



# ACTION ON THE HILL

## Welcome in the Holiday with Bible Hill's Tree Lighting

The Village of Bible Hill is hosting its **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm** at the Village Hall at 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be carols to sing, refreshments to be had, and a special holiday visitor will be there to greet the children! Come out and enjoy the warmth of the season with your friends and neighbors. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. For more information contact Brendon at **893-8083** or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca). See you there!

### Kids of Bible Hill Tree

At this year's Tree Lighting, the Village will have a tree decorated by the Kids of Bible Hill that will be on display over the holiday season in the Village Hall. Kids are asked to bring an ornament to the Tree Lighting. Ornaments can be crafts done at home or school or even store bought. Kids will place their ornament on the tree during the Tree Lighting. Help make this tree decorated by the kids of Bible Hill become a spectacular part of our holiday tradition!

### Nova Scotia Power and Conserve Nova Scotia

are partnering with the Village of Bible Hill to promote energy efficient LED holiday lights. A light exchange will take place at our tree lighting ceremony.

### How do I get my free set of LED holiday lights?

- On December 3rd, bring two strings of your traditional holiday lights to Bible Hill's tree lighting
- Receive one string of LED holiday lights in exchange – a gesture from Nova Scotia Power and Conserve Nova Scotia to help you on your way to energy savings
- Come Early, quantities are limited and provided on a first come, first served basis. One LED set per person



**The LED Holiday Light Exchange will take place after the tree lighting ceremony at the Village Hall. We will not be passing out lights until the Tree Lighting is finished!**

### ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Bible Hill Recreation Park is closed to the public until further notice due to construction.



For more info on this closure please contact the Village at **893-8083**.

### Light Up Bible Hill!

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Thursday, December 9th at 6pm, a group of distinguished judges will be travelling around Bible Hill to vote for the homes most brightly decorated! If your home is chosen by the judges, you will receive \$100 for first prize, \$75 for second prize or \$50 for third prize in the form of coupons from local Bible Hill businesses. Winners will be contacted and presented with a sign to display on their yard letting the community know they are winners! If you would like to join the bus tour of Bible Hill please contact the Village at **893-8083** or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca).

### Snowman Competition

In addition to judging the lights in Bible Hill, New this year our judges will be voting on Snowmen in Bible Hill. Winners will be contacted and presented with a sign to place in their yards letting the community know they are winners. So take the family outside and build a snowman or a family of snowpeople. It is a great way to get outside and be active as a family.

**To register your house for Light Up Bible Hill Holiday Competition (either lights or snowman), New this year you must contact the Village office with your address by December 1st.**

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## **Holiday Social** ~ For those young at Heart! ~

There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 15th from 4:00-6:00pm. Music and a light snack will be provided.

## **Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop**

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 5th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for the Annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10.00 and pre-registration is required, only 50 spaces available. Please contact the Village of Bible Hill Office at **893-8083** to register. All festive supplies will be provided, however, please bring your own clippers and gloves. Spaces are filling up fast so register soon!

## **Village of Bible Hill New Year's Levee**

Come out and ring in the New Year with the Village of Bible Hill. The New Year's Levee will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 2011 at the Village Hall from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. A cash bar is available. Enjoy the day with friends and neighbors and other important members of the community!

**Please call the Village of Bible Hill at 893-8083 or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca) for more information on any of our upcoming Christmas events or programs!**



## **Message from the Chair**



In this latest quarter, your Village is having a new sewage pumping station constructed as well as a new high pressure sewage line installed along College Road. Work has progressed extremely well without too much disruption of traffic. For the safety of all park users, we found it necessary to close the Recreation Park until the construction project is completed.

In our summer edition of Action on the Hill, we made mention of the various levels of government who were contributors to our Phase 4 water project costs. Inadvertently, we did not make mention of the County of Colchester and for that oversight, we apologize. They are important partners to the Village on many projects.

On October 4th, the Village welcomed Brendon Smithson to fill the position of Parks and Recreation Director. He comes to us with a sound background in recreation and we look forward to working very closely with him. Brendon was an important part in organizing our Safe Halloween Program. It was well attended and the children had a great time.

Also for our residents of the Poplar Drive area, your Village is installing some long overdue playground equipment. It was needed for the area as our larger parks are just a little too far for the children to enjoy.

To the parents of children attending East Court Road Elementary School, we mention and ask you to please take note of the new parking regulations on East Court Road and Armstrong Avenue.

As we head into the festive season, the Village will be holding several events. Please review the events planned on the following pages of this newsletter. There will be something for all to enjoy!

On behalf of your Village Commission and Staff, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. It has been our pleasure to serve the residents of Bible Hill for the past year.

*Chairman, Tom Burke*

## **Bible Hill Kinsmen**

The Bible Hill Kinsmen Club will be having a meeting December 2nd for anyone interested in coming to see what it is we do as a club. There will be snacks, a presentation on the Kinsmen Club of Canada and fellowship afterwards. Come join us at the Village Hall, 67 Pictou Road in Bible Hill @ 7:30pm.

## **Colchester SPCA**

Pet Photo Contest 2011 Calendars for sale. Price \$10 each. Calendars are available at MacQuarrie's and all local vets. The Colchester SPCA also has a table at the Truro Mall starting November 18th. Raffle, bake table, pet items, knitwear, mittens, etc. Something for everyone!

## **Colchester East-Hants Hospice Society**

Hospice-Palliative Care provides physical, psychological, social,

spiritual and practical support to families living with life-threatening illness and to those grieving the loss of a loved one. As we approach what can be a particularly difficult season for many, Colchester East-Hants Hospice Society is offering some Hospice Holiday Drop-Ins where you are welcome to come and share with others during this time. Also, our Angels Remembered Trees are in three locations within Colchester County – Truro Mall, Masstown Market, and Tatamagouche Foodland. The trees offer a space for people to go and remember their loved ones – the program runs from November 26th to December 12th, 2010. Call **893-3265** for more information or [www.cehhospice.org](http://www.cehhospice.org)

### **Holiday Drop-Ins:**

#### **Dates:**

December 23rd from 1 – 3 pm and  
December 30th from 10 – 12 pm

#### **Location:**

Colchester East Hants Hospice Society – 28C Esplanade, Truro

## Bible Hill SAC

The Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

### Holiday Checklist

- When shopping, make sure you keep all your purchases in the trunk of your car and out of sight
- If you are putting lights on your tree, ensure that they are in good condition and the wiring is not frayed
- Avoid having any gifts visible from any window in your home
- Plan your evening ahead of time. Are you going to parties or dinners and planning to consume alcohol? Ensure you have the number to a cab company on hand or arrange for a designated driver
- If you are going away for the holidays, have a neighbour check your house, collect your mail and pick up any newspapers that come to your door every day.



### Mark your calendar for upcoming events with the Safety Advisory Committee:

- January 10, 2011 Regular monthly meeting.
- February 7, 2011 Regular monthly meeting, general public welcome.
- February 12, 2011 Family Fun day

## WINTER DRIVING SAFETY



With the winter months upon us, not only do drivers have to prepare their vehicles for winter driving but they have to adjust their driving habits as well. One of the most common errors that drivers make is not giving themselves enough time and distance to stop. Ice & snow on the road greatly diminish braking and steering.

~ Drivers should remember that speed limits are maximums, there is nothing wrong with driving less than the speed limit if the weather conditions are poor.

~ Increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead. If you need to stop in an emergency situation in the winter, your vehicle needs more distance to safely stop.

~ Drivers have to properly clean off their vehicles prior to driving on public roads. Don't wait for the defroster & wind to clear the windows for you as you drive. It is an offence to have the windows or lights of a vehicle obstructed, with fines starting at \$164.50.

~ If the weather is poor, drivers must consider not traveling if it is not safe. If you must travel, drivers should depart earlier and give themselves plenty of time. When people are late, they tend to rush which is the last thing you want to do while driving in the winter.

**Corporal Addie J. Maccallum**

Colchester County RCMP

## WELLNESS FUNDS AVAILABLE

Community Health Boards (CHBs) are committed to improving the health of their communities. The Wellness Funds Are a valuable resource which allows the support of new and innovative ways of addressing the underlying determinants of health and promote health/ prevent disease in their community. The goal of the Wellness Funds is to support the work of the CHBs; promote community capacity, create partnerships and raise the profile of the Community Health Board.

Considering Applying? Your Community Health Board wants to help! Please contact us if you would like more information or have an idea you would like to discuss. No project is too small! Please apply by January 10, 2011. For more information, please contact your local Truro & Area Community Health Board by calling **893-1374** or email: Mindy LeBlanc, CHB Coordinator ([mindy.leblanc@cehha.nshealth.ca](mailto:mindy.leblanc@cehha.nshealth.ca))

If you are interested in joining the Truro & Area Community Health Board, we meet monthly in and around Truro. Please join us!

Thanks,  
Co-Chairs Martin Fisher and Audrey Lucas

## 17th Annual Safe Halloween Program

The Village of Bible Hill would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped to make the Safe Halloween program a huge success. Businesses generously donated treats so that hundreds of young children could have a safe and familiar place to Trick or Treat on Halloween night. We would like to recognize the following sponsors for their support:

Beta CNC Technologies Inc.	Bible Hill Esso	Bible Hill Fire Brigade
Bible Hill Girl Guides	Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee	Bible Hill Scouts
Canadian Tire Gas Bar	Cavanagh's Food Market	Century Honda
Century Hyundai	Creative Auto Image	Fowler's Construction Ltd
Harris Home Hardware	HubCraft TimBr Mart	Hull Electric
L&J Paints & Supplies	MacDonald Insurance	Murphy's Ultramar
Rod Lynk's Auto Clinic Inc.	Smokey's Restaurant	Stella-Jones Inc.
Stewart Auto Repair & Accessories	Stewart Blueberry Farm	Subway Bottle Exchange
Village Family Pharmacy	Welpro Supply Ltd.	

## Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Committee

~ 3 Resident Positions - 2 Year Terms ~

The Parks and Recreation Committee address recreation, cultural, and park development issues in Bible Hill. The committee shall advise the Village of Bible Hill on matters relating to the Village's recreational programs, services, and facilities. The committee shall assist in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of recreational programs, services, and facilities. The committee shall encourage a broad range of recreational or cultural activities for the resident of Bible Hill and we meet the first Tuesday of every month. For more info contact the Village Office at **893-8083**.

# Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

Do you know a person or a group that has volunteered their time to contribute to the quality of life in Bible Hill? The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2011 to celebrate its many valued Volunteers! If you would like to see a person or group recognized at this special ceremony, please contact the Village of Bible Hill at **893-8083** or email [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca). Also, visit our website [www.biblehill.ca](http://www.biblehill.ca) for more information and to access a nomination form. *Please take the time to recognize those who take the time!* Deadline for nominations is January 29, 2010.

## The Volunteer nomination categories are as follows:



- Golden Long Term Service Award (50 years or longer of service)
- Long Term Service Award (25 years or longer of service)
- Continuous Service Awards (2 years or longer of service)
- Corporate Service Award
- Special Recognition Award
- Outstanding Community Service Award
- Young Achievers Service Award (Young residents providing service)

## Bring in 2011 with something New and Fun



With a new year beginning, we are all looking for the latest trends. Bible Hill Recreation is partnering with many groups in the area to bring new programs and activities. Listed below are just some of the new exciting plans we have for 2011.

- Seniors Fitness - Seniors Fitness is a low impact aerobics for males and females for over 50 years of age. Classes will be held at the Village Hall beginning in January.
- Adult Intramural Program - A chance to show your fellow peers, friends, neighbours, colleagues and teammates that you are great at a few sports, marginal at a couple others - and not so good at one or two! 12 weeks, 12 different sports, 1 great time. Co-ed teams will be made up of 8 players. Compete, Play and have FUN!
- Yoga - Yoga and its cleansing practices have proven to be extremely effective for various disorders and increase flexibility. This program will run for 6 weeks on Monday evenings from 6 - 7:30pm at the Village Hall. Space is limited and will be done on a first come first serve basis.
- Ladies Night Out - Need a night out? Looking for a night to socialize with other women? Well here is your chance. Bible Hill Recreation is partnering with the NSAC to bring a 6 week program for ladies only. Each week women will get to try a new activity. Space is limited.
- After School Programming "No Child Left Behind" - Bible Hill Recreation has been working with all local schools (Bible Hill Central, East Court Road, Bible Hill Junior High and Redcliff Middle School) to create some new and exciting after school programs for all ages. Programs will include an Outdoors Club to connect youth with the outdoors. The Boys and Girls Club is offering the opportunity to try new activities.
- Looking for Volunteers - The Recreation Office is looking for adults that would be interested in volunteering at after school programs. Due to safety, all programs must meet

a certain leader to student ratio so the more leaders we have, the more children can participate.

- For more information or to register for any of these programs contact the Village Office at **893-8083** or by email [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca).
- Also check the Village website for more information on these and other upcoming programs.



## Cobequid Spartans Gymnastics Centre

### Christmas Gymnastics Camp

Monday, December 20 to Thursday, December 23, 9-4 daily. Boys and girls school age to 12 years. Cost \$100 (members). \$125 (non-members) Register by December 12, space is limited. Visit [www.cobequidspartans.com](http://www.cobequidspartans.com) for more info.



Does your swimmer just need to get the front crawl down so that she/he can move on to the next level? Does she/he only need to conquer a standing dive? There are "Drop In" lessons

available on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from November 22-December 22. Swimmers can receive specific instruction on needed skills. You can choose your time, your level, and your instructor (based on availability). More information is available at the pool!

December 27th - December 30th there will be a special Family Swim from 5-7 p.m. daily. Come and enjoy the holiday from school in the warm pool!

Finally, the pool will be closed on Friday, December 24th at 2 p.m. and will re-open on Monday, December 27th at 7:30 a.m. Also, we will close on Friday, December 31st and will re-open on Sunday, January 2 at 4 p.m. for an Open Swim and the regular Sunday schedule.

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