

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2013

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Another year is quickly winding down. Reflecting on what has been accomplished this year, you will recall that our Recreation Park underwent lots of changes and the results have been described as "AWESOME". Our residents, especially your parents and their children, have been using the park at every opportunity. The changes have made a huge impact on the usage of the Park. Also part of the change was the building of the gazebo. It was dedicated in September in Walter Langille's name in appreciation for over thirty years of MCing our Canada Day events, a fitting tribute.

Your Village Commission is back on track with an update to its five year plan where we lay out what projects we will plan for and complete over the next five years. There are many things on our list, which we must work from on a need and priority basis.

Finally, as this is the last Action on the Hill before Christmas, please review this edition for our Christmas event schedule. Your Village Commissioners and I, along with Village Staff, would like to extend the very best to all for a healthy, happy and safe Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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, December 6th at 6:00 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 the office 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 December 6th 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.



Senior Fitness

Come join us for Senior Fitness at the Village Hall in Bible Hill with instructor Laurie Gunn. Laurie will have you up moving, laughing and enjoying it so much you will wonder where the time has gone.

Classes run on Monday's and Wednesday's, with openings at the 11am class. There is cost of \$2 per class to be paid at the door. If you have any questions, please contact the Village at 893-8083.

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.

Yoga

A new session of yoga will be starting in January 2014. Please watch our advertising sign on Pictou Road and check out our Bible Hill Recreation facebook page. In order to register you must come into the Village Office and pay the registration fee (\$25 for 6 weeks) on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. Registration will begin on January 13 2014.

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2014 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. Also, visit our website www.biblehill.ca for more information and to access a nomination form. Please take the time to recognize those who take the time!

- **Golden Long Term Service Award** - The Golden Long Term Service Award is presented to those residents of Bible Hill who have made contributions through worldwide community volunteer service for a period of fifty years or longer of which at least 25 years of the volunteer service took place in the Village of Bible Hill.
- **Long Term Service Award** - The Long Term Service Award is presented to those residents of Bible Hill who have made contributions through worldwide community volunteer service for a period of twenty-five years or longer of which at least 12 years of the volunteer service took place in the Village of Bible Hill.
- **Young Achievers Service Award** - The Young Achievers Service Award is presented to young people (18 and under) who have made an outstanding contribution in volunteer community service in Bible Hill in the past year. There is no limit to the number of awards presented each year, or the number of times a person may receive the award.
- **Outstanding Community Service Award** - The Outstanding Community Service Award is presented to those who have made an outstanding contribution in volunteer community service in Bible Hill in the past year. There is no limit to the number of awards presented each year, or the number of times a person may receive the award.

Spotlight on Bible Hill Volunteers

Charles Wight – Bible Hill Fire Brigade

Charlie Wight was presented with one of the 2013 Long Term Service Awards at the Bible Hill Volunteer Award Ceremony. Charlie has been a member of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade for 25 years. He has had a very active service including being an active firefighter and currently he is the Brigade Steward. Charlie has shown leadership in many Brigade activities including business contacts for ad sponsorship of the annual Fire Brigade Fire Prevention calendar. Charlie is also involved in other volunteer activities including being in the St. David's Church Choir and is a member of the Antique Tractor Association.

Bible Hill Snowshoes Loan Out Program

The Village of Bible Hill has 50 sets of 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 when the snow starts to accumulate! 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

Time to enjoy the local talent in Colchester County! The Village began Music Jamborees 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 the dates for the next Music Jamborees. If you would like to play at the Music Jamborees please contact Foster Stewart at 897-6194.



- Saturday, December 14th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, January 4th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, January 18th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, February 1st, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Saturday, February 15th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm



Bible Hill RCMP

Safety Tips

Hug A Tree Program

The RCMP is proud to sponsor this wonderful program aimed at keeping kids safe in the woods. The program focuses on the most basic and vital survival principles and although specifically designed for children between the ages of 7 and 11, it can be effective with slightly younger and older children as well.

The Hug A Tree program was developed after the search for a 9-year-old boy in California in 1981. Since then the program has been presented to countless kids in order to help them not to get lost in the woods and how to keep safe if they do. RCMP School Safety Officers and members of local GSAR teams have been trained to give these presentations. The children are given 4 rules to follow and participate in activities where they learn how to keep warm and dry as well how to make themselves more visible to searchers. The 4 main rules given to the kids are:

1. Tell an adult where you are going,
2. Hug a tree and stay put,
3. Stay Warm and Dry, and
4. Help searchers by answering their calls.

It is also important for parents to know what to do if their children become lost. If your child is lost try not to panic, stay calm and think clearly. Don't wait to call 911; the search area becomes larger the longer you wait to bring in expert assistance. You will also need to be available to be interviewed by the searchers to get particulars on you child. Parents can help their children understand how to keep safe in woods by showing them how to stay on marked trails, making sure they are dressed for the weather and to carry a whistle.

Hug A Tree presentations will continue to be offered to schools in Colchester County throughout the school year. If anyone has any questions on this program they can contact the Colchester RCMP at 893-6820 or visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/hugtree for more information.

Cpl. Addie J. Maccallum
I/C Community Action Team
Colchester County RCMP



Have a Fire Safe Holiday Season!

Although Firefighters love to visit you really don't want us to do a house call during the holidays. To avoid our visit remember:

- Busy times can lead to carelessness and fires
- Don't over load electrical circuits
- Use only approved outdoor electrical units outside
- Avoid open candles, consider using battery operated tea lights
- Ensure natural trees are kept well watered to reduce fire hazard
- Kitchen fires are the leading cause of house fires

We are currently accepting applications for membership. Contact us bhfire@biblehill.ca and follow us on twitter @BHFB.

Nova Scotia SPCA Colchester Branch

The SPCA will be having their major fundraiser of the year - Christmas Table, Truro Mall, by Sears from November 21st - December 21st - Thursday's to Saturday's - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. This will include the quilt raffle, a variety of handmade items, baked goods, fudge, chocolates, pickles, beets, jams and jellies and various items for good cats and dogs. In December County dog tags bought at the table or shelter gives us \$5.00 for each tag we sell. Donations of new or homemade items or baked goods can be brought to the table at Mall on days we are there.

Scotia Pool

Scotia Pool Winter Registration for Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be on Thursday, December 12th from 5:00 - 7:00pm at the pool. For more information contact Scotia Pool at 893-6364.



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Get in the festive spirit!

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Thursday, December 12th, 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 8th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm for the Annual Centerpiece Workshop.

Tickets are \$10. Please contact the Village of Bible Hill Office at 67 Pictou Road to register.

Limited spaces will also be available at the door. 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.

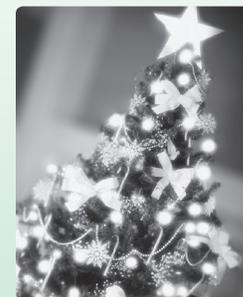


Holiday Social — For those young at Heart!

There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 18th from 4-6:00pm. 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 15th, February 19th, and March 19th.

Festival of Trees

The Village is bringing back a Christmas tradition with the Festival of Trees, which will take place on Saturday, November 30th from 1-4pm & Sunday, December 1st from 1-4pm at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Local community groups in Bible Hill and area will be participating and decorating 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 you must place a loonie 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 e-mail recreation@biblehill.ca. The Village of Bible Hill will provide the trees; you just need to provide the decorations.



Kids of Bible Hill Christmas Tree

For the 4th 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 children the chance to show off their decorations. Kids are asked to bring an ornament to the Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6th. 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.



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