

# ACTION ON THE HILL



**BIBLE HILL**  
Plant Your Roots

Summer 2026

## Join us Wed. July 1, for our annual Canada Day Parade & Park Party!

A Canada Day Parade is planned for July 1, starting at 10:00 AM. The parade will start at St. David's Ave, then move east on Pictou Rd, across Johnson Ave, west on College Rd, across Vimy Rd to Pictou Rd, then back to St. David's Ave. Traffic control will be in place with street closures.

Vimy Road will be a dedicated Sensory Zone and will have lights, sirens and music turned off on all floats.

Our annual park party kicks off after the parade, at Bible Hill Recreation Park, 38 Guest Dr, from 11 AM to 3 PM, with free fun activities for children!

There will be multiple exciting inflatables to bounce and climb on, supervised by Glow. Foam Fiesta will be hosting a Foam Party where kids can play, dance, and party in bubbly suds.

Five Little Monkeys will be on site for fun face painting and there will be pony rides for kids aged 2 and up, led by an experienced Shelby Ranch Wrangler. Axe Throwing by HaliMac Axe Throwing is back this year too!

Master of Ceremonies, Gordon Tucker, will kick off the park party near 11:30 AM, and following welcoming remarks by elected officials and RCMP, Mr. Tucker will hand things off to RECKLESS - a local four-piece country/rock band - to entertain for the afternoon!



**FREE Park Party after parade  
on July 1 from 11 AM - 3 PM**

### Free Activities:

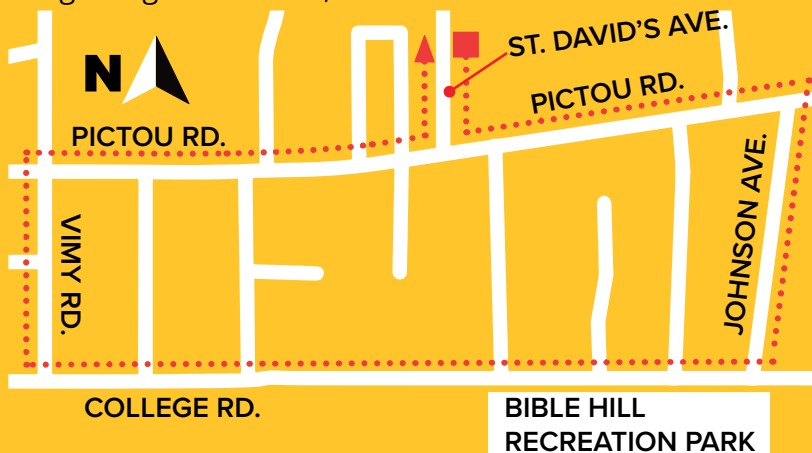
- Live entertainment
- Inflatables
- Pony rides
- Foam party
- Face painting
- Axe throwing
- Splashpad & playground

### Food/Drinks for purchase:

- BBQ and refreshments by Bible Hill Fire & Emergency
- Sticks and Stones Woodfired Pizza

## PARADE ROUTE

Beginning at 10:00 AM, St. David's Ave



## How to register for the parade:

- At [biblehill.ca](http://biblehill.ca)
- Contact us for a paper form
- Scan this QR code



# Message from the Commission Chair

Kevin Kennedy

This year marks 80 years of volunteer service by Bible Hill Fire and Emergency (BHFE). Over this time, many local people - our friends and neighbours - have joined and contributed their personal time and efforts to the cause of keeping our community and beyond safe. BHFE's 80-year anniversary marks a moment to reflect on their volunteer service and to give thanks for it.

**The Support for Fire Protection Services Act** received Royal Assent on April 9, 2026. In short, this bill will, among other things, introduce Province-wide standards for fire services, training, personal protective equipment, and will require fire service reviews and risk assessments to be undertaken. We look forward to the work ahead over the coming years working in collaboration with BHFE, the Municipality of Colchester, and the NS Department of Emergency Management.

**The Commission** has adopted its budget for the fiscal year. Property tax rates remain unchanged. Highlights include \$1 million dollars for sidewalks, primarily for installing approx. 60 new accessible curb ramps, which will allow a continued focus on sidewalk renewal in the years to follow; \$80,000 for new equipment for BHFE; \$65,000 for assessment and design work on the sanitary sewer system; \$50,000 in trail improvements, including fence replacement; and \$210,000 for replacing aged

### Commission meetings:

- June 16
- July 21
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15
- January 19
- February 16
- March 16

### Annual Meeting of Electors:

June 9

Meetings listed are at 7 PM, at 67 Pictou Road.

### Election Day:

June 13 - 9 AM to 7 PM

### Advance Poll:

June 12 - 11 AM to 7 PM

Polling at 67 Pictou Road



maintenance vehicles & equipment upfitting.

The Village's operating budget funds a range of local services within Bible Hill, including fire protection and prevention (fire station operation, hydrants, equipment, communications, training, fire truck fuel and repairs, and volunteer honorariums), administrative and maintenance staff, elected officials, insurance, seven school crossing guards, and maintenance of infrastructure. This involves sidewalks (repairs, snow removal, and salting), crosswalk and street lighting, a sanitary sewer system, local flood control measures, and environmental

monitoring.

It also supports recreation programming including summer day camps for children, special events like our Canada Day celebration, in-school initiatives including a Before and After School Program each school day, a community hall and maintenance shop, maintenance of multiple trails, playgrounds, green spaces, sports fields, and a splash-pad.

**This Canada Day**, we hope you will consider joining us for our annual parade and park celebration. It is a day of fun and free activities, with something for everyone.

## Call list - Spare School Crossing Guards

If you have an interest in being an on-call spare crossing guard, for 1½ hour shifts, morning and/or afternoon, please let us know at: [crosswalk@biblehill.ca](mailto:crosswalk@biblehill.ca).

# The (new) Loop at BH Recreation Park

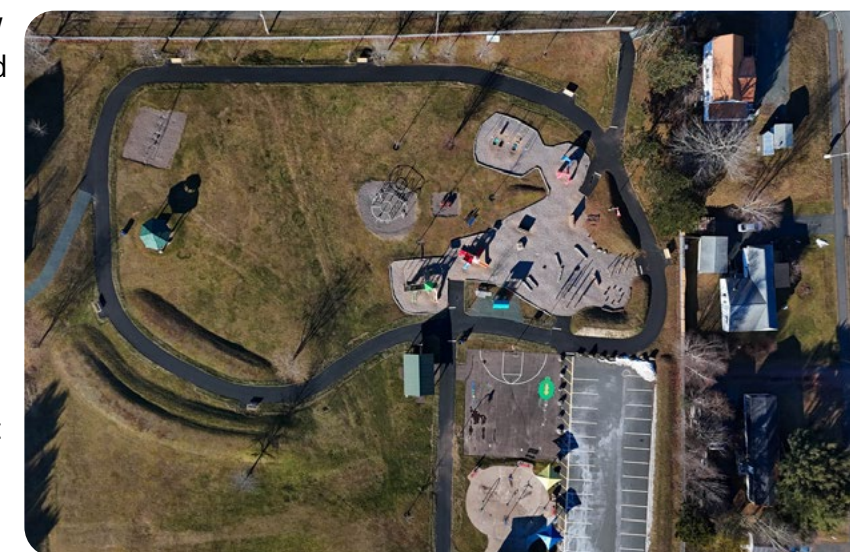
This past fall, the Village completed installation of new 3-metre-wide paved pathways around the playground and through the core of Bible Hill Recreation Park, creating better connections and a more accessible experience for everyone.

The Loop at the upper end of the park is approximately 295 metres long and includes six new cedar benches - perfect spots to rest, watch your kids play, or just enjoy the park. The new pathways now link the parking lot, ball fields area, washrooms, picnic shelter, playground, and the Cobequid Trail.

This project was a planned phase of work from the Park Master Plan, developed with feedback from the public including students, and reflects our ongoing commitment to improving this well-loved community space.

We are especially thankful to our partners who have enabled this work:

The Village has, in recent years, received funding from two resident donors who have generously contributed a combined \$220,000 towards improvements at Bible Hill Recreation Park and, for this project, the Village received from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage \$50,000 in funding through the Community ACCESS-ability grant program.



### MULTI-USE PATH STATS:

1 lap = 295 m    8.5 laps = 2.5 km  
3.5 laps = 1 km    17 laps = 5 km

## Our parks are public, but our fields must be rented.

If you would like to have a gathering in one of our public parks, please note:

- ✔ Share the space.
- ✔ Be respectful to those around you.
- ✔ The parks and amenities in them are not available for rent (except sports fields - which must be rented).



## Pat Mahaney Mountain Bike Trails - Warren Dr.

Nestled between College Rd and the Salmon River is 2.6 km of trail with loops for beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill levels. The trail is in a wooded area, located within the Eagle Crest Trail. Access to the bike trail is located at 39 Warren Drive, off College Road.

## Election of Bible Hill Village Commissioners - June 13

An election will be held to determine the two successful candidates of three nominated to serve as Village Commissioners. Those successful will hold a 3-year term of office.

The candidates nominated are:

- Amanda Lynn Chaplin
- Daniel Dwight Giddens
- Tim Shea

Bible Hill electors can vote on either of two polling days to be held at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road, as follows:

**Advance Poll** – Friday, June 12, 2026, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Election Day** – Saturday, June 13, 2026, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**To vote, a person must, as of Election Day:**

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years old;
- have been ordinarily resident in Bible Hill for six months; and
- be entitled to be registered on the list of electors to vote.

## Fire and Fireworks

By-laws in place for safety and nuisance

**Municipality of Colchester's Outdoor Fire By-law** is in force all year long in Bible Hill (regardless of Provincial published burn times).

Among other things, the Outdoor Fire By-law prohibits fires:

- Other than those in an acceptable fire pit (a defined term);
- Burning general, garden, or yard waste; or
- That are a nuisance or produce smoke found to be a nuisance to another person.

Bible Hill Fire & Emergency has the authority to enter upon any land to extinguish non-compliant fires, and the Fire Chief may charge individuals involved penalties up to \$5,000. For further details, please see the by-law.

For non-emergency fire or smoke complaints under the bylaw, call 902-895-8822 and press option 1 when prompted.

Before lighting any fire in Bible Hill, it is important to check both:

- Fire ban and other restrictions status at: [novascotia.ca/burnsafe](http://novascotia.ca/burnsafe)
- Colchester's Outdoor Fire By-law at: [colchester.ca/administration/by-laws](http://colchester.ca/administration/by-laws)

**Municipality of Colchester's Fireworks By-law** prohibits the discharge of consumer fireworks within the Village except on New Year's Eve (Dec 31) and Canada Day (Jul 1).

Fines start at \$1,000, up to \$25,000, with imprisonment up to 30 days for default.

**Enforcement contacts:**

- Municipality 902-897-3160
- RCMP 902-893-6820
- Bible Hill Fire & Emergency 902-895-8822

The purpose is to ensure the well-being of the public and to protect the peace and tranquility of the residential area. For more information, consult the by-law: [colchester.ca/administration/by-laws](http://colchester.ca/administration/by-laws)

## Reminder: Colchester's Dog By-law applies in Bible Hill

Residents are reminded that dogs must remain on leash and under control of the owner at all times while on public property in Bible Hill, including sidewalks, trails, and parks. Cleaning up after dogs is also required by the by-law. Concerns contact: 902-893-7968



## Summer Pop-Up Events

Join us this summer for a series of fun, free pop-up activities happening throughout the community! Each event will feature a different theme designed to keep kids and families active, creative, and connected all summer long.

**Saturday, June 20**

**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Chalk Art - Celebrate Pride Edition, at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.

**Monday, June 22**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. : All Ages**

Kick off the summer with a relaxed outdoor play day featuring family-friendly recreation and creative fun at the Bible Hill Recreation Park.

**Monday, July 6**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. : Ages 8-12**

An energetic morning focused on sports skills, and active movement-based games at Bible Hill Recreation Park.

**Monday, July 13**

**1:00-3:00 p.m. : Ages 5-7**

Cool off with a water-themed afternoon full of playful outdoor activities and summer fun at Scenic Drive Park

**Monday, July 20**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. : Ages 5-7**

Creative play featuring hands-on activities, imagination, and outdoor exploration at Bible Hill Recreation Park.

**Friday, August 7**

**10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. : Ages 8-12**

A high-energy event featuring team challenges, games, and friendly competition at both Farnham Road Park and Poplar Drive Park.

**Monday, August 10**

**1:00-3:00 p.m. : All Ages**

Wrap up the summer series with fun-filled community play designed for the whole family to enjoy together at both the Airport Field Park and Bible Hill Recreation Park.

## Recreation Programming Updates

**Adult Soccer** - Adult Soccer kicked off on Tuesday, May 19 from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Bible Hill Recreation Park Multipurpose Field, but late registrations are welcome!

**Senior Fitness** (Summer Schedule) - Senior Fitness will continue through the summer on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 AM. This program offers a great opportunity to stay active and connected. There is a \$3 drop in fee... Join in!

**Toddler Time** (Summer Program)

- Toddler Time will run throughout July and August on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 AM, providing a fun and engaging space for young children and caregivers.

The following programs will be paused for the summer months and resume in September:

- Senior Craft
- Senior Badminton
- Homeschool Gym
- Friday Night Free Play

**Our Before and Afterschool Program (BAP)** at Bible Hill Consolidated Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year is currently full. Families interested in the program are encouraged to contact us to be added to the waitlist.

Follow our **Village of Bible Hill Facebook page** to stay in touch on community updates and happenings or visit our website.



# Multi-use trails in Bible Hill

Bible Hill offers a variety of locations to enjoy the outdoors on a trail - many part of the Cobequid Trail network. Shown on the map below from left to right:

**Dalhousie AC Trail**, starting at 40 College Rd, winds through the grounds of the university's agricultural campus, along the bank of the Salmon River to Bible Hill Recreation Park.

**At Bible Hill Recreation Park**, trail circles the playground area, through the core of the park, and circles the south end of the park, providing park connection and between main trail sections.

**Bible Hill Recreation Park Connector**, at 38 Guest Dr, 96 Guest Dr, 105 Covington Pl, or 90 Osprey Ct, joins Bible Hill Recreation Park to these three residential subdivisions through the forest along the bank of the Salmon River.

**Eagle Crest Trail**, at 99 Scenic Dr or 39 Warren Drive, passes through maple stands, hemlock ravines, and offers views overlooking the Salmon River.

At Meadowland Ave and Retson Dr, you'll find short connection trails, that travel between College Rd and Pictou Rd.

**Farnham Brook Trail**, whether coming from Valley at 53 Hillvale Dr, or in Bible Hill at 36 Village Court, 111-114 Dr. Bernie MacDonald Dr, or 40 Katrina Dr, follows the Farnham Brook through forest and Perennia Park, crossing the brook several times.

The multi-use trails are mainly crushed stone surfacing, with the exception of asphalt surfacing within Bible Hill Recreation Park.

Civic signs are posted at all trailheads, with some additional signage describing features of the Cobequid Trail sections.

Garbage bins, benches, and/or picnic tables are offered along the routes in most locations.

Trails in Bible Hill, including trailheads, are not winter maintained.



# Common contacts for issues in Bible Hill:

**Street conditions:** (potholes, line paint, signs, curb, storm-drains, traffic lights)

- Green street sign - NS Department of Public Works, at 1-844-696-7737 or dpw-occ@novascotia.ca
- Blue street sign - Colchester Public Works, at 902-897-3175 or engineer@colchester.ca
- White street sign - private lane maintained by owner

**Sidewalks and crosswalks:**

- For sidewalk conditions, snow removal, salting, contact the Village at 902-893-8083 or sidewalks@biblehill.ca
- For intersection or crosswalk line painting issues, contact NS Department of Public Works 24/7 at 1-844-696-7737 or dpw-occ@novascotia.ca
- For sidewalk or crosswalk lighting issues or conditions of ramps, contact the Village at 902-893-8083 or sidewalks@biblehill.ca

**Sanitary sewer:**

- Contact Colchester Public Works at 902-897-3175 or engineer@colchester.ca

**Parks/trails/greenspace maintenance:**

- Contact the Village at 902-893-8083 or parksandrec@biblehill.ca

**Municipal drinking water and municipal fire hydrants:**

- Contract Truro Water Utility at 902-895-4243 or publicworks@truro.ca; after hours emergencies at 902-895-5351

**Power outages and streetlight issues:**

- Report power outages using NS Power's online tool found at nspower.ca, or 1-877-428-6004
- Streetlight issues may be reported by creating a service ticket on NSP's website or 1-877-428-6004

**Accessibility concerns of Village property or services:**

- Contact the Village at 902-893-8083 or access@biblehill.ca

**Fire Protection: (For emergencies, always call 911)**

- Non-emergencies, including outdoor fires, nuisance smoke, or fireworks not in compliance with the Outdoor

Fire Bylaw or Fireworks Bylaw, or for fire protection related questions, contact Bible Hill Fire & Emergency at 902-895-8822 or contact@biblehillfire.ca

**Police: (For emergencies, always call 911)**

- Bible Hill RCMP detachment - 902-893-6820
- Non-emergency crimes can also be reported online at: report.rcmp.ca

**Recycling, organics, and garbage questions:**

- Colchester Waste Resource Management - 902-895-4777 or helpline@colchester.ca

**Colchester Councillors:**

- Paul Weatherby (Dist.1) - 902-897-8572 or pweatherby@colchester.ca;
- Al Kennedy (Dist. 11) - 902-956-1793 or akennedy@colchester.ca

**Provincial MLA:**

- Honourable Dave Ritcey - 902-897-0884 or mlaritcey@bellaliant.com

**Federal MP:**

- Alana Hirtle - 902-895-2882 or alana.hirtle@parl.gc.ca



## Local Senior Games Advisory Committee

If you have an interest in being a member of the Local Senior Games Advisory Committee, to help advise the Village on planning and execution of the Local Senior Games each May please let us know at: parksandrec@biblehill.ca.

# Sign up for an Amilia Account to register and pay for BH activities



## Seamless registration, payment, and account history

We've partnered with Amilia to provide online registration and payment for Bible Hill activities. Now, signing up and making payments for your favorite local activities has never been easier!

With our user-friendly site, you can register for programs and events from the comfort of your home. Conveniently pay in a matter of minutes online with your credit card.

## Missed registration?

Add yourself to a waitlist and be notified if space becomes available! Build your profile and answer questions on family members to make signing up for future events even easier! You can also download the mobile app to help keep track of your program schedule.

Scan the QR code or visit this link to get started: <https://app.amilia.com/store/village-of-bible-hill>



## Village Commission and Staff



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Commissioner and Chair



**Donna Van Kroonenburg**  
Commissioner & Deputy Chair



**Knickolle Pitcher**  
Commissioner



**Tim Shea**  
Commissioner



**Dwight Giddens**  
Commissioner



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Office open weekdays,  
8:30 a.m - noon and  
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Many others contribute to our success - crosswalk guards, custodians, maintenance staff, programming staff, and volunteers!

