

BIBLE HILL



VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

February 2015

Message from the Chair

The Village welcomed the new year by hosting a well attended Levee at the Village Hall. The public and the Village Commission were presented with plans for the Saywood Sidewalk project from the engineering firm Hiltz and Seamone. An Open House was held to view the plans which was well attended. The Village expects to go to tender for construction with an early spring start. The project is expected to take approximately eight weeks. When completed it will be a nice addition to the subdivision.

The Village has made application to the Federal Government's Building Canada Fund with the hopes of receiving funding for completing the last of the major Guest Drive storm water upgrades. If we are successful in obtaining funding, the project is expected to have a 2016 tender call and construction start.

As it is February, your Commission is in the process of doing budgets. Many hours go into the process and we will examine the wish list of administration, recreation, protective services and public works. It is always an exercise with give and take but we get through it.

February has been a very difficult month for weather. We would like to acknowledge our sidewalk snow removal contractor, Justaart Landscaping and our public works staff for their great efforts in cleaning up the massive amounts of snow that mother nature delivered. Areas around our schools and crosswalks have been cleared as a priority and as a matter of public safety. Thanks to all and now lets move on to March!

Tom Burke,
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

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 **Tuesday, March 3rd 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

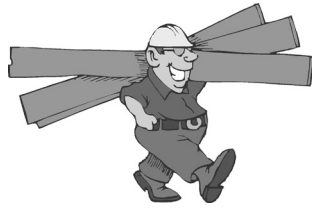
period of twenty-five years or longer of which at least 12 years of the volunteer service took place in the Village of Bible Hill.

- **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.

Volunteering
Nova Scotia's passion at work

Village Hall Renovations

The Village Hall is currently undergoing renovations and is closed to the public for the months of March and April 2015. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Outdoor Rinks



Currently both our outdoor rinks are closed but with colder weather coming, the Village is hopeful that we will have some skating in the month of March. Check the Village website and Facebook page for updates on both the rinks.

Gymnastics

Registration for spring gymnastic and trampoline session is now available on line. Classes are available for children ages 18 months to adult. Visit www.cobequidspartans.com to sign up. Our next session starts March 16th to June 7th (12 weeks). All pricing info is available on our website.

Senior Fitness

Senior Fitness in Bible Hill with instructor Laurie Gunn is being held in the basement of St. David's United Church on Pictou Road. 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 and classes are 10-11am and 11am-noon. If you have any questions, please contact the Village at **902-893-8083**. Cost is a drop in fee of \$2.



Dogs in Cemetery

We all know our pets are part of our family. Our children and our grandchildren love them. My husband and I do not have a pet at this time, but we do have two "grandpuppies" that we spoil every chance we get. However, those two dogs have responsible owners, like the majority of dog owners. There are those owners out there that appear to lack common sense and a level of responsibility for their dogs, letting them run in areas where they have no right to be. The Bible Hill Cemetery is one such place.

At the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders in the Bible Hill Cemetery Company on January 19th, the Managing Director updated us on the dog problem yet again. Each meeting we hear more about dog owners who think the fenced cemetery is a great place to let their dogs run. Not so. This is disrespectful and totally out of line.

The staff working on cemetery grounds have seen many instances of this disrespect. I shall give you a few examples. Three big dogs were let out of a truck that had driven onto the cemetery grounds and they were let run over the cemetery. The guys in the truck had their lunch while the dogs did their thing.

Another time an owner let a dog loose on the cemetery grounds, it grabbed a wreath placed by a family member on a loved one's grave, and tore the wreath apart. The owner felt very badly but the reality is the dog should not have been on the grounds in the first place. There was even a time when a funeral was going on and an owner let a dog loose on the grounds. The dog did what dogs do, it ran for the people. Common sense can be a scarce commodity.

Some owners let their dogs off leash when they come onto the grounds. This is not a dog park. There is a walking trail nearby and at the start of the trail the Village of Bible Hill has supplied bags for dog "doo" and a bin to deposit the bags. Many owners will make use of the bags and bins, but others will take the bags and throw them in the woods along the trail, leaving them for someone else to pick up. That often does not happen on the cemetery grounds. Signage is ignored. Bags are not used. Dog deposits have to be picked up by staff on a daily basis, as owners don't bother to pick up. How would you like to visit a family member to lay flowers and see a dog deposit on the grass or dog urine on the side of the monument? Disgusting. Needless to say, cemetery staff have to be vigilant for this abuse of the facility. It should not be a big deal to put a bag in your pocket or have a tube of bags on the dog's leash to deal with the situation wherever you may be.

This is a beautiful, well-groomed cemetery. It is posted as private property for cemetery business only. Show some respect. Thank you to all those dog owners out there who are responsible owners. You are truly appreciated.

Christine Blair

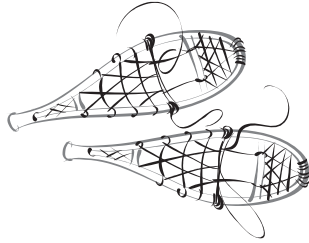
President, Bible Hill Cemetery Company

Music Jamborees

Due to hall renovations, there will be no music jamborees in March or April. Check our website for updates!

Snowshoe 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 are for community use and a chance for families, individuals and community groups to try snowshoeing without having to buy their own snowshoes. 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!



Annual Hawaiian Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Two sittings - 4pm and 6pm

St. David's United Church Hall, Bible Hill

(corner of Pictou Road and St. David's Avenue)

Phone Anna at **902-843-2085** for tickets (\$12)



Colchester District RCMP

Winter Driving Safety

With the winter months upon us, not only do drivers have to prepare their vehicles for winter driving but they have to adjust their driving habits as well. One of the most common errors that drivers make is not giving themselves enough time and distance to stop. Ice & snow on the road greatly diminish braking and steering.

- Drivers should remember that speed limits are maximum; there is nothing wrong with driving less than the speed limit if the weather conditions are poor.
- Increase the distance between you and the vehicle ahead. If you need to stop in an emergency situation in the winter, your vehicle needs more distance to safely stop.
- Drivers have to properly clean off their vehicles prior to driving on public roads. Don't wait for the defroster & wind to clear the windows for you as you drive. It is an offence to have the windows or lights of a vehicle obstructed, with fines starting at \$164.50.
- If the weather is poor, drivers must consider not travelling if it is not safe. If you must travel, drivers should depart earlier and give themselves plenty of time. When people are late, they tend to rush, which is the last thing you want to do while driving in the winter.

Corporal Addie J. Maccallum

Colchester County RCMP

Maggie's Place Parent & Tot Playgroup

Maggie's Place Bible Hill Parent & Tot Playgroup will be temporarily moving to Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School while the Village Hall is being renovated. All parents & caregivers with children birth to age 5 are welcome to attend. For more information look for us on Facebook or contact us by calling **902-895-0200** or by emailing colchester@maggiesplace.ca.

Village of Bible Hill After School Programs

The Village of Bible Hill is once again preparing for After School Activity Programs at Bible Hill Junior High and Redcliff Middle Schools. The program allows participants to participate in enjoyable, creative and physical activities in a non-competitive and supportive environment. Program information and registration packages will be sent out through the schools immediately following the Easter Break. Program will begin the week of April 20, 2015 and run for six weeks. For further information regarding the After School Activity Programs or employment and volunteer opportunities contact Rebecca MacGregor at the Village of Bible Hill office (**902**) **893-8083** or by email macgregor@biblehill.ca.



Notice of Nomination Period Nomination for Village Commissioner Village of Bible Hill

One Commissioner for three (3) year term

Nominations for the office of Commissioner will be accepted from (and including) May 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14, 2015 between the hours of eight thirty (8:30 am) o'clock in the forenoon and four thirty (4:30 pm) in the afternoon.

All nominations shall be in writing on the nomination paper form and shall be filed with the Returning Officer at the Village Office. The Village Office is located at 67 Pictou Road, Bible Hill, Nova Scotia (902-893-8083).

Qualifications of Commissioner:

- (a) is of the full age of eighteen years on ordinary polling day;
- (b) is a Canadian citizen on ordinary polling day; and
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the Village of Bible Hill for a period of six months immediately preceding ordinary polling day and continues to so reside.

Nomination paper forms, copies of by-laws, and further information are available from the Returning Officer.

Lorraine Dawson

Returning Officer



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