



VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

December 2008

## Message from the Chair

The Village of Bible Hill is celebrating 55 years of incorporation. In 1953 residents of the Village organized and formed the Bible Hill Village Commission and from that date on services were brought to our Village. Bible Hill has a very proud history and is very fortunate to have Village Commissioners serve residents in a very capable and responsible manner.

I bring Seasons Greetings on behalf of the Bible Hill Village Commission to the residents of Bible Hill and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Some Bible Hill Christmas events to mark on your calendar are as follows: Village of Bible Hill Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Light up Bible Hill competition to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the announcement of the Light up Bible

Hill winners on December 16. There are several more Christmas activities planned. Please check this edition of Action on the Hill for upcoming events.

Please come out and meet your Bible Hill Village Commissioners at the New Year's Levy on January 1, 2009 from 1-2 pm. This event will take place at the Bible Hill Village Hall, with refreshments being served.

Best Wishes for 2009 from the Village of Bible Hill

Please do not hesitate to contact our Village office at any time, 893-8083, should you have an issue or concern you wish to discuss.

**Sharon McLean, Chairwoman  
Village of Bible Hill**

## CHRISTMAS

### 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 5th at 7:00 pm** at the Village Hall at 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be carols to sing, refreshments to be had, 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 Laura at 893-8083 or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca). See you there!

#### **Nova Scotia Power and Conserve Nova Scotia**

are 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 5th, **bring two strings** of your traditional holiday lights to Bible Hill's tree lighting
- **Receive one string** of LED holiday lights in exchange – a gesture from Nova Scotia Power and Conserve 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

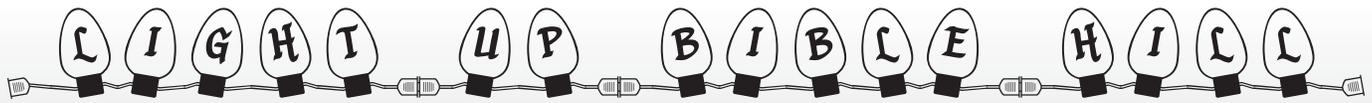
**The LED Holiday Light Exchange will take place after the tree lighting ceremony at the Village Hall. We will not be passing out lights until the Tree Lighting is finished!**



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# Get in the Festive Spirit

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On **Thursday, December 11th**, a group of distinguished judges will be travelling around Bible Hill to vote for the homes most brightly decorated! If your home is chosen by the judges, you

will receive \$100 for first prize, \$75 for second prize or \$50 for third prize in the form of coupons from a local Bible Hill business. If you would like to join the bus tour of Bible Hill please contact the Village at 893-8083 or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca).

## Holiday Social

*For those young at Heart!*

There will be a holiday social for adults 55+ at the Village Hall on **Wednesday, December 17th from 4:00-6:00pm**. Music and a light snack will be provided. Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at 893-8083 or [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca).

## Village of Bible Hill New Year's Levee

Come out and ring in the New Year with the Village of Bible Hill. The New Year's Levee will be held on **Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009** at the Village Hall from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. A cash bar is available. Enjoy the day with friends and neighbors and other important members of the community! Please call the Village of Bible Hill for more information at 893-8083.



## Children's Christmas Party

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting a children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 3 PM. Live Entertainment, Christmas Goodies and much more provided. This event is free of charge, but Pre-registration is required. Please register by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank will be accepted.

## Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on **Sunday December 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm** for the Annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10.00 and pre-registration is required, only **50 spaces available**. Please visit the Village of Bible Hill office at 67 Pictou Road to register. All festive supplies will be provided however please bring your own clippers and gloves. Spaces are filling up fast so register soon! For more information please contact Dot McNutt at 897-7265.

## Village of Bible Hill 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Halloween Program

The Village of Bible Hill would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped to make the Safe Halloween program a huge success. Businesses generously donated treats so that hundreds of young children could have a safe and familiar place to Trick or Treat on Halloween night. We would like to recognize the following sponsors for their support:

Atlantic Systematic Envelopes  
Auto Trans Garage Ltd. & AT Radiator  
Bible Hill Curves  
Bible Hill Esso  
Bible Hill Fire Brigade  
Bible Hill Laudromat  
Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee  
Bible Hill Scouts  
Cavanagh's Food Market  
Century Honda

Century Hyundai  
Christine & Bill Blair  
Creative Auto Image  
Fowler's Construction Ltd  
Harris Home Hardware  
Hull Electric  
Kennedy's Variety  
L&J Paints & Supplies  
MacDonald Insurance Agency  
MacQuarrie's Pharmasave

Murphy's Ultramar  
Patton's Fuel Service  
Rod Lynk's Auto Clinic Inc.  
Smokey's Restaurant  
Stella-Jones Inc.  
Subway Bottle Exchange  
Subway Furniture  
Stewart Auto Repair

# Work continues throughout Bible Hill on many projects during these beautiful autumn days

- The Grand Opening of the extension to the Bible Hill Fire Hall was held Monday evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This 2500 sq.ft. Extension to our existing 2800 sq.ft. Apparatus floor was possible through financial assistance of \$249,000 through the Nova Scotia provincial Emergency Services Providers Fund, with the balance of the \$487,071 total being paid by Bible Hill taxpayers.
- Present were the Hon. Jamie Muir, Minister, Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations & MLA, Truro-Bible Hill; Bill Mills, Mayor, Town of Truro; Hugh Matheson, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of the County of Colchester; Councillor Bob Taylor; Tom Bremner, President, Association of Nova Scotia Firefighters and Chief, Truro Fire Service; Jim Goit, NSAC; all the Village Commissioners, representatives from several of our mutual aid partners from neighboring fire brigades, along with many residents. Mr. Muir, Chief Dwane Mellish and I cut the ribbon declaring the new extension officially open. Thank you to each of you who participated in this special event.
- The water system extension, Phase III (Vimy main line along Ryland Ave. to Main, Main to the College Road main line), and Phase IV (College along East Court to Pictou Rd., Pictou Rd. to the main connection near Wright Ave.), is being discussed based on our budgets for 2009. Phase III construction tenders are expected to be called in January, 2009, through provincial tendering procedures. Phase IV engineering design tenders are expected to be called at approximately the same time.
- Shannex has advised it expects to have an open house and information session the new nursing home, assisted living apartments complex planned for Vimy Road, this fall, so watch for the announcement of the date.
- The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is repaving twelve streets in the Village of Bible Hill this year. Special thanks to the Hon. Jamie Muir, MLA, Truro-Bible Hill, for working with us to get this job done.
- Residents will see sidewalk patching this fall in the subway tunnels, Greenvale Court, Farnham Road, and during the blacktop repaving on Fernhill Drive, Clover and Brite.



- Each year Bible Hill updates its five-year capital budget plan. We already have had some preliminary discussions on capital work but will continue that along with our annual operations budget, with more in-depth discussion beginning this month.
- Bible Hill plans to build a new sidewalk on the south side of College Road, from Osprey subdivision to East Court Road in 2009. The provincial department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal plans to blacktop College Road at approximately the same time, so if all goes well with both our plans, we may be able to work together on the project.

- Earlier this month, the main water line on Pictou Road was extended to accommodate a few homes between Bigney Avenue and Wright Avenue, due to salt contamination. This work was paid for by the Province of Nova Scotia and work was carried out through the Truro Water Utility. Construction work delays occurred along Pictou Road as the sidewalk was being replaced recently. Thank you for your patience during this construction period.

As you are aware, I have been acclaimed as Councillor, District 1, Municipality of the County of Colchester. District 1 boundaries have been changed since the last election 4 years ago. It now entails the north side of Pictou Road from Village Court to Hillside Ave., down the middle of Hillside Ave. to the boundary at Salmon River, all the rest of the Village to the south, west and northwest and, including Brookside to the Hwy 104 overpass, Shelby Village, Saxby Lane, Vimy Road extension and Farnham Brook Road to the Farnham Brook. This is an area of common needs and interests and I look forward to serving District 1.

My congratulations to Chairwoman Sharon McLean, now Chair for the Village of Bible Hill. Congratulations to Mayor Bob Taylor, Councillor Earl McKenna, District 11 and Colchester Councillors and, congratulations as well to our good friends in Truro, Mayor Bill Mills and Councillors on their re-election and election to office on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your representative.  
**Christine Blair**



## RCMP Colchester District Community Consultations

RCMP Colchester District will begin its annual community consultations on Monday, December 1, 2008, in Bible Hill. RCMP are inviting the attendance of the entire community, providing an opportunity for feedback and discussion of concerns regarding policing in Colchester County. The meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the Bible Hill Village Hall. RCMP look forward to seeing everyone there!

# Bible Hill Volunteer Award Ceremony

Do you know a person or a group that has volunteered their time to contribute to the quality of life in Bible Hill? The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2009 to celebrate its many valued Volunteers! If you would like to see this person or group recognized at a special ceremony, please contact the Village of Bible Hill at 893-8083 or email [recreation@biblehill.ca](mailto:recreation@biblehill.ca). Also, visit our website at [www.biblehill.ca](http://www.biblehill.ca) for more information and to access a nomination form. Please take the time, for those who take the time! Deadline for nominations is January 30, 2009.

## The Volunteer nomination categories are as follows:

**Golden Long Term Service Award** (50 years or longer of service)

**Long Term Service Award** (25 years or longer of service)

**Continuous Service Awards** (2 years or longer of service)

**Special Recognition Award** (People who reside outside of Bible Hill providing service)

**Outstanding Community Service Award** (Past year of service)

**Young Achievers Service Award** (Young residents providing service)

**Corporate Service Award** (Business or organization providing service)

## Interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard?

Do you have some spare time? Do you like to work with children? Are you able to work outdoors in all kinds of weather?

- If you have answered yes to the above questions, why not join our team? The Village of Bible Hill is currently looking for reliable people like you to work as a Spare Crossing Guard for the current year.
- A School Crossing Guard provides assistance to children and other pedestrians in crossing at specified streets along school routes.
- The current rate of pay is \$9.16/hour and 4% vacation for the first year. Approximate schedule is 7:45 – 9:00 am and 2:15 – 3:30pm, Monday – Friday during the school year.

The selection process will include an interview and a background investigation.

Please apply in person at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road between 8:30 and 4:30, by fax at 897-0430, or by e-mail at [finance@biblehill.ca](mailto:finance@biblehill.ca).



## Scotia Pool

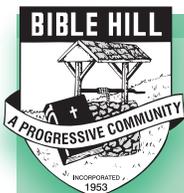
Scotia Pool has successfully got their fall Red Cross Swim Lessons under way. The next set of lessons will begin in January with registration taking place on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 12 noon. We offer lessons for children and adults, private or in groups. All are welcome, registration is first come first serve. Hope to see you there.

Scotia Pool has been lucky enough to have Water Polo equipment donated to the facility and has started a water polo group. If you are interested in giving it a try they practice Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 9-10 pm. The cost is a five dollar drop in fee. Come check it out.

## Central Colchester Soccer Association

The CCSA is still accepting registrations for indoor soccer programs teams at the NSPE Agridome.

You can also register online by completing an online form and mailing in your fee payment - visit [www.ccsa.hdsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.hdsa.ca) and look for 'Registration' in the side menu for more details/info about getting signed up. For more information on our program, or for contact info, please check our website.



## Bible Hill Safety Advisory Committee

Bible Hill's Safety Advisory Committee is having a Family Fun Day at the Bible Hill Village Hall on January 31st, 2009 from 12:30 - 3:30pm. There will be games, crafts, etc for children and parents.

The SAC meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Village Office. Community members who have any safety concerns or issues are welcome to attend a meeting. The SAC is also looking for any volunteers to help out with the Family Fun Day - if you can help out, please attend our meeting on December 1st.

Cst. Vicki COLFORD, Community Policing Officer, Colchester County RCMP, Bible Hill, NS (902) 893-6820