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Duct tape boat races a huge success for Long Lake Provincial Park

Photos by Sam Ramsay



Hoppy Hour wins Titanic Award

by Sam Ramsay

The Long Lake Provincial Park beach was packed on Sunday, July 15th, for the annual Fun-DUCT-Raiser boat

race! The event, as its name suggests, features boats made from cardboard and duct tape. Teams race the hand-crafted vessels to and from a buoy,

and the three fastest boats participate in one final heat to determine the overall winner. That's not the only award given out, though – boats are

judged beforehand on creativity, and there's also a "People's Choice" award and even an award for the most

(See Duct tape on page 2)

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Duct tape

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spectacular sinking!

The event is sponsored, in part, by Maritime Paper, which provided, for the first time this year, an option for participants to buy pre-cut cardboard to tape together into a boat to get a head start in the design process.

The participating ships showed just as much creativity this year as in years past, with 18 vessels showing up to the race. Entries included callbacks to previous years, such as the fire station rescue boat 24-004RB (so-named because it's their fourth year in a row participating), and the "Usain Boat 2" – a new and improved version of last year's Usain Boat, which sank during its first attempt in 2023. It showed spectacular improvement this year though, and was the overall winner for speed with a time of just 1:52!

Not all the boats were so lucky, though. There were a number of sinkings this year, starting with the "Shine Box" and ending with the 24-004RB, which placed in the top three for speed but sank towards the end of its final heat. The award for best sinking, however, went to "The Hoppy Hour", a beer-themed entry that capsized before getting off the shore, was righted, and promptly fell to pieces in the water. The other boat in the top three was the "Antelope", and like its namesake in the song "Barrett's Privateers", it also didn't make it successfully back to shore. Unlike in the song, however, the full crew complement returned unharmed!

Back on shore, the awards for creativity and the people's choice award

were less tied to seaworthiness. The award for creativity went to "Jim-Town Public Works", a Viking-inspired ship which performed respectably in the water and won its heat despite not placing in the top three. The people's choice award – voted on by the audience – went to the "C Squared", a bright yellow boat whose crew were dressed as minions.

The event was commentated enthusiastically by broadcasters from Hot Country Halifax, complete with plentiful duck-themed jokes to match

Quacky, the event's mascot. They announced participants in each heat, award winners, and commentated on the races as people watched from all over the shoreline to get a glimpse of the action. The race is organized as a fundraiser for the Long Lake Provincial Park Association, a nonprofit group that cares for the park. This year also included a 50-50 raffle draw with signups open during the race, the proceeds of which went towards the Park Association.



C Squared, winner of People's Choice Award

PHOTO: SAM RAMSAY

See more Duct Tape Boat Race photos on page 7

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 Nursery and Children's ministry: 10:30am
 Wednesday night prayer: 7-8pm

Hill Chapel (91 Thornhill Dr)
 Formerly Spryfield Christian Community Church
 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.
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St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)
 11am on Sunday mornings.

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

Weekend Masses: Saturdays 4:00 pm
 Sundays at 8:00am and 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
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St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Sunday services held at 11am.
 Sunday school held at 11am.
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 Our phone number is 902-868-2791

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Open Door Community Church invites you to join us weekly for a time of fellowship, contemporary worship and Bible based teaching. Please join us, starting July 3, for Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, in July and August at 11 Aldergrove Drive. We will return to Sunday morning services in September.

Wayfarers' Church (328 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Worship 10:30am
 website: wayfarerschurch.ca
 email: friends@wayfarerschurch.ca

Searching for Truth Church (2 Auburn Ave)

Church for everyday people. Fridays at 7pm

Apologetics Club. First Saturday of the month from 6 to 8pm. At 114 Bromley Road. Please join us for a delicious meal followed by a discussion. This is an outreach of Living Hope Community Church. For more information call Maggie at 418-264-7292

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Sunday, August 4, Monday, August 5 & Wednesday August 7

Sunday, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 pm; Monday & Wednesday, 5:00, 6:00 & 7:00 pm Kids Community Baseball Games Sponsored by Hally Henneberry Fishing Ltd., Emery & Boys, Oceanfront Excavating Ltd. & Seaside Home Care Services @ Ball Field. BBQ & Treats available for purchase

Tuesday, August 6 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Paws With Laws Dog Obedience Training & Dog Walking @ Ball Field

Thursday, August 8 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Paws With Laws Dog Obedience Training & Dog Walking @ Ball Field
7:30 (6:00 doors open) Bingo Sponsored by Meade's Year Round Contracting, Crystal Crescent Beach Cottage, Seaside Seniors Home Care Services, Lynn Saulnier RMT, Cara Todd Ideal Home Team from Century 21 Trident, Southerly Rose Fisheries, Shane William Construction @Tent (Pre-purchase only \$15 single/\$25 double book)

Friday, August 9 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Paws With Laws Dog Obedience Training & Dog Walking @ Ball Field
6:30-8:30 pm All Ages Corn Boil & Ceilidh Sponsored by Jill Hann and Nicole Pittman Castle & Cove Real Estate Group @Tent. Corn on the cob, hotdogs & non-alcoholic beverages, raffle tickets available for purchase. Presentation of the Sambro Spirit Awards & local musical entertainment.

Saturday, August 10 8:30 am-4:30 pm Sambro Island Lighthouse Boat Tours @Wharf presented by Crystal Crescent Charters. Adults \$40/Children 5-16 \$20/Children under 5 free (must be accompanied by adult over 18 years of age) (Weather permitting)

10:00 am-11:30 am Community Parade Sponsored by Rob Thorne AGC Insurance, Edmonds Landscape, Christopher Sullivan Inc. Chartered Accountant, Armview Restaurant, Sketch Harbour Department of Tourism & Coastal Restoration & Masonry Ltd. From Atlantic View Dr. in Sambro Head to the Tent. Expect traffic delays between 10 am-12 noon from Atlantic View along Ketch Harbour Rd to Old Sambro Rd & then to West Pennant Rd. Prizes will be awarded @Tent following at 11:30 am.

12:00-2:30 pm BBQ Sponsored by Dylan's No Frills with hot dogs, hamburgers & beverages @ Ball Field

12:00-2:00 pm Family Carnival sponsored by Sambro Fisheries Ltd. with bouncy castle & games @ Ball Field

12:30 pm check-in 1:30 pm start Washer Toss Tournament sponsored by Meghan Thorne You NS Realtor @ Ball Field \$25 per 2 person team. Pre-registration only. Max 48 teams. Cash & prizes to be won. MUST BE 19 YEARS OR OLDER Rain date August 17

4:00-8:00 pm Kyle's Tailgate Party Sponsored by Clyde Paul & Associates and the family of the Late Kyle MacKay, Live Music by Ed Oakley @Tent. MUST BE 19 YEARS OR OLDER. \$10 admission includes chance to win door prizes. Beer & coolers \$6

Sunday, August 11 9:00-11:00 am Breakfast sponsored by Oceanview Fisheries @Tent. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage with juice or tea/coffee. Adults \$7/Youth 5-12 years \$4/Kids under 5 free.

8:00, 9:00 & 10:00 am Kids Community Baseball Games Sponsored by Kids Community Baseball Games Sponsored by Hally Henneberry Fishing Ltd., Emery & Boys, Oceanfront Excavating Ltd. & Seaside Home Care Services @ Ball Field

10:30 am Service of the Sea Church Service @Church

12:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet @Wharf, Weather permitting. Arrive at the wharf for 11:30-11:45 a.m.

2:00 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Consolation Baseball Game Sponsored by Paws With Laws Dog Obedience Training & Dog Walking @ Ball Field

3:00-3:30 pm Rubber Duck Race Sponsored by Mishoo's Store @ Grand Lake. Numbered ducks may be purchased in advance from Mishoo's or SACA volunteers for \$5 each. Win up to \$500!

3:00-5:00 pm Fish Chowder Meal including roll, dessert, tea coffee @Church Hall \$20

4:00 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Final Championship Baseball Game Sponsored by Paws With Laws Dog Obedience Training & Dog Walking @ Ball Field

8:00-9:45 pm Parade of Sail off Crystal Crescent Beach. Boats must respect the distance required to be off shore in order for the fireworks to be safely presented.

9:45 pm Closing Fireworks Display Sponsored by James Gray Fisheries, Seaside Seniors Home Care Services, Finn Fisheries, Oland Brewery, Dylan's No Frills, Lynn Saulnier RMT, Shady's Slotz, Anna Slaunwhite in memory of Eleanor Slaunwhite, Port City Ballet, Stephanie Napier RMT, Greenslade Electric, B&G Plumbing & Heating, Sharon & Avery Henneberry, the family of the late Keith "Doc" Gray, Funnel Insurance Group, Miller's Wife Custom Cookies, and many other individual donations @Beach. Freewill donations accepted at the Beach gates. All vehicles must exit the park promptly at the conclusion of the fireworks. Rain date August 18

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Annual celebrations were popular in August on the Northwest Arm

by Iris V. Shea

Newspapers reported daily of the events that took place in Halifax over the past century. When Halifax celebrated, the Northwest Arm became the focal point. The Arm was a showcase of annual events, including race regattas and illumination nights organized by boat clubs. A century ago the Evening Mail, a Halifax daily newspaper, reported the results of events on the Northwest Arm each August. Enthusiastic spectators would pay 50 cents to rent a canoe or rowboat from Joe Boutillier's boathouse at the Dingle to get a closer look at the start and finish line of the five-mile swim.

Evening Mail, Saturday, Aug. 18, 1923

The Illuminated Boat Parade on the Arm: Thousands of people were out last night to witness the parade and on all sides was heard expressions of gratification of fine weather. The parade was expressly in honour of the visit to our city of the Governor General and Lady Byng. On the west side of the Arm the Memorial Tower was tricked out in vital colours. All the boat houses were lighted up for the occasion. The vice regal couple viewed the spectacle from the roof of the Waegwoltic boat house.



Boutillier's Boat Rental at the Dingle, 1937, courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

Six or seven cups were to be awarded for "best decorated boats".

Evening Mail, Aug. 7, 1929

Halifax celebrates the 180th anniversary of the founding of Halifax with a Carnival, including events on the Commons and Northwest Arm. Illumination on Arm will happen on Friday, August 9, followed by fireworks and a band concert at the Dingle. HMS Champlain, accompanied by two minesweepers, all outlined in lights, will steam up the Arm and take up anchorage north of the Memorial Tower. It has been a great number of years since such a display has been witnessed on these waters. The SS Patrick will be brilliantly illuminated in coloured lights stationed in the Arm, making a flotilla of four ships riding at anchor. The searchlight display from various ships will be a highlight, the Memorial Tower is to be flooded with a white light. One hundred Boy Scouts will be stationed on the western side with torches and flares. One of the chief features will be the decorated boat parade. Boat houses and private grounds will be brilliantly illuminated and bonfires will set off from different points. Bands will be in attendance with music and dancing at the various boat clubs. A wonderful display of fireworks is promised. Also on Saturday afternoon is the Regatta. Strong Halifax and Dartmouth oarsmen are competing, the first of the season on the Northwest Arm.

Evening Mail, Aug. 23, 1929

Annual Marathon Swim sponsored by Halifax Herald: First place was Cyril A. Bent, Franklyn Street, in 2 hours, 15 minutes, 24 seconds. Young Nellie Barry of Boulderwood who was forced to retire from the water on the first two years of the race, was superb yesterday and finished fifth amidst a blaze of glory, triumphant in her 3rd attempt to swim the course. Her finishing time was two hours, 32 minutes. Other competitors were William J. Powell and George (Nin) Craig. A total of 33 swimmers started the Marathon swim.

Evening Mail, August 7, 1930

Members of the Senior Jubilee Rowing Club were selected to represent Halifax and the Maritimes in the National Rowing Championships at St. Catherine's, Ontario. The four-oared crew consisted of Jerry Calnen, Jim

The first year of the race began in Purcells Cove and ended at the Waegwoltic Club; after that it became a figure eight course with start and finish at Northwest Arm Rowing Club. Nellie Barry continued to compete for six years in this classic five-mile race, keeping pace with the winner, Mrs. Norman Arthur. Nellie Barry married Earl Hartlin of Jollimore and lived in Jollimore where the couple raised four sons.

Venetian Night on the Northwest Arm began as an annual event in August 1935 and continued until the 2nd World War broke out in 1939. Like the earlier Illumination Nights, the Boat Clubs and private residents on the Arm participated. Following the war Venetian Night made a comeback but was discontinued in the 1960s.

In recent years the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron has brought back the annual Venetian Night on the Northwest Arm. Local boats from Armdale Yacht Club and RNSYS, decorated with lights, some playing music, parade from both yacht clubs at dusk. Many private boat owners join the parade. Spectators line up along the shoreline of the Arm to get a close up view. Fireworks provide a spectacular finish. In 2024, Venetian Night is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. Boats will start gathering for the parade at RNSYS at 7:30 pm. A good viewing location is at the Dingle in Sir Sandford Fleming Park. Bring a chair and warm clothing.

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What's happening at the Urban Farm

Photos: Joshua Barss Donham



The Clearwing Hummingbird Moth feeding in the evening primrose patch.

by Joshua Barss Donham

The first thing I notice when stepping onto the farm is the bright, clear call of the Northern Cardinal and the astonishingly varied call of the Gray Catbird, cousin to the mockingbird and a great imitator of other birds and even the sounds of frogs. Both nest at the farm.

The Spryfield Urban Farm hosted the Bird Friendly Halifax bird walk for our district this spring with our councilor Patty Cuttell. Organized by the Backlands Coalition and lead by Fulton Lavender, we saw and heard over 23 bird species. One participant came hoping to see a cardinal. She had been hearing a male for several weeks singing outside her bedroom window but had yet to see it. During the walk she was able to watch a very cooperative bright red male and even take some nice pictures. The highlight was seeing a vagrant Warbling Vireo near the entrance to the farm. The Warbling Vireo's range only extends as far east as the middle of New Brunswick and only a handful of Warbling Vireos are seen in Nova Scotia each year. Two participants who were working on their 'life lists' were able to add two new species between the vireo and the resident catbirds.

During the bird walk, in late May, the first hummingbird of the year was spotted perched in a red maple overlooking the front perennial flower bed. This month, with the nesting season behind them, they've been frequent visitors. As well, a clearwing hummingbird moth has been making

regular visits to the evening primroses growing in the raised bed in front of the main garden. Clearwing hummingbird moths, unlike most moths, fly about and feed during the day. These moths resemble a small hummingbird and behave much like hummingbirds, hovering and moving from flower-to-flower feeding, sipping nectar through their long proboscis much as one would a straw. Their wings are transparent, as their name suggests, bordered by rusty red and rapidly beating.

The field beyond the gardens has grown high with wildflowers and grasses. It can now truly be called a meadow and is teeming with life: skippers, small orange butterflies with their awkward and jerky flight, slightly larger Northern crescent butterflies with patchwork patterns of black and orange, and damselflies, many, many damselflies. There are common bluets, ebony jewelwings with broad, dark wings and metallic blue bodies, and Eastern forktails (females are black and vibrant orange).

This year, the meadow is also home to a ragged fringed orchid with pale yellowish-white flowers and heavily fringed lower petals. Each flower has a spur, a tube-like structure that extends from the back, which is filled with nectar. Ragged fringed orchids are pollinated by moths. Like several other native orchids, they are pale in colour so as to be more visible at night. In the evening the orchid releases a fragrance that attracts moths which come to feed on the nectar, dipping deep into the spurs and picking



A single Ragged Fringed Orchid growing in the meadow beyond the gardens.



Eastern Orange Milkweed blooming in the pollinator garden, one of two native milkweed species growing at the farm

up grains of pollen which stick to their bodies in the process. Hummingbird moths are known to feed on the nectar of ragged fringed orchids, however the clearwing hummingbird moth has yet to be seen in the meadow, preferring the primroses.

The gardens are looking wonderful this summer, after all the work that went into redesigning and rebuilding them, filled with lush green plants and colourful flowers. We've already been selling garlic scapes, lettuce, chives, mint, radishes, and arugula from the Market Garden, the sale of which supports the farm. Keep an eye out for our sidewalk sign at the farm

entrance on Rockingstone Road for a list of available veggies (also check our Facebook page).

Our Strawberry Shortcake Social last month was a success, despite the occasional rain shower. This month we will be hosting our annual Evening in the Garden (Tuesday, August 20th, 6-8 pm). Join us! Watch for other upcoming events on our Facebook page.

Urban Farm Memberships: Individuals \$10, Students/Seniors \$5, Families \$15, Groups/Organizations starting at \$25. Contact us with any questions you may have about our Urban Farm: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com

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"The Spryfield Business Commission would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, and participants for making this year's Spryfield Days Festival a Tremendous Success!!"

Carnival for Children a fun day for all

Photos by Sam Ramsay

by Sam Ramsay

There was fun to be had for those willing to brave the heat wave on Sunday, July 14th for the annual Spryfield Days Festival Carnival for Children! The festival, held at the Graves-Oakley Memorial Park this year, ran from 2-5 PM.

The festival featured many exciting activities for kids to enjoy, sponsored by various community groups and businesses. Train rides made a reappearance and were just as successful this year as they have been previously as kids lined up to ride the small locomotive around the field. The inflatable attractions were also busy all day, and included a traditional bouncy castle, a candy house bouncy ride, and a blow-up basketball game. There were also a variety of games set up for people of all ages to enjoy, from giant Jenga blocks to the throwing game “Cow Pie Fly”, in which players aim fabric cow patties at a cow-shaped target.

Balloon animals were available from the Castle & Cove tent, and their popularity was clear from the number of balloon hats, swords, and animals adorning the festival-goers large and small. The shared Job Junction and Nova Scotia Works tent offered temporary tattoos and bubbles, the CUA booth gave out popcorn, and the CityLight and ISS Atlantic tents gave out much-needed water to attendees to prevent – or at least reduce – the likelihood of heat exhaustion on the hot and sunny day.

There was even a ballerina in attendance at one tent, giving mini lessons to interested children! She dem-

onstrated a few different movements to attendees of a variety of ages.

Other tents were perhaps more appealing to adult attendees – the Rotary Club had a raffle to sign up for, and the Mainland South Heritage Society had a plethora of information on display about the history of the Spryfield area.

No matter your age though, everyone needs to eat! There was food available from the Spryfield Business Commission tent, where people could pay 1\$ for a ticket to redeem for a burger, hot dog, or can of pop. All the items seemed popular, and the barbecues were busy all afternoon as volunteers served up the meals. For those with a sweet tooth though, the Wayfarer church had a cotton candy machine that was in constant demand, with a significant line-up all afternoon.

For those who were worn out from the heat, a large tent with seating was set up to provide welcome shade. Other people gathered near the back of the field to eat on larger bleachers in the sun, near the wildflowers lining the edge of the field.

There was a light breeze for most of the afternoon to provide some relief from the heat, and a few light raindrops threatened to interrupt the event mid-afternoon. They didn’t last, however, and it wasn’t long before the sun was back out.

At the end of the afternoon, the tents started closing up in preparation for the magic show, after which the beer garden opened, and the event turned adults-only for an evening concert to end the day.



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Cuttell Community Update

by **Patty Cuttell, HRM Councillor, District 11, Spryfield-Sambro Loop-Prospect Road**

Summer is in full swing, and so is campaign season! With the 2024 Municipal Election on October 19, election news is heating up. I am excited to announce I am re-offering as Councillor for District 11 and look forward to talking to residents about their priorities.

With new electoral boundaries, District 11 will now include Cowie Hill and Fleming Heights but will no longer extend into the Prospects. This change allows for focused attention on the needs of Spryfield and Sambro Loop communities. You can view the new electoral boundaries at www.halifax.ca. Meanwhile, there is still a lot happening at City Hall, and I remain committed to representing all of District 11.

Over the past two years, Council has approved funding for several new firefighters to serve and protect our communities. I am pleased to congratulate six new career firefighters in District 11: David Clarke, Robin Hollinsid, and Joel Ryerson at Station 60 Herring Cove; Liam Glenn and Luke Young at Station 62 Harrietsfield-Sambro; and Dean Metzler at Station 54 Shad Bay. It is a courageous career, and we are grateful for their service.

One of my favorite new programs to support recreation in our rural communities is the HRM Rec Van. You can find the Rec Van visiting communities each week until August 27. The Rec Van is stocked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, and more. Rec Van stops in District 11 include:

- Rockingstone Heights, Mondays 1-3 pm
- Deep Run Playground, Ketch Harbour, Tuesdays 10 am-noon
- Harrietsfield Community Centre, Tuesdays 1-3 pm

Look for new Playboxes coming to Sambro and Harrietsfield. If you have any outdoor play equipment that is in great shape but no longer needed, consider dropping it off at a Playbox. You can find Playboxes in Ketch Harbour, Portuguese Cove, Sambro, Williamswood, and Harrietsfield.

Last year, I made a motion to the Transportation Committee for a review of Halifax's Rural Transit Program. Approved 10 years ago, the program led to the creation of two rural transit providers; however, many service gaps remain, including the Sambro Loop. The review will assess if the rural transit program is delivering an equitable service as well as identify gaps. Halifax Transit is gathering input on transit needs through pop-up events, including one for Sambro Loop on Saturday, August 3, at Mishoos Variety. Please pop-by and provide your input. An online survey will also be available.

In July, Halifax hosted a Mobile Special Waste Depot in Harrietsfield. 150 cars came through. In its fourth year, the program helps with the

proper disposal of items not accepted in regular garbage pickup. This keeps unwanted items out of the landfill and addresses illegal dumping. I have received a lot of positive feedback about this service and hope to continue it.

In June, I brought forward a motion at Regional Council asking for recommendations to address HRM's growing septage disposal needs from residents and businesses not serviced by municipal wastewater systems. About 35% of HRM residents live outside the urban service boundary, relying on septic. The closure of the septic disposal facility near Windsor highlighted the critical nature of this service and the need to ensure safe, affordable, and accessible septic dis-

Premier's Message

by **Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia**



Premier Tim Houston

Supporting Nova Scotia's Paramedics

Our medical first responders provide critical care in emergencies and are an essential part of our healthcare system.

But for too long Nova Scotians have not had access to enough paramedics. Those working in the field have said that decades of burnout and feeling undervalued have discouraged more people from entering the profession.

There is good news.

We're recruiting. Thirty Australian paramedics will join our healthcare system thanks to the province's first in-person healthcare recruitment effort in that country earlier this year.

We're training. We're covering the cost of tuition for more than 460 people who want to become a primary care paramedic or an emergency medical responder. This means more Nova Scotians will be able to work in their communities and save lives.

We created a new temporary licence so paramedics can start working while they wait to write their licensing exams, getting more people on the job, faster.

We're also training emergency medical responders who can assess, stabilize and transport patients to

hospital. They won't replace paramedics – they will work side-by-side with them to expand the number of teams available to respond to emergency calls.

This role is new to Nova Scotia but is working well in other provinces to increase the number of paramedic teams available and reduce wait times. Over the next two years, 200 people will be trained to do this important work.

We're getting paramedics the support they need, on the job and outside of it. We've hired nearly 140 operators to handle routine transfers to support our paramedics so they can be where they're needed most – responding to emergencies.

Our new LifeFlight plane transports non-critical patients from Yarmouth or Sydney to Halifax and has saved more than 8,500 hours of ground ambulance time since it launched a year ago, keeping more ambulances in communities.

Canada Housing Benefit specifically designed for survivors of gender-based violence. Supporting survivors of gender-based violence aligns with the Province's five-year housing plan, Our Homes, Action for Housing.

Crystal Crescent Update: New no-parking signs have been installed along the road leading to Crystal Crescent. Additionally, I am in the process of installing signage to direct individuals to the second parking lot, which often has available spaces due to roadside parking. This month, I will meet with the Department to address accessibility and pedway concerns. Rest assured that I am diligently working to resolve these matters as quickly as possible.

YourHealthNS App to Include X-ray Reports: Nova Scotians will soon

(See Maguire on page 10)

The Maguire Report

by **Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic**

More Support for Nova Scotians Escaping Gender-Based Violence
Individuals fleeing gender-based violence can now access housing support through funding available via the Canada Housing Benefit.

In its inaugural year, the benefit offers a fixed rate based on family composition and required number of bedrooms. This acknowledges that those leaving violent situations may face financial exploitation or encounter obstacles accessing other benefits due to complex family dynamics. The rates are as follows:

- \$900/month for one-bedroom accommodations
- \$1,100/month for two bedrooms
- \$1,400/month for three or more bedrooms

Nova Scotia is the third province to collaborate on a program under the

move to that area and provide security, washrooms, and services. The hope is appropriate solutions are found. As the homelessness crisis grows, we are doing our best to manage the fallout from the lack of investment in affordable housing, mental health, and addictions care. Halifax remains committed to working with the province to support solutions so people don't need to sleep in parks.

Speed bumps have been installed along Tartan and Thornhill. Traffic calming has been a priority to address speeding issues in our communities. I know more are needed, and I will keep working toward making our streets safer for all.

It's a privilege to be your District 11 Councillor. Please follow my updates on Facebook @pattycuttell11. You can reach me at patty.cuttell@halifax.ca or 902-221-6893.

And a new contract with paramedics, transport operators and flight nurses includes higher pay, retention bonuses and other benefits, making Nova Scotia an even more attractive place to work and stay.

We also created PSPNET, a free, confidential program designed to meet the unique mental health needs of first responders, including paramedics, so they can continue to be there for us when we need them.

Reducing ambulance wait times has been one of the most pressing and persistent challenges to fixing healthcare. But it is not one we're shying away from.

I thank every paramedic and emergency medical responder for the work they do on behalf of Nova Scotians.

You give your time, skills and heart to save the lives of Nova Scotians everyday. We will continue to support you.

Tim Houston
Premier of Nova Scotia

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Greta Constance Walters

- Age 91 of Halifax. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother, Greta Constance Walters (Murphy) on July 1, 2024, at the QEII Abbie J. Lane Hospital, Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was the eldest daughter of the late Harry Joseph and Emily Constance (Adams) Murphy.

She was predeceased by her husband of 38 years, George "Buddy" William Walters; brother, Allen; sisters, Carol, Lillian, Marjorie, Rose, and Violet.

She is survived by her five children, Karen (Kern), Janet (Guy), Kathy (Johnny), Phillip (Becky), and Paul (Tanya); grandchildren, Darren (Erin), Jacob (Morgan), Sarah, Gabriel, and Daniel; step-grandchildren, Ashley, and Kristen; great-grandchildren, Jaxson, and Flynn; sisters, Mary, and Donna (Dennis); brothers, Vincent (Dink), and Gerold; many nieces and nephews.

Mom was an avid bingo and card player. She enjoyed her word search and jigsaw puzzles. And she loved music! She was always happy having her family and friends in her home. And most of all, she loved caring for her children and grandchildren.

Greta's last employment was at

the Royal NS Yacht Squadron where she worked for 25 years, retiring at 69. She frequently spoke of the many wonderful years that she spent there.

Our mother was a sweet, caring soul and much loved by all who knew her. She will be forever missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Salvation Army, Emmanuel Church (Spryfield), Alzheimer's Society, Cancer Society, or any charity of one's choice.

Robert (Bob) Winton Richey

March 23, 1924 - July 10, 2024

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Robert 'Bob' Richey, of Fall River, at the well-lived age of 100. Formerly of Spryfield and Halifax's North End, Bob was a resident of Camp Hill Veteran's Memorial Building for the past 5 years and we are forever grateful for the incredible care and compassion provided by the VMB staff of 5 West.

Born in Halifax, Bob was the youngest son of Christine Mathilda (MacPherson) Richey and Vivian Praul Richey. He is predeceased by his wife, Shirley; eldest son, David; brothers, James, Earl, C. Douglas; sisters, Maude, Louise (Irene) Crockett and Ethel Crockett. He is survived by children, Brian (Denise), Karen, Carol (Gordon), James (Heather), Janet and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In 1952 he married the love of his life, Shirley Katherine MacLeod of Port Dufferin and they were blessed (his word!) with six children. Shirley and Bob had a wonderful life together, buying their first home in Thornhill Park, Spryfield, in 1955. As the family grew, so did the horizon, and, in their camper, they traveled across Canada and the United States on numerous occasions. Retirement brought the fulfillment of a long-time dream, building their home in Fall River on property purchased in 1949 as a post-war get-away.

A veteran with the Canadian Armed Forces West Nova Scotia Regiment, Bob served overseas during World War II. Wounded in Italy, he spent time recovering in England where he made lifelong friends. After the war, while working in the blacksmith shop at the Halifax Shipyards, he attended night school courses. Further correspondence courses taken through Chambers College (U.K.) ultimately resulted in his employment in the Drafting/Design Office at H.M.C. Dockyard, where he worked until his retirement in 1986 as a Design Officer.

In 2022, Bob was awarded The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal for significant contribution to his community. For many years, he volunteered his time to Scouts Canada and the Emmanuel Anglican Church Cemetery Committee. He had a love for horseshoe pitching and was a

long-time competitive player, further developing this passion by being a founding member of the Halifax Horseshoe Club and, eventually, President of the Nova Scotia Horseshoe Players Association. He was instrumental in helping to develop the horseshoe courts and playground at the Graves-Oakley Memorial Park in Spryfield. He was honoured in 1998, for his many contributions to the sport, by being Nova Scotia's first inductee into the Horseshoe Canada Hall of Fame.

Bob enjoyed a wonderful life and is remembered as a loving father and kind gentleman who will be greatly missed by his family and friends. His final wish to support medical research was fulfilled with the donation of his body to the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Emmanuel Church or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Sharon E. Boltz

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sharon Elaine Boltz. Sharon passed away unexpectedly on July 10, 2024.

Born on April 30, 1947, Sharon was the daughter of Osbourne and Ada (Jennex) Hamm. She is survived by her sweetheart of 28 years Patrick Patry, her son Sean (Dorothy Cann), daughters Sheri (Joey Carroll) and Natalie (Chris) Longaphy. She is also survived by her grandchildren Jodie, Vicky, Liam, Grace, Charlie, and Bobby with whom she had the most special relationships imaginable. Sharon spent many of her days telling her friends and loved ones about all of their accomplishments. She was so proud of each of them for the wonderful people they have become. Sharon was predeceased by her parents and a sister who died in infancy.

Twenty-eight years ago Sharon found new life and love in her partner Pat. They shared so many laughs and experiences that brought joy to Sharon's heart. She enjoyed meeting Pat's family on their annual journeys to Newfoundland, spending time dancing, bowling and making memories with close friends. It cannot be understated the impact that Pat's love had on Sharon's life and her family was inspired by their unwavering faith in each other and the genuine smiles on their faces when they were

together. Sharon spent most of her life in Herring Cove, moving to the community as a child. She made countless friends who would speak of her kindness, her genuine interest in their lives and her selflessness. Sharon loved to take care of others and would remember the smallest details about what made her friends happy and then surprise them with cards, gifts, or a listening ear if that's what they needed. She lived to make others feel special. However, family was the most important part of her life. She had endless love for her children and was fiercely protective of them. She made each of them feel like they were the center of the universe and her eyes would light up when the whole family was together. She was always there for them when she needed them, as an avid hockey mom when they were kids, and then in the same role to cheer on the grandchildren she loved so much. She enjoyed attending Liam's hockey games, and was his number one fan. She was so proud to see Grace grow into a wonderful young woman and was proud of all her accomplishments. Sharon loved that she had gotten to help her daughter Sheri raise her twin daughters Jodie and Vicky, and showed them all what true, unconditional love was supposed to look like. She created a safe home that all of her children knew they could come to for love and support at any time. In later years she would run out the front door to greet her grandchildren Charlie and Bobby every time they walked by her house with an offer of a frozen treat or some of her amazing fresh baked goods! During Sharon's wonderful life she graduated from BC Silver School, graduated from Miss Murphy's Business College and worked at the Department of Justice. Her favorite workplace memories were made at Westburne Company, and working at Dal Tech in Department of Engineering. She made many memories with her co-workers and colleagues. Sharon, your family will always cherish the strength and courage you showed when difficult times arose. You were our rock, our inspiration, our listening ear and our heart. We will love you forever.

In honour of Sharon's memory the family would like you to remember that kindness is contagious and would ask you to share kindness, forgiveness and love with someone who is in need.

Maguire

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have access to additional information regarding their X-ray results through the YourHealthNS app. X-ray reports will supplement current information available on the app, including date, time, and location of the scan, scanned body part, and the requesting provider. Please note that images will not be accessible.

As we approach the end of summer vacation, I encourage you to take advantage of August to explore our

community, spend time with loved ones, and enjoy the weather. Time seems to be passing quickly; I know I need to slow down and savor the days more, and I hope you will too.

Thank you to Poly Corp for another fantastic duct tape boat race last month. A big shout-out also goes to Ren Pets for one of the winning boats!!!!

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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Tuesday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9 am and 10 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 before 10 am and leave a message with your name and phone number. Our volunteers will call you back on Tuesday. Pick up time is Wednesday, 9:00-10 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
- 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:

- Kitchen Open Fridays 5-7 pm
- Bingo every Sunday 1:00 pm Doors open 11:00 am
- Tues. Aug 6 – Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
- Fri, Aug 9 - Forever Young Seniors Bingo 6:30 Doors open

5:00 Kitchen Open

- Mon. Aug 12 Seniors Dance 1-4 pm \$6.00 Music by Joe MacKinnon Lunch Served.

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- REC Van every Tuesday at Harriestfield Elementary! Start date July 2nd. End date August 27th.

We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

- City Church Tel #: 902-479-CITY c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.city-churchhalifax.ca
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) events:

- Emmanuelanglicanchurch.net, 902-477-1783.

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 email stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

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

- Fish Chowder Supper, Sunday August 11th from 3pm to 5pm.

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

- Now that the temperatures are warming up, we have turned on the outdoor tap for those of you who rely on us for clean drinking water.

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 and support programs that are offered to members of the community at large. Please Note: Tickets must be clearly filled in with just one person's name and phone number. You are not required to be present at the draw in order to win.

- Summer dates for the Forever Young Seniors Club bingo. Held at the Spryfield Legion. June 7, July 12th, August 9. Doors open at 5pm. Canteen is open. Hope to see you all there.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield 2024 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

- Upcoming Events at the Urban Farm
- Evening in the Garden August 20, 6-8pm (raindate Aug 21)

- School Farm Day / Harvest Fair Sept. 21, 2-4pm (raindate Sept 22)
- Spooky Halloween at the Farm Oct. 26, 5-7:30pm (raindate Oct 27)

Forever Fit for Seniors. Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10 to 11am at Emmanuel Church Hall. Punch cards available from the YMCA. First class free.

Crafts and Conversation Tues and Thurs from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Shared Program Room at 16 Sussex Street. Free drop-in. Refreshments. For more information, check out info@halifaxweddingchapel.com. Funding by the Community Links Association and the NS Dept of Seniors and Long-term Care.

Spryfield Lions Club invites you to get involved with the community by joining your Spryfield Lions! Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Phone 902-479-2917 for more information.

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