

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

SELECT BOARD

Unanticipated Revenue The Board approved motions to accept unanticipated revenue per RSA 31:95-b from NH Saves in reimbursement for energy saving measures at Town Hall. These funds will reimburse the Town Hall project for work already completed; \$4,215.00 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety for the Police Department Search and Rescue Equipment grant; \$8,714.28 from the State of New Hampshire for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant; \$1,200 in private donations for the Bradford Scholarship Fund, and \$500.00 from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and \$250 from the Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce in support of Bradford's Independence Day Celebration. These funds will be used to offset the 2024 expenses.

Fire Pond Easements Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, reported that town council has provided draft easements for the fire pond on Old Warner Road. The exact location of the water line needs to be added, which could involve a survey. The Board opted to have Dig Safe mark it out. Karen will wait until the snow melts to move forward.

Expense Review 2023 expenses are final. Just over \$159,000 is being turned back, 5.6% of the 2023 budget.

Community Power Andrew Hatch from the Community Power Coalition walked the Select Board through the sequence of events to put Bradford Community Power in business in June 2024. The Board reviewed with Andrew the Cost Sharing Agreement and Complete Service Bundle to be signed by the Board when the Town votes to accept the energy aggregation plan (Warrant Article 6). The Board

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Bradford Town Meeting 2024

It was standing room only for the 2024 Bradford Town Meeting. Veteran Bob Selig started things off by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Downs gave heartfelt thanks to Marilyn Goldberg for her 24 years of service as Town Treasurer. Bradford Fire Department and Parks and Recreation gave a public service announcement about CPR and AED training for all.

Residents reacted favorably to the 4 presentations of the evening: Kathleen Bigford for Bradford Community Power, Sue McKevitt about SB2, Kris



Foss reporting on the work of the Masonic Hall Committee, and Kim Firth explaining the work of the Budget Committee.

The big question of the night, "Why did property taxes increase so dramatically?" was addressed by Firth who made good on a promise by the Budget Committee to be more transparent about the town budget. She presented slides and graphs showing the impacts of the town (up 18.5%), school (up 8%), and state education (up 41.5%) portions on property tax bills.

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Articles Seven, Nine and Fifteen



Article Seven: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13, known as SB2 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Bradford on the second Tuesday of March. **Failed.**

Article Nine: To see if the Town will vote to retain as Town-owned and Town-maintained the building at 89 West Main Street (Map 16 Lot 87) known as the Masonic Building. This will be a ballot vote.

Failed.

Article Fifteen: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues from Bradford Police detail assignments to expenditures for the purpose of purchasing new police vehicles. **Passed.**



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From The Bridge



Congratulations Bradford! Be proud of the way caring residents showed up to speak clearly, listen respectfully, and accomplish an ambitious agenda by 10:15 pm. The atmosphere was full of friendly greetings and fervent conversations, neighbors enjoying each other and the process of deciding Bradford's business. The failure of the SB2 proposal, 31 yes, 166 no, cements our Town Meeting format. The 2024 Bradford Town Meeting is in the books as a solid tribute to grass roots democracy at its best.

The snow squall I drove home through last night reminded me of spring's fickleness. Thoughts of lazy days on the rocks at French's will be remaining just thoughts for a while longer. I look forward to April delivering the glorious days I am imagining.

Here at the Bridge we're kicking back a bit this month. The March edition is a huge push and we're taking time in April to properly celebrate our dear Harriet Douglass who gracefully contributes so much to the Bradford Bridge and to our Town. Laurie's article on Page 3 captures the wonderful phenomenon that is Harriet.

Since 2006 Harriet has contributed to the Bridge in many ways. Recently, and I'm talking about the past several years of my editorship, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Harriet. I rely on and enjoy her advice about all things Bradford. As she lets go of her distribution duties, we will welcome her guidance and continued presence on our Board for as long as it pleases her.

With gratitude for Our Town and the promise of spring,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And all our contributors who bring neighborly news

Land Acknowledgement Statement – We are on the unceded land of Nd'akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O'quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.

Thank You, Harriet

Harriet (Harris) Douglass has worn many hats here in Bradford. She is a beloved fixture in our landscape, serving on many committees and holding many jobs. For certain, you have seen her knitting at Town Meeting, which she has attended for 75 years. This spring she is retiring from the staff of the Bradford Bridge, where she has been distribution manager for many years. Her vitality never wanes, but she feels it's time to pass her knowledge of the job on to others.

Harriet has lived here since 1945 when her family relocated from Braintree, MA during WW II. She was 16 at the time and entered Simonds School (the regional secondary school then located in Warner) for her senior year. Harriet loved the transition from a school of 200 students to the 20 in her graduating class. She would buy monthly tickets and take public transportation from Bradford (by train in the mornings and by bus on the return. Some classmates boarded in Warner during the week and paid for their lodgings by working for their hosts.) Upon graduation Harriet had to wait a year for the 18-year-old requirement to train as a nurse. After a year of training, she had to suspend her education since she had accepted a marriage proposal and married women were not allowed to enroll in nurse training.

She married Bradford native Don Douglass, who worked for the Boston and Maine Railroad. Harriet and Don had met at one of the popular dances at the Casino on Lake Massesecum, where big band music was played. They later worked at the dances held in Frank Fortune's Barn across the street from their home. These square dances were likewise very well-attended events and the couple was busy taking tickets and serving up hamburgers and hotdogs.

You may remember Harriet from her years as a postal clerk and then post mistress in Bradford, where she greeted everyone with a smile for 23 years. Before that she worked for 10 years for Dr. Anne Wasson who held a practice here in town. Harriet was finally able to resume her medical training through Dr. Anne. Harriet would often keep the practice run-

ning when the doctor was away, claiming "I liked working with people and being in charge. I think all firstborns might feel this way since they have to help out when a new baby is born." She also worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Concord as a newlywed. And she was the hostess at the Pleasant View Hotel (now Rosewood Inn) in the early days.



Bradford in the 1950s and 60s held many public functions for folks to gather for some fun. One of the things Harriet wishes for Bradford is the revitalization of gathering places in town so people can connect and share good times. Bowie's Market, Dodge's Store, and the IGA used to provide this opportunity. The BACC serves seniors very well now and young families often meet new friends at the library but more multi-generational public gathering is what she wishes for in town. Perhaps, she says, the restored Town Hall will grow into this role, as well.

Harriet makes connections wherever she goes. She helps her friend Mary Derry lead a sewing group at the BACC on Tuesday mornings, where friends new and old gather to create a quilt each year to raffle off for the benefit of the Meals on Wheels program in town. Everyone is welcome to join! Harriet is famous for her knitted creations and her personal stylishness. (see photo) She has been knitting since a neighbor taught her the skill at age 11. She has made a virtual rainbow of sweaters that adorn her for

every occasion. One woman who didn't believe Harriet had made the one pictured here remarked that Harriet must be very rich to buy such a masterpiece. Harriet laughs as she recalls this and says she is rich only in the ways that matter, like feeling purposeful. "That is what we are put on this earth for... to help our neighbors."

Her wish for Bradford is that "new people will always feel welcome here." When she was a young woman awaiting news about the imminent adoption of a child, she was actually paged in the Boston train station by the telephone switchboard operator in Bradford to give her the good news. She says, "That's the kind of place Bradford has always been. You can always ask someone and get help. That's why Bradford is my town."

Harriet, who is remarkably healthy for any age, never expected to become 95. Her grandmother died at age 30 and her mother at age 50, so she figured she would be lucky to make 70. Well done, Harriet. Her secret: "I always take vitamins just in case I don't eat enough vegetables." She has also been an active ongoing participant in the Strong Living program at the Senior Center. She attributes much of her strength and mobility to this. She has a daughter Leslie, plus 4 grandchildren and 7 great grands, one of whom is engaged. Will there be a great-great grand?

If you haven't met Harriet, you may just want to seek her out. She is just one of those people who listens, who cares, who puts herself out to attend events, especially in her home town. It's a comfort to know that Harriet and other local contemporaries are still holding strong with hope for Bradford and the type of lifestyle that has always pervaded here. Harriet feels she is lucky with her health and lucky to witness the changing times. Somehow, she knows how to balance nostalgia for the past with adaptation for the future. Above all, she advises "Help each other."

Thanks for your help, Harriet, with the Bradford Bridge and all the other roles you continue to play here in town. You are a local treasure.

Laurie Buchar

**OFFICIAL ABSENTEE BALLOT
TOWN ELECTION
BRADFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

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Letters to
Our Editor:

To the Editor,

I, along with the people of Bradford, want to thank Steve Hall and his crew for the great job of keeping our roads clear and safe this past winter. We appreciate you, Steve. You have a difficult job but you excel. Thanks.

Jane Johnsen

To the Voters of Bradford NH,

Thank you for the numerous write-in votes to ensure Bradford has a Town Treasurer. I had not contemplated stepping into this role until I discovered no one had signed up to run for Treasurer. The Town has been fortunate to have a steady, knowledgeable person in Marilyn Goldberg. I wish her well and thank her for staying a long time as Treasurer.

Steven Pierce

To All Town Meeting Attendees,

I would like to express my thanks to the over two hundred attendees at last week's Town Meeting. Moderators from towns and municipalities across the state frequently comment about the challenges they face keeping order in contentious meetings. And prior to this year's meeting, more than a few people wished me "good luck", expressing their hope that I was "ready" for the night ahead. Needless to say, I was glad for the encouragement, but it did make me a bit uneasy about the possible divisiveness that could take precedence over our common need to do the required work in a positive fashion.

In the end, you, the friends and neighbors who were there, worked together to accomplish the vital matters that our Town had to resolve in preparation for the next year. Yes, there were some points of difference, but all were handled with civility and I was glad to be able to play a role in getting to the positive outcomes of the night. Thank you for maintaining the positive tenor of our gathering. We all have much of which to be proud.

*Bruce Storm,
Town Moderator*

Bradford Town Meeting 2024

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Bradford's 2024 operating budget shows a 4.5% increase over the 2023 budget largely due to expenses beyond Bradford's control such as employee health benefits, increased emergency dispatch expenses and others. Kim explained that during the budget process committee members worked closely with department heads to agree on expenditures that would allow Bradford to maintain the services residents have come to expect. Reducing expenditures further would mean reducing or eliminating services.

Warrant Article 3, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,937,259.00 to fund Bradford's 2024 budget was amended by \$5,479 (for a total of \$2,929,038) to fully fund the Brown Memorial Library and then passed unanimously. Warrant articles to put additional funds aside in expendable trust funds or capital reserve accounts for police, fire, highway, bridges and road repair passed quickly due to clear explanations of prudent fiscal responsibility by each department. The total 2024 overall budget, operating budget and warrant articles, is 1.63% (or \$58,128) less than 2023.

*Mary Keegan-Dayton
and Kathleen Bigford*



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→ NEW FEATURE! CHECK OUT:
"Community Resources" on page 16.
Food, energy, and healthcare resources.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

One Dedicated Recycler

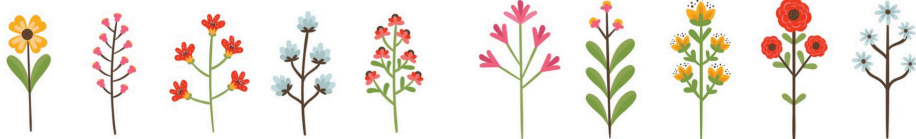
Bradford resident Beth Thompson is one of our most dedicated recyclers at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center. She recycles a host of things a couple of times a week. One outstanding and helpful way that Beth recycles is to take all of our collected plastic film to Market Basket for recycling.

We ask that residents recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film/and that they remove all receipts and other items from the bags. Recycled plastic film consists of:

- Bags for newspapers, bread, produce, dry cleaning, retail purchases (hard plastic and string handles removed), groceries, food storage (clean and dry), stove pellet bags emptied, and all clean bags labeled #2 or #4.
- Over wraps for toilet paper, napkins, furniture, electronic items, new diapers, and cases of snacks and water bottles and canned goods.
- Plastic cereal box liners, tyvek, bubble wrap, and air pillows.

In addition Ken and I appreciate that Beth occasionally contributes nourishment for our beloved flourishing crab apple tree at the Transfer Station.

Lois Kilnapp, Manager



Bradford Hazard Mitigation and Severe Weather Event Online Survey

The Bradford Hazard Mitigation Committee began its update of the Town's 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan in January 2024. Our work includes assessing recent past and potential natural disasters, severe weather events and other hazard events, and identifying critical facilities, vulnerable areas and at-risk populations. The Committee will review existing mitigation capabilities and develop mitigation actions to help reduce the impact of these events to Bradford's people, buildings and property.

Interested? Please take the survey to let us know about your concerns and priorities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BradfordNH-HazMit>

Everyone is welcome to participate in hazard mitigation discussions by attending the Committee's Zoom or in-person meetings. View the meeting details posted on the Town website at www.bradfordnh.org. Send Bryan Nowell (firechief@bradfordnh.org) your email address so we can email you the Zoom login credentials and the Committee's meeting materials. Phone Bryan at (603) 938-2231 with questions.



Bradford Community Power

Coming Soon!

Bradford residents voted at the March 13th Town Meeting to adopt the Bradford Energy Aggregation Plan and move forward with Bradford Community Power. At this writing the Bradford Select Board is scheduled to sign the cost sharing agreement with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. With these last two pieces now in place, Bradford Community Power is set up to become the default energy supplier for all Bradford residents and businesses currently getting electricity through Eversource. We are aiming for a launch date of June 2024!

If you are a Bradford resident interested in getting the lower electric rates of Bradford Community Power, then there is nothing you need to do. Once we have an official launch date, mailers will be sent out to all Eversource customers in Bradford to provide notice of the upcoming changes. If you do nothing, your supplier will automatically change to Bradford Community Power and you will start receiving a lower electric rate. Note, you will still get all of your bills from Eversource. If you are interested in purchasing a higher mix of renewable energy, or if you are interested in opting out and remaining with Eversource, the mailer will provide instructions on how to make these changes. Stay tuned for more information and dates for information sessions you will be able to attend to ask your questions.



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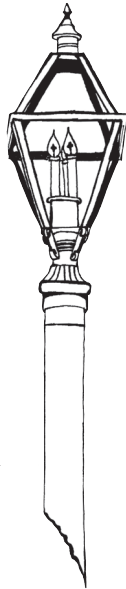


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 Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Spring is here. The robins are chirping, signs of life are popping up in the garden, and I have already found several ticks on my dog. Spring is the time of renewal and change; it seems to have found me reflecting on my own happiness. Am I happy or mostly content? I have researched the idea of happiness over the years. Obsessively considered the idea of moving to Finland or Denmark, as they hold the top tier positions of happiest countries on earth. The idea did not fly with the rest of my family. What I typically walk away with after reading

Happiness literature is I should meditate more, have a purpose, cultivate inner peace by finding small moments of joy, create a social circle of people who help me keep my metaphorical glass full, and spend time in nature. There are six features, according to the World Happiness Report, that measure a country's level of happiness and they are: Social Support (do you have one person you can reach out to in times of difficulty), GDP per Capita (what a country produces divided by its population), Health (life expectancy, access to affordable health-care), Freedom to Make Life Choices, Generosity (how charitable people are), and Perception of Corruption (how corrupt are a country's government/business). The United States is number twenty-two on the list.

Favorite Books about Happiness: *Happiness Project* / Gretchen Rubin; *Man's Search For Meaning* / Victor E. Frankl; *The Happiness Hypothesis* / Jonathan Haidt; *Wherever You Go There You Are* / Jon Kabat Zin; *10% Happier* / Dan Harris

I am grateful and happy for the recent turnout at Town Meeting! I thank everyone who came to the meeting, participated in our democratic process, and supported the library in its request for additional funding! Thank you to Devin Pendleton, Jason Grey, and Laurelyn Ksander who stood up and provided an emotional testament for her love and appreciation of what the library brings to our community. My philosophy is to always ask for what you want and hope for a yes. I am thrilled by the support!

Ellen Barselle, Director

What's happening at the library in April:

Monday, April 8th at 2:30 pm - Solar Eclipse Party. Stop by the library for some celestial snacks, face painting, and safe viewing of the solar eclipse. Hope for clear skies!

Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 am - Rabbit Magic. During this program kids will get up close and personal with a special Mini-Rex rabbit named Snoopy! They will get to pet Snoopy, learn about his diet and adaptations, try leaping like a rabbit, and create their own rabbit story. Should be a hoppy good time!

Monday, April 15th at 6:00 pm - Water & Wells with Bradford's own Joel Banaszak (Geologist and owner of Frontier Geoservices). The Groundwater and Wells talk will cover the basics behind how water gets from the ground and into your house. The science of groundwater will be discussed and some of the unique challenges and opportunities the Granite State faces when dealing with this valued resource. Feel free to bring your own questions and experiences to share to this engaging talk!

Monday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm - Junior Book Group. *Eva Evergreen: Semi-Magical Witch* by Julie Abe. Join us for snacks and discussion.

Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm - Book Group. *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim.



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Town Hall Update

It feels like the Town Hall Project has gone from winding down to dragging on. On the bright side, the improved weather conditions that Spring brings will simplify the Town's move back into the building.

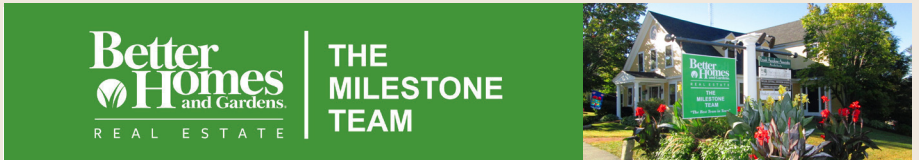
The few areas needing paint touch ups were done, the broken globe in the auditorium was replaced and the new door hardware for the historic front doors was installed. The final task is to complete installation of the security system. Two code access pads need to be mounted, the electric door strike (which had to be ordered) must be installed and then all three must be connected to the security system.

At Town Meeting, \$15,000 was approved in Warrant Article #34 to "fit-up, furnish and equip the Town Hall." On the list of items still needed for Town Hall and for which these funds might be used are: soap dispensers, area rugs for high traffic areas, rug protectors under desk chairs, a short fence by the drop off next to the right of way, repair of the parking lot light, a chimney cap, tables and chairs for elections and some sort of hard-pack surface for the parking lot.

Office staff have begun to identify all the moving parts that will need to come together to execute the move back into the Town Hall. Upon review by the Select Board, a move-in plan will be finalized and put in motion.

The Select Board has not yet set a date for a reopening celebration. Watch the Town's website and FaceBook page for a reopening announcement once a date is chosen. If you have any questions about the renovation, please reach out to the Selectmen's Office (938-5900) or administrator@bradfordnh.org.

Karen Hambleton



Timely Advice

Spring is a time of change, and both sellers and buyers often think about making a move. In our market at the present time, with inventory still below average, there continues to be an advantage to the sellers. There are some signs that more sellers may be willing to take the leap of putting their properties up for sale. For instance, in February, the number of homes on the market inched 5% up over 2023. While that's progress, in a "normal" year there would be 3 months supply of homes on the market. As of this writing, we are hovering around one month's supply.

- ◆ While it is unlikely that there will be any dearth of buyers this year, sellers still need to stick to the basics: ***Make sure that your house stands out.***
- ◆ ***Make it easy to show.*** If it isn't, buyers may quickly move on to the next alternative, and yours might ultimately sell for a lower price.
- ◆ ***Drive slowly by your own home.*** Does it catch your eye? Does the landscaping add to its appeal? It doesn't have to be amazing.
- ◆ ***Be sure to carry over the appeal to the inside of your house*** as well. Is it inviting? Are there any distractions which jump out (too much clutter??) Some paint can do wonders!
- ◆ Most of all, ***listen to your Realtor when it comes to setting the price.*** Despite the number of enthusiastic buyers, it is still possible to overprice your house.

A house priced right will sell! If it's overpriced, its time on the market will likely increase. Working with a real estate professional is so important. We are in the market every day. We know what is selling and what the factors are which are affecting our market now. Bottom line: we want to help you sell your house for as much as you can, in your preferred time frame, with as little hassle as possible.



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Bradford Fish and Game Club



On Sunday, February 25, the Bradford Fish and Game Club held their annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby on Lake Todd in Newbury NH. There were 65 children and adults in attendance. Trophies were awarded in three fish categories, as well as gift certificates provided by the Tackle Shack. The Bradford Fish and Game Club provided free breakfast and lunch to all that attended.

This is one of several youth activities that the Bradford Fish and Game Club sponsors throughout the year. The next

youth event is the Annual Trout Fishing Derby in May at Fishersfield Park in Newbury. Put a reminder note for this event on your calendar.

The Bradford Fish and Game Club meets every first Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse at 89 Gillingham Drive, Newbury NH, and welcomes anyone wishing to join and help with club activities. For more information or questions, you can call Dick Wright, President, at 603 938-2414.



Highway Department Update

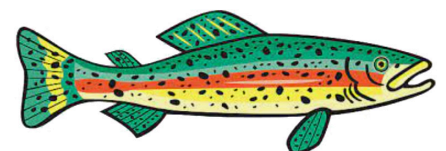
Now that Town Meeting is behind us and maple syrup is in the making, we are trying to gear up for spring. Along with that mud season has hit again with many loads of stone and gravel to make roads passable while waiting for the frost to come out.

The roads are posted for six ton load limit as happens every year about this time. While deliveries are scheduled you should contact us prior to having large trucks bringing items to your residences. Those big trucks can be 10-12 tons depending on size and loads they may be carrying. I appreciate your understanding and help with this although the roads are drying out. The weather will play a part in determining how long the posted signs will be up. The way things are drying out hopefully a couple of weeks may see the weight limit lifted.

Grading has started but not with the same approach as summer grading. Spring time smoothing allows the air to help dry out the dirt roads. We are trying to stockpile gravel at the pit so when we start grading and adding material we can haul from the pit as opposed to hauling from a vendor, saving time.

I wouldn't bet on winter being over yet, but trying to be hopeful and getting geared up for spring projects starting on Fairgrounds Road in the next week or so. When work is taking place on Fairgrounds there will be signs stating Road Construction Ahead. Possible road closures for through traffic are possible at times so please bear with us. The area of work will be approximately from Solitude Ridge Road to about 3500 feet up past Teele Residence. Spring maintenance is in full swing and, as always, if you have any questions, please call or email me.

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Bradford Historical Society

A big thank you to all those who attended Town Meeting and voted to support our warrant article. This will allow BHS to continue improving and maintaining the site with a formal agreement. This agreement opens up more grant opportunities that we have previously been ineligible for. We look forward to hosting the evening portions of the Town July 4th celebrations as we did last year.

Work has started on the replacement chimney we have needed to work the forge safely. Work is moving along quickly, and we look forward to having the forge open for demonstrations this year. Watch out for dates!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - After last year's successful event, we are hosting our 2nd Annual Car Show on Saturday August 17th. There will be more show



categories and prizes. More details will follow closer to the date. If you would like to join us you can register your car by calling Car Show organizer Buddy Allen at 603-838-2835 or (c) 727-278-5504. Or bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP - Please send your membership for 2024 if you haven't done so already! We appreciate your support! This can be done by visiting our website bradfordnhhistorical.org/membership, or by mail to BHS 162 East Main Street, Bradford NH 03221, a membership form can be printed from the website or email bradfordhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for one.

Scholarship Announcements

Bradford Town Scholarship

Bradford Town Scholarships are available to residents of Bradford, NH who are furthering their education in a university, college, school of nursing, technical institute, or pre-professional program. To apply:

- Submit a type-written application telling the committee about post-high school goals and how living in Bradford has helped promote these goals. Leadership, extracurricular and community activities should also be included,
- Submit your most recent transcript, (high school, college or professional certificate),
- Submit a letter of reference from a non-relative,
- Submit a photograph appropriate for media distribution.

Funds are awarded to Bradford students of good academic standing who have demonstrated community involvement, strong leadership qualities, and other considerations as determined by the committee. Bradford residents interested in applying for a scholarship should send all application materials to: Bradford Scholarship Committee, PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221 or email application and materials in PDF or .docx format to: scholarshipcommittee@bradfordnh.org All application materials are due April 30, 2024.

Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship

The Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club (BNSWC) sponsors two \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships are the Bradford Newbury Sutton Women's Club Scholarship and the Jane Miele Lucas Memorial Scholarship. All female residents of Bradford, Newbury and Sutton who wish to further their education or professional development are welcome to apply. The recipient will be chosen based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, community service, and other considerations as determined by the committee. Applications are available at the guidance office at Kearsarge Regional High School or by contacting BNSWCScholarship@gmail.com. Applications are due April 30, 2023

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust Scholarship

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust is currently accepting applications for the Bank's 2024 Career & Technical Education Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to income-eligible high school seniors who attend a technical career program as part of their high school curriculum and are planning to attend a college or technical school in the academic year immediately following graduation. Students must reside in counties in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont where the Bank has a branch location. Applicants selected to receive a 2024 scholarship will be eligible to apply for an additional \$1,000 scholarship in 2025 to be used for their second year of college or technical school. The deadline to apply for the 2024 Career & Technical Education Scholarship is May 1, 2024. Interested students can visit www.barharbor.bank/scholarships for more information about eligibility and to download the application.



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KNP Korner – March 2024

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) is a non-profit dedicated to building a community where neighbors help each other flourish. We collaborate with over 40 community partners serving ten towns in the Kearsarge region, matching the needs of neighbors with committed volunteers who can help in short-term or longer-term situations.

KNP anticipates some wonderful “new beginnings” throughout 2024 as we pilot transportation programs to combat isolation and await the groundbreaking of workforce housing in the region. We extend gratitude to our KNP volunteers, community partners and donors, who band together to make good things possible!

Caring KNP volunteers sent “LOVEly” Valentine cards to 100 neighbors who have received KNP’s services sometime

during the past year, many hand-made or with little treats inside. Thank you for making someone feel loved, seen and valued.

Our Board of Directors and members of committees met for an Annual Meeting at Hilltop in New London on February 26 to review our progress in 2023, and to look ahead to 2024. The “above and beyond” Greta Roberts Award went to Sandi Brownell for her role as an advocate, and for stepping in for Volunteer Director Beth Greenawalt when needed. Bill Turner received the Golden Carburetor Award for his excellent work on Kars for Kearsarge, and Billy Kelly got the Hire Wire Award for his contribution to our IT systems. Kudos to our dedicated Communications Team for the impressive 2023 Annual Report.

Our 2023 Annual Report, which details all how we have collaborated to help the Kearsarge region in the past year, can be viewed on our website: [KNPnh.org/2023-KNP-Annual-Report-Final.pdf](https://www.knpnh.org/2023-KNP-Annual-Report-Final.pdf) ([knpnh.org](https://www.knpnh.org))

Transportation pilot programs are underway to help combat the wide-ranging impacts of loneliness and isolation in the region. Volunteers can drive children to participate in two New London Barn Playhouse programs. A “Fun, Freedom and Nature” committee is brainstorming opportunities for volunteers to transport non-driving adults to social and outdoor activities. Please email us at info@knpnh.org if you would like more information, as either a driver or a program participant.



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Obituaries

Cecelia Richardson

Cecelia A. (Yeager) Richardson, 65, of Campground Road, died March 5, 2024, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center surrounded by family.

She was born in Wilmington, DE, on December 31, 1958, the daughter of the late Russell Yeager and Anna “Lolly” (Bierczynski) Sprague.

Cecelia attended Andover Elementary School and graduated from Franklin High School in 1976. Living in the area most of her life, she had been employed by Cricenti’s Market, Pastries Plus and, most recently, Hannaford’s.

She was an avid reader with a home full of books. She enjoyed baking, puzzles, sewing, practical jokes and traveling. Known as Bachie to her only grandchild, Cecelia was at her best being a grandmother. She loved that role and always looked forward to time spent with Paige.

She is survived by sons, Alan (Jen) Richardson and Jason Richardson of Bradford; Matthew Richardson and Brian Richardson of Andover, NH; her beloved granddaughter, E. Paige Richardson of Bradford; her mother, Anna “Lolly” Sprague of The Villages, FL; brothers, Jerome (Cindy) Yeager of Sutton and Eugene (Anna) Yeager of FL; her former husband and father of their sons, Wendell Richardson of Springfield; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family burial will be in the spring in Proctor Cemetery, Andover, NH.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.



MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

agreed to send the Cost Sharing Agreement and Complete Service Bundle to legal counsel for review. Once documents have been signed by the Board the Coalition will then start the process of sending notices to Bradford rate payers with instructions for joining Bradford Community Power.

Highway Department Steve Hall, Road Agent, informed the Board that winter road maintenance expenses are currently at \$21,000, not including gravel. Line painting on Main Street is scheduled to happen during the next couple weeks. The Board agreed with Steve’s proposal of selling the dump body off the one-ton truck. The price for a sweeping contractor has gone up. Steve has negotiated \$170/hour. The Board and Steve agreed that decisions of these kinds will need to be made after town meeting.

Road Committee Steve Hall reported the committee has put together the plan with Central NH Planning. Planning is ongoing for driveway information and fire lanes, road build specifications. The committee discussed prepping and paving a section of Fairgrounds Road from Solitude Ridge Road to just past “Perry Teal’s driveway.” Prep work would cost about \$12,000. Grinding and repaving would cost about \$125,000. To pave West Road from Bradford Center to East Washington Road is estimated to cost \$325,000.

Fire Department Update 2024 Year to date, 46 incidents (29 EMS and 17 fire). Incidents from February 5 to date: 26 incidents, 11 EMS 15 Fire (including assists in Dunbarton and Warner). Forestry equipment is being purchased for \$2,000 from a grant with a 50/50% share. An interested Bradford resident is completing an application to join the Department. As of February 29, 2024 expenditures from the FD budget total \$12,883.40 for payroll, telephone, electricity and building repairs. Rescue squad has not seen any expenditures. Chief Nowell informed the Board the necessity of the chairs at Town Meeting being zip tied together for safety.

Police Department Update Year to date calls for service total is 726. Since the last update in February there have been 286 calls for service. Officers are completing training. Officer Hubbard is doing the DARE program at the elementary school. Crisis intervention training is being explored by the department.

Town Hall Update Occupancy date is February 22, 2024. Expenses outside the contract are under review. Following Town Meeting planning will begin for moving.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Application Tracey and Jeff Quigley appeared to present an application for the addition of a porch to the front of their home on High Street. The Board accepted the application and fees and scheduled a public hearing for the next Zoning Board meeting, April 3, 2024.

Consultation A property owner appeared to consult about constructing housing on Massacum Avenue to be used seasonally and temporarily.

PLANNING BOARD

Lot Line Adjustment The Board voted to conditionally approve the Lot Line of Adjustment for Richard and Judith Curless for property located at 98 & 102 Davis Road, Bradford, NH 03221 Map 22/ Lots 29 & 30, located in the Residential Rural zoning district, with a vote in favor of 4-0. The conditions for approval are as follows: Set pins for lot line.

CIP Carol Troy would like a Planning Board member to join the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it is part of



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the Planning Board. Carol has been chairing the CIP and noted there needs to be another Planning Board member to fulfill the role on the CIP.

BRADFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Community Power Update Town voted overwhelmingly to join the Community Power Coalition (CPC) at Town Meeting on March 13. The PUC has approved our aggregation plan. Our town council is reviewing the agreement now, and the Selectboard is set to sign it on Monday March 25th. This puts us in line to launch

the program in June. Ahead of the launch, the CPC will send out a mailing in May to every resident/Eversource customer and a public info session will be held. CPC is now the 2nd most populous supplier in the state after Eversource.

Fire Station Shakes to Shingles has subcontracted the weatherstripping around one garage door. Still waiting on the garage door contractor to perform the work. Rebate from NH Saves of \$11,871.50 has been received. Heat Pumps passed at Town Meeting. Three heat pumps for the fire dept to allow for heating and cooling of the specific areas in use. Coupled with recent weatherization, this should result in great savings on energy use.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

National Finals The middle school all girls 8th grade Drone Competition Teams made it to the National Finals in Tennessee in May. They will soon begin some fundraising to send this team to the National Competition.

Election of Officers The Board approved motions to elect Alison Mastin as School Board Chair and Kristen Schultz as Vice Chair.

Software The Board approved a purchase recommendation for Financial Software for the 24-25 fiscal year for Tyler Technologies, Inc for the amount of \$93,828. This is the same vendor, saving money by not having to change module licensing.

Transportation Ben Cushing presented the Transportation Committee’s recommendation regarding changing bus route times for the 2024-2025 school year. Proposed changes include having elementary schools start at the same time, Elementary students would not be on the same bus as older students, and 2 bus runs instead of one. Some busses currently are 3 to a seat, the new routes would create more seating space, and bus transfers would be very limited. Larry Elliott, Director of Student Support Services, stated that this was informational to the Board and the committee would now go to the public.

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In appreciation for all the services the Center provides, the Tuesday morning quilting group, called Stitches from the Heart, has decided to help. Over

the next several months, the group will be raffling off a beautiful queen-sized quilt to raise funds to cover, at least in part, the cost of a new washer. It has taken the group over a year – and close to 1000 hours, all told – to hand stitch the brightly colored quilt, based on the traditional log cabin pattern (see photograph). Over the coming months, the quilt will be displayed at several public locations around town.



Raffle tickets can be obtained for a donation of \$1/one or \$5/six tickets. Tickets are available at the Senior Center any time or wherever the quilt is being displayed. And if you know, without even seeing the quilt up close, that this is an heirloom-to-be that you would like to own or gift, you can send your contribution to P.O. Box 94, Bradford and you will receive your raffle tickets promptly by return mail.

Even if you are not lucky enough to win the quilt itself, you will still have the chance to win second prize of a pillow quilt or table runner (yet to be decided) or third prize of four quilted placemats. So please join us in raising the funds for a much-needed dishwasher.



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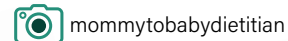


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The fourth grade at KRES-B has the unique experience of being all together in one classroom. All other grades are divided into at least two classrooms, but the population of twenty fourth graders didn't warrant an extra classroom this year. They are under the excellent tutelage of Katie Perkins, who has been at KRES-B for almost thirty years. Para professionals Christina Alterisio and Treste Bean are always on hand to enhance the learning experience.

Katie is the author of a middle-grade novel called "Christmas Spirits" which is a modern version of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." She clearly promotes writing and reading in her classroom. She says "I love teaching 4th grade. This class is such a loving, caring group of kids. They are an absolute joy. All 20 students are energetic, curious, active learners and really great kids!" She is also excited about their current curriculum subjects, including Colonial America, our Revolutionary War, and Simple Machines.

Katie Perkins is also well-known for initiating the Shining Stars program in 2002 that continues to this day. Shining Stars provides an opportunity for fourth and fifth graders to perform full-fledged musical theater productions for the public. Their upcoming production, "Honk", features 40 students and will be performed at the KRHS auditorium on April



The Shining Stars cast of "Honk" is hard at work and having tons of fun rehearsing after school for their upcoming production on April 5-6 at 7pm (snow date 4/7 at 2pm). Forty fourth and fifth graders will perform this delightful musical retelling of "The Ugly Duckling" on the KRHS stage. Tickets are \$7/adult, \$3/child. Don't miss it!

5th and 6th at 7 pm. (Snow date will be April 7th at 2 pm.) With amazing sets and costumes, plus a high-tech sound system, this show is a must-see for local audiences. It's a funny retelling of the classic tale of "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Anderson. Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children at the door.

Two fifth graders, Lauren Cole and Harlow Haraburda, shared their thoughts with me about the Shining Stars production. "No matter what show or part you get, all of us love doing this. Kids look forward to reaching 4th grade so they get to be in the production. We all work together and get to know kids we wouldn't ordinarily hang out with. If you are normally shy, you get to change into someone else on stage. This experience teaches us to be brave and take responsibility. We are so excited and it is so much fun. Come see our show!"

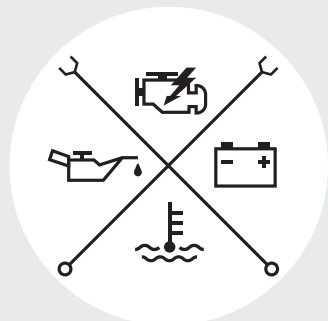
Who can resist? Remember, the ugly duckling turns out to be a swan. Support our elementary students and go to KRHS this weekend to hear catchy tunes like "Wild Goose Chase" and "Warts and All". You will see first-hand how our young people can blossom with self-confidence due to cooperation with peers through the arts.

Laurie Buchar

Upcoming at KRES-Bradford:

- 4/5-6 – Shining Stars show at KRHS (snow date 4/7 at 2pm)
- 4/8 district-wide early release for the solar eclipse (go to Brown Memorial Library at 2:30 pm for eclipse event)
- week of the 8th - Spelling League
- 4/15 - 4/19 Theme Week – Social Emotional Learning
- 4/22 - 4/26 April Break

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The Bradford Community Food Pantry

Open on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm in the church office building (located to the right of the church), if you need help between our open times, please call the church office (603) 938-5313 for an appointment.

The Warner Food Pantry

Tuesday 4:00-6:00pm and Thursday 11:00am-1:00pm. The Fresh Vegetable Cart is on Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm, in the upper parking lot. (603) 456-2053.

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

Housed in the First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London. Hours of service: Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm, Saturdays 10:00-11:30am. Info at the First Baptist Church office. (603) 526-6511.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice

Located in New London, NH serving individuals of all ages in parts of Grafton, Merrimack and Sullivan counties. Services include hospice, palliative care, personal care, and wellness programs. Call for help 24/7: (603) 526-4077, Website: lake-sunapeevna.org, Email: info@lakesunapeevna.org.

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners

Provides the Kearsarge area with a wide variety of services for all: Help with chores, transportation, emergency firewood, home cooked meals, phone check-ins, and much more. They also recognize the value of reciprocity, and look for ways that neighbors seeking help to eventually be in a position to serve others. Website: knpnh.org/, info@KNPnh.org, (603) 317-5900.

Energy Assistance Community Action Programs

of Belknap and Merrimack Counties provides services to eligible households to assist with home heating and electric costs. Website: https://capbm.org/Energy-Assistance, Toll-Free: (800) 856-5525.

NH Saves

This program offers a wide range of rebates toward the purchase of lots of appliances. Also, find out how to apply for a home energy audit and qualify for rebates on energy efficient construction upgrades at the website nhsaves.com.



Do you have a local resource that you'd like to add to this valuable list of helpful organizations? Please reach out and let us know. We'd love to build upon this and keep our community informed and supported. Contact: bradfordbridge345@gmail.com.



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April 2024 Happenings

Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Starting Wednesday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 pm in the office building. Daniel is the story of a person being faithful to God and God's faithfulness to him. The book includes Daniel in the lion's den and the 3 men in the blazing furnace.

Beginners Bible Study. Sunday mornings 8:45-9:30 am. This group will be studying different passages in the Bible to learn more about the third person of the Trinity: The Holy Spirit.

Adult and Teen Challenge group will be speaking at our church on Sunday, April 14 at 10 am. Their mission is to help men, women, boys and girls find freedom from life controlling addictions. Adult and Teen Challenge is a beacon of hope where

God's love and forgiveness transform lives from the inside out. We will hear life changing testimonies of men who found freedom from addictions. A hearty lunch will be served after the service and a chance to talk with the men who lead our service.

Camp Sentinel Sunday, April 28 at 10 am. A staff member from Camp Sentinel will lead our Time with God's Children during worship service. Camp Sentinel is a Christian camp we support. The camp is located in Tuftonboro and offers swimming and boating in Dan Pond, rock wall, zipline, sports, crafts, worship, singing and bible study. We offer scholarships for children to go to camp.

Ongoing ministries:

Men's Breakfast – Breakfast and a message, Saturday, April 6, at 8:00 am in the Friendship Room

Sister to Sister – Devotion, sharing and prayer. Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 am in the Office Building

The Bradford Community Food Pantry will hand out food boxes on Wednesday, April 17, between 5:30-6:30 pm

We worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 am and have Sunday School for children after Time with God's Children during the service. Coffee Hour happens after church with delicious food and connecting with one another.

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All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-5900) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case of any changes. For town boards and committees, check the Town's website calendar for up-to-date times: bradfordnh.org Live Streamed meetings are indicated with this icon:  Go to bradfordnh.gov for login links.


Monday, April 1

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 pm Zoning Board, SR 
 7:30 pm Open Mic, @ 11 West Main

Thursday, April 4

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC
 6:00 pm Economic Dev. Committee, SR 

Friday, April 5

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 12:30 pm 1st Friday Brunch, MVSC
 7:00 pm "Honk" KRES Musical @ KRES



Saturday, April 6

7:00 pm "Honk" KRES Musical @ KRES

Sunday, April 7

2:00 pm Snow date for "Honk" Musical

Monday, April 8

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 2:30 pm Solar Eclipse Party, BML
 3:00 pm Hazard Mitigation, SR 
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, SR 



Tuesday, April 9

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, April 10

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, April 11

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC
 5:30 pm Parks & Rec, SR 
 6:30 pm Budget Committee, SR 

Friday, April 12

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC


Saturday, April 13

11:00 am Rabbit Magic, BML

Monday, April 15

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 6:00 pm Water & Wells presentation by Geologist Joel Banaszak, BML


Tuesday, April 16

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:00 pm Energy Committee, SR 
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

Wednesday, April 17

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:30 pm Open Mic, @ 11 West Main

Thursday, April 18

9:00 am Facilities Use Committee, SR 
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

Friday, April 19


8:30 am Balance & Strength

Saturday, April 20


9:00 am Women's Crafts

Monday, April 22

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC

1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 4:00 pm Jr. Book Group, *Eva Evergreen: Semi Magical Witch*, by Julie Abe, BML
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, SR 

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Planning Board, SR 


Wednesday, April 24

9:30 am LSVNA Wellness Clinic, MVSC
 11:30 am Footcare Clinic by appointment, MVSC
 1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC

Friday, April 26

8:30 am Balance & Strength

Monday, April 29

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 3:00 pm Hazard Mitigation, SR 
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Streaming Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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Friday, April 5, 10:30 am. First Friday Fiber Arts Craft Circle at Brown Memorial Library. Bring whatever fiber related project you're working on (knitting, crochet, spinning, sewing, mending, needle felting, quilting), Tea and coffee (and often a small snack) will be provided. All ages welcome, but if children under 12 attend, they should be accompanied by an adult. There won't be formal instruction, just a time to work on fiber arts projects alongside others! More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

Monday, April 8, 2:30 pm. Eclipse Watch Party at Brown Memorial Library. Join us to watch the solar eclipse on the library lawn. The eclipse begins around 2:15 pm, with (partial) totality beginning a little before 3:30PM. We will have some eclipse goggles available, as well as some snacks. All are welcome, children should be accompanied by adults. More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street. Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, 11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com

Monday, April 15, 6:00 pm. Groundwater and Wells at Brown Memorial Library. Join us for a talk about groundwater and wells with Bradford resident and geologist Joel Banaszak. More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

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SURROUNDING TOWNS

Mondays and Fridays, 6:30 - 8 pm. Pickleball at Simonds School in Warner. More information, sign up on the TeamReach app to see updates and how many are coming! Look for WarnerN-HPB, code WPB21, to join via the app.

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm. Founders Day at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More information, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/events>

Warrant Article Five



This is the poster mentioned in Warrant Article Five: To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of a framed copy of a 1925 50th Anniversary Announcement of the Bradford-Newbury Fair offered by Robert W. Wright, Jr. of Sutton NH. This donation is given under the following two conditions: 1) The Town votes to accept the donation at an annual Town Meeting, and 2) It shall be displayed. **The article passed.** The poster is currently hanging in the Town Offices and will be on display in the Town Hall.

Out & About



40 Years of Ice Out

Lake Massasecum Ice Out Dates

For the past 40 years Dick and Marcia Keller have been keeping a record of ice out dates on Lake Massasecum.



In one of her last contributions to the Bridge last April, Marcia sent her ice-out data for Massasecum from 1984 to the present. And in keeping with all the signs of an early spring, Dick has reported the earliest ever ice out on March 11, 2024. Here is the Keller record of Massasecum ice out dates.



Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I'd like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford

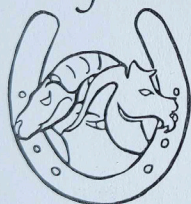


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