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Media Release

Working together, we can make a difference!

Neighbourhoods swing into action

Residents and partners are working together in five neighbourhoods over the next six weeks to provide people, tools and refreshments to clean up basements, yards, houses and neighbourhoods, as part of a major spring clean up.

The first took place this past weekend in the Old North End, with over 60 people cleaning up including Premier David Alward, and other local, provincial and federal politicians. "It was quite a sight to see the Premier carrying a washing machine out of a house on Victoria Street or lugging a sofa bed out of a back yard!", said Scott Crawford, chair of ONE Change. Individuals from Xerox and Main Street Baptist Church joined the many residents and Board members from ONE Change. There were over 150 bags of garbage and two dumpsters filled. A barbecue followed to reward all the hard workers.

The next Spring Clean Up is in the Reading Crescent & Roxbury Drive on Saturday, May 7th from 1-3pm with a barbecue to follow. Everyone is encouraged to meet in the parking lot of 14 Reading Crescent. Gloves & garbage bags will be provided.

Crescent Valley residents and partners are embarking on a major clean up on May 13th and 14th, that involves residents including youth with Teen Vibe, Hazen White St. Francis school, Fundy Solid Waste and many other partners such as Fire Department, Robbins and Brunswick Pipeline providing refreshments to keep everyone going.

Curb it! is the name of the clean up in Anglin Drive area, the same weekend as Crescent Valley on May 14th from 10:00 to 1:00 pm. "It is that time of year when residents can declutter unwanted items and pick up litter that has accumulated", said Kelly Kelly, president of Anglin Drive Tenants' Association. Royal Bank, Main Street Baptist Church, and St. Pius will be helping out along with the provincial department of Social Development who will provide trucks and dumpsters. Curb it! will end with a barbecue and will be a fun event, bringing out both parents and kids.

Social Development will also provide dumpsters and trucks for the Clean up in the Village, which starts at 11am, on Saturday, June 4th. There are two locations to meet. If you live east of Paul Harris St. or Middle St. pick up gloves and bags at the back parking lot of Brunswick Highrise located on Brunswick Drive (across from Romero House). If you live west of Paul Harris or Middle Street pick up gloves & bags at Corner of Cliff and Waterloo Streets. Following the Clean Up, there will be a thank you BBQ in the parking lot in the back of Brunswick Highrise hosted by

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Coverdale Women's Shelter. The Waterloo Village association would like to thank all its sponsors: ACAP, Irving, Social Development, Tim Hortons, Rogers, & Coverdale Centre for Women. Atlantic Coastal Action program is providing gloves, garbage bags and garbage pickup for the Village but also in Crescent Valley and Anglin Drive.

The South End and Lower West Side are also organizing neighbourhood clean ups on May 13th and 14th and May 20th respectively.

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