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# Urban Farm Museum Society celebrates their 30th Founding Anniversary



Patricia MacLean, Michele Raymond and Marjorie Williston did the honours with the celebratory cake

Photo by Sam Ramsay

by Sam Ramsay

People gathered at the Spryfield Community Centre on April 18th to celebrate the 30th Founding Anniversary of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. The community room

was set up with information about the Society's history, awards they've received, and information about their current programs.

Tea, coffee, and a variety of sandwiches were available, which

attendees enjoyed while perusing the displays and chatting with members and volunteers. There was also a cake, decorated with the number 30 and an image of the Society's beautiful and iconic quilt. The handmade quilt

was designed by Michele Raymond and Marjorie Willison in 1997 and was hung at the front of the room for everyone to admire.

After a little time to socialize, some members of the Society gave speeches, talking about the Urban Farm, its importance to them and to the community, and some of the history that led to its creation. Certificates were presented by Councillor Patty Cuttell, recognizing the founding members and long-term volunteers that helped the Urban Farm become what it is today. Founding member certificates were given to Michele Raymond, Marjorie Willison, and Patricia MacLean, and certificates for 15, 25, and 30 years of volunteer service, respectively, were given to Donna Mitchell, Janet Kidston, and Patricia MacLean. A certificate of congratulations to the Urban Farm as a whole was presented by MLA Brendan Maguire. Members of the Society gave a sincere thank-you to all members and volunteers, as well as Mr. Ralph Medjuck, Councillor Patty Cuttell, MLA Brendan Maguire, and everyone else who has supported them over the past 30 years.

Before it was time to cut the cake, Patricia MacLean reminded attendees about the Society's "Come Grow With Us" program. In the past, the program has allowed young families to learn how to grow their own vegetables, and in 2014 Marjorie Willison compiled the lessons learned into a book, "Come Grow With Us - A Family" (See Urban Farm on page 2)

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# Chase the Ace jackpot winner announced



Left to right - Dennis Findlay President Forever Young Seniors Club, Chase the Ace winner Marjorie Pemberton, and Ian Chamberlain Treasurer Forever Young Senior's Club

The Forever Young Senior's Club (FYSC) wishes to announce the winner of our latest Chase the Ace jackpot. The winner is Marjorie Pemberton. Congratulations.

The Chase the Ace jackpot and consolation prize was won on the second draw on May 11, 2026, which resulted in a consolation prize of \$202.00 plus a jackpot of \$5,579.00.

The Forever Young Senior's Club would like to thank our members for their help and our Chase the Ace satel-

lite sales sites "Now We're Cookin" Herring Cove, "Stephen Murphy's Esso" Ketch Harbour Road, and "Zesty Pizza" Herring Cove Road, for their support.

We would also like to thank the people of Spryfield and surrounding areas for their support for our Chase the Ace fundraising efforts.

Funds raised support programs provided to our club members.

Thank you all.

# Urban Farm

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Guide to Growing Vegetables". This year, the Society is raising money to provide copies of the book to youth participating in the program, which is being led by community leaders from the Spryfield Boys & Girls Club, Chebucto Connections/Pathways to Education, IWK Youth Garron Centre, and the Discovery Centre. A \$100 donation can provide 12 copies of the book, and any leftover books will be given to students at local schools.

Once all announcements were made and certificates were given, Michele, Marjorie, and Patricia cut into the cake and served it to the attendees. Socialization resumed and the event started to wind to a close. The Urban Farm Museum Society, however, is still going strong and will be busy throughout the year, tending to the farm and helping the local community stay connected to nature.

The Urban Farm itself, which includes a variety of garden plots, berry bushes, apple trees, and monarch butterfly gardens, is located not far from the Captain William Spry Community Centre, with entrances off Kidston road, Tartan avenue, and Rockingstone road. Volunteers are always welcome, and various events are held at the Farm throughout the year, including the Strawberry Shortcake Social in July, and the School Farm Day/Harvest Fair, which will be held on September 19th from 2-4 PM and which features cake and baby farm animals.

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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:  
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**St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)  
 Sunday worship services are at 10:30 am.  
 We celebrate the last day of Sunday School with Intergenerational Worship and refreshments on June 14th at 10:30 am.  
 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.

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Farming was main occupation in 1827 Harrietsfield

by Iris Shea

Census Day in Canada has come and gone for 2026. Filling out a census record and submitting it to the government of Canada is important for many reasons. For me, and other family and community historians, the census records provide valuable information about the lives of our ancestors... demographic, social, and economic information from households across Canada. Government departments calculate spending based on information collected in recent census records.

We will have to wait another 92 years for the 2026 census to be released by Library and Archives Canada to the public. The released records are accessed free of charge on their website. Since 1871, census records have been collected every 10 years. The 1931 census is the latest to be released.

Not every community record was saved but some of the census records at Nova Scotia Archives date from 1767 to 1838. The 1827 census is a great one to start with if your ancestors settled before that time in the farming communities of Spryfield or Harrietsfield, or in the fishing communities along our shores. Harrietsfield extended toward Sambro as far as Grand Lake bridge. The 1827 census for Harrietsfield includes the name of head of each household for the following nine farmers.

Christian Merlin owned eight cultivated acres of land which produced 30 bushels of grain, 160 bushels of potatoes, and seven tons of hay. He owned five horned cattle.

Hugh Dugwell owned eight acres of cultivated land which produced 30 bushels of grain, 70 bushels of potatoes, and five tons of hay. He owned four horned cattle and three swine.

James Allan owned 20 acres of cultivated land which produced 20 bushels of grain, 150 bushels of potatoes, and five tons of hay. He owned two horses, six horned cattle, four sheep, and four swine.

Peter Marriott owned 50 acres of cultivated land which produced 100 bushels of grain, 800 bushels of pota-



Photo courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society, ca. 1940. Art Gilfoy and his mother, Blanche, in front of their dancehall on the Gilfoy farm near Moody Lake in Harrietsfield

atoes, and 30 tons of hay. He owned two horses, 30 horned cattle, eight sheep, and four swine.

David Brunt owned 20 acres of cultivated land which produced 20 bushels of grain, 300 bushels of potatoes, and 15 tons of hay. He owned one horse, 10 horned cattle, and two swine.

George Merlin owned 15 acres of cultivated land which produced 20 bushels of grain, 300 bushels of potatoes, and 12 tons of hay. He owned one horse, seven horned cattle, and two swine.

Hugh Fraser owned 30 acres of cultivated land which produced 10 bushels of grain, 200 bushels of potatoes, and 12 tons of hay. He owned two horses, eight horned cattle, and two swine.

William Shea owned 30 acres of cultivated land which produced 10 bushels of grain, 300 bushels of potatoes, and 10 tons of hay. He owned one horse, four horned cattle, eight sheep, and one swine.

Michael Weaver owned 10 acres of cultivated land which produced 70 bushels of grain, 300 bushels of potatoes, and seven tons of Hay. He owned one horse, two horned cattle, and one swine.

Most of the above mentioned surnames were seen in subsequent census records, their descendants having inherited the family farms or married into neighbouring farm families. Frasers,

ing was no longer a chosen occupation by young generations of men and women of Harrietsfield. They were more interested in working in Halifax. Marriotts, Marryatts and Brunts from Harrietsfield families appear throughout Halifax in the 1901 and 1911 census records. Travel to the eastern United States to work in factories was popular. Fred Brunt and his schoolteacher wife, Ruth Havill, settled in Massachusetts by 1920 where they raised their family. They also had ties to the local Yeadon, Drysdale, and Umlah families, and returned often to visit. That Brunt family changed the spelling of the surname to Brant.

The photo included with this article is of Art Gilfoy and his mother, Blanche, on their farm at Moody Lake, about 1940. The farm was first established by John Moody in the early 1800s and purchased by the Merlins in the 1820s. Generations of Merlins farmed that land for many years. The Gilfoys purchased the farm in about 1900 and is now known as Moody Lake Park in Williamswood.

Brunts and Marriotts are examples of families who were related through marriage in later generations. In 1915 the school records for Harrietsfield listed four Brunt children and one Marryat child attending school. Their teacher was Ruth Havill Brunt, wife of Fred Brunt.

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Plan to stay for the whole afternoon because at 3:00 you will want to visit the Back to the Sea touch Tank! Space is limited and free tickets to visit will be available at our Customer Service Desk beginning at 2:30pm.

Kids can sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club and collect prizes for reaching their summer reading goals.

Hey Teens and Adults! We're thinking of you too! Sign up for Book Bingo and share in the joy of reading and prizes!

There's something for everyone at Captain William Spry Library this summer! We're looking forward to seeing you!

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# Birds of the Backlands Common Yellowthroat

by Joshua Barss Donham

In June, the Backlands ring out with the calls of over a dozen species of warblers. Nesting season is in full swing!

The Common Yellowthroat is a warbler. Its scientific name is *Geothlypis Trichas*. *Geothlypis* which is a compound word made up of *geo* (earth/ground) and *thlypis* (small bird) referring to this bird's habit of living and foraging near the ground.

**Habitat:** This warbler's preferred habitat is open spaces with low growing, thick vegetation. They are one of the only warblers found nesting in open wetlands. Nearly two-thirds of the Backlands burned in the forest fire of 2009, leaving regenerating patches of birch, aspen and red maple beneath which bracken fern and other low plants have sprung up. The lakes in the southern part of the Backlands are surrounded by wide marginal wetlands edged with alders. All provide ideal habitat for the Common Yellowthroat.

## St. Paul's FRI

It was a blustery Sunday afternoon in early May that we held our season's Opening of the Garden meeting. This is an annual event that brings the gardeners together to review the rules and regulations, sign waivers, and pay plot fees. With plot plans and ideas coming out of hibernation and seed sharing, there is much eagerness for a new season. The John Umlah Memorial Community Garden, in existence since the mid-nineties, with forty plots, and just as many gardeners, is one to behold. I promise we will walk the garden path over the summer meeting some of our gardeners, as well as checking in with the Foodbank plot.

Tuesday, every week, from September until the end of June, the kitchen is abuzz with activity with dedicated volunteers preparing a delicious lunch for our long-standing program, Soup's On. Trust me, it's not just soup being prepared. Last Tuesday, a delicious shepherd's pie was served. All are welcome for this fellowship time while enjoying some yummy food free of charge.

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes Day Camps. We offer a Day Camp for children between five and twelve in July and August. The days are busy ones, and guaranteed to offer fun, with various activities for your children to enjoy.

The shelves of the Foodbank are stocked, with a delivery from Feed Nova Scotia, every Tuesday, along with donations from some of you. The stocking of the shelves and unloading the truck could not be done without the work of committed volunteers. In March 2020 as we were in the early stage of the pandemic, a small group from the Stella Maris Church in Spryfield approached us. They wanted

**Nests:** Common Yellowthroats are long-distance migrators and those in north-eastern Canada migrate to Central America. Returning to the Backlands in mid-May they begin nesting almost immediately and continue well into summer, sometimes with a second brood. They build a rough looking nest from coarse grass, leaves, bark, and bits of fern, and line it with finer grass and hair. They nest on or within a foot of the ground, well concealed in grass, or other low growing vegetation. Their nest sometimes has a cover or partial covering of grass, and they lay four or five eggs, white with sparse grey or brown speckles.

**Vulnerable:** These ground nests are vulnerable to predators like snakes, raccoons, red squirrels and dogs.

**Habits:** Common Yellowthroats are, as their name suggests, widespread and numerous. They breed throughout most of North America, and as far north as Newfoundland. The territory they require for nesting is smaller than most warblers, only

to support their fellow man, and we needed support at a time. That relationship continues to this day.

All non-profits face challenges these days with income. We are no different. This year, we are hosting four fundraisers:

The first one, a turkey take-out dinner, took place on April 11th. We are most thankful to everyone who volunteered and ordered, making this fundraiser a success. This was our first turkey dinner, and we plan to host another mid fall. As the day ended, with a rainbow in the eastern sky, we knew we had been blessed.

May 24th was another Fundraiser, with a live auction taking place at the Timberlea Beverage Room.

Saturday, June 6th, will be the date of our annual Flea market and Barbecue, rain or shine. Anyone is welcome to book a table for \$15. This event will take place at the lower level of St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Road, starting at 9am until pm.

Anyone wishing to donate their recyclables to St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, can do so by delivering them to Beaver Enviro Depot, 251 Herring Cove Road. Label the bags clearly with our name and don't forget to remove all caps. Thank you for this support.

Many of you know that on November 23rd, 2025, St. Paul's United Church offered its final church service. St. Paul's Family Resources Institute have been blessed with continuing to work out of the lower level of the church. We are located at 173 Old Sambro Road. Our Executive Director, Kristen Hollery, can be reached at 902-479-1015 if you need more information, or have questions surrounding our Organization and programs.



Common Yellowthroat in the Backlands, May 2026  
Photo Joshua Barss Donham

half an acre. Much like Black-capped Chickadees, they are extremely curious. Walking a trail through the barrens in the Backlands you might encounter a half a dozen male Common Yellowthroats approaching to check you out. Their call is an exuberant 'Witchity, witchity, witchity, witchity.'

**Menu:** They feed on insects: aphids, mayflies, moths, and beetles, and on spiders, picking them up off the ground and from the surfaces of plants and shrubs. Occasionally they behave like flycatchers - darting out from the cover of a shrub to snatch a flying insect in mid-air. They have a characteristically upturned tail and as they forage, dart among the branches

with quick jerky movements.

**Conservation Status:** Common Yellowthroats have been impacted by habitat loss with increased urbanization and agriculture, particularly the loss and degradation of wetlands. Their population declined 26% - over a quarter - of their population between 1966 and 2019 according to the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS,) the primary source of population data used to inform bird conservation efforts. Its rate of decline does not appear to be slowing. This warbler is but one in a long, long list of songbirds experiencing similar population decline including Black-and-white Warblers, Yellow Warblers, and Alder Flycatchers - all birds that make their homes in the Backlands.

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This community event is organized by the Halifax Wildlife Association to introduce kids and their families to fishing as a family sport. Registration is free for all fishers and is open to children ages 3 to 16. If you are under 12, you have to bring your favourite adult with you. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. until noon and includes a free hot dog lunch with a fruit drink. There will be loads of prizes thanks to many donations from our supportive sponsors - Dylan's NoFrills, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152, Canadian Tire Spryfield, Beaver Enviro-Depot, HFX Tire&Oil, Rubber Duck Car Wash, Green Diamond, Mr Fly, Canadian Tire Bayer's Lake, Steele Ford Lincoln, Steele Subaru and Blom Signs, Scotia Fuels, Now We'er Cookin, Thrive Family Chiropractic, Tims

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

Newbie fishers will learn about responsible fishing practices such as "Leave no Mess." Our focus is on the ecological principles of conservation of our lakes and ponds. We teach young fishers about sustainability of

and caring for our natural environment. We collaborate with other wildlife and conservation groups which support protecting inland fisheries, developing sustainable wildlife management and conservation of habitats.

We invite you to carry on this important work and legacy by joining the Halifax Wildlife Association. Membership application forms will be available at the registration table at the event. New members will receive a cap

or t-shirt. For more information contact Richard Lee, president at (902) 430-4956 or by email at pharmerlee85@gmail.com

Good times for all those who bait!!

## Spryfield's Wilderness Parks—Bird Watching

by Catherine Slone

Bird watching continues to be very popular in Spryfield's numerous, natural recreational parks and wilderness areas. The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) and partner Captain William Spry Public Library (CWSPL) offer guided bird walks in the Backlands at this time of year. Our first walk of the 4-walk-series was early morning on May 8 on the Hartlen Park Trail in the McIntosh Run Community Trails area of the Backlands.

Perfect weather conditions and the early morning start rewarded us with exciting sightings of not only numerous year-round birds but many migratory birds which have just arrived from southern winter climates.

Novice and experienced birders spotted 27 different bird species. Of special interest were a pair of nesting Hairy Woodpeckers, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Purple Finches, Blue-headed Vireos and loads of red Northern Cardinals. Lots of songbirds filled the forest with their songs. Totally enjoyable 2.5 hours of bird watching joy!

For more information on our annual bird walks check out the library's website and follow WLCC website and social media on our con-



Birders on Hartlen Park Trail in McIntosh Run Community Trails Photo Agnes O'Neill, May 2026

servation efforts in the Williams Lake watershed and the Backlands.



Hairy Woodpecker nesting in the Backlands Photo Catherine Slone, May 2026

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# Ghost story and Lobster Dinner at St. James

by Lorrie Boylen

This year's St. James Dinner Theatre, "The Haunting on Sambro Island", featured first time playwright and director Gemma Vale at the helm. Vale teased "Jump aboard the Salty Sambro and head across the harbour where history whispers and ghosts still linger. Expect chilling moments, surprising twists and some good laughs on this haunting trip to Sambro Island." Throw in music from a mix of genres and there was something for everyone.

For the past two years, Vale would look out towards Sambro Island, watching it disappear into rolling banks of fog. "There was something haunting about the way it would vanish from sight, like it was keeping secrets. With my love of horror, I knew I had to write about the Sambro Island Lighthouse, and the chilling legends that surround it."

She spent the past year researching and writing, with a deep commitment to creating a piece that her community would be proud of. She succeeded, and it was a wonderful mix of history, mystery, music and comedy.

Performers ranged from teenagers to seniors, and it was exciting to see how cast members have developed their craft from previous years. They naturally form a strong bond over their months spent together, and they become like a second family. It was obvious from the sold out shows that both the cast and the audience were having a great time.

The delicious meal featured salad, shelled Sambro lobster with vegetables, homemade rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. At the conclusion of each show, locally crafted items were auctioned off, and raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win an excursion to Sambro Island with Crystal Crescent Charters. Funds raised go to the St. James United Church.

This year's play was dedicated to Raymond Laing and Phyllis Gray, two former dinner theatre performers who passed away in December, 2025.

It takes a lot of hard work to pull together the production each year. Weekly rehearsals begin early in the year and become more frequent as the show dates draw near. In addition to

the enthusiastic, talented cast, there are stage and production crews, musicians, kitchen staff, volunteers, artisans and businesses who donate auction items, and local fishermen who donate lobsters to feed the masses.

# Work to begin on new Williams Lake Dam

by Cathy Vaughan

Construction on the long-anticipated replacement of the Williams Lake Dam is set to begin this June, marking a major milestone in efforts to enhance safety for people living in the area, protect their properties, and the ecosystem.

The Province is investing \$4.965 million in this project, which is being managed by Build Nova Scotia.

The entrance to Shaw Wilderness Park off Purcells Cove Road and associated construction area were closed Monday, May 11, for the duration of the project, which is expected to continue to late October. Other trailheads and trail systems outside of the construction area remain open.

Crews will mobilize on site in late May then begin the initial phase of construction, which will focus on the installation of a coffer dam—a temporary structure designed to divert water flow and create a dry, stable work environment. It allows crews to safely access the existing dam.

Once the coffer dam is in place, water will be carefully redirected from the work zone, exposing the current dam structure and lakebed. This controlled process is designed to minimize environmental impact while preparing the site for the next phase.

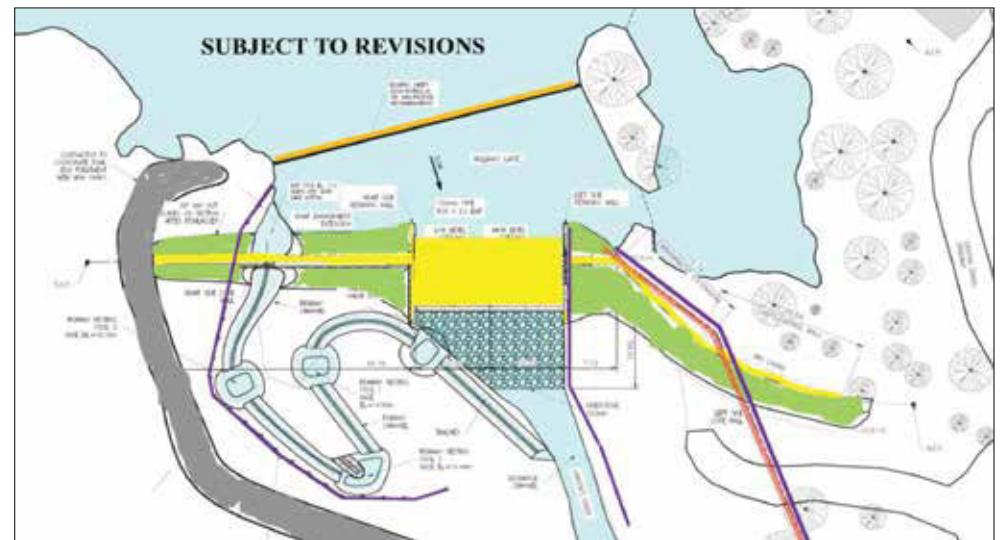
Following dewatering, crews will begin dismantling and removing the existing Williams Lake Dam, a rock and concrete structure that dates to the 1700s. Removal of the old dam is expected to begin mid-June with construction of the new dam beginning about a month later.

The replacement will be built to modern engineering and safety standards, ensuring long-term reliability in the face of changing climate conditions and the potential of heavy rainfall.

Residents can expect noise due to rock breaking and drilling as the old dam is dismantled. While the parking lot and trail to the dam are closed dur-

The Sambro Dinner Theatre remains a favourite annual tradition since local retired school teacher Eva Mae Gray launched it in 1990, and it has continued to grow in popularity over the years.

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



Engineering schematic by Build Nova Scotia of the new dam on Williams Lake. May 2026

ing construction for everyone's safety, the public is asked to be vigilant due to increased activity and additional traffic in the area.

Throughout the project, environmental monitoring and mitigation measures will be in place to protect local ecosystems and maintain water quality.

Pre-construction water and property assessments were carried out, as well as bird and turtle surveys. Water

samples will continue to be collected throughout construction.

Construction of the new dam will take place throughout the summer and be completed by the end of September.

Project updates are posted on Build Nova Scotia and the Williams Lake Conservation Company's social media. To learn about the project, please visit Build Nova Scotia at <https://buildns.ca/projects/williams-lake-dam/>

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# The Maguire Report

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

As we head into the summer months, the days are getting longer, the weather is warming up, and our community is coming alive once again. After a long winter and spring season, it is great to see families, neighbours, and friends spending more time outdoors, enjoying everything our beautiful area has to offer. Summer is just around the corner, and there is certainly plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

There is so much to enjoy right here in our own backyard. Provincial parks are now open for the season, giving residents and visitors the opportunity to get outside and explore nature. Whether it is a walk through the trails at Long Lake Provincial Park, hiking MacIntosh Run, spending time at Crystal Crescent Beach, or enjoying one of the many other incredible outdoor spaces in our area, we are fortunate to live in a community surrounded by natural beauty and opportunity for adventure.

As we spend more time outdoors, it is also important to remember that tick season is now here for both people and pets. When enjoying trails, parks, and wooded areas, please take precautions by using insect repellent, wearing appropriate clothing, and checking yourself, your children, and your pets after spending time outside. Staying aware and taking simple preventive measures can help keep everyone safe and healthy this summer.

With warmer temperatures arriving, I also want to remind everyone about the dangers of leaving children or pets unattended in vehicles. Temperatures inside a car can rise extremely quickly, even on mild days, creating dangerous and potentially life-threatening conditions within minutes. Please always double-check your vehicle and never leave children or animals inside, even for a short period of time.

As another school year comes to a close, I want to congratulate all students across our community on their hard work and accomplishments. A special congratulations goes out to our Grade 12 graduates as they prepare to begin an exciting new chapter in their lives. I also want to recognize students graduating from junior high and elementary school as they continue their educational journey. The future is bright, and I know our young people will continue to achieve great things in the years ahead.

I also want to sincerely thank all of the teachers, school staff, principals, volunteers, parents, and students who helped make this such a successful school year. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to supporting our young people do not go unnoticed. Strong schools are built through strong communities, and we are fortunate to have so many caring individuals contributing every single day.

Work will soon resume on renovations at Herring Cove Junior High as the revitalization of the school continues. Upcoming work includes replacing all windows along with several additional upgrades and improvements throughout the building. These invest-

ments will help create a better learning environment for students and staff for many years to come.

The Department of Public Works has also put together a dedicated crew specifically focused on addressing potholes and smaller road maintenance issues. This team will soon be out throughout

## Premier's Message

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



Premier Tim Houston

Turning the tide in Nova Scotia

In 2014, a columnist at the Halifax Chronicle Herald noted the following: "A Montreal shipyard produced a 9,000 tonne merchant ship, from start to finish, in 58 days in the middle of the Second World War. Today, we could not organize public hearings in 58 days."

Twelve years later, has anything improved in our country?

The honest answer is: not enough. But it's coming. It has to.

In Nova Scotia, we feel the urgency. Our economy ranks near the bottom in North America based on GDP per capita. We do not belong in the basement, and it is not where we are going to stay.

We have faced real economic setbacks. The loss of major industries had lasting impacts on jobs, wages and growth and, for too long, we struggled to recover. While other regions moved quickly to develop their resources and build new industries, we often found ourselves delayed by debate and uncertainty.

Nova Scotia had bans on entire industries like uranium exploration and hydraulic fracturing for natural gas. These bans sent a message to industry that Nova Scotia was not a place that they could do business.

As a result, resource development stayed out west. Many Nova Scotians either moved out west to find work or made a tough decision to raise their families on a two-week rotation.

By lifting these bans and modernizing approvals, we are showing industry that they can be successful here and, in doing so, providing Nova Scotians more opportunities at home.

And industry is taking note. A company led by a Nova Scotian has stepped forward with a bid of more than \$210 million to explore oil and gas here in our offshore.

By making Nova Scotia business

our community working on provincial roads and responding to many of the concerns residents have raised over recent months.

As traffic increases during the warmer months, please continue to be alert and cautious around cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians. With more people outside enjoying the weather, road safety becomes even more important for everyone in our community.

friendly through cutting red tape and modernizing approval processes, we can grow our economy and create jobs, all while protecting the environment.

When we show the world that Nova Scotia is a place to do business, people listen.

This momentum goes further than just oil and gas. In critical and strategic minerals, we see the potential to advance four new mining projects this year alone. Last summer, NexGold received approval for the Goldboro Mine in Guysborough County that could generate up to 735 jobs and contribute \$2.1 billion to Nova Scotia's GDP.

We're also seeing companies return. St. Barbara recently received approval to process over three million tonnes of stockpiled ore at their Touquoy Mine site in Moose River, Halifax County. This project has the potential to create up to 197 jobs and generate \$151 million in economic activity in Nova Scotia.

This year, Nova Scotia will see progress on Canada's first offshore wind

## Mayor's Message

by **Andy Fillmore, Mayor of Halifax Regional Municipality**

Growth must strengthen communities – not overwhelm them

People in communities like Spryfield, Herring Cove, Sambro, Portuguese Cove, Harrietsfield, and the surrounding areas are feeling the pressure of growth.

Traffic is heavier. Housing costs are rising. Infrastructure is under strain. And many residents are probably wondering how HRM can continue growing without losing what makes their communities special.

Those concerns are real.

Over the past decade, Halifax grew faster than almost anyone expected. More people moved here. Development accelerated. Entire communities changed quickly.

Now, another major wave of growth is still ahead of us - especially with new investment coming into defense, shipbuilding, and infrastructure.

That's why this moment matters.

If we wait until roads are even more overwhelmed and services fall even further behind, we'll already be playing catch-up. We need to prepare now so communities stay strong.

My job as Mayor is to make sure

There are so many exciting events, activities, and community gatherings coming up throughout the summer season. I encourage everyone to get out, enjoy all that our area has to offer, and support local events, businesses, and organizations whenever possible. I look forward to seeing many of you out in the community over the coming months.

I am so proud to be your MLA

project, known as Wind West, as well as opportunities for natural gas.

We have invested \$30 million through Dalhousie University to work with communities and industry toward safe, sustainable development. The Subsurface Energy Research and Development Investment Program includes \$24.3 million in direct reimbursements to support research and drilling.

Government is committed. Many Nova Scotians want to build local energy capacity and reduce reliance on the United States. I am with them.

Nova Scotia's opposition parties continue to doubt that natural resource projects can get off the ground, but they also doubted that our offshore oil and natural gas call for bids would get any bids.

If you can't imagine success, you'll never see it.

Previous governments didn't believe that these projects would be possible here. Their policies and their attitudes reflected that, and investors noticed.

I believe in Nova Scotia and I'm confident we have what it takes and investors are noticing that, too.

Tim Houston

Premier of Nova Scotia

growth is managed responsibly.

That means more housing, better roads and transit, stronger infrastructure, and municipal services that keep pace with growth.

But it also means protecting what people already value about their communities.

People in these areas want confidence that growth will be thoughtful - not rushed or disconnected from local realities. They want communities that remain livable, connected, and affordable for families.

I think that's fair.

At the same time, I'm really optimistic about our future.

If we manage growth properly, it can improve quality of life across the region. More people and more economic activity create the ability to invest more in roads, parks, recreation facilities, transit, and community services - without putting all the pressure on current taxpayers.

That's the opportunity in front of us now.

The challenge is making sure growth strengthens communities instead of overwhelming them.

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# Cuttell Community Update

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

June marks an exciting time in our community. The days are longer, schools are wrapping up for the year, and on June 21 we welcome both the first day of summer and National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada, a time to recognize and celebrate the history, cultures, contributions, and traditions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across the country.

As another school year comes to an end, I want to congratulate all students, teachers, school staff, and families on a successful year. Whether students are moving into a new grade, graduating, or simply looking forward to a well-earned summer break, June is always a significant milestone. I especially want to recognize the graduating Class of 2026 from JL Ilesley High School. Graduation is an important achievement and marks the beginning of a new chapter. Whether graduates are heading to post-secondary education, entering the workforce, pursuing a trade, or taking time to travel and explore, I wish them every success in the future.

Summer is also a reminder to get outside and enjoy everything our community has to offer. We are fortunate to live in an area surrounded by lakes, beaches, trails, parks, and incredible outdoor recreation opportunities. From hiking and biking to swimming, paddling, and spending time with family and friends, there are many ways to enjoy the season close to home.

The municipality also offers a wide range of recreation programs, camps, and activities throughout the summer. Registration for summer camps, programs, and inclusion support is now ongoing. Registration for swimming pools and beaches sessions opens on Tuesday, June 16. I encourage residents to take advantage of these opportunities and make the most of another great summer season. Visit [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca) for more information.

Council recently received an update on HRM's Integrated Mobility Plan, which focuses on improving how people move safely and efficiently across our communities. The Herring Cove Road corridor has been identified as a key strategic corridor where planning and design work are underway to support multimodal transportation, improve traffic flow, and increase overall people moving capacity. A community engagement session is being planned later this month to share updates and gather public feedback. This is a significant project for our district, and resident involvement will be critical to helping shape the future of transportation in our area. More info is available on [Halifax.ca](http://Halifax.ca) or check my Facebook page @pattycuttell11 for updates.

As we head into the warmer months, I also want to remind residents about the importance of following outdoor burning restrictions. Before having an outdoor fire, please

check the municipality's "Before You Burn" information and daily restrictions online. According to Environment and Climate Change Canada forecasts and expert analyses released earlier this year, Nova Scotia is expected to face significant dry weather conditions, with 2026 predicted to be one of the hottest years on record. As of May, nearly half the province was considered abnormally dry, with expectations that drought conditions could intensify throughout the summer months. Fire restrictions are in place to help protect our communities, forests, and emergency resources, and everyone has a role to play in preventing wildfires.

June is also Annual General Meeting season for many local organizations, and I will be attending as many AGMs

as possible over the coming weeks. Community organizations, whether focused on sports, recreation, food security, environmental stewardship, seniors programming, or neighbourhood activities, truly are the heartbeat of our communities. Many are driven entirely by volunteers who dedicate countless hours to helping others and strengthening our neighbourhoods.

Last month, I was honoured to present the 2026 Volunteer Awards recognizing seven outstanding residents from District 11. The recipients reflected the broad range of volunteerism happening in our communities, from improving access to inclusive sports to maintaining parks and trails and supporting community wellbeing through leadership and compassion. Congratulations to David Pappas, Gabriella Stone, Mike Harvey, Elizabeth Mahoney, Shreya Mondal, and Venerable Bandagiriye Sirinanda. And it was with a heavy heart that Fraser Lake was recognized

posthumously for his contributions to food security efforts.

I also held Town Halls in May in Herring Cove and Williamswood. Town Halls are an opportunity to share updates and hear your concerns and priorities. I have two more Town Halls planned in Spryfield and Purcell's Cove, dates to be confirmed. Please check my Facebook page or email my new coordinator at Nadine.Yuriev@halifax.ca to be notified. A summary of community priorities will be shared in a future newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to making our communities welcoming, resilient, and connected places to live. Small acts of kindness make a meaningful difference. I look forward to seeing residents throughout the summer months ahead.

To report municipal issues, remember to call 311. If there is something I can help with, please email [patty.cuttell@halifax.ca](mailto:patty.cuttell@halifax.ca) or call 902 221 6893.

## A Rotary moment

From The Rotary Club of  
Halifax Northwest



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 is about Rotary's Honouring Indigenous Peoples (HIP) project.

In 2014, a dedicated group of individuals from various Southern Ontario communities gathered in the basement of an Oshawa building to discuss the creation of a nationwide organization that would collaborate with Indigenous Peoples. From those initial discussions, HIP was born.

HIP's vision is that "all Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples work together, interconnected and interdependent, for the benefit of future generations". HIP is a grass roots approach to truth and reconciliation. It is based on fostering partnerships between non-indigenous and indigenous peoples through joint efforts at relationship building, creating a learning and sharing environment about indigenous cultures, and working together on projects of mutual interest and benefit.

National Youth to Youth (Y2Y) Program

Picture this: youth from every corner of Canada coming together to learn, grow, and make a difference. But this isn't just any learning experience—this is the Y2Y Program, where young people immerse themselves in the rich teachings of Indigenous cultures and take bold steps to protect our planet.

Imagine sitting around a campfire, listening to the wisdom of Indigenous Elders, or immersing yourself

in hands-on, traditional Indigenous land-based teachings, passed down through generations. This experience isn't just about learning about the past; it's about building a sustainable future rooted in respect, connection, and action.

The HIP National Youth to Youth (Y2Y) program aims to foster reconciliation, environmental stewardship, and cultural understanding among Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth across Canada. Through shared experiences, outdoor activities, and leadership development, the program empowers youth to become advocates for social change, environmental sustainability, and the preservation of Indigenous traditions. By bridging cultural divides and promoting dialogue, Y2Y equips the next generation with the knowledge and skills needed to work collaboratively toward a more inclusive and sustainable future.

Rotary is at the core of HIP. Our club is a member of the HIP movement, and our District is one of 19 all working together for youth, peace and environmental sustainability. Together, we are not just shaping today; we are securing a hopeful and inclusive tomorrow for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth. But the future we dream of can't wait. Now is the time to act!

Learn more at <https://honouringindigenouspeoples.com/rotary/> Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclusive – and we're friendly! We currently meet virtually or in person

every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Station Six Restaurant, 247 Herring Cove Rd. in Spryfield. For more information contact Marilyn Brown at [barrellingmarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:barrellingmarilyn@gmail.com) or call 902 719 9901.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## Linda Dorothy MacLean

passed away peacefully on April 20, 2026, just two days shy of her 75th birthday, leaving behind a lifetime of love, laughter, and treasured memories. Born in Monton, New Brunswick, Linda was the daughter of the late Robert and Isabel (Cole) Masters. Linda was a proud member of the Royal Canadian Legion for 25 years and, alongside her husband Mike, was also a member of Nova Scotia Guides for 25 years.

Linda had a deep love for children, and being around them brought her tremendous joy. She had a natural warmth and playful spirit that drew children to her. Family was at the centre of her life, and few things made her happier than spending time with the younger generations.

Linda also loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed camping and fishing in her younger years. No one had to worry about cleaning a fish if Linda was around. She had a special love for animals, particularly her dog, China, and her cat, Stubby, who brought her much companionship and joy.

An avid traveller, Linda explored much of Canada and the United States, creating many wonderful

memories along the way. Of all the places she visited, Drumheller, Alberta, held a special place in her heart.

Linda is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, Mike MacLean; her children, Mike MacLean (Nadine Boucher) and Melodie MacLean (Victor Roberts); her cherished grandchildren Joseph MacLean, Stephen MacLean, Rhea MacLean, Marisa MacLean, Amanda Boucher, and Joy Grasley; and her beloved great-grandchildren Ivy, Zach, Zoey, Isaiah, and Hazel.

She is also survived by her sisters Crystal and Debbie, and brothers Greg, Nick, David, Chris, and Mike, along with many extended family members and friends. Linda was predeceased by her sons, Leonard MacLean and Daniel MacLean.

Linda will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, her love of family, and the warmth she shared with those around her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

## Maria Adele (Caissie) Gallant

Age 78, passed away at home peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, April 26, 2026. Born in Pleasant Ridge, New Brunswick, Maria made Halifax, (Kline Heights), her home for the past 57 years, where she built a life centered around family, love, faith, and friendship.

She leaves behind to mourn her beloved husband of 57 years, Ernest Gallant; son, Peter (Erin); daughter, Patricia (Darren); cherished grandchildren, Chase, Jessica (Aaron), and Jeremy (Melissa); precious great-granddaughters, Harper and Myla, who brought her immense joy. She is also lovingly remembered by her sister Lorette, brother Auguste (Diane), numerous brothers and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Maria was a devout Catholic whose faith was a guiding force throughout her life. She faithfully attended weekly Mass at St. John the Baptist Church until its closing, after which she continued her devotion by watching daily Mass on television. If you stopped by for a visit and a chat she may not have any sweets but there was always tea, coffee and of course wine.

She was a woman who found happiness in life's simple pleasures. She loved knitting, enjoyed her weekly crib games with her partner Ernie, and treasured every moment spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her warmth, kindness, and quiet strength touched everyone who knew her.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all whose lives she brightened with her love and gentle spirit.

## Randall Wade Hayden

September 12, 1936 – May 3, 2026  
Randall Wade Hayden, 89, passed away on May 3, 2026. Born on September 12, 1936, Randall lived a life defined by his character, his service, and his profound love for his family.

At the age of 18, Randall joined the Canadian Army, a testament to his dedication and sense of duty. Following his service, he returned home to build a beautiful life, marrying his wife, Glenda, on November 17, 1962. Together, they shared a long and devoted marriage. Randall was a man of the outdoors who found great joy in the quiet of nature. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he loved nothing more than sharing those passions with his family, especially during trips to go swimming at Long Lake Park. He was a deeply loving man who took immense pride in his children and their families.

Randall is survived by his sons, Harvey (Susan) and Michael (Phyllis); his brother, Eric; and his cherished grandchildren, Adam, Evan, Erika (Tyler), Nicole, and Matthew, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Glenda; his daughter, Wanda; his grandson, Hayden; his sister, Isobel; and his brothers, David, Stan, and Jim.

## Gary Alan Henneberry

73 of Spryfield, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026, at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, with his brothers Bruce and Paul by his side. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Alan and Dorothy (Jennex) Henneberry. Gary held a special place in the family as the first Henneberry boy of his generation.

A talented heavy equipment mechanic, Gary specialized in forklifts and dedicated over 25 years of his career to NS Tractors. Most recently, he worked four days a week for Logistics: he truly loved his work and considered his colleagues to be his "work family."

Gary was happiest on the water. An avid fly fisherman, he found

peace and camaraderie at Knowlan Lake, his favourite spot. He was also a master of fly tying, a craft he generously shared with many friends and family members. If you find yourself on the water, please cast, one of his flies and think of him. His adventurous spirit never faded; just last summer, he was scuba diving for scallops to share with those he loved.

Gary didn't have children of his own, but he had a special bond with his nephews Adam, Todd and Mathew. They spent many hours spotting him while he was scuba diving and he taught them how to fly fish. They thought of him as a second father. He also had a special place in his heart for great nephews Austin and Hayden who spent many hours fishing with Uncle Gary and learning all his fishing secrets.

Gary also enjoyed Wednesday night card games at the Ketch Harbour Hall. A great lover of dogs, Gary always kept a box of treats in his truck for his "doggie friends." He is surely being greeted now by the wagging tails of his beloved black labs, Buddy and Beauty. Known for his friendly nature, Gary loved to chat and was always the first to lend a hand to a neighbour or friend.

Gary will be deeply missed by the love of his life and partner, Monica Currie of Spryfield; brothers, Bruce (Heather) of East Pennant, and Paul (Michelle) of Williamswood; nephews and niece, Adam (Justine), Todd (Erica), Mathew, Brent (Celeste), and Trina (Joseph); seven great-nieces and nephews; step-sons Dennis (Lori) and Jason (Tanya) and a large circle of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the QEII Health Sciences Centre ER, 6.1, 5.1 for your care and kindness.

Donations can be made in Gary's memory to St. James United Church, Sambro or a charity of your choice. Interment to follow in the St. James United Church Cemetery.



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***"The Chebucto News would like to offer congratulations to all those graduating from High School, University, or a Trade School this June.***

***We wish you all the best with whatever the future may bring you."***

# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



## JUNE

### 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).

### 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
- 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!
- Mobile Food Market June 2nd and 16th from 1-3pm
- Year End Dance Grades 3-6 from 6:30-8pm \$5 at the door/ \$1-\$2 Canteen items

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

Drop-In Programs:

- Family Playgroup - Mondays at 10:00am
- Baby Playtime - Tuesdays at 1:30pm: Tuesday June 9th there will be a Public Health Nurse available and Tuesday June 23rd will be an Early Intervention Drop-In
- Infant Massage - Thursdays at 1:15pm
- Fitness Programs:
- Yoga - June 11th & 25th at 10:00am
- Latin-Cardio - June 4th & 18th at 10:00am
- Aquafit - June 2nd & 16th at 10:00am at the Captain William Spry Wavepool
- Big Kid Nature Walk - June 30th at 2:00pm location to be determined
- Nature Walks - June 5th & 19th at 1:30pm location to be determined
- Struttin' with Stevie - June 26th at 10:00am at Long Lake Provincial Park: This is a walking program for parents with strollers.

### Food Programming:

- Cozy Breakfast - June 3rd at 10:30am
- Spry Cafe - June 10th at 5:30pm
- BBQ & Ice Cream Social - June 30th at 11:00am
- Cultural Cooking - June 10th, 17th & 24th at 10:00am

### Other Programs:

- Water Colour Series - June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd at 6:30pm & June 25th at 6:00pm
  - Lego Night - June 18th at 6:00pm
  - Coffee & Chat - June 26th at 10:00am
- For more information please visit our website at <http://www.chebuctofamilycentre.ca> or call us at 902-479-3031 ext 302 or send an email to [info@chebuctofamilycentre.ca](mailto:info@chebuctofamilycentre.ca)

### 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 May 23rd, 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.
- Girls Night Out Dinner: Saturday June 6, in the Emmanuel Church Hall. A fun evening out with a 3 course roast beef dinner, music and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased by calling 902 477-1783. The cost is \$30 and there will be a cash bar. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### 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

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

- Saturday, June 13th from 4to 6pm.Hali-

but supper. Dine in or take-out. Includes roll and dessert. Adults \$25 cash only. Kids 10 and under eat free.

### 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:

- Now that the freezing weather is behind us, the outdoor tap has been turned on and those in need may access it at any time.

**Spryfield Community Association** welcomes you to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, starting at 7pm at the Capt. William Spry Community Centre. Find out what we've been up to in the past year and tell us what you think would make Spryfield and area a better place to live, love, work, and play.

### 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 Kidston Estates on Rockingstone Road.

- 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

**Williams Lake Conservation Company Annual General Meeting** will be held June 23rd from 7 to 8:30pm at the Capt. William Spry Community Centre. Details of the new dam will be presented. Everyone is welcome.

**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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