



**BIBLE HILL**  
Plant Your Roots



**ACTION ON THE HILL**

**DECEMBER 2019**

## Seasons Greetings from the Chair

This issue of Action on the Hill will highlight many of the upcoming events taking place in Bible Hill during the holiday season. On November 29th come join us to watch out for that special someone to arrive and help us light up our Christmas tree on the front lawn of 69 Pictou Road. Be sure to join us in other celebrations throughout the season, as well. The Christmas Tour of the Lights within the Village will be held on December 18th.

This has been an exciting year for the Village as we moved forward with our new branding. Plant your Roots! We are in the process of getting signage updated and we are very proud of our new banners throughout our area.

In June, 2020 I will have completed 15 years of service to the Village of Bible Hill and I will be retiring after our Annual General Meeting. Please think of joining our team and watch for the announcement of the nomination period to put your name forward. It has been a rewarding experience, serving the Village. Encourage your friends or neighbours to do the same.

On behalf of my fellow Village Commissioners, Donna Van Kroonenburg, Kevin Kennedy, Tom Burke and Knickolle Pitcher, I would like to extend Season Greetings to the residents of Bible Hill. We invite you to join us at the 2020 New Year's Levee at the Bible Hill Village Hall on Wednesday, January 1 from 1:00 - 2:00pm.

Merry Christmas.

**Lois MacCormick,**  
*Chair, Village of Bible Hill*

## Bible Hill Garden Club Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 1 at 1:00pm for their Annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10. Registration is required by calling the Village, but limited spaces will also be available at the door. All festive supplies will be provided, but please bring your own clippers and gloves if you have them. Spaces will be filling up fast so register soon!

The Bible Hill Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month from 7:00 - 9:00pm at the Bible Hill Village Hall. New members are always welcome. Registration is \$10 per year, normally payable in September. Hope to see you there.

## Bible Hill Tree Lighting!

Village of Bible Hill is hosting its annual tree lighting ceremony on Friday, November 29 at 7:00pm on the front yard of 69 Pictou Road. All are welcome! There will be local entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from a special holiday visitor to greet the children at 7:30pm! Come out and enjoy the warmth of the season with your friends and neighbours. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank are encouraged. See you there!

## Light up Bible Hill - Tour of Lights

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Wednesday, December 18, a bus will be travelling around Bible Hill to look at the Christmas light displays. There will be two tours happening. The first tour is at 6:00pm and the second tour at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the bus tours of Bible Hill please contact the Village to save your seat. Starting on Monday, December 9, there will be a Facebook competition for the best Christmas decorations. Post your photo to Village of Bible Hill's Facebook page and the top three with the most "likes" on Thursday, December 19 at 9:30am win!

## Holiday Cookie Decorating

Come enjoy the fun - cookies, icing, decorations, and some instruction will be provided. This free event is scheduled for Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 - 12:00pm in the Bible Hill Village Hall. You are welcome to drop in, or call the Village Office to register.

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## Teen Holiday Baking

If you are between the ages of 12 and 17 and are interested in holiday baking, there is a free workshop scheduled for Saturday, December 21 from 1:00 - 3:00pm, located at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Come learn how to bake holiday cookies, decorate them, and then take them home as gifts to give to friends and family (or just eat them). Please register by calling the Village.

## Salsations and Strong 30 with Carolyn

On Thursday mornings from 8:30 - 9:00am, join Carolyn for her Salsations Fitness class, followed by a half hour of Strong 30.

Start your morning off at 8:30am with a half hour of gentle Salsation Dance Fitness that combines the benefits of Functional Fitness along with the joy of dance. This class is appropriate for all fitness levels and you don't need any dance experience. Just bring your fitness sneakers and a smile.

For those of you that would like a cardio workout that includes muscle conditioning set to the beat of some phenomenal music, come out and try Strong 30. This class is geared toward many levels of fitness and offers something for everyone! Let's get Stronger together!

Classes are \$5 for half an hour and \$7 for the hour. Please reach out to Ms. Carolyn Huchton at 902-324-2251 or chuchton41@gmail.com with questions.

## Scotia Pool

Scotia Pool will be having extra open Swims over the Christmas Break!! December 23, 27, 30, January 2, & 3 from 2:00 - 4:00pm & 5:00 - 7:00pm. If you have questions please call Scotia Pool at 902-893-6364 or email scotiapool@gmail.com.

## Holiday Social – For those young at Heart!

Holiday Social for adults 55+ at the Bible Hill Village Hall on Thursday, December 19 from 4:00 - 6:00pm. Music and a light seasonal treat will be provided along with door prizes for this Christmas celebration. Donations for the Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. Moving forward in the new year, our regular Senior Socials will take place from 4:00 - 6:00pm on:

- Thursday, January 16
- Thursday, February 20
- Thursday, March 19
- Thursday, April 16
- Thursday, May 14
- Thursday, June 18

## Music Jamborees

Time to enjoy local talent in Colchester County! Bible Hill Music Jamborees are held monthly at the Bible Hill Village Hall from 6:30 - 9:00pm and are FREE! Come out and enjoy some great music and time with friends, along with tea and coffee. The next Music Jamborees will take place from 6:30 - 9:00pm on:

- Saturday, December 21
- Saturday, January 18
- Saturday, February 15
- Saturday, March 21
- Saturday, April 18
- Saturday, May 23
- Saturday, June 20

If you would like to play at or find out additional information, please contact Mr. Foster Stewart at 902-897-6194.

## St. David's Card Parties

**AUCTION 45s:** Every Thursday at 1:00pm at the Bible Hill Village Hall. Sponsored by St. David's United Church. Cost is \$5 per person, includes cash prizes and a light snack.

## Advent & Christmas at St. David's

Advent is almost here and we invite you inside where it's warm, welcoming and adorned for Christmas! Come join us as we celebrate Advent and welcome our new clergy, Rev David Hart, who will be with us for an interim period into the foreseeable future.

- Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 - 10:30am - Advent Sundays 1-4 - prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our Advent Tree will be supporting your local Hub House/THOS; Cdn Mental Health; SPCA; and 'Undie Sunday' - drop in to see what that's all about!

- Dec 1 - 7:00pm - Cdn Bible Society Annual Festival of Carols

- Dec 24 - 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Family Service - a blend of the traditional with a special flavour for the young ones in the middle with 'Santa Meets Jesus'. Bring the grandparents; bring the kiddies in their jammies! All are welcome!

## Commission Meetings

Did you know, Village Commission meetings are open for observation to the public? Commissioners meet twice per month on the second and third Tuesday at 7:00pm to discuss village matters, approve expenditures, and chart the path for Bible Hill. Join us!

## Bible Hill Fire Brigade

The holiday season is a wonderful time of the year for family and friends and it should be a safe one for your family. Bible Hill Fire Brigade wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season.

Keep these Christmas tree safety tips in mind to keep your holiday safe:

- Choose a tree that is fresh and green and the needles do not drop off when touched.
- Cut 5cm off the bottom before putting in stand to allow for water uptake, and water regularly.
- Place tree at least one meter from heating sources, and never block an exit with a tree.
- Use only certified lights, dispose of damaged strings of lights, and turn off lights when not home.

Safe practices make sense all year round, so keep these safety tips in mind moving forward in the new year:

- Have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your living/sleeping spaces.
- Have 2 ways out if there is a fire emergency in your living area. Make a plan, practice the plan.
- Never connect multi outlet adapters to an electrical receptacle as overloads cause fires.
- Never run extension cords under a rug. Weight of an object on an unseen cord may cause a fire.

Have you ever thought of volunteering with an essential volunteer service? Interested in learning new skills, taking on new challenges? We are accepting new members... join us! Follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/biblehillfire](http://www.facebook.com/biblehillfire) or Twitter @BHFB.

## Home Warming

Everyone should benefit from energy efficiency. HomeWarming offers no-charge energy assessments and free home upgrades to income-qualified Nova Scotians.

If they discover that upgrades like draft-proofing, insulation or other efficiency options can help make heating & cooling your home substantially more affordable and comfortable, they'll install the upgrades at **no cost to you**.

Call 1-877-434-2136 or visit [www.homewarming.ca](http://www.homewarming.ca) to see if you are eligible for free upgrades to your home.



## Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

Administered by Service Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, this program is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate of the actual residential municipal property taxes paid the previous year, up to a maximum of \$800 per year.

Act fast! The application deadline is December 31, 2019. For more information and to start your application, call 1-800-670-4357 or visit [www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/property-tax-rebate-for-seniors.asp](http://www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/property-tax-rebate-for-seniors.asp).

## Follow us on Social Media!



'Following' Village of Bible Hill on Facebook and Instagram is a great way to hear about new programs and initiatives, Commission news, local events, and plenty of photos. In addition to our sign and website, all upcoming programs will be posted on Social Media, as well as pictures from past programs. So "Follow" Village of Bible Hill too so you can keep up on current events in your village!



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Village of Bible Hill welcomes expressions of interest to serve on its Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in the following volunteer position:

- **(1) Youth member; one year term; Bible Hill resident**

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy can be found on the Village website at [www.biblehill.ca](http://www.biblehill.ca).

Expressions of interest shall be in writing on the prescribed nomination form and filed in person or by email with the Parks and Recreation Director at the Village Office, 67 Pictou Road, Bible Hill or [josh.kennedy@biblehill.ca](mailto:josh.kennedy@biblehill.ca).

Dated the 20th day of November, 2019  
 Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA  
 Clerk and Treasurer

**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. 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 Maggie’s Place) and ends with circle time – songs, stories and active fun. All families are welcome to join. For more information, contact 902-895-0200 or check out [www.maggiesplace.ca](http://www.maggiesplace.ca) or Facebook: Maggie’s Place-Colchester. Please note that there are no playgroups over the summer months, as well as between December 10 – 31. Thanks to the United Way of Colchester County for their financial support of this program.

**Feeding Wildlife**

When thinking about feeding wildlife, first consider their safety and welfare and that of yourself, your family and neighbours. Backyard feeding often means animals travel near and across roadways, sidewalks and around houses. Wildlife fed in residential areas lose their natural fear of people and become vulnerable, while young animals fail to learn the skills required to secure their natural diets. **Please do not feed deer and other wildlife in the Village.** To learn more about living safely with wildlife, please visit <https://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/>.

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