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Cold dip in the Northwest Arm



Members of Cold Play Nova Scotia enjoying a 5 to 7 minute Cold Plunge in the waters off The Dingle on March 22nd. Cold Plunging, or cold-water immersion, involves briefly submerging yourself in cold water, typically for a few minutes, and is gaining popularity for its potential health benefits, including muscle recovery and improved mood. Photo credit Cecile Leverman

games night. It didn't turn out to be as popular as we had hoped. The few that were there really enjoyed themselves plus the volunteers tried out all the different games. I'd say we all had fun.

Harvest Fair/School Farm Day – we always have a good time on this day in September. The farm animals are always a big hit with children and adults alike. Lots of yummy food, birthday cake to celebrate the 28 years the Urban Farm has been operating. We had activities for the kids, a food table, a bake table and much more. It was a busy spot.

Urban Farm Spooky Halloween – thankfully it was a clear evening. We had lots of costumed kids – running around, playing games – just enjoying themselves. Our members who set up for the evening did a fantastic job. Not too much spookiness though to not scare the kids.

We really appreciated the volunteer groups who came to help us and, of course, our regular volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without them.

Our come Grow With Us program had another successful year - teaching children and their parents how to grow vegetables. It's good for the kids to see where the food comes from and be able to grow it themselves. They learned a lot and had fun too.

We did well selling tickets on our raffle basket and were pleased with the amount made. Our wonderful volunteers helped to sell tickets at Sobeys and No Frills.

We had a good growing season and had fresh, spray-free veggies to sell to our friends and neighbours. Sometimes they were picked directly from the ground for you. It doesn't get much fresher than that. We expanded our garlic plot in 2024 – 400

(See Urban Farm on page 2)

Reviewing last year at the Urban Farm

We got off to a good start mid-April. There were some areas of the main garden that needed to be tidied up (from the garden renovations) before the plot holders could come to prepare their beds (around the first of May). Our volunteers were raring to go after

a long, cold winter.

Here are our yearly events
Plant Sale/Seedy Saturday – in May we had a lot of donations for our plant sale – a good selection. People were lined up to get a chance of getting their favourite plants.

Strawberry Shortcake Social was a hit in July – using local Nova Scotia berries. Our guests enjoyed the tasty treat and were pleased to be able to socialize on a warm July day.

Evening in the Garden – in August we tried something different – a

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A Rotary moment

From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West



Welcome to the newsletter from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, where we share the club's and Rotary's news and activities within the communities we serve. This issue highlights Rotary's Youth Services. We are highlighting a very successful youth program offered to Canadian youth by the Rotary Club of Ottawa.

Adventure in Citizenship (AIC)

In 1951, the Rotary Club of Ottawa established its annual "Adventure in Citizenship" Program in which over 150 senior high school students from across Canada spend four days in Ottawa experiencing tours, lectures, discussions and social events designed to enhance their understanding and appreciation of Canadian citizenship. The Program is for students aged 16-18 years who are leaders in their community and reflect the broad spectrum of cultural communities that comprise Canadian society.

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a select group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials, and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves, they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. The program is not only educational, but it's also fun!

Program Highlights

The program normally includes a visit to the House of Commons and a presentation from the Speaker, meetings with aboriginal and local leaders, and motivational speakers. Other typical activities include a special sitting of a Citizenship Court, a visit to the Canadian War Museum and local universities, discussions with topical experts, a talent show and a French-Canadian meal. In addition to the focus on citizenship and Canadian national institutions, participants engage in fellowship among themselves, providing opportunities to exchange ideas and opinions, explore cultural differences, and develop an appreciation for Canada's cultural diversity. The result is that participants invariably

ably learn that Canadians hold much more in common than the matters that divide us.

Our Club's Participation

Our club sponsors a candidate from J.L. Isley Highschool, selected through a competition including an essay by each candidate on what it means to be a Canadian, and through interviews. The successful candidates are invited to speak to our club on their return from Ottawa. They invariably impress us with their exuberance and their renewed pride in Canadian citizenship.

Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclusive – and we're friendly! We currently meet virtually or in person every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Station Six Restaurant, 247 Herring Cove Rd. in Spryfield. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or call 782 234 9408.

Urban Farm

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cloves/5 varieties. Our head gardener was a very big asset and brought a lot of gardening knowledge to our little spot.

Our fairy door is always a popular destination for the kids.

We hosted a Seed Saving Outdoor Workshop led by a member of LifeSchoolHouse:Spryfield. It was a gorgeous day to be learning about seed saving.

2025 is a new year with new decisions to be made and we invite you to be a part of them. Membership fees remain the same - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups & Organizations \$25.00 - \$50.00. Plant Sale/Seedy Saturday at the Urban Farm is scheduled for May 24th (2-4pm). Registration forms for the CGWU program and garden plots are now available.

For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or urbanfarm-spryfield@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends soon at our Urban Farm!

Singing for Dr. Helen Creighton

Lady in the Lighthouse: The Catherine Gallagher Story

One showing only! May 30 at 1:00 pm at the Captain William Spry Public Library

Presented by storyteller and singer, Cindy Campbell-Stone

In a lighthouse at Chebucto Head, near the mouth of Halifax Harbour, lived a woman named Catherine Gallagher. A former teacher, she was ready to settle down and raise a family when a house fire, an explosion, and two world wars turned her life upside-down. Catherine, also known as Mrs. Edward Gallagher, was one of the main informants for folklorist, Dr. Helen Creighton. This show contains various stories from her life and eight of the forty songs that she sung for Helen.



Cindy Campbell-Stone as Catherine Gallagher

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 Sunday Family service: 10:30am
 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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 Stations of the Cross
 Emmanuel Church is an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

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: Saturday: 4pm
 Sunday: 8am, 10am & 4pm
 Weekday Masses: Tuesdays: 7pm
 Wednesdays: 9am Thursdays: 7pm
 Fridays: 9am (followed by 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration)
 1st Saturdays: 9am Tuesday 7pm
 Masses: First Tuesday: Healing Mass Second Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Third Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Last Tuesday (Sep-May): Eventide Candlelight Prayer
 All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)
 Sunday worship services are held at 10:30 am. Our services are live streamed on our Facebook page (St James United Church Sambro NS) and YouTube. Weekly bulletins/programmes with the order of service are on our website: www.sambrojollimorepc.com; email address: office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com; phone 902-868-2791.

Special services May 11: Mother's Day Service. May 25: Family Faith Formation. In this program, our youth will receive a lesson meant to familiarize them with the core stories and values of our faith, through conversation and creative activities. The rest of the congregation will consider the same story with an emphasis on how to keep the conversation going at home. Our program is only once a month to make it easier for families to plan around their busy schedules. Upcoming dates: May 25 and June 15 at 10:30 am. Family Faith Formation Sundays Mar 23rd, May 18th and Jun 15th

St. James Anglican Church (1 Harrigan's Road)
 Sunday mornings at 10:30am alternating each Sunday with Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer
 Priest in charge: Rev. Taunya Dawson (902) 240-7588
 Lay Minister: John Richardson (902) 233-3465

Open Door Community Church (11 Aldergrove)
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 website: wayfarerschurch.ca
 email: friends@wayfarerschurch.ca

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Spryfield's founder, Captain William Spry (1734-1802)

by Iris V. Shea

After the founding of Halifax in 1749, much attention was focused on the area "beyond the Northwest Arm" in the Township of Halifax. Farm lots and wood lots were in demand and businessmen saw what they thought was an opportunity to expand their holdings beyond the peninsula of Halifax.

Between 1767 and 1771, nine adjacent 500-acre lots, numbered one to nine, were granted to Europeans who were already established in Halifax as farmers, bakers, a brewer, a printer, a cordwainer and a carpenter. The nine lots, and a smaller tenth lot which was not granted until the mid-1900s, were known as Leiblin Manor. They included most of present-day Spryfield (from Long Lake to just beyond Princeton Avenue) and extended into present day Harrietsfield.

Leiblin Manor was named for Henry Leiblin, a baker and spruce beer maker on Grafton Street in Halifax. He was granted lot number four in 1767 and sold it two years later as a wood lot for 25 pounds to Captain William Spry. Central Spryfield School and the Captain William Spry Community Centre and Library are now located on lot number four which extended south westerly to the shores of Spruce Hill Lake in Harrietsfield.

The original grantees in Leiblin Manor sold their lots within the first few years of ownership, with few improvements made. Access to the lots was almost impossible, a major deterrent, most likely, to improve and develop the lots. Between 1769 and 1777, Captain William Spry purchased lots number three, four and five in Leiblin Manor and was granted another lot (80 acres) east of these three lots, extending into William's Lake.

Captain William Spry was born in Titchfield, County Southampton, England, in 1734. His career in North America began in 1758 as a commissioned lieutenant at the siege of Louisbourg. He was promoted to captain in 1759. As an engineer in the British Corps of Engineers, young Captain Spry became chief engineer for the province of Nova Scotia and was credited with the repairs and enlargements of the Citadel, and the building of the Halifax redoubts at Fort Needham and Fort Massey.

During his tenure in Halifax, Captain Spry and his wife Mary, between 1768 and 1777, had three sons and three daughters baptized at St. Paul's Anglican Church on the Grand Parade in Halifax. Determining if the Spry family lived on their farm in Spryfield has been difficult. On examination of the numerous deeds in his name, there is mention in 1774 that Captain William Spry, Esquire, was "now residing in the Township of Halifax" while his nephew, James Spry Heaton, with whom he was exchanging land on the



Photo courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society. G.K. Butler School opened under the name of West Spryfield School in 1954, on land once owned by Captain William Spry. School name changed to G.K. Butler in 1972 and closed in 1981. The Captain William Spry Community Centre is located on the site of this former school

St. John River, lived "at Halifax". In 1777 Captain Spry purchased two adjoining lots with a house and garden "on the Grand Parade" in Halifax, one lot facing Granville Street, the other facing Barrington Street. Until that time, where did Spry and his family live? Did the military provide living quarters for their chief engineer and family, or did they live on his well-developed farm called Spry's Fields.

Captain William Spry was granted a large tract of land on the Saint John River in New Brunswick and another, in 1765, on the Hillsborough River on the Island of St. John (later known as Prince Edward Island). The purpose of the grants was to populate those areas, preferably with European protestant settlers, a condition which Spry met. His township lot at the head of the Hillsborough River, Prince Edward island, is now made up of towns and villages such as Dromore, Fanningbrook, French Village and Mt. Stewart in Prince Edward Island. In New Brunswick, Gagetown is located on Spry's grant.

In 1780, when preparing to return to England, Captain Spry advertised for sale in the Royal Gazette, his dwelling house and lots on Granville and Barrington Streets, and his 1500-acre "Spryfield Farm." The farm consisted of 50 to 60 cleared acres, a very good dwelling house, a garden with all sorts of grafted fruit trees, two large barns, a stable and a number of other outbuildings, and 30 head of cattle. His property in Halifax sold at this time but not the Spryfield farm. By 1781, Spry's wife and children were living on Woodstock Street, County Middlesex, England. The livestock and other inventory on the Spryfield farm were leased to Jacob Bauer for a term of seven years.

In 1783, another advertisement appeared in the Royal Gazette and included the "mansion house and dwelling houses" on the Spryfield farm with all of the other advantages previously mentioned. Included also

were Spry's four cultivated fields in Halifax, known as Spry's Fields, located on the road between the Naval Yard and the Bluebell Tavern. At the

same time, he announced his departure for England. On 13 May 1783, John Murphy paid 1200 pounds for the Spryfield farm and, within one year, sold it for the same price to George McIntosh.

Captain William Spry continued his military career in England with further promotions bestowed upon him. In 1798, as Lieutenant Colonel William Spry, he appointed his nephew and attorney, James Spry Heaton of Halifax, "to settle the debts from my settlers on the River St John, New Brunswick and also on the Hillsborough River in the Island of St. John in the Gulf of St. Lawrence." His death occurred on July 12, 1802 in Howland Street, London, England, aged 68, not long after his promotion to Lieutenant General. According to his obituary in Gentlemen's Magazine, "His death was occasioned by a cold he caught in attending the ascension of Garnerin's Balloon. He was a man of mild and amiable manners and deservedly respected by all who knew him."

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This all-ages day of fun is held each year in memory of Cory Shay and Kyle MacKay, close friends who tragically lost their lives to cancer in their 20s. These two avid fishermen inspired everyone who knew them not to sweat the small stuff, live each day to the fullest, never take their health for granted, and always take time for family, friends, and community.

This fishing derby honours their lives and legacies. It's a wonderful way to kick off the spring season and brings folks together for a day on the lake to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and share memories.

In addition to some great prizes for both bass and trout fish catches (including an adult kayak and youth kayak), there will be a delicious barbeque, 50/50 tickets, auction and

raffle items (including a fabulous steel fire pit) and a children's fish-pond for the littles.

Registration is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Register in advance at Mishoo's in Sambro or send payment to TreasurerSACA@gmail.com using the password DERBY2025. In the memo section include the name(s) and age(s) of who is registering. Anyone registering before May 13 will be eligible for a draw for a \$100 gift card.

On the fence about whether to register? Fear not! Everyone who registers will get in on the draw, whether they actually attend the derby or not.

Registration will also be available at the lake from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the derby. Fishing will happen throughout the day, with final weigh-ins and prize draws happening at 3 p.m.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed, and we gratefully accept raffle prize donations as well as monetary contributions, which help offset the cost of hamburgers, hot dogs, trophies and kids' treats.

If you can help out with any of



the above, please call Kim at 902-475-1583. SACA thanks everyone in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you on May 25th for a fun-filled day in the great outdoors.

Thank you for supporting our \$1,500 Shay & MacKay Memorial Scholarship for a J.L. Ilesley High School grad, as well as our mobility

accessible wharf, gazebo and picnic area at Grand Lake. The pad has been poured, steel posts erected and the roof is expected to be installed shortly. Watch the space as this exciting project progresses!

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Facebook.

Williams Lake Conservation Company AGM

Williams Lake Conservation Company volunteers have been caretakers of the lake and stewards of its watershed since 1968. We invite you to attend our annual general meeting and learn about the many projects we have been involved in and are proud of in the Spryfield area and beyond. The Province is investing in a new dam that will save Williams

Lake, supporting the lake's ecosystem and regulating water levels for the enjoyment and safety of users and property owners.

The project is being led by Build Nova Scotia which will provide an update on the dam replacement project. Join us for an interesting evening!

Photo: Robin Whyte, former president of WLCC

What is the Future for St. Paul's United Church?

by Carolyn Mont

If you have been observing the churches around the Sambro Loop, you may have noticed that there have been closures and amalgamations in the past few years. Those decisions are never easy to make and we at St. Paul's United Church are currently, possibly, approaching that position.

The congregation of St. Paul's United Church has been a presence in Spryfield since 1940 and is now facing the very real possibility of ending that relationship. This is a consequence of declining attendance and subsequent reduced income. A letter has gone out to the congregation indicating that there is a real possibility that the congregation will end by the end of June.

In order to prevent this from happening, there will be a number of fundraisers throughout the next couple of months, but we also need to have more energy in the congregation.

Some of you will, of course, read this and assume that the Family Resources Institute (FRI) would close at the same time. It is possible, and indeed, likely that FRI will be able to continue its excellent work in some form. Some examples would be the Food Bank, the community garden, Soup's On and the summer day camp. Soup's On, the free lunch

program, always takes a break in the summer and the day camp will be operating as usual this summer, as will the garden. Call Kristen Hollery at 902-479-1015 if you are interested in these programs. There is further exploration going on to help maintain the Family Resources Institute.

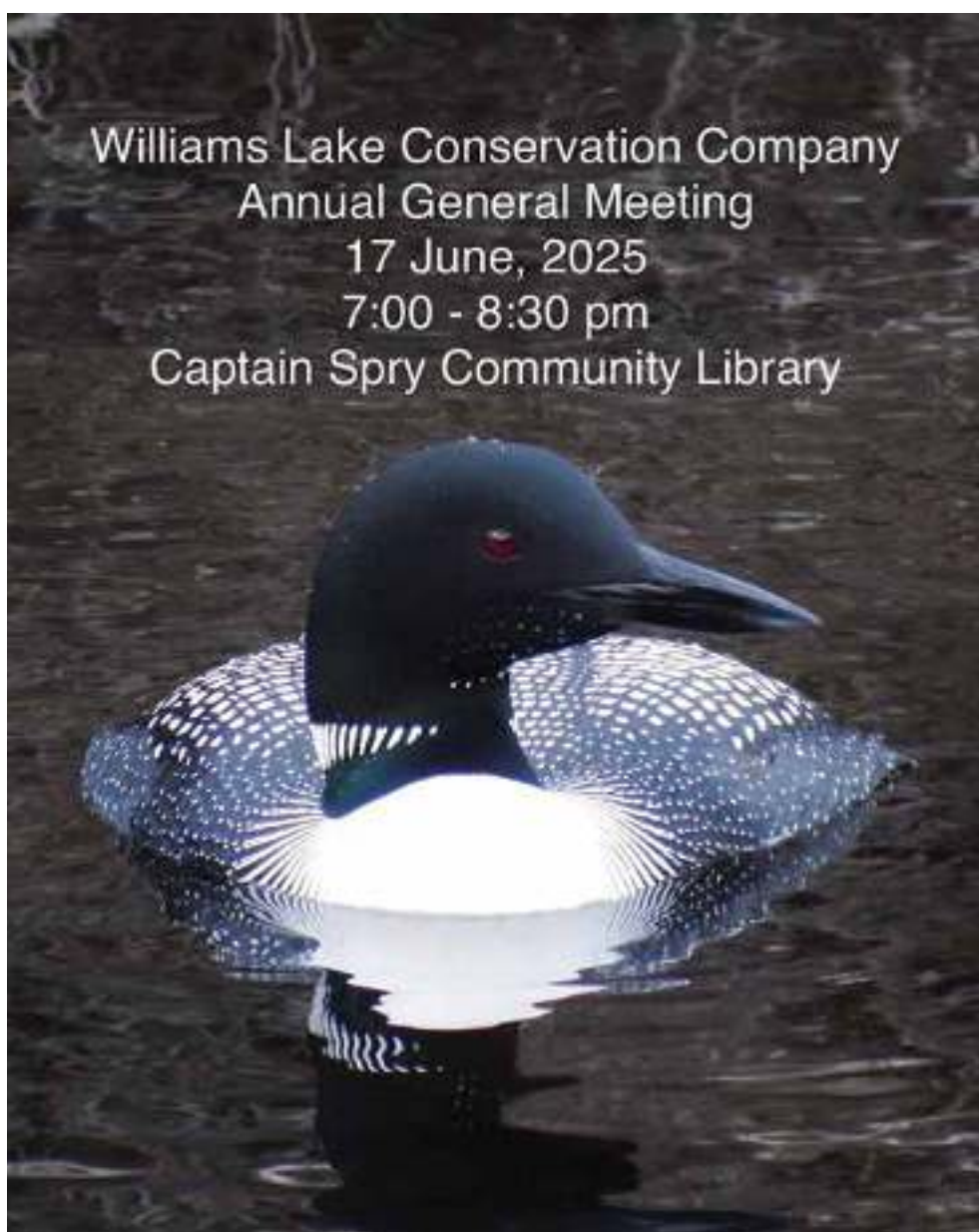
Rather than thinking what a sad thing this would be for the community, and I certainly think that, consider what you might do to help save this Spryfield United Church congregation. You could come to worship service on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am and/or you could support our upcoming fundraisers.

The Tuesday Night Band, one of our renters, has offered a Jazz Concert on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 pm. There will be a free will offering, meaning that you pay what you can.

Bottle Drive, Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Bring your refundable containers to us at 173 Old Sambro Rd. Please do not drop them off until then.

FRI will be hosting a Flea Market and BBQ, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on June 7.

Also June 7, but at 2:00 pm, the congregation will be having an auction of new items. This will be upstairs in the sanctuary. Donations of new items are welcome.



Trout-a-Rama Fishing Derby 7 June 2025



Cunard Pond on Williams Lake – Trout-a-Rama by *Halifax Wildlife Association*
Cunard Pond on Williams Lake in Spryfield is the location of our 29th McNamara Fishing Derby. This is a fun family event held on the Nova Scotia Sport Fishing Weekend. No fishing license is required on that day and the regular limit of 5 fish applies. Find your fishing gear, clean off the barbecue, grab your family and go fishing for your supper.

This community event is organized by the Halifax Wildlife Association to introduce kids and their families to fishing as a family sport. Registration is free for all fishers and is open to children ages 3 to 16. If you are under 12, you have to bring your favourite adult with you. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. until noon and includes a

free hot dog lunch with a fruit drink. There will be loads of prizes thanks to many donations from our supportive sponsors - Dylan's NoFrills, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152, Canadian Tire Spryfield, Beaver Enviro-Depot, HFX Tire&Oil, Rubber Duck Car Wash, Green Diamond, Mr Fly, Canadian Tire Bayer's Lake, Steele Ford Lincoln, Steele Subaru and Blom Signs.

Fishing rods and tackle will be available on loan plus we will supply you with the correct bait to catch some trout in Cunard Pond. The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, through the McGowan Lake Fish Hatchery, supports sports fishing in Nova Scotia and will stock Williams Lake and the pond with trout before the event.

Newbie fishers will learn about responsible fishing practices such as "Leave no Mess." Our focus is on the ecological principles of conservation of our lakes and ponds. We teach young fishers about sustainability of, and caring for, our natural environment. We collaborate with other wildlife and conservation groups which support protecting inland fisheries, developing sustainable wildlife management and conservation of habitats.

We invite you to carry on this important work and legacy by joining the Halifax Wildlife Association. We are offering an annual family membership for only \$20.00 (with tax receipt.) Membership application forms will be available at the registration table at the event. You'll receive a cap or t-shirt and a chance to win \$100

cash to use at sports store of your choice!! Learn more about our work from the Halifax Wildlife Association Facebook page. For more information contact John Lynch, president at (902) 240-0787 or by email at johnwilliamlynch1@gmail.com

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152 elects new slate of Officers



On Tuesday, April 8th, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152 held its Annual General Meeting. There was a great turnout of members to elect the new slate of officers for the coming year. Pictured here from left to right - Stan Grady Service Officer, Andrew Brine 2nd Vice President, Dennis Findlay 1st Vice President, Charlie Martin President, Darrelyn Jennings Secretary, Gina Gray 3rd Vice President, Sharon Barnes Treasurer, Connie Bambury Past President, Finney Thompson Sargent At Arms

Spotlight on Spryfield Bird Walks



Experience the fun of birdwatching on one of the Backland trails of Spryfield.

Well known bird identification expert, Fulton Lavender will share his knowledge of bird habitats and habits while teaching you effective bird watching and listening skills.

Dates: May 2, 4, 9 and 11

All walks are 12:30 -2:30 pm

Registration is required for each walk.

For more information or to register call 902-490-5244 or:

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Seniors Recreation Services Plan

The municipality is looking to improve recreational programming and services for seniors across the Halifax region.

Share your feedback by attending an upcoming in-person engagement session or by completing the online or paper survey (available at local rec centres).



Learn more and complete the survey by June 4 at halifax.ca/seniors.

Festival of Colours – Holi

Once again, the Spryfield Area Multicultural Society will be holding their annual Festival of Colours on May 24th from 2pm to 8pm at the Spryfield Lions Rink. For only \$2 per person, you get to enjoy delicious food, traditional dance and music, performances, and so much more!

The Festival of Colours (Holi) is a Hindu festival of friendship and harvest which started in India but has spread throughout the world.

As a festival of friendship, it is used as an opportunity to cast aside anger and rebuild friendships. As a festival

of harvest, Holi celebrates the joy of seeing a good harvest and knowing your community is blessed with food to eat.

The colours of Holi have their own meanings as part of the festival. Red symbolizes love and fertility, yellow signifies prosperity and new beginnings, blue is associated with the divine Krishna, and green symbolizes the rejuvenation of life and the onset of spring.

The Festival of Colours is open to all members of the Spryfield community and beyond, so grab a friend and join the fun!

Are there ghosts in Spryfield?

Episode 5

by a Spryfielder

I don't remember my mother's palms. Did she have a lot of X lines on her palms? She saw some spirits at the same time as me. It was fairly normal around our house with spirits. They dropped in when they felt like it. At that time, you learned to keep the spirit stories quiet for fear of being judged. I didn't talk about spirits until I got older and only with close friends.

Word gets around, and I was asked to speak to a school class. It went well and you could hear a pin drop. The kids listened and when I was done speaking, they would come to me and

tell me their stories. That was when I learned to say to young children "You know, you are protected until you are 16 years old." Some of the children sighed with relief. I did too, for my purpose was not to scare the school kids, because their stories were very interesting to me.

With spirits, you never know when or how you will be approached. One spirit, who has a voice like my grandfather, would speak to me and his voice always seemed to be one foot from my head, on the right side. After the spirit spoke to me, I would say out loud "Really?" and proceed to kind of argue with it. This spirit was always right, and as I age, I now take everything under advisement.

In the spring of 2018, I was visiting Florida again and was out visiting thrift shops with a friend. After a few thrift shops I was tired, but the friend wanted to stop at one more shop. I waited in the car, with my feet up, enjoying a bit of a breeze. On the right side of head, "Go into the store". I said, "No. I do not want to." A few minutes later and more forceful, "Go into the store." OK, I agreed to go into the store. Instead of speaking out loud, I spoke in my head – I really don't need anything, so please tell me what is going on. The voice kind of pushed me to dishes, cups & saucers. I really didn't need any of this stuff. I got pushed along and ended up at a row of metal shelving with a lot of stuff there and quite messy. This is not my thing, so please, why am I here? I was told to reach my hand towards the back of the shelf, where I touched a box. I pulled it out and it was a box of tarot cards.

OK. I had heard of tarot cards, but didn't know anything about them. I should mention it was a full moon on this day, and I felt a bit out of sorts. I opened this box of tarot cards, there was a book, and there was supposed to be 79 cards. I counted them. 79 was right. I looked on the back of the box and it was indicated to me that the cards cost \$25 in Canada, and \$30 in the USA. I took the box of tarot cards over to the cashier, saying "you know there is a full moon this day and I really don't need anything". The cashier said, "how about a \$1.00?" I said, "I really need these tarot cards." Don't argue with a spirit, especially on a full moon.

How did I get along with the box of tarot cards? More later.



Usha Goel, right, stands with Bruce Holland and two helpers at a free lunch hosted by the Spryfield Area Multicultural Society.



Members of the Young Forever Seniors' Group of Spryfield enjoy a free meal at the Golden Age Centre, compliments of Usha Goel and the Spryfield Area Multicultural Society

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Cuttell Community Update

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

Spring Has Sprung – Let’s Clean Up!

It’s exciting to see spring return, but it also means we’re seeing litter that’s built up over the winter. The good news? It’s easy to register a community clean-up, and your efforts go a long way in keeping our neighbourhoods looking their best.

To get involved, check out the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up at Halifax.ca. A small effort makes a big impact!

Emergency Preparedness Week: May 5–11

Are you ready for an emergency? If disaster strikes, it might take time for help to arrive—so it’s important to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for at least 72 hours.

Here’s how to get ready:

- Check your 72-hour emergency kit
- Know who your emergency contacts are
- Learn what support services are nearby
- Stay informed with trusted sources

Sign up for hfxALERT at halifax.ca/hfxALERT to get emergency notifications by phone, text, or email. You can also follow @hfxgov on social media, visit the Halifax website, or call 311 during emergencies.

2025/26 Municipal Budget Approved

Halifax Regional Council has approved the 2025/26 budget. It covers the day-to-day services we rely on, like roads, transit, recreation, and public safety, along with key projects and long-term infrastructure.

- Operating budget: \$1.33 billion
- Capital budget: \$314 million
- Residential tax rate: Unchanged at 0.770

Want to better understand your tax bill? Visit halifax.ca/taxes.

Seniors Recreation Survey – We Want to Hear from You!

If you’re 60 or older—or help support someone who is—your feedback is important. HRM is reviewing its recreation programs for seniors and would love your input.

Take the survey or join a public session at halifax.ca/seniors. The survey is open until Wednesday, June 4.

Accessible Transit & Student Transit Pass Feedback

Halifax Transit is looking for feedback on two key areas:

- Features that improve access for riders with vision-related disabilities
- The Student Transit Pass Pilot Program

Visit ShapeYourCityHalifax.ca/talktransit to learn more and complete the survey.

Before You Burn – Check Online First

Thinking about having a campfire or doing outdoor burning? Before you start, use the new Before You Burn tool. It gives up-to-date info about when burning is allowed, and helps you stay within both municipal and provincial rules.

Check it out at halifax.ca.

New Grant Program to Build Secondary Units

Need more space—or looking to add a rental unit? Thanks to federal funding, HRM is offering grants through the Second Unit Incentive Program to help property owners build secondary suites.

Eligible applicants can get up to \$12,000 to help cover costs related to water and wastewater. Apply by June 1, 2026, or until funding runs out. Learn more: halifax.ca/housing-accelerator-fund/second-unit-incentive

Spryfield’s Community Mobilization Team (CMT)

Spryfield’s CMT continues to grow, thanks to dedicated local volunteers. These teams support families during difficult times by helping connect them to services and providing community-led responses to critical events.

I recently met with HRM staff who are supporting this important work, and I’m excited to stay involved. Thank you to all the volun-

teers making a difference every day. Want to learn more or join a CMT? Visit halifax.ca/cmt.

Spryfield Active Transportation Network Project

A new project is underway to improve walking, biking, and rolling routes across Spryfield. This is a partnership between Cycling Nova Scotia, Spryfield Community Association, Ecology Action Centre, HRM Active Transportation, and Walk ‘n Roll.

Public engagement sessions will run through May and June. Everyone is welcome to participate. Follow the project and get involved at the Spryfield Core AT Network Partner website.

The municipality is also inviting residents to provide input on the Hail Pond-Dunbrack Multi-Use Path Functional Plan. Share your thoughts on the three designs to help shape the next stage of planning to improve active transportation in the area. This initiative is part of HRM’s ongoing efforts to enhance active transportation options and support sustainable mobility, contributing to the Integrated Mobility priority in the municipality’s strategic plan. Learn more: <https://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hail->

pond-dunbrack-mup

Over the past four years, I’ve heard growing concerns about illegal parking blocking snowplows, buses, driveways, fire hydrants, and emergency access. As density increases and parking minimums are removed for new buildings, these issues are increasing. Many people rely on vehicles for work, accessibility, or family needs, despite assumptions fewer people will drive. Limited enforcement and stretched police resources contribute to the problem. This spring I requested a staff report to explore increasing parking enforcement capacity in residential areas, particularly along transit routes. I’ve also asked staff to consider providing options for off-street parking during winter weather events. While it’s a little early to be talking winter again, it’s important to be prepared, including having a spot for your car.

Need Help? Get in Touch!

For general municipal concerns, call 311. If you need assistance from my office, my coordinator Michelle and I are happy to help. 902-233-8364 / patty.cuttell@halifax.ca
Happy May, everyone!

The Maguire Report

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

We will always remember

We reflect on the fifth anniversary of the devastating mass shooting that unfolded on April 18 and 19, 2020, when 22 innocent lives were tragically taken, including a mother and her unborn child, and three others were injured. This remains the deadliest mass shooting in Canada’s history, a loss that will forever resonate within our hearts and our communities.

Nova Scotia will never forget the pain, the grief, and the lives lost on those dark days. On this solemn occasion, we stand in unwavering solidarity with the families, friends, and survivors affected by this senseless act of violence. We draw strength from the resilience and courage shown by those who have carried on in their memory.

As we remember the loved ones we lost, we honor their memory by standing together as one. We recognize the extraordinary strength of our communities; strength that has allowed us to heal, to rebuild, and to come together as a province in the face of unimaginable tragedy. We acknowledge the ongoing commitment required to make our communities safer, more inclusive, and more peaceful, and we reaffirm our shared responsibility to protect one another.

Nova Scotia’s spirit is one of unity. In the face of tragedy, we come together—stronger, more compassionate, and more determined than ever. We will continue to support the families, friends, and all those who carry the weight of this loss, standing with them as we work to build a safer future for everyone.

We remember. We stand together.

Nova Scotia remains united in its commitment to honoring the lives lost and ensuring a more peaceful tomorrow.

We will never forget:

Tom Bagley
Kristen Beaton and her unborn child
Greg Blair
Jamie Blair
Joy Bond
Peter Bond
Lillian Campbell
Corrie Ellison
Gina Goulet
Dawn Gulenchyn
Frank Gulenchyn
Alanna Jenkins
Sean McLeod
Lisa McCully
Heather O’Brien
Jolene Oliver
Aaron Tuck
Emily Tuck
Const. Heidi Stevenson
E. Joanne Thomas
John Zahl
and Joey Webber
Skyler Smith

It is with heavy hearts that we remember the passing of Skyler William Smith, a young man whose bright spirit and infectious laughter left an indelible mark on all who knew him. At the tender age of twenty-one, Skyler was taken too soon, but his legacy of love, adventure, and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the entire community.

Skyler had a passion for life that was felt by all around him. Whether he was on the trails, under the hood of a car, or by the sea fishing, Skyler embraced every moment with a zest that was contagious. He was a de-

pendable son, a loving brother, and a loyal friend—qualities that made him beloved to all who had the privilege of knowing him. His warm heart and unwavering support for his family, especially his brothers and his little sister, created a bond that will never be broken.

Skyler’s love for the outdoors, his dedication to hard work, and the joy he found in spending time with family and friends all reflect the legacy he leaves behind. To his parents, Steph and Lee, his siblings, and extended family, my heart goes out to you during this incredibly difficult time. Please know that my thoughts and support are with you as you navigate this profound loss. Skyler will never be forgotten, and his spirit will continue to shine brightly through the lives he touched.

Funding for Sambro Community Centre announced

This past month I was proud to announce funding for a new community centre in Sambro, which will provide residents with a modern space for various activities, thanks to provincial support. Sambro is the embodiment of community, and no other area has worked harder or deserves this investment more.

This investment will ensure that residents have a facility to stay active, share experiences, and build lasting connections. The Sambro and Area Community Association will receive \$3 million to develop the new community centre. The facility will serve as an accessible space for sports, recreation, meetings, and educational activities. Designed with green energy practices, the centre will accommodate 200-300 people for community events.

I am so proud to be your MLA
Brendan Maguire

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Guy Edmund Rhyno

It is with great sadness, that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Guy Edmund Rhyno Jr., on March 11, 2025 at the QEII at the age of 90. He was born to Guy E. Rhyno Sr. and Clara Rhyno (nee Cole), on August 30, 1934 and grew up in St. Margaret's Bay, NS. Guy delivered the Star Weekly and others, for the American News and became the head meat cutter, for Swift's Premium Meats, until he retired. He was predeceased by his beloved, June Rhyno, on Dec. 25, 2003. He was also predeceased by his grandson, Keith Edmund Rhyno, his sister, Jenny Graves and his little brother, Jim, in childhood.

He is survived by his two children, Judy Rhyno, Hfx. and John Rhyno, wife Darlene, of Bridgewater and sister Lillian Zwicker of Bridgewater, neice and nephews. He also leaves behind (Judy) grandchildren, Dianne, Barry, Amber and Bryce; Great Grandchildren, Jessica, Nathan, Makayla, Logan and Luke and Great great grandchildren Keionah and DJ. He also leaves behind (John & Darlene) Grandchildren, Julie, Tammy, Melissa and Michael; 8 Great grandchildren.

Guy was a strong, independent man, who lived alone and was a friend to all that knew him. A regular, at Billy Joe's Garage, he will be missed. To his daughter, he was a pillar of strength and the smile, that started every day. That love will keep me going, until we meet again, Dad. God gave us, the perfect "Guy", as a Dad, Grandfather, friend and mentor, in this life. Forever in our hearts and thoughts. "Never say goodbye, only see you later!", Guy.

Patricia Ann Thompson

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Patricia Ann "Patsy" Thompson Age 64, of Spryfield, passed away on March 4, 2025 at Northwood Centre Halifax. She was the daughter of the late Evelyn and Leroy Thompson-David.

Patsy is survived by her; son, Jamaine: daughter, Santana; and son, Carlow; grandchildren, Tyleah, Skye, and Juztyce; siblings, Finnie, Michael, Terry (Vivian), Leonard (June), Paul (Joan), Calvin, Terrance, Darrell (Kelly); sisters, Tracey (Raymond), Velma, Diane (Darren); favourite nephews Big Nathan and the late Lance; Goddaughter, Bree; and Godson, James Black.

Patsy worked at Sobey's Spryfield for eighteen years. She was well known for her candy dishes in the Griffins Smoke Shop. She was well-loved by her Sobey's girls - Judy Cosgrove, Jennifer Hartling, Shawna Benoit, Shelly Goyetche, Tricia MacLennan, and Penny Harvey. She worked as a PTA at Rockingstone Heights School and as a lunch monitor at J.L. Isley High School. She also volunteered at the Greystone Food Bank.

Patsy loved playing TV bingo, sitting on the front step drinking her coffee, and dancing; especially at the Greystone block party, teaching her daughter and her friends dance routines. She was known for enjoying Double-Double coffees and a honey cruller from Tim's. Her favorite saying was "comical!". Special sons, Johnny Bone, Troyce Ashe, Elliott Wilson, Donald Goris, Renee Oliver, David Lemoine, and Jason Hartling will remember Patsy quenching their thirst with her sugary Kool-Aid on a hot summer's day!

We would like to acknowledge Patsy's best friends, Shirlene Black, Tammy Black, Elizabeth Gray, Christine James, the late Jeannie Miller, the late Elizabeth Black, and the late Shannon Cluney. Patsy was predeceased by both of her parents; sister, Nellie Thompson; brothers, Kenny Carvery and Dwight Thompson. She will be greatly missed by her many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Kevin Wade Jesso

Bernice Jesso and family of Spryfield, Halifax, NS. announce with heavy hearts the passing of our beloved son, brother and friend, Kevin Wade Jesso, on March 18, 2025 unexpectedly at his home. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Douglas Jesso and Bernice (Short).

Kevin will be remembered as being a familiar face at the Spryfield Petro-Can, where he served and loved his community. He was a problem solver who treasured people, especially his family, friends, and co-workers. Kevin was a fun-loving and easy-going guy, who would talk and make friends with anyone. He had a heart of gold, and will be remembered for dearly loving his mother, Bernice. He was a family man who spent countless hours with his twin brothers, Dale and Craig, whom with he often enjoyed a round of golf. He loved to golf and play his "Salsa" bingo cards.

He is survived by his loving mother, Bernice, and loving brothers, Dale and Craig Jesso. He was predeceased by his father, Douglas "Doug" in 2023.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Kevin to a charity that would benefit someone in need.

Emily (Keeping) Ivey

Age 99, Halifax.

On March 16, 2025, Emily Ivey passed away peacefully at Melville Gardens, Halifax. Born on September 26, 1925 in Belleoram Newfoundland, she was the

daughter of the late Archibald and Elizabeth Keeping. Emily will be remembered for her strong faith and as a dedicated wife, mother, and friend. She is survived by her children, Karen, Wayne (Lottie), Brenda (Vern), Harry (Elizabeth), and Holly (Stuart), as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Ivey; and her daughter, Shirley.

The family would appreciate remembrances to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. A special thank you to the fourth floor staff of Melville Gardens for the excellent care they provided Emily.

Inez Irene (Peggy) Little

It is with heavy hearts we announce Mom's passing at the age of 93 on March 21st, 2025 at Arborstone Enhanced Care, Halifax. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Raymond Little; her parents, Ralph and Aneatha Slaunwhite; sisters, Ruby MacIsaac and Thelma Hartlen; and brothers, James Reginald, Gerald, and Wallace Slaunwhite.

She is survived by her sons, Brad Little (Sherry) and Robert Fougere (Wendy); granddaughter, Courtney Little (Blake); grandson, Aaron Wiebe; great-grandchildren, Bishop (Courtney), Logan, and Lucas (Aaron); and several nieces and nephews.

In her early years, Mom worked at Beaver Foods. She enjoyed going to Stewiacke "to the camp" on the weekends to spend time with friends and singing along with the tunes while Ray and the others played their instruments. There were many cassette tapes made over their time together. And of course, we can't forget about bingo with Shirley. Harris and Ray would take turns taking them to bingo and picking them up. When Courtney was born, she was able to help with her care as a newborn and into her pre-school years. She loved her time with her. Prior to going to Arborstone, Mom lived in an apartment in Prospect Village. She made many close friends there and they watched out for her for us. She enjoyed their friendships.

While at Arborstone Mom enjoyed visits from us and from friends when they could drop by. We always brought treats which she loved. Thank you to the staff at Arborstone for their kindness, love, and care for Mom over the past few years. She loved you all and you got to know her very well along the way. Thank you to her prior and current roommate for being there for us and for her.

Skyler William Smith

October 21st, 2003 - April 5th, 2025 Sambro, NS

It is with shattered hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved blue-eyed boy, Skyler William Smith at the tender age of twenty one.

Skyler was a ray of light with an infectious laugh. He had the most dazzling blue eyes and was always so proud of his charming "Smith" smirk. Skyler embraced life and all it had to offer and he was a constant source of adventure for all that knew him. Skyler was dependable, confident and hardworking. He was the brother you could always count on, and the son you were always proud of!

Ever since Skyler could walk, he had been obsessed with anything with wheels. You could often find him on an open trail or under the hood of a car, tinkering around with his boys. Skyler's home was always open to everyone, what was his, was yours. Many of his friends shared how genuine, honest and outgoing Skyler was, he made life worth living. He was kind, patient and caring. He was a true friend.

Skyler graduated from J. L. Isley High School in 2021. After graduation, he went to work at the container pier. From there he completed his Aerial Work Platform Course through Canadian Piping Trades LOCAL 56. It wasn't long after that when Skyler's

love for fishing took him to work as a fisherman. Skyler loved the sea and the beauty of the outdoors, a trait he inherited from his GrandBub.

In his younger years Skyler played hockey for the Chebucto Atlantics. His passion for hockey was a close bond he shared with his father, Lee, and brother, Colby. He could always be found cheering and supporting his siblings. Skyler was deeply loved by his brothers and was a huge role model for Colby, Landen and Stetson. The love he shared with his sweet little sister, Fathom, was heart-warming. He was his mother's best friend and his father's right hand man. Skyler has left such a beautiful imprint on everyone that knew him.

Skyler is survived by his parents, Steph Smith and Lee Walsh. He was a beloved sibling to Colby Walsh, Landen Henneberry, Stetson Henneberry and Fathom Smith, as well as his honorary brother, Landen Smith.

Skyler was a cherished grandson to Johnny and Debbie (Kline) Walsh, as well as Larry 'Bubby' Smith and his late Oma Loraine (Hamm) Smith.

Skyler had a special place in his heart for his great-grandmothers, Carol Walsh and the late Minnie Smith.

Skyler was loved like a son by his uncles, Paul Smith and Mark Smith. Skyler leaves behind many great-aunts, uncles and cousins, but always had a special place in his heart for Degean Smith and Davy Raine Smith, as well as his great-uncle, Richard 'Ricky' Smith and great-aunt, Gail Smith, to whom he was like the son they never had.

Skyler is predeceased by his adoring great-grandfather, William 'Billy' Walsh.

He will forever be loved by his girlfriend Jaylyn Rines.

He will always hold a special place in the heart of Cali Kelsie, his first experience with love. Skyler has such a special bond with so many and that will forever be cherished.

It was often said that Skyler was brought into this world as an angel on earth. He may now be gone, but we find peace in knowing that Skyler has left us doing what he loved to do. Fly high our sweet blue-eyed boy. You have left a legacy of love and will forever be remembered and honoured.

Audrey Aileen Sullivan

87, Halifax. With heavy hearts, we the family of Audrey Aileen (Jollimore) Sullivan, announce our dear mom's passing on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII, with her loving family at her side. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Margaret (Fraser) Jollimore. Audrey spent her life being dedicated to her family, raising her children. She loved her family dearly and will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew her. Audrey loved fishing, playing cards, having all the parties, at her home, as she loved dancing, music, and having family and friends around her when she could.

Audrey is survived by her loving children, Johnny (Debbie) Sullivan, Richard (Bonnie) Sullivan, Jamie Sullivan, Margie Stone (Allan), Patricia Chambers (Brian), Kathy Sullivan (Jamie Hayden), and Shelly Leslie (Earl), her sisters, Ruthy (Dave) McLean and Marilyn Painting, her brothers, David Jollimore (Susan) and Nelson Jollimore, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, George.

She was predeceased by her husband, James Sullivan, her parents, a son, David, and an infant son, Patrick. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Delores, Thelma and Jeanette, her brothers, Vincent, Arnold and Artie, sisters-in-law, Helen and Marie, and brothers-in-law, Alex, Herbie, and Sonny.

In honour of Audrey, please make donations to a charity that will help a child in need.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MAY

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:

• Bingo Every Sunday. 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00. Kitchen Open 11:30 -1:00 pm

• Chase The Ace Draw - every Monday 7:00 pm

• POOL - Beginning on Feb 1 ,2025: All Memorial pool tournaments will be open to members of any legion along with family members of the person being memorialized.

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

We currently have full time spots in our After School Program! Please email hwcc@outlook.com for information.

• We are hiring! 2 Summer Students (must be a student in September 2025) Contract of 35 hours per week (M-F) No weekends/ No vacation. \$15.70/ hour Leading games, crafts, and activities for children age 4-11. Please send resume: Attention: Cara hwcc@outlook.com

• Mobile Food Market Thursday May 8th 4pm-7pm; Tuesday May 20th 11am-2pm

• Our annual AGM Meeting will be held Tuesday May 27th, 2025 6:30 PM upstairs. Everyone welcome!

• 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!

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

• City Church Tel #: 902-479-CITY c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.citychurchhalifax.ca

• City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Road) events:

• Introduction to Line Dancing: Come and join us at Emmanuel Church hall on Saturday April 12, from 10:00am to 11:30am for Introduction to Line Dancing lead by Janice. The cost is \$10 at the door.

• Our hall is available for rental. Please call 902-477-1783 or go to <http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net/>

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

• June 14th: Halibut Supper: Dine in or Takeout. Includes roll and dessert. 4pm to 6pm. Adults \$20 Cash Only

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 stelamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

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

• The outdoor tap at St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd., has been turned off for the winter. For those people in Harrietsfield with no access to safe drinking water, you are still welcome to water at St. Paul's but will have to go during working hours to get your

water indoors. We are sorry that due to fluctuating hours of some of our staff, there may not always be someone at the church. Feel free to call ahead to 902-479-1015 or 902-477-3937 to see if anyone is there.

Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club

• Chase the Ace draws are conducted every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This round of Chase the Ace will have ticket sales at the Spryfield Legion bar during bar hours through the week, Mondays 5:00pm to 6:45pm by Forever Young Senior Club volunteers and Legion member volunteers, and for your convenience starting this round, Chase the Ace tickets are being sold at six satellite businesses.

These Satellite Businesses are: Mishoo's Take Out 1 W Pennant Rd, Now We're Cookin Convenient Store 179 Hebridean Dr. Herring Cove Road, Cove Market 565 Herring Cove Road, Uncle Buck's 5 Denith Road, Beaver Environment Depot 251 Herring Cove Road, and Mike's Kwik Way Convenience Store 486 Herring Cove Road. Ticket holders are not required to be present at the ticket draws on Monday night when a clearly filled in ticket is purchased. Ticket winners will be called at the phone number and name provided on the purchased ticket. Chase the Ace supports community programs at the Legion and at the Forever Young Senior's Club, Spryfield. Thank you for supporting our Legion and the Forever Young Senior's Club in Spryfield

• Annual Forever Young Senior's Club Penny Auction and Spring Fling 50s/60s/70s dance; Location: Royal Canadian Legion Spryfield Branch 152, 7 Sussex Street Spryfield; Date: Saturday May 17, 2025; AuctionTime: 2:00pm to 4:00pm – doors open 1:00pm; Home Made Baked Goods Table; Dance Time: 8:00pm; Cost: \$8:00/Person; Best Costume Prize/Spot Dances. Join us for a fun filled afternoon and evening.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

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

2025 memberships will remain the same - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00 and Groups & Organizations \$25.00 - \$50.00.

• SEEDY SATURDAY / PLANT SALE - Saturday, May 24th (2-4pm). Raintdate - Sunday, May 25th. Donations of seeds or plants can be dropped off Friday after 6pm and would be very much appreciated!!

• "COME GROW WITH US" Memberships for the CGWU program will be available at Seedy Saturday for Families & Groups. We are also looking for an adult leader who would be available Tuesday evenings 5:30-7:30pm from June - mid August (10 weeks) and several mornings through the week. This would be a part-time "paid" position + vacation pay & MERCS - preferably for someone with experience working with children & youth. For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com.

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.

45 Card Social at the Golden Age Centre 212 Herring Cove Road (across from Guardian Drug Store). Every Monday afternoon 1:30pm. Cost: \$6.00/person. Bring a partner and if not, a partner will be provided. Increasing jackpot available to be won. Everyone is welcome to come. Contact: Sue Morrissey 902-229-5851

Friday night Bingo Royal Canadian Legion Spryfield Branch 152, 7 Sussex Street Halifax March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 – Forever Young Senior's Club Bingo Doors open 5:00pm, early bird games 6:30, regular games 7:00pm

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

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