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## Santa returns to Spryfield!



Mr. & Mrs. Claus returned to Spryfield to take part in the 2025 parade. Wouldn't be a Santa Claus parade without them.

PHOTO: SAM RAMSAY

## The seasonal march of rejoicing: Spryfield's 52nd Santa Claus Parade

By Diego Nicolás Dueñas García

On Sunday, November 30, the sun rose to the sky with a celebratory purpose, brandishing the key that would

unlock the door to the most magical festivity of them all: Christmas. The residents of Spryfield, with this new light above them and a spirit forged

in sharing and joy, took to the streets to welcome the beginning of Advent with open arms. In doing so, they brought forth the traditional Spryfield

Santa Claus Parade for the 52nd year, the longest running parade east of Montréal. Presented by the Spryfield Business Commission, the event attracted an all-star cast, featuring the one and only Father of Christmas and legendary reindeer rider, Santa Claus;

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Search and Rescue Mascot giving a high-five

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## Parade

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his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus; and even several unusually friendly clones of the menacing Grinch. Once the long-awaited time of 2 p.m. arrived, the floats, initially parked on Punch Bowl Drive, embarked on a quest to spread joy and bring about smiles as they made their way along Herring Cove Road. On this occasion, the international students at J.L. Ilsley High School looked to spread the Christmas spirit by waving the flags of their respective countries while wearing Santa hats, showing both national and international pride as they experienced the festive marvels inherent in the community of Spryfield. They were accompanied by fellow students from J.L. Ilsley, who enthusiastically represented the high school's exceptional football, soccer, and hockey teams; and by floats of local business-

es and organisations, including those of the Spryfield Legion, the Rotary Club of Halifax North West, DC Heat & Maintenance, Family SOS, Edward Jost Children's Centres, and many more! A guest of honour was the beloved unofficial mayor of Spryfield, Danny Slade, who graced the procession with his presence, joyfully waving at the crowd in his elf costume as he rode atop a festive sand castle.

Eventually, once the merry streets of Spryfield were roamed and the Spryfield Shopping Centre was reached, the community gathering came to an end. Despite this, such a time could not have been more rewarding, for the international community at J.L. Ilsley High School departed with a vivid collection of memories in which beaming faces were abundant and the Yuletide wonders everlasting. Merry Christmas to all!

More Santa Claus Parade photos on the back page!



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**City Church** (276 Herring Cove Road)  
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., 902-477-1783 [emmanuelanglican-church.net](http://emmanuelanglican-church.net), Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00am Quiet, contemplative, traditional communion service  
10:00am Lively, contemporary communion service with music. Livestreamed. Children are welcome to join our Children's Choir, which

meets during this service.

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 and 10am  
Weekday Masses: Tuesdays: 7pm  
Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am  
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)  
Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 pm,

Wednesday, December 24. Celebrate family, community and the Christmas message.

Sunday worship services are at 10:30 am.

January 4: Epiphany Sunday: The Magi follow the Star.

Our services are live streamed on Facebook (St James United Church Sambro NS) and YouTube. Weekly bulletins with the order of service are on our website: [www.sambrojollimorepc.com](http://www.sambrojollimorepc.com); email address: [office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com](mailto:office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com); phone 902-868-2791.

**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)  
Open Door Community Church invites you to join us weekly for a

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email: [friends@wayfarerschurch.ca](mailto:friends@wayfarerschurch.ca)

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## Safer Steps Sambro launched

by Lorrie Boylen

Local resident Laurie Batten, mother of three young children, formed Safer Steps Sambro in an effort to create safer walking spaces here. In speaking with neighbours, Batten gleaned that others shared her concerns.

A small group attended the first working group meeting in early December, including parents, runners, seniors, business owners and long time residents. They hope to set a precedent for other rural and coastal communities across Nova Scotia, demonstrating what can be achieved when residents come together to advocate for safe, people-focused streets.

With several recent fatalities in the area, the issue is top of mind for many. Batten suggests that guardrails, sidewalks, three way stops at key points, traffic calming measures, reduced speed limits, removing passing lanes, public education, and increased enforcement could make a significant difference.

The new Sambro Community Centre on the horizon will bring additional people, and the challenge will grow. Of particular concern are the intersections at Old Sambro Road at West Pennant Road and Ketch Harbour Road, where vehicles frequently roll through or ignore stop signs entirely.

Batten says, "Every day, I see people on foot: children walking to school, parents with strollers, seniors getting fresh air, runners, dog walkers, and families moving between local businesses and community spaces. Yet our roads were never designed for this. We lack continuous sidewalks, safe crossings, and basic protections for pedestrians. There are blind hills,

winding stretches with poor sightlines, and ongoing issues with speeding and tailgating. With no public transportation, people rely heavily on cars. This increases traffic on roads that are already unsafe, contributing to congestion, higher speeds, and elevated risk for both walkers and drivers."

Some community members have concerns about a few of the proposed solutions, including the sidewalk, the cost of which would impact tax rates, and potentially affect property frontage. Others are worried that if they replace the active transportation

lanes with sidewalks, this would leave cyclists without a place to ride.

The group is closely following the small coastal community of Hubbards, which has worked collaboratively to reimagine their streetscape to make improvements to their infrastructure in the places where they live, work and play.

The group will continue gathering stories, hold community consultations; reach out to businesses, schools, churches, and other local organizations to collect public feedback.

Ultimately, Safer Steps Sambro is

about ensuring that as our communities grow and traffic increases, that we evolve to protect residents and visitors to our area.

The working group will meet again in January and they're always looking for people to get involved. You can find out more at [www.saferstepssambro.ca](http://www.saferstepssambro.ca).

(Lorrie Boylen is a Communications Professional, Coordinator for the Sambro Imagination Library, and CBC Radio's Community Contact for Sambro)

## Auditions call for Summerland

Step into the shadows between history and mystery as the Theatre Arts Guild announces auditions for Summerland by Arlita Jones, directed by Bill VanGorder and stage managed by Esther VanGorder.

Casting Call Auditions for Summerland:

When: Monday, January 12, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road, Halifax (Off Purcell's Cove Road, opposite Williams Lake Road just past the Frog Pond)

Summerland reveals the haunting true story of William H. Mumler, a well known spirit photographer of 19th-century New York. At the height of the American Spiritualist movement, Mumler's remarkable portraits seemed to capture not only his clients—but their departed loved ones as well. Including Mary Lincoln whose late husband President Abraham Lin-

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• William H. Mumler – 40s-50s, spirit photographer

All are welcome to audition. TAG's auditions are always open to all actors.

No preparation required. You will be given segments of scripts to read at the audition. Rehearsals will generally be on Monday and Wednesday evenings,



7-9 pm and Sunday afternoon 1-4pm beginning on January 18th.

The production runs from March 26 to April 11th, 2026

For more information contact: Director, Bill VanGorder, at: [billvangorder@gmail.com](mailto:billvangorder@gmail.com) or Stage Manager, Esther VanGorder, at: [ervangorder@gmail.com](mailto:ervangorder@gmail.com)



## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Frog Pond and Hail Pond have a long history

by Iris Shea

There are several small ponds and lakes in Mainland South that have taken on the name of a person who owned land nearby. For the purpose of this article, I have chosen to write about Hail Pond and Frog Pond, each with a long history and a popular wooded walking trail. Both ponds have provided years of enjoyment for local residents.

The name for Frog Pond in Jollimore has been around for a lot of years, a name given by local residents who were probably unfamiliar with any of its earlier names. The Morning Chronicle of 9 January 1899 reported “excellent skating on Frog Pond”. On 15 Jan. 1912, the same newspaper suggested taking Robinson’s Ferry at the Arm for “a short cut to the excellent skating on Frog Pond.” Military bands from the Garrison in Halifax played for skating parties, circulating an invitation to Halifax residents to join them at Dingle Lake.

Maps and deeds describing the land surrounding this small body of water referred to it as a lake. When Joseph Miles, a farmer, bought the land around Frog Pond in 1830, the name Miles Lake was used. On the 1865 Halifax County map it is called Murphy Lake, named for Arthur Murphy, a mason, who owned the land northwest of Frog Pond. In the 1870s the lake had a new owner when Sandford Fleming bought parcels of land from William Cunard, the Arthur Murphy estate, and Frederick Jollimore. Fleming referred to his lands as the Dingle Lands. Dingle Lake became the name of choice. During Fleming’s ownership, when a reference was being made to Frog Pond, people would often call it Fleming’s Lake.

Today we know the lake as Frog Pond, popular for its surrounding walking trails and for winter skating. In the past, before refrigeration was available, the winter ice in Frog Pond was cut into blocks and stored in local icehouses. Frog Pond was not a popular place to swim but three families from Jollimore regularly swam from the rocks close to the deep shoreline of “the big end” of the pond, as opposed to “the little end” or “the narrows.” My family swam there for years until the wild ducks moved in.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Harrison James owned a log cabin called Shadyside Canteen in Melville Cove. In winter he dismantled the small building and, if skating was good at Frog Pond, he reassembled the canteen on a long sled and sold food and cold beverages to skaters. His wife, Annie Baigent James, assisted him. In the 1950s, Nin Craig ran a canteen on the corner of Purcell’s Cove Road and William’s Lake Road in Jollimore. Mr. Craig hired schoolboys after school



Blocks of ice on Frog Pond  
Annie (Baigent) James standing by blocks of cut ice destined for local icehouses. Mrs. James and her husband, Harrison, of Melville Cove, sold treats to skaters from their portable canteen on Frog Pond in the 1930s and 1940s. Picture courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society.

and on weekends to sell chocolate bars, bags of potato chips, and soft drinks to the skaters on Frog Pond.

Several man-made paths always existed around Frog Pond. Today the trails have been made more accessible to the public as a result of improvements made by the City of Halifax during the 1970s.

Another popular walking trail is off Northwest Arm Drive around Hail Pond, not far from Walter Havill Drive and Stoneridge Subdivision. The name Hail was written and spelled several ways, sometimes Heull, Hoil, Hail, Hale and Höhl. Johann Daniel Höhl, after whom the pond was named, came to Halifax as a foreign Protestant on the ship Gale in 1752. He was 22 years old, unmarried, from the area in Germany known as Palatinate. On the ship’s list his name was spelled Huil but, according to Dr. Winthrop Bell in “Foreign Protestants of Nova Scotia”, Daniel’s signature was clearly written as Johann Daniel Höhl. He married almost as soon as he arrived in Halifax, before the passengers were permitted to leave the ship. No marriage record was found but John Daniel and his wife, Barbara Rosina, appeared on the victualling list in Halifax in 1752 and 1753. In May 1753 they left Halifax for Lunenburg with several hundred other foreign Protestants.

Records show John Daniel Huell receiving land in Mahone Bay and Lunenburg. When John Daniel’s daughter, Maria Barbara, was baptized 22 April 1755, his wife was listed as Maria Elizabeth. Records continued to show Daniel, Maria Elizabeth and one child, Barbara, living in Lunenburg County area until 1760.

Minutes of Nova Scotia Council, in 1765, show Daniel “Hoil” each applying for a grant of 500 acres of land in Spryfield’s Lieblin Manor, adjoining the 500 acre grants of Henry Lieblin and Jacob Bauer/Bower. Hail’s lot was known as number three in Lieblin Manor and was located on the western side of Long Lake. He sold that lot in 1777 to Captain William Spry for 202 pounds.

Another grant of 152 acres was made to Daniel “Haile” and is found in the NS Land Grant Book #12, p. 168. This latter piece of land, on the eastern side of Long Lake, included part of Hail Pond, and a portion of what is now known as Long Lake Provincial Park. The walking trail around the pond is popular, and local residents have enjoyed swimming and skating at Hail Pond for many years.

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The basic set-up of cribbage is very simple. You need a deck of cards with the jokers removed and a way of marking points. Generally, this is where the cribbage board comes in, but you can use a piece of paper and a pencil.

Each player gets six cards to start with, keeping four and handing two to the dealer for their crib. Then a card is cut from the deck and placed on top of the deck for everyone to see. This card will be counted as part of your hand after the round is played.

You choose the cards to keep based on their ability to give you points, both through playing your hand and counting your hand. Each group of cards that equals 15 is worth two points (face card and 5; 4+5+6, etc.). Pairs are worth two points and a three of a kind is worth six points. Should you be lucky enough to have four of a kind, that is worth a full dozen points. Runs are worth one point per card in the run with three cards being the minimum needed for a run. If you have a Jack in your hand whose suit matches that of the cut card, that Jack is worth a point. If all the cards in your hand are the same suit, you get one point for each, and an extra point if the suit of the cut card matches your hand.

Playing your hand: you and your opponent take turns playing cards until the played cards equal 31 or are as close to 31 as you can get without going over. The person who did not deal starts the round by playing a card from their hand. While playing, you



are trying to get points by making pairs, runs or fifteens. The points for playing, and the points for counting, are the same, with two differences. First, if you play the card to make 31 points, you get to “peg” two points. Second, if a Jack is cut, the dealer gets to peg two points. Pegging is the term used for moving your peg on the cribbage board.

Counting your hand: after you and your opponent have both played the four cards in your hand, you get to count them. The person who did not deal counts first and then will deal the next round.

The Crib: this is the dealer’s second hand. It is made up of two cards from you and two cards that the dealer threw to their crib. This hand gets counted the same as the other hand, with one exception. To get the points for having all cards of one suit, the cut card must match the four cards in the crib.

Cribbage really is a very simple game which can be learned in a relatively short period of time. So, if you have ever wanted to learn, now is the

time! And, who knows, maybe you will get the elusive 29 point hand. For more details about how the game and

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# Birds of the Backlands: Bald Eagle

by Joshua Barss Donham

Bald Eagles are not bald. Their distinctive white heads are covered with feathers which turn white when they mature at about 5 years old. They can live for 25 to 30 years, weigh up to 7 kg with a wingspan of up to 2.3 meters. The females are about 25% larger than the males and both raptors have super vision, spotting their next meal from great distances.

**Habits:** Eagles primarily eat fish and can be found near lakes and the ocean. While they do catch fish themselves, they are opportunistic-feeders and often steal fish caught by other birds or mammals. An eagle will chase an osprey that is carrying a fish, harass it until it drops its catch, and make off with it.

**Nesting:** Breeding season begins in February and March when eagle pairs begin prospecting for a new nest site or repairing an established nest. They generally build nests in tall spruce or pine trees, just below the crown. The large nests are constructed of branches with gaps filled in with moss and bits of vegetation. The inside of the nest is lined with lichens and down feathers. Their nests are large, often 1.5 to 1.8 meters in diameter and up to 1.2 meters high. Eagles mate for life and usually raise 2 or 3 young, and occasionally a single eaglet, per season.

Eagles have an amazing courtship ritual. A breeding pair will soar far up in the sky, lock talons, and then spiral toward the earth in what looks like a synchronized sky dive of twirls, twists, and cartwheels. They separate just before hitting the ground.

**Habitats:** A pair of Bald Eagles nests near Herring Cove and in late winter and early spring they are often seen flying over the Backlands carrying sticks for nest repairs. In the winter eagles show up at the outlet of West Pine Island Pond to rest and drink where the water stays free of ice. A pair of eagles is often seen at Williams Lake, perched in the mature pine at the end of Halls Road or near the Williams Lake Dam.

**History:** The photo above was taken on the historic Fisherman's Road, often referred to as the Military Road, that crosses the Backlands between Herring Cove Road and Fergusons



Bald Eagle viewed from Fisherman's Road/Military Road in Backlands.  
Photo: Joshua Barss Donham.

Cove. The road, built in 1920, is now no more than a narrow trail in some places, through dense patches of black huckleberry and sheep laurel. Starting on the Herring Cove Road side, the road emerges from the woods atop a ridge with a stunning panoramic view of the valley through which the McIntosh Run flows and of the ocean beyond. Visit the Backlands Coalition website for the interesting article on this important road by local historical researcher Iris Shea.

The survival of the Bald Eagles is a conservation success story. Their population was decimated by the mid 1900s due to hunting, habitat loss, and the use of pesticides. Eagles were brought back from the brink – particularly after use of the pesticide DDT was banned in the early 1970s. It always seems impossible until it's done!

International Save the Eagles Day is January 10, 2026.

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## 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 news with the community we serve. This issue highlights one of Rotary's monthly themes, Vocational Service. We are also promoting the 2026 version of our exciting Adventure Club fundraiser.

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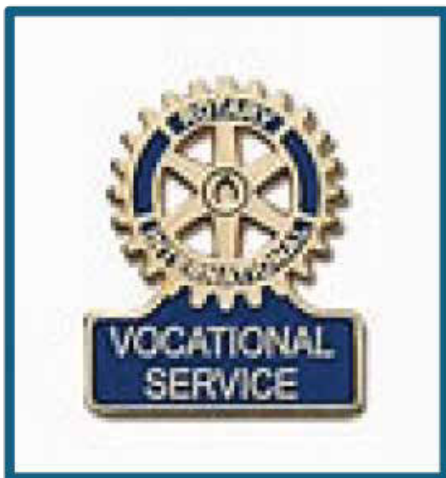


But first: Happy 2026! We hope you had a Happy Christmas and that you are ready to meet the New Year. Let's hope this year is an improvement over the world conflicts, the rise in political populism and the effects of climate change we faced in 2025. That said, Rotarians tend to look on the bright side of things. We get lots of satisfaction from the good works we do in our communities, both local and global.

For those of you who have the travel bug, Our Adventure Club campaign is taking a different twist for our next draw. We will be selling tickets for trips to the Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia, Cozumel Mexico, Ireland (Causeway Coastal Route), Italy (Venice, Florence and Rome), and the Mayan Rivera, Mexico. For something totally different, the winners of all 6 trips will be drawn in one exciting session to be held on April 11th, 2026. All trips include return air travel and \$500 spending money. Stay tuned, and visit our Adventure Club website at [rotaryadventureclub.ca](http://rotaryadventureclub.ca) for more details.

Rotary membership is made up of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in their communities, both local and internationally. If you are employed or retired and would like to channel your inner instincts to serve a higher cause and do extraordinary things through Service Above Self, why don't you give Rotary a chance to change your life and the lives of people in need?

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 in person every Tuesday from 11:45 to 1 pm. at Station Six Restaurant on Herring Cove Road in Spryfield. Why not join us for a "trial" lunch! For more information contact Roger Chiasson at [rogerchiasson305@gmail.com](mailto:rogerchiasson305@gmail.com) or 782 234 9408.



Vocational service calls on us to foster high ethical standards in everything we do. Retirees make up a substantial majority of our club. That said, retirees are still committed to maintaining the ethical standards that guided them in their careers. Every member is encouraged and expected to live by the Four-Way-Test as part of their commitment to Service Above Self.

In everything Rotarians think, say, or do, we ask ourselves:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

# Keeping your locks in top shape

Lubrication is the key to the health of your locks. Improper lubrication or a lack of lubrication can lead to many problems with your locks. Freezing or drying out can cause your locks to perform poorly or even stop working completely if they aren't lubricated. Over-lubrication or using the wrong lubricant will have the same effect as not using any lubricant at all.

Choosing the right lubricant can be confusing. There are a few products on the market that claim to be made for locks, but they usually fail to stand up to Nova Scotia weather. There are also products out there that work well but are not marketed as lock lubricants. Graphite has been the standard for lubricating locks for many years. Most hardware and grocery stores sell it in both powder and liquid as a lubricant specifically for locks. Unfortunately, graphite in any form causes more problems than it cures. Over time graphite builds up in the plug and can interfere with the functioning of the lock. If you add moisture and freezing temperatures to it, you will have a non-working lock.

If you have been using graphite, it is easy to clean it out of your locks to prevent future issues. Spray the keyway liberally with WD40 until the fluid running out is clear. Immediately spray 3-4 good squirts of a Rust Check spray into

the keyway and insert a key. Push the key in and out of the lock 4-5 times to lubricate the pins. Then lock and unlock the door a couple of times to lubricate the plug. This will be messy so have plenty of paper towels on hand.

Some would recommend WD40 as a lubricant, however, locksmiths only use WD40 to clean locks and never to lubricate them. WD40 dries quickly leaving no real lubrication and it will make a dry lock drier. As stated above, WD40 works great to clean graphite and dirt from your locks, just be sure to lubricate afterwards.

Nova Scotia can be brutal on your car locks in the winter. So much freezing and thawing can cause moisture to build up in your locks and prevent you from getting into your vehicle. The older your vehicle is, the greater the odds that your lock will freeze. The best solution to a frozen lock is a product called deicer. It usually comes in a small tube or spray can and is most commonly made with isopropyl alcohol and lubricants. This is important because you want something that will evaporate, not add more moisture. Never pour hot water into the lock. That will only make it harder next time the lock freezes. Lock deicers can be found in hardware stores, grocery stores, and many other retail stores.

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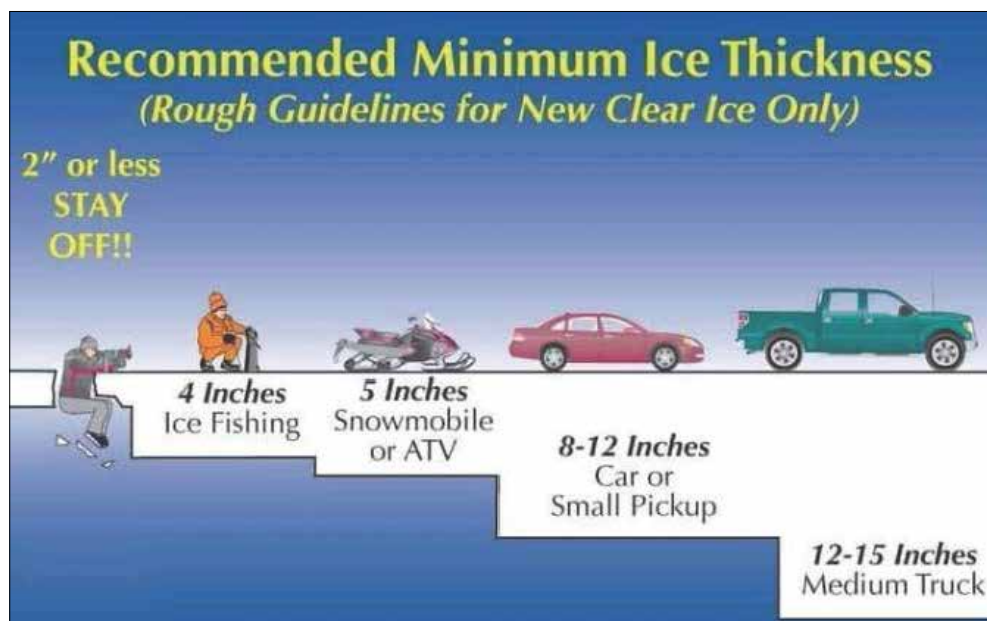
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# Ice safety thickness guide



# Premier's Message

by Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia



Premier Tim Houston

**Nova Oil & Natural Gas – A Solution for Our Energy and Economy**

Imagine if we stopped harvesting blueberries in Nova Scotia and imported all of our blueberries from the United States at a premium. We wouldn't do that. It doesn't make sense and yet that's essentially what's happening with natural gas.

Natural gas is used to heat homes, run generators, power factories and our communities.

Despite having estimated enough natural gas offshore to power Nova Scotia for thousands of years and to meet all of Canada's demand for over 30 years, none of that natural gas used here is produced here.

To add insult to injury, the gas that Canada is buying from the U.S. is often Alberta gas that is sold to the U.S. and then sold back to us at a profit.

Buying our natural gas from the United States not only drives up our energy costs, it means that jobs and tax revenue benefit far away communities instead of ours.

And when politicians advocate to keep our resources in the ground, it's music to the ears of the American

businesses.

It doesn't have to be this way.

You may remember the offshore industry thriving under Premier John Hamm in the late 1990s and early 2000s. It brought in over \$4 billion in direct royalties to the Province that was used to pay doctors and nurses and invest in roads – all things we desperately need today.

## The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As we begin 2026, I want to share some updates on what has been happening in our community and what is ahead in the months to come.

The upgrades at Crystal Crescent Beach are complete. The new parking lot and sign are finished, and they look great. These improvements have been a priority for residents for a long time, and it is good to see them delivered. They will make the area safer and more accessible for everyone who enjoys our coastline.

Lobster season is underway. Dumping Day is an important time for many families in our coastal communities. It is a reminder of the hard work our fishers do and the role they play in our way of life. I want to wish every crew a safe and successful season.

I also want to acknowledge the passing of Randall Earl Musolino. Randall was well known in Spryfield and will be remembered for his humour and kindness. His loss is felt by many. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

Volunteer of the Year nominations are now open. Our community is full of people who give their time to youth programs, seniors, sports, church groups, neighbourhood clean-ups, and many other efforts. If you know someone who deserves recognition, please contact me. Celebrating our volunteers is one of the best things we do each year.

Congratulations to Team Homan and Team Jacobs for winning the national curling trials and earning the chance to represent Canada at the 2026 Winter Olympics. It was an exciting event and a highlight as we close out the year.

On December 6th, we marked the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This day reminds us of the work still ahead to ensure women and girls are safe in their homes, workplaces, and communities. We will always stand with survivors, families, and those working to prevent violence.

With winter now here, please take extra care on the roads. Ice forms quickly in the mornings and evenings. Slow down and give yourself extra time. If you see unsafe driving, report it when it is safe to do so. Awareness can help keep people safe.

Plowing season has started. If you

With Nova Oil & Natural Gas, we can do it again.

Many of the same local companies that will gear up to work on Wind West will also work on our offshore natural gas projects.

This past summer, our government opened bids for offshore natural gas, which close at the end of April.

The Prime Minister wants Canada to be an energy superpower. I like that. And Nova Scotia can not only contribute – between wind energy, tidal energy and natural gas, we can

be our own energy superpower within an energy superpower.

That's why I recently took on the mantle of Minister of Energy; to send a message that unlocking Nova Scotia's energy potential is a top priority.

It can be done safely and we can provide the resources we need to power our economy, and the revenue to fund infrastructure like schools, hospitals and roads. We can't wait any longer. Let's make it happen.

Tim Houston

Premier of Nova Scotia

notice issues in your neighbourhood, contact my office so we can follow up. I will be monitoring service levels closely across the community.

Please also check the HRM website before skating on lakes. Conditions change quickly and checking ahead is the best way to keep your family safe.

Looking ahead, 2026 will bring new investments and progress for our

community. There are important announcements coming soon, and I look forward to sharing them with you.

From my family to yours, I wish you a happy new year. I hope the season brings rest, warmth, and time with loved ones. It is an honour to serve this community, and I am grateful every day for the trust you place in me.

I am proud to be your MLA

## Spryfield Business Commission Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards

PHOTOS BY MARIA ROSARIO

Spryfield Business Commission Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Night was held December 11th at the

Chocolate Lake Hotel. Two of the award recipients are pictured below receiving their awards.



Andrew Healey, owner of Spryfield McDonalds, was awarded the Jason Doherty Memorial Business Person of the year award



DKI Restorations of Spryfield was presented with the Small Business of The Year Award

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## Winnifred Agnes Young

Winnie Young (Winnifred Agnus Hake) born in Arichat September 22, 1936 passed away at Ivany Place, Bedford November 10, 2025.

Winnie worked alongside her husband Herbie at Young's Lobster Pound in St Margaret's Bay. Together they started the business, and it operated for 25 years until health issues forced Herbie to retire. Winnie forgave those responsible for taking advantage of her and her property. And while the property has gone on to others it is a cherished memory of Winnie and Herbie's contribution to the community.

They were hard workers and life was hard. Through all the hardship they had 5 children: Patricia, Doris, Linda, Alan and John. Winnie was also a mother to chosen son Frank, a grandmother and a great grandmother.

She was predeceased by husband Herbie and daughter Linda

Thank you to the "Angels at Ivany."

Donations can be made to the Canadian Mental Health Association, the St James Anglican Church (The Yellow Church) in Boutilier's Point or a charity of your choice.

## Randall Earl Musolino

It is with great sadness that the family of Randall Earl Musolino announces his passing on November 20, 2025, at the QE2 Hospital in Halifax. Born on July 3, 1947, he is the son of the late Angelo and Alvina (Smith) Musolino.

Born and raised in Spryfield and a long-time resident of Harrietsfield, Randall will be fondly remembered for his quick wit, his corny jokes, and his many funny stories that kept everyone engaged and laughing. Always a people person, he loved to have a chat with anyone and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. He was employed with HRM for 26 years before retiring in 2006. Randall will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife and partner, Barb Fralick; his sons, Patrick, Robert, Danny (Heidi), Michael (Shari); stepchildren, Greg (Melissa), Stephen (Angelia), Mary-Anne (Andy); his grandchildren, Amber, Aaron, Anthony, Haley, Caden, Beth, Megan, Mack, Max, Lucca, Lily; his step-grandchildren, Brittany and Vivian; and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Gary (Paula); sisters, Michele and Doreen; sisters-in-law, Sandra, Janice, Susan, Donna, Dianne; brother-in-law Leonard; and many nieces and nephews.

Randall was predeceased by his loving wife, Patsy; brothers, Eugene, Angelo Jr., Darrell; and brother-in-law, Don. He was also predeceased by his uncle/dad, John Musolino, with whom he shared an exceptional lifelong bond, and also his nephew and lifelong friend Leonard Newman. Special mention of his close friend and beer buddy, Dennis Findley.

The family would like to thank Randall's surgeon and the 5th-floor ICU nurses for all they did for Randall, and the comfort they gave the family. Donations can be made on Randall's behalf to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or a charity of your choice.

## Richard Harris

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Richard (Rick) Charles Harris announce his passing on November 25, 2025. Born on November 29, 1962, and raised in Spryfield, Rick lived his life completely on his own terms— independent, strong-willed, and never afraid to be exactly who he was.

Rick is survived by his brother, James Harris (Margie) of Halifax; sisters, Cindy Oakley (Eddie) and Lynn Flemming (Mark); and by his nieces and nephews, Jeff Flemming (Judy), Kory Flemming, Karie Raymond (Chad), Vicki Veilleux (Alain), Michelle Harris (Kyle), Morgan Oakley (Justin), and Sophia Oakley, all of Halifax. He was predeceased by his parents, Gerald and Myrtle Harris, and his sister and brother-in-law, Dale & Kathy Lewin.

Rick worked for many years with HH Marshall, delivering to countless businesses across the area. While he wasn't one for small talk, he had his own way of connecting with people—often through blunt humour, a sharp comment or with his laugh that instantly made those around him laugh along with him. Though Rick carried a tough exterior, those who truly knew him understood the soft heart he kept well-guarded. He cherished his friends deeply and loved his social time, always with a tale of some wild adventure—usually hard to believe, yet undeniably Rick. A life-long collector, Rick spent many years gathering unique items. In early years hundreds of Archie comic books filled his man cave walls. One constant collection that he always had was dinky cars hundreds upon hundreds of dinky cars, some dating back decades. He took great pride in his collections and loved sharing the stories behind his finds with those close to him. Rick valued his friendships deeply, and though his circle was small, it meant everything to him.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Charmaine, a dear friend who supported Rick with unwavering loyalty and patience. Rick spoke of her often and with great appreciation, fully aware of how lucky he was to have her in his life. Caring for someone as stubborn as Rick wasn't always easy, but Charmaine did it with ease, humour, and genuine affection.

## Paul Edward Kennedy

With sadness we announce the passing of Paul Edward Kennedy on October 30, 2025.

Paul was born in Kingston, Nova Scotia and lived many places until the family settled in St. Margaret's Bay when he was 16 years old. Shortly thereafter Paul met the love of his life, Sheila (nee Mason), to whom he was married for over 58 years.

Paul was a man of many talents. A self-taught musician, he played the piano, accordion, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo at a high level but was an exceptional guitar player. He loved old-style country and western music, and bluegrass. Many evenings were spent in Paul and Sheila's kitchen playing music with dear friends and family and Paul was always the life of the party.

Paul loved to work on and restore cars, and this is how he made his living, working for others as an employee and also running his own body-repair shop with his brother-in-law Jim Mason. Paul purchased many "smashed-up" vehicles over the years to restore, but his favorite project was building a half-ton truck complete with smoke-stacks, running boards and a button-and-tuck upholstered interior.

An avid animal-lover, Paul and Sheila had many dogs and cats over the years, most rescued from pending euthanization or strays that showed up in the yard that they would love and tame into house pets. He had a

big heart and although he was never a wealthy man, he was generous with his friends and shared whatever he had.

But the highlight of Paul's life was becoming a grandfather. He loved helping raise his grandson Jacob. They spent so much time together; playing cards, laughing at silly jokes and playing music. He was an excellent grandfather, funny, playful and unconditionally loving and supportive.

Paul had a wonderful sense of humour. He was quick-witted and silly in the best possible way. He loved practical jokes, such as shaving off half of his long winter beard and moustache and visiting his mother like nothing was amiss. He was very intelligent, although not educated. He was an excellent cook and loved food. When he set his mind to something there was nothing he couldn't do, but he was happy living a simple life, mowing the lawn and caring for the property he loved, watching TV and visiting friends.

We lost the essence of Paul slowly over the past 3 years after a short and very intense battle with Alzheimers. Sheila cared for him at home through stage 4, and when his care became too much we were fortunate to find the most compassionate safe space for him at Willow Hall. We want to thank the staff who so thoughtfully cared for Paul over the past 5 months, especially Nurse Ruby, Nurse Peter, Dr. Aries and Dr. MacNeil. They truly made every effort to give Paul comfort and dignity until the moment of his passing from this terrible disease.

Paul is survived by his wife Sheila, daughter Tracey Kennedy (Neil Depew), grandson Jacob Depew, sister Linda Hills (Brecken Hills) and many other extended family. He was predeceased by his parents and his beloved big-brother, Vance (Sonny) Kennedy (Judy Kennedy). His remains have been cremated and as per Paul's wishes there will be no funeral.

Paul was truly a unique man and will be missed by many. The family asks that his loved-ones and friends celebrate Paul by sharing a fond memory of him over a cold beer on a hot summer day.

## Victor Cormier

In Loving Memory of Claude Victor Cormier 1930-2025

Claude Victor Cormier of Halifax, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully at the QEII Halifax Infirmity on November 27, 2025, at the age of 95.

Born in Waterford, Prince Edward Island on August 9, 1930, he was the son of the late Claude and Geneva (Jones) Cormier.

Dad was a devoted family man, loving husband and father. We were blessed by the stories he shared of his youth growing up on the island; through tough times of losing his father at an early age, surviving the shortages of the war, selling his guitar to Stompin Tom (his first guitar), to fishing lobster and hauling Irish moss

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## OBITUARIES

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from the shore.

In the early 50's, after trying his lobster fishing skills with his life-long friend Kevin Shea, they sold their gear and hit the road; Kevin bound for NB and Vic bound for ON, where he was employed at a Chrome Plating Factory. After a year, the sea was calling dad back; following Kevin's footsteps, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy, where he served honourably from 1951-1980.

After retiring from the Navy, dad was employed as Manager at the Spryfield Lions Rink for 14 years, where he continued working in his community and made new friends along the way.

Victor is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Bernadette Mary (Martin) Cormier; 8 children: Wayne (Arlene) of Halifax, Dale (Janie) of Halifax, Deborah White of Halifax, Kenny (Paula) of Halifax, Paul (Lynne) of Kingston, ON, Karen (Brian) MacDonald of Deep Cove, NS, Kevin (Wanda) of Halifax and David of Halifax; his 2 sisters: Florence Mearns of Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON and Genevieve McAlduff of Waterford, PEI; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Anita, Tilmon (Pat), Carol Ann (Alfred) and Christine (Wayne); 17 grandchildren: Michael, Christa, Michelle, Gayle, Ricky, Valerie, Craig, Robbie, Erica, Melissa,

Jennifer, Brittany, Brandon, Jacquelyn, Colin, Alex and Rachel; and 18 great-grandchildren. He was a cherished brother/brother-in-law of the late Ray (Elaine), Louise, Alfred (Eva & Betty), Roy, George and Stanley.

Vic and Bernie enjoyed many years at their summer cottage in Waterford, PEI surrounded by their family and friends. There was never a dull moment or a spare chair to be found as everyone crammed around the kitchen table to enjoy stories, songs and even a few dances into the late summer evenings.

In lieu of Flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

### Everett Boyd Algee

91, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, passed away on December 1, 2025, at Melville Lodge.

Born in Purcell's Cove on December 19, 1933, to Keith and Madeline Algee, Everett attended vocational school in Halifax and studied part-time at Saint Mary's University. He worked for the City of Halifax, beginning as a draftsman and retiring as Development Control Officer. He loved hunting, fishing, golf, and most of all, his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Marie (Comstock); children Christine (Steve), Michael, Patricia, Stephen (Sherry), and Bruce (Monique); grandchildren Jenni, Katie, Kingsley, Claire, and Cate; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings Phyllis, Betty, Gary, and Donna. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Ronald, Joan, Paulette, Carol, Heather, Beverly, and Patricia.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Melville Lodge for their love, care, and kindness over the past two years.



### Gerald F Blom (Jerry)

July 26, 1938 - December 07, 2025

The Halifax community lost one of its true pillars with the passing of Gerald F. "Jerry" Blom on December 7, 2025. Born on July 26, 1938, to Frederick and Alice Blom, Jerry's life was shaped by strong family values, an unwavering work ethic, and a deeply held commitment to service. He carried these principles with him throughout his 87 years, touching countless lives and strengthening the very fabric of the community he loved.

Jerry is survived by his devoted wife of many years, Elizabeth "Betty" (née Murphy), whose partnership enriched every chapter of his life. He was a brother to Robert, Alan, and Paul, and a proud father to David (spouse Joann), Christine (spouse Scott), and Pauline (spouse Carroll). His legacy continues through his grandchildren—Kirsten, Jamie, Jeremy, Beth, Mathew, Christopher, and Mitchell—and his ten great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him immense joy. He is predeceased by his grandson Daniel, whom he now joins in rest.

A man of remarkable achievement and quiet determination, Jerry's career was defined by leadership and vision.

He served with distinction as Controller of Saint Mary's University, guiding the institution's financial stewardship with integrity and foresight. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to found Kidston Glass Co. Ltd., a company that became emblematic of his ingenuity and dedication to quality.

Jerry's influence extended far beyond business. He was the President of the Halifax and Nova Scotia Liberal Associations. He was a guiding voice in regional development as Director of the Halifax Port Authority, helping shape the future of one of Canada's most vital gateways. His passion for conservation and the outdoors fueled his service as President of both the Halifax and Nova Scotia Wildlife Associations, where he was a champion for environmental stewardship. He also served as President of the Nova Scotia Construction Association, earning the respect of peers across the province.

A man who valued fellowship and community, Jerry was a past member of both the Halifax Club and the Arm-dale Yacht Club, where many friendships and fond memories were formed over the years.

Jerry will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments, but for his generosity, wisdom, and steadfast devotion to family and community. He led by example—quietly, consistently, and with a deep belief in leaving things better than he found them.

His absence leaves a profound void, but his influence lives on in the institutions he strengthened, the organizations he uplifted, and the people who were fortunate enough to know him.

The Blom family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered support during this difficult time especially the staff at Arborstone Enhanced Care. There will be a private family celebration of life at a later date.

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## Recipe Corner

### CRISPY GINGERSNAPS

- 2 Cups all purpose flour
- 2 Teaspoons baking soda
- 2 Teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 Teaspoons ginger
- 1 Teaspoon cloves
- ½ Tablespoon vanilla
- ¾ Cup butter – (1 ½ sticks)
- 1 ¼ Cups sugar – plus a ½ cup for dressing
- 1 Large egg – room temperature
- 1/3 Cup molasses

Put butter and sugar into the bowl of your stand mixer and beat together with the paddle attachment until fluffy and white, about 4 or 5 minutes. Add the egg, vanilla and molasses and beat until well combined. In a large mixing bowl combine the rest of the dry ingredients and whisk well to blend together then gradually add to the mixer using a spatula to scrape the sides to be sure everything is well combined. Remove the bowl from the mixer and place in your fridge for about 20 minutes.

Preheat your oven to 350. While the oven is heating and the dough is chilling line 3 baking sheets with parchment paper and put a half cup of sugar into a shallow dish to roll the dough balls in before putting them on the baking sheets. Remove bowl from the fridge and using a small ice cream scoop form the dough into balls, roll them in the sugar then place the coated balls on the parchment lined trays about 3 inches apart. Bake the cookies for 13 minutes then cool them on wire racks. Enjoy!

*Happy New Year from Chebucto News!*

# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



## JANUARY

### 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 - All Memorial pool tournaments are 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.
- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through

our Facebook page, phone at (902) 446-4847, or email hwcc@outlook.com

- We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!

### Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Road) events:

- Our hall is available for rental. Please call 902-477-1783 or go to <http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net/>
- Introduction to Line Dancing: Come and join us at Emmanuel Church Hall on Saturday January 24, from 10:00am to 11:30am for Introduction to Line Dancing with instructor Janice. The cost is \$10 at the door. Canteen available for water and treats.

### 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](mailto:stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com)
- Seniors Social Tea. Join us for refreshments, snacks, and friendly conversation in the Stella Maris Hall. The second Wednesday each month, 1-3pm. All are welcome. More info: [david.h@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:david.h@stellamarishalifax.com)

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

- Please contact St. Paul's directly for up-to-date information on water availability. The outdoor tap is now off for the winter months.

### 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' Convenience Store 179 Hebridean Dr. Herring Cove Road, Cove Market 565 Herring Cove Road, Uncle Buck's 5 Denith Road, Beaver Enviro 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

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- 2026 Memberships are now available - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups & Organizations \$25.00-\$50.00. For more information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email [urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfarmspryfield@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](mailto: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

**Board Members needed for Hand in Hand Thrift Store:** Currently, we are seeking volunteers to serve on the new Board of Hand in Hand Located at 440 Herring Cove Rd, Spryfield, Halifax. Hand in Hand Thrift Store has long been a valued part of the Special Works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council.

For the last 30 years plus, Hand in Hand has been providing clothing and household products to our neighbours in need. It also provides employment and volunteer opportunities. Funds raised support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Much more than just a retail outlet, it is a safe haven and meeting place for the community. Service would involve approximately 6-8 meetings annually. The focus of the new board will be to provide direction and a renewed vision.

Please consider contributing your time and talents to this very worthwhile cause. This is a great way to provide meaningful service to your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Contact: Ray Burke: Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Halifax Particular Council President at: 902-646-0155 or [rhburke.54@gmail.com](mailto:rhburke.54@gmail.com)

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

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The Scout Troop



The Grinch and an elf



The K'ijipuktuk float



Spryfield Community Association



Running to catch up with the rest of the group



Posing for the camera



Dogs on parade



Cadets marching



Meeting a friend in the parade



Collecting donations for the Food Bank

Below: Foam snow!

