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A Town Forum - What's Best for Bradford?

Saturday January 14, 10 – 12

How will Bradford look in 30 years? What will the space needs be for town offices and the community center? A straw poll taken at last year's Forum showed that the people of Bradford have a commitment to a functioning town hall as well as a separate community center, but were interested in assuring that both were run as cost effectively as possible.

For many years, Bradford's Town Hall Restoration Committees have garnered thousands of dollars in support from architects, local construction businesses, historic restoration grants and other in-kind services from townspeople and outside preservation specialists to plan an upgrade for a more energy efficient building that would serve the needs of our town for many years to come. Warnings have been fairly consistent over the years about the need for essential repairs to keep the building functional.

Now the town hall has been evacuated because of mold issues. The Police Department relocated to a trailer

in the parking lot and is now temporarily using space next to the post office. The other town offices have been squeezed into the bottom floor of the town's community center.

What do you think of the cultural value of our town facilities? Should we close up town hall and use the community center for town offices? Should the police reside in limited spaces and grab ad hoc spaces as available? Should we invest in repairing our town hall for current and future generations or are there other considerations for town planning? Do we value our community center? What will the tax impact be for the decisions to be made? What questions/ideas do you have?

Please join your neighbors in addressing the issues that will have a very significant impact on the character of our town in years to come. Participate in the Town Forum on Saturday, January 14, 10:00am – noon at the KRES/Bradford School. Have a voice in our town's future.

This month, "10 Questions" is on hiatus as we reprint an article by John Warren for SooNipi magazine about long time Bradford barber, Denis Dumont

After Denis Dumont graduated from barber school in Manchester in 1965, one of his friends told him of a barbershop for sale in Hillsborough NH. Denis was just about to buy it when he got his draft notice. That quashed the deal. After serving in Vietnam he returned home in 1967 to Hillsborough, to learn that a newly renovated building still had one space left to rent. He was impressed by what he saw, and since his future wife, Lana, had already gotten a job as a hairdresser in the town, he was ready at the ripe old age of 23 to sign on the dotted line. But he thought it best to run the idea past his dad, Tony, also a barber, up in Colebrook. His pop did not share Denis's enthusiasm ("What are you talking about?") but after visiting the site the following Wednesday the two closed ranks on the idea. Thirty days later Dumont's shop and a newsstand were the first to open in the refurbished building.

In 1979 Frank Morse, who was a barber in Henniker decided to sell his operation in Bradford. He asked Denis if he was interested. So he took a ride out to Bradford over the weekend, had trouble finding the shop, as it was in the back of a building on East Main Street and had no sign out front. The shades were down too, so he didn't get to see much worthwhile. But getting together the following Wednesday, Frank and Denis agreed on a price, and Dumont's Barber Shop was off and running in Bradford.

Dumont's hours were 8:00 AM to
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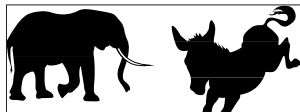
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The Bradford Bridge Board wishes all our friends and neighbors a healthy, prosperous and happy New Year.


We have suffered the loss of many of our friends and neighbors in the past year. Some led long, full, rich lives; some died too young but all have left a deep hole in the fabric of our community. They will all be remembered and their passing deeply mourned, their lives celebrated. We thank all of them for their lives of devotion to family and community and for leaving an eternal footprint on the rich history and service to our town.

We have reported the news of bridge repairs, selectmen and other town committee notes, highlighted ordinary citizen's lives, delivered great recipes, real estate news, diverse opinions, church and library happenings, school news, education about the rich wildlife flora and fauna of our town and more; we have enjoyed every moment of it. Sometimes we have been criticized, sometimes lauded. We never know which will be our fate month to month. But, we welcome it all. Thank you, neighbors.

We are very grateful for the support of our advertisers and contributors, members of the community who support the important work of The Bridge in fostering communication and news of our neighborhood. In 2012, we urge all of our neighbors and friends to contribute stories, ideas, thoughts and opinions to our community paper. Many people called and wrote to report how much they enjoyed the last two issues, particularly the personal anecdotal stories about neighbors. We ask that our sponsors continue to support the Bridge and that our community members give us feedback on our efforts to support and report on community events.

Happy New Year To All!

Beth Rodd (for the Bradford Bridge Board)
January Editor



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Bradford Business Association

The Bradford Business Association held its annual holiday party and meeting on Thursday, December 8th at the Candlelite Inn and a great time was had by all attendees. We discussed the upcoming year. New this spring will be Business After Hours at our local businesses and we will be selling a special ornament depicting Bradford scenes in honor of the town's upcoming 225th anniversary at the 4th of July Fair. The BBA will continue to support the Bradford Scholarship and highway clean-up and we will be updating our very successful business brochure in 2012. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 15th at 5:30PM at Tall Pines Realty and all are welcome to attend.

Highlights from Annual Meeting of the Bradford Historical Society

The BHS met in the freshly heated Old PO building for their annual meeting on Oct. 26th to celebrate a productive year.

Repairs were made to the several historical structures, including the Center Schoolhouse, Town Privy, Center Meetinghouse, and Village Smithy Corn Crib. Several new acquisitions were made, including a branding iron and quilt from the Civil War era.

We hosted several rousing events, including a KRHS concert, a talk by Steve Taylor, July 4th festivities and demonstrations at the Smithy.

We are looking forward to the release of a new town history next fall. Also, plans are being made for Bradford's 225th birthday in 2012!

Anyone who has ideas to share, hours to spare, stories to tell, or items to donate, please stop in any Saturday from 10 am - noon or call 938-5372.

The BHS is always looking for more members. It's fascinating to look at the past, reflect on the present, and inform the future! Join the fun by contacting Harriet at 938-5314.

To visit the archives of the Bradford Historic Society during the months of January and February, please call Laurie at 938-5372.

We will resume regular Saturday hours 10:00 am - noon when the snow clears for the season.

Be sure to view the historical display in the Brown Memorial Library all year round!



Do you recognize your neighbor in the young man on the left? This photo was taken in 1949 at a parade commemorating NH native General John Stark of Revolutionary War fame. The tableau in this photo represents the "Spirit of '76," a painting by Archibald MacNeal Willard that was also known as Yankee Doodle and celebrated U.S. independence.

The answer to the question is...Everett Kittredge. The man in the center is Judge John G. Brackett, who was Brackett Scheffy's grandfather. I see a resemblance there! And the third man is Ralph Larose, also of Bradford. The parade was held in Bradford in celebration of the renaming of the road between Manchester and Charlestown. This trio won first prize for their display.

See answer to the left

Kearsarge Area Preschool -KAP

Carrie Guerrette

Buenos dias! Bonjour! Konichiwa! KAP students have recently returned from a trip around the world! During Language week we made stops in Mexico, France, Italy, India, South Africa, Japan and Thailand. We practiced speaking different languages (including American Sign Language), trying different foods and learning new songs. Some of the new foods we sampled were mango and pineapple from South America, coconut sweet (nariyal ladoo) from India, hummus from the Middle East, and quesadillas with salsa from Mexico. Mango and quesadillas were definitely the most popular new flavors; we will be adding them to our snack rotation. From here on in, since counting in English has gotten so very easy, we will be counting (most of the time) in Spanish.

factories built by rivers, people went by horse before cars were invented and that big-brimmed hats used to be a far more commonly worn article of clothing. That last bit inspired us to dress up in our “old-fashioned” best when we visited our neighboring blacksmith shop. We put on pants

We were very impressed with the collection of tools, especially since we have begun woodworking at school. We now know our way around phillips-head and straight screwdrivers as well as hammers. Amazingly, we have only two mild



Before setting our sights on the wide world, we took a closer look at the area we live in, specifically its history. We searched for books about New Hampshire and the Kearsarge area and we did research to find out how people have lived before us. We learned that there was a train that used to come through Bradford, New Hampshire used to have lots of

that were not jeans, shirts that did not have cartoon characters printed on them and big hats and walked a couple doors down the street and into the past where Perry Teele gave us a guided tour of a typical smithy as it might have operated back in the day when horseshoeing was a more common business.

finger-hammerings to report. It turns out, preschoolers are more careful than you might have thought, especially when pain is involved. Now we just need more wood! We've been practicing on a few pieces of 2x4 and we're ready to actually start planning and constructing. If you have any small scraps of pine (softwoods) cluttering up your garage, we would be more than happy to take them off your hands.



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Letters to the Editor

Thank you to Bradford Town Office, cemetery trustees, neighbors, friends and family for the surprise retirement party. It has been an honor keeping the 17 cemeteries of Bradford looking neat and clean for all the families that may have loved ones in them for their last resting place; also keeping Lafayette Square, West Main triangle, Bradford Center Historic District neat and clean for the local and visitors passing through our town.

Thank you again.
Richard H. Moore

Save the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Women's club.

As you have probably noticed, we have not had a meeting or a fundraiser for the past year. The busy world that women live in is making it impossible for you to be as involved as you have been. Women's clubs are disbanding around us and I do not want that to happen to us. My proposal is to put the club in a hiatus until it can be restructured. We would take the money we have in the bank and use the interest for a scholarship each year. I know it won't be as much as usual but it will keep us as a viable club helping the communities.

A meeting will be held at the BACC on January 27, 2012 at 3:00 in the afternoon to vote on this proposal. I will be happy to be responsible for these changes if it is your wish.

If you can't make this meeting, please drop me a line giving me responsibility for your vote. You can either write me at 51 Forest St., Bradford, MA 01886 or e-mail me at Firebarn@tds.net. If you are not a paid member, you will have to pay your \$10.00 dues in order to vote. If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at 938-5951. Please do not let this wonderful club that has been a community institu-

tion for 65 years be erased.

Thank you for your understanding and your votes.
Jackye Pehrson, President 2005-2009

To the Editor:

As concerned taxpayers in the Kearsarge Regional School District, we have become actively involved in the budgetary process and the business of KRSD in preparing for the 2012-2013 school budget, a process which began in the spring. It started with teachers and building administrators, moved onto district level administration and committees, and then went through a public process beginning in August, which included meetings of the School Board and Municipal Budget Committee, Superintendent forums, joint sessions of the Boards of Selectmen of our seven towns, public hearings, and individual meetings with constituents at the local transfer stations, post offices, and grocery stores. They have welcomed taxpayer feedback and input throughout each step of the process.

We have been pleased with the openness, transparency, and level of respect with which the School Board and MBC have conducted the process, and have learned a great deal through our involvement. We have learned how hard these groups work to balance the needs of individual taxpayers with the need to keep our schools strong and moving forward with improvements in areas such as technology. We have also learned that many aspects of the KRSD school budget are impacted by underfunded or unfunded state and federal mandates (e.g., special education, NH retirement system), and these are costs that are beyond the control of the KRSD board. As a result, these groups are in the pre-

carious position of creatively balancing educational opportunities with the limited resources available. The KRSD has engaged in budget cuts for the last three years, and we fear that this continued trend is not sustainable, and will have a significant impact on the quality of education offered by our schools in the coming years.

The product of this process has resulted in five warrant articles that address the needs of the district in a responsible and effective manner. For more information on these articles, please visit www.kearsarge.org. The next major step in the process is the deliberative session on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Kearsarge Regional High School auditorium. This is the last public session before the ballot voting in March. At this meeting, the School Board and MBC will present the budget to the public, and taxpayers will have the opportunity to ask detailed questions and possibly have an impact on the final numbers that will appear on the budget. In the past, citizens have made attempts to offer alternative budget numbers without significant participation in the process and with consideration for tax impact only and not necessarily educational impact. These efforts have not been successful because of a supportive presence of taxpayers who attend this deliberative session. As a result, we are urging all taxpayers with an interest in maintaining the educational integrity of our schools to attend the deliberative session on January 7.

Respectfully,

Amy Cook, Bradford
Fred Hubleby - Bradford
Karen Strickland - Newbury

Arming the student body:

They are safe in their schools, so you reckoned,

But then madness to Concord was beckoned:

"To hell with your child!

We're all so beguiled

By that Holy Amendment, the Second!"

- Greg Johnson

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust held its annual Holiday Party at Bluewater Farm in Andover. This year, however, they had more to celebrate as they honored their original founders from 1987.

Twenty-five successful years have passed and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is celebrating its silver anniversary in 2012. The land trust has now completed 119 conservation projects in 12 towns, encompassing 9,581 total acres, with other projects in various stages of completion. Several successful projects were recently completed in Bradford: Battles Farm, Brooks McCandlish and Janet Sillar's Kiskanari Forrest, and Meg Fearnley's easment all closed in 2011. To commemorate these years and the work of so many, Ausbon Sargent is planning a number of special events

through the year. We will offer educational sessions, organized guided hikes across some of our properties and celebratory events on significant properties. Included here are some of our events through June of 2012. For more specific details visit our website: www.ausbonsargent.org

The first public event offered for 2012 will be the Webb Woods Tour on 2/4/12 Other upcoming events for the Winter/Spring of 2012:

Cline Snowshoe Hike in Andover-2/26/12
The Moonlight Madness Snowshoe Hike in Elkins-March 7th, 8th or 9th (TBD based on best weather prediction)

The New London Hospital Art Show/
Partnering with Ausbon Sargent-ongoing exhibit May 15-Sept 15, 2012

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6 of the original founders of Ausbon Sargent with Executive Director, Debbie Stanley. Front Row L-R: Jan Kidder, Heidi Lauridsen, and Sue Clough Back Row L-R: John Clough, Woody Blunt, Debbie Stanley, and Bill Berger



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Bradford Police Department

Sergeant Steve Valiquet has been with the Bradford Police Department full time since 2004. He also served as part time Police Officer with the Newbury Police Department from 2003-2004. He is a graduate of the 133rd New Hampshire Full Time Police Academy. He is a first line supervisor with the department and is responsible for guideline reviews and updates.

Steve is a certified Field Training Officer (F.T.O.) responsible for the field training of new police officers. He is also the instructor for Taser, Defensive Tactics, and Certified to conduct the 3 year physical agility testing for Police Officers hired after 2001.

Prior to coming to Bradford Steve worked for MBraun, Inc. a company that specialized in inert gas atmospheric systems. His primary job function was sales engineer involving traveling to and working with customers around the world finding solutions for the customer's specific needs. He was also enrolled at the Seacoast School of Technology with a focus on marketing.

Brian Eaton was hired as a part time officer in October of 2010. In January of 2011 he was promoted to full time and attended the 154th fulltime police academy from January to April 2011. He is a graduate of Salem High School class of 2003. Attended Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire majoring in

Aviation Flight Operations.

Brian is a licensed pilot and a member of the Civil Air Patrol for the past 14 years. He is still an active member and holds a rank of 1st Lieutenant and currently is officer in charge of flight line safety and security.

Brian has received commendations from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and an award of excellence from his commanders. Brian has served in the United States Air Force as an Aircraft Loadmaster for AC-130 Hercules aircrafts.

He was hired on a federal COPS grant and currently serves as a patrol officer with the department. Brian is also the department's Community Orientated Police representative and serves on the Bradford Parks and Recreation Committee in an advisory capacity. Brian will be overseeing the Child Safety Initiative by coordinating with the elementary and preschools making available DNA Identity Kits for all children in the Bradford School area. The kits preserve DNA, fingerprints, dental records, and a photograph that parents keep in a safe place if ever needed. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bradford Area Community Center and the Bradford Police Department.

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6:00 PM, Wednesdays only, with a slight wrinkle. His wife, by his account, was very pokey in the mornings, so rather than hang around and get in her way he would leave early and get to the shop by 7:00 AM. If someone actually showed up at that ungodly hour, he was open for business. He kept this strange timetable for years, finally changing his hours to reflect the reality of 7:00 AM. Even after a long day he managed without fanfare to find the energy to visit the handicapped or disabled and cut their hair, a service truly appreciated.

Four years from its opening the building in Bradford was sold. The new owner gave notice to the current tenants that the building would be converted to apartments and they had 30 days to get out. Denis appealed to Bob Stewart, the Realtor next door, for a space and was turned down, so he searched the rest of Bradford, and also Warner, without luck. In desperation he went back to Stewart, pleading his case once again, and Bob changed his mind, as much for the good of the town as anything else....thirty years ago.

Denis worked hard for many years running the Hillsborough and Bradford shops on a six- day week, but in time gradually cutting back his hours, Tuesday going to a half day, and then closing completely, and later Mondays as well. He has never missed a day in Bradford because of the weather; in fact, the only times Bradford closes are when he takes his skiing or golfing vacations, and then a notice appears on the side door warning his customers. One time he returned from Barbados on a Tuesday night to two feet of fresh snow, but the following morning he was on the road to Bradford, only to discover at the Route 103/114 lights that the town had no power.

Dumont is a master at what he does. It has been my own observation that some barbers are very tentative at actually cutting hair because it is far easier to make several cuts rather than try and put it back; but Denis has that vision of what his customers actually want and cuts away with

seemingly little effort. That is not to say that he doesn't make mistakes, but he admits them, and if they are egregious then he will try and make amends, possibly with a free haircut. His focus is entirely upon the person in the chair, and most of the conversation is inaudible to those waiting; bound by the Barbers Code of Silence. He is well versed on a variety of subjects, and most any topic, except religion or politics, is fair game. Even when some of his golfing and skiing buddies try to get his attention regarding his game or the latest snow conditions, he shuts them off, as the customer deserves 100% of his attention. Occasionally he can get a troublesome client, and his solution is to finish the business at hand as quickly as he can with a minimum of banter.

Dumont says that kids are a whole different ballgame, as he has to get their attention to keep them still while he cuts, so he uses a toy fire truck or ambulance, police car, anything to rivet that interest for 20 or 30 seconds, during which time he "goes like heck." Invariably it is the mothers or the grandparents, not the fathers, who bring in the young boys. Denis attributes this to being a "guy thing" where Dad does not want to be embarrassed by a son who may be a trifle unmanly in the chair. The mothers try, but generally don't help the situation, as the kid's will relate to the barber's authority while mom can confuse the issue with her advice. One mother came in and insisted that her 5-year-old boy sit on her lap in the chair, only to have the child grab her in a very inappropriate place. The mother then alerted her husband, whose answer was "but at least he's sitting still". The haircut was finished in a hurry.

Price can be an issue when the customer doesn't feel he has much hair to be cut, or is bald, or just wants a trim, but Denis does not work by the pound or the inch, so the price is the price. Over the years he has raised prices, which most people understand; the average guy who least can afford the increase is usually the last one to complain. The economy has not been helpful lately, either, and many a parent thinks it far more im-

portant to put bread on the table and forego a trip to the barber.

Main Street in Bradford has taken its share of lumps over the last ten years; Bowie's Market burned as did the Griggs/Sanborn House, while closed are Dodge's Store, the Merrimack Farmers' Exchange and Country Store, and recently, the Town Hall, primarily due to mold and, in general, the problems of old age. Stewart Real Estate, the owner of Denis's building, has had it for sale for about a year and, due to the fact that it is expensive to maintain and heat, has given Denis notice that they cannot keep the building open, and that he will have to go. If this had happened 10 or 15 years ago Denis would have been miffed, but the moment is right; it is time for him to reduce his hours once again and spend it pursuing the good life on the links or the slopes.

Dumont leaves with some sadness, as Bradford has been an important part of his life, but he will keep Hillsborough open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday until the day comes when he will concentrate fully on retirement. That a one day a week business can be an icon of what town and country living is all about can perhaps be summarized: Denis, thanks for 32 good years- we will miss you

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Obituaries

Janet R. Brennan

Janet R. Brennan, 84, died Saturday, December 10, 2011, in the Villa Crest Healthcare Center, Manchester.

She was born in Melrose, MA, February 23, 1927, daughter of the late Gilman D. and Marion Jackson, and had been a resident of Londonderry since 2008. Mrs. Brennan grew up in Melrose, MA, graduated from Melrose High School and Forsyth Dental Hygienist School. She worked as a dental hygienist until her children were born. Janet met her future husband, Milton, while attending church youth group and Melrose High School. They married and moved to Reading, MA where they had their two children. They enjoyed traveling as a family, camping and spending summers at their camp in Alton Bay. She was active in the Reading United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and attending the ladies church circles. In 1986 Mr. and Mrs. Brennan retired to Bradford, where they were very active with church, square dancing and snowmobiling. She moved to Londonderry in 2008, to be closer to her family. She enjoyed being active in the church, entertaining guests, traveling the world, being around her grandchildren. She loved animals - especially dogs and cats.

Her late husband, Milton R. Brennan of Londonderry, passed away in April 2011. She is survived by her daughter, Meredith Joyce Dance of Londonderry; a son, Mark Wesley Brennan and his wife Debra Kay; three grandsons, Wesley Mark, Joshua Paul and Adam Reid all of Londonderry; four nephews and one niece. She was predeceased by her brother Gilman Jackson, Jr.

Mrs. Brennan will be laid to rest in the spring at the New Riverside Cemetery in Alton, after a private service. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Main St., Bradford, NH 03221, or to the Salem Animal Rescue League, 344 South Broadway, Salem, NH 03079-4304 (website sarl-nh.org).

To send a condolence or for more information, please visit
www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

George H. Harling

George H. Harling, Sr., 93, of Bradford, died at his son's home after a lengthy illness.

George was born on September 11, 1918 in London, England. He was the son of Bertram and Mary (Rodriquez) Harling. He and his family moved to the United States in the early 1920s. George served his country during WWII as a Navy Mechanic aboard the USS IOWA. After returning from the war George married his wife Ruth (Wagner) on October 5, 1941. They spent 47 wonderful years together until her death in 1988.

George was a very fine carpenter. He and his brother John worked together for many years in the Milford area. Later George was the head janitor for the Milford school district. George always found time for family and his gardening. George was blessed with 15 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Members of George's family include two sons, Jeffery Harling of Bradford, and George Harling and his wife Marie of Alstead; two daughters; Merrilou Stanton and her husband Martin of Bradford, and Jeralyn Barlow and her husband Terry of Maine. George was predeceased by Lynne D. Harling and David W. Harling.

Family and friends are warmly welcomed to a celebration of George's life, Saturday, January 14, at 3 p.m. at the Bradford Baptist Church. To view an online obituary or leave a condolence, please visit: www.michaudfuneralhome.com.



Maryse V. Conway

Maryse V. Conway, 54, of Bradford passed away peacefully on Dec. 14, 2011, surrounded by her loving family and closest friend.

Maryse was the first American child born in Vientiane, Laos, on Feb. 7, 1957, to Marcelle (Mottin), of Bradford and the late Walter Richard. She spent her childhood with her family traveling the world: growing up in Vietnam, attending grammar school in Tunisia and later visiting her parents in Haiti, Gabon and North Africa. Fluent in French and Vietnamese, she moved to the United States in 1972, where she learned English and graduated from Henniker High School, and later, New Hampshire College.

Maryse was a celebrated wife, mother, daughter, aunt and friend. She was a dedicated and longtime colleague to all those in the Kearsarge Regional School District. Her love for life was contagious, and she inspired us every day through her photography, incredible warmth, kind spirit and sense of humor. We thank her for the silly greeting cards, chocolate drawer at school, homemade birthday cakes, summer days at the lake, shopping sprees and great love that she showered us with endlessly. She had an indescribable presence that will forever be remembered and cherished.

The family includes her beloved husband of 30 years, Joseph P. Conway Jr.; two beautiful daughters, Aryn Conway and Megan Conway of Bradford; mother, Marcelle (Mottin) Richard; niece, Gina Richard of Brattleboro, VT; nephew, Nicholas Richard of Henderson, NV.; sister-in-law and friend, Nancy Richard of Peterborough and many beloved cousins, aunts, and uncles in Marseille and Perpignan, France. She was predeceased by her father and brother. She will be deeply missed and loved by all.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/ Jimmy Fund, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA., 02215. For a guest book or condolence, log on to holt-woodburyfh.com.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 2nd

Mt. View Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels Today
LIBRARY OPEN
7:00 PM Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. Jan. 3rd

9:00 AM -12:00 noon -Fuel Assist.
call 456-2207 for app't.
10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
LSVNA physical therapist on pre-
vention of tripping and fall hazards
5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting
6:00 PM - Yoga Class call 456-3099
for info.

Wed. Jan. 4th -7:00 PM - Zoning
Board of Adjustment

Thurs. Jan. 5th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM - Budget Committee

Fri. Jan. 6th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
11:30 AM - First Friday Brunch
raffle music door prizes
7:00 PM - Book to Movie Night
(Fair Game), BML

Sun. Jan. 8th

1:30 PM - Special Party

Mon. Jan. 9th

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Rural Heritage Connec-
tion
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. Jan. 10th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12:00 Noon - Senior Dining
4:30 PM - BACC -Committee Meet-
ing
5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting
6:00 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class - call
456-3099 info.

7:00 PM - Planning Board

Wed. Jan. 11th

7:00 PM - Library Book Group
(A Moveable Feast), BML

Thurs. Jan. 12th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM - Budget Committee

Fri. Jan. 13th

8:45 Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:00 AM - Hazard Mitigation Com-
mittee

Sat. Jan. 14th

9:00 - 11:00 AM -Writing group
10:00 - Noon - Town Forum
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KRES - Bradford

Mon. Jan. 16th

Martin Luther King Holiday
Senior Center Closed
No Meals on Wheels today
LIBRARY OPEN
1:00 - 4:00 PM - Bridge Group
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. Jan. 17th

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining Wayne
Blanchard of ServiceLink
5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting
6:00 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class

Thurs. Jan 19th

9:00 AM - 12:00 noon
Fuel Assist. 456-2207 for app't
10:30 AM - 12 Noon Blood Pressure
Clinic &
Cholesterol Screening - LSVNA
(Fast for accurate screening; call for
details)

12 Noon - Senior Dining
music of Betty Blodgett
1:00-3:00 PM - Foot Care Clinic
LSVNA Call 526-4077 for appt.
4:30 PM - Parks & Recreation
6:00 PM - Budget Committee

Fri. Jan. 20th

8:45AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:00 AM - Hazard Mitigation Com-
mittee
10:00 Friday at the Movies:
The Help with Emma Stone
9:30-11:30 AM Foot Care Clinic by
LSVNA
North Ridge Apartments Call for
appt. at 526-4077
12:00 noon - Café Bienvenue
7:00 PM - 3rd Friday Movie
(Musical documentary), BML

Sat. Jan 21

10:00 AM - Bradford Improvement
Assoc.

Mon. Jan. 23rd

8:45 AM - Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1-4 PM - Bridge
5:30 -7:00 PM - 4 - H
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. Jan. 24th

9:30-11:30 Foot Care clinic
Warner Pharmacy. Call 526-4077

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
4:30 PM - BACC -Committee Meet-
ing

5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting
7:00 PM - Planning Board meeting

Wed. Jan. 25th

10:30 AM -12 Noon Blood Pressure
Clinic

Warner Senior Room - LSVNA

Thurs. Jan 26th

12 Noon - Senior Dining
6:00 PM - Budget Committee

Fri. Jan. 27th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
9:00 AM - Hazard Mitigation Com-
mittee

Sat. Jan. 28

9:00 AM - Writing Group

Mon. Jan. 30th

8:45 AM -Mt. View Sr. Ctr. Fitness
10:00 AM - Ceramics Class
1-4 PM - Bridge
7:00 PM - Town Hall Restoration
Committee

Tues. Jan. 31st

10:00 AM - Stitches from the Heart
12 Noon - Senior Dining
5:30 PM - Selectmen's meeting
6:00 - 7:30 PM - Yoga Class

Monday and Tuesday - Art Lessons
take place at the Candlelite Inn,
Contact Becky Darling for info -
rdarling@mcttelecom.com

All events take place at the Brad-
ford 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

BACC-Bradford Area Community
Center
BBC-Bradford Baptist Church
BML-Brown Memorial Library
FGC-Fish & Game Clubhouse
Gillingham Drive
KAP-Kearsarge Area Preschool
KRES-Bradford Elemen. School
MVSC-Mountain View Senior Ctr
TH-Bradford Town Hall

Historical Society Hours

To visit the archives of the Bradford Historic Society during the months of January and February, please call Laurie at 938-5372.

We will resume regular Saturday hours 10:00 am - noon when the snow clears for the season.

Be sure to view the historical display in the Brown Memorial Library all year round!



Volunteers prepare Christmas trees to sell at the Bradford Area Community Center during a recent fund raiser

Meetings of all Town Boards and Committees

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Cemetery Commission - 2nd Thursday at 6PM/Call 938-5539 for info

Conservation Commission - 3rd Tuesday at 7PM, /BACC or BML

Fish and Game Club -1st Monday 7PM at Fish and Game Club

First Friday Bunch -11:30AM at MVSC, reservations appreciated/
call 938-2104 for info

Historical Society - Saturdays, 10 am-noon, or by appointment, call 938-5372

Library Trustees -1st Wednesday at 6:00PM @ BML

Planning Board - 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7PM, BACC

Rural Heritage Connection - 2nd Monday, 7PM, BACC

Selectmen's Meeting - Every Tuesday, 5:30PM, BACC

Zoning Board - 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM, BACC

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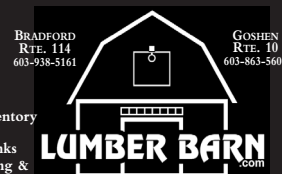


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Muster Field Farm Museum Annual Meeting January 15, 2012 at 2 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Route 114, North Sutton. Members and the general public welcome.

Join us for a brief business report and discussion of the past year's events. A special vote will be taken on a proposed amendment to the by-laws: removal of statement requiring "Directors must be residents of Merrimack County." Refreshments and a brief intermission will precede a 3 p.m. talk, sponsored by the NH Humanities Council, on "New Hampshire's Grange Movement: Its Rise, Triumphs and Decline". Steve Taylor, journalist and former NH Commissioner of Agriculture, will discuss the social and political influences of the movement dating back to the 1880s. Learn more about the New Hampshire Humanities Council and its work at www.nhnc.org. Information: 927-4276 or www.musterfieldfarm.com

Muster Field Farm Museum Ice Harvest Day -- Horse Beach, Kezar Lake, North Sutton. Sunday, January 22 from 9 a.m. until the ice is in. Help cut ice blocks from the lake for delivery up to the Farm, where they are stored in the Watters Ice House for use at summer events. Enjoy homemade soups, snacks, and hot beverages in the farm's Ryder Corner School House. Pete Lauridsen and friends will display antique cars converted to snowmobiles at Horse Beach, and the Sutton Ridgerunners will stage an Ice Day ride-in for all area snowmobilers. Free admission (donations appreciated). Rain date: January 29. Info and directions: 926-4276 or www.musterfieldfarm.com.

Warm up beforehand at the fourth

Area News

annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society, in North Sutton's Free Will Baptist Church, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. All you can eat plain or blueberry pancakes, local maple syrup, sausage, orange juice, coffee, tea, or hot chocolate. \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for kids. A \$1.00 discount if you come by snowmobile, x-c skis or snowshoes. Rain date: January 29.

Newbury

2012 Winter Hikes In The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Region

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge (SRK) Greenway Coalition's eight winter hikes begin on January 14th. All hikes are free to the public. For SRKGC information see: www.srkgc.com. Please call the volunteer hike leader at least the night before to learn starting location and time. Be prepared for winter conditions with clothing layers, food, and water. Snowshoes are the presumed mode of transport.

January 2012 hikes:

January 14 (Saturday) Mount Kearsarge from Kearsarge Valley Road to Winslow State Park (SRKGC trail 11) passing through new SPNHF conserved land on Black Mountain. 6.1 miles, (D). Nick Baer (526-8233).

January 21 (Saturday) Cross-country ski to Springfield's Morgan Pond from Twin Lake Villa. 5 miles. For experienced skiers. (M) Andy Hager (526-2846).

January 28 (Saturday) Lunch on an island in Morgan Pond in Springfield. 3 mile. Call before Jan. 26 if interested. (M). Susan and Michael Chiarella (763-4661) or schiarella@myfairpoint.net.

Out and About: What's a Vertebrate?

Tuesday, January 10, 10-11am
Through movement activities and music, children learn about animals that have backbones. Participants examine models and look at real animal skeletons! Member child free, nonmembers \$5, caregivers free. Advance registration required. Made possible by a grant from the Lincoln Financial Foundation. The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH. For more information call 603-763-4789 x 3 or visit www.thefells.org <<http://www.thefells.org>>.

Trail Walk: Snowshoeing and Winter Tree Identification Saturday, January 14, 1-2:30pm

How can you identify trees after the foliage...leaves? Come join veteran trail walk leaders Dave and Fay Barden for a snowshoeing trek along the trails at The Fells. Education Director Michael Caduto will point out tips for identifying trees in winter by looking closely at twigs, buds, bark, site and silhouette. Members free, nonmembers pay site admission. No registration required, appropriate for beginners. The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens on Lake Sunapee, 456 Route 103A,



Planning Board Notes

The following petition was forwarded to the Planning Board by the Board of Selectmen:

THIS ARTICLE IS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WOULD VOTE TO REPEAL THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND REPLACE IT WITH THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 1989 AS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS AT THE TOWN MEETING IN MARCH OF 1989.

The petition was received by Town Clerk Susan Pehrson on 12/13/11 and verified the 32 signatures. The required public hearing on this amendment will be held on January 10, 2012 at the Community Center and will be so posted.

Buildable Acres: The first public hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance definition of Buildable Acres will also be held on January 10, 2012.

Work Force Housing: The Planning Board held the first public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment. Draft copies have been posted in town and were available for review. There were no comments or questions from the public. The hearing was closed and the board voted to place the amendment as written on the ballot for March 13, 2012.

Copies will again be posted and available at the Town Offices (BACC).

Corsair Realty: Notice was received from the Zoning Board of Adjust-

ment that the Special Exception to operate a gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road was approved. This was the final condition set by the Planning Board for approval of the Gravel Pit Application. The Board voted that Corsair Realty, LLC, Map7, Lot 29 has met all three Conditions of Approval and received final approval. The Gravel Pit Permit will be in effect until December 13, 2014.

Public Hearing: Michael Norman, Verizon Engineering, represented Martyn Chivers, O. E. Trucking, for a Site Plan Revision to add an Automotive Recycling Center to the existing facility on Breezy Hill Road, Map 3, Lots 74A and 74B.

The Town of Warner and Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission will be notified that this is a Development of Regional Impact, as defined in RSA 36:55, giving them the status of abutters at subsequent public hearings.

Representatives from the Conservation Commission expressed concern regarding impact on the Warner River from storm water run-off and snow removal. The application submitted was voted as complete and will be sent to CNHRPC for third party review. The public hearing was continued to January 10, 2012.

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Sugar River Bank Announces Board of Directors Appointment



Sugar River Bank, with headquarters in Newport, New Hampshire, is pleased to announce the recent naming of Brackett L. Scheffy as a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Scheffy has been an attorney for forty years and has been a State Court judge for twenty-six years. He now presides in the District Court and Family Division of the Sixth Circuit Court in Henniker which serves

nine towns. Until 2007, he maintained a full time private law practice in Warner, across from Sugar River Bank's branch office.

Mr. Scheffy's relationship with Sugar River Bank spans thirty-eight years, first as a depositor and then in a long professional relationship primarily involving real estate mortgages. By his account, the relationship has been much more than just business. "There was a well worn path between my office and the Warner Branch across the street and much kindness was exchanged," said Mr. Scheffy. "It is an honor to be asked to join the board of a bank for which I have such respect and affection."

Mr. Scheffy has also been a member of the Bank's Board of Incorporators since 1991. He and his wife, Connie, live in Bradford and he serves that town and the Kearsarge Regional School District as moderator. His family has been in Bradford since its incorporation in 1787 — his great-great-grandfather was the first moderator of the town.

Hazard Mitigation Update

A Hazard Mitigation Committee has formed to update Bradford's 2007 Hazard Mitigation Plan. You are cordially invited to participate in the process. This update is required to enable the Town of Bradford to retain eligibility for federal reimbursable recovery and pre-disaster funding. Natural, technological, and human hazards will be reviewed, discussed, and prioritized. Key sites in the community will be reviewed and mapped. We will identify objectives and actions for reducing the impact of these hazards to Bradford's people, buildings, and land.

The Hazard Mitigation Committee meets on Friday mornings 9 AM at the BACC. The schedule for January includes the 13th, 20th, and 27th. All are invited to attend and participate. The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan is anticipated to be completed in spring 2012.

The update is being coordinated with CNHRPC with the assistance of Stephanie Alexander who has requested photos of past "events" in Bradford to be included in the plan. If you have any photos of floods, road damage, fires, or other recent disasters in Bradford, you may email them with location, event & date to salexander@cnhrpc.org.

For more information, please contact Bruce Edwards, Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator, at 938-2404.

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Selectmen's Highlights

Police Department: Selectmen agreed to enter into a Lease Agreement for Police Department space at Bradford Corners (post office building) beginning in December. The monthly rent is \$875 and includes utilities except electricity. The basement can be used for security. Renovations will be made to accommodate the department, which must be removed at the end of the lease.

Town Hall: Administrator Cheryl Behr advised that Selectman Barry Wheeler dug a ditch in the back to divert the water from going under the building. Chair Harry Wright thanked him for personally doing the work and Barry received a round of applause.

Town Offices: Selectmen supported holding a Town Forum sponsored by the Town Hall Restoration Committee to be held Saturday January 14, 10 AM – noon at KRES- Bradford. John Greenwood said the forum will focus on short and long term solutions to the ongoing issue of location for town offices. Planning Consultant Jeff Taylor will moderate the discussion to solicit ideas from residents. Selectmen suggested with that focus, the Town Office Relocation Committee should also be involved.

Selectmen agreed to support issuing an RFP to solicit proposals from contractors to move forward with plans to renovate the town hall in phases to allow use of the building. What will be presented at Town Meeting will be based on input from the Forum.

Selectmen agreed to discuss the possibility of negotiating a buy out for the grant used to renovate the BACC, if it requires, in order to utilize the entire lower floor for town offices.

Budgets: Selectmen continued to review department budgets and forward them to the Budget Committee for its action. Budget Committee Chair Dick Keller said that the Committee is looking at an operating budget level and warrant articles no higher than 2011. To date, no warrant articles have been forwarded to the Budget Committee. A lengthy discussion took place on the consequences if Town Meeting again rejects the warrant articles, which limits available capital reserve funds. Keller noted that the 3.6% across the board pay increase in this economy may very well be a problem at Town Meeting.

Fire Chief Mark Goldberg questioned if taxpayers should be advised what the cost is for the minimum services that are needed.

It was suggested that a Warrant Article should be forthcoming to move ahead as the Community Center is not a good fit for the town offices.

Cleaning Contract: Based on bids submitted, the contract to clean the Community Center, the office areas of the Police Station, Highway Garage and Fire Station was awarded to Bruce Edwards at a cost of \$1,100 per month.

FEMA: funds in the amount of \$78,000 are expected that will reimburse town expenses from Tropical Storm Irene.

Editor's note – these are only the highlights of four most recent Selectmen's meetings. Complete minutes of these and all Selectmen's meetings are on file at the town Offices and online at bradfordnh.org.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Special Exception The ZBA voted to approve the Special Exception for Corsair Realty to operate a gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road, Map 7, Lot 29. Verification of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan was received and accepted, completing the condition set by the ZBA for the approval.

Alternate George Cilley was appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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Library Lantern

by Meg Fearnley

Thanks to the Bradford/Newbury/Sutton Women's Club for sponsoring a fun event on December 11. Around seventy children and friends came to hear holiday stories, visit with Santa, help us light our tree and sing carols. We also enjoyed seeing Cover Girl the therapy horse (from Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center) dressed in her holiday best. Thanks also to Colleen Hurley for leading us in song.

Library staff and trustees would like to thank Dickie Moore for cheerfully clearing our walkways of snow since 2002! We had some whopping storms over the years and he always kept our way clear. We wish him the best!

Here's what is happening at the library in January:

Book To Movie: We meet on Friday, January 6 to compare the book *Fair Game* by Valerie Plame Wilson with the movie adaptation. The book is a challenging read due to lots of censored bits. In February we will read and watch *The Prestige* by Christopher Priest. Copies of the book are available at the desk.

3rd Friday Movie: Our next documentary on Friday, January 20 accompanies a traveling ensemble of gypsy musicians. We will watch other music documentaries in the coming months. Check our website (www.brownmemorial-library.org) for upcoming titles.

Library Book Group: The group meets on Wednesday, January 11 to discuss *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway.

Storytimes: The library offers two story times every week, on Monday at 10am and Wednesday at 10:30am.

New books added to your library in December:

For adults

11/22/63 / Stephen King

The Art Of Fielding / Chad Harbach

The Impossible Dead / Ian Rankin

The Drop / Michael Connelly

Explosive Eighteen / Janet Evanovich

A Carpenter's Life As Told By Houses / Larry Haun

Lobsters Scream When You Boil Them / Bruce Weinstein

Caravaggio : A Life Sacred And Profane / Andrew Graham-Dixon

For Children

Breadcrumbs / Anne Ursu

Legend / Marie Lu

Little Owl's Night / By Divya Srinivasan

Stuck / Oliver Jeffers

What If? / Laura Vaccaro Seeger

The Birthday Pet / By Ellen Javernick

I Am An Ankylosaurus / By Karen Wallace

Chicken In The Kitchen / By Tony Johnston



Budget Committee

The Budget Committee meets each Thursday evening at 6 PM at the Community Center.

During December department requests that had been approved by the Board of Selectmen and forwarded to the committee were reviewed.

Where there were no questions, budget lines were approved. Department heads were invited to attend a meeting where the committee had questions. This process will continue through January and include warrant articles as they are available.

Chair Dick Keller noted that with some budgets still outstanding and no warrant articles yet submitted, the budget is about 5.6% over last year. This could again work against the Capital Reserves at Town Meeting.

The committee discussed the 3.6% across the board pay increase. A question was raised if the board should make a recommendation regarding this even though they have no control over it. It was noted that the town body should be made aware of the proposed increase.

Selectman's representative Jack Meaney advised some options for changes in the health insurance policy will be offered to the employees at a general meeting prior to the end of December 2011. It was stated that the policy can be changed at any time the selectmen so decide but does not go into effect until the month following. A decision needs to be made by January 2 for February's premium if there will be a change. If not, the rate will go up 13%.

Budget Hearing – Save the Date –
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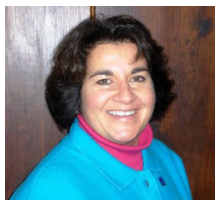


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Real Estate News

By Laura Hallahan

2012 Predictions: The National Association of REALTORS® is reporting that 2012 will be one of the best years on record for housing affordability. In a recent interview, NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun spoke to the relationship between median home prices, mortgage interest rates and median family income as conditions that will dominate next year and the hope is with an easing of credit restrictions, more home buyers will be able to take advantage of these favorable opportunities.

NAR President Ron Phipps is on record stating that mortgage availability remains a real concern since the private market has yet to return and lower loan limits will only further restrict liquidity in mortgage markets. Appraised valuations below the negotiated price is another factor in keeping housing from making a full recovery. Yun adds that mortgage standards remain overly stringent and we need to maintain sound and reasonable mortgage underwriting standards to avoid a boom and bust cycle in the future. Many creditworthy buyers are being denied loans despite extraordinarily low default rates over the past two years.

Locally, there is no question that the increase of \$2.32 to the Bradford tax rate will have a negative impact on real estate sales in the year ahead.

Other predictions/trends:

Existing-homes sales are expected to rise 4 to 5 percent

If credit requirements returned to normal, homes sales would be 15 to 20% higher

The Federal Reserve is committed to keeping interest rates low through mid-2013

The unemployment rate should average around 8.6 percent in 2012

Gross Domestic Product is expected to grow 2.7%

The remodeling market is up 34% over September 2010

People are refinancing in great numbers to afford those remodeling projects

Less refinancing in 2012 will force banks to be more willing to lend to home buyers

Apartment rents are trending up as vacancies decline

29% of all sales are cash sales with no mortgage

Mortgage default notices are up 33% from July 2011

New construction is down 2.3% since August 2011

The overall number of foreclosed homes on the market will continue to pose challenges, not just to builders of new homes who have to compete against a low-priced product, but also to sellers with existing homes that are well-priced but still higher and to those buyers who need to sell before trading up to new home.

Recent Sales in Bradford

694 County Road, 1999 Cottage on 38.86 acres for \$88,500 (foreclosure)

47 High Street, 1966 waterfront Ranch on .27 acres for \$125,000 (foreclosure)

76 Oakdale Road, remodeled 1928 waterfront Cottage on .12 acres for \$350,000

506/507 Rowe Mtn. Road, fire damaged 1796 Cape w/addition on 118.70 acres for \$340,000

There are 41 active and 1 pending residential listings ranging from \$43,000 to \$1,375,000, 27 active and 0 pending land listings ranging from \$21,900 to \$125,000, 5 active and 0 pending commercial listings ranging from \$99,900 to \$675,000 and 0 active and 0 pending multi-family listings in Bradford. Of the 41 active residential listings, 4 are foreclosures or short sales. The pending listing is a foreclosure. Of the 5 active commercial listings, 1 is a foreclosure or short sale.

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A Culinarian's Column

by Caryl Walker

Somehow the thought of eating salad, unless it's a Waldorf or wilted spinach salad, in the frigid winter months seems odd, but this roasted butternut squash salad is a delightful surprise with "comfort food" appeal. I've tinkered with this recipe from Cuisine at Home Magazine, Issue 77, October, 2009, p47. Originally, this was paired with a chili recipe and was dressed with a chipotle-ranch dressing. I paired mine with a vegetarian farro and lentil pilaf and used a purchased Balsamic vinaigrette.

Roasted Butternut Squash Salad

Makes 8 servings

1 ½ pounds butternut squash

2 tablespoons olive oil

Kosher salt and black pepper

8 cups baby spinach and Romaine

½ cup dried cranberries

½ cup almonds or pine nuts your choice of dressing

Preheat oven to 400oF. Cover a baking sheet with foil.

Peel squash. Cut squash in half lengthwise and scoop out seeds. Cut flesh into ¾ " chunks; toss with oil, salt and pepper. Spread squash in a single layer on baking sheet. Roast until browned and carameli- zed, 35-35 minutes, turning over squash halfway through baking. Squash should be cooked, but still firm. Cool squash to room temperature.

Turn down oven to 350oF. Spread nuts on foiled lined baking dish and toast about 8-10 minutes. Cool.

Toss greens with dressing (Be judicious with the dressing or let people dress their own salads.). Evenly distribute the squash, dried cranberries and nuts over the greens.

Notes:

1. Use a variety of lettuces that have body to them. The addition of some watercress or arugula adds a peppery snap to the flavor.
2. Change out the dried cranberries for other dried fruits—blueberries, dates, apricots, pineapple, raisins—a little sweet, a little tart. Do consider color.
3. Use whatever you have on hand for nuts—pistachios, walnuts, pecans, even peanuts. Just be careful when toasting them. They have a way of going from golden to blackened rather quickly!
4. To add a new twist, try creamy-style dressings such as ranch or blue cheese.

2012 New Year's Resolution: Eat more salads!

Happy New Year!

Election Requirements

Notice for *Undeclared* Voters

During any Presidential or State primary election, if you are listed on the checklist as an undeclared voter you need to be aware of certain rules.

If you are voting absentee you will need to declare yourself in order to get a ballot sent or given to you.

If you are voting in person, you will need to declare the party for which you wish to obtain a ballot. After you have voted and your ballot is deposited in the ballot box, you have the option of reestablishing your undeclared status with the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Notice for *Declared* Voters

During any primary Presidential or State election, if you are listed on the checklist as either a Republican or Democrat you must use that ballot. The time to change party affiliation has passed. You would have two other choices as well. You could change your party affiliation on election day, but you would not be permitted to vote on that day. The last choice is to not vote at all.

As with the undeclared voters you would have the option of seeing the Supervisors of the Checklist to chan

MANDATORY ballot clerk training for all new and returning ballot clerks for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election. The training sessions will be held on January 9, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. These will take place on the lower level of the community center building.

Susan Pehrson, Town Clerk

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Workers clean up toxic materials from the Ploettner property on Main Street

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2001 Mazda 2500 truck, good condition, \$1200 or b.o. . Needs new exhaust and clutch.

748-9991

Found - in Warner. A cat with full black mask around its eyes and white boots all the way around has been living in a neighbor's barn since Feb/March 2011. We want to find its owner before the cold weather comes. If you have any info, call 456-3539



Christmas Tree Recycling Option:

The NBC & town of Newbury have started a great idea, "Trees for Trails." Recycle your Christmas tree at Fisherfield where they are chipping for the trail. Drop your tree off at the field.

Springledge Farm in New London is also recycling trees to use as mulch for their blueberry bushes. Please make sure all ornaments are removed.

Also, remember that in addition to what we recycle, Christmas lights will be accepted.

LIST OF OPENINGS FOR CANDIDACY FOR THE MARCH 13, 2012 ELECTION

SELECTMAN: For Three Years

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: For Three Year

TREASURER: For Three Years

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST: For Six Years

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS: For Three Years

TRUSTEE OF THE BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: For Three Years

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: For Three Years

BUDGET COMMITTER: For Three Years

PLANNING BOARD: For Three Years

ZONING BOARD: For Three Years

CEMETERY COMMISSION: For Three Years

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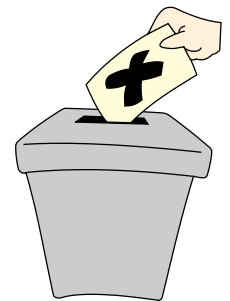
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