

# THE Bradford Bridge

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## Q: What is a TIF?

### A. A financial strategy that can help us revitalize Main Street.

TIF (Tax Increment Financing) is defined as the financing of public improvements with new incremental taxes generated by new construction, expansion or renovation of properties within a defined TIF district. Nothing is taken away from anyone because TIF districts use new money created by new investments. This is generated by property taxes on the value of the new (incremental) improvements and is set aside to pay for infrastructure and improvements in the defined district.

Property tax revenue collected in the TIF district is split into two streams of revenue. The first stream is set at the original amount of the property value before improvements and goes where it did before to pay local, school, and county taxes. The second stream contains the additional tax money generated by the higher property tax value – “the tax increment”. This stream is dedicated to the TIF fund to pay for approved redevelopment and infrastructure. All monies raised within a TIF district must be spent within the same district.

The proposed Downtown Bradford Improvement TIF District will be discussed at a public hearing at 6 PM on Tuesday August 11 at the Town Hall and voted on at the second session of the Special Town Meeting on September 1, 2009, 7 PM at the Bradford Elementary School. Funds from the “incremental assessed value” of improvements to properties within the described district would be set aside and used as match for state and federal funds and to carry out public projects within the district. This could include sidewalks, improvements to town hall, and construction of municipal buildings.

One of the most important jobs of government is to facilitate business development and help create jobs. TIF districts do this by establishing an environment that encourages private investment. Communities throughout New Hampshire have established TIF districts to attract important capital investment projects, including Antrim and Newport.

**TIF Public Hearing Tuesday August 11 @ 6 PM Town Hall.  
Maps of the proposed district will be available for review.**

**Special Town Meeting on September 1,  
7 PM at KRES Bradford**

## 10 QUESTIONS:

*by Phyllis Wilcox*

*This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month we interviewed Garry Kalajian, blacksmith and sole proprietor of “Ararat Forge” where he produces “Hand forged Hardware and Home Accessories.” Gary was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He attended public schools in Bergenfield, and then Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He graduated with a BA in music and then an MA in Education from Montclair State College. His next years were dedicated to the pursuit of music, studying and performing choral music in New York City. He became interested in environmental work and became director of a nature center in New Jersey. In 1989, he came to New Hampshire and worked for a 4 H Program in Manchester. During his four years with the program he attended informal workshops and classes in the art of blacksmithing and decided that this would be his destiny—working as a blacksmith.*

**Q. Your life seems to involve blacksmithing, teaching and public demonstrations of the art. Do you have a preference for one over the other facets of your work?**

There are certain aspects of each that are satisfying, some are more demanding, and some are frustrating. I don't really have a strong preference.

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The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

**From The Editor**

Reading through this month's Bridge, we are reminded of the vibrant community of shops and businesses that once filled our downtown Main Street. The Cornerstone article about Lafayette Square brings a lively and prosperous small town history to life again. Then, the Women's Club reminds us that planting flower bulbs, especially on Main Street, would be a project that could enliven the core charm of our town. Our town administrator has been working tirelessly with the selectmen and several community boards and government agencies to win a sidewalk grant and begin the process of improving the downtown infrastructure, one sadly blighted and abandoned over the past several years.

On September 1, there will be a special town meeting that will impact the future of our downtown and the direction of our commitment to our hometown. It is very important for all of us to support the efforts of many private and town organizations to rejuvenate the town and restore the small town feeling that has been gradually decaying in the past few years because of business closings, fires and other disasters. Have a look at the Smithy shop, a community project that has already had a positive impact on the downtown area, the first of many needed improvements that is the result of vision and community teamwork.

Watch for a mailing from town hall regarding the August 11, 6 PM public meeting that will precede the Special Town Meeting. A revitalized downtown will attract business, improve the tax base, increase property values, draw tourists and have an overall positive effect on the life of the entire town. Downtown should be the hub of our community, a place to shop, walk, socialize, pray and to enjoy recreational activities as a cohesive and energetic community. Join the effort to turn our town around. We'll be glad we did.

Beth Rodd, August Editor

**Vital Statistics**

submitted by Town Clerk Susan Pehrson

**Selectmen's Office Hours  
938- 5900**

Mon-Weds-Thurs: 7:30 am -12 noon  
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Tuesday 7:30 am -12 noon  
1 pm - 7 pm

Selectmen meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm

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12:30 pm - 5 pm

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Friday: all offices closed

Deaths

05/14/2009 Catherine MacLeod  
07/04/2009 Peter Smith  
07/18/2009 David Harling

Marriages

05/04/2009 Kurt McCandless and Katherine Wheeler

<u>Births</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Parents</u>
05/07/2009 Ruby Airabella Paris		William Paris & Lois Paris
05/19/2009 Aiden Curtis Devincent		Corey Devincent & Jilian Lindamood
05/21/2009 Quinn Damon Cusick		Brett Cusick & Mary Cusick
06/03/2009 Elijah Quinn Valley		Eric Valley & Jennifer Valley
06/27/2009 Elijah Hans Whipple		Hans Whipple & Jessica Whipple
07/12/2009 Tadyn Matthew Naughton		Robert Naughton & Anna Elliott

## Bradford Happenings

### Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares Pie Auction and Dance is Saturday, September 19 at the Kearsarge Regional Elementary School, Old Warner Road, Bradford, NH. Rounds will be danced exclusively from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. with the Mainstream program following from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Ted Lizotte will be the caller and Beverly MacKay, the cuer.

Admission is \$6 per person.

Dancers under 16 are half price.

Spectators are free and always welcome.

For more information call 603 863-6394.

### Bradford Women's Club

The Bradford Women's Club is off until our Red Hat Tea, at the Candlelite Inn on Sept 21 at 4:00pm. Our member books will be mailed out in August. Please note that the BWC will be having our annual flower bulb sale during the next few months. Look for a duo of BWC members at your local post office. We have started a campaign called "Communities in Bloom" hoping that people will buy bulbs and plant them in their gardens, especially if they are close to the downtown area. It would be a beautiful spring if people and businesses planted along the main roads. If you would like to purchase bulbs, receive a packet for selling or have questions, please contact Jackye Pehrson 938-5951

### Car Hop

First Baptist Church of Bradford, 88 W. Main St., Bradford, August 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm : Car Hop with hot dogs, hamburgs, soda, ice cream treats. Be waited on in your car or at our tables. Proceeds to benefit our church building fund. Event is being sponsored by Outspokin' Bicycle and Sport in Newbury, NH.

## Quilting Award



Seen here is Mary Derry demonstrating quilting techniques during an exhibit of her quilts at Brown Memorial Library. Bea Howe watches intently before making a "Log Cabin" quilt square. Congratulations to Mary for becoming a National Quilting Association's Certified Judge this July—the first certified judge designated in Northern New England.

### Bradford Conservation Commission News

Three events to watch for this year:



The Conservation Commission, as part of the process of updating the town's Natural Resource Inventory, will be mailing a brief survey to all landowners to assess the current condition and uses of the town's soils, waters, wildlife, forestry, and agriculture. Please help make this report as accurate as possible by your participation.

Save the date - October 15th at 7 pm at the Town Hall for the public unveiling of the draft report and maps of the updated inventory. Your input invited!

Save the date – September 25th: Chris Schadler, wild canid ecologist, will give a presentation on the eastern coyote. Topics include: How coyotes use the landscape and interact with humans and the question "Do we really want wildness in New England"?





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**Letter To The Editor**

To members of the Bradford Business Association:

The Bradford students and the members of the Town of Bradford School Scholarship committee thank you for your generous check to the scholarship fund. We appreciate all the wonderful support over the years from the businesses in our local area. They continue to support our students in their goals for higher education. Please support our local businesses as they are always there for our children.

Thank you,  
Dawn Rich

Deadline for Bridge submissions is August 15. Items submitted later may not be printed. Please submit to [bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com](mailto:bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com).

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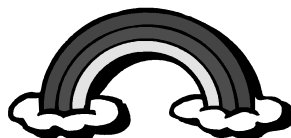
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**Bradford Historical Society** Project Village Smithy

The Bradford Historical Society acknowledges the extraordinary amount of volunteer work that is being done and the donations by area townspeople on the Village Smithy and Woodworking Museum under the chairmanship of John Mock. As well as materials and labor, there have been monetary donations which are appreciated. If we have missed your name, please let us know.

**LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORK, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS** to date: Jack Dyer, Bradford Road Crew, Harold Buker, Steve Hansen, Ellen & Sonny Harris, Charlie & Veda Hosmer, Kearsarge Party Rentals, Lumber Barn, Inc., Ed MacCleod, Tom & Judy Marshall, Dick & Leslie Marquis, Masters General Store, Mink Hill Construction, (Kyle Whitehead), Rick Messer, Chris Mock, Matt Ordway, Mel & John Pfeifle, Robin Seabolt, Robert Steward, Stewart Agency, Charlie Spaulding, Perry & Joyce Teele, David Wadleigh, Sandy Wadlington, Abby Walton, John Wardwell.

**RAISING WORKERS:** Bob Bean, John Belanger (roofing) Bob Blank, Nathaniel Bruss, George Cilley, Chris Frey, Steven Hansen, John Harris, Don Jackson, Ev Kittredge, Bruce Kozikowski, Ed MacCleod, John Mock, Jim Pickman, Brackett Scheffy, Bob Shoemaker, Perry Teele, Kyle Whitehead.

**Food preparers:** The Lumber Barn, Doug Webb, Melissa Mock, Cobble Pond, Marge Cilley, Harriet Douglas, Ruth-Ann Harris, Marcia Keller, Milly Kittredge, Marv Rich, Beth Rodd, Joyce Teele, the Bradford Rescue Squad and photographers, Audrey Sylvester, Sandy Wadlington and John Warren.

**BARBEQUE WORKERS:** Bruce & David Bowie, Harriet Douglas, Les Gordon, Bill Hallahan, Steve, Deborah & Natalie Hansen, Ev & Milly Kittredge, Sal & Pat Magistro, John Mock, Robin Navaro & Joe Torro & families, Barbara Vannata, Mike Ripberger, Nancy Roberts, Ona Ruchti, Parks and Rec for cole slaw donation and the dozen ladies who made potato salad. SINCERE THANKS, ALL!



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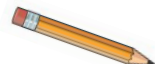


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## Legislative Report by Rep. Beth Rodd

Our country is in the process of recovering from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and New Hampshire has not been immune from the global financial impact caused by greed, mismanagement and lack of regulation that has hurt all of us. This is a tough budget with plentiful cuts but it protects essential services and does so without an income, sales or other broad-based tax. New Hampshire government is funded by fees and a mirage of small, less obvious taxes; most supporters of this system pride themselves on living with the "New Hampshire Advantage", a successful marketing tool that leaves our tax base dependent on property taxes, whether affordable or not, rather than by income, a marker of one's ability to pay. The conversation continues but for now Granite Staters say "No" to any broad-based tax and Governor Lynch has vowed to veto any broad-based tax. The people have spoken!

The Center for Public Policy Studies, an independent, non-partisan policy analysis organization, has stated that General Fund spending has decreased by more than 1%. The state is ending fiscal year 2009 without a deficit, unlike many other states in the country. Our baseline revenues, below 2004 levels, required deep cuts and hard decisions, to be softened and revisited when the economic climate improves. Our tough budget was a bi-partisan effort and Governor Lynch was described as amazingly adroit at bringing disparate interests together, according to both Democrats and Republicans working on the budget.

This budget fully funds an adequate education and is the first time in many years that the state has not been involved in a court case to address school funding. The budget

has *no expanded gambling, no sales, income or increased gas tax, no expanded Rooms & Meals tax to entertainment or amusement, no mortgage refinance tax, no capital gains or estate tax and no BET credit suspension or tax increase for businesses.*

There are many specific aspects to the budget and some of the increased fees and taxes are:

**Meals & Rentals Tax:** increased from 8% to 9% and extends the tax to campsite rentals with an exemption for campers staying at a site for 185 days or more.

**Car registration fees:** increased by \$30 for passenger cars and sunsets in two years. Ideas for an increase in the gas tax, supported by the legislature but threatened with a veto by the governor, left this as an unpopular alternative revenue enhancer.

**Tobacco Tax:** This was raised by \$1.78 a pack but continues to be lower than neighboring states and keeps NH competitive in regard to sales. In addition, New Hampshire has no sales tax that would be added to the price.

**Gambling Tax Winnings:** Imposes a 10% tax on winnings above \$600 as reported on Federal Income tax forms.

**Extension of Interest & Dividends Tax to Limited Liability Companies:** When an individual or partnership forms a corporation, any earnings above their wages are reported as dividends and taxed by the I & D tax. The government exempted LLC's from the tax in order to encourage them to grow, which they have done. Taxing LLCs equalizes the tax burden on businesses and is an equity issue. These bullets explain what's in the budget:

\*\$123 million direct education aid to cities and towns.

\***LCHIP** (diverts no money to general fund in first year, diverts less than half to general fund in second year).

\***Senior volunteer programs.**

\*Some funding in first year to allow **Commission on Status of Women** to transfer to self-funding.

\***Catastrophic illness program.**

\*Requires state employees under 65 to pay \$65/month for health insurance.

\*Requires an **increased retirement contribution** from new state employees.

\*Lowers the state share of the municipal normal contribution to 30% in FY10 and 25% in FY11

\*Suspends revenue sharing.

\***Caps meals and rooms tax** distribution at FY09 levels to cities and towns.

\*Reduces **catastrophic education aid** to cities and towns below FY09 levels.

\*Budget supporters include **AARP, NH Lodging & Restaurant Association and the Business & Industry Association.**

This report is an overview of some aspects of the budget that affect our state but does not address the social, state employee or policy aspects that came to the legislature. More on that next month.

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## Selectmen's Highlights

### Highway Department

Selectmen received notification that James Gove has achieved the status of Road Scholar II and Rob Green the status of Senior Road Scholar. Steve Lucier was asked to convey the selectmen's congratulations to the men.

Selectmen approved using town meeting funds allocated for road sealant on Old Warner Road. Culverts will be repaired from the Willett property to Route 114 and the section from that property to Route 103 will be sealed.

Road Agent Steve Lucier reported that the steel girders in the new highway garage have not yet been painted, but the paint is on hand. Selectmen reiterated that the final check to contractor Mike Sailer will be withheld until the girders have been painted. Repair work on the grader, which will take 3 -5 days, cannot be done until the painting has been completed.

Use of state prisoners to assist with tearing up the sidewalks, painting bridge guard rails and cemetery fences, and weed whacking municipal areas was discussed. It is anticipated that nine prisoners and a guard will be in town in September.

### Independence Day Celebration:

Favorable comments were made regarding the Fire Department not using horns and sirens during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Ruts at Brown Shattuck field caused by heavy trucks during activities on the 4<sup>th</sup> will be repaired.

Marlene Freyler advised that the BBA wants to pay for new flags and holders for Main Street and was given permission to collect the flags to see which ones are still in good condition. Freyler was asked to be in charge of Christmas decorations to be placed on Main Street.

### Cemetery Commission

Cemetery Commission's Tom Riley presented a plan of a section of the Sunny Plain Cemetery showing the layout done years ago. A public hearing will be held to update the cemetery regulations. Riley noted that state law requires a burial permit be available for each lot.

### Special Town Meeting

Selectmen scheduled a special town meeting for Tuesday September 1, 2009 at 7 PM at the Bradford Elementary School. See articles on pages 1 and 21 details.

*Minutes of all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the Town Hall and on line at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*

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### August Farm Days Celebration

How did people work and play in eighteenth-century rural New Hampshire? Come find out August 29th and 30th at the Muster Field Farm Museum's annual Farm Days celebration in Sutton! This is Muster Field Farm's biggest event of the year, featuring hands-on demonstrations of farm and homestead skills and exhibits of historic crafts by local artisans. Experience a Revolutionary War militia encampment as soldiers reenact military maneuvers. And children can participate in making complimentary homemade ice cream, using ice cut by hand during the Farm's annual ice harvest event, held at nearby Kezar Lake each winter.

Lunch and snacks are available for purchase on the grounds, or pack a picnic to enjoy on the Farm's unspoiled 250 acres of fields, historic buildings, and beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. And

don't miss the roast beef supper on Saturday night from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the supper are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, and are available by reservation (927-4047), or at the Farm Days Information Booth.

Farm Days admission is free to all Muster Field Farm Museum members upon presentation of their membership cards. Admission for non-members is \$5.

For more information, call 603-927-4276, or go to [www.musterfieldfarm.com](http://www.musterfieldfarm.com).

### Sunapee

The 76th Annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Fair opens August 1 and continues through Sunday, August 9 from 10 to 5 daily. The work of more than 350 juried League members will be on exhibit and for sale. The fair features handcrafted jewelry, wood accessories, decorative glass, pottery, weaving, quilts, designer clothing, metalwork, furniture, prints and much more. Three exhibitions include: Living with Craft; CraftWear and the outdoor Sculpture Garden.

The New Hampshire Art Association tent features an exhibition and

sale of oil and watercolor paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, and photographs from more than 200 juried Art Association members. Daily demonstrations of painting are scheduled. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, students, active duty military (with ID) and groups of 20 or more; free for children 12 and under. Visit [nhcrafts.org](http://nhcrafts.org) for details.

### Newbury

August 14: 5 PM

"An Elegant Garden Party" - A preview gala for the Newbury Historic Homes Tour: art, music, delectable hors'doeuvres, delicious desserts, tour of renovated stone barn! At the stone barn, Rte 103A at Malia Terrace (Note: stone barn NOT on Historic Homes Tour) Tickets: \$60 per person. Please call 763-2840 to order tickets

August 15:

*Newbury's Historic Treasures: Our Lake Lodges and Farmhouses* A tour of eight homes of historic significance from 9 AM to 4 PM, rain or shine. Tour begins at Newbury town offices, Rte. 103, Newbury, NH

Distinctive antiques will be for sale in the 1800 barn of the "Governor's Grant" farmhouse on tour. Raffle tickets for an original Peter Helwing watercolor will be available at Newbury Town Offices. Tickets: \$15 pre-buy at Bayberry Barn, N. Sutton or Marzelli's Deli, Newbury, \$20 day of tour at Newbury Town Offices. Info: 763-2840 or 927-4006

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## New London

Stanley Farm Hike, August 28, 2009 10- 12 noon. Join Peter Stanley for an easy hike of his family's 64.5 acres of protected property on scenic Burpee Hill Rd., New London. Mainly forested but also includes a Christmas tree farm, wild blueberries and a hayfield. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Call Nancy at 526-6555. Directions can be found at [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)

## Warner

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will host a model rocket launch in Warner, NH on Saturday, August 15th from 1PM to 4PM. In case of poor weather, the launch will be held on Sunday. For directions see [www.KARSNH.org](http://www.KARSNH.org) or call Mike Bellino 938-5129. The event is free and open to the public.

## Annual Fall Walkabout hikes in the Sunapee Region:

Free, guided hikes from early September and into the fall foliage season have been scheduled again this year by the Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition. The group will lead seven Saturday hikes ranging from easy to difficult; time in the field will be from 2 hours to 6 hours. Rain dates will be on Sunday.

This year, instead of attempting to complete the entire 75 miles of the Greenway's "emerald necklace," the group will offer Fall Walkabout hikes only on Trails 1 through 7. The remaining seven trails are to be scheduled during the 2010 Walkabout. Hikers who complete the entire loop – either during a guided hike or individually — are eligible for a certificate, presented by the Greenway at its annual meeting in March.

Routes will take hikers over Mount Sunapee, through Sunapee Harbor, over to Springfield, into the Morgan Hill area of New London and finally into Wilmot. Much of the walking will be on woodland trails and Class 6 roads and will offer many views of the region's spectacular hills and mountains.

Participants should contact hike leaders to establish assembly points and departure times. Hikers are expected to be properly equipped and provisioned and in good condition for the difficulty level of the trail. Unfortunately, dogs are not allowed on the SRK Greenway.

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes hiking and land conservation amid the rugged beauty of three major mountains. Its trails, incorporating 14 separate hikes through Andover, Danbury, Goshen, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot, are open to all at any time.

For information, visit the website at [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com), or write: Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition, PO Box 1684, New London, NH 03257-1684.

### 2009 Walkabout Schedule

TRAIL 1, Sept. 5 - Newbury Harbor to Old Province Road, Goshen. 7.3 miles, Moderate, 3 hours. Andy Hager, 526-2846.

TRAIL 2, Sept. 12 - Old Province Road, Goshen, to Sunapee Town Office. 7.3 miles, Moderate, 4 hours. Charlie Killam, 526-4467.

TRAIL 3, Sept. 19 - Sunapee Town Office to Deer Hill Road, Springfield. 7.3 miles, Moderate, 3 hours. Ron Wyman, 763-5822.

TRAIL 4, Sept. 26 - Deer Hill Road to Springfield-New London Road (NH Route 114). 4.1 miles, Easy, 2.5 hours. Cynthia Bruss, 763-4570, [gregcyn@myfairpoint.net](mailto:gregcyn@myfairpoint.net).

TRAIL 5, October 3 - Springfield-New London Road to Great Brook Bridge. 8.4 miles, Difficult, 6 hours. Susan and Michael Chiarella, 763-5879.

TRAIL 6, October 10 - Great Brook Bridge to NH 4A, Wilmot. 3.2 miles, Easy, 2 hours. Brian Faughnan, 526-7838.

TRAIL 7, October 17 - NH Route 4A in Wilmot to Wilmot Center. 4.4 miles, Moderate, 3 hours. Ken Aldrich, 526-2942.

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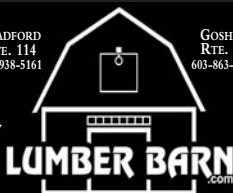
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**10 Questions - cont'd from page 1**

**Q. You were born in New Jersey and yet, here you are some years later in a rural environment with the sound of birds but little else in the way of culture and art. Did you ever think this would be your destination?**

Yes, I did think about it at times but it was in 1982 when I read "The Maple Sugar Book" by Helen and Scott Nearing that was my actual "aha" moment. The authors lived and homesteaded in Vermont and then moved to Maine to live off the land or the "good life" as they referred to it. It took me eight years to move to Bradford and find a place to work and live.

**Q. "Ararat Forge" is an unusual name for a business. How did you arrive at this? Can you explain?**

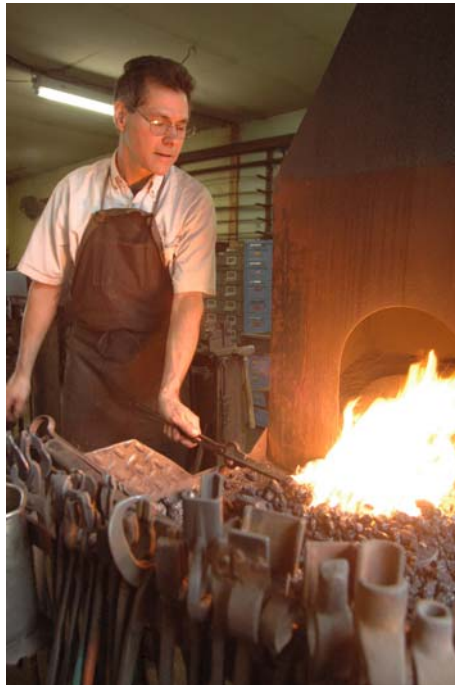
Mt. Ararat is a symbol of America. That is my background. I thought it would be nice to pick a name that honored my ancestors as well. Home industry is part of my Armenian culture.

**Q. Your artistic statement is to "aspire to something intuitive, something beyond ideas, an expression of universal aesthetic." Those words are quite inclusive and require elaboration for the non-blacksmith world. Can you tell us more?**

My work is not my personal vision. It's not about me. Many artists approach their work or regard their work as a personal expression of themselves. I try to express something that is more universal than personal.

**Q. It would appear that blacksmithing is not for the faint of heart. It is hard physical work involving strength, skill, extreme concentration, exposure to searing heat and complex tools. How do you keep yourself fit and functioning in your chosen profession? Do blacksmiths burn out and retire early or can they continue on into their older age?**

It is physically demanding. It sounds trite. I do push-ups, cycle and jog. I also practice yoga to strengthen my back. It is all the standing when you are working at the forge. I think that approached intelligently it doesn't wear one out. In addition to standing at the anvil and firing hot iron there are less demanding aspects of my work. I am the sole proprietor and have to do the billing and all the other aspects of any business. It's a life style, not really a job.



**Q. Your credentials are impressive. You're a member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, a metal juror and the former chairman of the Gallery 205 committee. It would seem that you have achieved many goals. What are you looking at in the future?**

"The Gallery 205" is the headquarters of the "League." I was chairman of the committee that arranged all the smaller shows for about five years. I'm giving all my attention to my studio work now. I'm producing "one of a kind" or limited high-end production pieces. I've been doing more and more teaching but that it only a small part of what I do.

**Q. In 2006 you went to Sweden to present a course titled "New England Door Hardware" to a group of Swedish blacksmiths. Can you explain how this happened and what was involved?**

A Swedish friend helped to arrange this after I expressed interest in the event. I sent work samples to a smith that ran a small teaching studio. It was a four day workshop. The language difference was not an issue, since almost everyone in Sweden speaks English. I demonstrated and taught the class about colonial door hardware. It was their exposure to that particular genre of latches, hinges and slide bolts. It was a good experience for me and I also enjoyed several days of sightseeing.

**Q. Your line of work seems to require many tools. Do you make your own or purchase them? Are there many reliable places to buy your equipment?**

I make many of my own tools because they are highly specialized. The more basic tools like the hammer and tongs, I usually purchase. There are only a few places that sell new blacksmithing tools. In the early days I was able to buy used tools from an auctioneer in Hillsboro. Now this is almost impossible to do because collecting of blacksmith tools has become fashionable.

**Q. What are your spare time hobbies or interests?**

I enjoy listening to live and recorded music. I enjoy cooking. I don't cook Armenian dishes. I do enjoy making salads and wholesome meals. In the little free time that I have. I enjoy reading and cycling.

**Q. I understand that you have degrees in music and education and prior to the 1980's you pursued a musical career and worked in education. It was only later in the 80's that you became**

involved with your present blacksmithing life. Apparently, the life of a blacksmith was not a priority early on. Do you think that reading the book about living off the land and working with your hands was the sole reason for your pursuit of the anvil and forge?

I've always had it in the back of my mind to make beautiful things. I certainly enjoyed my musical work and teaching but actually working with heat over 1000 degrees and physically creating products of my own design and imbuing the products with my personal touch leave me with a feeling of satisfaction that I feel is difficult to achieve in other types of endeavors.

*The Sunapee fair runs August 1-9. Participating Bradford artists and craftsmen include: Ann Eldridge, etchings; Sandy Luckery, braided rugs; Garry Kalajian, demonstrates at his portable forge and exhibits hand forged steel and ironwork; Jim Papuga, The Spirit of New England — gold and silver jewelry; Sherry Gould, Abenaki ash baskets; and Audrey V. Sylvester, photographs at the New Hampshire Art Association Exhibition Tent.*

**Andrew Stewart Graduates**



On June 12, 2009, Andrew Crawford Stewart received an Associates Degree in Applied Science, graduating from Portland Community College, Portland, OR, with Highest Honors. A 2007 graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, Andrew has been working with Columbia Industries and living in Portland. His parents, Tina Defosses and Robert C. Stewart Jr., both of Newbury and his grandparents, Addy and Robert C. Stewart Sr. of Bradford, are all very proud of his accomplishments. Andrew plans to stay in Portland and pursue his career.

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## August Calendar

### Mon. August 3

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM – Kid’s program -”Nature’s Circle”- begins fourth week  
 10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
 10:30 AM Noon - Yoga with Fran  
 1:00 - 4:00 PM - Bridge Group

### Tues. August 4

9AM –12 Noon - Hearing Clinic  
 10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining August Birthday celebration of cake and ice cream  
 6:00 – 7:30 PM - Yoga Class – call Fran at 456-3099 for information

### Thurs. August 6

11AM -1PM - Foot Care Clinic Call 526-4077 for appointment  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market with Open Mike for local Folk Musicians

### Fri. August 7

11:30 AM - first Friday brunch followed by music by the Orzenchowski family players  
 7:00PM –Book-to-Movie *The Enchanted April*, BML

### Sat. August 8

9:00 AM - Writing Group  
 2:00 PM – Annual Boat Parade Lake Massasecum

### Mon. August 10

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM – Kid’s program -”Nature’s Circle”- begins fifth week  
 10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris  
 10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group  
 7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

### Tues. August 11

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining followed by ServiceLink Medicare expert Anita Oelfke  
 6:00-7:30 PM - Yoga Class  
**6:00 PM - TIF Public Hearing Town Hall. Maps of proposed district and discussion of project**

### Wed. August 12

4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center – Committee meeting  
 5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. –meeting

### Thurs. August 13

12 Noon - Senior Dining  
 3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market with Natural Meat (Beef) Cookery Demonstration

### Fri. August 14

9:30–11:30 AM - Foot Care Clinic by Lake Sunapee Region VNA at North Ridge Senior Housing. Call for appt. at 526-4077

### Sat. August 15

9:00 AM – Bradford Barter  
 10:00 AM – Bradford Improvement Association

### Mon. August 17

7:30 AM -5:30 PM – Kid’s program -”Nature’s Circle”- begins sixth week  
 10:00 AM - Kumihimo followed by a picnic bag lunch  
 10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran  
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group

### Tues. August 18

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart  
 12:00 Noon - Senior Dining  
 6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### Thurs. August 20

10:30AM –12Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic by Lake Sunapee Region VNA  
 12 Noon - Senior Dining followed by Director of Communications, Granite Chapter, Becky Field on “The Red Cross in Your Community”  
 3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer’s Market with Doc(Al) Rogers – guitar and vocals  
 6:00 PM – Yoga Class

### Fri. August 21

10:30 AM - Friday at the Movies “Australia” with Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman  
 7:00PM – International Movie (Germany/Turkey) BML

## August Calendar

### Sat. August 22

9:00 AM - Writing Group

### Mon. August 24

10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

### Tues. August 25

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart

10:00 AM – Canning workshop – call 938-6228 for further information

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

### Wed. August 26

10:30AM – 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic - Lake Sunapee Region VNA at Warner Senior Room  
Mt. View's Summer Field Trip: Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise and Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant  
*Leave Warner and Bradford by 10:30*

### Thurs. August 27

12 Noon - Senior Dining

3:00 – 6:00 PM – Farmer's Market with Natural meat (Pork) Cookery Demonstration

### Sat. August 29

5:00-7:00PM – Library Fundraising Dinner, St. Peter's Masonic Lodge

### Mon. August 31

10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM –Bridge Group

### Tuesday September 1

**7:00 PM – KRES Bradford SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

### **Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports**

**FALL SOCCER SIGN UP-** Registration due August 1  
Programs are available for preschoolers (age 4) through those entering the 6th grade. Please see [www.bnsys.org](http://www.bnsys.org) for details and to print your registration form. Volunteer coaches and referees are needed. Contact Jen Dow at 938-2939 or [jtdow@tds.net](mailto:jtdow@tds.net) with any questions

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted.

Please call to confirm dates and times in case there has been a change to the submitted information.

**BML-** Brown Memorial Library

**FGC-** Fish & Game Clubhouse -Gillingham Drive

**KAP-**Kearsarge Area Preschool

**KRES-**Bradford Elementary School

**MVSC -**Mountain View Senior Center

**TH -** Bradford Town Hall

**ZBA-**Zoning Board of Adjustment

## Ongoing Events

**CHILDREN'S STORYTIME -** WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM. BML

**CEMETERY COMMISSION -** 2ND THURSDAY AT 6 PM - CALL 938-5539 FOR INFORMATION

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION -** 3RD TUESDAY 7:00 PM - TOWN HALL OR BML

**FISH & GAME CLUB -** 1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 7 PM FGC

**FIRST FRIDAY BRUNCH -** 11:30 AM MVSC - RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED, CALL 938-2104

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY-OLD P.O BUILDING, OPEN MOST SATS. 1:30-3 PM OR CALL 938-5386**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING -** 1ST MONDAY 7:00 PM - BML

**PLANNING BOARD -** 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 7 PM - TOWN HALL

**RURAL HERITAGE CONNECTION -** 2ND MONDAY 7 PM - BACC

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING -** 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY 5:30 PM - TOWN HALL

**ZONING BOARD -** 1ST TUESDAY 7:30 PM - TOWN HALL



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## Planning Board Notes

### Conceptual Consultations

Steven D. Riker from NHSC Environmental Consultants represented Harriet Hobbs and Corsair Realty to discuss reclamation of the gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road. The owner wishes to double the size of the existing pit. The regulations were reviewed with Mr. Riker who will submit an application for a permit.

Jeffrey and Marie Dow own a .75 acre lot on Bacon Road with two existing houses each with its own septic system. They would like to subdivide the lot in order to sell the house that abuts the road and provide for a driveway easement as access to the lake front house. They were advised to contact the Shoreland Protection department of DES and the ZBA for a variance.

### Site Plan Revisions

Doug Webb presented a plan for revision of the large sign at the Lumber Barn. The work will be done in three phases. The fluorescent lighting will be totally encased and will be on a switch. Webb noted that there are currently 90 square feet of internally lit signage on both sides. The Board approved phase one at this time.

### The Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Board will be notified that the off-premise sign advertising the Power Barn that has replaced the Rosewood Inn sign on the Lumber Barn property is non-conforming. The owner could request a variance for that sign.

### Gateway Rentals

Gateway Rentals submitted a written request for a site plan revision dealing with the sandwich board sign advertising Breezy Hill Storage. No one was present to discuss the revision. The Board voted that the application was not complete since no plan was submitted. The owner, Rick Deschesne, will be notified.

### Gravel Pit

Robert Stewart Jr. represented Peter Isham to discuss the Goodnight Sand & Gravel operation on Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Isham wants to close the pit and deal with the stone left from the blasting done on Route 114. The closure plan is basically the same previously approved by the board.

Removal of the stone would require crushing and mixing with additional gravel in order to make a useable product. He was advised that if more than 300 cubic yards of gravel would need to be excavated from the existing pit and mixed with the crushed stone a gravel pit permit would be required. Consensus of the Board is that an application is required, abutters notified, and a public hearing held. The application should indicate if blasting or crushing will be necessary.

### CNHRPC:

Selectmen approved Bill Glennie and Harry Wright as Bradford's representatives to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

*Minutes of Planning Board meetings are on file at Town Hall and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org).*





## Library Lantern by Meg Fearnley

**The Library Trustees Annual Fundraising Dinner** will be on Saturday, August 29 from 5-7pm at St. Peter's Masonic Lodge on Main Street. The menu will feature BBQ pork ribs, fresh-picked corn on the cob, vegetarian side dishes, drinks and a variety of desserts all for \$10, \$5 for children under 10 years old. Musician Alan Rogers will serenade diners with his guitar. We always have a great time preparing the food and serving it up to our dear library supporters.

**The Summer Reading Program** concludes on Saturday, August 1. I am so grateful to Lyn Betz and Penny Ulrich for organizing this fun four-week program. I hope we have encouraged some life-long readers! Thanks also to Sharon Kenrick, Abby Godkin, Jill Pinard, Patty Furness and as always Bea Howe for your assistance with the program.

Join us on Friday, August 7 at 7pm for a comparison of the book *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim with the movie adaptation. Next month we will read and watch (on September 4 at 7pm) *Nim's Island* by Wendy Orr. This movie is appropriate for children (rated PG).

**The International Movie Series** continues on Friday, August 21 with a selection from Germany that examines the Turkish immigrant experience. In September we will show a film from Spain.

Our next book sale is on Saturday, September 5 from 9am-2pm. New donations are always coming in.

Don't forget to try downloading audiobooks from the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobook Consortium. There are now lots of titles compatible with the I-Pod. Come in to the library for your special access number.

New books added to your library in July

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*Dune Road* by Jane Green  
*Horse Soldiers* by Doug Stanton  
*The Angel's Game* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon  
*Strangers* by Anita Brookner

### For children:

*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly  
*Paula Bunyan* by Phyllis Ro  
*Pond Circle* by Betsy Franco  
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## Obituaries

Gregory Richard

Gregory John Richard, 60, of Las Vegas, passed away peacefully July 11, 2009, surrounded by his family and friends. He was the son of Marcelle (Mottin) of Bradford, N.H., and the late Walter Richard. Gregory was born in Washington, D.C., Dec. 20, 1948, and spent most of childhood with his family living abroad, in southeast Asia and Tunisia, North Africa. He was a 1967 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, in Rome, Italy, and later attended universities in Washington, D.C., and Paris, France. A longtime resident of Boston and New Hampshire, Gregory lived the last 19 years in Las Vegas, where he worked at Sonny's Saloon. Besides his mother, survivors include his daughter, Gina Richard of Brattleboro, Vt.; son, Nicholas Richard of Henderson; sister, Maryse Conway and her husband, Joseph Conway, of Bradford, N.H.; two nieces, Aryn Conway of Brookline, Mass., and Megan Conway of Bradford; his former wife and friend, Nancy Richard of Peterborough, N.H.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins, in both France and New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to any charity of choice. A memorial visitation was held July 13, in Las Vegas, NV

## CORNERSTONE - Lafayette Square



Located at the east end of Main Street, this area was also known as John Brown's Corner and the Five Corners. As Bradford grew in the late 1700's and early 1800's, Deacon John Brown built a home on the corner and J.Q.A Brackett ran a farm up the road. The area soon sprouted several businesses: a general store, shoe shop, brick school, tin shop, smithy, and large hotel, the Raymond Hotel, with livery stable. The General Marquis de Lafayette, hero of the Revolution, visited Bradford in 1825, stopping at the Raymond Hotel. In 1913, the DAR erected an engraved stone to Lafayette's memory, set on a doorstep of the hotel. This was a big event, with many notables coming by wagon to see the "boulder" unveiled. Known in 1926 as the Five Corners, it was the intersection of roads to Warner, Sutton, Henniker, the Center, and Bradford's Main Street. The Raymond House had burned in 1898, the Gillis House, (Candlelite) was built immediately after and Echo Cottage opened for Guests. The Marshall estate was built and C.H. Marshall ran a tin shop in 1887 handling stoves, tin and woodenware. The corner building evolved into a store and ice cream parlor run by Joe Chandler, a substantial man with his sign "If you don't know where you're from, where you are, or where you're going, ASK ME." Later, two different dress shops and a gift shop shared space with rental apartments. Arthur Gardner worked from his plumbing-heating-stoves-lighting store in 1947. There was a funeral parlor in two different buildings at different times. A barn or two and the Marshall house burned and Evie's Lunch ceased serving long ago. The Gardner shop has been occupied by a barber shop and the Stewart Agency has been there since 1947. The corner businesses included The Red Front/VillageMart and are now private homes. With the change from the horse and wagon transportation, the watering trough was removed and the road reconfigured. The square is an attractive pocket park. It hosts the Annual Halloween Toilet Paper Tree. General Lafayette might have found that a unique type of greeting.



### Bradford Parks and Recreation

On behalf of the Bradford Parks and Rec, we would like to thank all our volunteers who helped make our Beef Roast and 4th of July Parade and celebration complete. Former Chair of P&R, Jane Lucas, was there to help serve at the Beef Roast. The Bradford Batonettes once again received 1st Place Ribbons. Many thanks to all who helped create the new costumes, especially Isabel Grilo and Evie Flinkstrom. Many thanks also to the Batonettes and parents who sold popcorn before the fireworks.

Just a reminder that dogs are prohibited from French's Park. We've had complaints about dogs running around the park and would like to remind people that French's Park is a "No Dog" zone. It's also a "carry in, carry out" park which means that everyone should take their trash with them when they leave so that we all can enjoy a clean park.



*The Bradford Batonettes*



*John Bruss and Jim Pickman carving the beef.*



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## Lake Massasecum News

By Ann Lucier,

*Shorewatcher Coordinator*

Unfortunately, another patch of milfoil was found in Lake Massasecum between the Big Island and the Mountain Lake Inn beach. Shorewatchers on the lake have been diligent in checking this area since it has been of great concern to us. It was found on a Thursday, marked with a buoy (a water jug). The next morning it was confirmed to be milfoil and the state was notified and the divers sent out early the following week to pull and matt the area. When you are boating in the lake and you see a buoy, please do not go near it or pull on the rope that secures it in place. This could cause a piece to be broken off and self root elsewhere.

This is the reason we must be very diligent in our shorewatching. Due to inclement weather, windy conditions and the sun shining on the water, you may never see it till it becomes a considerably large patch. When it grows up and gets closer to the surface that is when a propeller or even a paddle can break a section or piece off. So when you are out there boating and enjoying our beautiful lake, avoid this area and keep your eyes open for new growth .

If you would like to become a member of the Lake Association or would like to volunteer to be a shorewatcher, you may contact me at 938-5940. All the membership fees go to the Milfoil Program here at Lake Massasecum .

## Massasecum Treated to Control Milfoil

A small area at the north end of Lake Massasecum was treated with an herbicide June 30<sup>th</sup> in an effort to control milfoil in the lake. Variable milfoil is an aggressive aquatic plant that can form dense mats that congest waterways and crowd out native species according to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service. The problem with milfoil's thick growth is that it can degrade the native habitat of fish and other wildlife and impair recreational uses of waterways including boating, swimming and fishing.

Milfoil was found in Lake Massasecum in 1996 in a 12 acre cove at the north end of the lake. In 1997, Reward, a liquid diquat dibromide herbicide, was applied to the water. This is absorbed through the leaf cuticle and acts by interfering with photosynthesis. When this proved ineffective, the area was separated from the remainder of the lake by a net and boating and fishing prohibited to control the spread of the weed. The milfoil was harvested and the rest of the lake carefully monitored to spot and remove any small patches that occurred.

This year 2,4-D slow release pellets, which will usually kill the plant within two weeks, was applied. The treatment area is marked at the north end of the lake and motor boats are restricted from entering the area. There was a 1 day restriction on swimming within 200 feet of the treatment area and lake water from within 1200 feet of the area was restricted for drinking and irrigation. Public notice was posted and lake landowners within the treatment area were notified.

NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Limnologist/ Exotic Species Program Coordinator, Amy P. Smagula, reported the drinking water restriction for 2,4-D

concentration is 70ug/L. The herbicide concentration, even within the direct treatment zone, has not exceeded that level to date. She tested the water off the rocky point just to the northeast of the swim lines at French's Park on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> when the concentrations were 3.8 ug/L (parts per billion) and 4.9 ug/L respectively.

The current concentration of the herbicide at French's Park is well below the drinking water concentration, plus the swim beach is well outside of the treatment area. There is no swim restriction imposed on it at any time for herbicide concentration, and the concentrations in that area are at only trace levels, therefore, swimming in that area is not restricted.

As for the effect on the milfoil in the treatment area, Smagula said, "The herbicide seems to be working well. The milfoil is brown and disintegrating on the lake bottom. Of course, it is going to take a long while to realize the long-term effectiveness of the treatment, and I would urge everyone in the north end, and the lake as a whole, to keep their eyes on the lake bottom and to immediately report any regrowth or new growth of milfoil in the lake. Our divers will continue to take care of it as it crops up (if it does). Hopefully we will not need to do another herbicide treatment, but time will tell. Things look good so far though, and I'm optimistic."

DES conducts numerous field investigations each summer but with over 800 lakes and ponds in the state, Volunteer Weed Watching Programs are needed according to Amy Smagula. Early detection of milfoil, education and rapid reporting are strategies used by the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association with guidance from the state.

**Lake Todd Loons –  
Smarter than All of Us**

by Allene S. Hamilton,  
Loon Observer

First low water then high water prevented our loons from nesting at their usual time and place. They looked for a new nesting site and found it. On July 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>, they became proud parents in a new nesting spot.

Loon biologist Susie Burbridge from the Moultonboro Loon Center discovered the new nest with two eggs in it. When she returned several days later, she found 2 chicks had hatched. What a nice surprise for Lake Todd once again to have a loon family on our lake. We hope they can make the fly-out before the lake is frozen. When they leave they go to find saltwater for the winter months.

We know everyone loves to see the loons. We ask this year especially that you respect their privacy and approach them with care, quietly from the side only and not head-on when you are in a kayak or boat. If they give their “attack loon cries” know that you are approaching too suddenly and directly, getting too close to them.

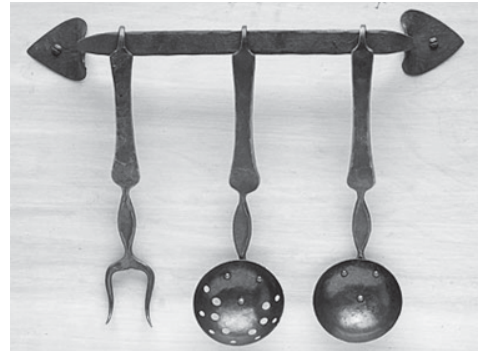
How lucky we are to have these beautiful birds willing to spend time close to us so that we may truly enjoy them.



Amy P. Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator, NH Department of Environmental Services instructs Lake Todd residents on the dangers of exotic plants and how quickly they can overrun a body of water.

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## Market Update

*by Laura Hallahan*

The latest data available from the Northern New England Real Estate Network (NNEREN), our multiple-listing provider dates to May and shows that while median home prices for 2009 are still below May of 2008, the price difference was small and smallest in Merrimack County, where unit sales jumped 28 percent. Median sales prices statewide in May were up 5 percent over March and unit sales were 25 percent higher. While interest rates have gone up slightly, the fact that median home prices in 8 out of 10 New Hampshire counties are below \$200,000, should have buyers out there looking to buy. New Hampshire's high quality of life and low cost of living along with the tax credit for first-time homebuyers should bode well for the late summer and early fall market. I am pleased to be able to report 5 recent sales in Bradford after two reporting periods in a row with no sales.

For Merrimack County in May, 114 units sold and the median price was \$198,750, down 2 percent from last May. Looking at Year-To-Date figures, 354 units sold and the median price was \$194,250. Incidentally, the two counties with a median home price over \$200,000 are Hillsborough and Rockingham.

An update on aging New Hampshire provided by Peter Francese for the New Hampshire Association of REALTORS® (NHAR) shows we are now tied with Florida as the fourth oldest state in the nation, with a median age over 40 for the first time ever. On the good news front, there was also a 13 percent rise in the 18 to 29 age group and if we can keep young adults in New Hampshire, the number of families with children is likely to increase and our median age may stabilize or fall. Governor Lynch has taken an active role recently in trying to figure out a way to keep young people here.

One key benefit to an older population is that older people generally have more money. The median household income of those between 45 and 64 is about \$71,000 and about one-third of households earn six-figure incomes. Over the next 5 to 10 years, experts say this age segment will be most likely to purchase a second home. These buyers could play a key role in New Hampshire's economic recovery. Our state is already third in the nation in the percent of dwellings that are seasonal or vacation homes. We have almost 60,000 seasonal or occasional use homes as compared to around 370,000 year-round owned homes. Second home owners could represent as many as one in every three sales in the years ahead.

### **Recent Sales in Bradford**

- 38 Water Street, 1775 Colonial on 1.90 acres for \$146,000
- 402 County Road, 1971 Cape on 6.0 acres for \$168,000
- 87 Maple View Drive, 2006 Colonial on 1.63 acres for \$229,900
- 127 Pleasant View Road, 1932 Colonial on 13.95 acres for \$750,000
- 31 Water Street, complex of 6 1950's Cottages on 6.30 acres for \$275,000

There are 41 active and 3 pending residential listings, 24 active and 0 pending land listings, 4 active and 1 pending commercial listings and 1 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford.

### **Assessor's Hours at Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen have arranged to have regular hours for an assessor at the town hall the second Thursday of each month. Those interested should call the selectmen's office 938-5900 ext. 1 and speak with Trudy for an appointment.



**Police Grant Application**

In the years leading up to 2004 the Bradford Police Department has had three fulltime officers and a number of part time officers. During these years staffing did fluctuate and Bradford trained a number of officers only to lose them to Laconia, Franklin, and Derry to mention a few. In 2004 the selectmen asked if we could develop a schedule where all calls in the town were handled by local police officers. So we began to work on providing that service, increasing the number of patrol hours and taking on an "on-call status" for the some of the remaining hours.

During the past five years, every call in the town of Bradford has been handled by a Bradford Officer. This gives the administration better control and a clearer sense of the true activity in the community. The police department is currently down one full time officer and two part time officers. Because of the fiscal constraints and now the man power shortage, we have had to place the state police on call during certain hours to cover the town.

The federal government, through the Department of Justice, has a highly competitive grant called the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) which will fully fund a full time police office for the first three years with the community guaranteeing to maintain the position in the fourth year. This would return the staffing to the original three full time officers. We have applied for this grant through the town administration. We are hoping to hear something sometime in the fall. As a side note a concern that has been voiced by a number of residents is the parking on the sidewalk along the southern side of both East and West Main Street. While the sidewalk is rough and not very pretty, it is clearly a sidewalk. New Hampshire RSA 265:69 I(b) clearly prohibits the "stopping, standing, or parking" of a vehicle on a sidewalk. A number of pedestrians including children and mothers with children in strollers have had to walk out into traffic to avoid parked vehicles. We would certainly appreciate everyone's cooperation in making the Main Street a safe and casual place for people to walk.

**Note: Session 1 of the Special Town Meeting on September 1, 7 PM, KRES deals with the COPS grant for the full time officer.**

**Police Report**

June 2009

Burglary	2
Criminal Trespass	1
Theft - Unauthorized Taking	1
Assault - Simple	1
Assault - Criminal Threatening	1
Fraud - Issuing Bad Check	1
Fraud - Identity	1
Domestic Violence	1
DUI - Second Offense	1
IEA -Mental Health	1
MV - Citation Speed	6
MV - Warning	54
MV - Complaint	1
Parking Violations	2
Vacant Building Check	1
Business Check	152
Alarm Response Business	3
Alarm Response Public Building	1
Alarm Response Residential	2
Assist - Ambulance	2
Assist - Citizen	3
Assist - Fire	1
Assist - Motorist	1
Assist - Police	4
Dog - at large	5
Fingerprinting for Volunteer Service	3
Directed Patrol	3
Property - found	1
Missing Person	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
VIN Verification	1
Fireworks Permit	1
Traffic Offense Warning.	1

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**A Culinarian's Column** by Caryl Walker

Hazy, hot, and humid! The summer sizzle! Corn on the cob, tomatoes ripe from the garden, fruit dripping lusciousness! Well, maybe not yet, but I am sure we will have it! When I have spent a hot and sweaty day, I want a salty supper. Here is my solution: Swedish cucumbers –a fresh pickle (my grandmother's recipe); corn; and bacon, tomato, and cheese sandwiches. For dessert eat a peach standing over the kitchen sink and let the sweet juice drip down your chin—another rite of summer.

**Judith Malmsten's Swedish Cucumbers**

½ cup cider vinegar	1 cup cold water	6 tablespoons sugar	1
tablespoon salt	2 medium cucumbers, scored	½ cup minced parsley	

1. In a medium bowl, mix together the vinegar, water, sugar, and salt. Set aside.
2. Score cucumbers and slice 1/16 inch thin. Add to marinade.
3. Mince parsley and add to cucumber mixture. Stir. Refrigerate.

**Corn on the Cob**

4 ears corn, husked and de-silked	1 teaspoon salt	1 gal. boiling water
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1. Bring water to a boil, add salt and corn. Bring back to a boil for 2 minutes.
2. Turn off heat, cover, and serve after 2 minutes and up to 20 minutes.

**Bacon, Cheese, and Tomato Sandwiches**

Tomato slices, 3/8" thick	Cheddar cheese slices	8 slices bacon
4 slices bread	Mayonnaise	Salt and Pepper

1. Slice tomatoes and set aside. Slice cheese and set aside. Fry bacon medium on one side and lightly on the other. Drain on paper towels and set aside. Broil bread medium on one side and lightly on the other. Set aside.
2. To assemble: Place bread, medium toasted-side up; spread with mayo; top with tomatoes (cut to fit snugly); salt and pepper, tomatoes; cover with cheese slices; top with 2 slices bacon torn in half, lightly-fried side up.
3. Place under broiler and watch carefully to melt cheese and toast bacon.

Notes: 1 To score the cucumbers, use a fork and make parallel lines lengthwise down the cucumbers. To make perfectly sliced cucumbers, use a mandolin. USE THE GUARD to protect your fingers.

2. Garden tomatoes often have thick skins. I peel mine using a paring knife.

Enjoy!

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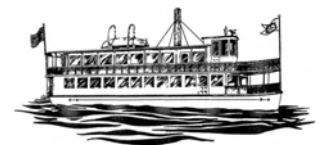
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### **Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) News**

The Baseball and Softball season is coming to an end with All Star games finishing up. It has been a great season! Special thanks for all the hard work from the coaches and other volunteers who helped make it successful! A special thank you goes to Terra VonKanneurff for all her hard work managing our concessions function for the past year and a half. This is an important fundraising aspect of the program and she has done a tremendous job! A special thank you also goes out to her husband Patrick for his help and support throughout it all. Thank you Terra and Patrick!!!

BNSYS is in need of volunteer help. BNSYS is a 501c3 non-profit organization that runs completely on volunteer efforts. There are no other town sports programs and the Kearsarge school programs do not start until children reach middle school. BNSYS provides the opportunity for elementary school-age children to learn sports and sportsmanship, build their skills, get some exercise and have some fun with their friends.

The volunteer labor force has diminished considerably in the last two years. In order to continue this program, parents must step up and do their part. It takes a lot of work to organize a sports season. Someone has to place the advertising and manage the registration process, someone has to run the background checks on all the coaches, someone has to sort, organize and replenish the team uniforms and equipment, someone has to be the head coach, someone has to be the assistant coach, someone has to mow the field regularly, someone has to line the field regularly, someone has to do the ground maintenance regularly, someone has to order the porta-potties, someone has to run the snack shack to help pay for the mower and the uniforms and the equipment. It is practically endless.

We need YOU! There are board positions open and helpers needed continuously throughout every season. Whether it is softball, baseball or soccer season, it all needs to be done and we cannot do it alone. Please consider volunteering some time to make sure the children have a place in your community for their sports activities.

Thank you for supporting our Fourth of July and Newbury Old Home Days booths and showing your continuing support in our fundraising activities.

Upcoming events:

**Speed and Skills Clinic:** Tuesdays and Thursdays on the soccer field starting at 5:30pm, July 9th . Contact for further info- Eddie Hauck, 603-748-0226 cell or [eddiehauck@hotmail.com](mailto:eddiehauck@hotmail.com), [www.bnsys.org](http://www.bnsys.org)

**Major League Soccer Camp** will be held the week of August 3-7<sup>th</sup> , contact for further info: Jen Dow, 938-2939, [jtdow@tds.net](mailto:jtdow@tds.net), registrations online at <http://www.bnsys.org>

**Fall Soccer Registrations** due 8/1/09: See <http://www.bnsys.org> for details and to print your registration form. Programs available for age 4 through those in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Coed Adult Softball:** every Thursday night at 6:00pm at the Warren Brook Softball field. Contact for further info: Tina Desfosses 938-6059, [desfosses@mcttelecom.com](mailto:desfosses@mcttelecom.com)

**Host families are needed** for the U16 Softball World Series held in Concord, NH August 6-15th. Contact for further info: Tina Desfosses 938-6059, [desfosses@mcttelecom.com](mailto:desfosses@mcttelecom.com)

**Annual Golf Tournament:** Thursday, October 8, 2009 at Country Club of NH, Sutton- our biggest fundraiser of the year!





## And the Winners are....

### Bradford 5K Results July 4, 2009 163 Runners

**Men's Winner:** Matthew McGarty, Quincy, Mass. with a time of 18:01

**Women's Winner:** Jane Chitkara, Wayland Mass. with a time of 21:12

**Warren Brook Award Winner** from Kearsarge Regional High School: Owen Dayton, Bradford, NH with a time of 21:55  
Lindy Heffernan, Sutton Mills, NH with a time of 22:42

Other notable top 30 Bradford Runners: Mike Harrison in 8th place with a time of 19:18, Jim Bravo 15th place, 21:17 G.P. Lebourdais, 17th place 21:24 Phil Lamareaux, placing 19th with a time of 21:47

Runners From KRES at Bradford: Ella Howland (age 11) 36:54, Maddy Cook (age 10) 36:54, Hailey Lacombe (age 8) 3 Taryn Hubley (age 8). 37:25 Jacob Long (age 7) 33:11

### Parade Winners

The July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade judging this year was done by Tom Villante and his daughters, Kayla and Helena from Merrick N. Y.

### First Prizes

**Bradford's Finest** - Bradford PD

**Bradford's Bravest** - Bradford FD

**Best Costumes** - Brown Memorial Library

**Most Patriotic** - Bob Selig

**Best Performers** - Bradford Battonettes

**Most Patriotic Team** -

Motorcycle's Andy & Val Miller, Newport

**Float** - Rock Maple Nursery

**Best Restored Bug** - Jim & Diana Schunemann

**Best Auto** - Millie & Ev Kitterage

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#### Wanted:

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#### Wanted:

The Bradford Conservation Commission is looking for someone who'd like to help us keep the front of a small town park mowed. The Bradford Springs Hotel site is located on the East Washington Road close to the south west town line and close to a sulfur spring that was advertised as having curative powers. If you would like to take get to know one of the town's conserved lands by taking on this task a couple of times a year, please give Ann Eldridge a call at 938-5266.

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