



VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

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FALL EDITION

Message from the Chair

As summer days wind down and a new school year begins, our children will once again be taking to the sidewalks and crosswalks to make their way to the classroom.

Over the summer, we have installed new crosswalk lighting on College Road at the entrance to the Bible Hill Recreation Park, featuring overhead and side-mounted flashing lights. Early this fall, we will also be installing this same type of new equipment at the Pictou Road crosswalk to the Bible Hill Consolidated Elementary School. Sidewalk replacements have also taken place during the summer on Bigney Avenue and Allison Avenue. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Colchester Christian Academy, who now calls East Court Road home and will be starting their first full school year in Bible Hill.

Two new Commissioners have been elected over the summer, and I welcome Knickolle Pitcher and welcome back Tom Burke. They have joined Donna Van Kroonenburg, Kevin Kennedy and myself as your Village Commission. The Village is also pleased to announce the appointment of Mitchell Bell as Clerk and Treasurer, managing the administration of the Village. Mitchell is a Chartered Professional Accountant and takes over from Robert (Bob) Christianson, who has served us for 31 years. We wish Bob a very happy retirement.

If you have questions or concerns about your Village, including recreation parks and trails, facilities, fire protection, water service, sidewalks, street lighting or operations, please contact the Village office or one of your Commissioners.

Lois MacCormick,
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

How does the Village operate?

The Village of Bible Hill is provided its existence through the Municipal Government Act. As with other municipalities, the Village has the authority to collect taxes in order to provide services to its residents. Residents elect five Commissioners to serve on the Village Commission in order to develop a vision for Bible Hill, deal with emerging issues, debate and develop by-laws and policy and approve the budget.

As the Clerk and Treasurer of the Village, I am responsible for leading the municipal administration, ensuring efficient and effective use of resources, preparing and monitoring the budget, and acting as professional advisor to, and implementing the policies of, the Commissioners.

The day to day operations of the Village function at the skillful work of the administration team, consisting of Angie Ogden - Finance Officer, Kathleen Curry - Administrative Assistant, Cody Brown - Parks and Recreation Director, Shawn Fancy - Maintenance Foreman and Heidi Langille - Maintenance Worker.

Paying property taxes to the Village of Bible Hill allows your dollars to go directly into the development of the community in which you live. Your taxes provide for the community by way of fire protection in cooperation with a volunteer fire brigade, crosswalks and crosswalk guards, sidewalks, salting and snow removal, street lighting, water, sewer and storm-water systems, numerous recreation facilities including parks, trails, sports areas, playground equipment, a splashpad, community events, children's day camps, recreation opportunities, a community 'Village Hall', and also a local voice to senior government.

If you have questions or suggestions on how Bible Hill is administered, please contact me at **902.893.8083** or **bell@biblehill.ca**. Alternatively, your five commissioners can be reached by phone or email. Please call for information, visit us on Facebook or our website at **www.biblehill.ca**.

Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA
Clerk and Treasurer

Senior Fitness



It's that time of year again for Senior Fitness classes run by Laurie Gunn to start up! The program is planned to begin on Monday, October 1st. Classes will be at both 10:00am and 11:00am on Monday's and Wednesday's. There is a drop-in cost of \$2 per session. For any further information please contact the Village Office.

Senior Socials

If you are 55+ and enjoy the waltz and foxtrot, old-time music and food, then our Senior Socials are for you! Held on the third Thursday of each month, they feature the volunteer group 'Y Senior Band', a musical group featuring fiddlers, guitar and piano. The Social begins at 4 with music and dancing, and then at 5 there is a light lunch prepared by Village staff. It is always a wonderful and FREE evening out.



The next socials will be:

- Thursday, September 20th from 4pm – 6pm.
- Thursday, October 18th from 4pm – 6pm.
- Thursday, November 15th from 4pm – 6pm.

Music Jamboree

Bible Hill Music Jamboree's are held monthly at the Bible Hill Village Hall from 6:30-9pm and are FREE! Come out and enjoy some great music and time with friends. The next Music Jamborees are:

- Saturday, October 20th
- Saturday, November 17th
- Saturday, December 15th

Coffee and tea is served. If you would like to find out any additional information on the Music Jamboree's, please contact Foster Stewart at **902-897-6194**.

Safe Halloween Donations



Bible Hill's Safe Halloween is an annual event supported by local businesses and the Village of Bible Hill. Once again, we will be looking for donations in the form of chips, candy, pop, juice, or a monetary donation. Items such as small packs of crayons or small colouring books are also appreciated. If you are interested in helping to provide a safe environment for the children of Bible Hill to trick or treat, please contact the Village Office at **902-893-8083** by October 19th.

Maggie's Place

Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a FREE Parent & Tot Playgroup DROP IN at the Bible Hill Village Hall each TUESDAY from 10:00-11:30am from September to June. The program resumes Tuesday, September 11th, 2018. Playgroups are a fun play and social time for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to school age to enjoy together. Each session consists of a free play and art time, a healthy, peanut-free snack (provided by us) and ends with circle time – songs, stories and active fun.

All families are welcome to join us. For more information, contact us at **902-895-0200** or check out our website: **www.maggiesplace.ca** or Facebook: **Maggie's Place-Colchester**. Our thanks to the United Way of Colchester County for their financial support of our program.

Bible Hill Joyful Yoga

Tuesdays 5pm - 8 weeks \$85 - to register call Joy **902-956-2166**
At the Village Hall starting October 2nd.

Exercise with Heidi and Hema

Zumba and Bhangra with Heidi and Hema is at the Bible Hill Village Hall every Wednesday @ 5:30pm. Come out and enjoy a mid-week session that is sure to get you moving for the rest of the week! Call Heidi (902-986-1022) or Hema (902-305-1086) to pre-register.

Fitness classes with Hema will be starting September 24th on Monday's and Wednesday's at 12:10pm. Call Hema to pre-register (902-305-1086). She will be offering a variety of exercise formats sure to promote health and well-being.

Zumba and Yoga with Celeste at Bible Hill Village Hall

It's back to fun and fitness at the Bible Hill Village Hall with something for everyone!

Zumba is back every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am. These classes are sure to start your day off on the right foot with one hour of Zumba party dance fun and fitness..... guaranteed loads of giggles, plenty of pop and Latin music and movement and tons of friendship.....All ages and Zumba experience welcomed. For your convenience and availability, you can purchase a day pass, a 10-class punch card or chose a one-month unlimited Zumba option.

Indoor and Outdoor Yoga - Our nurturing yoga practices welcome all yogis, beginner to experienced. You will be greeted with opened arms and hearts and encouraged to practice at your own pace in our all-inclusive yoga classes.

Outdoor Friday Morning Drop in Yoga Classes at Clover Drive Park - will continue Sept. 28th, on Friday mornings at 10:30a.m. (weather permitting--if class need to be cancelled due to inclement weather, determined the morning of class, notification will be sent by email) We have only been rained out once in four seasons!

Indoor Yoga Class - Friday Morning practice at 10:00 a.m. will begin on October 5 and will run for 10 weeks this season for \$80. (ending just in time to celebrate the Christmas Holiday with a special Yoga Practice)

Please **PRE-REGISTER** for all YOGA classes prior to start dates to ensure your spot or call for more information, by contacting Celeste at **902-662-3009** or **902-814-8000** or **cchesal@gmail.com**.

Belong Forum: Temple Grandin Dal 200

"What would it take to create a world where we all feel like we truly belong?" That's the question behind the Belong Forums, a public lecture series in honour of Dalhousie's 200th anniversary, featuring internationally respected thinkers, trailblazers and change-makers. Join us as professor and autism advocate Temple Grandin visits our Agricultural Campus for one of several Belong Forums happening this year. Dr. Temple Grandin is almost certainly both the world's most famous animal scientist and the world's most recognized person with autism. She turned the childhood pain of being different into a life of profound purpose, using her unique perspective to change the face of animal welfare and give hope and inspiration to millions of people and families living with autism spectrum diagnoses.

Free admission with limited tickets available; registration required. Light fare will be served following the event. September 27th, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tickets available dal.ca/exl Alumni Theatre, Agricultural Campus.

Bible Hill Garden Club

The Bible Hill Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month from 7pm till 9pm at the Bible Hill Village Hall. New members are always welcome. Registration is \$10.00 per year, normally payable in September. Hope to see you there.

Scotia Pool

Scotia Pool offers many fitness programs including: Aqua Fit, Aqua Therapy, Aqua Yoga, and Aqua Zumba. For more information on our fall Red Cross Swimming Lessons, please call the pool at **(902) 893-6364**.



Autumn at St. David's

AUCTION 45s CARD PARTIES: Every Thursday at 1pm; beginning Sept 6 at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Sponsored by St. David's UC; \$5/person, includes cash prizes and a light snack.

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday, Sept 16, 10:30am, Church Sanctuary; celebrating the 70th anniversary year of the first St. David's communion. Special music, speaker, communion by intinction.

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY and LUNCHEON / MINI-HARVEST AUCTION: Sunday, Sept 16, 12 noon, Church Hall;

GOSPELLETES CONCERT: Sunday, Sept 30, 7-8:30pm, Church Sanctuary; free-will offering; light refreshments to follow.

Sport and Recreation Funding Opportunities:

| Program | Contact Person |
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| <p>Kidsport is a national children's program that helps kids overcome the financial barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport.</p> <p>Managed and operated in Nova Scotia by Sport Nova Scotia since 1994, KidSport Nova Scotia has assisted over 22,000 children totalling over \$5 Million. KidSport Nova Scotia provides funding of up to \$300/year/child for sport registration and/or equipment.</p> <p>In 2015 KidSport™ Nova Scotia allocated over \$527,000 to more than 1900 children from Sydney to Yarmouth.</p> | <p>Craig Burgess Recreation Manager Colchester County Truro, NS P: 902-897-3181 cburgess@colchester.ca</p> |
| <p>Support 4 Sport is a funding program through Sport Nova Scotia that can assist with purchasing sports equipment, supporting coaches, and supporting high performance athletes. It will also help support officials. If you or your child is associated with a Provincial Sport Organization it is worth looking into.</p> | <p>Courtney Nicholson Comm Sport Development Coordinator Fundy Region – Sport NS P: 902-896-4813 cnicholson@sportnovascotia.ca</p> |
| <p>Jumpstart funds any kids who would like to be active or learn a new sport or activity. From age 4-18, families can receive help with registration costs, equipment and/or transportation. For more information go to http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/</p> | <p>Stephanie Milbury Administrative Assistant Town of Truro, NS P: 902-893-6078 samilbury@truro.ca</p> |
| <p>RECC Life (Leisure Inclusion for Everyone) reduces financial barriers to programs offered by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre to help offset costs for their programming to a maximum of 75%.</p> | <p>Rath-Eastlink Community Centre P: 902-893-2224 recclife@ratheastlinkcc.ca www.ratheastlinkcommunitycentre.ca</p> |
| <p>RECC Lets Play is designed for children aged 4-16 and is available to multiple children in the same family. Up to \$600 per year is available and funding can be applied for any time of the year and used for repeating programs such as swimming lessons. As it is internally administrated, the turn around is very short.</p> | |

Like us on Facebook!

'Liking' Bible Hill Recreation on Facebook is a great way to hear about new programs and initiatives. In addition to our sign and website, all upcoming programs will be posted there, as well as pictures from past programs. There is also a NEW 'Village of Bible Hill' page where you can find Commission news, photos, and general Village information. There are also some historical photos that are great to look at! So "Like" the new Village of Bible Hill page too so you can keep up on current events in your village!



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Bible Hill Fire Brigade

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware.
Fire can happen anywhere.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
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The banner features a cartoon firefighter character wearing a cap with 'Smoke Alarms Matter' and holding a magnifying glass. The NFPA logo is in the top right corner.

Once again October is fast approaching. This means Fire Prevention Week. This year it is October 7th-13th. This year's fire prevention theme is: **Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire Can Happen Anywhere.** In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

This year the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Open House will be on **Friday October 12th from 6-8 pm** and everyone is invited for BBQ, fire trucks, and events from our mutual aid partners and other agencies such as EHS, Red Cross, RCMP, DNR and more!

Especially with the major BC forest fires happening, the brigade would like to remind you that fire prevention is a year round event. We can always play our part in preventing fires and being prepared in an event of a fire. This is also a reminder that with the weather being dry that you must check the provincial website <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>. This website is updated at 2pm every day and gives information about each county. As well, a reminder that there is a no burn by-law in the Village of Bible Hill. This means that only approved pits and on approved pads is allowed on top of the burning forecast from that website. For more information consult the by-law.

The Bible Hill Fire Brigade is always looking for more members. It is an excellent opportunity to receive training as well as to give back to your community. Expectations are that you are able to go to training nights, meetings, and calls when you are able to. Family and work will always take priority over the Fire Brigade. If you are curious about joining the Fire Brigade or wish to gain more information, you can ask for an application from the Village Office, contact a firefighter if you know one, or come see us on October 13th.

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