

Message from the Chair

Happy New Year. Mother nature has been rather cruel throughout December with extreme cold temperatures, plenty of snow and then a big January thaw. With that comes problems with Park Street and local flooding. For our residents, the flood prevention work carried out by the Village, the Town of Truro and Colchester County since the flood of September 2012 has spared us from serious flooding. The major problem with the January thaw was the amount of ice in the rivers. Hopefully we will see more normal conditions for the balance of the winter. Because of the extreme cold, the clearing of our sidewalks was challenging and for those with pets, it was difficult walking conditions for them because of the salting of our sidewalks.

2013 was a good year for the Village with lots accomplished. Hopefully, we will have another successful year of progress and growth in Bible Hill. Your commissioners will be working together to deliver the best for all residents in 2014. Have a safe and prosperous year.

Tom Burke,
Chair
Village of Bible Hill

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village of Bible Hill will be hosting celebrations once again in 2014 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 **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 **Thursday, March 6th**.

- **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.



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Senior Fitness

Senior Fitness is at the Village Hall in Bible Hill with instructor Laurie Gunn. Laurie will have you up moving, laughing and enjoying it so much you will wonder where the time has gone.

Classes run on Monday's and Wednesday's. There is still room for newcomers in the 11:00am class. If you have any questions, please contact the Village at **893-8083**. Cost is a drop in fee of \$2.



Senior Socials

The Village of Bible Hill Senior Socials are hosted at the Village Hall from 4-6pm. Great music, friends and a light snack.

There is no cost for admission to the Senior Social so come out and enjoy.

Wednesday, February 19
Wednesday, March 19
Wednesday, April 23
Wednesday, May 21
Wednesday, June 18



Family Fun Day

The New Year has come in and it now time for the Annual Family Fun Day at the Village Hall. This is a great event for kids of all ages to enjoy face painting, games and fun. This year's Family Fun Day will happen on Saturday, February 22nd from 1-3pm at the Village Hall. This event is free to parents and kids, but due to the popular demand of the event and limited space, you must have a ticket to attend this event. Tickets will be available at the Village Office (67 Pictou Road) during office hours. Tickets will be available starting Thursday, February 6th at 8:30am. Check the Village website at www.biblehill.ca for more information as it becomes available.

Village Hall Rentals

The Village Hall is available to be rented for weddings, community group meetings, exercise classes, and more! If you would like to find out about renting the hall, please call us at **893-8083** as space is filling up. We would love to see the hall used to its maximum capacity so please consider us a location for your event or meeting.

Music Jamborees

Where: Bible Hill Village Hall, 7-9pm
When: Saturday, February 1 and 15
Saturday, March 1, 15, and 29
Saturday, April 12



Cost: **Free!**

Coffee and tea is served.

If you would like to play at the Music Jamborees please contact Foster Stewart at **897-6194**.

St. David's United Church Bible Hill

Annual Hawaiian Dinner
Saturday, February 22, 2014
St. David's Church Hall
Sittings: 4pm and 6pm
\$12/person



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

The Great Trivia Challenge

The Bible Hill Kinsmen invite you to a fun-filled evening on Saturday March 1st, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Best Western Glengarry in Truro.

The Bible Hill Kinsmen along with a special guest will host "**The Great Trivia Challenge**". This is an event where teams of 8 people - co-workers, friends, or family - will come together to play rounds of trivia. We are anticipating having 30 teams competing against each other and testing their knowledge in sports, music, entertainment, history, and more! There will be lots of food, music, a cash bar, and a silent auction that will take place throughout the night. Proceeds of this event will go towards the **Colchester East Hants Hospice "Food From The Heart"** and other community projects.

Often when someone is diagnosed with a life threatening illness families are left struggling to make ends meet. The individual is no longer able to work, and family members may have cut back on work to stay home and provide care and comfort. Imagine dealing with financial hardship and life-threatening illness...Unique to Colchester East-Hants, "**Food from the Heart**" provides Sobeyes' grocery vouchers to local families facing end of life.

The registration fee is \$300.00. Get your team registered early, support a great cause, and enjoy "**The Great Trivia Challenge!**" To Reserve your table, call **Mark Thibedeau (890-2859)** or contact by **email: president@biblehillkinsmen.com**. Registration Deadline February 14th, 2014.

Truro Long John Festival

Break out your warm underwear and outerwear because the Truro Winter Long John Festival is just around the corner.

This annual event hosted by Truro Parks, Recreation and Culture will be held from Feb. 2 to 8, featuring snowshoeing, orienteering, art, crafts, sledding, skating, entertainment, indoor sports and more. A majority of activities are free and for all ages.

A full list of events is available on the Town of Truro website at www.truro.ca.

As is tradition, the festival will kick off on Feb. 2 with a coasting party near the Francophone Centre and Ecole acadienne de Truro from 2 to 4 p.m. at 50 Aberdeen St. Bring your own sled and enjoy coasting and free hot chocolate, weather and snow conditions permitting.

New this year, the Rath Eastlink Community Centre is hosting two toonie events, a community skate on Feb. 2 and a community swim on Feb. 7. They will also accept donations to the Colchester Food Bank in lieu of a toonie at the skating event. There will also be skating at the Colchester Legion Stadium, including a free skate sponsored by Third Place Transition House in conjunction with Family Violence Prevention Week on Feb. 8. And, if the weather co-operates, there will be outdoor skating in Truro and Bible Hill.

The rest of the week is filled with many fun activities for all ages.

And, to wrap up, the festival will conclude Feb. 8 with an afternoon celebration in Civic Square, tentatively featuring horse and wagon rides, facepainting, music, balloon animals and refreshments in and around the Truro Farmers' Market.

New Website www.biblehill.ca

Last August the Village of Bible Hill took on the task of re-designing our entire website. In partnership with the Association of Municipal Administrators, the Village took on the 5 month process of re-vamping the website which was launched on December 15th. To completely re-design, re-create, and move everything and everyone over to a new design and code base was a huge learning experience, but we hope it will improve our communication and services to the community.

A few of our goals with the new website were to make it faster, easier to navigate for users, and easier for us to manage/update. Most of all, we wanted to help our residents get to know us better. If you take a gander around the site, you will be pleasantly surprised at the services and information we offer. Some new features to the website included an events calendar which presents the opportunity for community group to promote upcoming events. To post an event on the site please contact the Village Office by calling **893-8083** or at admin@biblehill.ca. The main page is continuously updated with new articles almost daily, and you won't want to miss the photo gallery showing the present, and past of the Village of Bible Hill.

If you have something that you like to be posted on the website or questions about it please contact the Village of Bible Hill.

PRIMARY

Bible Hill Central Elementary New Primary Students for 2014-2015

Primary Registration for **2014-2015** is fast approaching. Having our primary enrolment numbers early ensures adequate staffing for the **2014-2015** school year. We will be holding our Primary Registration at Bible Hill Central on **Wednesday, February 5th**. *If you have a child or know of a child who will be turning 5 on or before December 31, 2014* and will be attending Bible Hill Central, please call the school at **896-5507** and leave your information with Mrs. Davison, our Administrative Assistant.

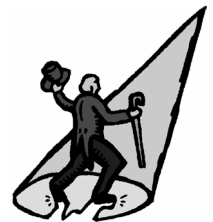
Please Note: All students entering school are required by the Department of Education to have a valid Birth Certificate. Please feel free to pass this information along to any friends or family you know who has a child starting school in September!

East Court Road New Primary Students for 2014-2015

Bible Hill East Court Road Elementary School held its primary registration for the **2014-2015** school year on January 27th. 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, 2014*. Pre-registration is necessary in order to book an appointment time to meet with the teacher.

Bible Hill Junior High Musical

Mark Your Calendars: The 2014 Bible Hill Junior Musical "Seussical." will be fun for the whole family, with bright colorful sets and costumes, wonderful music and an exciting plot. Performances taking place April 28, 30 and May 1, 2014.



After School Programs

The Village of Bible Hill will be running the After School Activity Program at Bible Hill Junior High School on Wednesday's and Friday's for two hours immediately following school dismissal for the month of February. At Bible Hill Junior High we will again offer students the opportunity to create their own program, ensuring that having fun while participating in physical activity are the key components. We look forward to seeing new and returning participants.

The After School Trailblazer Program at Redcliff Middle School will not be running in February as originally expected. We are currently preparing our Program Leaders with more outdoor recreation and leadership tools that will enhance the experience for both participants and leaders. We will start this program after the March Break and hope to offer a couple special events for students that wish to participate. For further information on the After School Activity Program please contact Becky MacGregor at the Village Office **893-8083** or by email macgregor@biblehill.ca.

News from our MLA

The Velveteen Rabbit to Visit Bible Hill Children

I'd like to thank the citizens of Bible Hill for re-electing me as MLA last Fall. I had worked hard on your behalf for four and a half years and was pleased to be able to procure funding to build the new elementary school, upgrades to the Recreation park, as well as obtaining disaster relief for the citizens of Bible Hill who had received uninsurable damages from severe flooding as well as an extra 2 million to do the work needed to prevent damage from future flooding.

I also worked extremely hard last summer to save the Truro Raceway from being closed down after 138 years of operation - introducing a Private Bill to change the structure of the NSPE Board in order to open it up to allow for more financial transparency and new Board members, which is the structure now in place with Bruce Kennedy as Acting-Chair. Last summer in my "free time" I enjoyed working with kids and adults from Bible Hill to produce and direct the very first "Shakespeare in Victoria Park" which was attended by approx 900 people. Because of that success I'm considering producing another play this summer: Romeo and Juliet.

I'm also pleased to announce that I'll be bringing the professional Toronto company 'Ballet Jorgen' back to Bible Hill in April to perform for your children. I had brought the ballet here twice before and the kids loved it so this year I will be sponsoring "The Velveteen Rabbit" to be performed in each of the schools in our electoral district: Truro Elementary, Harmony Heights, and Bible Hill Central - with the students of East Court Road bussed in to see the show. Admission is entirely free. It is my sincere hope that the children - and their hard-working teachers and EAs - enjoy the show and are inspired by this exceptional production.

Lenore Zann, MLA, Truro-Bible Hill

What do you think about Walking & Cycling in Bible Hill? We want to hear from you!

The Village of Bible Hill wants to make it easier for people to **walk** and **cycle** within the community. It's important for the Village to know **what you think** about people-powered transportation, find out what holds you back, and what would motivate you to walk or bike within the Village.

Bible Hill is promoting and supporting active transportation (physically active personal transportation) through a community-based social marketing project in partnership with the County of Colchester and the Town of Truro.

Our first (and most important) step is to hear from you! **During the month of February** the Recreation Department in partnership with local schools, businesses and DaIAC will be setting up "Creative Engagements" which will give the general public an opportunity to **share ideas, perspectives and opinions** on walking and biking in Bible Hill.

Using community chalkboards, in-person interviews and speech bubble photographs (using interesting questions), action teams in Bible Hill will provoke people to **think about transportation options**.

We invite you to join in the conversation! What we learn will lead to a **special project this summer**, supporting our communities to be healthy, connected and liveable. Your input is key!

More information with full details will be available very soon on the Village of Bible Hill's Recreation Facebook Page, and Marquee Sign! Check us out!

Get out and Get Active in the winter!

Snowshoe Loan Out Program

The Village of Bible Hill has 50 sets of snowshoes that will be available to families or groups to get active in the winter months. These snowshoes will be for community use and a chance for families, individuals and community groups to try snowshoeing without having to buy their own shoes. Snowshoes will be available when the snow starts to accumulate! To book the snowshoes or find out more information please contact the Village Office at **893-8083**. Get out and Get Active in the winter!



Above Photo: Meghan King, Program Coordinator, will be engaging Bible Hill citizens in February around Walking & Biking in the Village

Bible Hill Yoga next session March 31st

The first session of yoga in 2014 is already underway and we are planning for the second session. The next session of yoga will begin Monday, March 31, 2014 and registration will begin Monday, March 17, 2014 at 8:30am. In order to register you must come into the Village Office and pay the registration fee (\$25 for 6 weeks) on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited and the last few sessions have completely filled up on the first day of registration!