**Food Banks:**

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9:30 and 10:30 am
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.
- Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd) Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 10:30 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients. Our website: [emmanuelanglicanchurch.net](http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net)

**Free meals for those in need:**

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 5:30 and 6:30 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last).

**Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:**

- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our Facebook page, 902-446-4847 or email us at [hwcc@outlook.com](mailto:hwcc@outlook.com)
- Currently looking for board members and volunteers
  - Annual General Meeting to be held June 20th at 6pm

**Spryfield Lions Club events:**

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

**City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:**

- City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248 c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca [www.citychurchhalifax.ca](http://www.citychurchhalifax.ca)
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

**Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd. 902-477-1783, [emmanuelanglicanchurch.net](http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net)) events:**

Spring Fling: On June 4th from 10am to 2pm we will be hosting a spring fair, outdoors and in. There will be a soup lunch (\$12) and bake table in our hall, and outdoors there will be a flea market, craft table, plant table, books, puzzles, jewelry and more. Rain Date is June 11th

**Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:**

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

**Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish Events:**

- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Par-

ish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 5:30 and 6:30 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or [stellamaris-twelvebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:stellamaris-twelvebaskets@gmail.com)

**St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:**

Our outdoor tap is now turned on for the season. This is to allow the people in Harrietsfield who do not have access to clean drinking water to help themselves to our water.

**Improve your reading, writing and math skills,** work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations. COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more information. Let's get learning together!

**Chase the Ace Returns: The Spryfield Legion and Forever Young Seniors Club** Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club Chase the Ace has commenced at the Spryfield Legion.

Tickets are sold during legion hours every day and draws take place each Wednesday. Tickets are \$5 each

## OBITUARIES

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flowers to the Alzheimer's Society Nova Scotia.

Our dearest Mother and Grandmother, we will miss you for the rest of our lives. There is a hole in our hearts that will never be filled.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

**Michael (Mike/Ritz) Paul Ritcey** 57, Halifax. Mike passed away peacefully at home on May 15, 2022. Anyone who knew Mike was aware of his love of sports, especially The Boston Bruins and The Boston Red Sox. During his childhood years, Mike played hockey, baseball, and lacrosse. He went on to play Major Midget, Junior, University and Senior hockey, as well as softball and baseball, including a Canadian Midget Championship, where he was named MVP. He coached many teams in both hockey and ball, with his longest stint being behind the bench for his Alma Mater, the J.L. Ilsley Judges hockey and baseball teams. Mike was also a well-known and respected (most of the time) umpire at fields all around HRM. Kim was Mike's perfect soul mate and life partner; a gal who shared his passion for hockey

**Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield events:**

- June 7th: 6 to 7:30pm: Come Grow With Us program starts for the summer
- July 17th: 2-4pm Strawberry Shortcake Social will be a part of Spryfield Days
  - July 26th and August 23rd, from 6:30 to 8pm, we host Evenings in the Garden
  - September 17th: School Farm Day will be a part of our Harvest Fair.

We hope you will visit our Urban Farm often over the summer months. We welcome new members (\$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$25 for groups) If you have questions, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email [patriciamaclean@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamaclean@gmail.com)

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**

Tuesdays from 6 to 7pm at the Golden Age Centre, 212 Herring Cove Rd. Call for information: Colleen 902-868-2214 or Bev 902-477-4335 or check us out on the web at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) **Chebucto News looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.**

and baseball, and even endeavored to operate Kimmie's Kanteen together. Mike's legacy of being influential and a mentor to many young athletes in his community – is being carried on by their sons, Justin, and Cameron – who Mike was very proud of and loved very much.

Mike is survived by his wife, Kim (Hartling); sons, Justin (Kaleigh) and Cameron; his parents, Paul and Joan (Fenerty) Ritcey; his siblings, Heather (Andrew) and Wayne (Vanessa); mother-in-law, Linda Hartling; brother-in-law, Guy Hartling (Beth); sister-in-law, Kelly Hartling; as well as aunts, an uncle, nieces and nephews, a great-nephew, a great-niece and many cousins.

The one thing that would mean the most to Mike and his family would be to encourage young athletes to believe in themselves and play hard.

Donations in memory of Mike may be made to: Chebucto Minor Hockey – [treasurer@chebuctominorhockey.com](mailto:treasurer@chebuctominorhockey.com), Spryfield Minor Softball – [spryfieldminorsoftball@hotmail.com](mailto:spryfieldminorsoftball@hotmail.com), Halifax Minor Baseball – [hmb-treasurer2015@gmail.com](mailto:hmb-treasurer2015@gmail.com).

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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**Terrie-Lynn Atwood**

of Halifax. It is with sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Terrie-Lynn, at QEII Health Sciences Centre, on April 17th, 2022. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of Rachele Atwood and Robert Purcell.

Terrie-Lynn was a creative and smart woman; who was very strong and stayed smiling throughout all the hard times she endured. After her accident Terrie-Lynn started her own business; making and selling bodysuits for anyone, including disabled people to feel beautiful in their own skin. She was planning on going to school for business in the fall to further her knowledge and work on her business more. Terrie-Lynn was someone who gave love unconditionally to everyone in her life. She loved music and you could always catch her singing and dancing.


Surviving is her Mother, Rachele Atwood, Father; Robert Purcell. Partner, Antonio Carvery; Children, Jordan Atwood-Ross, Jaelynn Atwood-Ross, and Jesse Atwood. Sisters, Toni Dixon, Robin Atwood, and Carly Purcell; Brothers, Coty Atwood, Blake Atwood, Coady Purcell; Nephews; Aashtyn Dixon-Lawrence and Adryaan Dixon-Lawrence and Niece; Paislee Atwood. Grandmothers; Donna Drysdale Atwood and Sandra Purcell; Aunts; Charlotte Atwood (Earnie Carey), Melissa Atwood (Kirk MacDonald) as well as many other



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Terrie-Lynn was predeceased by Grandfathers John Atwood and Robert Purcell.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Terrie-Lynn's by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

**Hilda Ann Bourgeois**

Age 84, It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Hilda Bourgeois of Halifax on April 25, 2022 at home with her children by her side. She was the daughter of the late William and Clara McNamara.

She is predeceased by her husband of 48 years William Bourgeois. Hilda is survived by son Glen McNamara, daughters Lynn Patterson and Shelly (Fred) Norman, grandchildren, Raymond, Andrew (Christine) and Jessica, great-grandchild Vanessa, sisters Stella and Joan, brothers Gerald and Eddy-Harold, as well as many nieces and nephews and a large extended family. Hilda is predeceased by sisters Ellen and Lorraine and brothers James, Michael, Billy and Maurice.

She was born and lived in Evanston, Cape Breton until she left for Halifax where she worked as a waitress at the Garden View Restaurant. This is when she met the love of her life Willie. They married and settled in Spryfield where they raised their family and then helped with caring for their grandchildren. She loved a good game of cards with family, enjoyed going to Sunday bingo with friends and chatting with her sisters and brothers. She will be greatly missed.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Cindy Bell and the palliative care team and the VON for their support and kindness. Donations in memory can be made to charity of choice. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

**Charles Arthur Norman**

Age 79 of Halifax, it is with great sadness in our hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Charles Arthur Norman on May 6, 2022 at the QEII Halifax Infirmary. Charles was born in Halifax; he was a son of the late Reg and Elaine (MacLean) Norman. Charles loved and cherished his family; family meant the world to him. He was very well respected by his friends and the community where he coached youth in baseball in Spryfield for many years. Charles had a love for sports, but especially for baseball and for bowling. He enjoyed going to the local legion and playing cards with friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Anna Norman; sons, Charles Norman, John Norman and Ron Norman; daughters, Mary Norman and Bernadette Norman; grandchildren, Matthew, Jules, Cassandra (Mike) Billard and Charley Rose; great-grandchildren, Clara Rose and Crystal; sister, Anne Haines; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Danny Norman, Jackie Nor-

man, Reg Norman and Billy Norman. To place words of comfort and condolence, please visit [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

**Mary Edith (Marryatt) Icteton**

It is with broken hearts that we announce the passing of our mother on May 14, 2022 at the age of 90.

She was born in White Plains, New York on October 8, 1931 to the late Ainsley and Edith (Metzler) Marryatt.

She is survived by her daughter Bonnie (John); sons Stephen (Nina) and Jim (Sandy) and daughter-in-law Lou. She is also survived by grandchildren Darrell (Caralea), Ian (Carolyn), Darren (Erin) and Jessy (her only granddaughter). Also surviving are great-grandchildren Devyn, Dillin, Emma, Molly, Jaxson and Flynn. She is survived by brothers Jack and Reg (Joy); sisters Patsy (Russell), Peggy and Betty and brother-in-law George. Mom is also survived by many nieces and nephews who affectionately called her "Aunt Mary".

Aside from her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband Bruce (Jabs) and adoring son Danny. She was also predeceased by sisters Nancy, Tally and Kay; sisters-in-law Irene, Ann, Marg, Hilda and Ruthie and brothers-in-law Roger, Bernie, Bill and Albert. Also predeceased by daughter-in-law Karen.

Mom had many hobbies but gardening and walking she enjoyed the most as people would see her walking the road in the Cove; also gathering leaves on the way to take home. Mom also enjoyed the dances at the PC Club and playing ladies darts for 43 years. She enjoyed camping at Green Valley, sitting around the campfire singing, which was her favorite thing to do. She knew all the words to every song, even up until recently. She was always so happy to hear her sons and grandson play guitar.

Her other favorite thing to do was watch her sons, grandsons and great-grandchildren play hockey and ringette. Mom never missed a hockey game on TV, rooting for her favorite team, Toronto Maple Leafs. Our mother organized the first Terry Fox Run in Purcell's Cove and ran for 35 years. She was very active in her church and was in the choir and was warden of St Philip's for many years. She was also a volunteer at "Young at Heart" in Spryfield, singing at different functions.

Our mother was the best and adored by her family and will be forever missed. We will especially miss her beautiful smile.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society or Canadian Cancer Society. We would like to thank the nursing staff and doctors who took care of mom at 8.1 and 8.3 at the QEII.

Online condolences: [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

**Marie Betty McPherson**

It is with the heaviest of hearts that the family of Marie Betty (Keating) McPherson announce her passing, Saturday May 14th, at home in the arms of her granddaughters and sur-

rounded by her entire family.

Born June 1st, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Seretha (Marryatt) Keating and Joseph Keating.

Affectionately known throughout the community as "Nan", she was a grandmother to all who knew her and could often be seen for many years carting a pile of children around in her little car. She loved to drive, and had no greater joy than driving her children, grandchildren, and the rest of the community around wherever they needed to go.

Marie would often tell stories of her younger years and how much she enjoyed playing "ball" [as she referred to baseball], dancing, bowling, and spending time with her cherished friends Ruthie and Hazel. She left school to pursue a job at Sears, one that she loved and excelled at. She went on to assist her husband, Roy, with bookkeeping and construction in the business they owned together. She enjoyed being a lunch monitor at the school where her grandchildren attended and took great pride in delivering the paper throughout the community with her children and grandchildren for many years.

Marie had a sweet tooth and could often be found munching on some chocolate while shuffling her deck of cards. She loved a good game of 7- card rummy. "Just one more game" she would say after playing for hours and hours on end. She loved Daniel O'Donnell, and his music could often be heard coming from the windows of her house on a beautiful summers day. Marie was an avid knitter, and enjoyed making everything from sweaters, socks, mittens, hats, and doll and barbie clothes. Her favourite place was the Dingle, where we would drive multiple times a day while she reminisced and told stories of her time she spent there with Blanche in her younger days.

Marie treasured nothing more in this world than her beautiful family, who will miss her so dearly. She is survived by her daughters Karen (Vic) Stevens, Marilyn (Allan) Lundrigan, Jane (Dale) Cormier, and Suzanne (Gerry) Doucet. Her loving grandchildren, Aimee (John), Christa (Mark), Vanessa (Nick), Craig, Kara (Stewart) and Erika (Lewis), along with her great-grandchildren, Hailee (Michael), Mitchell, Justin, Royce, Brooklyn, Blake and Lee. And one soon to be great-great grandchild whom she was so excited to meet. Sisters Shirley Dwyer, June Morris, brother Claude "Buddy" Keating, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Roy McPherson, brothers Lloyd, Albert, Harry, Collins, and Joey; Sisters Theresa, Blanche, Edith and Dorothy "Dot".

The family would like to extend their deepest thanks to Marie's careworker, Connie, and all of Marie's dedicated healthcare providers. The greatest thank you of all to Debbie Cormier White, who provided Marie with so much joy and comfort in her final months up until the very end.

Donations may be made in lieu of (See Obituaries on page 9)

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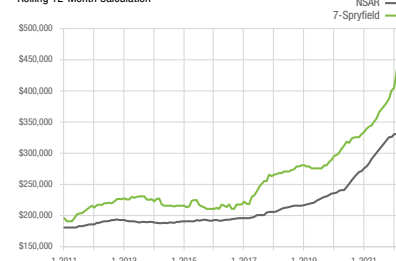
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Single Family	April			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2021	2022	% Change	Thru 4-2021	Thru 4-2022	% Change
New Listings	40	33	- 17.5%	131	86	- 34.4%
Pending Sales	35	18	- 48.6%	147	64	- 56.5%
Closed Sales	31	25	- 19.4%	141	63	- 55.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	5	8	+ 60.0%	35	7	- 80.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$410,000	\$628,888	+ 53.4%	\$385,750	\$601,000	+ 55.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$422,457	\$591,964	+ 40.1%	\$399,703	\$580,014	+ 45.1%
Percent of List Price Received*	121.6%	118.4%	- 2.6%	109.1%	123.0%	+ 12.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	10	18	+ 80.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	0.3	0.9	+ 200.0%	—	—	—

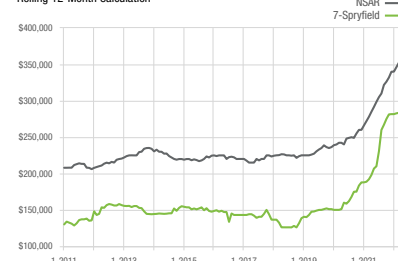
Condo	April			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2021	2022	% Change	Thru 4-2021	Thru 4-2022	% Change
New Listings	4	2	- 50.0%	13	8	- 38.5%
Pending Sales	5	2	- 60.0%	11	6	- 45.5%
Closed Sales	6	0	- 100.0%	11	4	- 63.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	11	—	—	7	6	- 14.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$278,500	—	—	\$282,000	\$356,794	+ 26.5%
Average Sales Price*	\$267,994	—	—	\$265,224	\$362,147	+ 36.5%
Percent of List Price Received*	109.5%	—	—	111.1%	147.1%	+ 32.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	2	0	- 100.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	0.7	—	—	—	—	—

\* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

**Median Sales Price - Single-Family**  
 Rolling 12-Month Calculation



**Median Sales Price - Condo**  
 Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

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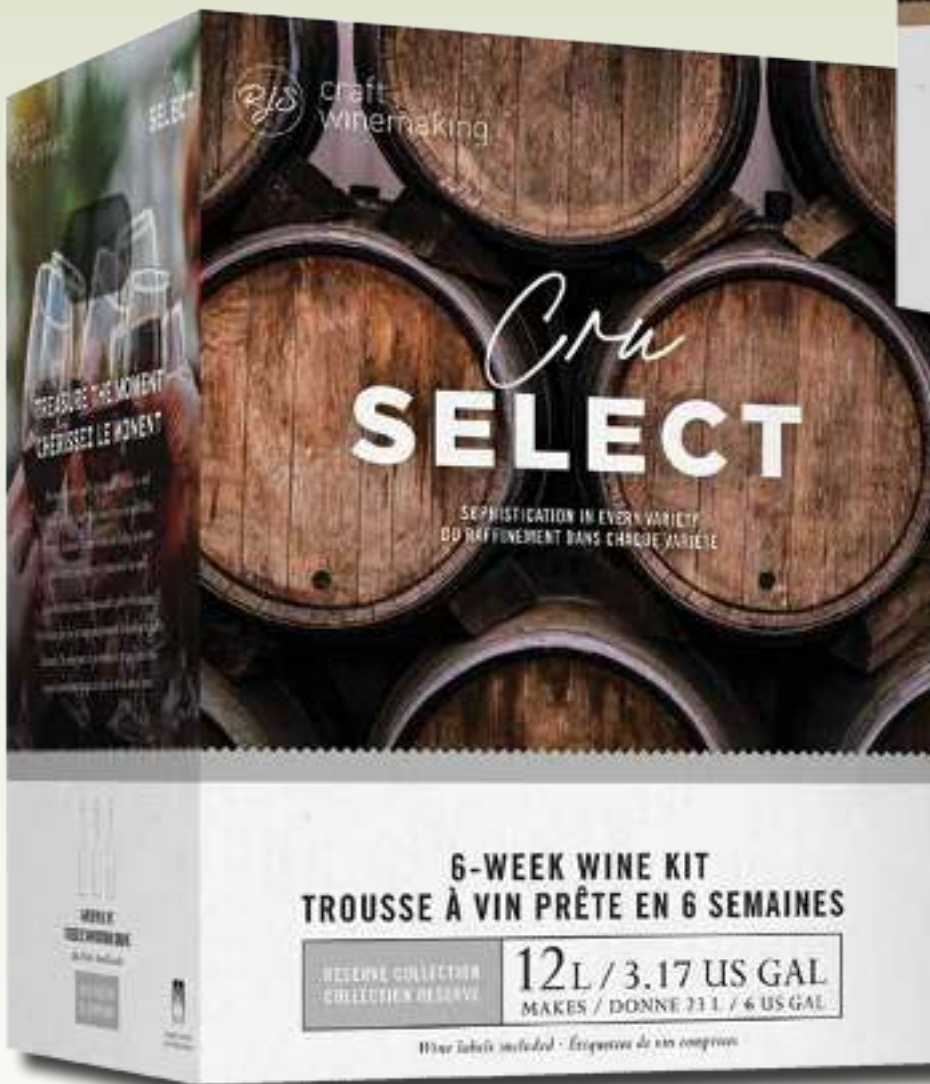


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