

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2015

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Another year has gone by but we have gotten a lot done. With a new government and planned infrastructure funding for the next three years, we will be ready with our wish list. The next major project that we are hoping to get funding for is the completion of the storm drainage system that runs under the Bible Hill Recreation Park. This project could cost in the million-dollar range but with federal/provincial funding, our share would be approximately three hundred thousand plus dollars.

As this is our year-end edition of Action on the Hill, it may seem a bit early but on behalf of your Village Commission and Staff, we wish one and all a very happy and safe holiday season. Please review the contents of this edition for upcoming Christmas events.

We are very pleased to announce that the Village has hired Cody Brown as our new Recreation Director. Cody was a Recreation Director in Grand Manan, New Brunswick. Cody has begun work and you will get to see and meet him during our upcoming Christmas events.

It has been a privilege for your Village Commissioners to once again serve the people of our great Village. Merry Christmas and we look forward to serving you in the New Year. Remember, do not drink and drive, arrive safe.

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 4th at 6:00 pm on the front yard of 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be music, refreshments, 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 **brown@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 4th 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 Efficiency 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.



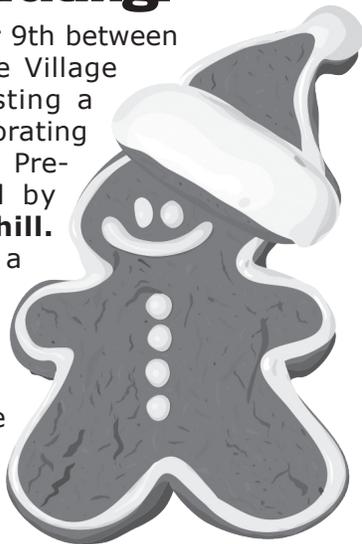
Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 6th 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**.



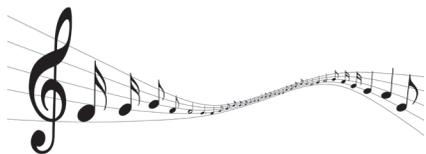
Bible Hill Gingerbread Cookie Decorating:

On Wednesday December 9th between 4:00pm and 6:00pm the Village of Bible Hill will be hosting a Gingerbread Cookie decorating event at the Village Hall. Pre-registration is required by emailing **brown@biblehill.ca**. Whether you have a young family or are just young at heart, come on out and test your decorating skills! This event is free, but please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to give to the food bank.



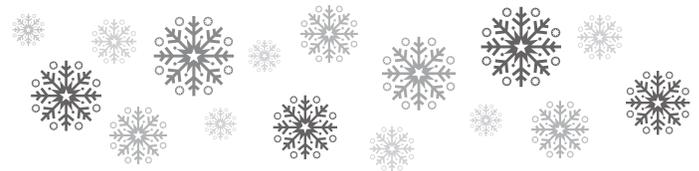
Bible Hill Music Jamborees!

Come out to enjoy some local talent in Colchester County! The Village holds Music Jamborees at the Village Hall. The Jamborees are free to the public with coffee and tea being served. The next Jamboree is on Saturday, December 12th from 6:30-9pm. If you would like to play at the Music Jamborees please contact **Foster Stewart** at **902-897-6194**.



Holiday Social – For those young at Heart!

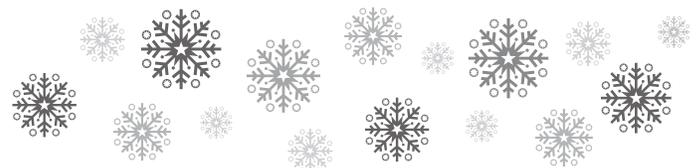
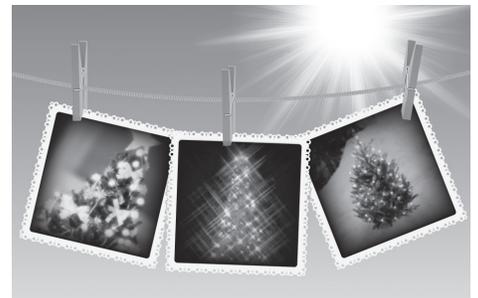
There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Wednesday, December 16th from 4-6pm. Music and a light snack will be provided. Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at **902-893-8083** or contact the Recreation Director by emailing **brown@biblehill.ca**.



Bible Hill Holiday Photo Contest

Beginning December 14th, the Village of Bible Hill will be holding a Holiday Photo Contest. There will be two categories, one to showcase our Village, and one to showcase individual households. The top three winners in each category will have their pictures printed and framed as well as receive a prize. The Village will display the category winners for the winter months in the Village Office. Deadline for submission is December 28th.

Rules: Each person may make one submission in each category. Submissions can be made to the Bible Hill Recreation Facebook account wall, or be emailed to **brown@biblehill.ca** with the subject line '**Photo Contest Entry**'. It should be clearly marked which category any photo is intended for. The Village category submissions should be of something in the Village that showcases the beauty or spirit of Bible Hill. The Household Category could be a family photo at the family's place of residence showing their holiday decorations or spirit.



2016 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 Friday, January 1st, 2016 from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Please feel free to drop in and speak to our Village Commissioners. Light refreshments will be provided.



Regular Monthly Meetings

The Village of Bible Hill has a meeting on the third Tuesday of every month that the public is invited to attend. The meetings are in the Village Chambers located at 67 Pictou Road and all are welcome. The next Regular Monthly Meetings are:

- December 15, 2015
- January 19, 2016



Parks & Recreation Committee

The P & R Committee is an advisory committee to the Village of Bible Hill. This Committee meets at 6:00 pm on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Office Chambers, 67 Pictou Road. The Parks and Recreation Committee addresses recreation, cultural, and park development issues in Bible Hill. There are several openings on this committee coming up beginning in April 2016. If you are interested in applying to be on this committee, please contact the Recreation Director by emailing brown@biblehill.ca or call 902-893-8083.



Adopt-a-Hydrant



The winter months bring a special concern to both the Village of Bible Hill and the Bible Hill Fire Department. Winter storms can often hide fire hydrants under a mountain of snow making them impossible to find quickly. In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out fire hydrants before hooking up to them. Precious time is

lost. Please don't let your neighborhood hydrant remain "undercover". We are asking that you help us by keeping the fire hydrant closest to your residence or business clear of snow. Your fire hydrant doesn't like to feel smothered! At a minimum, residents who have hydrants nearby are asked to make sure the hydrant is cleared of snow enough to make it visible from the street. Even better is to clear the snow from within a one-metre clearance around the entire hydrant after a snowfall.

Your help is greatly appreciated this winter!

What's Up at St. David's United Church, Bible Hill?

- Canadian Bible Society Festival of Carols: Sunday, November 29th, 7pm.
- Blue Christmas Service: Monday, December 21st, 7pm ~ a quiet service of remembrance.
- Christmas Eve Family Service: Thursday, December 24th, 6:30pm ~ all are welcome.



Scotia Pool

Winter Red Cross swimming lesson registration at Scotia Pool begins on Saturday, December 19th with lessons starting in January. Extra open swims over the Christmas Season are:

- Tuesday, December 22nd 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 23rd 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm
- Monday, December 28th 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm
- Tuesday, December 29th 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm
- Wednesday, December 30th 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm



Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2016 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 **admin@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 in February 2016.

- **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.



Have a Fire Safe Holiday Season!

The holiday season can be a great time of joy and happiness when family and friends get together to celebrate. It can also be a time of great tragedy when safety measures are overlooked and fires occur. To help ensure it remains a happy time keep these things in mind;

- Ensure natural Christmas trees are fresh when erected (trim a small piece off trunk when it is set up)
- Ensure natural trees are well watered and after the holidays when needles start to drop dispose of it. Never obstruct or block off an outdoor exit with a tree or decorations. Always have "Two ways out".
- Ensure electrical outlets are not overloaded, never put extension cords under rugs or carpets
- Use only outside rated and certified lights outside
- Always stay close to the kitchen stove when cooking is in progress. Kitchen fires are one of the most common types of fires this time of the year.
- Stay safe and enjoy one of the best times of the year.

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade is a totally volunteer emergency service that has served the community since 1946. We are currently accepting applications. Email us **bhfire@biblehill.ca** and follow us on twitter **@BHFB**.

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