

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

[Editor's Note: "CIP" which stands for Capital Improvement Program is mentioned several times in this month's briefing.]

SELECT BOARD

Building Permits At the August 28th meeting the Board and Walter Royal, Building Inspector, agreed that permits in process will be available to the Board on Mondays for review before their meeting. If the Board has no questions, the permits will be signed by the Board and passed back to Walter to contact the permittee. If there are questions, Walter will appear at the next Board meeting to discuss. At the September 11th meeting the Board signed 2 permits. Selectwomen Beth Downs asked why demolition at the Sunshine Farm barn happened before the permit was signed. Walter explained that while the building was being emptied, previous structural damage, of which the owners were unaware, caused the barn to collapse. **The Board would like citizens to know that planning is necessary before buildings are built or changed. As of August 28, 2023, they are signing all building permits and that permits are not valid until signed.**

Tractor Repairs The Board approved a motion to take \$3,028.38 from the 2015 Town Equipment Repair and Purchase Expendable Trust Fund for the repair of the transfer station tractor.

Community Power Jenny Howley, Bradford Energy Committee member, reported that the committee has investigated two community power providers and has chosen the Community Power

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Recognition Ceremony

At the 30th Annual Fire Service & Emergency Medical Services Awards and Recognition Ceremony in September three of our firefighters received recognitions.



Chief Bryan Nowell and Brian Rondeau

Chief Bryan Nowell received an EMS Unit Citation for saving a life. (Unit Citation is presented to all members of a company or group, operating together, who perform meritorious services at the scene of an emergency incident.)

Brian Rondeau received a Fire Service Unit Citation and a Class III Medal of Valor for a rescue from a burning building. (Class III Medal of Valor is presented to those who demonstrate heroic action in the line of duty.)



Steve Hanson

Steven Hansen received recognition for 40+ years of service as Forest Fire Warden.

Thank you gentlemen for your service and congratulations for a job well done!

Town Hall Update

I had hoped to be sharing the date for a Town Hall re-opening celebration in this month's update. Unfortunately, we're not there yet though the project does continue to move forward.

The majority of the site work has been completed. The concrete for the accessible ramp and main entrance stairs was poured. The finishing touches of the main entrance porch are nearly complete. Jason Allen, Merrimack County Customs, is fabricating the railings for the ramp and stairs and donating them to the project. Thank you, Jason!

The Bradford Community Gardeners have met onsite a couple of times and begun work on landscaping. They have decorated the front of the building (at the base of the flagpole) with two barrels bursting with fall plantings. The barrels will be relocated closer to the building once construction is complete. The Gardeners have also begun long overdue maintenance on the two small shrub gardens in front of Town Hall.

Getting permanent power to the building remains our biggest challenge. A new pole to carry three-phase electricity to the building has been set. A last-minute change had to be made to one of the electric panels, which readied us for the new transformer. Eversource has been elusive in sharing the delivery date of the transformer. The work to run phone lines to the building has been scheduled with TDS.

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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

Welcome to Autumn and October! Thoughts and questions swirl in my mind as I look over another great edition.

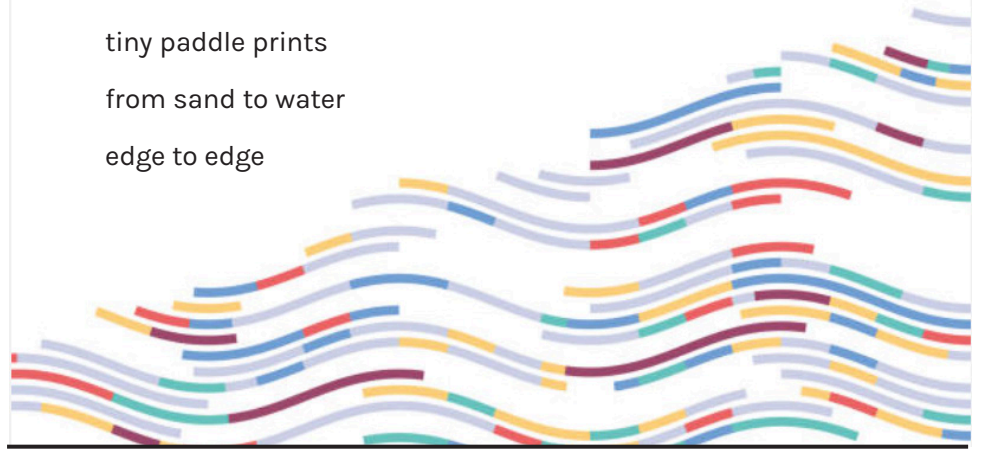
- Why are maple leaves turning brown instead of red, orange and yellow? *Page 15*
- How many of Ellen’s scary books and movies can I handle? *Page 9*
- The Bridge found its way into the hands of a young reader and across the Canadian border to the Frontenac. *Page 8*
- What inspires the angels that deliver 80 meals, 3 times a week to area residents? *Page 6*
- Bradford is so lucky to have a dedicated and celebrated Fire and Rescue Department. *Page 1*
- I’m looking forward to working with Jenny Howley on Bradford’s Community Power plan. *Page 11*
- What’s happening on West Main on all hallows eve? *Page 10*
- As ever, I have immense Gratitude for all the businesses that sponsor this little newspaper.

Now appearing on New Hampshire’s center stage: Deciduous trees! We have front row seats. Don’t miss the show!!

Kathleen Bigford, Editor
And everyone at the Bradford Bridge

Here’s October’s haiku inspired by "Out and About", *Page 20*.

tiny paddle prints
from sand to water
edge to edge



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.



Letters to Our Editor:

Dear Neighbors,

I set out my late grandfather's saw horses near my garage on 12 Church Street on Sunday, September 17th. When I returned home from work on the 18th they were gone. He used these to build houses throughout New Hampshire in the first half of the 20th Century, and they are important to our family. If you took them, thinking they were available, please return them and no questions will be asked.

Thank you for your help!
Sincerely,
Jill Pinard
603-938-5157

To the person who owns the billboard between Rt 114 and 103,

Would you please take the Bolduc sign down. He ran for senate last November and lost to Maggie Hassen. He cannot run against her for another 6 (now 5) years so to continue to promote him is puzzling. It's been over a year since the election and the sign is still up. It's bad enough that the 2024 election signs are starting to pollute our eyes, brains, and roadways. According to the Concord Monitor [8/21/22] "Losers... are required to remove all their political signs from common land by the second Friday following the election . . . They can stay on private property forever as long as the owners don't mind." Clearly the owner in this case doesn't mind. I appreciate that you like the guy, but out of consideration for everyone else who must be subjected to it, please take it down

Thank you.
Sue McKeivitt
603-938-2401

Dear Editor,

In late August, as my husband and I were putting our kayaks in the water, my feet came out from under me, and I did a faceplant on a rock. I knew immediately there was a problem and 911 was called. Within minutes, I was being assessed and treated by the Bradford Rescue Squad members Felicia Starr and Jimmy Raymond; the Police and Fire units were right behind.

I want to acknowledge the professional, efficient, and caring service given to me, from the moment I sustained my injuries (broken nose and lacerations to my face/requiring stitches). Every step of the way was seamless and uniform. I was transported by the New London ambulance (who were excellent) and taken to N.L. Hospital. I was wheeled right in and seen by the nurse and doctor. I had CT scans shortly thereafter and then stitches. I was discharged from NL Hospital, with a referral to DHMC. The entire process was streamlined and impressive.

It goes without saying, it took a 'wake up' call, to acknowledge the wealth of services here in Bradford and the surrounding towns. They have provided my family security for so many years, and yet they fly under the radar (an insurance I expected).

The Bradford Fire and Rescue Team work 24/7, to ensure safety for our home and family. I have made donations to many other local organizations, but not to Fire and Rescue. In the spirit of giving, I hope you put them on your list, for the ongoing advancements needed in technology and equipment. They have a limited budget, which they rely on for schooling and equipment to bring us the best insurance possible.

Thank you,
Teresa & Michael Bryant

All Ages



Readers of all ages enjoy the Bradford Bridge! Thanks to Katie Olohan for catching niece Charlie digging into the September edition.

Attention Bradford Citizens

The Bradford Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a public session on Friday, October 6th, between 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm downstairs at the Bradford Area Community Center to make corrections to the checklist, change party affiliation, and accept new registrations.

Please note that this is the last date to make changes to party affiliation before the Presidential Primary. New voters may continue to register to vote until election day, as permitted by law.

To register to vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, present a valid ID, and have proof of domicile and citizenship.

Go to sos.nh.gov for more information about voting and registration.

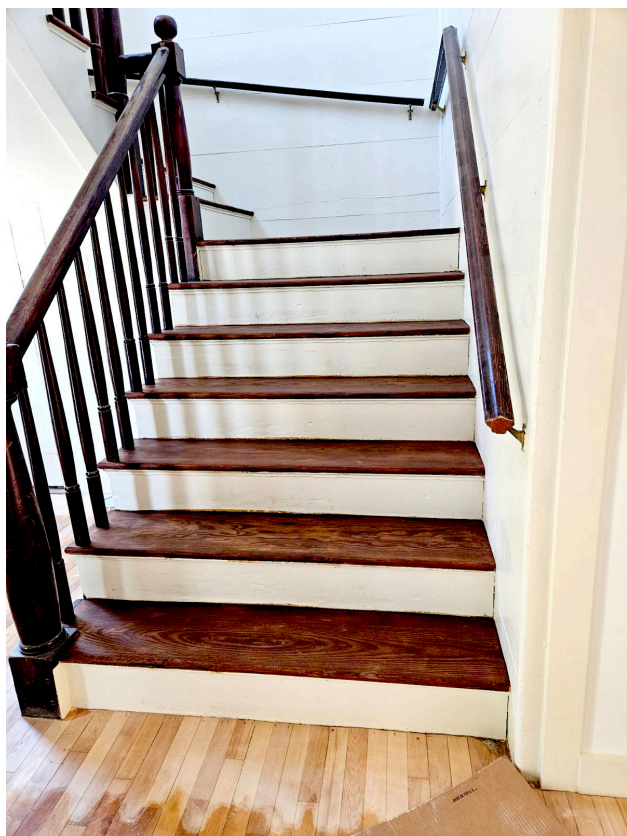
Supervisors of the Checklist,
Judy Marshall, Kristine Foss,
Thomas Marshall

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Town Hall Update

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Inside the building, the tin ceiling and crown molding on the first floor has been installed and will be painted soon. Acoustic tile have been installed in the office and work areas on the first floor. The painters are finishing up the final painting and touch up work. The wood floor in the front hall and historic front stairs have been refinished. The piping from which lights will hang over the stage has been installed.



Storm windows have been installed. The elevator and the lift from the second floor to the stage are installed and are awaiting permanent power to be tested. The well pump was tested, failed and subsequently replaced. This has allowed the plumbers to test their handiwork.

The final backfilling and spreading of gravel in the parking area will be completed in October. Final insulation of the attic will be done once all second-floor wiring and ceiling work is complete. And with luck, permanent power and phone lines will be run.

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

*Karen Hambleton,
Town Administrator*

What started out as a second job to earn extra income for my family has turned into a friendship that has changed my life.”– PCA worker for Carol



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Highway Department Update

We have completed the culvert replacement and paving on Fair Grounds, Jones and Center roads. The next step will be what we call backing up the pavement which is placing gravel next to the pavement on the ditch side of the road so there won't be any drop off. The reason for doing this is to protect the pavement from cracking and breaking on the edge and also to have a smooth surface to drive on along the edge. This will be taking place the week of September 25 and will probably take 3 or 4 days if all goes well.

The Highway Department continues to respond to damage from the recent heavy downpours and flood events, While making road repairs driveway culverts have been identified as a point of concern. Culverts and clean ditches are critical to directing water flow, preventing erosion, and reducing the risk of roads and driveways being washed out. When properly installed and maintained, culverts are an invaluable resource for protecting town infrastructure, private property, and our local water bodies.

We realize that some property owners may not be aware that under state statute, they are responsible for the culverts that connect their property to any town roadway. Per RSA 236:13:

“Residents have continuing responsibility for the adequacy of the access (to Town maintained roadways) and any grades, culverts or other structures pertaining to such access, whether or not located within the public right of way.”

This may include but is not limited to the installation, maintenance and repair of a driveway culvert. Professional installation and regular inspections can help ensure that they remain in good condition and able to function properly.

<https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us./rsa/html/xx/236/236-13.htm>

September is our vehicle inspection month so we are working on getting vehicles checked out and repairs done to make them ready for stickers. We're also working with the Capital Improvement Program Committee identifying requests for moving forward.

As always if you have concerns or questions, feel free to call the shed or drop me an email.

Steve Hall,
Bradford Highway Department
highway@bradfordnh.org
603-938-5916



Fire & Rescue Department Update

Incidents since August 14: Fire and EMS incidents: 28 incidents (since 8/14): 20 EMS, 8 Fire (Building fire in Bradford) (2 (Mutual aid to Warner) Year to date 147 Incidents. (2022 157 calls)

Other Department Activities: Meeting with Masonic Building Committee; SCBA testing scheduling with vendor in October; CIP meeting; Town Hall inspections are on going; Capital Area Mutual Aid and Forest Fire Warden Association meetings; Kearsarge Mutual Aid meeting Henniker; Boater Certification training took place in September; Joint training with Newbury FD on PPE and SCBA scheduled for early December; Preparing the station for energy improvements; Preparing for FD open house and trick or treat at the station.

Department Budget As of 8/31/2023: Fire and Rescue had a combined remainder of 50.98% with some invoices still outstanding.

The Fire Department received \$8,714.28 as a result of a FEMA grant. The town matches 5%, \$435.72, Gear purchased with grant funds is starting to be received.

Brian Nowell,
Bradford Fire Chief

We may no longer be called Cobble Pond but our fabulous Indian Food is still here! Take-out 7 Days a Week



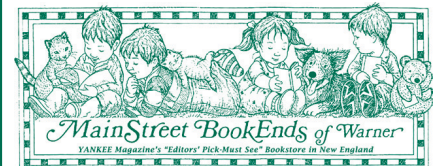
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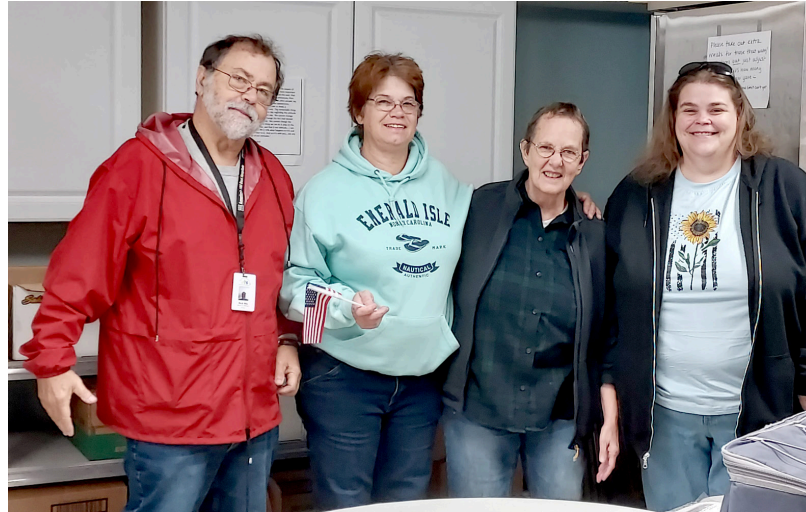
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As described previously in this column, the Mountain View Senior Center offers **Meals on Wheels** for those who are 60+ years old, homebound and unable to prepare healthy meals on their own. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, drivers deliver over 80 meals to those in the Kearsarge area who might not otherwise be able to get nutritious meals on a consistent basis. Four dedicated drivers are the backbone of the Meals on Wheels program.

Rick Ellis, who delivers 22 meals over a 48-mile route, had retired from a 22 year career as a nurse for about a year when his wife encouraged him to consider taking on the delivery job. After such a long career of helping people in need, this seemed like a perfect way to continue giving in retirement. Like the others, Rick enjoys helping his clients and knows that his interaction with them is not always about the food. He has been able to help them with everything from finding the resources to weatherize and/or heat their homes to fixing the occasional broken doorknob.

Melissa Sieradski delivers 28 meals per day on a 60-mile route. Previously, she volunteered with Open Hands, an outreach effort to help Concord's homeless population. When that program shut down, she looked for another way to help those in need and decided to join Meals on Wheels as a driver. Melissa knows that being there consistently, not only to deliver meals but to make sure her clients are doing well, is an essential part of her job. She just got a puppy, Chase, who often comes along on her delivery route. All her clients love Chase and look forward to his (and Melissa's) visits.

Sandy Wadlington, who delivers 20 meals per day over a 70-mile route, was looking for an opportunity to interact with people away from her isolated life



Meet the Meals on Wheels Drivers L to R: Rick Ellis, Melissa Sieradski, Sandy Wadlington, and Lisa McDonald. Thank you for all that you do!

as a self-employed artist. She loves the beauty of the back roads she travels and the seniors she visits. It's not always an easy job, she explains, but it's important to listen to her client's needs beyond food and support them whenever possible.

Lisa MacDonald, who delivers 11 meals per day on a route covering approximately 48 miles, took on the delivery job because she loves people, especially the elderly. Lisa was grieving the loss of her sister when Melissa invited her to come along on a delivery trip to see what the job was like. Lisa immediately

clicked with Melissa's clients and decided to take on a delivery route of her own. Now, she explains, delivering food and checking in on her clients is the reason she gets up on delivery days. She often does a little extra, for example, giving out cards and flowers or candy on Mother's and Father's Day. According to Lisa, "When they smile, I smile!"

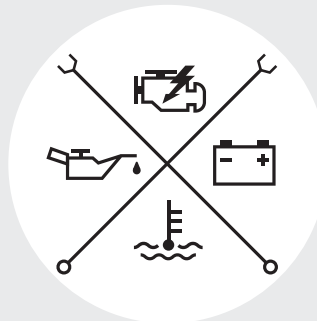
To participate in the Meal on Wheels program, simply add your name to the list by calling the Center at (603) 938-2104.

Maria Storm

*Please see **Bradford Community Events** in this and every edition of the Bradford Bridge for dates and times of all Mountain View Senior Center activities. To make an appointment for a wellness check or footcare on the third Wednesday of the month, call 603-748-1731.*

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-Kudos for KRES-Bradford and KR-PreSchool

There are eight new paraprofessionals on our Bradford campus this year. Paraprofessionals are essential supporting the various needs of students throughout the school. You can see them working alongside the children in every learning space in both buildings. They perform



Paraprofessional Breanna Freeman working with 3rd grade students

duties that are instructional in nature and/or deliver direct services to students in conjunction with the classroom teachers and the curriculum. At both the elementary and pre-school at Bradford the staff often emphasizes the importance of helping each other. The dedicated paraprofessionals epitomize this each and every day.

Laurie Buchar

Thanks and welcome to these new members of the team:

KRES at Bradford:
Jillian Curley
Kate Cusik
Breana Freeman
Destinee Gadbois
Abbey Sweet

KRPS at Bradford:
Hanna Hurd
Sara Macey
Katie Martel





How Far Do We Go?

Ann and John Belanger across the border with the Bradford Bridge at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City.



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Is It A Buyers or Sellers Market?

While we are not seeing the frenzy among buyers to the level of a couple of years ago, buyers are still very active. When a new listing hits MLS, they come out in hopes of this being “the one”. Many of them have already submitted offers on other homes but were not successful. There are often still multiple offers on a property and, on certain properties with special features and appeal, there can sometimes be 20 or more, but that is more uncommon than it used to be. Properties (those which are priced properly) are still often achieving a selling price over asking, but these can be \$1,000 or \$5,000...not nearly as often the \$25,000-\$50,000+ over we had seen in the past.

The current atmosphere reflects a bit of settling down, but it is clearly still a Sellers' market! Don't think that you have “missed” the best of the market. There is another factor working to your advantage...the astonishingly low inventory of homes on the market. Earlier in September, the NAR (National Association of Realtors) reported that there were only 3 months' supply of available homes, as opposed to the usual six months. Selling prices are continuing to rise because there simply aren't enough homes to meet the demand, Experts still expect a continuation of the more normal appreciation in home value continuing into the foreseeable future, i.e., + 4.18% by 2007.

SO, if you have been thinking about selling, we'd be happy to help you assess whether this is an appropriate time for you to sell. There is always some seasonality to the market, but the numbers of active buyers do mitigate that somewhat.



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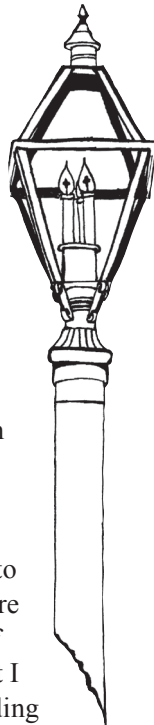
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Every October I look forward to watching horror movies, a genre I don't exclude from the rest of the months of the year, but that I take particular pleasure in leading up to Halloween. I've always liked the macabre, starting with a fascination in Fangoria magazine, a horror film fan mag, that my brother and I begged my parents to buy. I liked understanding how the films were made, the makeup, the storylines, and the sheer creepiness of the pictures within. Then I looked forward to Friday nights when I would watch *Tales from the Darkside* and *The Twilight Zone*. The movies that made the biggest impressions on me as a girl were *The Omen*, *The Exorcist*, and *Don't Look Now*. As a teen reader I was fascinated with V.C. Andrews and Stephen King's short stories. My absolute favorite being *The Skeleton Crew*, followed by the novel, *The Long Walk*, which he wrote under the pseudonym, Richard Backman.

Horror movies make me feel in ways I don't typically feel in normal, everyday life; threatened, at risk, fearful, tense, and anxious, but all in a safe environment that I get to walk out of alive. I ask myself, WHY do I like these feelings? *verywellmind.com* explains that "sensation seeking is the tendency to look for novel, risky, or intense experiences. People who are high in sensation seeking tend to experience positive emotions when they have intensely stimulating experiences." Carl Jung, who founded analytical psychology, suggests that there are universal themes that help form one's personality and behavior patterns and the archetype, one of which is the "shadow." The Shadow represents the repressed, unconscious, darker side of our personality that perhaps many of us are curious to explore. (*psychologytoday.com*)

Some of my favorite horror movies and books in no particular order:

Movies

- Ju on-The Grudge*
- Midsommar*
- Let the Right One In*
- The Babadook*
- It Follows*
- Exorcist*
- Men*
- Barbarians*
- Bird Box*
- 28 Days Later*

Books

- Disquiet* / Julia Leigh
- The Fifth Child* / Doris Lessing

- John Ajvide Lindqvist* (book & movie)
- The Lottery* / Shirley Jackson
- The Haunting of Hill House* / Shirley Jackson
- Carrie* / Stephen King
- I'm Thinking of Ending Things* / Iaian Reid
- The Chestnut Man* / Soren Sveistrup
- Bird Box* / Josh Malerman
- The Passage* / Justin Cronin

October Programs:

Wednesday, October 11th from 6:30-8:00pm: Ghost Tales & Spirit Speaks Lecture. Join Medium; Karen Tatro as she discusses her work in the paranormal world. The questions we all seek; What are ghosts and spirits? Why are they here? What can we learn from them? Do you believe in reincarnation? Do you believe in angels and demons? www.karentatro.com

Monday, October 16th at 4:00pm: Junior Mystery Book Group. Please come for the introductory meeting and to get the first book of the group, *Nancy Drew/ The Mystery of the 99 Steps* by Carolyn Keene. Kids between 9-12 who love to read!

Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00pm: BML Monthly Book Group / *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert.

Saturday, October 28th at 11:00am: Halloween Crafts with Anne Kratz.

Ellen Barselle, Director





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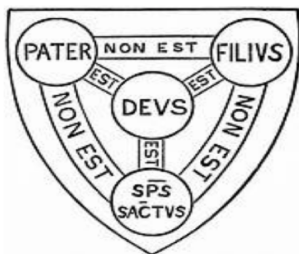
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Some comments regarding a due improvement of the terrible things lately occurring in this neighborhood by the unusual and amazing range of Evil Spirits. Surely neighbors have taken notice of the failed crops, unnatural weather and hysteria seeping into the town. This evil, if left unabated, will spread and devour our fair and humble town. I urge all God fearing and righteous citizens to guard themselves and others against this evil and to speak out and denounce those that choose to parlay with The Devil. Only by forcing those who have sold their souls into the light can our neighborhood uproot this evil before it takes permanent hold. Keep an eye on those afflicted with unsightly blemishes which are received upon the pact made with the Devil or the "Devil's Mark". Take heed of any that are incapable or unwilling to speak the scripture specifically our Lord's Prayer, keen attention should be paid to ensure no omissions or mistakes are made during its recital as these truly are done on purpose to deceive the non vigilant.

On the night of all hallows eve we must purge the Town of these evil spirits and cleanse the town of their foul grip. Whilst these spirits and witches believe they are at their strongest we must not falter and demonstrate our will and resolve to preserve the sanctity and charity of our Town Tests and trials must be held to call forth these evil spirits and witches. Those that walk in the righteous path of the Lord shall fear no Evil.

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Bradford Community Power Moving Forward

On September 18th the Bradford Energy Committee hosted a public information session on Community Power with a presentation by the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. The Coalition shared how Community Power would help Bradford residents and businesses save money on electric bills, and how joining the Coalition would provide additional benefits of being part of a New Hampshire community driven organization.

On September 25th the Bradford Select Board approved two motions regarding Community Power. The first motion was for the town of Bradford to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. There is no cost or obligation to the town when joining the Coalition and membership provides a way for Bradford to access the many resources that the Coalition has to offer for pursuing Community Power. The second motion was to establish an Electric Aggregation Committee for the town. Jennifer Howley

and Kathleen Bigford were appointed as the two members of this committee. The Electric Aggregation Committee's main responsibility will be to work with the Coalition to create a Community Power plan for Bradford.

Next Steps and Timeline:

- October 2023 - January 2024: The Coalition will assist Jenny and Kathleen in creating a Community Aggregation Plan which will be submitted to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for approval.
- Later in 2023 and early in 2024: Two public hearings are required to ensure Bradford residents understand the plan and process.
- March 13, 2024. There will be a Community Power warrant article for the town to vote on at the 2024 Town Meeting.
- March - June 2024: 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.
- Summer of 2024: Officially enroll residents and launch Bradford Community Power!

In October the Energy Committee will be putting together some online resources to share information and answers to frequently asked questions.

*Jenny Howley,
 Bradford Energy Committee*

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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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Coalition of NH. The Energy Committee and the Coalition have arranged for a public information session on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at the BACC. The Board approved moving forward with the process and agreed to the September 18th meeting.

Appointment The Board approved a motion to appoint Rebecca Herman to the Local River (Warner River) Management Advisory Committee. This is a new appointment.

Parking Andrew Pinard appeared to voice concerns about parking and turning around in and around his property on Church Street. Andrew suggested signage on the road that can be seen in all seasons, and that there be a public detail to regulate parking for occasions requiring parking in the area. Mel Pfeifle, Selectwomen, said that the signage improvements are a good idea and that organizers of events are told that a public detail paid for by the organizers is necessary. Property lines of the town need to be investigated to define parking possibilities. Steve Hall, Road Agent, has ordered signs to be placed to indicate where parking is permitted.

Expense Review All expenses are within range. About 33% of the budget year remains and many departments have 40% remaining.

Police Department Ed Shaughnessy, Police Chief, reported that police calls

are about the same as last year. The department has 41% of the budget remaining with 35% of the budget year left. Dispatch for next year will be going up about \$10k due to infrastructure upgrades in hardware and software. Ed informed the Board that cruiser replacement remains necessary at every six years rather than nine as was recently discussed in the CIP Committee. There are currently three police vehicles.

Intent to Cut Signed for Map 9 Lot 47-01, Map 3 Lot 26, Map 3 Lots 9-C, 19, 23, 23-1 and 25.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Town Website Kris Foss reported she and Karen Hambleton, together with Fire Chief Bryan Nowell and Maureen Brandon sat through demonstrations from Revize and Civic Plus. The pricing proposals received so far are reasonable and have the features we are looking for.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, US Economic Administration (EDA) Application Based on the meeting with the EDA representative for NH/Maine and VT, it does not seem like Bradford will qualify for

EDA funding opportunities. Although we meet two of the three criteria for funding, we fail to qualify based on economic factors. We will continue to look for funding opportunities.

PLANNING BOARD

Name Change Carol Miese reported that at a meeting with ZBA representative Jim Varney and Planning Board member Steve Chase all agreed that the name of the Shore Protection Regulations should be changed to Surface Water Overlay District. There could be a shortened list of regulations.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Masonic Hall The Masonic Hall funding requests were removed from the CIP spreadsheet. Pam Bruss suggested that the plan should be to fundraise to pay for this. The group discussed how to put savings in place for the future of the Masonic building. Pam will add a small savings amount (possibly \$5,000) every year or alternating years.



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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Inquiry An attorney representing property owners on East Main Street appeared to get guidance on the permitting process to convert a barn into two dwelling units in the residential/business zone. The Board advised that completing a variance application initially would probably be appropriate. A special exception application may be necessary.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Municipal Weatherization The required documentation from the Highway Garage project was submitted to NHSaves for the Town to receive the incentive payment of \$4,316.65. We will track heating oil and electricity use and costs over the next year. Work at the Fire Department is expected to begin this month. Completion of the library weatherization is in the CIP plan for 2024, the BACC is scheduled for 2025. The BEC will not ask to add any energy-related costs to the CIP plan at this point. The scope of work may change for the BACC once the Town Hall is reopened. Grants may be available depending on how the BACC is used.

Food Waste With Kearsarge Climate Action and Hannaford support the Center for Ecotechnology is reaching out to a sample of local food waste generating businesses and schools to understand the handling of food waste. Following the study the feasibility of implementing a Business Food Waste Diversion program in the Kearsarge Re-

gion will be determined. BEC member Sandra Bravo agreed to be the Bradford Town Coordinator and has started reaching out to food waste generating businesses in Bradford.

MASONIC BUILDING COMMITTEE

Funds for Testing Kris Foss reported that she had been before the Select Board to request funds for the asbestos, lead and septic tests/reports prioritized by the Committee to enable the Committee to have accurate, up to date primary source information when looking for quotes for the various options the Committee is investigating. The Select Board responded that they were not prepared to spend any money on this building. Kris clarified that the Committee would have to use “worst case scenarios for costings/quotes” without access to these tests/reports.

CIP Options Kris attended the first CIP meeting and presented our funding request. Based on the Select Board’s direction, two options were presented to the CIP Committee. Option 1 would be to tear down the building, fill, level, pave and create a parking lot with landscaping. Cost (worst case) would be \$120,000.00 Option 2 would be to sell the building and have the buyer move the building at their cost, to fill, level, pave and create a parking lot with landscaping \$60,000.00 minus any proceeds from sale of building.

Paving The Committee received a quote in the amount of \$33,000 for the paving of the whole area with 3 inches of base and tar but not the breaking of

the pavement. This would give 9 spaces on the site of the Masonic Lodge and 2 on the other side. Extra spaces could be put along side of the Fire Department if two or three trees were removed.

Bradford Historical Society Vote

Tracey Quigley reported that at the last Bradford Historical Society meeting a vote was taken regarding moving the Masonic building to the BHS area and it was voted down. BHS did not feel the group at this time could take on another building project of that size.

KRSD SCHOOL BOARD

Athletic Restructuring Proposal

There is a need for an Assistant Athletic Director to continue facilitating an extraordinary experience for students. The current structuring of the Athletic Department is allowing them to just stay afloat, stating that the Department should be moving forward.

Grants The Board approved motions to accept and expend two grants from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources - NH State Council on the Arts for Bradford Elementary in the amount of \$4,355.00, and for Simonds Elementary in the amount of \$2,285.00.

Mold Remediation The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for mold consulting/remediation plan for the High School from The Lawson Group in the amount of \$13,331.31.

Laundry The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for District wide laundry services from Cintas in the amount of \$44,656.56.

Stairs and Ramps The Board approved a motion to approve the purchase recommendation for stairs and ramps for the Bradford Preschool from Merrimack County Customs in the amount of \$18,450.00.

Minutes and recordings of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. bradfordnh.org

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Obituary

Cynthia Glover

Cynthia “Cindy” Glover, 88, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2023, from Alzheimer’s disease. Cindy was a life-long resident of Keene, NH and Bradford, NH, and the daughter of the late Dorris (Darling) and Francis Park of Keene.

Cindy graduated from Keene Teachers’ College (now Keene State College) in 1954. She taught first grade in Winchester and Keene for many years and retired from teaching at Jonathan Daniels School in the early 1990s. She and her late husband Charles enjoyed their retirement by wintering in Sebastian, Florida and summers at the family cottage on Lake Massasecum in Bradford, NH.

She is survived by her family, Tom Glover and his wife, Jen, of Rollinsford, NH, John Glover and his wife Eileen, of Swanzey, NH, and Tim Glover of Florida. In addition, she is survived by granddaughters Maggie, Emily and Annabelle, grandsons Dan, Nick and Ben, and several nephews and a niece. A celebration of life is planned for a later date. Donations in memory of Cindy may be made to the Alzheimer’s Drug Discovery Foundation, www.alzdiscovery.org or one’s favorite charity.

Discover the Artistic Genius of 17 Local Artists: Visit Their Creative Studios in the Lake Sunapee Region this Fall



Don’t miss the chance to explore the creative studios of 17 talented artists in the Lake Sunapee Region this fall. This unique opportunity allows you to witness firsthand the creative process of these artists and learn more about their artwork. Whether you’re an art enthusiast or simply looking for a fun and educational experience, this event is not to be missed. So mark your calendars and make sure to check out the creative studios of these talented individuals.

The event takes place around the Lake Sunapee Region on Saturday, October 7th, and Sunday, October 8th, from 10am to 4pm.

An opening reception at Prospect Hill in Lake Sunapee Harbor is kicking off this event on Friday, October 6th, from 4-8pm.

Open Studios brochures, including the list of participating artists, locations, contact information, and a map of the studios, are available to pick up at The New London Inn, Morgan Hill Bookstore, Tatewell Gallery in New London, and at all artist’s studios. Visit the Center for the Arts website to view the interactive map to use during Open Studios weekend.

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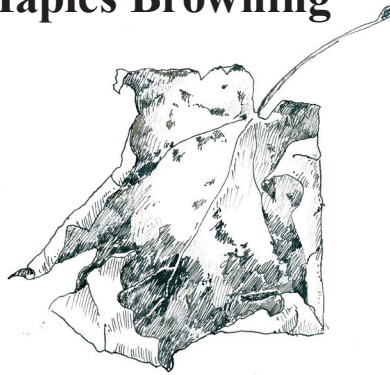
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Maples Browning



Many trees had an especially hard time this year. Hard frosts in May caused the new leaves on oak and beech to sag and fail in some areas. This tragedy also hit all the moth and butterfly caterpillars associated with these trees that had just begun their munching. And this in turn will have impacted nesting birds – most of which feed their offspring on caterpillars. Some fruit trees were damaged or their flowers dropped. Healthy oak and beech recovered and after a pause, unfurled new leaves.

Now we are seeing a lot of browning of maple leaves where we, and they, were hoping for bright fall colors. This has largely been caused by the long, wet spring and humid wet summer. A great time for fungi who throw their spores aloft in such conditions. Anthracnose is the main culprit where we are and this name encompasses several kinds of fungi. This is a biotrophic pathogen in that it can only survive on living organisms. Most trees have concluded their photosynthesizing for the season and these unsightly fungi are not going to do long-term damage except possibly with the newly transplanted or already weakened trees.

In theory, one could remove all the fallen leaves that might still harbor the fungi and temporarily rid the environment of it. Better to enjoy fall as it is and see what weather next year brings.

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Website: FoodForThoughtNH.org. Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer run.

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, email: 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, 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.

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.

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Bradford Community Church Events

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October Happenings

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

We worship at 10:00 am every Sunday with songs, prayers, and a Biblical message from God's Word. We have a Time with God's Children during the service, after which the children go to Sunday School for Biblical lessons, activities, and crafts.

During the month of October, we will be collecting shoe boxes with Christmas gifts to be given to children around the world. This is a ministry of the Samaritan's Purse. The deadline is November 5. If you would like to fill a box, please call the church office 603-938-5313.

Beginner's Bible Study, Sunday mornings in the office building 8:15-9:15am. October 8, 15, 22 and 29th. We are learning how to study the Bible by looking at passages that the class wants to study. Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will start on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 pm. All are wel-

come to come and learn about what the Bible says about what is going on in the world.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 7th at 8:00 am. After a hearty breakfast there will be a devotional that applies to everyday life and a man's relationship with the Lord.

Sister to Sister, Saturday, October 14th at 8:30 am. Women are invited to come for devotions, sharing, laughter and encouragement.

Hymn Sing Sunday, October 15th at 9:55 am. Come and sing your favorite hymn.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry opens on Wednesday, October 18th, 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.

Free Ham and Bean Supper Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy a free community meal with your neighbors.

Halloween Outreach, Tuesday, October 31st, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. On the front steps of the Church. We will serve hotdogs, hot cocoa, and candy with bible verses.

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Monday, October 2

10:00 am Storytime, BML
8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, October 3

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, October 4

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm CIP
7:00 pm Zoning Board

Thursday, October 5

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

Friday, October 6

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC
9:30 pm 1st Friday Brunch, MVSC
6:00 pm Checklist Session

Monday, October 9

Columbus Day
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, October 10

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
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
4:00 pm Cemetery Commission
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
5:30 pm Masonic Building
6:30 pm Lecture: *Ghost Tales & Spirit Speaks*, Karen Tatro, BML

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

Monday, October 16

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
4:00 pm Junior Mystery Book Group, BML
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, October 17

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:00 pm Energy Committee
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

Wednesday, October 18

9:00 am Wellness Clinic, MVSC
11:30 am Footcare Clinic, MVSC
1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
6:00 pm CIP

Thursday, October 19

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

Friday, October 20

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

Monday, October 23

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

Tuesday, October 24

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR

Wednesday, October 25

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
4:30 pm Girl Scouts
5:30 pm Masonic Building
7:00 pm Book Group: *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert, BML

Thursday, October 26

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC
6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, October 27

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC

Saturday, October 28

11:00 am Halloween Crafts with Anne Kratz, BML

Monday, October 30

8:45 am Strong Living, MVSC
10:00 am Storytime, BML
1:00 pm Bridge Group

Tuesday, October 31

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
5:00 pm Trick or Treating, West Main Street, until 7:30pm

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	Senior Room
YR	Youth Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. "Fall Community Fest" at 5 Acres. Pony rides, Fern Family Band, pet adoptions, and more! More info, call Jess at 603-938-2497.

Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm. Relax on a Nature Retreat with Forest Bathing at The Rosewood Country Inn. More info, <https://www.forestflow.com>

Monday, October 16, 4:00 pm. Mystery Book Group for Kids! Book Discussion. This book group is for kids who enjoy reading mysteries; all kids are welcome! More info, <http://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/programs-passes--events.html>

Wednesday October 18, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main St. Come to open mic night. Join us to participate or just listen. More info, 11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com

Thursday, October 26, 4:00 pm. Meet the Maker Series at Soul Source. More info, <https://www.facebook.com/SSI02EMain>

Tuesday, October 31, 5:00 -7:30 pm. Trick or Treating on Main Street. Candy donations for Main Street homes will be at the library and town offices. More info, <https://www.facebook.com/bradfordparksandrec>



SURROUNDING TOWNS

Monday, October 2, 7:00 pm. Alien Abduction in the White Mountains at the Center Meeting House of Newbury. centermeetinghousenewbury.org

Thursdays in October (5th-26th), 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Twiggs Gallery. The 4-week class is open to all levels of writers. Beginners are welcome. More info, www.twiggsgallery.org. 254 King St., Boscawen, NH or call 603-975-0015.

Friday, October 6-8th. 76th Annual Warner Fall Foliage Festival in Warner. More info, <https://wfff.org>

Friday, October 13, 10:00 am. Fall Foliage Guided Hike on the Cook Property in New London. Free hike, but please register at: stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or call 603-526-6555.

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am. Beadstock at Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More info, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/calendar>

Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 pm. Family Scrapbooking at The Telephone Museum in Warner. October is Family History Month! More info, <https://www.nhtelephonemuseum.org/calendar-of-events.html>

Tuesday, October 24, 1:00 pm. Rail Trail Group Bike Ride. Hiller and Hersey Conservation easements along the rail trail in Andover. Free to join, but registration is required by emailing: stewardship@ausbonsargent.org or by calling 603-526-6555.

Tuesday, October 31, 10:00 am. Bats! at LSPA's Center for Lake Studies, Newbury. <https://www.lakesunapee.org>

Monday, October 30, 7:00 pm. Case Closed on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders at Center Meeting House of Newbury. centermeetinghousenewbury.org



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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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