

# Action on the HILL

## Message from the Chair

The Village of Bible Hill is celebrating 70 years of incorporation this year. In 1953, residents of Bible Hill organized and formed the Village Commission and from that date on, beginning with street lighting, fire, and sewer, an increasing number of local services were delivered that residents desire in the community. Bible Hill has a very proud history, and we take great pride in continuing to take the lead on shaping the community and delivering local services for YOU.

This year, we saw the retirement of Tom Burke, who served as a Bible Hill Village Commissioner for more than 26 years. We also welcomed newly elected Commissioner Dwight Giddens.

We sometimes hear the question, what do property taxes pay for? Tax rates paid to the Village go directly into the development of this community in which you live or operate your business. Your taxes to Bible Hill provide for the community by way of a fire station, fire-fighting equipment, hydrant water service, and fire prevention programs in cooperation with Bible Hill Fire and Emergency – a volunteer fire and emergency service, cross-walk lighting standards and school crossing guards before and after school, a 30+km sidewalk network, salting and snow removal, street lighting, sanitary and storm-water systems, numerous recreation facilities including parks, trails, sports fields, playground equipment, a splash-pad, community events, children's day camps, various recreation programming, a community hall, staff and five Commissioners that are working exclusively for you here in Bible Hill and serve as a local voice to other levels of government. Village Commissioners make the decisions with respect to setting rates and delivering services – you could be one and help decide.

As we look to the holiday season, we hope you will come out and meet your Bible Hill Village Commissioners, friends, and neighbours at the tree lighting taking place on November 18 and the New Year's Day Levee on January 1. Best wishes to you and yours for the holiday season and the new year.

In the spirit of helping those who may be struggling, the Village has recently donated to the Colchester Food Bank, and we will be accepting donations for both Colchester Food Bank and the Christmas Index Program at our programs over the holidays season and at our office during regular business hours. Please do not hesitate to contact Village Commissioners or our office at any time – at 902-893-8083 or [admin@biblehill.ca](mailto:admin@biblehill.ca) – should you have a question or concern you wish to discuss.

*Kevin Kennedy*  
Chair, Village of Bible Hill

## Event Registration

To register for any of the events hosted by the Village that require it, or for assistance or accommodations, please contact the office at 67 Pictou Road, [admin@biblehill.ca](mailto:admin@biblehill.ca) or 902-893-8083. If the event registration requires payment, we accept cash or cheque during regular business hours – Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Unless otherwise stated, Village programming takes place at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall, located at 69 Pictou Road.

## Annual Tree Lighting

The Village is hosting its annual tree lighting on Saturday, November 18 at 6:00 PM at the front yard of H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. There will be outdoor entertainment provided by Redcliff Middle School Choir, as well as refreshments and a visit from a special holiday visitor to greet children. Come out and enjoy the joy of the season with your friends and neighbours. See you there!



## Holiday Trivia Night

Join us for an inclusive and all-ages Holiday Trivia Night, on Saturday, December 16th, beginning at 7:00 PM! We invite you to put your knowledge to the test, spanning the wonderful traditions of Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Pancha Ganapati, Christmas, and the diverse array of winter holidays celebrated in our community. There are exciting prizes to be won, so make sure to gather your friends and family for this festive gathering. As we come together to celebrate the richness of our community's holiday traditions, we also encourage you to spread the joy by considering bringing donations for the Colchester Food Bank. Call the Village Office to register!

## Light up Bible Hill Contest

Get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays! Starting on Monday, December 4, there will be a Facebook competition for the best lights and decorations. Submissions must be submitted via email to [admin@biblehill.ca](mailto:admin@biblehill.ca) by the resident, and must include one photo, the address and resident's name. Submissions will be posted, as they are submitted, on our Facebook page. The 3 submissions with the most "likes" on Monday, December 18, at 10:00 AM will win!



## Tour of Lights

In partnership with the Nova Scotia Community Health Board, we're bringing back our Bible Hill Tour of Lights! On a date and time to be determined, a tour bus will be travelling around Bible Hill to look at the beautiful local light displays! So, get in the festive spirit this season by decorating your home for the holidays for all your neighbours to enjoy! This event will require registration, as there will be limited seats available. Stay tuned for more information on our website.



## Bible Hill Garden Club Centerpiece Workshop

Please join the Bible Hill Garden Club on Sunday, December 3 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at 69 Pictou Road, for their annual Centerpiece Workshop. Tickets are \$10. 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 at the Village Office soon!

The Bible Hill Garden Club meets monthly, on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 PM– 9:00 PM. New members are always welcome. Contact the Village for more information. Hope to see you there!

## Ornament Painting

Village of Bible Hill is hosting a Clay Café holiday ornament painting workshop on Thursday, December 7, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. All festive supplies will be provided and registration fee is \$10 per painter. We can't wait to see your fabulously festive paint skills! Visit the Village Office to register!

## Paint Night

In collaboration with Rustic Country Creations, we will be hosting a "Paint Night" on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. Join us – and let those creative skills shine! Registration opens on November 20, at a cost of \$25 per person. Spots are limited. Visit the Village Office to register!

## Holiday Cookie Decorating

Join us on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 PM for an evening of cookie decorating. We provide cookies, icing, and decorations, at no cost to you! To ensure we have enough cookies for everyone, please contact the Village Office to register by December 15. Let's come together to spread the joy of the holiday season with sweet treats and deliciously festive fun.



## Reminder:

**Do not feed deer.**

(Unless they are Santa's)

## Sensory Friendly Family Open Gym

We will be hosting Sensory Friendly Family Open Gym every Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (when school is open) at Bible Hill Junior High. Join us for a fun-filled experience designed especially for kids with diverse sensory sensitivities and their families. Please contact the Village Office if you'd like to attend!

## Adult Pickup Basketball

Looking to play some basketball? Join us on Mondays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, at 66 East Court Road - the CCA! Stop in for a game or two - bring some friends! No registration required!

## Senior (55+) Badminton & Bocchia

We will be offering Senior (55+) Badminton & Bocchia on Thursday mornings, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. It will be a morning full of fun and physical activity. Haven't played either sport before? No problem. Come play! Please contact the Village Office to register.

## Senior (55+) Craft Afternoons

The Village will be hosting Senior Craft Afternoons on November 14, December 12, January 16, and February 13 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Registration will be required. Prices and details for each program will be advertised closer to the dates.

## Senior (55+) Socials

Join us for an afternoon of music, dancing and socializing on the last Thursday of each month (no social in December) from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Musical entertainment by the Y Senior Citizens Band!

## Senior (55+) Fitness Classes

Stay physically active with our Senior Fitness Classes at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Feel free to drop in! Only \$2 per class! Please note, classes are cancelled when school is cancelled due to weather.

## Follow us on Social Media!

Connection is so important to stay informed. Please follow the Village on Facebook (Village of Bible Hill) to hear about new programs and initiatives, Commission news, and local events. In addition to our sign and website, upcoming programs are posted on social media, as well as pictures from past programs. So 'follow' Village of Bible Hill to keep up on current events in your Village!

## Commission Meetings

All Village Commission meetings are open for observation to the public. Commissioners meet twice per month on the second and third Tuesday at 7:00 PM to discuss village matters, set policy, approve expenditures, and chart the path for Bible Hill. Join us, in the Commission Chambers, at 67 Pictou Road.

## Adopt a Hydrant

We are asking for your help, if you are able, in keeping the fire hydrant closest to your residence or business clear of snow, to make it visible from the street by clearing snow from within a one - metre clearance around the hydrant after a snowfall. Your help this winter is greatly appreciated!

## Yoga with Celeste

Celeste offers Friday morning gentle yoga practice at 10:00 AM, at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall. You will be welcomed with open arms and hearts into this 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 [cchesal@gmail.com](mailto:cchesal@gmail.com).

## Maggie's Place

Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a free drop-in playgroup at H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall each Tuesday from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM from September to June. Playgroups are a play and social time for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to school age. Each session consists of a free play and art time, a healthy peanut-free snack, and ends with circle time. All families are welcome to join. For more information, please call Maggie's Place at 902-895-0200, check out [www.maggiesplace.ca](http://www.maggiesplace.ca) or Facebook at 'Maggie's Place- Colchester'.

## Looking to stay active this winter?

Get out and enjoy skating at Meadowland Avenue Park. Weather dependent, the ice surface is open to the public and divided for skating and hockey, with lights on until 9:00 PM daily. The ice is unsupervised and available for use at one's own risk. The park is found at 52 Meadowland Ave and is also accessible from College via the Cobequid Trail.

Lace up those skates and enjoy the outdoors this winter in the Village! Looking for skates to borrow? The Town of Truro, in partnership with the Colchester-East Hants Public Library, has skates available from the library. A library card is required. Snowshoes are available from the Village office with a \$10.00/per pair deposit. The deposit is returned upon return of snowshoes so you can explore and enjoy all that nature has to offer this winter! Adult and child sizes are available. Call to reserve your pair today!

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## Committee Member Recruitment

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

- Up to three (3) youth members (14 -25) for a term beginning Sept 1 through Aug 31, 2024, one of which may reside outside of Bible Hill; and
- Five (5) members for a term beginning Sept 1 through Mar 31, 2025, one of which may reside outside of Bible Hill.

The committee meets bi-monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month, at 3:30 PM. The committee policy and application form 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.

For assistance or accommodations, please contact the office at 67 Pictou Road, [admin@biblehill.ca](mailto:admin@biblehill.ca) or 902-893-8083.

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## Rebates for Seniors and Low Income Families

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$600. Please contact the Heating Assistance Rebate Program at 1-800-670-4357 for more information!

The Property Tax Rebate for Seniors 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. call 1-800-670-435 for more information!

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## Dalhousie Agriculture Campus

Students who are interested in science, computer science, or arts can start the first year of their studies at the Dalhousie Agriculture Campus, located here in Bible Hill, and then transition to the Halifax campus for years 2 and beyond. For more information contact Ashley Coffin, Truro Start Program Coordinator, at [Ashley.coffin@dal.ca](mailto:Ashley.coffin@dal.ca)

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## Scotia Pool – Glen W. Smith Community Pool

Scotia Pool is excited to welcome patrons to our 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, open swims, and finally – a brand new climbing wall! Come check it out! Winter swimming lessons will begin in January, with registration on Thursday, December 14 starting at 9:00 AM on SportHub. On Friday nights from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, they host a Toonie Swim - sponsored by CIBC Wood Gundy, Scott Joudrey and on the last two operational Sundays of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, they host a Toonie Swim sponsored by Village of Bible Hill! Please refer to their Facebook page for the most current information, or contact Scotia Pool at 902-893-6364, [scotiapool@gmail.com](mailto:scotiapool@gmail.com) or visit them at 80 Research Drive, Bible Hill.