

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2014

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

There has been considerable attention paid to a new provincial draft report, "The Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Review". This report has 43 recommendations and recommendation #13 and #14 are of greatest concern for the Village. Recommendation #13 is straightforward in that "no" new villages will be created and no new powers granted to existing villages. Recommendation #14 is of most concern; in that it recommends all villages be phased out. The Village options would be to become a town, merge with an adjacent town or dissolve into their encompassing rural municipality. Sixty years ago, the residents of Bible Hill became an incorporated Village. People wanted services, which were not forthcoming from the municipality. Bible Hill has lived up to its motto, "A Progressive Community". Year after year, Bible Hill has added new or replaced aging infrastructure, developed many excellent recreational sites and trail facilities and much more.

The Association of Nova Scotia Villages have reviewed this document as a group (Bible Hill attended all meetings) and will be responding to its contents with a copy going to every elected MLA as well as the party leaders. This report was two years in the making and without any village involvement. Back in 1993 a similar effort was made to consolidate villages into towns or part of a municipality and that effort never made it to the legislature. Hopefully our individual efforts and that of the Association of N.S. Villages will squash this report and we can get back to what is important for our residents, continuing to run our excellent village.

Tom Burke
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

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

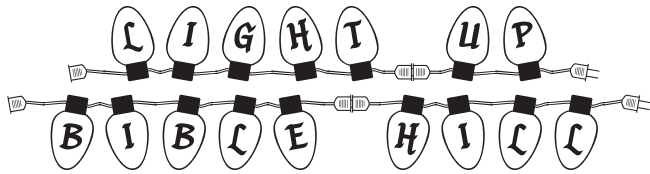


The Village of Bible Hill is hosting its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5th at 6:00 pm on the front yard of 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be music by Redcliff Middle School and Bible Hill Junior High School students, refreshments to be had, and a special holiday visitor 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 **902-893-8083** or **recreation@biblehill.ca**. See you there!

Efficiency Nova Scotia is 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 5th 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 & will not open until 6PM.**





Get in the festive spirit!

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Thursday, December 11th, a bus 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 **902-893-8083** or **recreation@biblehill.ca**.

Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees will take place on Saturday November 29 from 11–3pm & Sunday, November 30 from 11–3pm 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.



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 **902-893-8083** or e-mail **recreation@biblehill.ca**. The Village of Bible Hill will provide the trees; you just need to provide the decorations.

Holiday Gingerbread Cookie Decorating!

The Village of Bible Hill will be starting a new tradition this year as part of our holiday celebration – decorating holiday gingerbread cookies. This will be a great way for families to spend an afternoon together enjoying the holiday spirit. There will be two sessions for decorating your gingerbread cookies – Saturday, November 29 and Sunday, November 30 from 3 – 5pm at the Village Hall. The cost of the event will be casting a vote on a decorated tree at the Festival of Trees (vote is \$1 donation). The trees will be on display around the Village Hall. Space is limited - anyone interested in being part of this holiday event please contact the Village of Bible Hill at **902-893-8083**. Cookies and decorations will be provided.

Holiday Social – For those young at Heart!

There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 17 from 4-6:00pm. Music and a light snack will be provided along with door prizes for this holiday celebration. Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at **902-893-8083** or contact Brendon by email **recreation@biblehill.ca**.

Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 7th starting at 1:00 pm for the Annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10. Please contact the Village of Bible Hill either in person or by phone by calling 902-893-8083 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 **902-893-8083**.

Kids of Bible Hill Christmas Tree

For the 5th 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 5th. 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.

2015 New Year's Levee

The Village of Bible Hill will once again be hosting a New Year's Levee in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road on Thursday, January 1st, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Please feel free to drop in and speak to our Village Commissioners. Light refreshments will be provided.

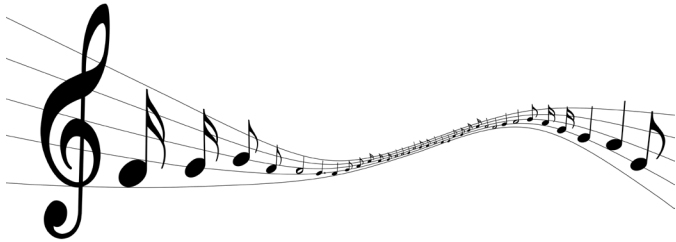
Bible Hill Snowshoes Loan Out Program

The Village of Bible Hill has 50 sets of snowshoes that are 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 **902-893-8083**. Get out and Get Active in the winter!

Bible Hill Music Jamborees!

Time to enjoy the local talent in Colchester County! Music jamborees at the Village Hall are a great success and are free to the public. 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 902-897-6194.

- Saturday, November 29, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, December 13, 7:00 – 9:00 pm



2014-2015 Bible Hill Junior High Musical

We are very pleased to announce that the 2015 Bible Hill Junior High School musical will be "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." This Broadway musical will be fun for the whole family, with great sets and costumes, wonderful music and exciting plot. Performances will take place on April 27, 29 and 30, 2015 at 7 pm. Please mark these dates on your calendar!



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.

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 902-893-6364.

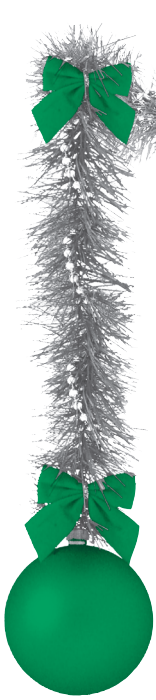
Bible Hill Cemetery Company 40 YEARS SERVING THE PUBLIC NEED

The Village of Bible Hill has always been a progressive community - it is also persistent. In 1965 the then Village Commissioners discussed the need for a cemetery serving the needs of their community. A group of these same commissioners persisted until in April of 1974 the Bible Hill Cemetery Company was registered and commenced operation. It was no longer a village initiative but a private company operated by a volunteer board of directors on behalf of those who own plots and have interment rights in the cemetery, the real owners. The original ten directors were signatories to the establishment of the company, one continues as a director today.

We celebrate our 40th year of operation this year. This beautiful facility is an asset to the entire area and continues to be operated on behalf of the plot owners by a volunteer board of directors. All revenue generated from plot sales and donations is directed toward the betterment of the cemetery. We have over the years accommodated 1040 interments; we have expanded and continue to grow to meet the needs of the area. We are not restricted to the village and have accommodated interments from as far away as British Columbia. We are non-denominational accommodating all faiths. While independent we have worked closely with the Village of Bible Hill on a number of initiatives benefitting the community one such program was the development of the Pat Mahaney Bike Trail on a significant portion of our unused land.

While we are located in one of the most peaceful areas of the village, when discovered, people are in awe of our beauty and we are hopeful discovery will lead to new plot owners allowing us to continue the growth started over 40 years ago.

We extend our wishes for a most joyous Christmas and a healthy 2015.



Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2015 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 **902-893-8083** 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! Deadline for nominations is **Wednesday March 4th, 2015**.

- **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.



Colchester District RCMP

Driver Reward Program

There has been a steady increase in distracted driving occurring over the last several years due to the rise of technology available at our fingertips. Motorists are engaging in phone conversations, text messaging and plugging into the Internet, all while driving. Not surprisingly, distracted driving has recently been determined to be the number one cause for fatal collisions in the Province of Nova Scotia. The RCMP and their policing partners have been combatting distracted driving through education and enforcement campaigns.

In May 2014, Colchester District RCMP partnered with the MADD Canada: Cobequid Chapter in a road safety initiative to promote safe, sober and undistracted driving practices through the development of a Drive Safe Rewards Program. Local businesses were canvassed for small donations that could be handed out to motorists adhering to road safety through sober and undistracted driving.

The program was simply designed to encourage motorists to make responsible decisions while on our roadways and reward those who are practicing road safety on a daily basis. This ongoing program has proven to be a great success and with the continued support of community partners will ensure its longevity.

If you wish to know more about the Driver Reward Program, please contact Cst. Cheryl MacKinnon or Cst. Bill Collier at 902-893-6820.

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