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Thank you to the landowners who have generously provided property to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust to keep the natural legacy of their land intact and protect the wilderness they love.

KeepTheBacklands WILD

Base map by HRM Parks and Recreation Policy and Planning, 2016. Artist Jennifer Escott

by Cathy Vaughan

How do we express earnest gratitude for a wonderful gift that just keeps on giving to our families, neighbours and community, in perpetuity? We throw a kitchen-party to acknowledge the gift, thank the donors and celebrate the enormous impact of their generosity!

In early March, a large jovial crowd of appreciative folks, conservation associations, citizen-action groups and local politicians gathered at the Purcell's Cove Social Club. Folks cheered, toasted and celebrated the four families who had donated their lands in the Backlands to the

Nova Scotia Nature Trust (NSNT.) The Backlands Coalition (BC) together with the NSNT hosted the festive gathering to thank each family personally for the generous donation of their land for everyone to have 'forever-protected' access to nature.

"The protected properties feature a diversity of rare and endangered plants, wildlife, habitats and landscapes, and are part of the Nature Trust's "Twice the Wild" campaign, which aims to double the amount of protected land in its care to about 12,000 hectares by 2025," according to the NSNT. These newly gifted lands add to NSNT's properties in the Backland to be 'forever protected' for the educational and recreational benefit of everyone.

The Backlands Coalition is a citizen-action association of 10 groups of concerned citizens representing the various areas surrounding the Backlands. Their mission is "to ensure no loss of wildlife habitat in the Backlands and to preserve them for natural, historical, cultural, conservation, educational, recreational and common use."

The Longard, Napier, Field, and Duggan families gifted their lands, over the past several years, to add to NSNT's properties in the Backlands. The families want to protect the unique ecosystems, important wildlife corridors, distinctive land formations and the globally rare Jack Pine-Broom Crowberry communities. They feel it is important to provide permanent access to these stunningly beautiful properties in the Spryfield area.

The Longard siblings, Shirley, David, Donald and their families contributed 27 acres of woodlands and wetlands on their grandparents' lands off the Purcell's Cove Road. "As

kids, we developed a deep connectedness to this wild land that we played in and explored when we visited our grandparents' camp on their property. Little did we know that the Jack Pines were a globally rare tree on our land. So we were pleased that the Nature Trust was interested in our land and approached us about donating our unique land to protect it for everyone to enjoy into the future," said Shirley Zwicker (nee Longard).

"It takes very generous people to gift their land for us all to use," said Councillor Patty Cuttell of the Sambro Loop - Prospect Road, District 11, in which the Backlands are situated. "Their gift shows appreciation for the environment, including the wildlife that depends on it. It shows personal selflessness by allowing others to access and enjoy this land around us. And it shows their belief in the future and the generations to come by ensuring they too have places that have been kept natural and wild for them."

(See Families on page 2)

Rugged Backlands inspire dramatic art

by Cathy Vaughan

Tubes of paint, sturdy brushes and a blank canvas are the essential hiking equipment that Geoffrey Grantham packs when he treks into the Backlands in the Purcell's Cove area. Craggy outcropping of rocks, stark burnt-out forests, lush green regrowth,

(See Rugged on page 5)

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Owl Prowl – the Great Canadian backyard bird count



Barred Owls nest in the wooded habitats of the Backlands, in the Spryfield area. Photographer Jason Dain, Wildlife photographer, Stillwater Lake, Nova Scotia. @dainjason

by Cathy Vaughan

Owls are stealthy, nocturnal hunters, sporting elegant and effective camouflage, all of which makes them a challenge to spot. You might hear them in the forests of the Backlands or hooting for their mates on Williams Lake. All their natural defence systems make them illusive and totally irresistible to determined birders.

An enthusiastic band of birders from the Backlands Coalition (BC) in Spryfield participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count, a global bird survey held every February by Birds Canada, the Cornell Lab, and Audubon. What made this group of hardy birders different this year was that they wanted to focus on hearing the

haunting calls of the winter-resident owls in the Williams Lake and Backlands area. This particular owl survey relies totally on silence. Since owls are nocturnal, the still twilight hours are preferable to avoid the noise that humans make and din that cities create. The keen birders gathered in the frosty, dark hours to listen for the illusive owls at 3:30 a.m.

“Our first instructions were critical to improve our chances of hearing the owls. We were instructed on how to close the car doors silently, so that we don’t tip-off the nearby owls. We travelled to nine locations around Williams Lake, Shaw Wilderness Park, the Backlands and Governor’s Brook in Spryfield. Fulton Lavender, our

experienced bird-identifier, coached us on what to listen for as we waited in the wintry darkness for sounds of owl activity,” explained Martha Leary, bird enthusiast and organizer of the owl prowl with the Backlands Coalition.

A group of owls, called a ‘parliament’ or ‘bazaar,’ communicates with a wide range of calls, varying from ear-piercing screeches and whistles to soft, wistful hooting and cooing. The Backlands attract certain species of owls because of the protection provided by a canopy of undisturbed forests,

(See Owl Prowl on page 3)

Families

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“Land conservation is essential for Nova Scotia’s quality of life, to protect ecosystems, halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and to fight climate change, which is why the Province of Nova Scotia has committed to protecting 20 per cent of our land and water by 2030,” says Minister Timothy Halman, of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change. “We cannot achieve this goal on our own – the invaluable work and leadership of organizations like the Nature Trust will help to lead us forward. Together, we will help ensure a sustainable and healthy future for our province, our people and our economy.” “To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles,” Mary Davis.

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Spring at last!

by Lorrie Boylen

The Spring weather is once again upon us, and those of us who love to garden are just itching to get out and start poking around and tidying things up.

You may be anxious to clean out your plant stems, seed heads and leaf waste, but this is discouraged, as you'll disturb the hibernating pollinators and beneficial insects and their larvae, nymphs, eggs and pupae that are essential to a healthy garden. Ideally, garden debris would be left on top of the soil year 'round to provide an optimal habitat for these creatures.

When you eventually trim your stems, leave at least half the length intact. Don't worry, these will be hidden when your plants grow up around them. Laying the trimmed off pieces on top of the soil will provide continued protection, and eventually this organic matter will break down to feed the microorganisms, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, arthropods and protozoa. These unsung heroes are all vital to your soil's health and the ultimate wellbeing of your plants, and if you support them, you won't need chemicals to keep your garden looking its best.

If you really can't stand the untidy look of spent plants on top of the soil, you can cover this with a layer of mulch later in the spring after soil has warmed and the sleeping insects have emerged from their slumber. A good

organic mulch applied later in the spring will help reduce erosion from wind and rain, retain soil moisture during the dryer summer months, and will break down over time to create a thriving soil web beneath the surface.

Don't worry, there are lots of other springtime cleanup activities to occupy your time while you wait for your garden to wake up!

Inevitably over the winter, loose bits of trash blow around. It's much easier to gather it up now, before greenery starts growing up around it. In addition to your own yard, there's lots of rubbish along the roadside, in ditches and along shorelines just waiting to be tackled. You can do this on your own, with your family, or as part of a larger community group. If everyone does just a little bit, it can make a huge impact.

This is also a prime opportunity to take note and repair of any broken deck boards, loose steps or patio stones which have heaved up throughout the winter. The temperature is comfortable for working outside, without the annoyance of mosquitos and blackflies.

Your patio furniture could probably use a good scrub after being in storage all winter. If you're reusing plant pots you'll want to thoroughly clean and sterilize them with a mild bleach solution to kill any unwanted germs and fungus and prevent infection of any

new seeds or transplants.

Now is a great time to add manure, seaweed or other accelerators to your compost pile, and give it a turn so that the healthy microbes receive the oxygen they need to do their work.

In addition to conventional setups, there's also vermicomposting, which utilizes the voracious appetites of red wiggler worms to quickly turn food waste into black gold for your garden. If you have children, it's a fun and

fascinating way to teach them about the composting process.

With a little effort now, your yard can look spectacular this summer and you'll have more time to sit back and enjoy it with a cold beverage in hand.

(Lorrie Boylen is a Freelance Writer, Administrative and Communications Professional and CBC Radio's Information Morning Community Contact for Sambro)

Owl Prowl

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an abundant menu of tasty rodents plus secure nesting sites. The eager birders were rewarded with sounds of a Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl and a Saw Whet Owl. A pink sunrise greeted the groggy group as they headed for a hearty hot breakfast by a homey fireside.

"Recently, more than 300,000 checklists were submitted online, creating the largest instantaneous snapshot of global bird populations ever recorded. With bird numbers declining, your input helps us learn more about what kinds of measures help bird populations to be successful during these times of climate change," according to the Audubon's website.

You can still share your sightings in the Backlands. Local birder and naturalist, David Patriquin of the Backlands Coalition, has created a special project, called 'Halifax Back-

lands" on iNaturalist to help us understand the wildlife in the Backlands. You can record your observations and they will be tallied for everyone to use, enjoy and learn. Nature is our greatest teacher!

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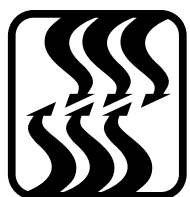


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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Halifax County Council holds first meeting January 13, 1880

by Iris V. Shea

On Tuesday, January 13, 1880 the first meeting of Halifax County Council was held in the County Courthouse. An election in November 1879 determined who would represent each district as Councillor. According to the 1880 Minutes of Council, the morning and afternoon sessions ran from Tuesday to Saturday the first week, and from Tuesday to Thursday of the second week. These two weeks made up one meeting. In those early years it was customary to hold only two meetings a year (the Annual Meeting in January and the Semi-Annual Meeting in April) but occasionally an emergency meeting would be added before the annual election in November. Councillors were elected for one year but often served several years without being challenged. John Hayes of Herring Cove represented District Number 7 for 15 consecutive years. When Councillor George Umlah of Greenhead, representing Spryfield District, died in 1883 during his third term in office, William Dart was elected to replace him.

Unlike today where we have two districts and two councillors representing the communities from Armdale to Pennant, in 1880 there were five districts. In addition to those five local districts, Halifax County Council was made up of another 31 districts, bringing the total to 36 councillors from whom a warden was chosen. The first warden was Col. John W. Laurie, councillor from District 18, Waverly. Councillors elected from our local communities that year were John Hayes, Herring Cove District, Number 7, which included Queen's Quarry, Purcell's Cove, Ferguson's Cove, Herring Cove, and part of Spryfield (from Roche's Pond south to Long Pond); Richard E. Monk, Portuguese Cove District, Number 8, presided over Halibut Bay, Bear Cove, Portuguese Cove, Duncan's Cove and Ketch Harbour; Martin Henneberry, serving Sambro District, Number 9, which stretched from Bald Rock, all the way to West Pennant and Long Cove; George Umlah, Spryfield District, Number 13, served the western part of Spryfield and extended to the communities of Harrietsfield, Brookside, Goodwood, Greenhead and Beech Hill. It also included the back road to Terence Bay Road (at the end of Brookside Road); and H.F. Worrall, North West Arm District, Number 14, served another section of Spryfield (from Cowie Hill to Long Lake Dam), St. Margaret's Bay Road to Chain Lakes, a small section of Dutch Village Road, and from the head of the Northwest Arm to Lawson's Mill (now Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron).

Councillors received \$2 per day when attending sessions, but if absent without notice, they were fined \$2 for that day. In addition to the councillors, there were various District Officers appointed, one of which was the of-



Photo of William Topple, Councillor for North West Arm District 14, for several years. Photograph about 1910. Courtesy Iris V. Shea

fice of Hogreeve (*I needed to consult a dictionary for its meaning*). "Hog

reeve, a civic official in charge of impounding runaway hogs". George Deal of North West Arm District was the only one appointed in 1880. The Presiding Officers appointed in 1880 were Francis McGuire, Esq., Justice of the Peace, District Number 8, Portuguese Cove; James Tough, District Number Nine, Sambro; Archibald Kidston, District Number 13, Spryfield; and George Piers, District Number 14, North West Arm. In most districts a Fence Viewer was appointed... Patrick Power, Herring Cove in District 7; Edward Sadler and James Pettipas of Portuguese Cove for District 8; Benjamin Smith and James Twohig for Sambo and Pennant in District 9; Samuel West of Dutch Village, North West Arm, District 14. An Overseer of Skids, Andrew Bower of Portuguese Cove, District 8, was appointed.

During that first meeting, several By-Laws were established. One By-Law was for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and only those people approved by Council would receive such a license after payment of an annual fee of \$30. In 1884, the Council Minutes noted the names of those who received a license to sell liquor. John Martin of Sambro applied but was refused. Peddlers required a license that cost between \$2 and \$5 a year, but were not permitted to sell intoxicating liquors.

The Minutes of Halifax County Council are among the records now available to the public. Halifax Regional Municipality Archives in Burnside have copies of the original Minute Books. The Minutes of Council for Halifax County, Halifax City, and Bedford may also be viewed online at <https://legacycontent.halifax.ca/archives/CountyIndexes/>

Easter is a busy time at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

At St. Paul's United Church, on Sunday, February 19, Baden-Powell Sunday, Scoutmaster Dan Drabble reminded us that there has been a Scout Troop at St. Paul's for 65 years. This international movement has been in existence now for over 100 years. Lord Baden-Powell had been a British army officer who spent much of his career in British South Africa where he trained military scouts and subsequently wrote a manual about scouting. Baden-Powell, born on February 22, 1857, went on to use his scouting skills to found the Boy Scout movement. St. Paul's now has the only Scout troop in the Spryfield area.

With Easter upon us, many churches will have added special worship services. That is certainly the case with St. Paul's United Church, located at 173 Old Sambro Rd. For many years, St. Paul's has collaborated with St. James United Church in Sambro for special services and when looking at the schedule below, please note when and where each service will be held. See the scheduled Easter services for St. Paul's United Church, noting that the Good Friday Service will be held at St. James United Church in Sambro.

Maunder Thursday at St. Paul's- 7pm- in collaboration with St. James Good Friday Service at St. James- 7pm- in collaboration with St. James Easter Sunday- 11am at St. Paul's.

Also note that the Ecumenical Good Friday Prayer Walk, beginning at Emmanuel Anglican Church at 9:15 a.m., will be a walk through the village of Spryfield with prayers said at various stops and by representatives from many of the local churches.

St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI) continues to offer the weekly free lunch program, Soup's

On. This is every Tuesday at noon and all are welcome. It is a good opportunity to enjoy a tasty free lunch (not always soup), a meal prepared for you by dedicated volunteers. Come for the meal and enjoy the fellowship.

If you would like to support us at St. Paul's, one way to do that is to

drop your refundable bottles and cans off at Beaver Enviro Depot at 251 Herring Cove Rd. and tell the folks there that the proceeds go to St. Paul's United Church. We would ask that you remove all bottle caps. That just makes more work for those who work there.

Sewing circle brings community women together

The Salvation Army Sewing Club in Spryfield recently celebrated its thirteenth anniversary after beginning in 2009 with two sewing machines, some donated supplies and 8 women. Its purpose was bringing together people interested in sewing for themselves, their families, friends and the community.

The club meets on Monday mornings when members wheel out shelves with sewing machines and supplies from a storage room. They sew together, helping one another, then put everything away for other groups to meet. This is a non-denominational group open to everyone held on Salvation Army premises at 328 Herring Cove Rd.

New sewers may start with making pillow slips, a butcher apron, or microwave cozies. They are soon making blankets for grandchildren, pants and tops for themselves, and cushion covers and curtains for their homes. They are ready to help with community projects!

Sewing almost exclusively with donated fabric from generous individuals and groups, community projects have ranged from Little Dresses for

Precious Jewels for Salvation Army Orphanages in Africa, wheelchair lap blankets for residents at the Veterans Memorial Building in Halifax, surgi dolls and gowns to prepare children for surgery at the IWK Hospital in Halifax, pillow cases for children at Ronald McDonald House, curtains for Scotian Glen Camp and even dog, donkey and goat bandanas for Alzheimer Society fundraising walks.

Using a large roll of batting found in Salvation Army storage, members made 11 quilts for Ukraine refugees with sunflower, heart and peace dove appliques. They delivered quilts, pillowcases and a sunflower cushion to the Halifax Ukrainian Store to keep families warm and cozy through the winter months.

The group has evolved over time, to include retired women, new immigrants, visiting grandmothers from African countries, and more, all contributing diverse skills, talents and friendship to the Club. The club now has 16 sewing machines and two sergers. There is no fee for being part of the group, though members often make a monetary donation of their

(See Sewing circle on page 5)

Rugged



"Overlooking Purcell's Pond, Spring." Permission from Artist Geoffrey Grantham

(continued from page 1) and dramatic vistas are the inspirational aspects of the barrens in the Backlands that attract artist Geoffrey Grantham to create art on-site that reflects the dramatic beauty of the Backlands in every season.

"I find it thrilling to witness and paint moments of intense beauty, direct from nature. Feeling compelled to capture the essence of each season is a very profound and rewarding experience. Working in the "en plein air" technique allows an immediate connection with the landscape and

my interpretation of it. This results in works that are spontaneous, passionate and fresh," states Grantham.

Grantham's paintings are included in many private collections across North America and Europe. You can view his works at Teichert Gallery, Halifax, and Gallery On Queen, Fredericton, NB.

"I've been painting in the Backlands for 19 years and consider the large body of work that I've created as a result to be my greatest accomplishment. There's a special feeling in the barrens. The Backlands are a spiritual

and special place," says Grantham about his powerful and complex paintings which capture the uniqueness of Nova Scotia. "It is my hope that the

area will be conserved as much as possible and that future generations will be able to enjoy this wonderful urban wilderness."

Sewing circle

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Community projects over the past two years - made possible through many community donors, sewing space and storage from the Salvation Army and the exceptional sewing of members - have included:

- 307 Reuseable Grocery Bags for local food banks
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2023 Canada Winter Games Judo Spectator's Report



Team Judo Kai Head Coach Mike Lavoie, CWG athlete Gibson Deveau, CWG Bronze medallist Kandice Verge, Spryfield Judo Kai Coach Abby Mccoullough Photo credit Barb Brown

by Mike Lavoie

It's strange, usually I'm trying to write about our club and our club's results from the Coach's chair, but not this time. This time I was a spectator for the first time in my Judo career.

Anyway, this is my take on the event overall. This was well organized, efficient, and a fun time. The venue was sold out throughout the event, and the enthusiasm of the crowd was electric, especially during medal rounds!

All of the Nova Scotia athletes represented with class and a great at-

titude. A tribute to our province, and the coaches who kept them on a short leash.

Now, back to the Spryfield Judo Kai folks. As you are no doubt aware, Team Judo Kai had 2 athletes represented on the Nova Scotia Team and represent they did!

First up was Gibson Deveau. A relative newcomer to Judo, Gibson gave it all on the mats, unfortunately ringing up 2 losses, but he wasn't done there. Gibson has been spending his time well. This charming guy paired up with NUMA's James

Campbell and spent their time trading pins, and making friends all over the country, including the PEI Premier!

On day 2 was Kandice Verge, or at least we think it was her. She was ferocious! Kandice came out guns blazing, having the day of her competitive career and finishing with BRONZE!! That's right 3rd in Canada

for her division!!!

This was an amazing experience, and although I can't stay for the team fights, I look forward to watching online.

Deeply Proud
Mike Lavoie, Head Sensei
Team Judo Kai

Local student wins Legion Award

Each year the Royal Canadian Legion sponsors a nationwide Poster and Literacy Contest as part of its Youth Education Program.

The contest is based on the theme of Remembrance. Student contestants are challenged to exercise their creativity and submit a poster - color or black and white - or an essay or poem on the theme of Remembrance.

The most recent contest saw a local student have her color poster judged best in Nova Scotia in the Junior Color Poster category.

She is Ruby Langley, a Grade Six student at Cunard Junior High. At a recent presentation ceremony at the school, Ruby was awarded certificates from Legion Provincial Command and from the Spryfield Legion, along with monetary awards from both groups.



L to R: Service Officer Don MacAulay, contest winner Ruby Langley, and Acting Legion President Connie Bambury

Her poster has been forwarded to Ottawa to be judged at the national level.

Congratulations to Ruby and thanks to all students who participated in this year's contest.

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What's happening at the Urban Farm

Co-authored by Janet Kidston and Ann Hart

April! The hopeful month. It is here and the earth is turning toward warm growing. March gave us a hit after a mild winter. But now is the time for the enjoyment of planning and preparing our garden plots. First, the preparation...

Garden repairs: Spring is on its way, thank goodness, but the Urban Farm is in need of garden repairs that can't be put off, and we are in the process of making a list of materials required, and lining up some willing volunteers.

Measure twice, cut once.

The Urban Farm is measuring twice and deciding how to do the repairs. We are focused on our main garden. As you walk up our driveway, you will see a garden shed on the right with a planter on your left. Immediately behind the planter is our main garden inside the wire fencing. Once in the garden we have plot holders on the left and market garden on the right. This spring we need help with the heavy moving and re-fitting of the plot structures, trimming in the woods, and preparing the garden plots for planting. The Urban Farm needs approximately 920 board feet of cedar beams, 4" x 4" inside support corners, gusset plates to join side pieces, and bolts to attach. This also includes the outside edges of our main garden. We are asking our Urban Farm supporters for assistance in labor hours and/or financial support. Local groups often come in to work and enjoy the farm



Waiting for the work to begin. Photo credit Ann Hart

and are welcome. 2023 membership forms for individuals, families and groups are on the Facebook group page. We accept donations, sponsors and patrons.

Mysterious owls have been seen in the neighborhood this winter, the deer are nibbling new leaf buds, a small flock of mourning doves are roosting in the north-east corner of the woods and the murder of crows patrol the area with loud raucous calls.

Our event season begins with the Seedy Saturday & Plant Sale – Saturday, May 27th, 12 pm to 2 pm, Rain

date Sunday May 28th. Come to the field to buy plants, donate plants, ask questions about the plants sold and/or gardening vegetables & flowers.

The annual Strawberry Social will be Sunday, July 16th, 2 pm to 4 pm, with delicious strawberries on shortcake topped with whipped cream. Very tasty.

Evening in the Garden is planned for Tuesday, August 15th, 6:30 pm to 8 pm. Music, visiting, garden tours, etc.

Harvest Fair – Saturday, September 23rd, 2 pm to 4 pm. The Barnyard Bunch will visit with farm animals,

sales of Urban Farm cookbook \$15 & garden book \$10, guessing jars, draw, and other tables.

Halloween Spooky Night. Watch for the date in October. re: acceptable weather for costumes.

The Urban Farm thanks you as always for all your support!!

Farm Memberships available: Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/>



Blooming Time. Photo credit Ann Hart



Neighbourhood Owl. Photo credit Corrine Lacroix



A young deer. Photo credit Joshua Barss Donham



Mourning dove. Photo credit Joshua Barss Donham



Lookout. Photo credit Joshua Barss Donham

Update from the Premier

by Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia

Healthcare Worker Retention

The last few years have been long and hard, especially for our healthcare workers. They have contributed so much and sacrificed so much to keep us healthy and safe. Working through a pandemic ... hurricanes ... staff shortages.

But they've kept going. As their workloads grow and staff shortages persist. Our healthcare teams – nurses, paramedics, telehealth staff, continuing care staff, ward clerks, housekeeping and food service staff and so many others – take it all on with a 'do not quit' attitude.

To say thank you, we are giving up to \$10,000 bonuses to nurses working in our publicly-funded healthcare system. There is more on the table for nurses who commit to continue working in the province. We are also giving \$5,000 bonuses to many other healthcare workers in recognition of their important contributions.

I expect about 55,000 people across the province already have or will soon get a bonus. Almost 23,000 of these people work in the central zone of the province, including the Chebucto area.

Our nurses and healthcare teams do an amazing job, day in and day out. They have earned these bonuses, and I'm proud to recognize them and their commitment. I want them all to



Premier Tim Houston

know that we appreciate them.

When I said our government would do what it takes to fix our healthcare challenges, I meant it. We are making progress, but transformational change takes time.

I want our healthcare workers and team members to know that we are grateful, we value their commitment, and we need them. Money isn't everything, but it's something. It's one way to show our appreciation, to help keep people or to help bring them back.

This is how we fix healthcare. One solution at a time. Whether it's investing in more doctors, more medi-

cal, nursing and paramedic school seats, building and improving healthcare facilities, embracing virtual care or expanding the role of professionals like nurse practitioners and pharmacists – every effort counts.

We're taking an all-hands-on-deck approach today and over the long term. We will continue to listen and

make the changes needed. Every change is a step forward toward our common goal – a better healthcare system for Nova Scotians.

We know there is a lot more we can do to improve our healthcare system for patients and those working in it. We won't stop until the work is done.

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Real Solutions Needed for Healthcare

This past month we saw the Houston government pay \$34 million for a partially built hotel that sat empty for years. The government hired a consulting firm to evaluate the building to see if it would be a good fit for healthcare. The firm recommendations came back that the unfinished hotel did not fit NS's healthcare needs, and it would be expensive and timely to bring it up to standards. They recommended that Houston NOT purchase the building, yet Houston ignored this recommendation and bought it anyway. It ended up being the most expensive hotel sale per room in the province's history. When asked what it would cost to renovate this building to bring it up to healthcare standards, Houston replied that he was willing to pay whatever it took.

I bring this up because our healthcare resources are precious, including taxpayers' money. The same month they were throwing money at an unfinished building, a family practice clinic closed in the South End of Halifax. The doctors said that they had been negotiating with the Houston government for more resources, but they were told there were no more resources. When asked about the closure, the government said, "We only have so many resources to go around." Four thousand people from HRM lost their family doctor, including people from our communities. This mixed messaging does not make sense and, quite frankly, shows there is no plan for healthcare, and that frightens me.

This supposed lack of resources is concerning for our community because the Spryfield Family Practice is losing two doctors to retirement. They have asked for more resources to help the doctors and the four thousand people about to lose their family doctor. I have been working with the clinic to get the needed resources, but we have had little success. I have been told there are only so many resources to go around.

So, my question to the premier when we go back to the legislature this month is how come there were unlimited resources when you purchased a building from a developer but limited when you are supporting family doctors in our communities?

Where is the plan? It just does not make sense.

Moving on to winter snow re-

moval, I found this to be frustrating winter season for me as I had to continue to contact the Department about missed roads in our community. I plan on meeting with the Department of Transportation to review this past winter and finds ways of improving snow removal service for next winter. I have kept all your emails, texts, and concerns and will be presenting them to the Department. As taxpayers, we except the services we pay for.

Some of you may have heard I broke my fibula. This prevented me from getting out to the doors and having discussions with you. My leg is healing up nicely, and I plan on being at the doors in the near future.

See you out there. I am proud to be your MLA

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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 902-477-NEWS or send e-mail to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR APRIL

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 Food Bank: If you would like help with food, please call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. Our volunteers will call you back on Tuesday. Pick up time is Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 am, at the lower church hall behind the church.
- If you would like to donate food, please drop it off on Tuesday morning before 10:30 or Sunday morning at the church.

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 being offered as eat in or takeout
- 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).

Spryfield Legion Events:

- Seniors' Dance with Joe MacKinnon, Monday, April 3 - 1-4 pm. \$6.00 admission
- Lunch served
- Kitchen Party - Saturday, April 8, beginning at 3 pm.
- April 9, Easter Sunday. NO BINGO.
- 70s / 80s Dance on Saturday, April 15, from 9 - 1. Admission - \$6.00
- Saturday, April 22. Merrill Shadbolt Memorial Mixed Dart Tournament. Doors open at 9:00 am - Registration-10:00 am. \$ 5.00 per person. Proceeds to Cancer Society.
- Karaoke - Saturday, April 29 from 8pm -

11 pm. Admission \$5.00

- For more information about any of these events, please contact the legion at (902) 477-0467.

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our FB page (902) 446-4847, email hwcc@outlook.com
- We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!

Spryfield Lions Club events:

Spryfield Lions Club would like to invite members of the public to join us at our regularly scheduled meetings at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the meeting room of our signed entrance. Our regularly scheduled weekly bingos will continue to be suspended until further notice. Please call 902-479-2917 if you are interested in attending.

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

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

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) events: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net, 902-477-1783.

- Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for an hour of prayer for each other, the world and the church. All welcome.
- Newcomers Group: This group is for people new to the Anglican church or people who are wondering why we do the things we do. We will explore Anglican practices, beliefs, organization and other topics of interest. Call the church if you are interested or come to worship and speak to someone.
- Messy Church: A time of socializing, crafts, worship and dinner for children and their significant adults. Saturday, April 1st

from 4 to 6 in the hall. Next one is May 6th. Please RSVP

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 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). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or stellamariswelvebaskets@gmail.com
- Talent Show and Dance. Saturday March 25th, Talent Show 7-9 Dance 9-11 Band Knee Deep. Price: Free will offering: 50/50 tickets. Bar & snacks. Adults 19+. If you have a talent you want to show off, contact Paula at 902-477-7118 to register.

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

Outdoor tap has been turned off for the winter. Those who need water are invited to come by when the church is open and fill their bottles inside

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Road, Sambro) events:

Our Annual Dinner Theatre is Back! Join us for "Up Sambro Creek" an evening of Laughter, classic Canadian Music and a delicious Lobster Dinner. Performances: May 5, 6, 12, 13 at 6:30 PM and May 7, 4:30 PM. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on Eventbrite (search St James United Dinner Theatre) or in person at the church on April 16 from 12-2 PM (cash or cheque) or email dinnertheatresambro@gmail.com Note, seating is selected at time of purchase.

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ing 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!

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

Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club Chase the Ace draws on Mondays at 7 pm. Ticket sales at the bar during Legion open hours as well as Mondays by volunteers from 5 pm to 6:45 pm. Tickets \$5.00 each.

All Churches: Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk: Save the date! On Friday, April 7, Good Friday, we will be gathering at Emmanuel Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. at 9:15, leaving 9:30 to walk around downtown Spryfield and pray for our community. All are welcome to join us.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield All members and everyone interested in our Urban Farm in Spryfield are invited to our Board meeting on Monday, April 17th from 6:45 - 8:45pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. 2023 memberships are now available - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00 and Groups & Organizations \$25.00. We look forward to sharing our ideas and hearing your suggestions for the future. For more information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com

Friends of Blue Mountain

Wednesday, April 12th, 6:30-8:30pm, Central Library, Lindsay Room. Climate Change in our big backyard: Explore what's happening in Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area with HRM Energy & Environment staff. Lecture #2 in a winter series, upcoming date - May 10.

Religious Services Directory for April

Send your submissions to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com for May's issue by April 21.

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Family service: 10:30am
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

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd. emmanuelanglican-church.net, 902-477-1783.

Sunday Worship:
8:00 am: Quiet, traditional, contemplative communion service.
10:00 am: Lively, contemporary communion service with music
Saturday, April 1, 4:00-6:00 pm: Messy Church. This is a time of informal worship, crafts and dinner for children and their significant others. Please RSVP.
Meet in the hall behind the church.
Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm, Hymn Sing

Sunday, April 30, 7:00 pm, Taizé service. This is a contemplative candlelit time of sacred chants, readings and prayer.

Holy Week:

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday, 8 and 10am. We process with palms and begin Holy Week with the reading of the passion.

Monday, April 3: Stations of the Cross, 11:00am. We remember the events of Jesus' crucifixion and death

Tuesday, April 4: Stations of the Earth, 11:00am. We remember the suffering of the earth and its people and pray for change.

Wednesday, April 5: Tenbrae, 7:00pm. A time of lament for the darkness of the world and remembering hope.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 5:30pm. We remember the last night of Jesus' life, sharing supper with each other as he did. Meeting in the church hall. All are welcome. Please RSVP, 902-477-1783.

Good Friday, April 7: 9:15 Good Friday Prayer Walk. All the churches join to walk around Spryfield and pray for our community. 1:30: Good Friday liturgy. We remember Jesus' death.

Holy Saturday, April 8: 8:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter. We gather in the darkness to welcome new light and hear words of God's redemptive power and celebrate Jesus' resurrection by renewing our baptis-

mal vows and sharing communion.

Easter Sunday, April 9: 8:00 and 10:00am. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

We also livestream our 10:00am service and Holy Week services. Please join us online if you are sick. Emmanuel is a welcoming and affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

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

Worship at St. Paul's United Church is now in person, at 11am on Sunday mornings. Masks are still required, however. One will be provided if you have forgotten yours.

Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish at St Michael's Catholic Church

Weekend Masses: Saturdays 4:00 pm
Sundays at 10:00 am
Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday 9 am
Monthly Tuesday Night Prayer:

7 PM each month
First Tuesday: Healing Mass
Second Tuesday: Upper Room Praise and Worship
Third Tuesday: Mass and Adoration
Last Tuesday (Sept-May): Eventide Candlelight Prayer
All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Sunday services held at 11am.
Sunday school held at 11am.

Services are livestreamed on our Facebook page (St James United Church Sambro NS) and Youtube. Our website is www.sambrojollimorepc.com and our email address is office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com

Our phone number is 902-868-2791
April 2, 11 am Palm Sunday Service
April 7, 7 pm Good Friday Service
April 9, 11 am Easter Service with Holy Communion

Open Door Community Church (11 Aldergrove)

You are invited to join us for a time of contemporary worship and Bible based teaching. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

All Churches:

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd. 902-477-5601

Dorothy (Dot) Grace (Hamilton) Moser

Slipped away peacefully on February 14, 2023 in her 90th year. Dorothy was born in Halifax to the late Ariel Hamilton and Hilda Lavers. She was raised in a loving home by her aunt and uncle Myrtle and Arthur Hamilton. Dot spent her entire life in Halifax, NS. In her early years Dorothy's focus was on family and as they grew, she began working alongside John in his business. Dorothy was a long-time member of the Spryfield Lioness service organization and a tireless volunteer throughout the years to the Lions International community fundraising endeavours. A skilled knitter, she made sweaters, hats, mittens and more recently beautiful baby blankets for her great grandchildren. Dorothy and John travelled across Canada to spend time with their grandchildren over the years and spent their summers in Martin's River, NS. Until recently Dorothy was a resident of Melville Heights, where she made many friends before moving to Northwood Centre, Halifax Campus for more assistance. The family is grateful for the kindness and care extended to their mom over the past four months by the Nurses and Support Staff at

Northwood and Companion Leslie (Comforting Companions), for her weekly visits.

Dorothy was predeceased by her loving husband John to whom she was married for 56 years and will be honoured and missed by their surviving children, Janet Simon (Philip) Winnipeg, MB, Susan Watts (Sid) Kilmuir, PE, JoAnne Dobson (Milt) Burlington, ON and Paul Moser (Cindy) Lake Charlotte, NS; Dorothy was a proud Grandmother to Tamara, Daniel, Kaleigh, Wendy, Dennis, Graham, Andrew, Laura, Justin, Devyne; sixteen great grandchildren. Sister-in-law, Helen MacDonald, Halifax, NS. She was predeceased by her sister, Diana Hamilton; brother-in-law, James MacDonald. Memorial donations in Dorothy's honour may be made to Northwood Foundation or to a charity of your choice. Further details or to place an online condolence, please visit www.walkerfh.com

Taylor James Daniel Sampson

Age 27 of Halifax, it is with great sadness we announce the passing of our son Taylor Sampson on February 24, 2023. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Sherry Slaunwhite (Greg Perry) and Ronald "Sonny" Sampson (Jennifer Publicover). Taylor was an amazing father to his beautiful children, they were the the best thing to him and he loved them so dearly. Taylor was also very passionate about his art and drawing. Taylor loved sports, he was a fan of the Calgary Flames and was involved with Chebucto Minor Hockey and Baseball.

Taylor is survived by his children, Nash Sampson, Gage Sampson, Kinslee Sampson and Madison Marie Clayton; brother, Jacob Sampson; grandparents, Barb Bower and Danny MacMann; aunts and uncles, Jan Coombs, Lynn and Eddy Leaman, Roy and Jeannie Sampson, Karl Sampson and Tessa Sampson; many cousins; many friends. A special thanks to Snulgrove family for what you did for Taylor that day. In lieu of flowers, donations in Taylors memory can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Society. To place online condolences, please visit www.walkerfh.com

Doris Marie Sullivan

It is with great sadness that the family of Doris Marie "Dee" Sullivan, age 69, of Herring Cove announces her passing on Friday, March 3, 2023. She was a daughter of the late Blair and Donna (Power) Sullivan.

Doris served 39 years in the Canadian Forces with pride and honour retiring as Sergeant in 2012. She was posted all over Canada during her military career from Gagetown, NB to Comox, BC, several bases

in Ontario and Washington, D.C. while spending the last few years in Shearwater, NS. Doris was awarded the UN Medal for Service with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) for her Service in the Bosnian War in 1995.

She was known as "Dee" to her friends and she had many!

Doris loved to travel and spending time with her family (relatives and military) and friends. She always had a soft spot for animals of all kinds (she may have preferred them to some people!). Doris was an avid photographer. No one can remember a meal that was not caught on film.

Doris leaves behind her brothers, Bernard (Frances), Barry (Sandi) and sister, Pamela (Philip); nephews Robert, Blair; nieces Cassandra (Cassie), Kelly, Jacqueline and Emily and several grandnieces/nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Blair and Donna Sullivan; brother David. Special Thanks to the nurses and staff at the Halifax Infirmary that looked after her.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Q.E.II Hospital Foundation or to Canadian Liver Foundation in support of Wilson's Disease would be appreciated.

See you on the other side of the mountain!

Barbara Loretta Arsenault

It is with heavy hearts that her family announced the passing of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother into the arms of her lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

Born in Kentville, NS, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Abelina (Thorne) Deadder.

Anyone who was blessed to have known her could attest to her amazing cooking and baking skills. She was also a prayer warrior and would always offer to have a word of prayer for anyone in need. She loved reading her bible daily and was a woman of incredible faith with a tremendous love for Jesus Christ.

Barb loved to laugh and joke around and was a champion Phase 10 cardplayer. She was an avid vegetable and flower gardener. She also loved the beach and no matter how cold the water was she would always get her "duckin". She could also be found in her backyard having a swing and reading scriptures. Barb also enjoyed taking drives and her annual vacation trips to PEI.

Her heart was physically strong to the very end which speaks volumes to the love she held in her tender heart for those fortunate enough to have known her and been loved by her. She was an amazing loving mother to her children/wife to her husband.

In the past, she was a member of Rock Church and Full Gospel Church (where she served as deaconess for six years) and currently was a member of City Church, Halifax, NS.

She is survived by her husband

and soulmate of 59.5 years, Al Arsenault; her four children – Denise, Monique, Colette (Jim), and Trevor (Angie); her four grandchildren – Katelyn, Jake, Jorden, and Oliver. She is also survived by siblings – Anna, Bernard, Betty, and Doreen.

She was predeceased by siblings Sonny, Wayne, Burton, Jean, Lila, and Lillian.

The family would like to express gratitude and thanks for the care provided by Willow Hall, Melville Gardens, and the palliative care staff at the VG Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society or City Church

Mary Elizabeth Eisenhauer

July 15th, 1952 a new star was born. That star was our mother, our best friend, and our world. For all of her life, that star shined brighter and brighter, shedding love, light and warmth on whomever looked at her. That one star you could always count on being there, that one star that would show you the way on the darkest of nights. That star was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 and 70 years later, that star had to go to shine brighter than ever before.

With sadness in our hearts, Mary passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the Halifax Infirmary. Mary was born and raised in Halifax, NS, where she met the love of her life, Russell, who she then later married. Together they settled in Harrietsfield, where they created a loving family, raising three children. Before having her family, Mary enjoyed working for the Department of Motor Vehicles. She then chose to stay home and raise her children, also having taken many other children under her wing as a daycare provider. Mary was an exceptional wife and mother. She cared deeply for her family and everyone she knew. She was a special soul who lit up any room she entered. After she happily raised her children, Mary went back to work at the Excel Program at Harrietsfield Elementary School. On her own time, she volunteered as a Beaver Leader and so much more. She loved every single child that crossed her path and always made every one of them feel special and loved. Everyone who knew Mary knew she was full of life and adored her for who she was.

Mary was truly the shining star of the family and will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all, especially her loving husband, Russell, her daughter, Paula (Jason), her sons, Shawn (Amanda) and Dennis (Shelley), as well as her grandchildren, Aurora, Kaylyn "Little Bird", Logan, Phillip, Leaton, and Zoe. She is also survived by her brothers, Patrick and Vincent.

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Spryfield real estate market update from February statistics

Single family housing prices and days on market are finally correcting to a more normal pace as the upward frenzy calms down. In February, median sales prices in Spryfield dropped by 12.5%, still leaving a healthy return for sellers. The upside is that this trend creates a more affordable market for those looking to buy a single family home. Days on the market until sale will probably improve as we move into Spring, when more buyers tend to purchase homes.

Condominium sales continue to trend upwards with a median sales increase of 11.5% and days on the market until sale are very short (3 days on market in February).

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Local Market Update – February 2023

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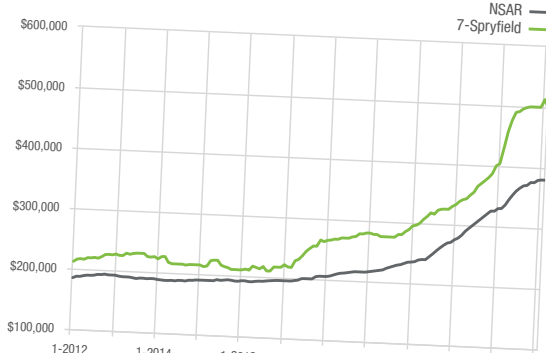
Single Family	February			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 2-2022	Thru 2-2023	% Change
Key Metrics						
New Listings	14	8	- 42.9%	22	12	- 45.5%
Pending Sales	16	5	- 68.8%	19	11	- 42.1%
Closed Sales	15	6	- 60.0%	18	12	- 33.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	5	55	+ 1,000.0%	6	50	+ 733.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$536,500	\$469,500	- 12.5%	\$528,450	\$513,500	- 2.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$559,293	\$422,000	- 24.5%	\$544,508	\$495,787	- 8.9%
Percent of List Price Received*	132.2%	103.4%	- 21.8%	128.0%	100.5%	- 21.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	3	7	+ 133.3%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	0.1	0.5	+ 400.0%	—	—	—

Condo	February			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 2-2022	Thru 2-2023	% Change
Key Metrics						
New Listings	0	0	0.0%	1	3	+ 200.0%
Pending Sales	1	1	0.0%	1	3	+ 200.0%
Closed Sales	1	1	0.0%	1	2	+ 100.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	9	3	- 66.7%	9	3	- 66.7%
Median Sales Price*	\$305,000	\$340,000	+ 11.5%	\$305,000	\$344,000	+ 12.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$305,000	\$340,000	+ 11.5%	\$305,000	\$344,000	+ 12.8%
Percent of List Price Received*	120.6%	104.6%	- 13.3%	120.6%	105.8%	- 12.3%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	0	1	—	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	—	0.5	—	—	—	—

* 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.

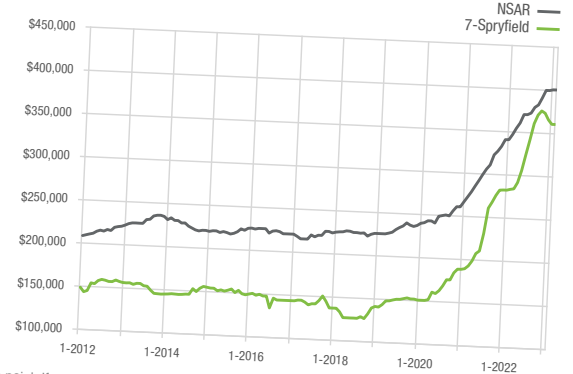
Median Sales Price - Single-Family

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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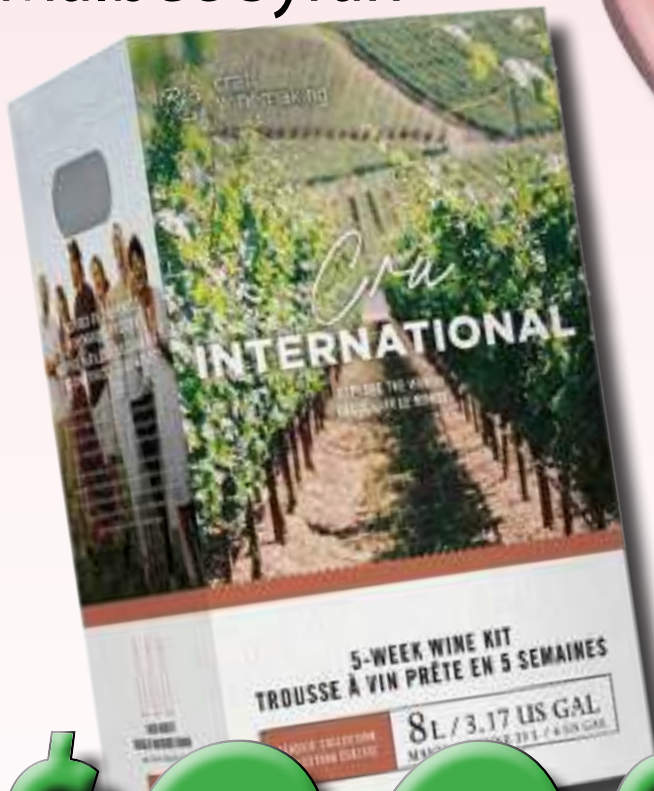
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