

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2018

SEASONS GREETING'S

This issue of Action on the Hill will highlight many of the upcoming events taking place in Bible Hill during the holiday season. On November 30th come join us to watch out for that special someone to arrive and help us light up our Christmas tree on the front lawn of 69 Pictou Road. Please join us in other celebrations throughout the season as noted in this issue.

In 2018, our largest project in the Village was a cost-shared project with Colchester County for our new sidewalk on Village Line Avenue. We were also honored to have the 2nd Annual Colchester Highland Games hosted in our Village. Looking forward to spring we invite you to try our new walking trail around the Bible Hill Recreation Field.

On behalf of my fellow Village Commissioners - Donna Van Kroonenburg, Kevin Kennedy, Tom Burke and Knickolle Pitcher, I would like to extend Season Greeting's to the residents of Bible Hill. We invite you to join with us at the 2019 New Year's Levy at the Bible Hill Village Hall on Tuesday January 1st, 2019 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm.

Merry Christmas!

Lois MacCormick
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

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

The Village of Bible Hill is hosting its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 30th at 6:00 pm on the front yard of 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be music by the Redcliff and Bible Hill Junior High Bands, refreshments, and a special holiday visitor will be there to greet the children at 6:30! Come out and enjoy the warmth of the season with your friends and neighbors. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank are encouraged. See you there!



Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop



Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 2nd starting at 1:00 pm for the Annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10. Pre-registration is required by calling **902-893-8083** but limited spaces will also be available at the door. All festive supplies will be provided, but please bring your own clippers and gloves if you have them. Spaces will be filling up fast so register soon! Donations for the Colchester Food Bank will be accepted.

Light up Bible Hill Competition and Bus Tour of Lights - Get in the Festive Spirit!

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! Starting on Monday, December 10th there will be a Facebook competition for the best Christmas decorations. Post your photo to Facebook on the Bible Hill Recreation page and the top three with the most "likes" on Thursday, December 20th at 8:30am wins! On Wednesday, December 19th, a bus will be travelling around Bible Hill to look at the displays! If you would like to join the bus tour of Bible Hill please contact the Village at **902-893-8083**. Winners will receive a sign to display, a small prize package and a donation to the Colchester Food Bank in their name.



Cookie Decorating



There is a free afternoon scheduled for Saturday, December 22nd from 1pm-3pm in the Bible Hill Village Hall. Come enjoy the fun – cookies, icing, decorations, and some instruction will be provided. You are welcome to drop in, or register on the Bible Hill Recreation Facebook Event.

Teen Holiday Baking

If you are between the ages of 12 and 17 and are interested in holiday baking, there is a free workshop scheduled for Saturday, December 22nd from 4pm-6pm, located at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Come learn how to bake holiday cookies, decorate them, and then take them home as gifts to give to friends and family (or just eat them). Please register ahead by calling **902-893-8083**. This is a free event.

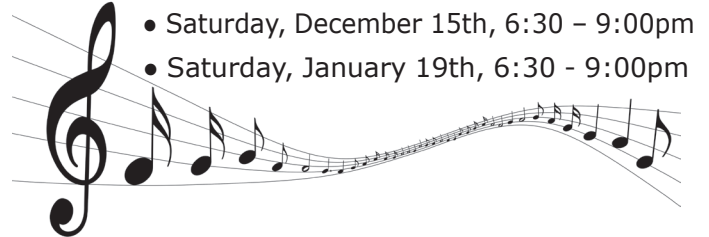
Holiday Social – For those young at Heart!

There will be a Holiday Social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on Thursday, December 20th from 4-6:00pm. Music and a light seasonal treat will be provided along with door prizes for this Christmas celebration. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at **902-893-8083**.



Bible Hill Music Jamborees!

Time to enjoy the local talent in Colchester County! Admission to the Jamboree is free to the public and coffee and tea is served. There will be a 50/50 draw with the profits being donated to charity. Listed below are the dates for the Music Jamborees. If you would like to play at the Music Jamborees please contact Foster Stewart at **902-897-6194**.



2019 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 Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:00pm. Please drop in, mingle and speak to fellow residents



and your Village Commissioners. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Scotia Pool

Scotia Pool Christmas hours and open swim times:

Dec. 24 Closed at 2 pm

Dec. 25 Closed

Dec. 26 Closed

Extra Open Swim time Dec. 27, 28, 29 30, 31 and Jan. 2 from 2 - 4 pm.

Please follow us on Facebook for our regular schedule

Happy Holidays

Dalhousie Agricultural Campus – Festive Tree Lighting

There will be a Festive Tree Lighting at the Cox Field on campus on Wednesday, December 5th at 4:30pm. All are invited to attend.

Commission Meetings

Did you know, Village Commission meetings are open for observation to the public? Commissioners meet twice per month on the second and third Tuesday at 7PM to discuss policy and village matters, approve expenditures, and chart the path for the future of Bible Hill. Join us!

St. David's United Church Christmas Calendar

St. David's United Church (corner of Pictou Road and St. David's Avenue) warmly welcomes everyone to join us in the following special events taking place over the month of December.

Sunday, December 2, 7pm	Canadian Bible Society Festival of Carols, goodwill offering, light lunch to follow; come out and see our beautifully decorated sanctuary and enjoy the music of the season.
Thursday, December 13, 7pm	Longest Night of the Year Service - a quiet reflective service; a time to "just be".
Sunday, December 16, 7pm	Nativity in the Village - St. David's re-enactment of the 'real' story of Christmas, outside on the Village Hall grounds.
Monday, December 24, 7pm	Christmas Eve Family Service - always a full house; everyone welcome!
Every Thursday, 1pm	Auction 45s Card Party - Bible Hill Fire Hall, hosted by St. David's Stewards; \$5, includes prizes and snacks. Last card party of 2018 - Dec 13; first in 2019 - Jan 10.

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting a banquet once again in 2019 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 **cody.brown@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 Monday, February 25, 2019.

Golden Long Term Service Award - This 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.

Long Term Service Award - This 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.

Young Achievers Service Award - This 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 - This 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!

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
- Check batteries in your smoke alarm
- If your smoke alarm is over 10 years old replace it

Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, Carbon monoxide is odourless and colourless. In the New Year watch for our calendar being delivered to each household in Bible Hill.

We are currently accepting applications for membership. Contact us by email - **firebrigade@biblehill.ca** and follow us on **twitter@BHFB**.



Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

The Village of Bible Hill Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is looking for new member applications. This committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM to discuss and make recommendations to the Bible Hill Village Commission on recreation, cultural, and park development issues in Bible Hill. If you are passionate about recreation and would like to know more, please contact Parks and Recreation Director Cody Brown at **cody.brown@biblehill.ca** or by phone at **(902) 893-8083**.

New Walking Loop

The Village of Bible Hill is proud to announce the completion and opening of a new walking trail around the Soccer and Minor Ball fields at the Recreation Park. This trail provides an additional space for fitness and pleasure walkers while also providing better access for players and their parent/guardians to the soccer field. We hope you are able to take advantage of this new park feature!



Home Warming

Everyone should benefit from energy efficiency. HomeWarming offers no-charge energy assessments and free home upgrades to income-qualified Nova Scotians.

If they discover that upgrades like draft-proofing, insulation or other efficiency options can help make heating & cooling your home substantially more affordable and comfortable, they'll install the upgrades at no cost to you.

Call **1-877-434-2136** or visit **www.HomeWarming.ca** to see if you are eligible for free upgrades to your home.

Nova Scotia Heating Assistance Rebate Program

HARP helps low and modest income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating, offering a rebate of up to \$200 for eligible applicants who heat their home with oil, electricity, wood, propane, wood pellets, natural gas or coal. The program runs from October 15th, 2018 to March 31st, 2019. Call **1-800-670-4357** or apply online at **https://www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp**.

Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

Administered by Service Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, this program is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate of the actual residential municipal property taxes paid the previous year, up to a maximum of \$800.00 per year.

Act fast... the application deadline is December 31, 2018. For more information and to start your application, call **1-800-670-4357** or visit **https://www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/property-tax-rebate-for-seniors.asp**

Product Installation Service

Efficiency Nova Scotia offers a Product Installation Service to install energy efficient products in your home, whether you own or rent, at no cost to you. Depending on your home, this might include: LED lighting; Water-saving shower heads and aerators; Insulating wrap for your electric hot water tank and hot water pipes; Smart power strips for your entertainment areas; or Water saving shower valves. To book an appointment for this no-cost service, call Trinity Inspections Service at **1-855-971-1935**.

Housing Nova Scotia

Housing Nova Scotia offers several programs to help residents with lower incomes maintain and modify their homes to ensure they are safe and affordable. Some program offerings include:

- **Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence**
Helps seniors stay in their homes independently for longer periods of time. A one-time forgivable grant of up to \$3,500 is available and does not need to be repaid as long as the homeowner agrees to live in their home for a minimum of six months after the adaptations are made.
 - **The Senior Citizens Assistance Program**
Helps seniors who would like to remain in their own homes, but cannot afford necessary repairs. The funding covers repairs that are a threat to health and safety, which includes repairs to roofing, plumbing and heating. Cosmetic repairs are not covered. A grant of up to \$6,500 is available.
 - **Access-A-Home Program**
Helps people adapt their homes to become wheelchair accessible. The amount of the grant is income-dependant, up to \$7,000.
 - **Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program**
Provides financial assistance to people who can't afford to make their homes more accessible for persons with disabilities. The maximum amount of forgivable funding available is \$16,000.
- For more information on these programs, including eligibility, call **1-844-424-5110** or visit **https://www.housing.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services**

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