

Action on the **HILL**

Seasons Greetings from the Village

This issue of Action on the Hill will highlight upcoming events taking place in the Village during the holiday season. Continue reading to learn about our tree lighting, tour of lights, cookie decorating, and more!

We would like to take this time to congratulate and once again thank our many dedicated Bible Hill volunteer firefighters who have made our community a safe place to live and raise our families over the past 75 years. Their sacrifices and willingness to serve and protect us are appreciated and much valued.

Due to the pandemic, our annual

meeting, which normally occurs in June, was postponed, and is now scheduled to take place on Monday, December 6, at 8:00 pm. Persons interested in attending are encouraged to reserve seating in advance by contacting the Village Office.

Village Commissioners extend Seasons Greetings to all residents of Bible Hill and would like to take this opportunity to thank all their staff who play an important role in the delivery of municipal services. We hope you have a happy holiday season full of great memory-making moments, and a safe, healthy, and happy new year.



Picture of past chiefs from left to right: Dwane Mellish, Jeff Hoare, Charles Boyce, Ron Logan and current Chief, Joey Bisson.

Volunteers Needed for No-Charge Sewers Lateral Video Inspection

In the spring of 2021, Village of Bible Hill completed a Sanitary Sewer Study which found that there are many sanitary laterals that serve residences and business which were originally fabricated of Tar and Paper materials which formed a "No-Corrode" pipe. These laterals were installed between 1957 and 1962.

To maintain continued service to the residents and businesses, the Village has initiated an engineering assessment of No-Corrode laterals, which will consider a random selection of laterals (approximately 40) across the study area to determine their existing condition. The intent is to video each selected lateral with CCTV

camera technology. Once videoed, the information will be evaluated to determine the current conditions of the laterals.

It is anticipated that video access to laterals will be from residences and businesses where cleanout ports or wyes to the sanitary lateral are readily accessible. The Village would like to undertake the lateral inspections through the winter of 2021/2022. This information will ultimately lead to a capital plan which identifies where and when intervention is required to repair or replace components of existing lateral services.

The target area of work is mainly on

Pictou Road, Main Street, and College Road, with consideration on side streets including: Farnham Rd, Windsor Ave, Albert Ave, Lloyd Ct, Ryland Ave, Avon St, Riverside Ave, Vimy Rd, Hillcrest Ave, Blanchard Ave, Hillside Ave, MacIntosh Ave, Bigney Ave, Wright Ave, Johnson Ave, Dunromin Ave, East Court Rd, Armstrong Ave, and Edward Ave.

The Village is looking for volunteer home or business owners to assist in this initiative. Volunteers will benefit from understanding sewer lateral conditions on their private property. If you have interest and you know that your sanitary lateral is accessible, please contact the Village of Bible Hill office.

Celebrate the holidays with Bible Hill's tree lighting!

The Village is hosting its annual tree lighting on Saturday, November 27 at 6 pm at the front yard of H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. There will be outdoor entertainment provided by Ron MacKay Memorial Youth Band, as well as refreshments, and a visit from a special holiday visitor to greet children at 7pm. Come out and enjoy the joy of the season with your friends and neighbours. Donations for Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. All are welcome! See you there! *(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)*

Bible Hill Garden Club Centrepiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm for their Annual Centrepiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10. Registration is required by calling the Village, and spaces are limited. 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 monthly, on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 pm – 9 pm. New members are always welcome. Contact the Village for more information. Hope to see you there! *(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)*



Light up Bible Hill Contest

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! Starting on Monday, December 6, there will be a Facebook competition for the best lights and decorations. Submit your photo to the Village for posting on our Facebook page, and the three submissions with the most “likes” on Monday, December 20, at 10 am will win! Submissions must be submitted via email to admin@biblehill.ca by the resident, and must include one photo, the address and resident’s name.

Christmas Ornament Painting Workshop

In collaboration with Clay Café, Village of Bible Hill is hosting two Christmas ornament painting workshops on Wednesday, December 8 and Thursday, December 9, at 6 pm at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. Tickets are \$5. All festive supplies will be provided. Contact the office to register. *(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)*

Bible Hill Tour of Lights

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! On Wednesday, December 15, and Thursday, December 16, a tour bus will be travelling around Bible Hill to look at local light displays. Tours start at 6:30 pm. If you wish to join the bus tours, please contact the office to register and save your seat. *(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)*

Holiday Social – For those young at heart!

A Holiday Social will be held for adults 55+ at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall on Thursday, December 16, from 4-6 pm. Musical entertainment and a light seasonal treat will be prepared by the Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies’ Auxiliary, along with door prizes. Donations for Colchester Food Bank will be accepted. Contact the office to register and save your distance seat. In the new year, our Senior Socials will take place on:

- Thursday, January 20
- Thursday, February 17
- Thursday, March 24
- Thursday, April 21
- Thursday, May 19
- Thursday, June 16

(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)

New Years Day Levee

The Village is planning to once again be hosting their New Years Day Levee at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road, on Saturday, January 1, from 12 pm to 2 pm. Pre-registration by December 20. This year, we will have three thirty minute sittings available.

Sitting times are, **12 pm to 12:30 pm, 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm** and, **1:30 pm to 2 pm**. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet your Village Commissioners and fellow residents. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. *(Proof of FULL VACCINATION required)*

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Come enjoy the fun – cookies, icing, decorations, and some instruction will be provided. This free event is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, from 10 am - 12 pm at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. Contact the office to register. (*Proof of FULL VACCINATION required*)

Teen Holiday Baking

If you are between the ages of 12 and 17 and are interested in holiday baking, there is a free baking workshop on Saturday, December 18, from 1 - 3 pm, at H. Douglas Boyce 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 enjoy yourself!). Contact the office to register. (*Proof of FULL VACCINATION required*)



Bible Hill Fire Brigade - A Holiday Safety Message

Happy Holidays! This season is a wonderful time of the year for family and friends and it should be a safe one for all. Bible Hill Fire Brigade wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season. Did you know that electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in almost half (45%) of home Christmas tree fires. More than one-fifth (22%) of the Christmas tree fires, some type of heat source, such as a candle or equipment, was too close to the tree.

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 any damaged strings of lights,

and turn off and unplug lights and electric decorations 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 space.
- Have two ways out in case there is a fire in your living area. Make a plan, and practice the plan
- Never connect multi-outlet adapters to an electrical receptacle. Overloads cause fires.
- Never run extension cords under a rug

Have you ever thought of volunteering with our Fire Service? Are you interested in learning new skills, and taking on new challenges? We are recruiting new members and provide all the training, join us! Email recruitment@biblehillfire.ca for details. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at 'biblehillfire' or on Twitter '@BHFB'.

Parks and Recreation

Lace-up those skates and enjoy the outdoors this winter in the Village! This winter, Bible Hill Fire Brigade volunteers will be assisting the Village by flooding the ice at Meadowland Avenue Park, 52 Meadowland Ave. Weather dependent, the unsupervised ice is open to the public and divided for skating and hockey, at one's own risk until 10 pm daily. Looking for skates to borrow? The Town of Truro has skates available from the library.

The Village has recreation equipment available to borrow! From snowshoes to hula hoops to Rampshot. More information at <https://www.biblehill.ca/treasure-chest-recreation-equipment-now-available>.

Safe Halloween

The Village would like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers that helped make this year's Safe Halloween event a huge success.

- Acadia Trophies
- Baker's Chest Bed & Breakfast
- Bible Hill Bowiacade
- Bible Hill ESSO
- Bible Hill Fire Brigade
- Bill Johnston Small Engine Repair
- Bubble Tree Children's Boutique
- Canadian Tire Gas Bar
- Central Nova Animal Hospital
- Flagship Construction
- Foodland
- Fowler's Construction
- Fraser Pharmacy
- GoTo Insure
- Harris Home Hardware
- HubCraft Timber Mart
- Hull Electrical Service
- Kennedy's Variety
- King Lam Restaurant
- Maritime Mechanical
- McDonalds - Valley
- Money's Worth Renovation Centre
- NS Provincial Exhibition Commission (NSPEC)
- NSPE Farm Equipment Museum
- Revana Pizza
- Rod Lynk's Auto Clinic
- Stewart Auto Repair & Accessories
- Subway Bottle Exchange
- Subway Restaurant – Bible Hill
- Tanglez Hair Studio
- Truro Raceway
- Village Family Pharmachoice
- WelPro Supply Ltd.
- Bible Hill Pathfinders
- Grace Fletcher

Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

Village of Bible Hill will once again be holding an annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony in April to recognize and celebrate the important and valued contributions of local volunteers. Village Chair Kevin Kennedy welcomes nominations from the community, remarking "The success of a vibrant community is dependent on the work of so many individuals and groups of people that dedicate their time to making it a better place. During National Volunteer Week, we look to thank and honour, at the local level, the efforts of those among us who volunteer."

If you have been positively influenced by or otherwise know of one or more community members who volunteer their time to better the community and

the lives of its residents, please consider nominating them for recognition. To nominate for recognition and celebration at the ceremony, please submit a nomination form by Monday, February 28, 2022. Nomination forms can be found online at www.biblehill.ca/volunteer-awards, in-person, or by calling the Village Office for an alternate format. Nominations may be mailed, emailed, or submitted in person to the Village Office.

Five categories of awards are open for nomination:

- Generations of Volunteering Award
- Golden Long-term Service Award
- Long-term Service Award
- Young Achievers Service Award
- Outstanding Service Award

Remembrance Day Street Banners



The Village wishes to understand the level of interest among residents for implementation of a Remembrance Day Street Banner program in Bible Hill, beginning next year. If you/your family would be interested in sponsoring a banner (estimated cost for banner and installation between \$100-\$200) with the name and photo of a friend or loved one you remember who served, please contact the Village Office to express your interest. The program would be planned to begin next year if sufficient interest is received.

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