

Action on the HILL



Bible Hill Volunteer Awards

The Village will be holding a volunteer awards ceremony in March to recognize and celebrate the important and valued contributions of local volunteers. Parks and Recreation Director Josh Kennedy encourages community members to nominate those persons who make a positive impact in your life, stating, "The Village is a welcoming place to live, work, and grow. Residents work together, and dedicate their time to groups that make the Village a better place. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Lets help each other."

If you have been positively impacted 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 a person for a Volunteer Award, please submit a nomination form by **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**. Nomination forms can be found online at www.biblehill.ca/volunteer-awards, or in-person at the office. Please contact the office for an alternate format or assistance. 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

Sidewalk Conditions

Sidewalks within the public right-of-way in Bible Hill are owned and maintained by the Village. Please contact the Village office with questions or concerns relating to sidewalks. Winter sidewalk snow-clearing in Bible Hill is prioritized so that main routes are cleared with first priority; this includes Pictou Road, College Road, Main Street, Vimy Road, Brookside Road, East Court Road, and Village Line Avenue. All other sidewalks are cleared with secondary priority as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.



In total, more than 30 kilometres of sidewalks are maintained by the Village. To help ensure sidewalks can be cleared efficiently, please do not place collection items (i.e. compost bin, bags, and large items), place additional snow, or park on the sidewalk.

Road Conditions

For road concerns such as snow-clearing or repairs to potholes or curbs, it is useful to keep in mind what body owns a street to help determine who best to call. To determine road ownership in Bible Hill, note whether a street sign is blue (indicating it is owned by Colchester), or green (indicating it is owned by NS Dept. of Public Works). In some cases, Colchester and NS Dept. of Public Works exchange snow-clearing duties, so this rule may not always apply, however your concern is likely to be forwarded or you will otherwise be advised in that case on who to contact. If unsure, please give the Village a call for assistance. Contacts: Municipality of the County of Colchester 902-897-3160; NS Dept. of Public Works 1-844-696-7737 or tir-occ@novascotia.ca

Winter Parking Ban

Effective December 15 to March 31, on-street parking is prohibited in Bible Hill between 1 AM - 6 AM. Please park vehicles off-street (and off sidewalk) to not impede snow clearing.

March Break Activities

All week

- Outdoor Skating and Hockey: 6 AM - 10 PM, weather permitting, at Meadowland Avenue Park, 52 Meadowland Avenue.
- Sledding and Snow-shoeing: 6 AM - 10 PM, weather permitting, at Bible Hill Recreation Park, 38 Guest Drive. Snowshoes available at Village Office.

Monday

- Farnham Brook Trail Hike: 11 AM - 1 PM at Village Court Park, 36 Village Court. Hot chocolate and TimBits on site!
- Free Swim: 2 PM - 4 PM at Scotia Pool, 80 Research Drive.

Tuesday

- Free Skate: 12 PM - 2 PM, at Deuille's Rink, 50 Harmony Road.
- Free Bowling 3 PM - 4:30 PM, at Bible Hill Bowlacade, 27 Jennifer Dr.

Wednesday

- Dalhousie Agricultural College Trail Hike 11 AM - 1 PM at Bible Hill Recreation Park, 38 Guest Drive. Hot chocolate and TimBits on site!
- Free Swim: 2 PM - 4 PM at Scotia Pool, 80 Research Drive.

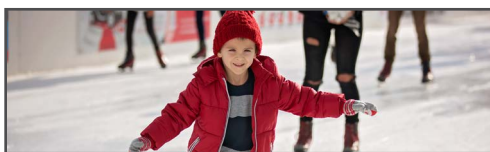
Thursday

- Free Skate: 12 PM - 2 PM at Deuille's Rink, 50 Harmony Road.
- Minute to Win It! 2 PM - 4 PM at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road.

Friday

- Free Swim: 2 PM - 4 PM at Scotia Pool, 80 Research Drive.

Registration with the Village is required for all activities.



Parks and Recreation

This winter, Meadowland Avenue Park Rink is available for skating, and playing hockey. The ice in the park opens and closes according to weather and ice conditions. It is important to first read and understand the rules of use – please see the site sign for details.

When ice conditions are favourable, the site sign is marked OPEN and the lights are turned on. When ice conditions are not safe, the site sign is marked CLOSED and the lights are turned off.

Please remember to be respectful of the park, neighbourhood, and other users seeking to enjoy the ice by complying with the rules outlined on site (open vs closed, no alcohol, loud music, use appropriate side for skating vs hockey, hours of use, etc. – see sign for details).



Again this winter season, an accessible restroom is available at Bible Hill Recreation Park.

If you are looking to get out and get active, we can help! Snowshoes are available from the Village office free of charge so you can explore and enjoy all that nature has to offer this winter.

Call or stop in to the office to reserve your pair today.

Treasure Chest Equipment Loan

We have no-cost recreation and sport games and activities available to borrow for individuals, community groups and schools.

Treasure Chest

Equipment Loan Program




Go to www.biblehill.ca/treasure-chest and fill out the Treasure Chest Agreement form, and submit it to admin@biblehill.ca or call 902-893-8083. Once you have confirmed equipment rental with the Village, pick up the equipment at our office. Office hours are 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday to Friday. You must present a Government issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license, passport, etc.) upon pick up.

Please note:

- Choose your date(s) and reserve equipment well in advance as some items are very popular and quantities are limited
- Equipment loan is on a first-come, first-served basis – reserve in advance
- The loan period varies depending upon the item and demand - most items may be loaned for a maximum of one week

Senior Fitness Classes

Stay physically active with our Senior Fitness Classes at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM, and Fridays at 11:15 AM. Only \$2 per class! Registration is required - contact the office.

Yoga and Zumba with Celeste

Join us at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall for some fitness and fun with Celeste!

ZUMBA! – Join Celeste for classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM. These classes are sure to start your day off on the right foot with one hour of Zumba dance, fun and fitness. Guaranteed loads of giggles, plenty of pop and Latin music (even a few country) and movement, and tons of friendship. All ages and Zumba experience are welcomed, from first timers to experienced Zumbaers.

YOGA – Celeste’s Friday morning yoga practices are at 9:40 AM. You will be welcomed with open arms and hearts into our small group yoga practice. All levels welcome, come just exactly the way you are, enjoy relaxation, stretching, breath awareness and a deeper inner connection.

Registration is required for all classes. To secure your spot or for more information, contact Celeste at 902-814-8000 or cchesal@gmail.com, or visit “Yoga and Zumba with Celeste” on [Facebook](#).



Hema’s Mixed Format Fitness

Shake off stress and calories with Hema’s mixed format fitness classes at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall! Hema offers a mixed format fitness class on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. She combines different styles of dance fitness including Zumba, Bhangra and Salsation, with functional training using body resistance and weights. All ages and experience are welcome. You will be warmly greeted with energy and the mutual goal of movement! For further information please contact Hema Chopra at 902-305-1086.

Senior Social – For those young at heart!

Subject to public health restrictions, Senior Socials will be held for adults 55+ at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. Musical entertainment will be provided, along with a light treat from Bible Hill Fire Brigade Ladies’ Auxiliary. Contact the office to register and save your (distanced) seat. Pre-existing social bubbles/groups are encouraged to register together. Over the coming months, Senior Socials will take place from 4 PM - 6 PM on:

- Thursday, March 24
- Thursday, April 21
- Thursday, May 19
- Thursday, June 16

Scotia Pool – Glen W. Smith Community Pool

Scotia Pool is excited to welcome patrons to their warm water pool, located right here in Bible Hill! They 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.

March Break open swims are being held everyday, March 14 to March 18 from 2 PM - 4 PM and 5 PM - 7 PM. Come and join in the fun!

You can rent the pool and their outdoor enclosed gazebo for birthday parties and other private events. Just give their helpful staff a call or message them on their [Facebook](#) page for details.

Did you know that Scotia Pool Society is responsible for the operation of this valuable community resource? They are the only pool in the province operated by a non-profit and they are looking for new board members who are interested in keeping this resource in our community. If you have an hour or two per month to volunteer, please contact the pool. Evening meetings are held once a month.

Please refer to their [Facebook](#) page for the most current information on programs, times and new protocols, or contact them at 902-893-6364 or scotiapool@gmail.com.



Notice of Annual Meeting

The 68th Annual Meeting of Electors of Village of Bible Hill will be held at 8 PM, Monday, June 6th at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road. This is a public meeting open to all residents that provides an opportunity to hear from Commissioners, Bible Hill Fire Chief, and our auditors on the progress of the past year, deal with miscellaneous business, hold any vote that requires public approval, etc. Please watch for potential registration requirement due to COVID-19 closer to the event date.

Notice of Nomination Period: Nomination for Village Commissioners

Two Commissioners for a three (3) year term, ending in June 2025.

Nominations for the office of Commissioner will be accepted in person during business hours between May 12 and 19, 2022. All nominations must be in writing on the prescribed nomination form and must be filed in person with the Returning Officer at the Village Office.

Qualifications of a Village Commissioner:

1. A Village Commissioner must be an elector. An “elector” means a resident within the Village entitled to vote at a municipal election, who will have resided in the Village for at least six months immediately prior to the Village election and:
 - a) is of the full age of eighteen years on the first advance polling day;
 - b) is a Canadian citizen on the first advance polling day;
2. Every Village Commissioner must take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Municipal Elections Act in the manner prescribed by that Act before entering upon the duties of Village Commissioner.
3. A Village Commissioner whose term of office has expired is eligible for re-election.

A nomination must be accompanied by a deposit of two hundred dollars. Nomination forms, copies of by-laws, financial statements, policies, and further information are available by contacting the Returning Officer at the Village Office.

Bible Hill Truro Minor Baseball Registration

Bible Hill Truro Minor Baseball Association is getting prepared for another exciting summer of baseball. BHTMBA offers a wide variety of programs for youth from 4 to 18 years of age, with offerings of local recreational leagues to Baseball Nova Scotia leagues. Registration for 2022 will take place April 7, 6 PM - 8 PM, April 9, 10 AM - 12 PM, and April 22, 6 PM - 8 PM at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, 69 Pictou Road in Bible Hill. More information can be found at www.leaguelineup.com/bhtmba or by contacting Scott MacGillivray at scottmacg@eastlink.ca.



Why should I become a Village Commissioner?

If you care about the area that you live in and the issues facing local people, serving as a Commissioner could be for you! There are many reasons why people decide to become a Commissioner, including:

- Wanting to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of the local community;
- Being concerned about your area and wanting to ensure that the community gets the services needed or desired;
- Wanting to represent the views of local people and ensure that community interests are taken into account;
- Wanting to work collaboratively with other levels of government to deliver efficient services;
- Wanting to contribute your business or professional skills; or
- Having concerns about one or more particular issues.

Whatever the need in your neighbourhood (state of the local park, improving accessibility, activities for young people, improving services for older people, making the roads safer or ensuring that local businesses can thrive) you could be just the person to contribute by becoming a Village Commissioner. For more information, please contact the Clerk and Treasurer.

Remembrance Day Street Banners

The Village is looking for interest among residents for implementing a Remembrance Day Street Banner program in Bible Hill, beginning this 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 this year if sufficient interest is received.

Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP)

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates range from \$100 to \$200. Application deadline is March 31, 2022.

Eligibility: To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own home (residential) heat and meet one (1) of the following criteria:

- Have a net income of \$29,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependants
- Have a combined net income of \$44,000 or less and live with kids, dependants or other adults
- Receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services
- Receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance from Service Canada

If your personal or financial situation has changed since last year, you still may qualify. Examples of changes include becoming widowed, getting divorced or legally separated, losing your job, turning 18, recently arriving in Canada, or having the custody of your children change. Contact the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services to find out if you qualify.

Apply online for the rebate at: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

You can also apply using the Heating Assistance Rebate Application form, and sending the completed form and supporting documents by mail or fax. If you'd like a paper application, please contact the Heating Assistance Rebate Program at 1-800-670-4357, or the Village Office.

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.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

The winter months bring a special concern to both Village of Bible Hill and Bible Hill Fire Brigade. Winter storms can often hide fire hydrants under a mountain of snow making them impossible to find quickly. In the event of a fire, firefighters must locate and shovel out fire hydrants before connecting to them, meaning precious time can be lost. We are asking for your help in keeping the fire hydrant closest to your residence or business clear of snow. At a minimum, residents who have hydrants nearby are asked to make sure the hydrant is cleared of snow enough to make it visible from the street. Even better is to clear the snow from within a one-metre clearance around the entire hydrant after a snowfall.

Your help is greatly appreciated this winter!

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 novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/.

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 programs 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 \$7,000 forgivable grant
- **Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program:** 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 housing.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services

Follow us

Follow the Village on [Facebook](#) (Village of Bible Hill) and [Instagram](#) (@bible.hill) to hear about new programs, initiatives, Commission news, and local events. In addition, all upcoming programs are posted on social media, as well as pictures from past programs.

We're hiring!

Summer maintenance and day camp positions available.

Are you currently in school and returning in the fall? The Village is looking for summer student staff. More information on the positions can be found on our website or by contacting the Village Office. Please forward resumes by mail, via email to admin@biblehill.ca, or in person to the Village Office.

Village of Bible Hill is committed to providing an inclusive and barrier-free work environment, starting with the hiring process. If you require accommodation measures during any phase of the hiring process or in being employed, please notify us as soon as possible.



Public Notice - Committee Member Recruitment

Village of Bible Hill welcomes applications from Bible Hill residents to serve on its Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in the following volunteer positions:

- (2) Committee members for two year terms beginning April 1.
- (1) Youth Committee member for a one year term beginning September 1.

The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Policy and nomination forms can be found on the Village website or by contacting the office.

Applications shall be in writing on the prescribed form, and may be mailed, emailed, or submitted in person to the Village Office.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2022

Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA

Clerk and Treasurer