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Special Town Meeting

Tuesday September 1st, 7:00 PM

Bradford Elementary School, Old Warner Road

The warrant for this meeting has been posted and will be available at Town Meeting. The following is a brief summary of the articles to be discussed and voted on.

Because of rules governing federal funds for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), there will be two separate, consecutive sessions.

Session #1. Article 1. To raise \$64,511 to pay the fourth year salary and benefits for a full time officer for the police department on the condition that a federal grant is received that would pay 100% of the salary and benefits of the officer for first three years.

Session #2. Article 1. To adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K that allows a town to establish a tax increment financing (TIF) district.

Article 2: Assuming the adoption of Article 1, shall the Town vote to adopt the "Downtown Bradford Improvement Tax Incremental Finance District", as approved by the Board of Selectmen on July 28th, 2009, whose boundaries shall consist of 122 specific parcels encompassing approximately 340 acres.

Article 3. Assuming adoption of Articles 1 and 2, shall the Town adopt the Downtown Bradford Improvement District Development Program and the Tax Incremental Financing Plan as approved by the Board of Selectmen on July 28th, 2009.

Articles 4. & 5. will be withdrawn if articles 1 & 2 pass.

Article 4. To establish a Municipal and Transportation Capital Improvement Fund.

Article 5. Sets an additional \$5.00 fee on motor vehicle registrations to fund the above established reserve fund. (Passage of this article is contingent on passing Article 4.)

10 QUESTIONS:

By Phyllis Wilcox

This is a continuation in a series of interviews with people in Bradford. This month we interviewed Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector. Susan Pehrson was born in Arlington, Massachusetts where she attended public schools. After she graduated from high school she went to work for New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. She worked in the engineering department for five years until her marriage to Rick Pehrson who was also from Arlington. They moved to Bradford in 1969 and raised two daughters.

Q. You began your tenure as town clerk working as assistant to Betty Cilley who served the town as clerk for fifty years. Can you tell me about that? Was she a patient teacher and mentor?

Yes, she was a wonderful role model for the position. She knew the town clerk job inside and out. She was patient and really anxious to find a worthy successor for the position. It was a different job then. Now, everything is computerized and we work in town hall. During Betty's time, the office was in her living room on Main Street. She had regular hours but you could knock on the door and she would help you unless she had cookies baking in the oven. Then you had to wait your turn. I was her assistant for almost two years until she became ill. I was appointed town clerk and ever since then I've been elected to the office. During my time as assistant

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Letter from the Editor

From the Editor,

The Town Meeting scheduled for September 1st is indeed a special occasion. It provides our town with an opportunity to make a decision that will begin to set funds aside for needed improvements to our Main Street. Establishing a TIF is like establishing a savings account and requiring that certain money goes into it before it is spent someplace else. The money comes directly from the incremental taxes on improvements in the TIF District and only from that source plus any grants that are matched by the TIF funds.

Initially, the appearance of downtown will be improved by the new sidewalks and this can spur additional improvements in the area – a win/win, as they say. Another group of “they” says why should those of us who do not live downtown support this? The experience of those of us who live near Lake Massasecum speaks to this. For many years, lake residents were told that any problems near or on the lake were “ours” - for us to solve. Thankfully, when milfoil was found 12 years ago, town officials and town residents alike recognized the importance of the lake as an asset to the town as a whole. Town meeting has continued to support the ongoing milfoil control efforts. We are truly one town. What benefits the lake, benefits all residents. Conversely, an attractive Main Street enhances the town and benefits us all.

Please, attend Town Meeting, 7 PM Tuesday September 1 at the Bradford Elementary School on Old Warner Road, listen carefully to the discussion, ask your questions, and consider supporting the creation of a TIF District for downtown Bradford as a first step in the long-range uplifting of our town.

Marcia Keller

September Editor

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Bradford Happenings

Bradford Historical Society

Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:00 PM, Bradford Area Community Center - NH Humanities Council and Bradford Historical Society present Steve Taylor, scholar, farmer and journalist, who served a quarter century as NH's Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Taylor operates a dairy and maple farm in Meriden Village. He will present the program, "Cows and Communities: How the Lowly Bovine has Nurtured New Hampshire Through Four Centuries."

Cattle were essential to the earliest settlements from foods to motive power and are still a vital part of rural NH. Where are the cows today and what are they doing for us now? Mr. Taylor's programs are sprinkled with wit along with wisdom.

The program is free and the public is invited.

The Historical Society hopes to have tools on display and maybe demonstrations in the Village Smithy Building on East Main Street this fall. Keep checking it out.

Bradford Parks and Recreation Fun Day

The 6th annual Bradford Fun Day, sponsored by Bradford Parks and Recreation and the Kearsarge Area Preschool, is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Brown Shattuck Field on Cilley Lane right across from the Community Center. The festivities include crafts, face painting, demonstrations, games and a Dunk tank. This year the event will focus on low cost old-fashioned fun. Hot dogs, cotton candy, hamburgers and sausage grinders will be served at the snack shack. Hay

rides will be scheduled throughout the day and the popular pie eating contest will return. If you bake a terrific apple pie (made only with apples) make sure it is entered into the apple pie baking contest! Mr. Phil will start things off with a little magic and make balloon hats for everyone! The wonderful traveling REPTILES ON THE MOVE show is scheduled for 11:40. Non profit organizations and groups are encouraged to set up at this event to promote community involvement. Businesses, artists and crafters are also encouraged to set up.

For more information, please contact Kate at 938-6228.

BACC Annual Meeting

Friends of the Bradford Area Community Center will have their annual meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 at 4:30 pm at the BACC. All are invited to this public meeting.

Union Congregational Society Annual Meeting

Saturday morning, September 12th at 9:00 AM, join your neighbors for a potluck breakfast at the Old Schoolhouse on Rowe Mountain Road. This precedes the Annual Meeting of the Union Congregational Society, which maintains the Center Meetinghouse in Bradford's Historic District.

Agenda items will include recent improvements made to the building, ongoing maintenance issues, and election of officers for the coming year. If you are interested in Bradford history, be part of this group that continues with the upkeep of one of Bradford's oldest buildings.

Bradford Conservation Commission

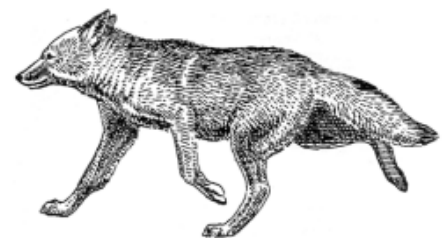
The Bradford Conservation Commission, together with the Brown Memorial Library and the Bradford Fish and Game Club, will be bringing Chris Schadler, wild canid biologist, to town for a presentation on wolves and the eastern coyote.

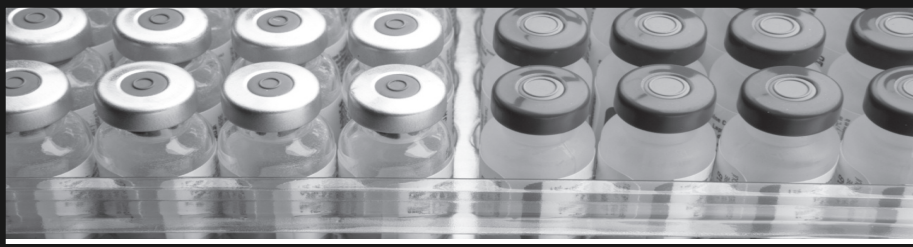
Chris taught for 10 years at the University of New Hampshire in the Department of Natural Resources where she was recognized for teaching excellence. After 30 years of research, field work, and lecturing, what strikes Chris is the dichotomy between what people say they want from nature and what people appear to need from it.

Coyotes, wolves and humans are smart and opportunistic. Coyotes and humans are prolific. All of us share a predilection for carnivory. We seem to disdain coyotes when they seem to mimic us at our worst (scavengers, opportunistic, sneaky) and adore wolves when they most resemble what we'd like to be (courageous, loyal, free). How much wildness do we really want in New England? Can a growing human population coexist with the coyote?

Questions like these keep Chris traipsing through the woods, looking for sign of the eastern coyote. She is trying to understand how it uses the landscape, searches for mates, interacts with humans and with wolves repopulating from Canada.

Chris's talk and slide presentation at the Bradford Elementary School on September 25th at 7pm will address these issues and more.





VNA | H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update

- H1N1 virus has been isolated.
- Manufacturers are beginning vaccine production.
- The vaccine is expected to be ready mid-late October.
- High risk groups currently identified include pregnant women, healthcare workers, persons 6 months - 24 years of age.
- H1N1 vaccine is separate from the vaccine for regular seasonal flu.

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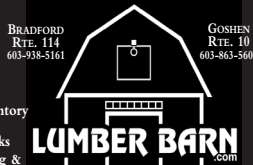


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Planning Board Notes

Notice of Decision received from the Zoning Board of Adjustment that the off-premise sign for OE Trucking on Route 103 had been unanimously approved. A motion was made to request a rehearing by the ZBA, but failed on a 3-3 tie vote.

Site Plan Revision – Signs Rich Deschenes, Jr. discussed two signs for Breezy Hill Storage – one on Route 103 and an off-premise sign at the corner of Breezy Hill Road. He will produce a plan showing the exact locations of the signs.

Enforcement - Chair Phil LaMoreaux read a letter he sent to the selectmen regarding their lack of enforcement of the DPX2 non-compliance with the approved site plan. At the time of the meeting, the board has not received a response.

Minutes of all Planning Board meetings are on file at the Town Hall and online at bradfordnh.org.

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Loss of an Old Friend



Seen here is an 80-foot tall maple at the former Mason W. Tappan house and former Daniel Webster Inn on West Main Street being cut down by certified forester, Leo Hersh and his crew in August. The maple survived the hurricane of 1938 and recent ice storms. Current owners, Burton and Ellen Hersh, regretfully decided that the revered tree was finally a threat to their house since during the past few years (in spite of feeding and selective pruning), large branches continued to fall on the house during storms. The butt of the tree (barely one-foot from the house) measured 48" in diameter. When it was sliced across near the ground, a hollow core confirmed that the tree had been rotting from inside. Although an exact age could not be determined, this sentinel maple tree watched over West Main Street for more than an estimated 300 years,

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
Bradford needs to make improvements to the Main Street area (Village district). The most immediate need is to repair, replace and extend the existing sidewalk system. Future projects may include improved signs and lighting, renovation of municipal buildings, creation of parking spaces, and sewerage. Each of these projects will increase the appearance and functioning of the village. Even more, they will provide incentives for new private investment in upgrading or replacing existing business properties. The biggest obstacle keeping us from carrying out some of these improvements is financing. Two financing problems are evident: any expenditure will immediately increase tax rates, and residents of the outlying parts of town are reluctant to pay additional taxes that will directly benefit only another part of town.

We have an opportunity to address both of these problems through a creative financing mechanism – a Tax Increment Financing district. This proposal will be voted on in a special Town Meeting on September 1.

For many years concerned citizens have been exploring ways to generate business development and help create jobs in Bradford. Establishing a TIF district will provide us with a tool that can help us accomplish this goal. Communities throughout New Hampshire have successfully used this mechanism to attract important investment projects.

We should take advantage of this opportunity by voting for the proposed warrants at the Special Town Meeting on Sept. 1.

John R. Harris

To the Editor,
Beth Rodd's legislative report from the August Bridge is misleading and biased in many ways (liberal democratic talking points and nothing more) and completely inaccurate as far as the "state is ending fiscal year 2009 without a deficit."

While Gov. Lynch wanted to steal from the medical malpractice insurance fund some \$110 Million to "balance the budget", the Supreme Court rightfully said no.

The State will not end fiscal year 2009 without a deficit unless it steals from some other fund. The budget was a deficit budget from the beginning and the Gov. was so warned.

Her comments that Gov. Lynch was described as "amazingly adroit at bringing disparate interests together, according to both Democrats and Republicans" is seriously misleading and nothing more than democratic propaganda.

Our completely inadequate public school system is run by the teachers' union and our state is run by another obsolete and corrupt union (wouldn't you love to only pay \$65 a month for your health care?).

Our state and country is moving toward socialism (if not communism) and more government regulation and destroying our free markets and mandating universal health care (it doesn't work in Canada or Europe) will destroy our nation.

The bureaucrats can't run any governmental agency cost-effectively or adequately and Gov. Lynch isn't running our state other than into the ground. His word is not his bond and he sold out to special interests long ago.

While I agree that he's a charming guy, he's not a leader and he's certainly not an economist.

Judy Paris

Dear Editors,

As a family that spends a month in Ontario, Canada, every year, we have had frequent opportunity to observe health care there – for various family members as well as for our extended family who live in Ontario. If our family here received the care that those who live in Canada receive, we'd be happy and blessed. Our 30 year old cousin has recently had breast cancer, has had major reconstructive surgery of the highest tech variety, and is currently having regular radiation treatments. The timeliness and quality of her treatment is unmatched. Her father, in his late fifties, has had two successful hip replacements in the last year.

This summer my husband tore a hamstring on a Friday evening, and received prompt, competent treatment, as well as follow-up, in the nearby small town emergency room.

A prescription skin medication that I need, but that is not covered by my insurance plan, costs me \$195.00 a tube here. When I see a local dermatologist in Ontario the prescription costs me \$20.

We were in Canada when a woman was making news here with the claim that she was denied treatment in Canada. This claim was investigated closely by the Canadian newspapers, and shown to be a total sham. Her condition was a benign cyst, not life-threatening, and she could readily have received appropriate treatment in a timely manner. Apparently, the lure of being paid to make right-wing propaganda in the US was more than she could resist.

It's time that we got around to real health care reform, and resist the efforts of well-heeled special interests to maintain an unsatisfactory status quo.

Ruth-Ann M. Harris

Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing in support of the Downtown Bradford Improvement TIF District.

When a person comes to look at a property in Bradford, we not only try and sell it, but the town and its people, too. We know that towns are made up of people and there is a wonderful mix of locals, newcomers, artists and professionals in Bradford. There is also a real sense of community that is evident by the number of people who give of their time to make this a better town. This past year in particular, our job has become all the more difficult not just because of the economy, but also due to the tax rate in conjunction with a challenged downtown district. Visitors see houses or businesses that have burned down and not been fully removed or repaired, businesses that have closed, foreclosed or distressed properties and sidewalks in disrepair. Everyone in Bradford, even those who live miles from town, is directly affected if a person chooses to live elsewhere. Fewer properties will sell and they will sell for less money.

We collectively have an opportunity to change the downtown district. We know that TIF Districts have been successfully deployed in 20 New Hampshire communities. The money raised by new incremental taxes generated by

improvements to properties within the district is set aside to pay for other improvements in the district. Anyone who has improved a property knows that the assessment and subsequent taxes will increase anyway, so this is a way to earmark a portion of that increase for projects the residents of the town prioritize as most critical.

As President of the Bradford Business Association, I also know how important it is for us to keep current businesses in town and attract new businesses. This endeavor will be helped by the TIF District as well.

Some laugh at the idea of sidewalks and feel this is a low priority. Because there are other monies available to help fund the sidewalks and the request has been scaled down, we have an excellent shot of being chosen. This is just a starting point and we have to start somewhere!

I urge you to vote "YES" at the second session of the Special Town Meeting on September 1st. Working together we can make Bradford an even better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Laura Hallahan

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Questions & Answers on TIF

The idea of establishing a Downtown Bradford Improvement Tax Increment Financing District was presented and discussed at a public hearing on August 11th. The following are responses to some of the questions that were raised at the hearing.

Q: What is the reason for the town meetings?

A: The town of Bradford has worked on grant applications this year which require the town to approve future year spending. While we have not received an award at this time, we have not been denied. To allow the acceptance of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) money the courts have allowed these special town meetings.

Q. Why are we having two town meetings?

A: Rules governing the special town meeting for ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds must be held only for this purpose. Our Town meeting will have two sessions. One for the ARRA funds only and the second to consider the TIF District and the Municipal and Transportation Capital Reserve Fund issue. They will be held on the same day, with the second session immediately following the close of the first.

Q. What is a TIF?

A. 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 a defined district.

Q: How were the TIF district boundaries determined?

A: The district boundaries could include up to 8% of the assessed value of the town but not to exceed 5% of the acreage of the town. In defining the area, we tried to identify where we needed improvements and where possible development could occur. Sidewalks have been an issue for many years so that provided the anchor for our district.

Q: What's the catch?

A: Tax Incremental Financing is not some magic bullet that can make us prosperous or every project a success. But is also not some "trick". TIF can provide a means for financing needed infrastructure improvements which the general fund cannot afford using "new" money from future improvements.

Q: What if the TIF district doesn't generate new taxes?

A: Then no money will be put aside for these projects. It is expected that the first few years the improvements will be few, but over time, properties will be developed and will contribute to the reserves.

Q: What does it cost the Town?

A: The estimate is between \$2500-\$5000 for employee time. The Board of Selectmen feel that the necessary paperwork can be incorporated into the Town Administrator's work load and will not require additional staffing for the next few years. Should a large amount of activity change the reporting requirements, the money collected in the TIF reserve would be available to pay the expense.

Q: Who makes decisions for the TIF?

A: RSA 162-K:14 requires the town to appoint an advisory board for each district. The majority of Board members will be owners or occupants of real property within the district plus interested citizens and a district administrator from the town. Their purpose shall be to advise the governing body on planning, construction and implementation of the development plan. A vote of the town meeting is required to release money from the TIF. Also, any changes to the plan need to be presented to the town meeting for a vote. At this time the town does not anticipate the need to hire additional staff to handle this project.

Q: How long does the TIF last?

A: This plan is proposed for twenty years

Q: Where is activity in the TIF district reported?

A: In the annual town report the value of the TIF will be reported as well as any activity during the year.

Q: Does the new building help to lower my non TIF tax rate?

A: The new building assessments do not go into the computation of the town tax rate. The new values are taxed at the same rate, but are reserved for the TIF reserve fund. The long term savings would be in funding of future warrant articles from this source of income rather than from additional taxes.

Q: How is the TIF a benefit to the non TIF areas?

A: By reserving the incremental taxes over time, the town will be able to reduce the number of warrant articles presented to the town each year for improvements to the downtown district. The town will be committing to saving first and it will allow the town to pursue outside funding that may require the town to match some portion of the grant award.

Q: Why sidewalks?

A: While this current plan is geared towards sidewalks (a recurring request by townspeople) the Tax Incremental Financing Plan should not be associated only with one project. TIF is a funding plan for any municipal project in the defined district. This is a first step in long term planning for our town. The sidewalk issue is in response to recurring questions at Candidates Night and Town Meetings in the past. Currently, the town is applying for a Transportation Enhancement Grant to replace the sidewalks in phases.

Q: Can TIF district funds be used for other municipal purposes outside the District in an emergency?

- A: 1. A community can use all of the new incremental taxes of a TIF district to fund the TIF plan. However, Section 162-K:10 (II) allows a community to allocate a portion of these new tax revenues back to the general fund.
2. A community may not “tap” the TIF bank for projects outside the district, but can divert some or most of the incremental revenues coming into the district to the General Fund if needed.
3. Section 162-L:9 (III) also allows communities to set up revenue sharing agreements with schools and or the county, although such sharing tends to diminish the value and impact of the TIF concept.

Q: Can the purpose or the boundaries of the TIF District be changed?

A: Yes, during the first five years, the purpose and boundaries can be changed. The town meeting may dissolve the TIF as well.

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I was paid ten dollars for the 18 months. It was a question of who was going to pay my salary. The town thought Betty should pay me and Betty thought the town should take care of my salary. The issue was never decided.

Q. Why did you apply for the position? Did your years at New England Telephone and Telegraph prepare you for this job?

I was an engineering clerk. I worked from a map which covered ten towns. I kept track of the telephone poles. I loved that job. It had nothing to do with the town clerk position. I remember as a small child that the town clerk's office always fascinated me.

Q. On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your present job as town clerk/tax collector? If anyone were to ask for your advice on applying for clerk would you recommend it as a good choice?

I have always found it interesting. Any job has mundane work. I would advise anyone who can multi-task to apply for the job. At the present time I am without an assistant and I'm interviewing applicants. This is not routine work. You have to like people and be even-tempered. It's a "10" job for me. I've been 24 years as town clerk and 19 years as town clerk/tax collector.

Q. We are living in a sour economy. Many people are losing their jobs and probably having a struggle to pay their taxes. It must be difficult for you to conduct business as usual. Are there ways that you can help people who may be having difficulties?

I don't see a huge difference in tax delinquency. There are some people who are having problems. Overall, people consider their taxes the most important thing to take care of. I try to help where I can. I accept payment at any time. They do have to pay 12 percent after the

due date and then 18 percent as of April 1st of the following year. I encourage people to talk to their bank and mortgage companies who may help them to figure out a plan to pay.

Q. You stressed the importance of town meeting and attendance at same. You say that many people feel that casting their votes at town elections is all that is necessary. Can you explain why you feel so strongly about this?

Town meeting has two phases. The elections adjourn at 7 pm and are resumed at 7 pm the next night. It's nice to cast a vote but you have to go to the meeting since that is where the town's money is spent and decided. The warrant articles and line items are all decided at town meeting. In past years we have provided baby sitters. We have provided food so that people coming from work can get something to eat before the meeting. Nothing has worked.



Q. It seems that people living away from Main Street have no interest in or desire to improve the downtown area. Attendance at planning and zoning board meetings seem to attract only people who have something at stake. How would you explain to people that they need to take an interest in the town as a whole and not just their own backyards?

I don't think that people don't care. Perhaps, they feel that if they stay away, then it's not their problem. It's important to come to

meetings and find out what is going on. It may not have a personal bearing on your life but what happens downtown affects you even when you are sitting on top of your isolated mountain. I strongly suggest that everything that happens downtown affects everyone in the town of Bradford. People should come to the meetings and state their opinions. They need to be heard.

Q. Recently the town clerk /tax collector and administrative offices have reduced hours. I believe that this is an attempt to save the town money. Do you think this will actually save money? Are you able to get your job done under these new conditions? Are you facing disgruntled town residents who are having difficulties finding the time to get to your office to pay taxes, car registrations and all the other things that happen in your office?

Yes, people are complaining that the office is not open and they are having trouble taking care of their town business. Currently, we are open 17 hours a week. The office used to be open 26 hours a week. It was in my line item. The budget cut was voted in at town meeting. The budget was cut by \$8,000 and I had only about \$4,000 by doing some of the work myself. It wasn't enough so the hours had to be cut. At the present time we are open on Monday and Tuesday. We are closed on Friday. The entire building is closed on Fridays to make up the \$8,000 difference. Money for the coming year will be tight. The citizenry is not happy. They can conduct their business through the mail. If they choose to come to the office, they must be prepared to wait. It is legal for me to suggest that they do their business by mail. I take work home whenever possible but there are things that cannot leave the office.

Q. You've been a Bradford resident for 40 years and town clerk

for 24 years. In your opinion how would you rate the quality of life in Bradford? Where would you suggest improvement? What do you see as major drawbacks?

I love this town. For any town to stay vital it has to move with the times. We have some new business here with Pizza Chef, Dunkin Donuts, Iamnet, and the new child care center on West Main Street. I'd love to see a little grocery store on Main Street.. People seem to be upgrading their homes. We're a small community of 1600 people. I don't think people want that to change and most of us are accustomed to traveling to shop and do other things.

Q. Your job involves workshops and training on a regular basis. There are constantly changing rules and regulations that you must keep up with. I understand that you are looking for an assistant. Are there many applicants for the position?

I definitely need an assistant. There are four qualified applicants at this time. I make the decision but the selectmen have to agree with my choice. The training is essential and, yes, the rules and regulations do change all the time.

Q. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? Do you see retirement in the near future? Is your job one that can go on and on until you've had enough? If you could change anything in your life and do things differently, what would that be?

I spend my free time with my 16 year old grandson who lives in Contoocook. We hike, swim and canoe. We're a close-knit family. My original platform was that I would not stay in the job for 50 years like my predecessor Betty Cilley, but before I leave I would like to see that someone is ready to take over. As to the question of what would I change the answer is absolutely nothing. Everything has been rosy for me. It is a good life.

Obituaries



Lillian Youmans Frey

Lillian (Youmans) Frey died Wednesday August 19, 2009, at New London Hospital. She was born September 10, 1913, in New York City, daughter of Maurice and Mary (Rado) Youmans. She grew up on Long Island and graduated from Far Rockaway High School, Class of 1929. She also attended New England College.

She was married to Clarence Frey on October 3, 1937, in Rockaway Beach, New York. Mrs. Frey and her husband moved to New Hampshire in 1939 where she became proprietor of a guesthouse on Route 114 in Warner known as the "Halfway House" until 1942. They moved to Bradford in 1942 and she worked as bookkeeper for Cressy & Williams for 25 years.

Mrs. Frey also worked for New England College in Henniker for 18 years, holding the positions of bursar and director of financial aid until her retirement in 1975. She was Bradford's town treasurer for 29 years, school district treasurer

and deputy town clerk. She was active in, and was treasurer for, numerous local clubs and organizations, as well a charter member of the Bradford Women's Club.

Mrs. Frey enjoyed crocheting, reading and walking, and she traveled the country extensively after her retirement. She was a friend to all she met and always brought a smile to everyone's face with her dry wit. She was a loving wife, mother and friend.

She is survived by a son, Christopher J., and predeceased by her husband Clarence, who died in 1955; and a son, George, who died in 1946.

A graveside funeral service was held at Pond Cemetery, Bradford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Bradford Scholarship Fund, c/o Dawn Rich, P. O. Box 225, Bradford 03221.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon. August 31

SCHOOLS OPEN - Drive Carefully!!

Tues. September 1

10:00AM - Stitches From the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

7:00 PM - Town Meeting KRES

Thurs. September 3

11AM to 1PM- Foot Care Clinic at Mt. View Senior Center. Call 526-4077 for appointment

12 Noon -Senior Dining

3:00 -6:30 PM – Farmer’s Market – Dallas Rice – Country/folk/rock - guitar

Fri. September 4

11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch followed by music with folksinger/guitarist Alan Rogers

7:00 PM – Book-to-movie (Nim’s Island), BML

Sat. September 5

9:00 AM – 2:00PM – Book Sale, BML

Mon. September 7

Labor Day Holiday Mountain View Senior Center closed

No Meals on Wheels

1:00 PM – Bridge Group

Tues. September 8

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris

10:00 AM - Stitches From the Heart

12 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. September 9

4:30 PM - Bradford Area Community Center Committee meeting

5:45 PM - Parks & Recreation Dept. –meeting

Thurs. September 10

12 Noon Senior Dining

3:00 -6:30 PM – Farmer’s Market

Fri. September 11

8:45 Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

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

Sat. September 12

9:00 AM - Writing Group

9:00 AM – Union Congregational Society Annual Meeting – potluck breakfast -Center Meetinghouse – Rowe Mountain Road

Conservation Commission surveys due, drop off at BML, Town Hall

Mon. September 14

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness

10:00 AM - Ceramics with Doris

10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran

1:00 PM - Bridge Group

7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connection

Tues. September 15

9:00AM –12 Noon - Hearing Clinic

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart

12:00 Noon - Senior Dining

6:00 PM - Yoga Class

Wed. September 16

Noon to 4:00 PM - Mountain View Senior Center Annual Picnic/Bbq at the Warren Residence on Lake Todd. All seniors and their guests welcome to come and eat, swim, and boat! Call 938-2104 to confirm attendance.

4:30 PM – Friends of BACC

Thurs. September 17

10:30AM –12Noon - Blood Pressure Clinic - Lake Sunapee Region VNA

Senior Center Week Celebration!

Noon - luncheon, guest speaker Dr. Cecilia Vicuna-Keady “Senior Wellness—Partnering with Our Senior Centers” Reservations required!

[Later this day at the Wilmot Community Center: A presentation and discussion on early Alzheimer’s Disease. Call KOCA at 526-6368 or LSRVNA at 526-4077 for details.]

3:00 -6:30 PM – Farmer’s Market

SEPTEMBER CALENDER**Fri. September 18**

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30 AM - Friday Movie - "New In Town" Renee Zellweger & Harry Connick Jr.
 7:00 PM - International Movie (Spain), BML

Sat. September 19

10:00 AM - Bradford Barter -BACC
 10:00 AM - Bradford Improvement Association
 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM - Fun Day-At Brown Shattuck Field - Parks and Rec

Mon. September 21

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30 AM - Yoga with Fran
 [No Kumihimo class this month]
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group
 5:30 PM - Girl Scouts

Tues. September 22

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

Wed. September 23

10:30AM - 12 Noon Blood Pressure Clinic VNA at Warner Senior Room
 7:00 PM - Historical Society - with Steve Taylor
 "Cows and the Community"

Thurs. September 24

12 Noon - Senior Dining
 3:00 - 6:00 PM - Farmer's Market -with Doc(Al) Rogers - guitar and vocals

Fri. September 25

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 7:00 PM - Wolves and Coyotes in New England, free program, KRES-Bradford

Sat. Sept. 26

9:00 AM - Writing Group
 5:00 PM Bradford Barter Potluck Dinner -BBC

Mon. September 28

8:45 AM - Mountain View Senior Center Fitness
 10:30 AM Yoga with Fran
 1:00 PM - Bridge Group

Tues. September 29

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

*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.*

Abbreviation Key

BBC - Bradford Baptist Church
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

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 PM, Town Hall or BML
Fish and Game Club - 1st Monday of each month - 7 PM, Fish and Game Club
First Friday Bunch - 11:30 am MVSC, reservations appreciated, call 938-2104 for information
Historical Society - open most Saturdays, 1:30 - 3 PM, or call 938-5386
Library Trustees Meeting - 1st Monday, 7 PM - BML
Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7 PM, Town Hall
Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7 PM, BACC
Selectmen's Meeting - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Town Hall
Zoning Board - 1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Town Hall



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First Baptist Church News

by *Lynne Hubley*

Focus Factor: Youth who are in grades 6 and up are invited to come to Focus Factor (a/k/a youth group) every Friday night in September from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the church. September 4 is a "back to school" party, September 11 is game night, September 18 is "bring a friend" night with a prize for the person who brings the most friends and September 25 is an Ice Cream Sundae. Every meeting includes games, sharing, snacks, and a biblical message that applies to teenagers.

Mom's Group: The mom's group will meet every Thursday morning in September beginning September 10 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. The book of study will be "The Great House of God" by Max Lucado.

Food Pantry: The pantry will be open Wednesday, September 16 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.. Food can also be obtained by calling the church office at 938-5313 and we are happy to deliver food to anyone who is not able to get to the pantry.

Progressive Dinner: On Saturday September 19 at 5:00 we will begin our Progressive dinner and travel to a different home for appetizers, soup and salad, the main course and then dessert.

Rally Day: Sunday school begins Sunday, September 20 for children who are ages 4 and up. The theme this year is "BFF --Best Friends Forever". Children and youth stay in worship (which begins at 10:00 a.m.) until the "Time with God's Children" and then break out into their respective groups.

Forty Days of Love Campaign: Our church will be doing a 40 days Spiritual Journey called "40 Days of Love" beginning September 20. For 40 days, our worship Services and small groups will be focused on themes having to do with love.

Men's Fellowship: On Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. the men will meet at the home of Fred Hubley, for a devotion, refreshments and pool.

Christmas Shoe Box Mission Project: During the months of September and October our church will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse "Christmas Shoe Box Mission Project". If you would like to put a box together for needy children, please call the church office at 938-5313.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thanks to everyone who came to our annual fundraising dinner in August. We appreciate your support. All donations will benefit the library.

We are very excited about the upcoming program "Wolves and Coyotes in New England" presented by wild canid ecologist Chris Schadler at the Bradford Elementary School on Friday, September 25 at 7PM. Schadler will compare coyote and wolf ecology, behavior, and social dynamics as well as discuss the return of the wolf to New England. This program is presented free of charge by the Bradford Conservation Commission, Bradford Fish and Game Club, and Brown Memorial Library.

Our next book sale is on Saturday, September 5 from 9am-2pm. Many new donations have come in!

September's book-to-movie discussion will be on Nim's Island by Wendy Orr. This movie is rated PG, so is appropriate for most ages. Join us for the movie on Friday, September 4 at 7PM. Copies of the October book-to-movie title The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall-Smith are available from September 5.

The International Movie Series continues on Friday, September 18 with a selection from Spain. In October, we will view a movie from Tunisia.

New titles added to your library in August:

For adults:

Even Money by Dick Francis

Dear American Airlines by Jonathan Miles

That Old Cape Magic by Richard Russo

Goat Song by Brad Kessler

The Girl Who Played with Fire by Stieg Larsson

Lost in the Meritocracy by Walter Kirn

For children:

Strawberry Hill by Mary Ann Hoberman

I'm Your Bus by Marilyn Singer

Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

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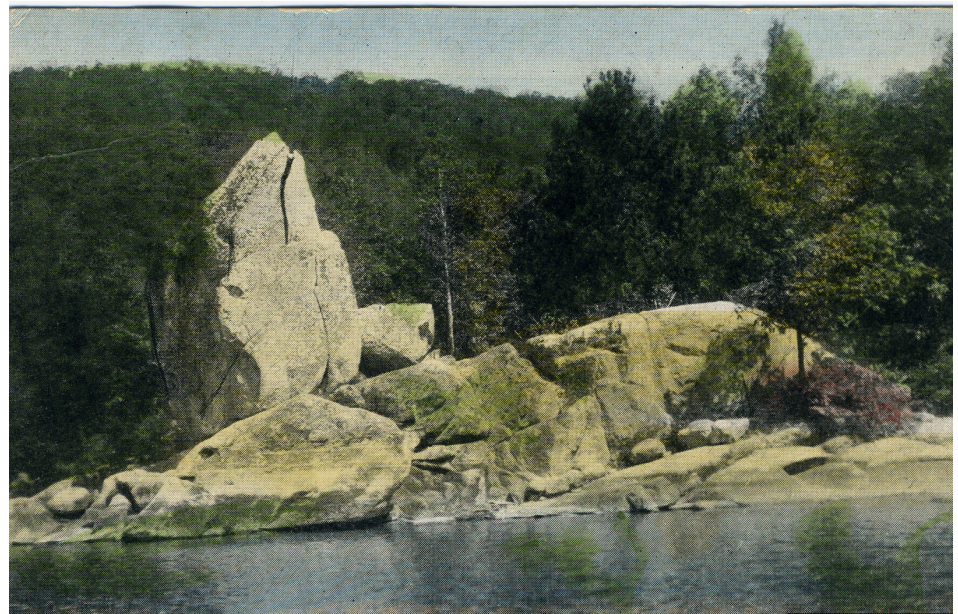
In 1928, John E. French gave "to the inhabitants of the Town of Bradford and their friends" the use of six acres on the southwestern shore of Lake Massasecum to be known as French's Park. This rugged rocky area was previously known as Cape Nancy and was a favorite picnic area in the 1920's and 30's. The 1957 Town Report says it was named for Mrs. John French's sister, Nancy Day.

From 1976 until recently, the Bradford Women's Club sponsored summer swimming lessons for area youngsters. This is presently done by the Parks and Recreation Department who hold some of their summer Nature Camps there as well as chairing the spring cleanup. The cleanup was headed for many years by the Conservation Commission with other town organizations helping over the years.

Last summer a collaborative effort by the Town of Bradford, the Lake Massasecum Improvement Association and the New Hampshire Lakes Association provided funding to address a serious erosion problem at the shore front. Drainage ditches and culverts were added in addition to new steps to the lake and vegetative buffers for protection. The work was done by several KRHS students along with a science teacher from the school. One of the students said the project was about "stopping erosion problems and making the park more accessible and nicer."

Facilities at the park have grown. It's a busy place, and Mr. French's gift to the town is appreciated by many residents.

Old postcards of Cape Nancy, bottom: the Cressy family visiting around 1910



July Police Report

Burglary	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Theft - Unauthorized Taking	1
Fraud - Bad Check	1
Fraud - Identity	1
Falsification - Public Record	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Disorderly Conduct	1
Runaways	1
MV Crash-Property Damage	2
MV - Citation Violation	1
MV - Citation Speed	3
MV - Misdemeanor	1
MV - Warning	22
Parking Violations	2
Business Check	41
Vacant House Check	2
Alarm Response Business	1
Assist - Ambulance	2
Assist - Citizen	4
Assist - Motorist	2
Assist - Police	9
Assist - Public Works	1
Animal - Bite	1
Animal - Nuisance	1
Dog - Barking	1
Dog - At Large	5
Fingerprinting for Vol. Serv.	1
Untimely Death	1
Welfare Check	2
Directed Patrol	1
Property - Found	1
Property - Lost	2
Property - Return to Owner	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Police Information	2
Paperwork Service	1
VIN Verification	2
July Total	131

Police Sobriety Checkpoint

As a result of the increasing incidents of drinking and driving, the Bradford Police Department is planning on conducting a “sobriety checkpoint”. The “sobriety checkpoint” is the most effective method of detecting and apprehending the impaired operator.

The program, approved by the New Hampshire Highway Safety agency and the National Traffic Safety Administration, provides federal highway safety funds to support these checkpoints, which will be conducted in the Town of Bradford.

A review of records has shown that the use of alcohol by individuals who operate motor vehicles has

resulted in an alarming number of deaths and personal injury crashes, locally and nationally. Therefore, in an effort to maintain safe roads in Bradford, the Bradford Police Department along with other area departments plan on conducting a “sobriety checkpoint” in the Bradford Area during the week of August 30, 2009.

The purpose of the “sobriety checkpoint” is to detect and apprehend the impaired driver. Bradford Police Chief James Valiquet is taking an aggressive approach to prevent persons from driving when intoxicated, and the law enforcement community will use those tools to their full extent to keep our roadways safe.



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Selectmen's Notes

Highway Department: Steel beams at the highway garage are being painted, but only the spots that have peeled, not where it has rusted. Selectman Charles Meany requested Road Agent Lucier to include painting of the girders in next year's budget along with any other work on the garage that needs to be done. The chimney is scheduled for completion in August. Final checks to contractors Sailer and Hansen were released by the selectmen.

Substantial completion paperwork for the West Meadow Road bridge was signed. The guard rail at that bridge was changed because of the placement of a PSNH pole. Selectman Fenton advised the town should not be responsible for the expense involved.

Highway Department employees will return to a five day work week 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM starting September 1st.

Culverts are being replaced on Old Warner Road. Sealing should be done soon. Engineering plans need to be drawn up for bids to replace a malfunctioning culvert and catch basin on Fairgrounds Road.

A prison crew will be in town in mid-September to remove paving from the sidewalks and the town hall parking lot. Selectman Charles Meany will work with their supervisor to draw up a plan for the work. He also advised that money will be needed for hard pack to replace the paving and help with maintenance.

Parks and Recreation/ Community Center: Robert Stewart Sr. expressed several concerns regarding the use of the community center building. He advised that a letter should be sent saying

that everything has to be down on paper, including a list of all the projects for the entire year. Selectmen voted that the names of voting members of the Parks and Recreation Committee be submitted to the selectmen and that all voting members should be residents of the town.

At a later meeting selectmen discussed the duties of each department with Parks and Recreation Chair Debbie Flinkstrom and Margaret Raymond. Selectman Chair Meany said they are in the process of reviewing the entire operation at this time. It was suggested that questions and concerns be written down so they can be addressed. Selectmen said the list of voting members requested should be forwarded to the town clerk for inclusion in the town report.

Appointments: Selectmen signed two year appointments for the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to include Peter Fenton, Les Gordon, Laura Hallahan, George Morse, Jane Rayno, and Woody Pringle. Erica Gross was appointed as Deputy Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Hours: Christine Waite expressed her frustration at the limited hours for the town clerk, which had led to a delay in registering her car. She also stated that Friday is pay day for many and the office does not open until noon on Monday when people work out of town. Charles Meany said there is much discussion at present, but that the funds cut at town meeting have changed the way the town must function.

Wind Power: Robert Manchester

inquired about a warrant article for a tax exemption for wind power. He was advised to gather the needed 25 signatures to put it on the warrant and said he would do so.

Abutter: William Starr objected to a letter advising him that he should move his screen house, which sits entirely on town property next to the town hall, by September 30th. He felt it was unfair for him to bear the brunt of the error since the property has changed hands several times since 1976. Selectmen requested that he put his concerns in writing.

Ambulance Billing: Administrator Cheryl Behr reported that as of August 13th, \$5,000 has been received from billing for ambulance service.

Special Town Meeting: selectmen and town administrator continue with planning for the special town meetings to be held on Tuesday, September 1st at the Bradford Elementary School. On August 11th, selectmen held a public hearing on the proposed Tax Increment Financing district and plan to be voted on at the meeting. More than 50 people attended to listen to the presentation and ask questions of Steven Heavener, Director of the Capital Region Development Council, who has been assisting with the proposal. Minutes of that meeting are on file at the town hall and online at bradfordnh.org. See article on pages 8-9 for answers to some of the questions raised.

KRSD: Superintendent of Schools Jerry Frew met with the selectmen to discuss a variety of

school related programs for the upcoming year. KRHS has been selected as one of four schools to participate in a Secondary Schools Consortium with the goal of better preparing students for college, careers, and community. There is also a pilot program dealing with the challenges of the district's weather. The program promotes a wide variety of "extended" learning opportunities for students and could serve as a model for all NH schools.

Mr. Frew said that the "Old Middle School" will be used for several programs – the SAU office, a Professional Development and Training Center, Adult Diploma and Community Education Programs. The Culinary Arts Program will relocate to that building where a cafeteria will be operated, in part as a fund raiser.

Mr. Frew expressed appreciation for the help given by Road Agent Steve Lucier in advising the district of road conditions in town before the school buses are sent out.

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Newbury Home Tour



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At The Newbury Home Tour, Nowell House in the background*

This is Our Town

The focus this month is on the planning board which, along with the zoning board of adjustment, deals with developing and implementing the land use regulations for the town. State law requires every planning board to prepare and amend a master plan for the town. All other functions must be authorized or approved by town meeting. The Master Plan was first adopted in 1986 and was amended in 1996 and 2006.

In 1971 town meeting authorized the Planning Board to review and approve subdivisions. The first subdivision regulation was adopted in 1972 and has been periodically updated since that time. In 1989, town meeting approved a zoning ordinance and authorized the planning board to carry out site plan review for commercial and industrial proposals and development of multi-family dwellings.

Subdivision, Site Plan Review, and Excavation Regulations are prepared by the planning board and approved by the board after a public hearing has been held to accept comments and suggestions. The Zoning Ordinance, which in-

cludes requirements for wetlands, floodplain development, and wireless communication facilities, is proposed by the planning board (or by petition), presented at one or more public hearings, and voted on by ballot at the first session of the town meeting.

There are six elected members of the board and a selectmen's representative who serves ex-officio as a voting member. Up to five alternate members may be appointed by the board to serve when a member is absent or unable to participate. The current members are Philip LaMoreaux, Chair; Marcia Keller, Vice-Chair; Bill Glennie, Sonny Harris, Barry Wheeler, Barbara Vanatta, and Jack Meaney, selectman's representative. Jim Bibbo and Jane Johnsen serve as alternates.

The Planning Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month to accept applications and consider proposals. The fourth Tuesday is reserved for long range planning dealing with updating regulations and considering any changes that might become necessary.

A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

The crisper nights of September equals the realization that summer is waning. Celebrate the harvest season! Roast some vegetables—the perfect cooking method to showcase their color and flavor!

Put-the-Garden-to-Bed Roasted Vegetables

4 Roma tomatoes , 1 large onion, 1 medium eggplant , 1 medium zucchini, 1 medium summer squash , 1 bell pepper , 4-6 garlic cloves, 5 Tbsp. olive oil, 1 Tbsp. Balsamic vinegar, salt and freshly ground black pepper , ¼ c. basil, 2 Tbsp. fresh thyme, 2 tsp. fresh rosemary, (opt.) ¼ tsp. red pepper flakes

1. Preheat oven to 425° F.

2. Halve Romas lengthwise. Halve onion stem to root end; cut into ¼ inch slices. Cut eggplant into 1 inch cubes. Cut squashes into ½ inch rings. Cut pepper along ribs; then in half. Slice garlic.

3. Spread prepared vegetables on a sheet pan; sprinkle with the olive oil and Balsamic vinegar. Toss to coat. Sprinkle vegetables liberally with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Spread vegetables into single layer.

4. Roast the vegetables for 20 minutes; stir once or twice. Meanwhile, chiffonade the basil, chop the thyme, and mince the rosemary. Stir the herbs together and add the red pepper flakes, if using. Remove the pan and sprinkle with the herbs. Stir the vegetables. Roast 5- 10 minutes more until fork tender. Serve from hot to room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

Notes: Try a variety of vegetables—carrots, fennel, green beans, sweet potato—herbs, and spices. Vegetables with a large water content need to be cut thicker than vegetables with a low water content.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice - Home Care Matters

What is Alzheimer's? Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder named for German physician Alois Alzheimer, who first described it in 1906. Scientists have learned a great deal about Alzheimer's disease in the century since Dr. Alzheimer first drew attention to it. Today we know that Alzheimer's:

- Is a progressive and fatal brain disease. As many as 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to affect work, lifelong hobbies or social life. Alzheimer's gets worse over time, and it is fatal. Today it is the seventh-leading cause of death in the United States. .

- Is the most common form of dementia, a general term for the

loss of memory and other intellectual abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 50 to 70 percent of dementia cases. Other types of dementia include vascular dementia, mixed dementia, dementia with Lewy bodies and frontotemporal dementia.

- Has no current cure. But treatments for symptoms, combined with the right services and support, can make life better for the millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's. There is an accelerating worldwide effort under way to find better ways to treat the disease, delay its onset, or prevent it from developing.

Questions? Check out our website or call us to learn more www.lakesunapeevna.org. or call (603) 526-4077

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

Thursday September 17th
The Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice, New London Hospital, The Kearsarge Council on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association of The Upper Valley will partner to bring you: "Getting Started, What to do When You've Learned that a Loved One Has Memory Issues" and Janet Stone, Author of "My Parents and Alzheimer's: a Daughter's Story". Join for the afternoon, dinner and an early evening discussion. Space will be limited. Cost TBD. It will be held at the Wilmot Community Center.

KRSD News *by Andrew Pinard*

It has been a busy summer at KRSD schools. Summer maintenance has been in full swing with rugs being replaced, floors being cleaned and waxed, walls being painted and new equipment getting inventoried and distributed for use when schools open on August 31st.

The best source for up-to-date information about the district is through the website <http://www.kearsarge.org>. Bus routes are available online through the menu bar on the left. IT Director Dr. Chrys Bouvier and her staff maintain and update the information on a regular basis and each school in the district maintains a presence and provides regular news and information through the website.

In the last couple of months, the School Board and committees have been working on solving challenges within the district some of which include: reviewing and revising policies and procedures for the district and creating and adopting new policies as required; developing a budget that meets the needs of the students while being responsible to the voters who provide the funds; beginning negotiations on the next contracts and finding a positive use for the old middle school. The School Board

has a published schedule on the website. If you do not have access to the internet, you can always call the SAU Office at 526-2051.

This summer also saw the appointment of James Daley as the principal of the Kearsarge Regional High School. Mr. Daley comes from the Exeter School District and has already begun to make a mark on the high school. If you have a student going to the high school or you would simply like to meet Mr. Daley, please contact the high school office for an appointment.

I am serving on the Facilities Committee which works towards long-range planning for facility use along with short-term solutions to problems as they arise. I spent five weeks at the high school this summer and have specific knowledge not only of some of the challenges in the buildings, but also the dedication and quality of work provided by our maintenance staff. I will also chair the Communications Committee currently being reestablished after a hiatus of a couple of years.

Among students, excitement is in the air. My daughter received a letter from her teacher in the mail just the other day; she has received

one every year from each of her classroom teachers. This personal touch does a lot to inspire and excite students. Talk at the lake lately seems to be all about who is in which classes and how much they are looking forward to returning.

If you have the time, please consider volunteering in the schools to expand opportunities for students and learn first-hand what is going on in the district. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-938-5157 or at krkd@absomagic.com with any questions or concerns.



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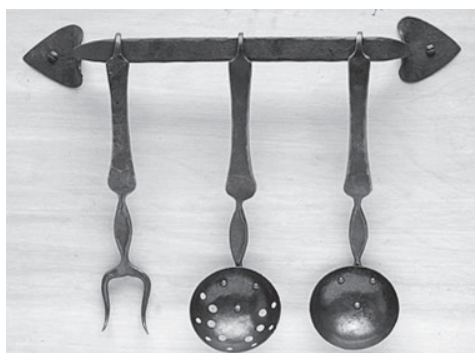
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Computer Questions Anyone?

The Bridge is pleased to offer a new column that gives our readers a chance to get answers to common questions regarding computer use. James Thompson, member of the IAMNet Team (Bradford's local internet service provider) offers this advice in response to a question he is frequently asked. Please send your questions for future issues of the Bradford Bridge to bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com.

I need to renew my antivirus subscription. Do you have an antivirus product you recommend?

I do. My favorite is a product called AVG. It can be downloaded free of charge for home use as compared to \$60 or more for a year of a competitor's product. Not only that, its footprint, or how much computer memory and speed it consumes, is roughly half that of Norton, for example. This is a huge gain for machines that are a few years old to have this extra computing power to put towards running a game, watching TV on the internet or anything else for that matter.

Many antivirus products have different types of protection. What kind of protection does AVG offer?

AVG free edition offers both virus and spyware protection. Some products will only catch viruses while others may only catch spyware. Today both viruses and spyware can infect a computer and cause all sorts of trouble and you need to be protected from both. Another name you may hear for spyware is malware.

Many larger antivirus companies have tried to be an all in one solution and provide you with virus, spyware, spam, fire wall and data backup protection all in one. Instead of doing all these things well unfortunately many times they are implemented poorly. AVG free edition focuses on just viruses and spyware and does it very well.

How can I tell if I'm infected?

A virus or spyware infection can manifest itself as advertising pop ups, a slow running computer, the inability to access certain websites or even surf at all! Fake antivirus program pop-ups asking you to buy a product to remove a fake infection are also quite common. A good rule of thumb to remember is, if a pop-up comes up and says you are infected take notice of what company says you have an infection. If it is a legitimate company (AVG, Norton, McAfee, TrendMicro, Avast, Panda, Kaspersky, Bullguard, etc) the pop up will say something like 'AVG found a virus'. If the name popping up doesn't match with your existing installed antivirus product it is most likely a hoax and shouldn't be trusted.

Where can I get AVG?

If you are interested it can be downloaded from www.free.avg.com. You will see several versions on their homepage but follow the links to their free version. My last warning is to go to the website I just listed. I have had instances of people searching for AVG on google.com and ending up on virus infected websites that have nothing to do with AVG without knowing! If you are in doubt give me a call or an email. I'm happy to help. I would encourage anyone to take a look at AVG before spending the money at a retail store for another year of protection. You can always spend the money later and these days every penny saved helps.

Is there anything more I should do to protect myself?

There are many things an astute web traveler should be aware of to be safe. Perhaps I can respond in more detail in another article. For now I will mention that safe surfing habits are important. It is not uncommon for a virus to be installed simply from visiting an infected website. Just because you have a good antivirus product doesn't mean you can be careless.

Area Events

Newbury

News from the Fells

Saturday, August 29, 10am-noon
Trail-Walk Series: The Amazing Monarch Butterfly. Join trail guide Angela Neilson to learn all about Monarchs. Pre-registration not required. Rain or shine. Meet on The Fells Main House Veranda

Friday, September 4, 5-7pm
Opening Art Reception of The New Hampshire Wilderness Juried exhibition and sale of original paintings by celebrated artists. Wine and cheese reception with curator Ron Brown of the Banks Gallery. Free. Show continues through October 12.

Tuesday, September 8, 10-11am
Art in Nature Program: Seeds, Sun, Fruits & Nuts! Lauren Cole-Johnson the first of eight seasonal preschooler programs. Member child \$2, nonmember child \$5, caregiver free. Registration required. The Fells Gatehouse.

Monday, September 14, 10-11:30am
Tell me a Story... About New Hampshire: Farming and Harvesting. Where did our food come from before we had supermarkets to shop in or tractors to plow our fields? For preschoolers. Free. To register call 603-763-4789 ext. 3, limit of 16. Meet at The Fells Gatehouse. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

Wednesday, September 16, 4pm
A Time Before New Hampshire: The Land & Native Peoples of the Sunapee Region Award-winning author, ecologist, musician and storyteller Michael Caduto pres-

ents 11,000 years of Alnôbak (Abenaki) culture in New Hampshire. Free. Pre-registration not required. Meet at Newbury Town Office, Route 103, Newbury, NH. Sponsored by the NH Humanities Council.

Thursday, September 17, 10-11:30am: Harvest a Fall Arrangement. Join floral designers Pam Ilg and Nell Leach of Two Friends (LLC) Floral Design in this workshop. Bring your own unusual container if you so desire. Materials included. Members \$20, nonmembers \$25. To register call 603-763-4789 ext. 3, limit 16.

September 24-30 Take a Child Outside Week The Fells offers "Bring a child, receive one free adult admission." All children free. Be part of this national movement and bring a child to The Fells to experience the beauty of our natural world. For more information see www.takeachildoutside.org.

Saturday, September 26, 1-4pm
Trail-Walk Series: Introduction to Mushroom Hunting and Identification. Sturdy shoes, a knife, and basket are recommended. Members free, nonmembers pay Fells daily admission at The Fells Welcome Kiosk. Pre-registration not required.

Tuesday, September 29, 1-3pm
Trail-Walk Series: Stone Walls of The Fells
Members free, nonmembers pay Fells daily admission at The Fells Welcome Kiosk. Pre-registration not required. Rain or shine. Meet

at The Fells Welcome Kiosk.

For additional information about any of The Fells programs, call 603-763-4789 ext. 3 or visit www.thefells.org.

Sunapee

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKG) 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. Rain dates will be on Sunday. 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. 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, 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. 5.4 miles, Moderate, 3 hours. Andy Hager, 526-2846.

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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.

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.

Warner

The Kearsarge Area Rocket Society (KARS) will host a model rocket launch in Warner, NH on Saturday, September 12th from 1PM to 4PM. In case of poor weather, the launch will be held on Sunday. For directions see www.KARSNH.org or call Mike Bellino 938-5129. The event is free and open to the public.

Warner

Course Property Tour (Warner, NH) Thursday Sept. 10, 2009. 4:30 – 6:30.

Join Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist Beth McGuinn on a moderate hike of the Poverty Plains portion of the Courser Family's 440 acre working farm. Light refreshments to follow. To attend please call Nancy Smith at 526-6555 or email aslptnancy@tds.net.

Sutton Mills

Thad and Virginia Johnson Property Tour (Sutton Mills, NH) Thursday Sept. 24, 2009. 11:30 – 2:00 pm. Join Ausbon Sargent's Land Protection Specialist Beth McGuinn hiking the trails on the Johnson's 92 acre conservation easement. A moderate hike visiting "Indian Caves" a natural granite formation, beautiful woodlands and vernal pools. Wear appropriate footwear and bring a picnic lunch. Call Nancy Smith for directions 526-6555 or email aslptnancy@tds.net.

Conservation Commission Survey

Last month property owners in Bradford received a green survey form sent by the Conservation Commission as part of the updated Natural Resource Inventory. Additional copies are available at the Town Hall, Post Office and Brown Memorial Library for those who did not receive one, misplaced the original, or have further thoughts. The Conservation Commission is in the process of determining how much food, forage, fiber and wood is produced locally. We hope that property owners in Bradford will fill the margins or additional pages with details on all agricultural, forestry, or recreational pursuits and what wildlife or unusual plants have been observed in town. The surveys can be refolded and mailed, or dropped off at the library or town hall. The deadline is September 12. The updated

inventory will include information on soils, waters, wildlife etc, and this survey is one step in compiling a record of how Bradford's natural resources are being used at this point in time. Resource maps will be digitalized, making data available to other town boards and residents. There will be a public forum on the draft inventory and results of the survey on October 15 at 7 pm at the town hall. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to help with this effort, please contact Nathaniel



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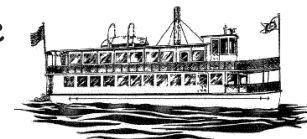
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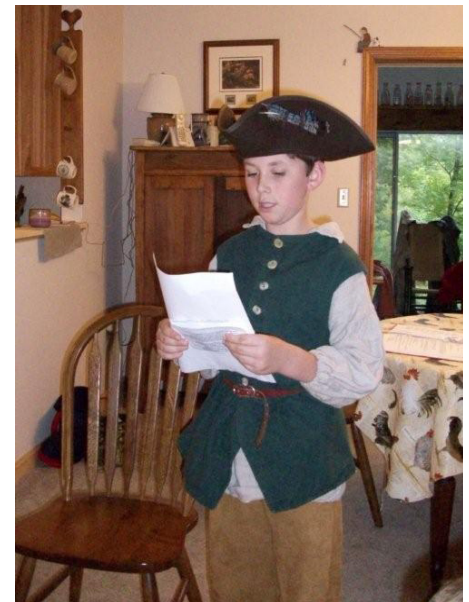


Gone to the Dogs



"The Dog House" recently returned to the shores of Blaisdell Lake, serving up its famed "Supers" and "Specials" during the weekend of July 31, August 1st and 2nd. The Dog House, originally owned and run by Pat Rooney Jr. and his wife Estelle had been a beloved fixture on the lake from 1947 to 1984. The Dog House of today returns every other year as a fundraiser for the Blaisdell Lake Protective Association and is staffed by formers employees of the original Dog House as well as members of the association.

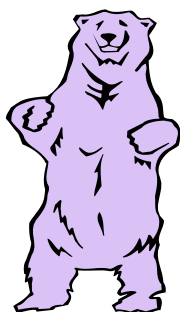
DAR Activities



Costumed Samuel Williamson, pictured, portrayed Francis Scott Key in the skit "The Stars Spangled Banner". He and his mother, Chapter Librarian Sharon Williamson, presented to the members of the Mercy Hathaway White Chapter NSDAR on July 8th at the Williamson home in Newbury. Sharon also in costume played the part of Mary Pickersgill who was commissioned in 1813 to make a thirty by forty-two foot flag. At dawn on September 14, 1814 at the sight of the flag still waving after the bombardment of Fort Mc Henry by Royal Navy ships in Chesapeake Bay during the Battle of Baltimore, Francis Scott Key began to pen the poem that we now know as the National Anthem.

Bear with us.

After many years of using antiquated software and borrowed computers, the Bridge finally has its own Mac laptop and new layout software. So far we do not think the transition from old to new has been too disruptive, but we welcome feedback if there are unacceptable changes to your ads or notices. Let us know at: bradfordbridge@mcttelecom.com





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WHEN: Saturday,
September 26, 2009

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

RSVP: 938-2777 by
Friday, September 18, 2009



Penny Ulrich devised homemade ice cream freezers for the grand finale of the library's Summer Reading Programs. Children rolled double-lined coffee cans (an inner can was filled with cream, sugar, and vanilla) for 20 minutes to produce a soft, tasty vanilla ice cream. Summer readers also received reading certificates, a Pizza Chef coupon for an ice cream cone and a book bag. This year's program for children Grades K thru 4 was led by Lyn Betz.

Girl Scout Troops Forming

Girl Scout troops are forming now in Sunapee and the Kearsarge district towns. Girls in grades kindergarten through grade 5 who want to have fun and develop skills in an all-girl setting are encouraged to sign up for troop placement. Home-schooled girls of similar ages are welcome too.

Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council is committed to offering Girl Scouting to every girl. Financial aid is available from the Council for families needing help with the registration fee and uniforms.

Thirteen troops currently exist in the area towns. Many of them

have openings for new members. In the Bradford/Newbury area, we are seeking leaders to offer a troop for kindergarteners and first graders.

Trained volunteers lead the troops. More adult volunteers are needed to lead and assist new troops so that all girls can be placed. Sharing Girl Scouting with your daughter is a rewarding experience, say the many parents who have become leaders.

Short-term volunteers are also needed, such as helping girls with particular badges or doing paperwork for the cookie sale. Women

who remember the joys of their own Girl Scout days particularly enjoy sharing their skills with girls in these limited assignments.

For more information about girl placement and adult volunteer opportunities, phone Liz Tentarelli, the service unit manager, at 763-9296.



OUTSIDE

by Ann Eldridge

Bob is apt to notice things that normal, somewhat preoccupied people wouldn't. Last fall an intriguing rock surfaced in his garden, impaled on the end of his spading fork. Split in two and grooved like a native axe head where it was stabbed by the fork, it has mysterious striations and fossil-like impressions. Bob was hoping for ancient, stone imprinted flora or fauna, something that would make the papers and bear a Latinized version of his name perhaps. What he got was a Cliff's notes version of ancient New England history in one egg-sized stone.

[Apologies: the very idea of geology puts some people to sleep. Discernable activity is absent for long stretches of time. Some people feel this way about the novels of Jane Austen.]

It started with mud. Mud born from dust raining down from mountains eroding even as they were pushed skyward by colliding continents. This rock may have had its origins where a river entered a lake or ocean with its load of wind-blown, rain-washed dust. The larger particles would have settled out first leaving the finer grains of this eventual rock to accumulate in the deeper waters beyond the disturbance of waves. The weight of additional sediment deposited above compressed this silty mud, effectively drying it out and driving it deeper to where the inner heat from the center of the earth cooked this once friable mud into a vast, hard, sedimentary rock.

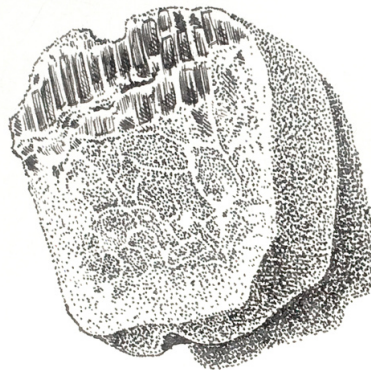
Life may have been stirring in the oceans when these layers were settling down. Possibly there once was recognizable plant and animal life being folded into the mix. Over still more time the mineral composition of this sedimentary stone changed, much as the separate but blended ingredients of eggs, sugar, and chocolate might change into a fine fudge with the proper application of heat and time. Bob's rock metamorphosed from a sedimentary slab to a shist, sparkling with mica. The cooking and pressing would have destroyed any visible clues of life forms. Fossils are sadly hard to come by in the north east.

This massive mud stone was in slow motion. The earth's hot center was then (and still is) churning with huge convection currents. This churning is evidenced by the spewing of volcanoes, spreading undersea rifts, and shifting tectonic plates. The floating continents still slide to and

fro. Bob's garden, if you could call it that, at one time was sunning itself near the equator where what was to become NH was once located. He could have grown kumquats and bananas. Supercontinents that later became Africa and Europe had collided with the incipient North America more than once causing mountain ranges the size of the Alps to rise. Mountain building causes rocks that were deep, like this one, to be shoved closer to the surface. And America slowly sailed north.

This gigantic squashed mud was cooked and pressed from one form to another still further and it began to show signs of stress. Though still clinging to its massive form, fractures appeared. Smooth, toothed striations called 'slickensides' formed as the built-up pressure was released by earthquakes and rocks were forced to squeeze and slide at their split seams.

Due to confluences of factors involving the wobble of the earth and ocean currents, glaciers began to come and go with some regularity. The parent rock of Bob's stone was dragged and pushed by the seasonal advance and retreat of the ice some distance from its origin. Successive glaciations scraped the landscape bare, eroding rock and bringing Bob's rock ever closer to the surface. Hairline fractures allowed dissolved minerals to seep in, evaporate, and seep again. Some minerals precipitated out. Some minerals were attracted and stayed behind, amusing themselves by forming odd patterns.



Finally, the monolith that had stayed together through so much began to come apart. A chunk containing the mineralized seepage and remnants of the slickenside was now on its own. It was a much smaller, rounded rock with inner secrets. It lay buried under layers of dirt and mulched by the relatively recently evolved plant life. Forests grew over it, forests came and went. Seasons of frost pulled and pushed it ever closer to the surface and within reach of Bob's blindly groping turning fork.

The Bradford Conservation Commission is updating the town's Natural Resource Inventory and it will start with dirt and rocks.

At the Brown Memorial Library – *Written in Stone, a geological history of the Northeastern US* by Raymo and Raymo.

News from the Transfer Station

Recycling Oil Helps Bradford Highway Garage

The Bradford Highway Garage recently purchased an Energy Logic waste oil furnace. The waste oil furnace will burn old gas, used fryalator oil, used motor oil, and other oils such as vegetable, peanut, canola, olive, corn, safflower, almond, orange, lemon, walnut, motor oil, flax oil, baby oil, and mineral oil. Many more oils can be used; so if you are in doubt about any oil you may have, please ask Lois or me for assistance.

Many residents throw away partially-full bottles of a wide variety of oils along with their compactor trash. We ask all residents to set aside any and all waste, unused, or unwanted oil for the waste oil furnace at the highway garage. Please place the oils on top of the compactor, or ask us where it is collected.

We have already begun collecting various oils, and in nine months have collected enough used oil to heat the highway garage for a year. By using the oils collected at the

Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center instead of purchasing oil for the waste oil furnace, Bradford expects the new furnace to be paid for in two years.

Plastic Recycling

Many residents are still unsure of which plastics are acceptable and which are not. Only jugs and bottles are accepted for recycling. These are ones that are **NARROWER ON THE TOP AND LARGER ON THE BOTTOM**. Generally, #1 plastics (clear) and #2 plastics (colored) include many beverage bottles, milk jugs, dish and laundry detergent bottles, and peanut butter jars. We try to keep examples of the jugs and bottles on or near each one of the plastics compactors. If you are unsure if a container is recyclable, please ask Lois or me for assistance.

Thank you always for recycling and helping us to be a good steward of our resources.

—Kenneth Anderson,
Manager

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- **Learn how to protect the rivers, streams, lakes and ponds on and near your property from polluted runoff water from NH LAKES Education Director and Bradford resident Andrea LaMoreaux.**

Bring your shovel and rake — meet new friends and learn something new!

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information:
Contact Kate Dobrowski, Bradford Area Community Center & Parks and Recreation Director, at 938-6228 or baoc@mcttelecom.com.



To find French's Park: From the intersection of Routes 103 & 114, take Route 114 towards Henniker. Turn left at the second entrance to Oakdale Drive. Immediately veer right up the road to the park.



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