

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As we wind down 2011, this issue of Action on the Hill will highlight for you the events planned for our upcoming Christmas season. There will be many events and hopefully they will be enjoyed by all.

Reflecting over the past year, the Village saw many events come to the area and bring thousands into our area. These events are a great boost to our local businesses. While we like to talk about the positives, we have to realize the loss of a 55 year old family business in our Village - Cavanagh's. We would like to thank Lloyd, Benny and other family members for their great contribution to our Village. The Cavanagh's never said no to our fire brigade, Village events, or our Village service groups looking for a donation or support. Cavanagh's will be greatly missed.

Looking ahead, on behalf of the Village Commissioners and Village Staff, we would like to wish everyone the very best for the festive season and good health and happiness in the New Year.

Welcome in the Holiday with Bible Hill's Tree Lighting Ceremony!

The Village of Bible Hill is hosting its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2nd 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. See you there!



Get in the Festive Spirit!

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Thursday, December 8th, 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 place, \$75 for second place or \$50 for third

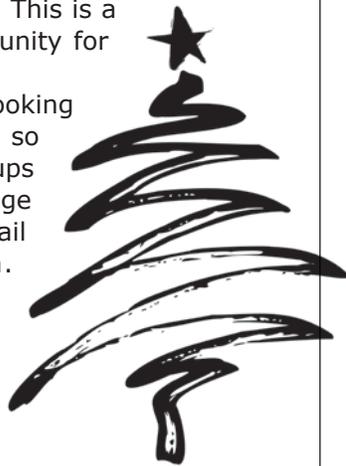
place in the form of coupons from a local Bible Hill business. Winners will be contacted and presented with a sign to place in their yards letting the community know they are winners! If you would like to join the bus tour of Bible Hill please contact the Village at 893-8083 or recreation@biblehill.ca.



Festival of Trees

The Village is bringing back a Christmas tradition with the Festival of Trees, which will take place on Saturday, November 26th from 1 – 5pm & Sunday November 27th 12 – 4pm at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Local community groups in Bible Hill and area will be participating and decorate a tree for public viewing. The trees will be decorated in themes chosen by the groups. This year the Village is adding a twist to the Festivals of Trees. There will be no admission to the Festival of Trees, but to vote for a tree place a \$1 under the tree. All monies will be given to the community group that decorated the tree. This is a great fundraising opportunity for a community group.

At this time we are looking for community groups so any interested groups please contact the Village Office at 893-8083 or email recreation@biblehill.ca. Trees will be provided by the Village of Bible Hill, you just need to provide the decorations.



Holiday Social For those young at Heart!

There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 14th from 4:00-6:00pm. Music and a light snack will be provided. Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at 893-8083 or recreation@biblehill.ca.



Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday December 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 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 67 Pictou Road to register. All festive supplies will be provided however please bring your own clippers and gloves. Spaces will be filling up fast so register soon! For more information please contact the Village Office at 893-8083.



Kids of Bible Hill

For the 2nd year, at this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Village will have a tree decorated by the Kids of Bible Hill. This tree will be used inside the Village Hall for the Christmas season giving every child the chance to show off their decorations. Kids are asked to bring an ornament to the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Ornaments can be crafts done at home/school or store bought. Kids will place their ornament on the tree during the evening making this tree decorated by the kids of Bible Hill. We hope to make this a part of the Annual Bible Hill Christmas tradition.

Nova Scotia Power and Conserve Nova Scotia are partnering with the Village of Bible Hill to promote energy efficient LED

Christmas Tree

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 2nd, bring two strings of your traditional holiday lights to Bible Hill's tree lighting and 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 during the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Village Hall.



Mark Your Calendar



60th Anniversary of the Village of Bible Hill 2013

Bible Hill will be celebrating 60 years of Incorporation in August 2013. Commissioners Sharon McLean and Lois MacCormick are Co-Chairs of the planning committee for this event. Throughout 2012 the plans will take shape and a public meeting will take place in the New Year to share and receive ideas from the residents of Bible Hill for this special event. Get your thinking caps on and be ready to come and share some of your ideas. We look forward to seeing you at the public meeting!

Meeting on Meadowland Rink

The Village of Bible Hill has scheduled a meeting for **Wednesday, November 30th 2011** **at 6pm in the Village Office** to

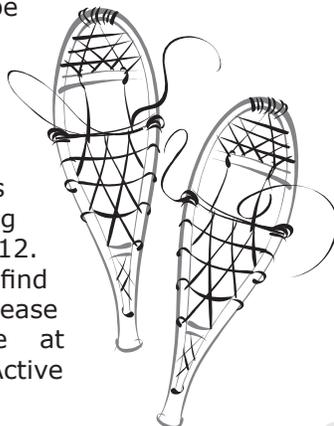
discuss the Meadowland Rink and community maintenance program. This rink is one of our winter recreation facilities and the Village hopes that by working with the community we can continue to improve the use of this great facility. The meeting is open to everyone interested so please show your interest by attending this very important meeting.



Bible Hill Snowshoes Loan Out Program

The Village of Bible Hill has purchased 50 snowshoes that will be available to families or groups to get active in the winter months.

These snowshoes will be for community use and a chance for families, individuals and community groups to try snowshoeing without having to buy their own shoes. Snowshoes will be available starting Wednesday, January 3rd, 2012. To book the snowshoes or find out more information please contact the Village Office at 893-8083. Get out and Get Active in the Winter!



Featured Volunteer: Vicki Parker

Volunteers are the heart and soul of a community. The Village would like to provide more recognition to our volunteers that do so much for this community. They are the unsung heroes and provide opportunities that wouldn't be possible without volunteers.

Our "Featured Volunteer" is Vicki Parker. Vicki has been a volunteer for almost 20 years. The majority of her volunteering has been with the Girl Guides of Canada. Vicki has done two terms with the Girl Guide program, in the first 8 years she volunteered as a Junior Leader and then moved up into a Leader position.

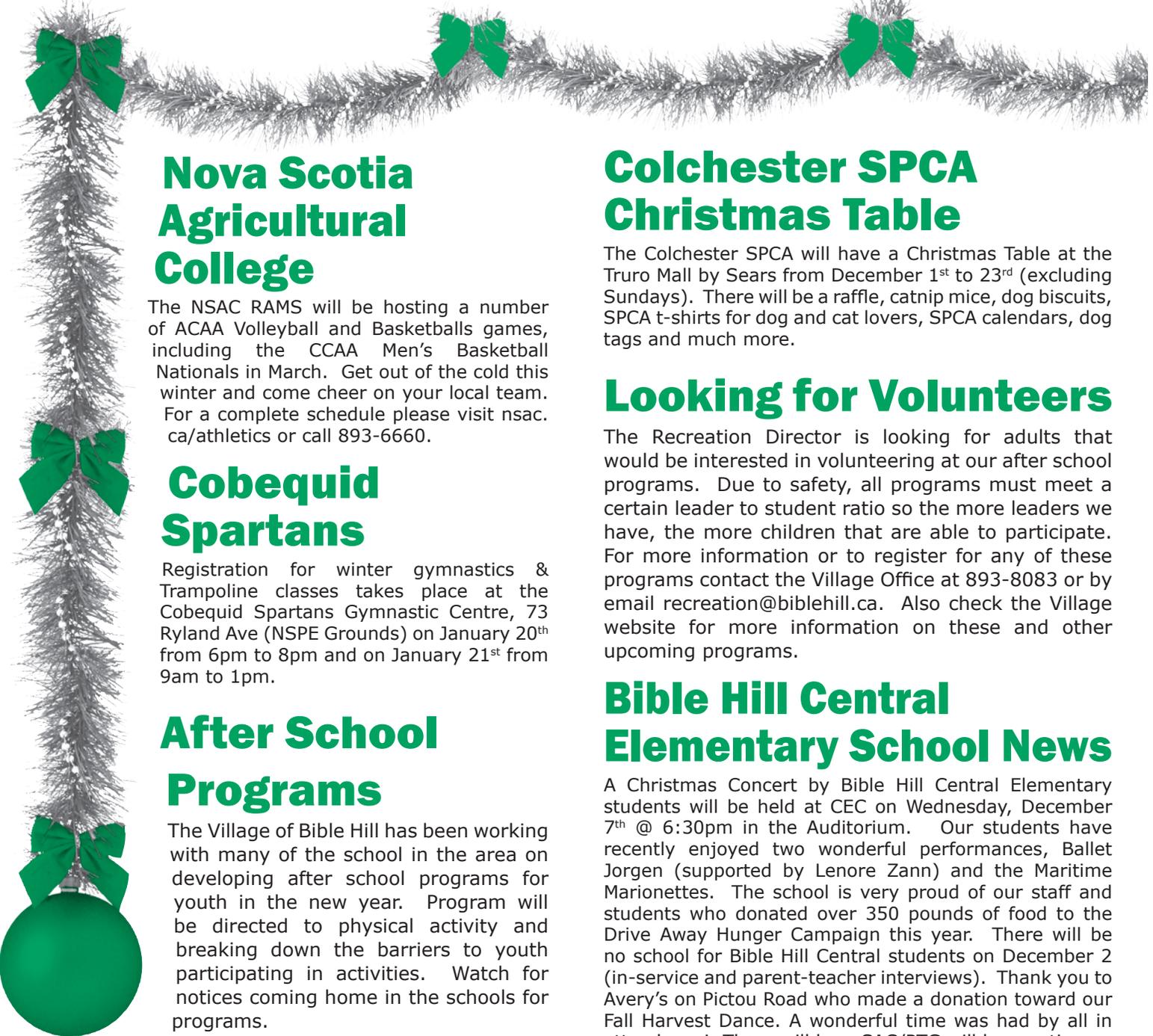
Following a break her daughter entered the program in Bible Hill and Vicki volunteered again first as a leader and then added to her duties by becoming Deputy Commission of Girl Guides. She became the area coordinator for one of Girls Guides biggest fundraisers - the annual cookie sales.

After getting a taste of fundraising, Vicki, along with a small committee, focused on fundraising for the Girl Guides to attend the International Girl Guide Conference, which became a huge success and offered great opportunities for the girls to develop leadership skills. Due to all her work with the Girls Guides the Village of Bible Hill Awarded Vicki the Village Continuous Service Award in 2006.

Along with Girl Guides Vicki has been a big part of many Village events. During Canada Day Vicki has done Face Painting for kids and traffic control during the parade. She has been a chaperone at many of the Village Pre-teen dances giving the kids the opportunity to dance the night away. She has also worked at the Village Annual Safe Halloween Event and volunteered with the Safety Advisory Committee Back to School Program. When asked why she volunteers in the community, Vicki replied "I just love to help. I enjoy seeing the happy faces on the kids."

The rewards from volunteering can be seen on youth faces. The Village of Bible Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank Vicki for everything she does for our community.

If you know someone that you feel should be a featured volunteer please contact the Village of Bible Hill at 893-8083 or email recreation@biblehill.ca. There are so many volunteers and we like to feature all of them so please let us know of someone you like to feature in the *Action on the Hill*.



Nova Scotia Agricultural College

The NSAC RAMS will be hosting a number of ACAA Volleyball and Basketballs games, including the CCAA Men's Basketball Nationals in March. Get out of the cold this winter and come cheer on your local team. For a complete schedule please visit nsac.ca/athletics or call 893-6660.

Cobequid Spartans

Registration for winter gymnastics & Trampoline classes takes place at the Cobequid Spartans Gymnastic Centre, 73 Ryland Ave (NSPE Grounds) on January 20th from 6pm to 8pm and on January 21st from 9am to 1pm.

After School Programs

The Village of Bible Hill has been working with many of the school in the area on developing after school programs for youth in the new year. Program will be directed to physical activity and breaking down the barriers to youth participating in activities. Watch for notices coming home in the schools for programs.

Colchester SPCA Christmas Table

The Colchester SPCA will have a Christmas Table at the Truro Mall by Sears from December 1st to 23rd (excluding Sundays). There will be a raffle, catnip mice, dog biscuits, SPCA t-shirts for dog and cat lovers, SPCA calendars, dog tags and much more.

Looking for Volunteers

The Recreation Director is looking for adults that would be interested in volunteering at our 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 that are able to 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. Also check the Village website for more information on these and other upcoming programs.

Bible Hill Central Elementary School News

A Christmas Concert by Bible Hill Central Elementary students will be held at CEC on Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Our students have recently enjoyed two wonderful performances, Ballet Jorgen (supported by Lenore Zann) and the Maritime Marionettes. The school is very proud of our staff and students who donated over 350 pounds of food to the Drive Away Hunger Campaign this year. There will be no school for Bible Hill Central students on December 2 (in-service and parent-teacher interviews). Thank you to Avery's on Pictou Road who made a donation toward our Fall Harvest Dance. A wonderful time was had by all in attendance! There will be a SAC/PTG will be meeting on

Water Yoga

Come to Scotia Pool and try out our new fitness class

Come explore a new environment for practicing yoga—one that assists, resists, and supports your own movements. This is the wondrous world of water. Because of the unique properties of water people of all fitness levels can safely enjoy water yoga and assists with conditions such as arthritis, MS, and others. The buoyancy and hydrostatic pressure of the water supports the body in all directions making most standing yoga poses easier. Over time practicing these poses in the water will lead to greater strength and stability.

Start date: Wednesday, November 16th, 2011

End date: Wednesday, January 25th, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm with no class on December 28th

Cost: \$70.00 for 10 weeks

Fitness Instructor: Brenda from Joyful Yoga
Registration for Red Cross Swimming Lessons will take place on Thursday, December 8th from 6 – 8 pm at Scotia Pool on Industrial Avenue. For further information please contact Scotia Pool at 893-6364 or scotiapool@nsac.ca. There will be extra swim time over the Christmas holidays: December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30 from 2:30 – 4:30 pm, and December 19, 21 & 28 from 5 – 7 pm.