

HHVFD Ways & Means Committee prepared a fish chowder, and sandwich lunch for the Kings County Firefighters Association meeting held here at the HH Fire Hall on March 10th. Dates have been set for 2009 Upcoming Events at the Fire Hall: Fish Chowder Suppers on - June 6; August 1; September 5; and October 3. The HH Day/Canada Day Pancake Breakfast is to be held again July 1, 2009. Anyone wishing to volunteer for any of these functions, phone 679-7191; or 678-7001 and leave a message. Five Firefighters from our department are presently taking their Level II training course.

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### News From The Harbour Authority

The **Harbour Authority** has held 3 meetings over the winter months and the focal point of discussion had always been the replacement of the dilapidated and decayed Museum Wharf. This project has been planned and developed over the past 2 years and appearance indicates we are entering the final phases. Public Works have completed all drawings and designs, funding is hopefully in place, and a start date is tentatively set for late summer of 2009. A completion date will be necessary prior to the winter freeze of 2009/2010. Before any construction takes place the Harbour Authority will announce a public meeting and explain the project details.

In addition to Wharf construction the Harbour Authority continues to oversee and complete all normal maintenance and upkeep activities. A Spring upgrading and facelift of the Sluice House will take place, the Short Wharf is in need of immediate attention and the list goes on.

The Harbour continues to operate 12 months of the year despite a downturn in the fishing industry. Fishers are now preparing for the Spring lobster season as the scallop fishing is winding down. News from the dogfishing remains bleak as they experience weak markets and low prices. Unless this industry undergoes a sudden market upturn there will not be dogfishing at Halls Harbour this coming season.

The Harbour Authority would also like to wish Mike Jumelet, board member and co-chair, all the best as he embarks on a new employment opportunity. Good luck to Mike and his wife Henriette. Blair Simpson, Harbour Authority Chair

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### Hall's Harbour Community Development Association

HHCDA continues to meet 7:30pm on the third Thurs of each month at the Fire Hall or C@P Site, everyone welcome.

Applications for grants for Canada Day Celebrations, and for a summer student have been applied for again this year.

The HH Bursary is available again this year to a grade 12 student who is a resident of HH and who is graduating and is continuing his/her education. Applications are available at the Guidance Counsellor's office.

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### HH Baptist Church

**April 5** – 10am Palm Sunday Service, 885 West Hall's Harbour Road. Pastor Dave Cumby

**April 10** –3pm Good Friday Service- First Cornwallis Baptist Church, Upper Canard.

5p-Rev Gerry Zinck.

**April 12** --7:30am Easter Sunrise Service at Hall's Hbr Baptist Church 885 West HH Road.

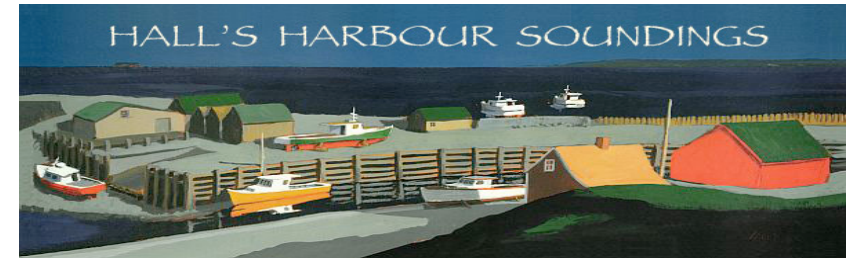
Light refreshments to follow.

**April 12** –10am Easter Morning Service at Hall's Hbr Baptist Church 88t West HH Road.

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### Hall's Harbour Volunteer Fire Department

Shown is NS Power employee, Dwayne Keddy, presenting cheque for \$1000 to David Houghton, Treasurer, HHVFD. The funds are made available through the NS Power Employee's Good Neighbour Volunteer Program. The funds are going towards the cost of the generator project.

The Hall's Harbour District Firefighter's Association now has a fully operational warming station at the fire hall for times of emergencies. To accomplish this, an addition was added to the back of the station for a generator, electrical room and an additional truck bay to store the

vehicle now in the main hall. The new electrical room and power entrance distributes the power efficiently throughout the building.

A generator has been installed to fully run the entire building, including the CAP site, in times of power outages in the area. It starts up automatically when a power outage occurs. The phone system has been upgraded to allow for a working warming station and functional fire station at the same time.

All this was possible with grants from the County of Kings and the Province of Nova Scotia, NS Power, and other donations, to whom we give our sincere thanks.

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### Hall's Harbour Historical Society

The C@P Site is at the Fire Hall for the winter months, open each afternoon with high-speed internet available to the public. Used books are for sale for a quarter, and any donations of used books are always appreciated. **Historical Society** continues to accept donations of pictures, and artifacts for our museum.

**This issue of "Soundings" is sponsored by Fred Houghton in memory of his parents, James L Houghton (1906-2000), and Ruby C Houghton (1911-2006) who lived at Hall's Harbour all their lives until the late years when they moved to Kentville. Jim was a weir fisherman and a lighthouse keeper here.**

## Fundy View Community Centre

The **Fundy View Community Hall**, which has been closed since mid December will re-open at the beginning of April.

Plans are underway for our Second Annual Lasagna Supper to be held April 18, 2009 from 5:30 – 6:30PM. Free will offering.

On May 23, 2009 our popular Plant Sale will be held on the grounds of **FVCC**, beginning at 9am. Jo Currie is already planting and planning. If anyone has seedlings or plant cuttings to donate, you can contact Jo at 678-6273 to make arrangements for pickup or delivery.

Canada Day/Hall's Harbour Day activities will be ongoing during the day. Further info will be available in the coming weeks.

We welcome all and extend a special invitation to our community newcomers. We will be happy to meet you!  
Carrie Dickie, Chair FVCC

### Congratulations to Salene Best

Best winning the Canadian National Junior Female Boxing Championship in the 52kg category.

This event was held at the West Edmonton Mall, Alberta, Feb 24-March 1, 2009. She was also chosen for the "Best Junior Female Boxer Award". Salene is the daughter of Stephen and Gay Best, Hall's Harbour.

Many thanks to family, friends, and community for their support in fundraising for this event.



### Fire Tuesday March 24 2009

The community of Hall's Harbour wishes to express our condolences to Dick & Madonna regarding the fire at their home last Tuesday, March 24th.

Clean-up and repairs have already begun, so hope to see you back shortly.

### A Reminder

Emergency numbers need to be placed on your property for emergency vehicles to be able to find you in case of emergencies. "They can't help you, if they can't find you".

### HVFD Gift Basket Raffle

Tickets on a Gift Basket will be sold at all functions with the draw at the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Fish Chowder Supper. Be sure to get a ticket.

Send submissions to: hallsharbour.cap@xcountry.tv, preferably as an unformatted text file. Deadline for next issue is March 15, 2009. To help defray the costs of publishing our community newsletter, we hope to find persons or group that would like to sponsor a publication of "Soundings" (125). A charitable receipt will be issued. Please phone Richard at 679-0426 for more information. Advertisement space is available - \$40 for four issues (1 year).

## Childhood Superstitions And other things

I do not remember that black cats were regarded as bad luck for us. This may have been because we knew all the cats we came in contact with personally.

We liked to pull the flowerets from clover blossoms and taste the sweet clover nectar on the end of the blossoms.

Seeing the first robin of spring was regarded as very lucky. We regarded this very seriously. It was so important that for a number of years our mother was always able to fool us on April 1, by saying, "Oh, There is a robin on the lawn." We would run to the window shouting "Where? Where?" Mom would just smile and we knew that we had been "April Fooled."

It was believed to be good luck to have a seagull splatter you as it flew over. I do not remember that any of us children got hit but occasionally a fisherman was "lucky".

The wishbone of a turkey or chicken was another prized source of good luck. It would be put on the warming shelf of the stove to dry and then two lucky people got to make a wish and pull on the arms of the wishbone until it broke. The person with the larger piece would get their wish. The breastbone of the chicken could tell if there would be much snow or an open winter. The Thanksgiving turkey or chicken breast bone would be carefully examined. If it had large patches of white on it then there would be much snow. If there were large patches of brown or dark colour then there would be an open winter.

A superstition that we seemed to take very seriously was the one that if you stepped on a spider it would rain the next day. This was serious for us children, as we hated to lose a day of summer vacation to a rainstorm.

If a ladybug landed on you, you would carefully remove it and throw it into the air saying:  
"Ladybug, ladybug fly away home,  
Your house is on fire and your children are gone."

Dandelion seed heads were fun to blow when they were open like puff balls and after you had blown the seeds away you would check to see if any seeds remained on the stock. If there were then the number remaining would tell you how many children you would have.

Blowing out birthday cake candles has always been a chance to get as wish and we still do it today as adults. If you blow out all the candles in one puff then you will get your wish. This seems to favour children, as it appears that it is easier to blow out eight candles than to blow out eighty.

If you remember any of your childhood superstitions that I have not mentioned please let me know about them.  
**Richard Parker** (Continued from Winter 08 issue of Soundings)