

Action on the HILL



Greetings from the Village

As we enjoy summer, I wish to share with you some of the updates that have happened since our last publication.

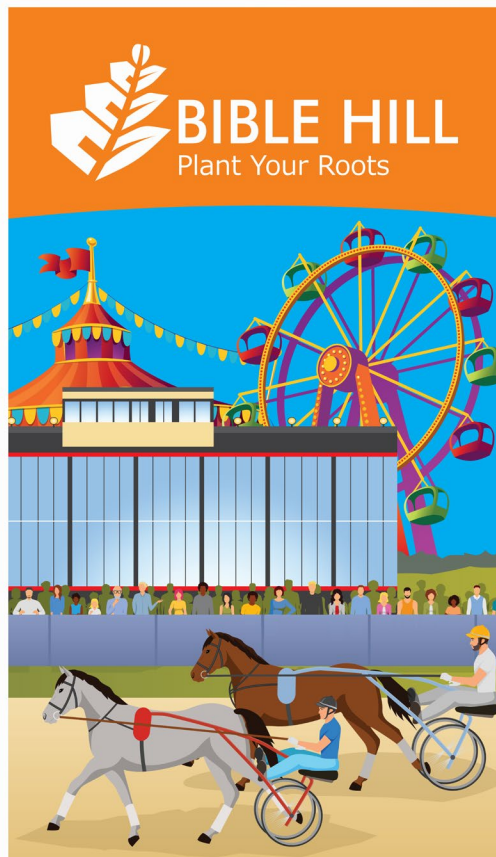
On June 15 Commissioners re-elected Donna Van Kroonenburg as Deputy Chair and myself as Chair of Village of Bible Hill.

Our community beautification banner program has been re-supplied with new designs for the year ahead, with summer banners recently installed featuring a classic Bible Hill summer theme at Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Complex, showing horses on the oval at Truro Raceway in the foreground with the renovated grandstand design and carnival rides of 'the EX' underway in the background.

Summer Day Camps commenced on July 5 and are running through to August 27. These eight weeks of camp have been busy and fun for all campers. I would like to acknowledge our Camp Supervisor, Haley Smith, who planned the weeks of day camps during unprecedented times, while ensuring the safety of campers and staff. Thank you, Haley.

Using grant funding from the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Village has renewed flooring on the ramp and raised stage in the hall with anti-slip material and colour contrasting edging. Other accessibility improvement work using this funding, including an exterior ramp and 2nd floor washroom

construction at the hall, an accessibly friendly playground tunnel to be installed at Bible Hill Recreation Park, and more is on-going. With a grant funding contribution of \$4,000 from the Community ACCESS-ability fund,



and Village funds, two power door operators will soon be installed at Bible Hill Recreation Park washrooms to improve accessibility.

In partnership with Municipality of the County of Colchester, the Towns

of Truro and Stewiacke, and Village of Tatamagouche, Village of Bible Hill is participating as a member of a new regional accessibility advisory committee, which held its inaugural meeting on July 5. The committee's immediate priority is to draft an accessibility plan for the region, seek community feedback and recommend the plan for adoption by April 2022. The committee is also responsible to advise each member municipal body on accessibility matters. The committee is made of one elected official from each municipal body (Commissioner Tim Shea representing Bible Hill), as well as at least 50% of volunteers that are either a person with a disability or an agent of an organization that represents persons with disabilities. The committee is also supported by staff of each municipal body.

With the intention of promoting a safe community, the Village has purchased a mobile roadside speed radar sign. Working with the NS Department of Transportation and Active Transit, the Village has developed an approved list of locations where the sign may be located for a temporary installation. Primarily, the sign will be used to focus on school zones, at speed transitions, and other areas considered trouble spots.

Trail maintenance work is planned for the week of August 16 on the Cobequid

Trail between Katrina Drive and Village Court. This work will cut back branches and brush to widen the buffer zone on the sides of the trail for better visibility.

Please be aware that, as with any public place in Colchester, dogs must be on leash, including at parks and trails. In addition to on-leash requirement, new signage has been installed at Bible Hill Recreation Park indicating that pets are not permitted in the area near playground equipment. This rule is to contribute to a safe and stress-free play environment for all children. We ask that you please respect the site signage. Please note that the Village

Commission has recently revoked the policy of permitting dogs off-leash within the fenced baseball field #2 at Bible Hill Recreation Park, making the Truro-Bible Hill Off-leash Dog Park now the only off-leash facility.

If you have any questions or concerns about your Village, including hall rentals, recreation parks and trails, fire protection, sidewalks, street lighting or otherwise, please contact the [Village Office or one of your Village Commissioners](#).

Kevin Kennedy
Chair, Village of Bible Hill



Bible Hill Recreation Park

Beat the heat this summer - enjoy outdoors at Bible Hill Recreation Park, 38 Guest Drive, Bible Hill (off College Road). Cool off with splash pad fun, read a book under the gazebo, have lunch under the picnic shelter, play on the natural and conventional playground equipment, try a hopscotch pattern,

walk, wheel, or cycle the park trails or take the Cobequid Trail from the park along the bank of the Salmon River to reach Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus and take in their stunning rock garden and alumni gardens. Washrooms with child change tables and change room on site.

Active Transportation

The Village has renewed sidewalk on the north side of College Road between Vimy Road and Johnson Avenue, and on the south side between Bible Hill Recreation Park and Guest Drive. You will notice that the new sidewalk is wider and features tactile indicator plates installed at curb ramps. These plates, which are colour contrasted and have raised bumps, are intended to improve accessibility by helping to signal the transition between sidewalk and street. One small step towards an Accessible Nova Scotia by 2030.

The Village has awarded other sidewalk repair work to Will-Kare Paving and Contracting Ltd., which will be undertaken this summer. Please use caution to watch for work areas, pylons, or other safety markings as repair work gets underway

Free swims at Scotia Pool

Looking for something fun for the family this summer? Village of Bible Hill is offering free swims at Scotia Pool on Saturdays, from 11:30am – 12:45pm on August 7, 14, 21, 28 and September 4. Contact Scotia Pool directly to register at 902.893.6364 or email scotiapool@gmail.com. Spaces are first come, first served.



Senior Fitness Classes

Stay physically active with our Senior Fitness Classes at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30am and 11:30am, and Fridays at 11:15am. Classes resume on September 8. The cost is \$2 per class. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is required. Contact the office to register.



Zumba and Yoga with Celeste

ZUMBA! It's back to fun and fitness at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall with something for everyone! Zumba is back starting on Wednesday, September 8 with classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am. These classes are sure to start your day off on the right foot with one hour of Zumba party dance fun and fitness, guaranteed loads of giggles, plenty of pop and Latin music and movement, and tons of friendship. All ages and Zumba experience are welcomed, from first timers to experienced Zumbaers.



Indoor yoga classes - Friday morning indoor practice at 10:00 am will begin on October 1. Registration is required for all classes. To secure your spot or for more information, contact Celeste at 902-814-8000 or cchesal@gmail.com.

Outdoor yoga classes at Clover Drive Park will continue up to September 24, on Friday mornings at 10:30am (weather permitting - if class need to be cancelled/relocated due to inclement weather, notification will be sent by email the morning of class).

Hema's Mixed Format Fitness

Shake off stress and calories with Hema's lunchtime fitness classes at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall! Hema offers a mixed format class every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:10 – 12:55pm, starting on September 14. Hema combines different styles of dance fitness including Zumba, Bhangra and Salsation, with functional training using body resistance and weights. All ages and experience are welcomed. You will be warmly greeted with friendliness, energy and the mutual goal of movement! For further information please contact Hema Chopra at 902-305-1086.

Joyful Yoga

Practice yoga with experienced Joyful Yoga instructor, Diane, who leads this Flow Yoga style class, best for those who have done yoga before. As well as being an amazing physical exercise, yoga offers so much more. You will leave the class feeling refreshed, relaxed and inspired. If you can breathe, you can do yoga. Registration is required for all classes. To secure your spot or for more information, contact Joy at 902-956-2166 or joyfultyoga@hotmail.com.

Back to School Bash

Summer is almost over and we're hosting our annual Back to School Bash event for children - with safety precautions in place. Come out to the Bible Hill Recreation Park on Sunday, August 29 from 12:00pm – 2:30pm and enjoy a fun day at the park before school starts, with the splash pad, free barbecue, kids games, and inflatables.



Senior Socials – For those young at heart!

Senior Socials are held monthly for adults 55+ at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, from 4 - 6pm. Musical entertainment, and a light treat prepared by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies' Auxiliary will be provided. Donations for Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. Contact the office to register and save your distanced seat. Over the coming months, our regular Senior Socials will take place on Thursdays from 4 - 6pm on:

- September 16 • February 17
- October 21 • March 24
- November 18 • April 21
- December 16 • May 19
- January 20 • June 16

Annual Meeting of Electors

Village of Bible Hill's annual meeting of electors, which is normally held the first Monday of June, has been postponed due to ongoing gathering restrictions. A date for the meeting will be scheduled once more reasonably possible to hold such public meetings, and residents will be informed of the details. All are welcome to attend. Hear directly from Commissioners, Bible Hill Fire Brigade Chief, and our auditors. Please watch the newspaper, our social media or website for updates.

Scotia Pool – Glen W. Smith Community Pool

Scotia Pool is excited to welcome patrons back to our warm water pool, located right here in Bible Hill! We offer a full slate of services including lane swims, Aqua Fit, Aqua Therapy, Aqua Zumba, Red Cross swimming lessons, summer camps, parent and tot swims and open swims.



Did you know you can rent the pool and our outdoor enclosed gazebo for birthday parties and other private events?

Please note that the pool has made a few changes due to COVID-19 to ensure a safe environment for you and their staff. Please refer to our Facebook page for the most current information on programs, times and new protocols, or contact Scotia Pool at 902-893-6364 or scotiapool@gmail.com. Our friendly staff look forward to seeing you!

A Message from Dalhousie Agricultural Campus

The Faculty of Agriculture on the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus is a proud resident of the Village of Bible Hill. Our community is so important to us, and we want to say thank you.

Drop in to the Village office or email agnews@dal.ca to receive your copy of our special community calendar free of charge. This is our way to say thank-you and share with you our passion for food as we teach, research, and innovate to feed the world.

By providing your email, you will also receive exclusive invitations to events like Community Day, Plant Sales, Guest Speakers, Community Dinners and more.



Maggie's Place



Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a free playgroup at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall each Tuesday from 10 - 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, and ends with circle time – songs, stories, and active fun. All families are welcome to join. For more information, check out www.maggiesplace.ca or on Facebook at 'Maggie's Place-Colchester'. Thanks to the United Way of Colchester County for their financial support of this program.

Bible Hill Cemetery

Bible Hill Cemetery Company (BHCC) has launched a new website to provide information to the public on its facility and services. To learn more about Bible Hill Cemetery, please visit them online at biblehillcemetery.frontrunnerweb.com.

For general inquiries, you can contact BHCC today via phone or their [contact form](#). Please call if the matter requires immediate attention.

Phone: (902) 895-9926

Address: 41 Warren Drive, Bible Hill

Mailing Address: PO Box 1834, Truro, NS B2N 5Z5

A back-to-school safety message from RCMP

It's almost that time! Soon the kids will be packing backpacks and lunches as they head out the door to go back to class. Colchester District RCMP would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to be aware of this and take the necessary precautions to ensure that our children are safe. Please abide by all school zone signs and respect the laws about school buses. As a reminder, we bring the following sections of the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act to your attention:



- ➔ 103(2A)(a) Exceeding speed limit by between 1 and 15 km/h, inclusive, in school area. 2 points, \$352.50 minimum fine
- ➔ 103(2A)(b) Exceeding speed limit by between 16 and 30 km/h, inclusive, in school area. 3 points, \$467.50 minimum fine
- ➔ 103(2A)(c) Exceeding speed limit by 31 km/h or more in school area. 4 points, \$697.50 minimum fine
- ➔ 103(3) Failing to stop for stopped school bus exhibiting flashing red lights. 6 points, \$410.00 minimum fine
- ➔ 103(4) Failing to proceed with caution when passing school bus exhibiting flashing amber lights. \$295.00 minimum fine
- ➔ 125A(3) Failing to stop at least 5m from cross walk when crossing guard stop sign displayed as required. \$697.50 minimum fine
- ➔ 125A(4) Failing to obey crossing guard directing children in a cross walk. \$697.50 minimum fine

Sport and Recreation Funding Opportunities

Program	Contact person
<p>Kidsport is a national children's program that helps kids overcome the financial barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport. Managed and operated in Nova Scotia by Sport Nova Scotia since 1994, KidSport Nova Scotia has assisted over 31,000 children totalling over \$7.7 Million. KidSport Nova Scotia provides funding of up to \$500/year/child for sport registration and/or equipment. In 2020 KidSport™ Nova Scotia allocated over \$323,844 to more than 1,100 children from Sydney to Yarmouth.</p>	<p>Craig Burgess Recreation Manager Colchester County P: 902-897-3181 cburgess@colchester.ca</p>
<p>Support 4 Sport is a funding program through Sport Nova Scotia that can assist with purchasing sports equipment, supporting coaches, and supporting high performance athletes. It will also help support officials. If you or your child is associated with a Provincial Sport Organization it is worth looking into.</p>	<p>Janine MacIntyre Support4Sport Coordinator Sport Nova Scotia P: 902-425-5450 ext. 372 jmacintyre@sportnovascotia.ca</p>
<p>Jumpstart funds any kids who would like to be active or learn a new sport or activity. From age 4-18, families can receive help with registration costs, equipment and/or transportation. Founded in 2005, Jumpstart has helped more than 2 million kids get in the game!</p>	<p>Stephanie Milbury Administrative Assistant Town of Truro, NS P: 902-893-6078 samilbury@truro.ca jumpstart_admin@cantire.com</p>
<p>RECC LIFE (Leisure Inclusion for Everyone) reduces financial barriers to programs offered by the Rath Eastlink Community Centre to help offset costs for their programming to a maximum of 90%. The RECC believes that everyone has the right to live well and prosper, and the RECC LIFE program helps ensure that.</p>	<p>Rath-Eastlink Community Centre recclife@ratheastlinkcc.ca P: 902-893-2224 ratheastlinkcommunitycentre.ca</p>

Bible Hill Fire Brigade

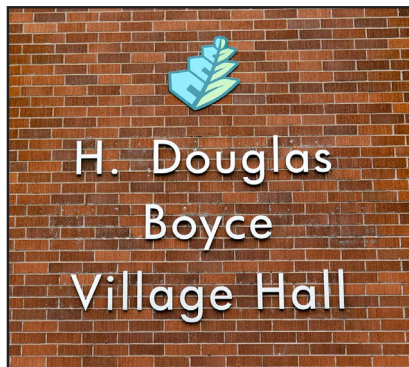
Once again, October is fast approaching - this means Fire Prevention Week. This year it is being recognized October 3–9.

This year's fire prevention week theme is: Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety. Everyone needs to know the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action.

If you have a family member who is or hard of hearing, there are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed. [For more information on this important topic, visit Fire Safety for the deaf or hard of hearing section.](#)

The Brigade would like to remind you that fire prevention is a year-round event. We can always play our part in preventing fires and being prepared in the event of a fire. This is also a reminder that with the weather being dry that you must check the provincial website before burning at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>. This website is updated at 2pm every day and gives information about each county. As well, a reminder that there is a no burn by-law in the Village of Bible Hill. This means that you can only burn using an approved pit on an approved pad; in addition to the Provincial burning restrictions. For more information consult the [Outdoor Fire By-law](#).

New signage has been installed at the Village's multi-purpose building at 69 Pictou Road,



recognizing the building as H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall and home of Bible Hill Fire Brigade. The Brigade is honoured to have the building named after one of the founding members of the Brigade and the Village, the late Doug Boyce.

This year, Bible Hill Fire Brigade will be hosting an Open House on October 7 from 6 – 8pm. All are invited for a BBQ, viewing fire trucks and equipment, and events from our mutual aid partners and other agencies such as EHS, Red Cross, RCMP, DNR, and more! Come meet our amazing volunteers, see our new signage, fire apparatus, and fire station!



Bible Hill Fire Brigade is always looking for more members. Volunteering in the fire service is an excellent opportunity to receive training as well as to give back to your community. Expectations are that you are able to go to training nights, meetings, and calls when you are able to. Family and work will always take priority over the Fire Brigade. If you are curious about joining the Fire Brigade or wish to gain more information, you can ask for an application from the Village Office, contact a firefighter if you know one, or come see us on October 7.

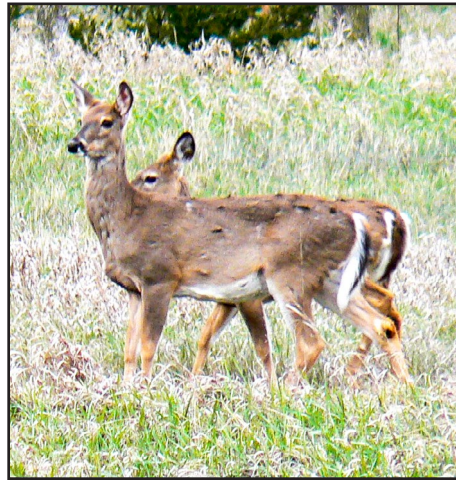
Commission Meetings

Village Commission and committee meetings are open for observation to the public. Commissioners meet twice per month on the second and third Tuesday at 7pm to discuss village matters, set policy, approve expenditures, and chart the path for Bible Hill. Join us! *Note: Open meetings are

currently subject to space availability and public health restrictions and may be substituted with virtual meetings as the pandemic circumstances demand. In cases of virtual meetings, meeting minutes are posted to the Village website within 24 hours.

Feeding Wildlife

When thinking about feeding wildlife, first consider the safety and welfare 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/>.



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, 2021. 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

HomeWarming

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 to see if you are eligible for free upgrades to your home.



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Follow Village of Bible Hill on Social Media

Connecting with the Village on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) is a great way to hear about new programs and initiatives, Commission news, and local events. In addition to our roadside sign and website, upcoming programs are posted on social media, as well as news and pictures from past programs. Please connect with Village of Bible Hill to keep up on current events in your Village!

We're Hiring: Spare Crossing Guard

The Village is seeking a reliable morning person to work on-call as a spare crossing guard. The ideal candidate is a responsible, safety-driven, community minded person who will maintain positive public relations for the Village in delivering the school crossing guard program. More information can be found on our website, or by calling the Village Office. If this may interest you, please consider working with us. Forward resumes by mail, email, or in person to the attention of Angie Ogden angie.ogden@biblehill.ca.

Housing Nova Scotia Programming

Housing Nova Scotia offers several programs to help residents with lower incomes maintain and modify their homes to ensure they are safe and affordable. Some program offerings include:

- ➔ [Canada-Nova Scotia Targeted Housing Benefit](#) assists eligible low-income households to reduce housing need. It provides a direct-to-household benefit to households in core or severe core housing need in targeted vulnerable populations
- ➔ [Disabled Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program](#) for Homeowners provides financial assistance to people who cannot afford to make their homes more accessible for persons with disabilities. The maximum amount of funding available for homeowners is \$16,000.
- ➔ [Access-A-Home Program](#) helps people adapt their homes to become wheelchair accessible. The amount

of the grant depends on your income and the maximum amount available is a \$7,000 forgivable grant

- ➔ [Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program](#) is equally funded by the federal and provincial governments and offers financial assistance for homeowners to make emergency repairs to their homes. The maximum amount of funding available is a \$6,500 grant to help cover the cost of labour and materials.
- ➔ [Home Adaptations for Seniors' Independence](#) program helps homeowners pay for home adaptations so seniors with low incomes can stay in their homes independently for longer periods of time. A one-time forgivable grant of up to \$3,500 is available.

For more information on these programs, including eligibility, call 1-844-424-5110 or visit <https://housing.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services>.

