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# New Icon painting in Stella Maris Parish Church

by Isaac MacEachen

All of the parishioners of Stella Maris Parish are extremely excited these days. A beautiful piece of art now adorns the front of the main worship area of our St. Michael's Church.

When you enter the church from the back, the massive artwork, known as an icon, which stands immediately behind the altar, will certainly captivate you. It is approximately 8 feet wide and an impressive 16 feet high. Similar to many church doors and windows, it is dome-shaped, significantly pointing up to the heavens above.

The young artists, one local and the others from Mexico, who are known as iconographers because of their very specific artistic skills, worked on this painting over the later months of 2025 and into 2026.

Icons are traditional religious works of art, usually paintings depicting a solitary figure of faith, often Jesus, Mother Mary or one of the prominent saints. Everything in an icon painting has significance, especially the colours, symbols and letters used. Colours are always vibrant, with shades of blue, red and yellow, and often gold. Our icon features the Blessed Virgin Mary as Stella Maris, or Star of the Sea, who is the patron of our parish here in Mainland South. The image depicts Our Blessed Mother with her hands extended protecting us from the stormy waters of life. A beautiful layer of gold leaf cov-

ers the background of the painting and shimmers in the natural daylight that pours in through the 32 large windows around the church. Of course, as is the tradition in icons, a decorated halo circumvents Mary's gentle, loving countenance.

Father Francesco Pirisi, our parish priest, recently blessed the newly completed icon for all the parishioners of Stella Maris. Having been born in Rome, Fr. Francesco grew up admiring great works of art and has an extensive appreciation for religious art. He proudly acknowledges that this is

a very special, and, if you will allow, "iconic" work of art.

We of Stella Maris Parish kindly welcome you to drop into St. Michael's Church, 6 St Michael's Avenue, during any liturgical event when the doors will be open to experience first-hand this wonderful religious painting. If you do visit, spend some time in silence in front of the large icon and allow our patron, Stella Maris, to meet you in faith and love. We are truly blessed to have this beautiful icon in our midst.

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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)  
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**Oromo Gospel Church**  
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**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.  
 Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk: We will depart from Emmanuel Church parking lot at 9:00am

Good Friday Service: 1:30pm on Friday April 3  
 Easter Sunday Services: 8am and 10am Communion Services  
 Emmanuel Church is an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

**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  
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 Sunday worship services are at 10:30 am.  
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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Hazardous Sambro ledges

by Richard Light

Mainland South Heritage Society

In the summer of 2009 Mainland South Heritage Society commissioned Richard Light to research and write about shipwrecks off Sambro Island. The following is part of Richard Light's article.

Daniel Steinmann, a schooner owned by the White Cross Line, was making a trip from Antwerp to Halifax when it struck a broad breaker about 5 to 6 miles off Sambro Island on the night of April 3, 1884. Captain Schonhoven of Daniel Steinmann had mistaken, in the fog, Sambro Light for the Light at Chebucto. The mistake proved very costly. Shortly after the initial collision Daniel Steinmann backed onto Mad Rock shoals and quickly began to take on water.

Assistant Sambro Island lighthouse keeper Alexander Gilkie recalled seeing Daniel Steinmann as it came dangerously close to the Island:

"She was lying to, heading to E.N.E. She laid there about 15 minutes while I looked at her, when she started ahead and ran about a mile. She then stopped. She started ahead again, went only about 500 yards, and stopped again. I think it struck the Broad Breaker shoal for it began back astern. It was dark and I judged her motions by her lights. The fog whistle was started again at 9:45, though it was still clear. This was done to warn the ship from the rock. About twenty minutes after she began to back up and she struck again, this time on Mad Rock or north east shoal. She then let go her anchor. This did not seem to hold her and she sank between 300 & 400 yards from the shore."

After feeling both violent shocks the passengers, numbering 90 people, and the crew of about 40 rushed to the deck. The reports vary about the mood of the people. The Captain later saying most people were orderly while another survivor remembered there was great excitement amongst the passengers and many were screaming, cursing, and crying. In any event the crew began preparing the passengers, starting with women and children, for boarding of the lifeboats. While the situation at this point was already a perilous one it soon became much worse. Days after the wreck Captain Schonhoven recounted how his efforts to save the people aboard were quite suddenly thwarted, "Just then a tremendous wave struck the ship, and washed off scores of passengers: the vessel gave a violent thump and sank like a flash of lightning."

In an instant almost everyone on-board had been washed into the Ocean. As they were so close to Sambro Island the residents there could actually hear the screams of the helpless victims. Alexander Gilkie and his brother Stuart attempted to reach the wreck but their boat was too small to face the breakers and they were forced to turn back. All the Gilkies and other residents on Sambro Island, including four artillerymen, could do was light bonfires to warn any of the would-be lifeboats about the dangers of landing on the island shores. An



Photo caption: Photo courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society. Photo of the Gilkie House on Sambro Island where Alexander Gilkie grew up. The house was torn down during the 1960s.

hour later Gilkie and the others guided a lifeboat safely into the cove but that turned out to be the only one.

The lifeboat that eventually made it to Sambro Island was the only that got off Daniel Steinmann before it sunk. Others were preparing to launch but the vessel sank so quickly that they were taken down with it. In the hasty evacuation of the ship the lifeboat was damaged and only seven men managed to make it on board; at least one of them after he jumped into it directly from the sinking vessel. One of the men, Florentine Van Gueisel, who made it on to the lifeboat, recalled the gruesome scene that followed where they found themselves surrounded by "a struggling mass of humanity" in the water:

"Many of them made a grab for the oars. But we beat them off; one man caught hold of the boat. We tried to get him on board but two or three others were holding on by his legs. We let him go. He went under, got clear of the others, came up again and we then got him into the boat. He was an Italian passenger. I heard people in the water calling me by name to save them. There were twelve holding onto a spar. I kept clear of them. Had we attempted to save them, or the others who appealed to us, they would have undoubtedly have swamped the boat and we would have been lost."

As the lifeboat was in a bad condition the men aboard felt they had no other choice but to leave those stranded in the water to their fate. Van Gueisel defended their actions by saying, "Yes perhaps fifteen could have been saved in its [the lifeboat] then condition. But it was every man for himself, and any attempts to save others simply imperiled ourselves."

While the seven men, in the lone lifeboat to escape from the wreck, made

their way to Sambro Island two others clung to life on a portion of rigging that had not submerged. One of these men was Captain Shonhoven and the other was a passenger who had been separated from his wife and five children. When the wave struck the man was washed overboard. "I was underwater fully two minutes," the man said, relay-

ing his ordeal to a reporter days later. "During which I got hold of the rigging and climbed up until I got above water. While I was under water I felt several people around me. One man caught hold of my leg but I kicked him off. I got on the foremost yard and found that the Captain was on the mast above me. He was the only man I saw."

The passenger, who had lost his entire family, and the Captain, remained on the rigging until morning. While they yelled for help they feared they would not be rescued. When daylight finally broke Alexander and Stuart Gilkie spotted the two men in the rigging and, accompanied by the artillerymen, they made for the wreck. As they did not have a proper rescue boat of their own they had to use the damaged lifeboat. Once they returned safely to Sambro Island the Gilkies did their best to accommodate the survivors who, due to rough seas, ended up staying on the island for days. Later Alexander Gilkie would receive a medal from King Leopold of Belgium for his efforts in saving the Captain.

The cost of the wreck became apparent right away. Because the boat had submerged so quickly very few people survived. In all only 9 men (3 passengers, 5 crewmen, and the Captain) escaped with their lives. The remaining people, over 120 in all, were lost. Thus the sinking of Daniel Steinmann was not only the deadliest sea disaster off of Sambro Island but one of the worst in the history of Nova Scotia.

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# Birds of the Backlands – Dark-eyed Junco

by Joshua Barss Donham

Dark-eyed Juncos can be found in every corner of the continent. They number in the hundreds of millions. Along with the American Robin and the Mourning Dove they are one of the most abundant forest bird species in North America. A junco is a sparrow, though it may not look the part.

Colours: Adult juncos lack the stripes and streaks that characterize all our other sparrow species. Juvenile juncos, however, show subtle streaking on the shoulders and breast, betraying their lineage. All Dark-eyed Juncos are easily identified by their pale outer tail feathers that flash bright white conspicuously when in flight.

There are six subspecies of Dark-eyed Juncos in North America distinguished by variations in plumage colour. Our subspecies, which inhabits the north-eastern United States and most of Canada, is the Slate-coloured Junco. Occasionally an Oregon Junco, a western subspecies, shows up in Nova Scotia.

Habitats: Juncos are hardy birds and in Eastern Canada they are year-round residents. Northern populations are migratory. They are often referred to as ‘snowbirds,’ foretelling the coming of the cold and winter weather. Males do not migrate as far south as females, enduring harsher conditions closer to the northern breeding grounds so as to secure prime nesting spots in the spring.

In summer, favouring mixed and coniferous forests near open spaces, they are often seen in our parks and along trails. They build nests on the ground composed of course grass lined with fine grass and hair, well concealed under an overhanging rock, beneath a log, or among the roots of an upturned tree. Nesting in late March and into April, the same birds return to the same breeding area year after year.

Both males and females feed and raise the young. Defending a nest susceptible to predation, the male will boldly approach a person who has strayed too close, scolding with

a barrage of sharp call notes. Juncos nest in virtually any habitat that has low vegetation or structure that affords cover. Dozens of Junco pairs nest in the Backlands, on the sloping side of the road leading to East Pine Island Pond, amid fallen trees near Governors Brook, and among the rocks scattered on the steep slope of the corridor between Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake.

Habits: Juncos are more evident in winter as they move closer to open spaces inhabited by people and begin showing up regularly at bird feeders. Juncos eat mostly seeds, except during the breeding and nesting season when insects make up half their diet. Outside of the nesting season, they travel about in social groups, keeping in touch with one another with an array of ticking and “tchet” sounds. The male’s territorial song is a steady even-pitched trill sung from a treetop. Each flock has a distinct hierarchy with larger, older individuals dominating. At night the flock roosts together, snuggled up to conserve heat.

Juncos are a great fan of millet, black-oil sunflower seeds and cracked corn. You can attract Juncos to your backyard by putting up a low platform feeder or a ground tray, or simply by spreading some seeds on the ground. Happiness is feeding the birds!



Adorable snowbirds, Dark-eyed Junco in the Halifax Backlands Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

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## Spryfield Community Bench – A Meeting Place



by Marjorie Willison

In a time of disruption and change, connecting to each other becomes even more important. “The way we get through this is together” is a good reminder of what cooperation and collaboration can accomplish. For example, Long Lake Provincial Park Association (LLPPA) and Spryfield Community Association (SCA) joined forces - with the support of Ecology Action Centre (EAC) - to establish the new SPRYFIELD COMMUNITY BENCH in Long Lake Provincial Park.

EAC and SCA were interested in adding to the Active Transportation network in Halifax by creating a rest-

ing place beside a trail, and LLPPA wanted to provide a place for visitors for quiet contemplation. Of course, a bench for these groups and for all park visitors would also create a great place for people to stop and chat with others. Motivations were different but thoroughly compatible for the groups to work together to establish the SPRYFIELD COMMUNITY BENCH as a meeting place in Long Lake Provincial Park. You can find the bench by the trail near the dam.

No doubt there are lots of helpful actions that we as a community could plot and carry out if we do things together. What ideas might you have?

## A Rotary moment From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West



For something completely different, we introduce Rebecca, a communications student at Mount Saint Vincent University who won a competition our club ran for a bursary. We asked her to boost our social media profile and presence. Here are her reflections on her experience halfway through her tenure:

“I first heard about the Rotary bursary through an email sent out by my university. The opportunity immediately stood out to me, so I submitted my resume and cover letter outlining my background in public relations and community involvement. During the interview, we discussed my studies, my career goals, and how I hoped to contribute to the club. I also brought work samples from my co-op placements at Taste of Nova Scotia and the IWK Foundation to demonstrate my experience in communications and event support. I was thrilled to receive a call letting me know I had been awarded the bursary. I met with the club President to discuss expectations and outline how I could best support the club.

Since then, I have been attending weekly meetings, managing the club’s social media, supporting community outreach initiatives like Rotary Wishes at Christmas, assisting with events such as fundraising at the boat show and the home show, and working on updating and revitalizing the club’s website. I also organized and hosted a Rotary trivia night to bring the Metro clubs together for a fun and engaging evening.

Throughout my time with the club, we have also had important conversations about our priorities and direction. Together, we identified that our club is committed to prioritizing initiatives that change the lives

of youth in our community, a focus that truly resonates with me. I have genuinely loved my time getting to know everyone in the club. Rotary, to me, represents service above self, strong community values, and meaningful impact. Our club in particular is welcoming, supportive, and action oriented. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to contribute and to grow alongside such dedicated and inspiring members.

To which we say: Thanks Rebecca!



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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 1145 to 1 pm at Station Six restaurant on Herring Cove Road. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at [rogerchiasson305@gmail.com](mailto:rogerchiasson305@gmail.com) or 782 234 9408.

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# Spry's Showtime Rally: Come one, come all!

by Diego Duenas Garcia

Come, friends of Spryfield! 'Tis time to rally around the cause of solidarity! Do you have talent to share, excitement to spread, passion to ignite, and a skill to shine bright? Then, by all means, look no further! Spry's Showtime Rally is a talent show that knows no bounds, looking to celebrate altruism, skill, and creativity through a striking spectacle.

Sponsored by the Spryfield Business Commission, Spry's Showtime Rally has three core objectives: first and foremost, this show aims to raise funds for the Chebucto Family Centre. The Chebucto Family Centre is an integral part of the community of Spryfield, admired for its persistent efforts in support of local families. The organisation has a mission of nurturing the quality of family life, recognising its importance as the cornerstone of a healthy society. Secondly, Spry's Showtime Rally seeks to set the stage for local talent to thrive. Candidates will be provided with an unprecedented opportunity to showcase their most impressive abilities to the fullest extent. Of course, the most popular performances, chosen directly by the audience, will be granted top prizes. Lastly, the third founding principle of the event is to encourage similar values-driven local initiatives.

As neighbours of Spryfield, we are bound by our shared community to stand together for the selfless causes that benefit us all. We must never forget that our strength lies in numbers! Spry's Showtime Rally will take

place on May 15, in the Herring Cove Community Centre. We are currently in the recruitment phase of this operation, and we need your participation! Dear reader, if this is an occasion you would like to contribute to, either as a

spectator or a performer, we warmly invite you to send an email to [sprys-showtimerally@gmail.com](mailto:sprys-showtimerally@gmail.com). May we create a positive impact together! The show must go on!

## Appearing now on stage at the Theatre Arts Guild

*Summerland*, by Arlitia Margaret Jones

The camera sees what the eyes cannot Summerland tells the haunting story of William H. Mumler, a 19th-century spirit photographer whose images claimed to reveal the faces of the dead.

Step into William H. Mumler's mysterious New York photography studio, circa 1869—a place where the living and the dead share the same frame. Watch, spellbound, as the play unfolds during a time when belief in contact with the dead swept through parlors and séances across the nation.

The play title refers to a tenet of the mid-19th century Spiritualist movement. It held that there were multiple levels of the afterlife. For the pure of heart, the first stop after death would be a paradise-like realm called Summerland.

Mumler claims to capture what others only dream of seeing: the ghostly return of departed loved ones,

shimmering through the photographic glass. His "spirit portraits" electrify believers and anger skeptics, until one powerful man—the steely Chief Marshal Joseph Tooker—sets out to expose him as a charlatan.

Joseph Tooker investigates Mumler's shady past and his process, for suspected fraud, uncovering much more than he bargained for in his search for truth. When the inspector's own photographic sitting takes an unexpected turn, truth and illusion come into question and the line between skepticism and belief blurs — challenging both men's convictions about what lies beyond the veil.

Summerland is about the collision between the two men's opposing beliefs about the afterlife. Is it a hoax, or is it real? Finding the answer to either question threatens to destroy them both. Which one prevails?

At the heart of the story, does Sum-

merland really exist?

See the show and decide for yourself. Directed by Bill VanGorder and Produced by Geraldine McDonald. Stage Manager is Esther VanGorder.

Cast: Jesse Robbe as William Mumler, Lise Renault as Mrs. Hannah Mumler, and Dom MacKinnon as Joseph Tooker.

Ticket pricing: \$20 regular non-members; \$18 for seniors and students and \$15 for TAG members. No additional charges or processing fees!

Summerland" runs from Thursday March 26 through Saturday April 11, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm with one additional 2pm matinee on Saturday April 11.

Recommended for ages 14+ All performances are at The Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road., Halifax (Jollimore). Free parking too

Get your tickets at: [tag.simplenetix.ca](http://tag.simplenetix.ca)

## Old leaking Williams Lake Dam to be replaced

Photo Cathy Vaughan



**Build Nova Scotia – spring action on the Williams Lake Dam**  
by Cathy Vaughan

Winter is coming to a close which means work will resume soon on replacing the Williams Lake Dam.

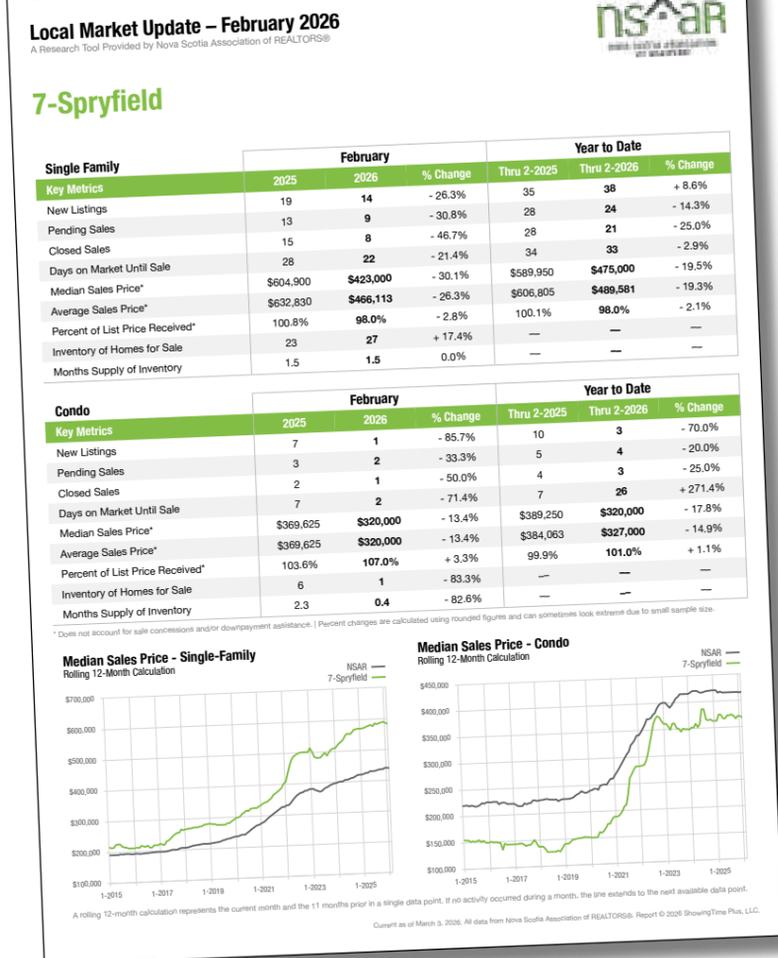
The first step is to do water tests and condition assessments on eight properties in the area. Dexter Construction Company Ltd. is doing the construction work on behalf of Build Nova Scotia. It will hand deliver letters to these eight properties the week of March 16 notifying them of these assessments and when they will be conducted.

Five properties will have water quality assessments only, and an ad-

ditional three will also have a non-intrusive pre-construction survey of their property which will include taking photographs of the outside of the homes and their foundations. The letter will provide contact information for an Environmental Specialist for property owners who may have questions.

Dexter is expected to begin putting fencing onsite in April in preparation for replacing the dam. Build Nova Scotia will keep the community updated on what is happening, when it is happening, and what to expect. For information on the dam replacement project, visit Williams Lake Dam Replacement.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## Ivy Edna (Kirk) Hann

Sadly, the family announces the passing of Ivy on February 12th after 3 years in Melville Lodge due to Alzheimer's. Ivy was born on September 22, 1940, in Sambro, where she lived and loved her entire life. She loved gardening, walking, playing cards and spending time with family, especially her sisters, Theresa and Aronda. She was the daughter of the late George & Leta (Gilkie) Kirk.

Ivy was predeceased by her husband, James Hann; her infant son, Norman; her brother, Edwin Kirk; her son-in-law, Lou Shaw; her sister-in-law, Lyn Kirk; and her brother-in-law, Len Cavan.

Ivy is survived by her three children, Mitzi Shaw, Marty (Sue) Hann, Michelle (Howie) Smith; grandchildren who she so dearly loved, Brad, Jennifer, Sara, Jill, Trevor, Travis; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ivy's surviving siblings are Theresa (Clyde) Gray, Barry (Francis) Kirk, Aronda (Darrell) Garrison and surviving sisters-in-law, Shirley Cavan and Suzie Kirk.

Cremation has taken place, and a private family burial will take place in the Spring when the remains of Ivy and Jimmy will be buried together (as they requested) at St. James United Church Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to St. James United Church, Sambro.

## Donna Irene Morash

Age 72, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2026, in Truro, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Dover, she was the cherished daughter of the late Roy and Dorothy Morash.

Donna was a true family woman — her family meant everything to her. Her son, Wayne Morash, was her first love and greatest pride. She treasured every moment spent with her loved ones.

Donna enjoyed her Sunday bingos — and occasionally Tuesdays too. If you ever met Donna, you were always greeted with a warm smile. She would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. She was as sweet as the treats she loved — her Juicy Fruit gum and her Diet Pepsi were never far from her side.

She is survived by her beloved siblings: her brothers, Darrel and Lawrence; her sisters, Beatrice, Connie, Bernice, Patsy, and Bonnie; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews who will miss her dearly. Donna was predeceased by her parents, and by her siblings, Shelia, Gerald, Hudson, Dale, Joy, Millie, Ruby, and Lina.

A service in memory of Donna was held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 11AM from the funeral home chapel.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her niece, Lisa Blackburn, for always visiting Donna and showing her unconditional love. Special thanks as well to Sheila Morash and Tina Williams, and the family members who came together to support Donna during her final moments on earth.

A very special thank you to her nephew, Nathan Blackburn, for the loving care he provided, especially during the final stages of her journey.

The family would also like to express sincere gratitude to the compassionate staff at Cedarstone Enhanced Care (Eden Hall) for their kindness and care.

This isn't a goodbye — it's "good-bye, bingo."

## Veronica Mary (Sampson) Parsons

The family of Mary "Veronica" Parsons of Spryfield are saddened to announce her passing on 11 Feb 2026 after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born 16 March 1939 in River Bourgeois, Cape Breton, Veronica was just one month short of her 87th birthday. Veronica did a short stint in the Air Force at Borden, Ont., and when she returned home in 1958, mom moved to Halifax with her best friend/cousin, Patsy, where they shared a room and worked together at Canadian Linen Supply. Patsy's then boyfriend (future husband), Albert Morris, introduced Mom to his friend Stewart "Sonny" Parsons, who Mom claimed she "couldn't stand" when she first met him because he was "such a show off!" Apparently, he won her over because the next year they were married and moved to Sussex St in Spryfield, and the following year their family began. They were married

for 63 years until Dad's death in 2022.

When the kids were growing up, Veronica was a stay at home Mom, making sure her kids and Sonny were looked after. When her children were older, Veronica joined the workforce at Sears on Mumford Road and was there for several years until Zeller's, Spryfield, opened its doors. Being close to home, Mom took a job there in the fabric department, which she truly enjoyed, exercising her skills and expertise in fabric and yarn and the tools needed to create handmade items, sharing her knowledge with shoppers and helping whomever she could, from the day that the store opened until she retired many years later.

Veronica was a Master of everything she did, Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting, Oil Painting (she loved sharing her creations with the ones she loved), Quilting, Gardening, you name it, she made sure it was done right and well! She was a fantastic Bowler and was on at least 2 leagues each season; everyone wanted her on their team as she always took the trophy for high single, double and triple. In the late 70's and early 80's, she and Dad would take spring vacations to St Pete's, Florida, with Patsy and Albert. They had many great times together on their trips and told many stories of fun and laughter when they returned home. Once they decided not to travel South anymore, they purchased a travel trailer and settled in a spot at Beechbrook Campground in Ardoise for almost 40 years, where they enjoyed spending their summer weekends.

Veronica loved her Children, Kim, Kevin (Barb) and Don (Debbie); grandchildren, Christopher, Jordan, Lara, Jennifer, Melissa, Caitlin and Sidney; and great-grandchildren, Dorian, Chase, Summer, Greer, Blaire, and Elianna.

Veronica is survived by her children and their families mentioned above; sisters, Theresa Kyte - River Bourgeois, Anna MacDonald - West Bay Rd, Joyce Roy - Dartmouth; sister-in-law, Diane Harris - Halifax; brother-in-law Douglas Parsons - Fergusons Cove; sister-in-law Betty-Lou (Bill) Petite - Darlings Island NB; brother In-law Carl White (Halifax); God Daughters, Linda Armstrong née Morris and Lydia Burke née Kyte; and many nephews and nieces. Besides her husband, Sonny, Veronica was predeceased by her mother, Mary Viola Sampson (née Hanlon of Canso); brother, Joey Harris; brother-in-laws, Robert Kyte and John MacDonald; mother and father-in-law, Wallace and Vera Parsons; and sisters-in-law, Paullette Parsons, Blossom Graves (Gerald), CarolAnn White, Nancy (Donald) Graves, Shirley (Gerald) Schnare.

Our family would like to thank the Staff at Melville Lodge for the exceptional, loving care given to Mom for the last 9 years. There just isn't enough that can be said to express our gratitude.

Cremation has taken place. As per Mom's wishes, there will be a funeral and internment at St. John the Baptist Church in River Bourgeois at a later date.

## June Bernadette Morris

Our loving mother, June Morris, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Febru-

ary 16, 2026, at the age of 91, at Melville Lodge Nursing Home.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 8, 1934, June was the beloved daughter of Seretha and Joseph Keating. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family and friends. June dedicated her life to those she loved, always offering a listening ear, a comforting embrace, and kindness through her actions. Her positive spirit and caring nature touched the lives of everyone who knew her.

June found great joy in dancing, bowling, and making crafts, passions that brought her happiness and allowed her to express herself. She cherished camping trips with her grandchildren, creating lasting memories filled with laughter, storytelling, and love. These moments were among her most treasured.

June was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was predeceased by both her parents; by her brothers, Collins, Albert, Harry, and Joey; and her sisters, Blanche, Edith, Marie, and Dorothy. She is lovingly survived by her seven children: Bev (Barry), Leonard, Freda (Alan), Fred (Cathy), Blair (Anne), Wanda (Roger), and Heather, as well as her many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Buddy and her sister, Shirley.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff of Melville Lodge Nursing Home for their kindness, care, and support shown to June and her family.

A funeral service was held at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer Society in June's memory.

June's love, guidance, and gentle presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her.

## Charles Eric Melanson

Charles Eric Melanson passed away on February 20, 2026, at the Halifax Infirmary at the age of 91. Born in the North End of Halifax on August 25, 1934, he was the fifth child of seven of Wilfred Melanson (1898–1995) and Kathleen Melanson (née Murphy; 1901–1988). He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1954 and served until 1959. Afterwards, he

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began working as the General Foreman at the Halifax Grain Elevator, near Point Pleasant Park. On August 22, 1964, he married Louise Downie (1935–2025) of Low Point, Nova Scotia, and would have two sons, Peter and John. He would go on to have two grandchildren, Sam and Paul, through his son, John. He is remembered for his friendly demeanour, his calmness, his unflappability, and his passion for watching Last of the Summer Wine with his family. He was predeceased by his parents, Wilfred and Kathleen, siblings Lawrence (1924–2004), Doris (1925–2015), John (1928–2014), Wilfred (1931–1932),



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and Mary (1941–2014), and his beloved wife, Louise, who passed away in April 2025. He is survived by his sister, Margaret, sons Peter and John (Smita Halder), and grandsons Sam and Paul. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 11 AM from St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 6032 Normandy Drive, Halifax, NS.

**Cecelia Ann (MacDonald) Franz**  
May 30, 1949 – February 20, 2026

It is with unspeakable sadness that we announce the passing of Cecelia Ann Franz on February 20, 2026, at the age of 76.

Ann, as she was known, was the beloved wife of Klaus-Henner (“Klaus”) Franz for 53 years; a devoted mother to her sons, Marc and Colin, and daughter-in-law, Lora; a cherished Nana to her grandchildren, Isaak, Zoey, and Macy; and a loving sister to Jack, Judi, Colin (“Bobby”), Richard (“Ricky”), Mickey (“Barry”), and Michelle.

She also shared a close bond with her sisters-in-law Faye (Jack), Carol (Bobby), Stephanie (Barry), and Alice (Ricky) who were an important part of the extended family she cherished, along with all her nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Klaus (October 31, 2025); her sister-in-law, Alice (Ricky); and her parents, Colin Michael and Belle Iris (née Carnell) MacDonald.

Born in Halifax on May 30, 1949, Ann moved with her siblings to Fairview at the age of five. She attended Fairview Elementary School and Armdale Junior High before graduating from Halifax West High School in 1967 and later pursued secretarial studies at the Halifax Ladies College.

Ann was strongly shaped by the example of her parents, Colin and Belle. Her mother, Belle, was a Registered Nurse who worked long hours as a head nurse in the neonatal unit at the Halifax Infirmary. She was so devoted to the fragile babies in her care that she was known to walk the long distance from Fairview to the Halifax Infirmary during winter snowstorms when the weather was too severe for buses to run.

After Colin suffered a heart attack as a young father that led to lasting physical limitations, Belle took on additional double shifts to support the family, often returning home to prepare a family meal before falling asleep at the table from exhaustion. Colin first worked as a bus driver before later operating a clock repair business. Though he could be a stern presence at home, he was widely known in the community for his kindness and generosity, often repairing clocks free of charge for customers who could not afford it.

In this environment, Ann and her older sister, Judi, assumed significant responsibility in helping run the household at a young age. From her parents' sacrifices and example of service to others, Ann developed a deep sense of responsibility, patience, and compassion. She became someone her siblings and friends could lean on in times of adversity; a steady and reassuring presence who listened without judgment. This devotion would define her throughout her life and shape her ap-

proach as both a parent and grandparent.

Ann and her “sweetheart”, Klaus, married in 1972 at St. Andrew's United Church in Halifax. Their first son, Marc, was born in Toronto in 1976 and named after Olympic swimmer Mark Spitz, whose record-setting performance they witnessed during their Munich honeymoon. Several years later, they returned to Halifax to be closer to family as her father's health declined. Their second son, Colin, named for Ann's father, was born in Halifax in 1980, only a few months after his namesake's passing.

Ann was a dedicated mother who instilled a strong work ethic and deep self-reliance in her children. During her sons' early years, she was a stay-at-home mother known for her volunteerism, including at Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School, Maskwa Aquatic Club and Scouts Canada. She attended every event and activity her sons participated in, from Colin's year-round basketball seasons to Marc's involvement in the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. In honour of her father, Ann faithfully canvassed each year for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Ann loved to read and sing to her children and later to her grandchildren. Patient and gentle, she found great joy in long walks with Isaak, Zoey, and Macy, pointing out flowers and collecting rocks or shells to paint together. In their retirement years, Ann and Klaus made countless long drives from Halifax to Chicago, embracing the freedom those trips offered to spend precious time with their beloved grandchildren.

Through these many visits, they remained closely involved in the formative years of all three. Ann never tired of listening to their observations and stories and could sit with them for hours singing songs, reading books, and working on art projects. She had infinite patience for “her babes”, as she lovingly called them; they meant the world to her. She and Klaus often spoke with pride about their daughter-in-law, Lora, and the kindness, strength, and closeness of the family she helped nurture, which reminded Ann of her younger self and her own upbringing.

Creative and hardworking, Ann had a talent for quilt and rug making and supplied work to Jennifer's of Nova Scotia and other retailers. She worked in a variety of roles over the years in the public and private sectors. Known for her exceptional typing skills, Ann held several administrative positions before finding her true calling in entrepreneurship. She operated The Daily Grind Newsstand and Café, a well-known fixture on Spring Garden Road spanning three decades, where she formed lasting friendships with staff and customers alike.

Like her parents before her, Ann often placed the needs of others ahead of her own. As a young woman, she dreamed of attending college but, coming from a working-class family, felt responsible for helping at home. Instead, she began working at Dominion grocery store while still in high school to support her family. Ann even lent what little she had saved to help her eldest brother, Jack, attend Acadia University, where he became the family's first college

graduate. This spirit of self-sacrifice and looking out for one another was shared among all of the MacDonald siblings and remained a defining part of their bond.

This instinct to care for others carried throughout Ann's life, whether in her support of family and friends, or in being present for members of the Daily Grind community during times of illness. At times, this meant quite literally holding their hands in hospital or palliative care when they had no one else.

Ann deeply valued education and took great pride in the fact that both her sons graduated from Dalhousie University. In the mid-2000s, she returned to school and completed a Certificate in Business Administration at Mount Saint Vincent University, earning straight A's while working full time at The Daily Grind.

In her later years, Ann faced a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She and Klaus met this challenge together with quiet determination, supported by their children and her siblings. Ann will forever be missed. As the middle child in a close-knit family of seven, she was compassionate, reliable, and devoted to those she loved; always someone others could turn to for help.

The following words were written in loving memory by her brother Bobby:

*Life's Faded Memories*

*Precious scenes*

*Lost for eternity*

*In our dreams*

*Of distant realities,*

*As we slip and slide*

*Down the icy stream*

*We call living.*

*Yet always to remember the days,*

*And evenings of your life.*

*Our memories*

*Speak loudly of our past,*

*Our shared dreams, words, and endless love.*

*For all we had is not forgot.*

*Your light*

*Echoes through the passageways*

*Of our lives,*

*Quietly tipping*

*The blinds to open*

*The window on our yesterdays.*

A private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia in honour of her courageous journey and in support of others facing this illness.

**Betty Jean (Cromar) Hughes**

Age 93, of Halifax, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2026, with her family at her side. Born May 4, 1932, Betty taught kindergarten before devoting herself to raising her children and later working with her husband in the business they owned. A lifelong volunteer, she gave generously of her time through UNICEF, the YWCA and the UCW at Parkhill United Church. She loved to travel with her husband, friends and family. She was predeceased by her husband Sidney, brother, Irvine “Mike” Cromar, sister, Lenore Young, and brother, Stuart Cromar.

She is survived by her children, Carolyn (Darrell Pardy), James (Elizabeth), Peter (Viki), and John (Krista);

grandchildren, Christopher, Stephen, Samantha, Megan, James, Liam, Sarah, and Grace; and great-grandchildren, Luca, Lorenzo, and Sonia.

A memorial reception was held on Saturday, February 28, at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Road.

**Marilyn Donna Olga Cramsie**

Marilyn Donna Olga Wolter Cramsie passed away on February 27, 2026, surrounded by the loving family and friends who meant the world to her. She rejoins her beloved husband, John, who predeceased her.

Loving, funny, and independent, Marilyn lived life exactly the way she wanted. Her greatest pride was her large and ever-growing family — especially her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought her endless joy (and probably a little mischief). She is survived by daughter Lyn, son Alec, six grandchildren: Johnny, Randy, Brian, Eric, Ceilidh, and Alexandra, her great-grandchildren, and extended family.

In true Marilyn fashion, she wrote her own farewell:

Marilyn Donna Olga Wolter Cramsie died February 27, 2026, surrounded by her loving family and friends, to whom I told to have a party, not a wake.

Here's to ya!

Love, Marilyn

A celebration of her life will be held in the summer of 2026 — because if we're going to have a party, it might as well be warm. In lieu of flowers, Marilyn asked that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

**Arthur Ronald Beaman**

It is with profound sadness that we the family of Arthur Ronald Beaman of Halifax, NS, announce his passing at the Victoria General Hospital on March 5, 2026 at the age of 56.

Arthur was born September 23, 1969. He was predeceased by his father, Arthur Christie Beaman, grandparents, Arthur and Dorothy Beaman, Doug Ash and Francis Shunamon and by his mother-in-law, Rose Oakley. Arthur survived by his mother, Alexis Beaman, wife, Koren Beaman, children, Tiffany, Kayla, and William (Hannah) and foster son Jason McCullough. grandson's Amari, Relahki, Kyler, Ri'kye and Ja'kaylynn, granddaughter Willow, Papa's little princess. He is also survived by siblings Chris, Christine (Borden) and Roland, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Arthur enjoyed hunting fishing and working on cars but most of all spending time with his grandchildren. He really enjoyed hanging out with his best friend, Phillip Evans and his special friends, Denny Carey and Tanya Heon.

Keeping with Arthur's wishes, a cremation has already taken place in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian cancer foundation. The family would also like to give a special thank you to the palliative care, doctors and nurses on unit 7A at the VG.

# Cuttell Community Update

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days and warmer temperatures. While I'm happy to see the snowbanks melt and crocuses pop their heads up, spring is also the time of year I like to call the "Great Reveal." It is the season when all the litter and garbage that has been frozen in snowbanks or trapped under ice suddenly makes itself visible again.

Every year it reminds us how much small pieces of waste can accumulate over the winter months. April is therefore a great time to organize a neighbourhood clean-up or simply challenge yourself to pick up a few bags of litter while out for a walk. Keeping our communities clean is a shared effort, and even small actions add up quickly when many people participate.

If you would like to organize a spring cleanup, you can choose an area to tackle, gather a group of friends, family members, neighbours, coworkers, or classmates, and register through the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up program. Pre-packaged litter kits are available for pickup at Halifax Public Library branches or HRM Customer Service Centres. To ensure all groups can access supplies, there is a limit of two kits per group at these locations. If your cleanup event requires more supplies, you can contact [wasteless@halifax.ca](mailto:wasteless@halifax.ca) and staff will arrange additional materials. You are also welcome to let me know about your cleanup plans, as I have some small giveaway items to thank volunteers who take part.

Earlier this month HRM's Budget Committee approved the 2026–2027 Operating and Capital Budgets. As many residents noticed, it was a challenging process with difficult decisions. Council had to balance priorities while working to keep residential tax increases manageable. I was pleased that grant funding for arts organizations, non-profit groups, and community programs was maintained.

Funding was also maintained for HalifACT and Strategic Infrastructure investments, commitments that help ensure we continue building a resilient and vibrant municipality while managing costs responsibly.

There was also good news for transit users. Council approved the purchase of ten new buses to address performance issues on several high-demand routes, including the Herring Cove Road routes 9A and 9B. These additions advance the Halifax Transit Core Service Plan approved earlier this year. The plan focuses on improving service frequency on key corridors, extending operating hours, and strengthening reliability so transit can better support population growth and daily commuting. For residents who rely on these routes, this investment should help reduce overcrowding and improve overall service consistency.

Several capital projects that affect District 11 were also approved,

including a playground replacement at Ursula Court, Phase Five shoreline improvements at Sir Sandford Fleming Park, new pathway lighting at the Captain William Spry Centre, and design work for ballfield rehabilitation at J. Albert Walker Park.

There are also several transportation improvements planned. Cowie Hill Road, from Herring Cove Road to Civic 237, and Purcells Cove Road, from Herring Cove Road to Pinehaven Drive, will undergo recapitalization.

Dentith Road and a section of Herring Cove Road from Civic 556 to Sarah Drive will receive new asphalt overlays, and Cowie Hill Road will gain sidewalks to improve connections to a nearby bus stop.

Bus stop improvements are

## The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Over the past few weeks many of you reached out to me about the provincial budget and the impacts it could have on programs people rely on. I want to start by saying thank you to everyone who took the time to contact me. Your words and your stories mattered. Hearing directly from people in our community makes a real difference and it helps guide the decisions we make.

After hearing from Nova Scotians across the province, including many people here in our community, government has made changes. Funding has been restored in key areas including supports for people with disabilities, supports for seniors, and scholarships and education supports for African Nova Scotian and Mi'kmaq students. These programs matter deeply to people and restoring that funding was the right decision. I know these conversations have been difficult. I also understand the real impact these decisions have on families. It is not something I take lightly.

Our responsibility as a government is to protect the services people depend on most, especially for those who are most vulnerable. While these changes increase the deficit in the short term, we believe protecting those supports is the right thing to do. Like many of you, I wish we could always do more. As our economy grows and our financial position improves, I hope we will be able to continue building on these supports in the future.

I have also heard from many families about the student bus pass program. This program was a \$1.2 million investment that was provided to HRM. However, there was no clear data provided on how many passes were being used or how many were being distributed. As part of the revised approach, \$600,000 of that funding is being used to top up bus passes for low-income students so the students who rely on transit the most

planned along Herring Cove Road, Tamarack Drive, and Ridgevalley Road. A new crosswalk is planned for Herring Cove Road at Highfield Street, and speed tables will be installed on Sylvia Avenue and Cowie Hill Road to support traffic calming.

Across the district, state-of-good-repair work on municipal assets will continue as part of ongoing efforts to maintain parks, roads, and infrastructure. While I would always like to see more projects move forward, these investments reflect priorities residents have consistently raised.

In case you missed it, I recently welcomed a new Council Coordinator, Kate Richardson. We are planning Town Hall meetings for later this spring. If you would like to receive notice once dates are confirmed, please email Kate at [richark@halifax.ca](mailto:richark@halifax.ca) and ask to be added to the Town Hall mailing list. Town Halls are a great opportunity to learn about what

has happened over the past year, and they also give me a chance to hear directly from residents about concerns, priorities, and ideas. I usually host two or three meetings in different parts of the district so more people across Spryfield and the Sambro Loop area can participate, and I hope you will be able to join me.

The Suburban Plan continues to move forward, with the next phase focusing on main streets in suburban growth centres. HRM planners are seeking ideas from residents about building design, public spaces, types of stores and services, accessibility improvements, and other priorities. If you missed the Herring Cove Road workshop, you can still share input by contacting [suburbanplan@halifax.ca](mailto:suburbanplan@halifax.ca) or calling 902-499-0607.

As always, I am grateful to be your councillor. Happy Spring to everyone across District 11.

continue to have support. Student bus passes will remain available until the end of the school year. I understand the concerns families have raised about this change, and I appreciate everyone who reached out to share their perspective.

Our priority will always be making sure students can get to school safely. All students who live in their catchment area outside of walking distance will continue to have access to school

bus transportation. Going forward, there may be opportunities to explore a partnership with HRM to cost share a program like this so that it can continue in a sustainable way.

It is an honour to serve as your MLA. I will always listen, bring your concerns forward, and advocate for our community.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please reach out.

## COMMUNITY

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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)

**Herring Cove Community Centre Event:** Join several local audiologists as they answer your questions on hearing loss, learn about the latest technology options including cochlear implants, get communication tips and where you can obtain services and funding support. This free event is on Saturday April 11th 1-2pm at the Community Centre, 30 Latter Pond Lane in Herring

Cove.

Family and friends welcome! For more information contact: Uta Stewart at [uta.stewart@medel.com](mailto:uta.stewart@medel.com)

**Indoor Flea Market**, sponsored by the Jamaican Cultural Association of Nova Scotia, will take place on Saturday, May 16th from 9am to 3pm at Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. To donate items or for more information, please go to [jcans.ca](http://jcans.ca)

**Mainland South Heritage Society Heritage Tea and Display**

Recreation and Leisure, theme for our artifacts and photos. When: Saturday, May 2nd from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Where: Captain Spry Community Centre, 16 Sussex Street, Spryfield. Public invited, no charge. Donations welcome.

**Spryfield Area Multicultural Society** is excited to host its 4th Annual Festival of Colours. Saturday, May 23rd at the Spryfield Lions Rink, 11 Drysdale Rd. Entry Fee \$2. For more information, please contact Usha Goel at 902-817-9192 or Vishupriya Satheesh at 902-476-7448

**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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## APRIL

### Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on 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: (322 Herring Cove Rd). If you would like help with food, please call 902-477-1954 before 10 am Tuesday 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).
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) is offering a Cozy Breakfast - April 1st @ 10:30am and Spry Cafe - April 8th @ 5:30pm

### 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:

- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our Facebook page, phone at (902) 446-4847, or email hwcc@outlook.com
- Mobile Food Market \*free produce to community members! Tuesday April 7th & 21st 1pm-3pm
- Our "Community Votes" Gold winning After school program has part time and full time spots available! Grades Pre-primary to six! Contact Cara at hwcc@outlook.com
- We are looking for new volunteer Board

Members to join our team! Do you care about your community and want to make a difference? No experience needed- just a big heart and willingness to help!

### Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) events:

- Free Food Programming:  
Cozy Breakfast - April 1st @ 10:30am  
Basic Shelf - April 8th @ 10:00am  
Spry Cafe - April 8th @ 5:30pm  
Soup's On - April 15th & April 29th @ 10 am  
Cultural Cooking - April 22nd @ 10:00am
- Free Fitness Programming:  
Yoga - April 2nd, April 16th, April 30th @ 10am  
Latin-Cardio - April 9th & April 23rd @10am  
Aquafit - April 14th @ 10:00am \*Meeting at the Spryfield Wavepool
- Family Events:  
Easter Egg Hunt - April 2nd @ 10:00am  
Big Kid Family Nature Walk - April 2nd at 1:30pm \*Meeting at Long Lake Park  
Story Time - April 8th @ 1:30pm  
Earth Day Birthday - April 22nd @ 1:30pm  
Loose Parts - April 29th @ 1:30pm
- Playgroups:  
Family Playgroup - Mondays @ 10:00am  
Baby Playtime - Tuesdays @ 1:30pm  
Playground Playdate - April 10th @ 1:30pm \*Meeting at Hartlen Park

### 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 April 25, 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.

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

- Dinner Theatre 2026, "The Haunting on Sambro Island" featuring a 3-Course Lobster Dinner, an Original and Entertaining Show, and lots of Great Music. Price \$50.00  
Dates: April 24, 25, May 1, 2 at 6:30 PM and April 26, 4:30 PM; Auction Items available at each performance. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/sambro2026>. For more information call St. James United Church, Sambro at 902-868-2791

### 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

### Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

Our UFMSS would like to invite you to

our 2026 upcoming events to be held at our Urban Farm Site across from Kidstone Estates on Rockingstone Road.

- Spring Plant Sale - Saturday, May 30th. 2-4pm
- Strawberry Shortcake Social - Sunday, July 12th. 2-4pm
- Evening in the Garden - Wednesday, August 19th. 7-9pm
- Harvest Fair / School Farm Day - Saturday, September 19th. 2-4pm (Raindate Sept. 20th)

2026 is the 30th. Birthday of our UFMSS with special guests, the "Barnyard Bunch" of farm animals. Enjoy games, contests, harvest food, entertainment, bubbles and birthday cake! A special invitation to all students, families, seniors, past and present members, volunteers and everyone in our community!

2026 Memberships are now available - Individuals \$15.00, Students & Seniors \$10.00, Families \$20.00, Groups & Organizations \$55.00. For more information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email [urbanfamspryfield@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfamspryfield@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 Morriscey 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  
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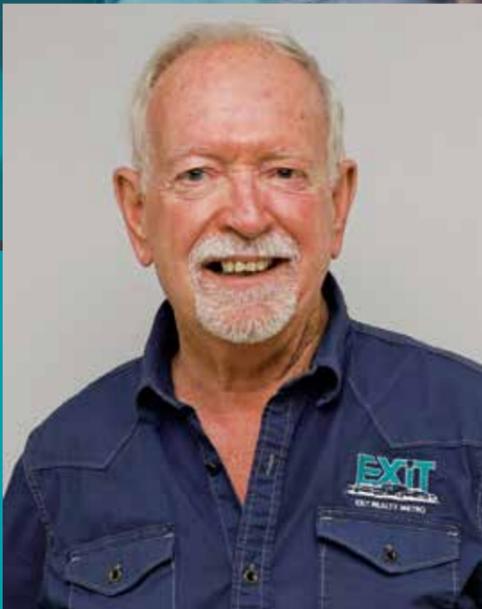
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