

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2012

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

As we wind down another year, we have a lot to be thankful for in Bible Hill. The extreme rain event of September 10, 2012 was something that could have been much worse. We have to be grateful to all the volunteers, fire brigades, response units and civic officials for their efforts in seeing that all county residents were safe. We thank all.

Now our thoughts turn to the festive season of Christmas. We have a lot planned for this season. Dates and times of the various events are shown in this newsletter. For the past few years, the events have been very well received with everyone having a great time and getting into the Christmas spirit. Remember to dress warmly as events have moved outside due to the over crowding of the hall last year.

On behalf of myself and fellow commissioners, we extend our warmest wishes to all and hope that you enjoy good health and happiness over the coming season. We look forward to serving you in the New Year.

Happy holidays!

Tom Burke
Chair, Village of Bible Hill

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



The Village of Bible Hill is hosting its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 pm on the front yard of 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!

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 November 30th, 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

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.



After School Programs

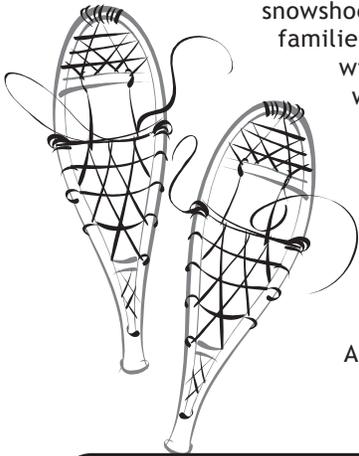
The Village of Bible Hill has been working with many of the schools in the area on developing after school programs for youth in the new year. Programs will be directed to physical activity and breaking down the barriers to youth participating in activities. Watch for notices coming home in the schools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

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 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. 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!

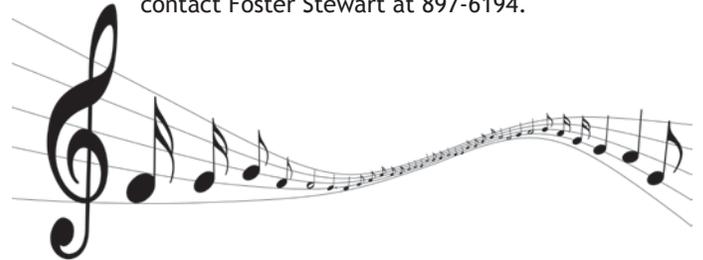


Music Jamborees Are Back!

Time to enjoy the local talent in Colchester County! The Village began Music Jamborees once a month at the Village Hall last year and they were a great success. The Jamborees are free to the public and coffee and tea is served. Listed below are upcoming dates for the Music Jamborees.

- Saturday, Dec. 8th 7 - 9pm (Christmas Special)
- Saturday, Jan. 12th 7 - 9pm
- Saturday, Jan. 26th 7 - 9pm
- Saturday, Feb. 9th 7 - 9pm
- Saturday, Feb. 23rd 7 - 9pm

If you like to play at the Music Jamborees please contact Foster Stewart at 897-6194.



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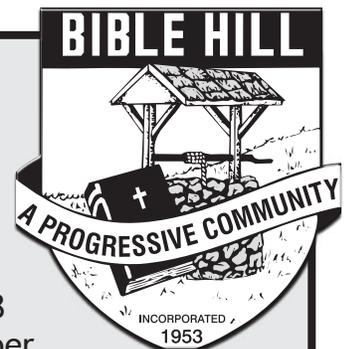
Colchester SPCA Christmas Table will be at the Truro Mall by Sears Thursdays to Saturdays (10am to 6pm) from November 15th to December 22nd.

Spotlight on Bible Hill Volunteers

John Bonnell

John Bonnell joined the Bible Hill Fire Brigade in July 1992 and served 18 years of active service before requesting to be placed on the honorary member list of the Brigade. John was a very active member of the Brigade. In addition to acting as an emergency responder John held several administrative positions. He has served as Brigade Steward and coordinated numerous Brigade social events.

John is the type of person who goes quietly about his way but was a very strong behind the scenes contributor. John was an active member of the St Georges Church Men's Club where he also provided significant community service.





Bible Hill RCMP

Safety Tips

Protect yourself from Internet Crimes

There's no question that the internet has been a wonderful educational tool for the modern ages helping people with research and education but the Internet can also be an enemy for the non-savvy user. With social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, individuals may be unaware as to how much information they are giving out over the World Wide Web. This includes internet chat rooms. These can lead to crimes such as identity theft and fraud, especially when personal photos, full names, dates of birth and phone numbers are listed on a person's profile or given out in a chat room.

One thing to be careful of when using social networking sites is who you add to your profile as a friend. This means who will be able to see the personal information you have listed about yourself as well as pictures. Some people don't know every person that can access the information they have listed. This can be dangerous when "status updates" are written saying where you are going to be, if you're going on vacation and how long you will be gone for. This could result in a home being broken into as the criminals know exactly when you are gone.

Identity Theft

In Canada, thousands of people are affected every year by identity theft. Personal information can be gathered from the internet and used to open bank accounts, obtain credit cards, set up cell phones, rent vehicles and accommodation. Usually when these crimes occur, the criminal will leave the victim with unpaid bills which could be the responsibility of the victim, as well as affect your credit. Many times the victim will not find out about these criminal until much later

There are steps you can take to protect yourself from Identity theft and other internet crimes.

- Think about what you are sharing over the internet - be it on social networking sites or chatrooms. Is it necessary?
- Be careful who you give personal information to - if you do not know the person or organization, don't give your information out.
- Remember, once something is posted on the Internet, there is no way to get it back.
- Social Insurance Numbers should be safeguarded.
- Pay attention to your bank accounts and credit card statements. If you do not recognize a purchase, notify your banking institution or credit card company immediately.
- Become familiar with checking your credit report. This will tell you how many accounts you have open, banking or financing, if any credit inquiries were made and what your credit score is.
- Advise any cable, phone or internet provider if an account is opened in your name that you have not opened yourself.
- Choose strong passwords for all accounts on the internet.

If you are a victim of identity theft, report the crime(s) to your local police department or RCMP detachment. You can also contact the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada toll free at 1-800-282-1376.

Cpl. Addie J. Maccallum
Colchester County RCMP

60th Anniversary Committee News

As year ends approaches the excitement for our 60th Anniversary on **August 1st, 2013** grows. We have been busy making plans for the big day. Our day will include a "Memory Room", Luncheon, concert in the park, children's activities and fireworks. Please mark the date on your new calendar.

We are asking assistance from our residents to help with the Memory Room. If you have pictures to share, scrapbooks etc. we would like to place them on display in the Memory Room. These can be dropped off at the Village Office.

Watch for our next committee news as we prepare for our celebration of Bible Hill's 60th Anniversary.

Lois MacCormick and Sharon McLean
Co-Chairs of the 60th Anniversary Committee





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Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays!

On Thursday, December 13th 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.



Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday December 2nd 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 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.



Holiday Social – For those young at Heart!

There will be a Holiday Social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 12th 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. Future dates are January 16th and February 20th.

Festival of Trees

The Village is bringing back a Christmas tradition with the Festival of Trees, which will take place on Saturday, November 24th from 1 - 5pm & Sunday November 25th 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. Once again there will be no admission to the Festival of Trees, but to vote for a tree place a loonie under the tree. All monies will be given to the community group that decorated the tree.



Kids of Bible Hill Christmas Tree

For the 3rd year, at the 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. This is a wonderful addition to the Annual Bible Hill Christmas tradition.



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