

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### SELECT BOARD

**Town Hall Update** Painting is continuing to move along. The flooring in the second floor meeting room has been sanded and refinished. It looks amazing. The Board agreed that it's more cost effective to install the first floor meeting room tin ceiling now as opposed to later. The Board approved a motion to fund the approximately \$11,000 expense to reinstall the tin ceiling on first floor of the Town Hall (as required by LCHIP) from the 2020 Building Maintenance and Repair warrant article account.

**Grader Grant Update** The \$101,000 Clean Diesel Grant has been officially received. Purchasing new grader can move forward.

**Chipper Funds** The Board accepted unanticipated revenue from the sale of the old chipper in the amount of \$3,900 per RSA 31:95-b.

**Police Department Grant** The Board accepted the New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety Traffic Enforcement Patrols Grant in the amount of \$8,200.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Special Exception** Ashley Miller submitted an application for a special exception for Commercial Use in Residential Rural District for property located at Map 11, Lot 58, 3087 State Route 114, Bradford. The Board approved to meet in a special session on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center for the purpose of a public hearing for this application.

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## Bradford Community Power Update

The public is invited to an information session on the Bradford Community Power project on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center.

Community Power is a way for towns to help residents and businesses save money on electric bills. When a town establishes a Community Power program, the town then buys electricity for their residents instead of from traditional utility companies, giving customers pricing options as well as options for renewable energy. The utility companies still deliver the electricity and provide all billing. Customers can opt out of the Community Power program at any time and choose to stay with, in Bradford's case, Eversource, or shop around for other suppliers.

The Bradford Energy Committee has spent the past few months reviewing potential providers. While the committee found all providers would be a win for the town, the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire was their unanimous choice as it offers the most benefits and would be the best fit for Bradford. Thirty nine cities and towns have already joined the Coalition, including our neighbors Warner and New London. The Coalition promises to offer cost savings when compared to Eversource, with current rates as low as 10.9 cents per kilowatt hour.

On August 28th the Energy Committee presented the recommendation to the Select Board and received the Select Board's full approval to pursue a Community Power program with the Coalition.

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## Town Hall Update

We're almost there! Completion of the Town Hall renovation is rapidly approaching.

With the tree removal finally complete, site work has progressed quickly. On the parking lot side of the building, the hole for the sprinkler cisterns was dug and the cisterns have been placed. Simultaneously, the trench to connect the cisterns providing about 20,000 gallons of water to the sprinkler pump system in the basement was dug and conduit to the building was laid.



Next, the hole for the septic tanks was dug and those tanks were set.



Following that, telephone/electric conduit to the building was laid, and the pedestal for the panels was started. On the west side of the building, the

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**→ NEW FEATURE! CHECK OUT:**  
"Community Resources" on page 20.  
Food, energy, and healthcare resources.



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## From The Bridge



Marcia Keller 1930 - 2023

In May of 2022, the Bradford Bridge Board of Directors accepted founding member and Editor Emeritus Marcia Keller's resignation from the board. Marcia played a vital role in maintaining the newspaper's goals and its development for more than 30 years.

She reluctantly handed over to me editorship in 2017 and gracefully provided mentorship with her knowledge of state and local government, Bradford history, and the English language. She steered me to fulfilling our mission and vision. I will strive to continue her level of commitment in collecting and presenting news and stories of our community.

Thank you, Marcia Keller, for your vision, writing skills, knowledge of good government and your good judgment over these 30 plus years.

Although very active in Bradford and New Hampshire government, there is very little written about Marcia. Please enjoy an interview by Harry Wright from August 2022 when Marcia and Dick Keller shared their memories of Bradford. Find it on the Bradford Historical Society website, [bradfordnhhistorical.org](http://bradfordnhhistorical.org) > More of Bradford > Bradford Resident Interviews.

Welcome to this edition where you'll find news and views from around Bradford. Many thanks to all the contributors, to Leah for creative graphic design, to Don for ad coordination, to Harriet who gets the papers where they can be read, and Jeni who steadfastly steers our finances..

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All the best as summer turns to autumn,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

and everyone at the Bradford Bridge

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**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.

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### For Marcia

Yes, we were good friends, which, as you know, is different from family.

I thought of the night of the Town Meeting, two years ago? If Marcia was breathing she would cast her vote. They asked if I would drive them to the school. It had begun snowing that afternoon, and now there were three or four inches on the ground. Their road was like a fairyland, the snow smooth in the headlights. They were on the porch, in hats and coats, waiting.

Getting two people of limited flexibility down the steps and in the car, with seatbelts... it was a challenge. But a challenge they took with good nature and encouragement. I was scared stiff, but borrowed some of their cheerful determination. When we pulled up at the school, the meeting was underway and the voting was open. Many heads turned as Dick and Marcia registered at the table.

The police were helpful in getting them back in the car and on our way. We had to have some momentum to get up onto 103... and we did, and then we slid across the road, but no one was coming in the opposite lane.

“Well, that was exciting,” said Dick.

I got them home safely. They had more confidence in me than I had in myself!

Yes we are friends.  
*Love, Bindy*

Her knowledge, pumpkin breads and teas, the twinkle in her eye, the board meetings. She was Editor Emeritus to a band of unruly writers at the Bradford Bridge. She said she retired in 2020 yet still contributing at the age of 92 with Ice Out dates. Her opinion pieces, articles rarely signed in the 32 years. Those carefully chosen words, well researched, backed by an RSA or knowledge gleaned from work in the Office of State Planning. A bright light who cared about her community will be sorely missed. So, we thank you, Marcia Keller.

*Mary Keegan-Dayton*

### Community Power Update

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Next Steps:

- A public review process is required to ensure Bradford residents understand the plan and process. There will be two public hearings,
- The Coalition will assist the town in creating a Community Aggregation Plan which will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval.
- There will be a Community Power warrant article for the town to vote on at the 2024 Town Meeting.
- Once a warrant article is passed and the PUC approves the Community Aggregation Plan, a public outreach and education campaign will be launched to inform residents of their power supply options and prices.
- Officially enroll residents and launch Bradford Community Power!

On Monday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at the BACC representatives of the Community Power Coalition of NH will give a presentation and answer questions. Come find out why we are so excited about Community Power!

### Who is the Green Fairy?

Someone has been mowing the Town Green at Bradford Center on occasion this summer. We are so grateful and would like to acknowledge their efforts. Please email [lbuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lbuchar@gmail.com) or text (603) 748-5145 for recognition. Thanks!!

*Friends of Bradford Center*

### Dear Rock Artist(s),

Thank you so much for the joy your art brings each time I drive by and see what you have done. The owl is wonderful (and grateful to whoever cleared the brush from its face). The big smiling dog (who needs a touch up and brush clearing), the frog, the lizard, the little gnome/monkey/old wise one by the Day Pond turnout and the turtle turned into a salamander (?) just to name the ones I see. What a delightful and clever thing to do. Thank you for your artistic eye and for sharing it with us!

*Sue McKeivitt  
Bradford, NH*

### Attention Bradford Citizens

The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session on Tuesday, September 12th, between 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm at the Bradford Area Community Center (downstairs) to make corrections to the checklist and accept new registrations.

To register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid ID, and have proof of domicile and citizenship. You can go to [sos.nh.gov](http://sos.nh.gov) for more information about voting and registration.

Supervisors of the Checklist:  
Judy Marshall, Kristine Foss, Thomas Marshall



## Fire & Rescue Department Update

The Bradford Fire & Rescue was busy the past few months. Our call volume continues to be driven by EMS calls and we are on par for call volume with 2022.

The department has been training in boat safety and rescue which was timely given the rain events and flooding we have seen.

We have recruited more trained and experienced folks over the summer making it possible to elevate our care prior to arrival of our transporting ambulance from Henniker and our mutual aid services.

From the emergency management side we are working with our town office and other departments to review website services to send out messaging when an emergency arises or a road or service has issues.

The Department met with the Capital Improvement Program Committee to review department needs and our long range plans for improving our equipment and our services, some of which include health and safety for our first responders.

Upcoming items: We continue to perform life safety inspections of our municipal, commercial and school buildings.



There are fire prevention events planned for the end of summer for summer camp, a touch a truck event with Five Acres, and we're looking to hold a Fire Department open house in October.

This year's fire prevention message from NFPA deals with cooking safety and is "Cooking safety starts with you".

Every day and every month is fire prevention and safety for us. Remember, every home should have a smoke detector on every floor and CO detectors. Also we can't help you if we can't find you, contact the FD about getting a street number for your house.

We participated in the Bradford Historical

Society car show with Bradford's first engine, Engine 1. It was great to support another town committee and we walked away with second place.



Stop by for a visit or call if you would like to visit the station. Remember to call 911 for any emergency.

*Bryan Nowell, Bradford Fire Chief,  
Bradford Fire & Rescue*

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## Hoyt Brook Monitoring

The program to collect data over time on Hoyt Brook, one of Bradford's two main tributaries to the Warner River,



has begun in earnest this year. Despite the rain which has caused more than a couple of cancellations. With the guidance of fisheries biologist Ben Nugent from NH Fish and Game and George Embley, chair of the local Basil Woods Jr. chapter of Trout Unlimited, several measurements will be taken in the headwaters: Ph, dissolved oxygen, temperature, conductivity, and turbidity. All of these calculations will let us know whether the streams are heating

up, whether there might be some source of pollutants, and how healthy the native brook trout and other fish may be.

A timed identification of macroinvertebrates is also a part of this protocol. After all, who would know better than these barely visible to large 'bugs' whether the streams are healthy? Some invertebrates can only survive in super clean water and some are not so fussy. Identifying and counting them gives a good idea how a stream is handling stressors. And they are food for the fish and other wetland creatures.

Bradford currently has no real protection for its streams and surface waters other than the State's oversight of larger public waters such as Warner River and Lake Massasecum. It's all connected though, and if those small tributaries are suffering, everything downstream will also. The Planning Board, in conjunction with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Conservation Commission, is working with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to explore protections for Bradford's surface waters that will be a good fit for the town.

If you would like to get involved with the monitoring of streams in town, contact [BCC@bradfordnh.org](mailto:BCC@bradfordnh.org).

## Town Hall Update

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underground propane tank was set and connected to the building. The pressure tank was installed in the basement and connected to the well. The well pump will be tested once power can be run to the well.

Inside the building, the finishing touches are happening quickly. On the first floor, the hardwood floors of the small conference room and the office/workspace for other town business (Planning, Zoning, Building Inspector, Supervisors of the Checklist, Treasurer, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Commission, Conservation Commission, etc.) were sanded and refinished. Carpet tile was laid in the Town Clerk and Selectmen's Offices. The transaction windows and trays have also been installed. VCT flooring tile has been laid in the bathrooms and the bathroom fixtures (sinks, toilets, partitions) have been installed. Vinyl stair tread and railings have been installed in the stairways. New front doors have been hung, emergency lights throughout the building are installed and five new windows have been installed. Work on the elevator is nearing completion as well. The installation of replacement tin for the ceiling of the first floor meeting room has begun.

In September, the site work will wrap up, the accessible ramp will be poured and a new main entrance will be completed, service counters will be installed, the lift for the stage area will be installed and the installation of the main elevator will be completed. Storm windows will be installed and the final telephone and electric service to the building will be run.

In next month's update, I really, really, really hope to be sharing the celebration date for reopening the Town Hall!

If you have any questions about the renovation, please reach out to the Selectmen's Office (938-5900) or [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org).

*Karen Hambleton,  
Bradford Town Administrator*



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## From Dan Innis, NH State Senator

New Hampshire has a reputation for small government and responsible spending. In the budget that was passed by the legislature in June, we were able to address the most pressing issues facing our state, while helping our cities and towns with additional funding for schools, housing, and property tax relief. The budget was truly bipartisan, and it passed the Senate on a 24-0 vote. It passed the House by a large margin as well. That is a great success, and the votes reflect our ability to work together to move New Hampshire forward.

More specifically, the budget will help our towns and citizens in a number of ways. For example, the budget includes \$20 million for municipal highway and bridge grants. Importantly, aid to schools increased substantially, with funding for student aid to education set to increase by 31% over the next decade. The budget also provides \$318 million in new funding for buildings and general funding to our school districts.

One of the major issues facing our state and its communities is housing. I was the prime sponsor of a bill to address the issue, and we were able to allocate more than \$50 million to assist with affordable housing, workforce housing, and the homeless crisis. There is more work to do in this area, and I will be sponsoring another bill this fall to take additional steps to move forward with improvements to housing.

In addition, we have provided an additional \$232 million in funding for our “rainy day fund,” and continue to phase out the interest and dividend tax, which will help seniors when they retire. The budget also provides tens of millions of dollars in new funding for mental health and recovery services. And, being mindful of our environment, the budget has \$46 million in funding for water pollution control projects, PFAS contamination cleanup, cyanobacteria cleanup (this is an issue in our area), air pollution reduction, solid waste management, and rural and urban transit.

With all of this spending, it may seem as though we increased the budget substantially, however, the increase was carefully managed as it is important that we keep pace with inflation, which continues to be higher than normal. The budget passed by the Senate, forwarded to the House, and signed by the Governor was \$750 million dollars less than the initial House budget, and \$500 million below the Governor’s starting budget. The Senate was prudent in its use of surplus funds generated from the state’s strong economy, and that helped us to keep spending in check.

Beyond the budget, there were a number of important bills that made it into law this year. A bill that I brought forward to study the USDA inspection process in our state, and to explore alternative inspection processes, is designed to help small farmers get meat products to market more smoothly. Illogically, there are substantial restrictions on meat distribution to supermarkets due to USDA rules that do not apply to sales from a farm store or to sales to restaurants. If “farm to table” is a legitimate goal for our state, we need to make it easier for small farmers to get product to market.

There were other important bills passed that address small business development in our state, including a 43% increase in funding to UNH’s Small Business

Development Center, as well as bills to improve access to health care and support for Medicaid and WIC. We were also able to increase funding for the Child Advocacy Centers and funding for the NH Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. An additional \$15 million was included for recruitment and retention bonuses for New Hampshire childcare employers and scholarship funding for parents.

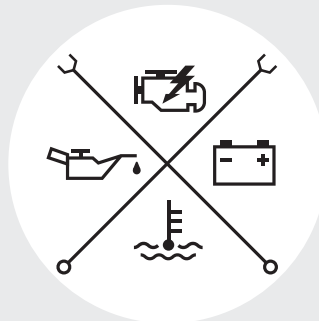
In summary, this was a great start to our legislative session, and as Vice Chair of Finance and Chair of the Capital Budget Committee, I am proud to have played a key role in crafting a responsible budget that addresses many important issues facing our state, while keeping taxes in check and returning hundreds of millions of dollars to our cities and towns to assist in property tax relief. We get back to work in the State House in September, and I look forward to continuing to work across the aisle for the benefit of our state and its citizens. As your Senator, I represent you, so please never hesitate to reach out. Have a great fall!

*Daniel Innis, State Senator,  
Merrimack District 7*

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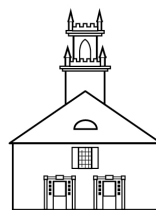
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## Bradford Center Meetinghouse News

Record numbers of people enjoyed superb music and good times this summer at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse.



Thanks to all our generous sponsors who supported each concert and allowed us to raise funds from ticket sales to benefit the historical buildings at the Center, now that our window restoration project is complete. Extra thanks go to Merrimack County Customs for the donation of an elegant railing at the entrance of the Center Schoolhouse. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with the myriad tasks involved in hosting public events in so remote a setting. All of these efforts truly ripple and keep the pulse beating at the heart of Bradford. We love our community!



Board members (top step) Leah Cummings, Susan Reeder-Moss, Laura Beaton, (lower) Bo Cummings (board member in training), and Laurie Buchar.

To keep up on the happenings at Bradford Center, check out our website at [www.bradford.center](http://www.bradford.center).



## Garlicky Mushrooms



1 pound mushrooms  
of choice

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

¼ cup white wine optional

1 sprig fresh thyme or a  
pinch of dried thyme

2 cloves garlic minced

chives for garnish optional

- Clean mushrooms by gently wiping with a paper towel or using a mushroom brush. Slice into thick slices (about ½”).

- Add butter and oil to a pan and heat over medium high heat.

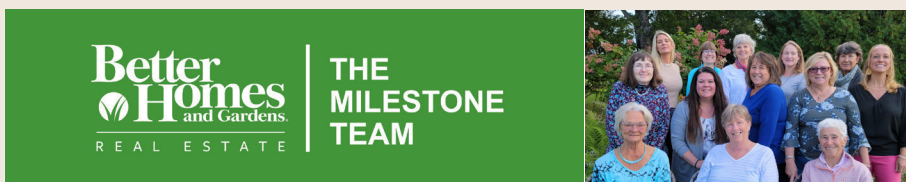
- Quickly toss the mushrooms & soy sauce (do not do this ahead of time, this will remove too much moisture from the mushrooms)

- Add the mushrooms to the pan and toss with olive oil mixture. Do not stir allow to cook about 4-5 minutes without disturbing to brown on one side.

- Add white wine if using and allow to evaporate. Add garlic and thyme (if using). Continue cooking an additional 3-4 minutes stirring occasionally until cooked.

- Season with salt & pepper to taste.

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4. **Check out the neighborhood** at different times of the day and week before committing to buying. Get information on the town and the schools.
5. **Think re-sale.** A house in a bad school district or on a busy street will impact the future value and limit your target audience.

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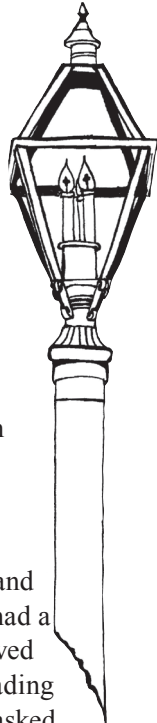
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 Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
 Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Summer is coming to an end, and for me this is bittersweet. We had a fun summer at the library. I loved the excitement our summer reading program provided kids. I was asked by several people if next year we could have an adult summer reading program. Let me think about that. What will my treasure chest look like for adults? What kind of junky prizes would you like to receive? Bookmarks? Gum? Candy? How much would you have to read to get a prize? If it would help motivate you to read, I'd consider it!

We may be starting a junior book group in the fall! A very motivated ten-year-old, who wanted to work/volunteer at the library, will potentially be running the group with my help. We must decide on a date and time to begin, but I'm looking forward to hearing kids talk about books.

A lending library of “things” has also been proposed. We could lend a multitude of items from toys, tools, strollers, musical instruments, and cooking equipment for example. I could start us off with a bread machine I have never used as well as an air fryer. You get the idea. Does anyone else have interesting ideas for programs or ways our library could be of greater use for our community? If so, please call or email me. I'm all ears.

I want to recommend an author that I believe should be read! Percival Everett. His writing is humorous, political, ironic, and incredibly readable. *The Trees*, loosely based on the lynching of Emmett Till, set in current day Money, Mississippi, is a book teeming with different genres, police procedural, horror, satire, and magical realism. It's a book about American racism, both thoughtful and heady, and incredibly funny. You may wonder how this could work in one novel, but it does, in a masterful way. I also loved his novel, *Erasure*, that features an African American author who is desperately trying to get his academic novels published, but the publishing world finds his voice “too white.” So, to get seen (his name in the novel is Thelonious Ellison—connected to Ralph Ellison, who wrote *Invisible Man*) Thelonious writes a tongue-in-cheek novel called *My Pafology*, which includes every terrible stereotype about Black men, and unbelievably it is applauded and encouraged by the literary world. Everett is clearly angry about the ambiguity of the publishing world, but he writes with a great sense of humor. This novel is poignant, smart, and funny.

Lastly, I want to give a huge thank you to Kate Cusick, who has worked with me for the past two years. I am so appreciative of the time she has spent here. She has kept me organized and has been such a friendly and helpful librarian to the patrons of BML. Kate is moving on to work at KRES Bradford as a paraprofessional; it's where she belongs, the school needs her!

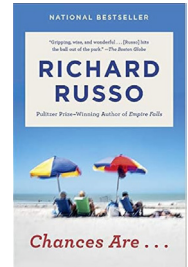
## September Events—



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**Saturday, September 30th from 10:00-2:00pm:** Book & Halloween Costume Sale (now accepting gently used costumes for the event).

## Meet Benji



Meet Benji, the baby kangaroo who visited Brown Memorial Library recently with Derek Small of Wildlife Encounters along with an adorable chinchilla, a fascinating armadillo, a long snake, a poisonous bullfrog, and an alligator turtle. Fifty people of all ages laughed and learned together at our local library.

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## Kearsarge Regional Elementary School at Bradford



It's a new season of change and growth at KRES-Bradford. School opened on August 29th and the hallways are once again filled with smiling faces, squeaky sneakers, and fresh school supplies. Of the twelve K-5 classrooms, five teachers have stayed constant from last year. Four teachers have switched grade levels, and three new teachers are ready to offer their best to our school children. Pictured above from left to right are new teachers Sarah Warner (2nd grade), Ashley Boudrias (3rd grade), and Hannah Duval (2nd grade).

In addition, there are two new teachers, Ashley Bauer-Hann and Jen Paquette, in place to open the James House South Pre-School Program on campus.

This promises to be an exciting mix of fresh insights and comforting familiar faces at school. Welcome to all the new teachers and students, as well as all those returning. Next month we will learn more about the para-professionals who are instrumental in keeping the school day running smoothly. We are off to a great start!

*Laurie Buchar*

## Tribute to a Mighty Oak

On July 28th, 2023, a stately and elegant old oak tree had to come down to make room for the Town Hall Septic system. The tree was magnificent, one of the rare white oaks to be found. All attempts to save it could not compete with the location need for the septic system, so it had to go. Prior to its take down, a ceremony was done for it, including leaving prayer flags (in the original Aramaic language the word prayer means "creating an energy field") tied to it. In the flags were some tobacco and words of gratitude for all the shade, beauty, and oxygen that it offered to us for all of its life. Its very close



neighbor, another magnificent white oak, had

time to say goodbye as the two of them have been best neighbors and perhaps friends for over 150 years. The workers who took it down did so with reverence as they understood how mighty a tree it was. We hope whoever has taken the wood will honor it and create something beautiful from the massive butt pieces, each weighing 5000+ and 7000+ pounds. The remaining wood may warm a home, continuing the tree's gift even though it no longer stands.

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## Fun Events at Bradford Historical Society!

August was a busy month in Bradford and BHS was happy to be part of the fun. A progressive Dinner fundraiser was held with guests traveling to three different locations enjoying lovely food, drink and company. About \$1000 was raised to go towards our painting fund! A big thank you to all those who came and to those Trustees who hosted the evening.



The following week BHS held its first “Car Show” on our campus. It was a great success with over 30 cars showing up throughout the afternoon. People voted for their favorite vehicle and gift cards were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. A big thank you to the Appleseed Restaurant for their donation. The Car Show was the

idea of BHS trustee Buddy Allen, and the event far surpassed all our expectations for our first time hosting such a gathering. We hope to make this an annual event in the future.

On the same day as the car show, members were invited to the opening of the Old Post Office. BHS was delighted to have our own Trustee and former Post-mistress Harriet Douglass cut the ribbon for the opening pictured below with BHS President Harry Wright. Harriet has been a great supporter of BHS, is a longtime resident and always has a story to tell about Bradford!



Work has been going on to restore the front interior of the building back to as it was when in service. Using research from locals who remember how the post office was, a front wall has been beautifully designed and built by BHS volunteer Jeff Quigley. The old sorting tables that were donated to BHS by the Hall family are back in use. The back section of the building houses an archive storage area and our genealogy research area. We have some sturdy new steps at the front built by trustees Link and Patty Heffner. A ramp option will be revisited when the area is landscaped with paths and parking areas. Now the interior has been completed we need to turn our attention to the exterior. We are actively fundraising to paint the Old Post Office and had a great start with our progressive dinner. If you would like, donations may be made on our website [www.bradfordnhhistorical.org](http://www.bradfordnhhistorical.org) or by mail to BHS 162 East Main St, Bradford, NH 30221.



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Between 15-30 participants meet on Mondays and Fridays from 8:45 am prompt to 9:30 am. During every session, attendees participate in a carefully designed series of resistance exercises, including working with leg weights and lightweight dumb bells, as well as stretching and balance. Interspersed with the exercises, be forewarned, John and Charlene share slightly off-color jokes and solicit participants’ responses to the Question of the Day. Everyone who attends quickly gets drawn into the camaraderie of sharing laughter and starting the day off energetically with a group of friends. We’d love to have you join us. You won’t regret it.

*Mariah Storm*



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	12:30–3:00	<b>Mahjong</b> and other games
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Thursdays	12:30	<b>Dominos</b>
Fridays	8:45–9:30	<b>Strong Living:</b> Bodybuilding and weight training for seniors
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Tuesdays	12:15	<b>Lunch</b>
Thursdays	11:30	<b>Lunch</b>
1st Friday every month	9:30	<b>Brunch</b>
Monday–Friday	8:00–1:30	<b>Grab and Go Take Out</b> – frozen meals are available
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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

*(Continued from page 1)*

**Building Guidance** Jim Hill appeared for guidance on building a house on his property on State Route 114. Since the property is in a business/residence zone, the Board agreed that building a residence should be okay. A site plan will need to be filed with the Planning Board.

**Subcommittee** Jim Varney has volunteered to work on the proposed Shoreland Protection Overlay District subcommittee.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Tiny Homes** The Board discussed tiny homes and if an ordinance was necessary to address them. Michele Halstead, West Road, Bradford, appeared with a statement saying that the public needs to be involved in decisions relative to tiny home development. Hilary Raulinaitis, 856 West Road, Bradford, appeared

by Zoom to support Michele’s comments. Katie Olohan, Chair, thanked Michele for appearing and for her input. She added that this topic needs to be addressed by the Planning Board. When an ordinance is drafted, the public will be informed.

**Shore Protection** Overlay District A subcommittee is being formed that will consist of 2 planning Board members, 1 from Zoning, 1 from Warner River Advisory, 1 from Conservation Commission, and Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning. Carol Meise will onboard members and set a meeting date.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Bradford Springs Hotel Site** Dirt is needed for the driveway at this location, as tree roots are exposed. Commission member Ann Eldridge will contact Steve Hall for suggestions on a possible fill source.

**Battles Farm** George Beaton, Seth Benowitz and Owen Dempsey put in a

hard day of labor to improve the trails at the Battles easement. There was much gratitude expressed for this generous volunteer effort!

**Breezy Hill** An Alteration of Terrain permit was approved on the property abutting the Warner River off of Breezy Hill Road. Ken Milender from Warner River Local Advisory Committee would like a site inspection to view the erosion control measures which were mandated. Ann Eldridge will send a letter to NHDES in support of this site inspection request. Commission member George Beaton recently kayaked with Ryan Leo from NHDES on this section of the Warner River to inspect the buffer zone in this area along the river. No problems with further erosion were observed, and the storm drain/culvert appears to be functioning well.

**Deer Valley Culvert** A priority mitigation status for the Deer Valley Road culvert project is being sought by Ben Nugent from NH Fish and Game.



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Replacement of this culvert is of great importance, so a statement of support from the BCC will be sent.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE**

**Community Power** For the past three months community power has been the primary topic at Energy Committee meetings. In August the committee unanimously agreed that the Community Power Coalition of NH would be the best match for Bradford’s electrical supply needs. At their meeting on August 28 the committee asked and received approval from the Selectboard to initiate the application process. There is no cost or obligation to join the Community Power Coalition. Representatives from the Community Power Coalition of NH will make a presentation to the Select Board and residents on September 18. Public hearings and voting at the March ’24 Town Meeting as well as approval of our plan by the Public Utilities Commission would all be required. Residents could opt out of the plan at any time (and opt back in again at any time) with no charges.

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Book Sale** Library book sale will be on Saturday, September 30 from 10am-2pm.

**Farewell** Kate Cusick gave her notice at the library. Library Director Ellen Barselle believes there are current library employees that can pick up the additional hours.

**MASONIC BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Septic** Mel Pfeifle updated the committee on the availability of the recent

septic inspection done on the building. Unfortunately, the recording was erased by the company and only a sketch of where the 1000-gallon tank is located was available. To redo the inspection would cost around \$290. This was added to the list of items needed for costs related to all options, following the Committee’s commitment to have up to date facts and professionally done assessments about the building and not rely on hearsay.

**Brainstorming Activity** Kris Foss handed out sticky notes and everyone was invited to write down all ideas that would then be sifted in the next process round. Sticky notes were separated into several large areas labeled. “Demolish & Parking”, “Move it”, “Repurpose It” and additionally “Creative ideas when building gone”. Committee members were given two votes and for the larger sections “Move It” had the most, followed by “Demolish & Parking” and no votes for “Repurpose It”.

**Research** Assignment tasks were split up among committees to report back for the next meeting with estimates or information. Bruce Gezeleman will investigate tear down costs. Pat Moreland will contact real estate agents to get value on the building as is and with the whole parcel. Bryan Nowell will look into the parking lot mapped out with right of way, leach field and how many spaces can be put in per code. Ann Kratz offered to help with a simple site plan. Tracey Quigley will investigate companies that will move the building.

**KRSD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Superintendent Search** The Board approved the purchase recommendation for 24/25 Superintendent Search Consulting from NESDEC in the amount of \$7,760.00, plus \$1,560.00 for travel and administrative tasks for a total amount of \$9,320.00.

**Bus Driver Shortage** The Transportation Company has approved 15 large bus routes for the upcoming school year that will be published on the district website early next week. Last year there were 16 bus routes and 19 the year before that. In many years past, the district had 23 to 24 bus routes. The decrease in bus routes will lead to longer rides for students, buses with more students on them, and different pickup and drop-off times than previous years, with some students being picked up 30 minutes earlier and dropped off 30 minutes later than last year.

**Lawn Mower** The Board approved the purchase recommendation for a zero-turn lawn mower from Knoxland Equipment in the amount of \$31,500.00.

**Water Testing** The Board approved the purchase recommendation for yearly water testing and maintenance from Secondwind Water Systems in the amount of \$25,607.34

**Trash Removal** The Board approved the purchase recommendation for trash removal from Naughton & Son Recycling, Inc. in the amount of \$73,067.00.

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# Obituaries

## Marcia Olive Keller



Marcia Olive Keller, died on her 93rd birthday, the 8th of August, 2023, surrounded by family members, including her husband, Dick, of 72

delightful years, her daughters Regina, Janis and Leah and her son, Brad.

Marcia grew up in Wakefield, Massachusetts, attended Mount Holyoke College and the University of New Hampshire, gaining an advanced degree in Municipal Planning. She was employed in the Office Of State Planning until she retired.

The Kellers started their married life in Irvington, NJ. From there they moved to Queens, NY, Lynnfield, MA, Barrington, RI, and Alton, NH. They finally settled back in Bradford, New Hampshire where they first met. Marcia never hesitated to get involved in laboring on the homes they built as they moved about, or taking time to travel in between. Marcia was very creative: producing home decorations, wonderful baked goods, knitting, and sewing clothing. She excelled in cooking and enjoyed entertaining in her younger adult years. One of her life-long loves, besides her husband, Dick Keller, was her family property, the Nelson Farm, on Lake Massasecum.

In retirement, she remained involved with the Town of Bradford, serving on the planning and select boards. She was instrumental in bringing the Bradford Bridge into existence and was an active editor and board member on this monthly publication.

At the last, Marcia died at home as the result of a stroke.

## Michael F. Ripberger



Michael F. Ripberger, age 77, of Milton, NH, died July 28, 2023, at home, with his family by his side.

Born September 28, 1945 in Elwood, Indiana, a son of Paul & Nora Lee Ripberger, he was a graduate of Tipton High School, Class of 1964.

He worked with the U. S. Postal Service, as a flexible clerk and moved up to management from 1969-1989. He served as PostMaster from 1989-2000 in Bradford, NH, retiring in 2000.

Michael joined the U.S. Marine Corps, as an accounting tech from 1964-1968, serving in Vietnam. He served with the U.S. Army from 1972-1977, as enlisted personnel, and retired as a Captain.

Michael was an active member of the Masonic Lodge since 1995, he served as Master of the Lodge 2004-2005, he received the Meritorious Service Award, Valley of Concord. He joined the Silver Hill Vesta #49 in 1998, served as Worthy Patron from 1998-2001, and Associate Patron from 1999-2000. He served as Grand Representative to Arizona from 2005-2007, he received the John Sullivan Service Medal in bronze. Mike was President, Grand Representative.

Mike joined the National Sojournes Portsmouth Chapter 386. He was awarded the Presidential Citation, he was Secretary/Treasurer for the Police Squares for ten years. Mike received the Sammy Lee David Defender of Peace Freedom. He was a member of the American Legion in Warner, NH.

Mike coached football in Warner, from 1995-1996, the team "Notre Dame". He coached Little League in Portsmouth, was their President, umpired Little League Babe Ruth in Portsmouth, umpired baseball in Concord, and Hillsboro, and coached youth soccer in Bradford.

Mike was a call fireman in Portsmouth and Newbury, an Ambulance Driver in Bradford. He helped cook at the Bradford Junction for many years. Mike was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Catherine's Church in Portsmouth.

Survived by his wife Betty Ripberger and their children: Michael W. Ripberger, Michelle Smith and Kristina Robert, grandchildren: Laura, Thomas, Kate, Kyle and little Mike, Faith, Cody, Hope, Ryann, Austin and Jaydean, great granddaughters: Genevieve and Makena, sister, Marty Quillen, brothers: Ed, Phil, Steven and Fred Ripberger, nieces, nephews and godsons: Thomas Ripberger, Steven Dale & Cody Poirier. Predeceased by his brother Mark Ripberger.

Interment with military honors by the USMC was held at N.H. Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to Cornerstone VNA/Hospice, 178 Farmington Road, Rochester, NH 03867. To express condolences, please visit: [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com).





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## The Masonic Building Journey Post Town Meeting

Standing empty, at the intersection of Route 103 and West Main Road next to the firehouse, is the building known around town as the “Mason’s Building” or “Masonic Building.” For those who may not have been following this building’s journey, a warrant article by petition was brought for a vote at the annual town meeting last March requesting that it be torn down with an estimated budget of \$50,000 to make way for easier access by the fire trucks to the road and additional parking for the firehouse. The warrant did not pass, and a public input meeting to hear ideas, options, and opinions was held on April 24, 2023.

The Selectboard then asked for volunteers and selected seven people to serve on a committee to explore and research options for the building and bring back recommendations. The committee consists of Mel Pfieffe, Selectboard member, Kris Foss from the Economic Development Committee, Anne Kratz, Deputy Town Clerk and local artist, Bryan Nowell, Bradford Fire Chief, Tracey Quigley from the Bradford Historical Society, and Bruce Gezelman, and Pat Moreland, Bradford residents. Together, we decided on a process to identify and vet options. We conducted a walk-through of the building and pulled as much primary source information about the property as possible. We then held a brainstorming session, throwing as many ideas out for consideration and consolidating them into a

few options. We are now heading into the final vetting process.

We requested funds from the Select Board to have asbestos testing conducted, as well as a basic septic inspection to assess the location and size. Our request was denied and we were directed to use worse-case estimates in determining option costs, assuming the presence of asbestos, lead, and other cost considerations.

We have heard the needs of the fire department, and we have considered the challenges of blurred property lines between the Fire Station and the Masonic Building, and the lack of parking to support most new uses for the building. One of the options we are considering is a way to give the building a next chapter, in a new location with a new owner that could return funds to Bradford to pay for other needed projects. As we wrap up our work, we will bring our recommendations to the Selectboard, and hold a public meeting for input. Any recommendations will include a plan and cost analysis to ensure that corner is appealing and reflects a Main Street look we can all be proud of.

Ultimately, the Selectboard will decide what option or options will go forward as a warrant article to be voted on by the town at our March annual meeting. I encourage my fellow townspeople to participate in the public meeting, register to vote if not already, and attend the town meeting and vote. Your participation matters. Your voice matters. Your vote matters.

*Kris Foss*



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Sunset Hill Educational Institute (SHEI), a 501(c)3 organization, was established in 2006 by Carol Conforti-Adams after a life-changing spinal cord injury. Carol was determined to still contribute to the community by working closely with peer staff, volunteers, and a supportive Board of Directors. As Executive Director, Carol uses her background in health, education, and human services to focus the mission of the SHEI organization. In the early years SHEI provided services for at-risk youth, young adults, and individuals living with disability. In 2012 the Wheelchair Health In Motion (WHIM) program was created providing leadership training and wellness programs throughout NH.

In 2019, WHIM was experiencing access problems at public sites and felt it needed to change their approach. SHEI's office was in an old rural homestead located on the town lines of South Sutton, Bradford, and Warner, NH and decided the programs and services should be expanded. By utilizing the outdoor space at the homestead, they added ADA accessible pathways, an ADA restroom, and an open classroom pavilion to create Nature's Way at SHEI.

Introduced in 20022, the Nature's Way program was developed by our colleague and staff member Andy Jeffrey and the WHIM Advisory Council. The Nature's Way curriculum and the outside accessible pathways are designed to broaden understanding of wellness and mental well-being for all ages. Nature Way's mission is to provide programs that integrate education, nature, and wellness for discovering a vital and fulfilling life.

Nature's Way at SHEI is also conducting child-parent programs, offering schools the space to have an outside classroom, and is available to organizations with a similar mission. If you would like to know more about Sunset Hill Educational



Institute and our services we invite you to enjoy live jazz and mingle with friends at the SHEI OPEN HOUSE on September 16th from 3-6pm. Food and beverages provided at 222 Blaisdell Hill Road Bradford or take Johnson Hill Road in South Sutton. For more info email [carol@sheinh.org](mailto:carol@sheinh.org) or call 938-2562.



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# ~OUTSIDE~

When I first became aware of birdsong as a kid, I believed that they sang purely for the joy of music - little feathered turntables enjoying their private concerts. (It was still in the age of turntables and records.) Somewhere along the way, we are taught that vocalizations are not just happy tunes made by idle birds but aggressive methods of establishing territories and competing for mates. The explosive dawn chorus was a way of figuring out who made it through the night and whether there were new opportunities for advancement. Perhaps this interpretation is colored by how our own competitive society functions at this time.

The dawn chorus that first greeted the new colonists to North America astonished them. They were from urban Europe and had lost much of their own background sound track. The chorus faded over the centuries and has faded further in my lifetime. There are still the calls of returning thrushes when the leaves are fully expanded in late spring. At the end of July, they grow silent except for brief call notes. Their work here is done and they molt – changing their clothes for the long flight to South America where there will still be bugs to eat warmed by the equatorial sun.

The family of thrushes are to our ears among the most magnificent of singers. Their tunes follow harmonic patterns similar to ours. Robins are

members of this family as are wood and hermit thrushes and veeries. A friend of mine described veeries as ‘the ones that sing in a drainpipe’. This ethereal call is possible because birds don’t breathe like mammals. Our muscular diaphragms pull fresh air into flexible lungs that still



contain stale air not fully expelled from the previous breath. Birds have a two-step, one-way system by which their intricately muscled rib cage powers the bellow of air sacs located in the stern. These pass oxygenated air through small rigid lungs and pull it out by another

set of air sacs to the fore. There is no time lapse between air in and air out and thus much greater efficiency. Birds may pant from overheating but they never get winded from their exertions, even in oxygen-poor high altitudes.

Thrush sound like the best of flutes. Unlike us, birds don’t have vocal cords in a larynx high up in our throats. They have a vibrating organ called a syrinx deep in their chests where their trachea divides to their two lungs. Two separate sets of muscles are in intimate control. In some species, the two separate sets of muscles are tuned to two different scales with high notes on one side of the syrinx and low notes on the other. Though not discernible in some songbirds, the cascading song of veeries demonstrates that they can harmonize with themselves.

We are inclined to believe that bird society also follows the current Western nuclear family pattern with a belligerent male defending the nest and his mate and she does most of the work. This, researchers have found, is not always the arrangement with birds. Apparently rare among migrating songbirds, veeries, Bicknell’s, and some other thrushes have fluid relationships and males will work to defend and feed whatever veery nestlings are part of their community. Though they won’t interbreed with close relations, most of the males are somewhat related to each other and most of the females are similarly sisters, aunts, and grandmothers. Veeries return to their natal areas from their Brazilian wintering grounds to reestablish these family dynasties.

In July, when I first read about veery society, they were still singing. Three or four were serenading from the same patch of damp woods. It is easier to defend and feed multiple nests when they are in close proximity. A hundred or so years ago, when the more aggressive wood thrush expanded its range into the Northeast, hermit thrush moved to drier, higher ground and declined. Veeries are managing well enough so far in the wetland edges.

Now in August, it’s past midnight and I’m still awake – as are the hundreds of thousands of migrating birds traveling through the night. All of them are seasonal insomniacs. Most thrush have very large eyes designed for life in deep woods but songbirds are usually crippled by darkness. They navigate to their winter homes by using the stars, the movement of the sun, sensing magnetic fields, detecting polarized light, or even by memories of smell or sound. Veeries can be recognized even high aloft by their call notes – an insistent ‘Here! Here!’ as they keep in constant contact with each other through the night.

I like to imagine them passing overhead calling, still helping each other out.

Ann Eldridge

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**The Bradford Community Food Pantry** is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30 pm 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.

**Community FREEdge at Sweet Beet Market**, open and available to all 24/7/365. 11 West Main, Bradford. Stocked three times per week with fresh produce, meat and eggs, pantry items, and prepared meals from Sweet Beet Café.

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

**Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry.** Housed in the First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London. Hours of service: Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 pm, Saturdays 10:00-11:30 am. Info at the First Baptist Church office 603-526-6511.

**Lake Sunapee Region VNA & 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: [lakesunapeevna.org](http://lakesunapeevna.org), email: [info@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:info@lakesunapeevna.org).

**Energy Assistance Community Action Programs** of Belknap and Merrimack Counties provides services to eligible households to assist with home heating and electric costs. Web site: [capbm.org/Energy-Assistance](http://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 all at [nhsaves.com](http://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](mailto:bradfordbridge345@gmail.com).

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# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## Assurances of Recycling

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Northeast Resource Recovery Association Mission is “Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions.” The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is the oldest and largest cooperative-model recycling nonprofit in the United States. NRRA partners with over 450 municipalities, businesses, and individuals throughout

New England to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions. In particular, NRRA supports many small, rural communities in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. NRRA is one of only a handful of nonprofits in the country that enables communities to manage their own recycling programs by connecting them with end markets for recyclables. Founded in 1981, NRRA has a deep expertise in the recycling markets, and in partnership with our members, we share that information through education and technical assistance.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

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## League of NH Craftsmen Fair



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# BRADFORD COMMUNITY EVENTS

*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](http://bradfordnh.org)*

**Monday, September 4**

LABOR DAY  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, September 5**

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

**Wednesday, September 6**

1:00 pm Yoga  
4:00 pm Orienteering for kids and adults with Ed Reehorn, please pre-register, BML  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm CIP  
7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Thursday, September 7**

7:00 pm Economic Dev. Committee

**Monday, September 11**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Checklist Session

**Wednesday, September 13**

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

**Thursday, September 14**

5:30 pm Parks & Rec.  
6:30 pm Budget Committee

**Friday, September 15**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

**Monday, September 18**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Energy Committee

**Tuesday, September 19**

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

**Wednesday, September 20**

9:00 am Footcare Clinic, MVSC  
1:00 pm Yoga  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm CIP

**Friday, September 22**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

**Monday, September 25**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC  
10:00 am Storytime, BML  
1:00 pm Bridge Group  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, September 26**

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

**Wednesday, September 27**

1:00 pm Yoga  
4:30 pm Girl Scouts  
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
6:00 pm CIP  
7:00 pm Book Group, "Chances Are" by Richard Russo, BML

**Friday, September 29**

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

**Saturday, September 30**

SAVE THE DATE: *Bradford Celebration Day*  
10:00 am Book & Halloween Costume Sale, until 2:00 pm, BML (now accepting gently used costumes for the event)

**Calendar Abbreviations**

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



If an apple a day  
keeps the doctor  
away, what does an  
onion do?



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## Bradford Community Church Events

88 W. MAIN ST., BRADFORD, NH, 603-938-5313

### August Happenings

Pastor, Rev. Lynne Hubley. Office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am to noon.

Bible Studies–

Beginners Bible Study:  
Sunday mornings from 8:15-9:15 am.

Book of James:  
Thursday evenings at 7 pm

Book of Genesis:  
Wednesday evenings at 6 pm

Men's breakfast and devotions.  
Saturday, September 2 at 8:00 am

Sister to Sister gathering.  
Saturday, September 9 at 8:30. Bring your coffee and come and enjoy a biblical devotion, great fellowship and praying.

New Members Gathering. Anyone interested in joining the church will gather after worship on Sunday, September 10.

Adult and Teen Challenge for women. This group will lead our worship service on Sunday, September 24 by sharing their addiction testimonies and music.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry is open the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30 pm (September 20, 2023) 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.



### BRADFORD

**Wednesday September 6, 7:00 pm.**

Open Mic night at 11 West Main St, Bradford. Come to open mic night. Join us to participate or just listen.

*11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com*

**Wednesday, September 6, 4:00 pm.**

Brown Memorial Library. Orienteering for kids and adults with Ed Rehor. Learn how to read a map, use a compass, and find your way. Please sign up ahead of time as we have limited compasses.

**Sunday, September 17, 12:00 pm.**

Relax and Recharge: Unplug with Forest Bathing at The Rosewood Country Inn. More information, *www.forestflow.com*

**Monday, September 18, 6:00 pm.** BACC meeting room. Representatives from the Community Power Coalition will talk and answer questions about Bradford's proposed community power program. Refreshments!

**Wednesday September 20, 7:00 pm.**

Open Mic night at 11 West Main St, Bradford. Come to open mic night. Join us to participate or just listen.

*11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com*

**Saturday, September 23, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Kearsarge Food Hub's Annual Educational Fair. Come on down to Sweet Beet Market at 11 West Main Street for eco-educational activities for all ages. Contact: *hanna@kearsargefoodhub.org*.

**Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 pm.**

Brown Memorial Library. Book Group. We will be discussing *Chances Are* by Richard Russo.

**Thursday, September 28, 4:00 pm.** Join the new monthly Meet the Maker Series at Soul Source. Several of the makers are our neighbors.

*www.facebook.com/SS102EMain*

**Saturday, September 30th from 10:00-2:00 pm.** Brown Memorial Library: Book & Halloween Costume Sale (now accepting gently used costumes for the event).

**Saturday, September 30.** Save the Date to Celebrate Bradford Day with Bradford Parks and Recreation. More information will be available at *www.facebook.com/bradfordparksandrec* and on the town website *www.bradfordnh.org/*

### SURROUNDING TOWNS

**Saturday, September 9, 2:00 pm.**

MainStreet Warner Summer Jam at Jim Mitchell Community Park in Warner. More information, *www.facebook.com/warnerstage*.

**Thursday, September 14, 6:00 pm.** Free Film Screening, The Quiet Epidemic, a documentary about Chronic Lyme & tick-borne infections at Town Hall, Warner. *www.warner.lib.nh.us/*

**Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am.** A Day Retreat for Poets and Plein Air Painters at Eagle Pond Farm in Wilmot. *www.twigsgallery.org/eagle-pond-retreat*

**Sunday, September 17, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.** Outdoor Theatre Workshop, a collaboration between the Barn Playhouse and the Hay Estate. Meets at the Pavilion of the John Hay Estate at The Fells. *thefells.org*

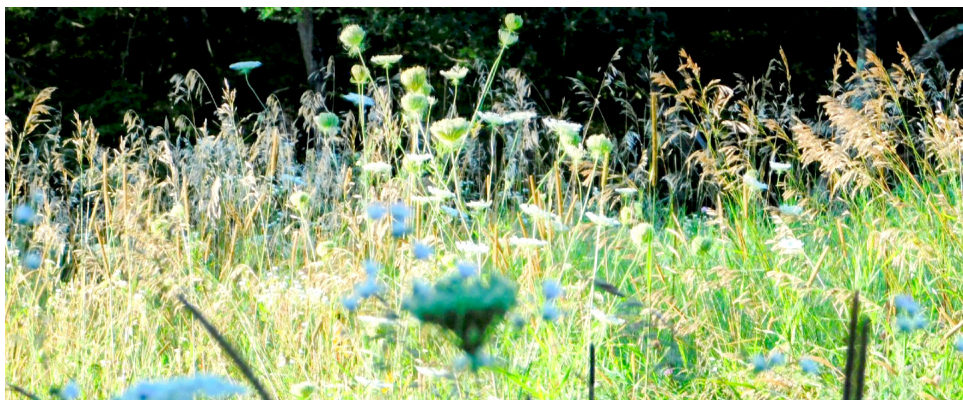
**Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm.** "Hard Times in the Granite State" Putting a Human Face on the Textile Industry: The Workers of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company at the Newbury Center Meeting House, Newbury. More information, *centermeetinghousenewbury.org*.

**Saturday, September 22, 7:00 pm.** Sharenhood: How adults unwittingly compromise their children's privacy online at The Telephone Museum in Warner. More information and to register, *https://www.nhtelephonemuseum.org/calendar-of-events.html*.

**Sunday, September 24, 10:00 am.** Harvest Moon Fest at Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More information, *https://www.indianmuseum.org/calendar*

**Wednesday, September 27, 5:30 pm.** Full Moon Cruise with LSPA's Center for Lake Studies, Newbury. More information, *https://www.lakesunapee.org*.

# Out & About: Wildflowers & Blue Grass



Brande Wood was out and about during August and found these wild flowers near her home, the old Morse home- stead, on old Warner Road.

North River Band played for the crowd at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse in our historic town center on August 26th.

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

*Kathleen Bigford*



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