

VILLAGE OF BIBLE HILL

ACTION ON THE HILL

February 2012

Message from the Chair

Happy New Year to everyone. As we begin 2012, we are saddened by the closure of a few long established businesses both in Truro and our own community. Hopefully we have seen the last of such closures. Business today is very different from when these stores began as margins are tighter and competition is much greater. We can help change these negative closures into positives by supporting our local businesses.

As we begin our budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, the demand for residential infrastructure projects will make it a difficult budget. Your Commission will work diligently to trim any unnecessary expenses and attempt to maintain the present tax rate or keep any increase as minimal as possible.

In the upcoming construction year, we have two major projects which are sidewalk construction on Pictou Road and a much needed storm sewer upgrade in the College Road Recreation Park. We hope these projects will be completed on time and on budget.

A bright spot for Bible Hill last year was the increased number of events in and around our community. Hopefully event organizers will continue to use Bible Hill as the venue of choice for their events. These events have a big spin off value not just to Bible Hill but the entire County.

Your Village Commissioners are dedicated and are continually working to keep Bible Hill a great place to reside and do business. Small Village ~ Big Heart.

Tom Burke,
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2012 to celebrate its many valued Volunteers! This year Bible Hill Volunteer Awards have changed to be more inclusive for volunteers. If you would like to see a person or group recognized at this special ceremony, please contact the Village of Bible Hill at **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 February 6th, 2012.

- **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

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Email: office@biblehill.ca Web: www.biblehill.ca

Senior Fitness Classes are Back

Senior Fitness is low impact aerobics for males and females over 50 years of age. Senior Fitness Classes are already running on Monday's and Wednesday's at the Village Hall from 10 -11am. Classes will be a donation of \$2 drop-in and equipment will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Instructor Laurie Gunn. For more information please contact the Village Office at **893-8083**.

Adult Intramurals

It's been about the kids all year and it is now time for the adults to enjoy an evening. The Village of Bible Hill will be running adult intramurals on Friday nights at 6:30pm starting on February 17, 2012 for 6 weeks. The Village of Bible Hill is adding a little twist to the intramurals as each week will be a different sport. Adult Intramurals is about having fun, making new friends and enjoying an evening with your peers.

Teams will have between 5 – 8 players and this is a co-ed event. All participants must be over 16 years of age. Cost is \$5 per team for all 6 sports. Sports include: Basketball, Blind Volleyball (a lot of fun), Lacrosse, Field hockey, Dodge ball and Handball.

For more information please check the Village website or contact the Village Office at **893-8083**. Teams must register by calling the office. If you don't have a team but like to play, contact the Village and we can find a team for you.

Family Fun Days

On March 18th, 2012 The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting the Annual Family Fun Days from 1 – 4pm at the Village Hall. This event is great for all ages and will include such activities as Mini Golf, Basketball Shoot, Bouncy House and much more. At this time tickets for the event are not available, but please check the Village of Bible Hill website for updates. More information will be sent home through local schools in the month of March. Come out and enjoy the day as a family.

Fitness Fashion Bootcamp

The Village of Bible Hill has combined the concept of two popular television shows to offer the first ever Fitness Fashion Bootcamp. The 6 week program will begin on Thursday, February 23rd and will incorporate ideas from "The Last 10 Pounds Bootcamp" and "What Not to Wear".

Classes will be run on Thursday starting at 6pm hosted at the Village Hall (Fire Hall). This program was designed for people who want to feel the thrill of weight loss and a fashion makeover. Many people find themselves trapped in a routine of poor health and out dated fashion and style. The goal of this program is to give people the knowledge and confidence necessary to transform their lifestyle so they may feel a renewed sense of self. All of the participants in this program will meet twice a week for two group workouts led by a personal trainer and one information session. Experts in various fields will lead the information sessions discussing topics relating to nutrition, motivation, goal setting, fashion, cosmetics, hair style and skin care. In addition to weight loss, participants will be given discounts to various local businesses to assist them in completing their total body transformation.

A complete schedule of classes will be posted on the Village website by February 10th. Anyone interested in learning more about the program or registering please contact Village Office at **893-8083**. The cost of the program is \$55, register right away as space is limited.

Bible Hill Central New Primary Students for 2012-2013

If you have missed the registration for students beginning Primary at Bible Hill Central Elementary School for next September date please contact the school ASAP.

We will be forwarding names of new primary students to the School Board in the near future. Having accurate registration numbers well in advance is helpful. If you know of any children who will be five (5) years old on or before December 31, 2012, please give the school a call at **896-5507**. Also please feel free to pass this information along to any families who are new to our school community.

East Court Road New Primary Students for 2012-2013

Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School will be holding its primary registration for the 2012-2013 school year on Wednesday, February 15th, 2012. Any child who will be attending this school who has not yet pre-registered is asked to please contact the school at **896-5790**. Your child must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2012. Pre-registration is necessary in order to book an appointment time to meet with the teacher.



Meadowland Rink Skating Party

The Parks and Recreation Committee have put a focus in 2012 on celebrating some of our great recreation facilities. On February 26, 2012 from 1 - 3 pm (weather and ice conditions permitting) the Village of Bible Hill will have a skating party on Meadowland Rink which will include hot chocolate, treats and of course skating. Mark this on your calendar and come join in our special day to celebration Meadowland Rink. Please check the Village website as more information becomes available.



Bible Hill Garden Club

The Bible Hill Garden Club will meet at 7pm on February 14th in the Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road. Special speaker will be Niki Jabbor who will be speaking on "Getting your garden ready for Spring". She writes a garden column for the newspaper and has a radio program, plus writing a book on gardening. Fee for non-members is \$5.

Jam Sessions

Starting Saturday, February 18th from 7-9pm the Village of Bible Hill will be hosting Jam Sessions at the Village Hall. This is a great opportunity to listen and enjoy some great local music. There is not cost for admission and there will be coffee and tea to enjoy with the music. If you are interested in playing during the Village of Bible Hill Jam Sessions please contact Foster Stewart at **897-6194**. The Jam sessions will run every two weeks (on Saturdays) and with great attendance we continue these great Jam Sessions throughout the summer months.



Hawaiian Dinner

St. David's United Church Hall

St. David's Avenue, Bible Hill

Saturday, February 25

Seatings at 4pm and 6pm

Tickets must be purchased in advance

by contacting Anna at **843-2085**.

SPCA Fundraiser

The Colchester SPCA will be holding a fundraiser in conjunction with Global Pet Foods in the Fundy Trail Mall called the "Show your Heart Campaign". It will run from February 1st to 14th. For every donation made to the SPCA, Global will add \$1. 10 free Air Miles will be added for every \$5 donation. There will also be a draw for free pet food for a year.

Nova Scotia Agricultural College

The NSAC would like to let the community know that we have some great sporting events at the Langille Athletic Centre!

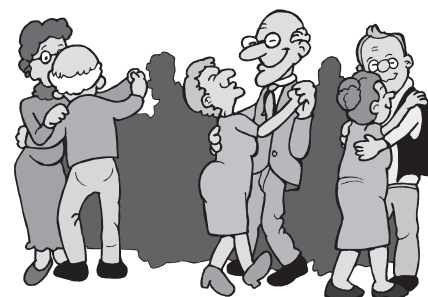
All games can be found at www.nsac.ca/athletics/ or by calling **893-6660**.

We will also be hosting the Annual Woodsmen Competition on February 11th, again all information can be found at www.nsac.ca/athletics/ or by calling **893-6660**.

Senior Socials

Bible Hill Recreation is hosting Senior Socials for all aged 55 or better. Come out and enjoy good music, good friends, and good food. Upcoming dates are:

- Wednesday, February 15th - 4-6pm
- Wednesday, March 21st - 4-6pm
- Wednesday, April 25th - 4-6pm (note change of date)
- Wednesday, May 16th - 4-6pm



Bible Hill Fire Brigade



The Bible Hill Fire Brigade responded to 90 emergency calls in 2011 up from 75 in the previous year. Members volunteered 1,040 hours responding to emergencies.

The 33 volunteer members were actively involved in training, answering calls in emergency situations including fires, car accidents and floods. Brigade members participated in many community events including Relay for Life, Membership/Fire Prevention Open Houses, Maggies Place Touch a Truck Day,

Canada Day parade and an extensive Fire Prevention Week program. Do you want to contribute to your community as an emergency responder? Consider joining the Brigade. For information contact the Village Office at **893-8083**.

Remember to post your blue civic number so emergency responders can locate your residence. The life you save may be your own!



Message from our MLA

Welcome to a new year! I'm sure many of us enjoyed a bit of down time over the Holiday season - but now it's time to get active again! What better way than some sports or recreational activity? And what better place than Bible Hill?! As your MLA, I am proud of our many recreational facilities and talented sports teams, and the volunteers who tirelessly organize the clubs and associations that oversee these various activities. Congratulations are also in order for Bible Hill's Steve Mallick for his recent induction to the CEC Pye Chevrolet Wall of Fame for his many years of fine coaching. Way to go Steve! Considering our relatively small population, Truro-Bible Hill boasts wonderful sports and recreational facilities and I'm proud that since you elected me, my government has seen "fit" (pardon the pun!) to financially support many upgrades in order to help us and our children stay active and healthy all year round. These include: an addition to Bible Hill's Cobequid Trail behind the NSAC; a Girl's Mountain Bike Club at Bible Hill Junior High; \$45,000 for The Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club to build a new facility; \$52,000 for upgrades to the Truro Curling Club; \$138,457 for upgrades to the Colchester Legion Stadium; and the Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre is nearing completion with the help of \$10 million from the province. Yes our community is blessed to have a wide variety of sports and recreation venues available for us to use. Pretty amazing for such a small area! No wonder I'm so proud to represent you.

Lenore Zann,
MLA
Truro-Bible Hill

Election for Village Commissioner

The Village of Bible Hill will have an election in June for the Office of Commissioner. The elected representatives for the Village of Bible Hill serve three year terms and these terms are staggered so each year in June there is an election to fill either one or two seats. This year there will be one vacant seat and the nomination period for that position runs from May 10th to May 17th. If you would like to learn more about serving as an elected representative for the Village of Bible Hill, please contact Bob Christianson, Clerk and Treasurer at **893-8083**.

