

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

Sign Donations

Clark Roberge generously donated his skills to make two new signs, one at the Warren Brook Ball Field and the other across the road at the Bradford Elementary School.



The Granite State Solar sign, installed in October, is constructed from high density urethane material, centered between two pressure treated posts with copper post caps. The logo is ink jet printed with a clear laminate. The copy is engraved with a “V” cut pattern and painted.



The KRES sign is constructed from high density urethane. The logo originated from an EPS file and a computer navigated cutter carved the size and depth of the logo. The sign is mounted between two large granite posts. Custom metal steel work was done by Jason at Merrimack Country Customs in Bradford.

November 6, 2018 Election Results

On a wet-weather mid-term election day 726 regular ballots were cast in Bradford. An additional 62 absentee ballots brought Bradford’s total voter count to 788, about a 60% turnout.

Here are the voting results for state officials.

<i>Offices</i>	<i>Winner in Bradford</i>	<i>Elected</i>
<i>NH State Governor</i>	Chris Sununu R	Chris Sununu R
<i>Representative in US Congress</i>	Ann McLane Kuster D	Ann McLane Kuster D
<i>Executive Councilor</i>	Andrew Volinsky D	Andrew Volinsky D
<i>State Senator</i>	Jenn Alford-Teaster D	Ruth Ward R
<i>State Representatives</i>	Beth Rodd D Rod Pimentel D	Beth Rodd D Rod Pimentel D
<i>Sheriff</i>	Scott E. Hillard R	Scott E. Hillard R
<i>County Attorney</i>	Paul Halverson R	Robin Davis D
<i>County Treasurer</i>	David H. Kidder R	Leo R. Bernier D
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Susan Cragin D	Susan Cragin D
<i>Register of Probate</i>	Jane Bradstreet R	Erica S. Davis D
<i>County Commissioner</i>	Peter J. Spaulding R	Peter J. Spaulding R

The two Constitutional amendment ballot measures were approved in Bradford and state wide:

Question 1 was approved, giving taxpayers the right to take legal action against the state or local government to declare that the government spent public funds in violation of a law.

Question 2 was approved, providing that individuals have a right to live free from governmental intrusion in private or personal information.



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Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East
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From the Bridge

A favorite thing at this time of year is revisiting the enduring stories of Christmas, from beginning to end. The first lines of many stories are usually familiar and set the stage for nostalgic enjoyment. See if you can tell the holiday story from which these final lines have been taken. If uncertain, check "Late Breaking" at www.bradfordbridge.org.

At one time most of my friends could hear the bell, but as years passed it fell silent for all of them. Even Sarah found one Christmas that she could no longer hear its sweet sound. Though I've grown old the bell still rings for me, as it does for all who truly believe.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, . . . , nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

I turned the gas down, I got into bed. I said some words to the close and holy darkness, and then I slept.

*And he brought back the toys! And the food for the feast!
And he, HE HIMSELF! The . . . carved the roast beast!*

But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. O all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest.

*But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."*

May all your stories endure.

With bright wishes and gratitude to our readers and supporters,

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor
AND The Merry Band that
make possible the publication of
The Bradford Bridge*

Thank You Maureen O'Keefe

The Bradford Board of Directors announces the retirement of Maureen O'Keefe, the newspaper's Business Manager. Since March 2008, Maureen has served in a variety of positions: as Treasurer, Advertising Representative and most recently, as Business Manager. She has been an engaged contributor on the board and has added a perspective that broadened the newspaper's connection with the community. Thank you, Maureen, for your many years of service.

Thank You!

Bradford Parks and Recreation would like to thank everyone that came out to the Spooky Diner on Halloween. We loved seeing everyone's costumes! Special thanks to Cheryl Behr, Janet Clark, Lynne Edwards and all the Parks and Recreation team that made this family event possible.

Do you have any ideas for fun activities you would like to see in Bradford? If so, we would love to hear from you! Contact Karen Hambleton at administrator@bradfordnh.org.



Dear Bradford Bridge Readers,

For twenty-seven years The Bradford Bridge has published news about Bradford's civic, cultural, school, recreational, community life, celebrations, and transitions. Our newspaper is sustained by local business advertisers and distributed to readers in twenty-four locations in Bradford, Newbury, Sutton, and Warner and by mail to 70 subscribers. All this work is accomplished by volunteers.

Although advertising rates have been kept affordable for local businesses, changes in technology and production costs have been financially challenging.

The Bridge Board of Directors asks for your support by making a year-end tax-deductible donation to The Bradford Bridge, PO Box 463, Bradford, NH 03221. Our fundraising goal is \$3,000.

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Or any amount you wish to contribute.

Thank you for your support.
Audrey V. Sylvester, President

Dear Taxpayers of Bradford,

I read in the November edition on page 10, that Fire Chief Goldberg will retire in the spring. He recommends hiring a paid part-time chief to succeed him. That recommendation makes good sense. A paid position must mean that the Select Board has the right to "hire and fire" in accordance with normal New Hampshire laws, but of necessity the appointment has to be with the agreement of the volunteers in the fire department.

While making this change, I hope that the Select Board will insist that, in the future, the regulations that the new chief enforces will not be more demanding or expensive for citizens' projects than the regulations of the State Fire Marshal. This clarification will go a long way to improve and hasten developments of commercial property in Bradford which the town desperately needs.

Sincerely,
*Ivor Freeman
Newbury, NH*

To the Editor:

We are grateful to the residents of Bradford and Henniker for electing us to represent you in Concord for the next two years. We will do our best to represent your interests and ask that you contact us regularly to express your views. In the months to come, we will make ourselves available to meet with people from our district and keep you informed about legislative initiatives.

Thank you,
*Representative
Beth Rodd 938-2692*

*Representative-elect
Rod Pimentel 748-0937*

To the Editor:

When my first son was born, my husband was a graduate student. There was no way we could afford child care. So, I found a job working for a newspaper most of the evening and in to the next morning. Then I'd come home and was lucky if I could get one or two hours sleep before my husband would be off to class. One year later, we ended up getting a divorce, due in part to how my sleep deprived mind was working (or not working is more like it). After the divorce and what seemed like an endless search for good (and not-too-expensive) child care, I did finally find a woman to look after my son in her home while I went off to work at a regular day job.

That was 40 years ago. But still today, one of the most persistent challenges facing New Hampshire families is providing a solid foundation of learning for their young children. There are about 65,000 kids under age 5 in the Granite State, and most of them have parents who contribute to our workforce and economy. That means parents must scramble to find child care and early education programs that are affordable and accessible. These families need a system in place that allows them to confidently identify an effective provider that suits their children's needs.

Next year, the New Hampshire legislature has the opportunity to invest in kids by advancing parents' choice when it comes to early learning, while empowering early education programs to grow and succeed. I'm hoping you will join me in urging the New Hampshire legislature to make the affordability, accessibility and growth of child care and early learning programs a top budget priority.

*Barbara Southard
Bradford, NH*

BE WELL



Transforming Holiday Stress

The holiday season, in addition to being a delightful time, also has the potential to morph into a stressful time. 'Tis the season for last minute shopping, overindulging, planning and preparation - all while combating weather and schedule challenges! Here are a few suggestions to help transform you from Grinch to Grateful:

- Shop local- you can avoid long drives and crowded stores. You'll also run into your neighbors.
- Listen to music- whether it's classic holiday music or just your favorite playlist. Or just sing!
- Use a diffuser to fill the room with calming scents during holiday chores.
- Take a trip to the library and read a REAL book that helps you relish the holidays.
- Give yourself a soak in Epsom salts to relax tired muscles.
- Do some gentle stretching every day or try a yoga class.
- Have a healthy meal and top it off with herbal tea without the sugar and caffeine.
- Take a walk in nature for exercise and a needed dose of Vitamin D.
- Take a nap or get to bed early for one night.
- Watch a holiday movie to lift your spirits.

(I recommend *It's a Wonderful Life!*)

- Participate in a festive holiday event, rather than just rushing through your "To Do" list.
- Volunteer to help others. Make a difference for someone else.
- Make time to keep a gratitude list.
- Stop and smell the Christmas tree, enjoy the lights or warm up by a fire and do nothing else!
- Don't forget to breathe! Even in your car you can breathe in for a count of 4, hold it for a count of 4 and slowly release it for a count of four.

Most important, go easy on your expectations. Being present, with yourself and the people you love, is your best "present". Wishing you lots of Comfort & Joy!

Lisa MacLean

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Spirit of Christmas

Great men are those who change the world for the better.

Bradford houses a great man who has accomplished noteworthy deeds throughout his nearly 84 years, creating an impressive resume and making an indelible mark in the world. But this great man, with his great mind, rather than calling attention to himself, has happily cultivated a great, loving heart. He changes the world in quiet and miraculous fashion. He has been a light in darkness, a source of love, and an answer to prayer.

Hal is, by every definition, a veritable Santa Claus.

His bright blue eyes, white beard, and dimples reveal an inner child; his simple work clothes embody a soul so joyful that were he not securely fastened by his suspenders, he might just burst. His smile is contagious, and his passion for his ministry is unmistakable.

At his own expense, Hal erected a workshop to make toys for needy children. He rises early, spending his days guiding special needs individuals and volunteers through crafting these toys. Once finished, toys are delivered to various agencies in time for Christmas.

Many more good things can be said about Hal Liberty, Bradford's own Santa; but in closing, I leave you, dear readers, with this thought: Each of us can do great things by exercising the true spirit of Christmas year-round, just as Hal does every day. In darkness, we can shine with joy; where it is wanting, we can offer love, and where help is needed, our assistance may be just the miracle someone is praying for at that moment.

Susan Anne Orlowski

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From the Selectmen: Bradford, NH 3rd Quarter Report

Hi, Welcome to Fall, or is it Winter already? The snow makes one wonder!

We shall start by commenting on departmental spending, highlighting only those issues that need attention, or to provide a better understanding of specific concerns; most departments continue to perform with excellent results and complete control over spending:

Legal – another year of unforeseen issues arising to necessitate unanticipated spending. Our expected legal expense settlement associated with the AutoCraft property on RT 114 did not and will not materialize. Mr. Wilcox died this past year. Costs associated with defending the Town versus Joe Torro and the Bradford Village Inn lawsuit were not anticipated and are ongoing. The Town is also involved in the State-Wide “Eversource Litigation”; the courts have found in the various towns’ favor several times; Eversource has once again appealed; hopefully, one last time before we put the entire issue to bed.

Street Lighting – the new energy efficient system installed last year works! Spending is down considerably; we shall recover the costs associated with the improved efficiencies in less than 3 years!

Insurances – one of the better stories; costs are contained and down from past yearly expenditures.

Rescue Squad – the ambulance protection agreement with Henniker has worked well for those in need of emergency care and reduced costs for the Town!

Multitown Spending - the Board is ever alert to Multitown opportunities that will reduce our ongoing costs and provide more secure, better services to Bradford. We believe all expenditures

should be reviewed and options for reduce spending sought!

Building Dept Activity – far more new construction starts under way in 2018.

Roads – you will recall the Town delayed 2018’s “continuous improvement” efforts; it is important to address our road network as we plan future capital spending.

Activity around the Town Hall has slowed; interior structural issues have been addressed, a heating system has been approved and a contract let, we continue to await the granite slab “cutting” project to be completed which will allow the slabs to be installed and the project to be back-filled. We intend to remove the fencing and large boulders to make the site more appealing.

Steve Hall has been promoted to the Road Agent position. The Board is happy to have such depth of talent available to allow promotions from within the Department. Our road crew is being complemented by a local 4th member. We have a strong team ready to keep our road network safe, clean and ready to handle the extremes of winter!

Speaking of personnel; we have filled the Deputy Tax Collector’s position by bringing Michael Kelly on board. Michael has quickly become part of our team and is ready, willing and able to assist Melissa in handling their most important duties. Be sure to say Hi to him as you pay your new tax bills; tax bills were mailed the week of Thanksgiving. We continue to be served by

excellent employees and staff. Bradford is fortunate.

The 2018 Tax Rate is \$26.95/1000, up from \$26.40 in 2017; or an additional \$0.55/1000 (2.1%). The Town portion is responsible for \$.01 of the increase (that’s .038%, not 3%, but 3/100’s of 1%).

Bradford's Tax Rate - Three-year comparison

	2016	2017	2018
Municipal	\$8.52	\$9.21	\$9.22
County	\$2.80	\$2.98	\$3.06
Local Education	\$12.65	\$11.95	\$12.37
State Education	\$2.43	\$2.26	\$2.30
Total Rate per \$1000	\$26.40	\$26.40	\$26.95

The Select Board looks forward to working with the Budget Committee and the CIP Committee’s recommendations in prepping for 2019 and beyond. Major issues that must be addressed would include a resolution for our Fire Department’s Pumper requirements, a step by step outline for the continuous improvement of the Town Hall, the capital requirements of all departments (equipment for the Road Crew and Police Members) and a smooth transition of the Fire Department leadership; Mark Goldberg has informed the Board of his intended retirement within the next 8 to 12 months.

We hope you and your families have a safe, fruitful and fun Holiday Season and an excellent 2019!

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The skills necessary to be successful in this position include attention to detail and deadlines; effective customer services skills; ability to juggle several projects at the same time; strong written and verbal communication skills; desire to become familiar with Town Ordinances and related RSAs. The successful candidate will also demonstrate computer capability with Word and Excel.

Position averages between 2 and 7 hours per week, though there will be weeks where as many as 15 hours are worked. Availability in the evening is required.

Prior related experience preferred but not necessary for the right candidate. Interested candidates should submit their resume to: administrator@bradfordnh.org.

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. The Town of Bradford is an equal opportunity employer.

Planning Board Seeks Alternates

The Planning Board is currently seeking members to serve as alternates. As one article published by the NH Municipal Association puts it, “Alternate members are the unsung heroes of local land use boards.” They are critical to the efficient functioning of boards, as conflicts of interest frequently prohibit one or more members from participating in certain application or appeals processes. When such conflicts arise, or if a regular member of the Planning Board is absent, the chair will then designate an alternate to sit in that member’s place. At that time, the alternate takes on the authority to act as a full board member for the duration of their designation. When not acting as a full board member, alternates attend scheduled meetings but do not take part in board deliberations or voting. They do however have the opportunity to gain experience through direct observation, which will help prepare them to take on the responsibilities of a regular member in the future. Alternates are the safety net that allows boards to function properly so that they may continue to serve the public.

If interested in becoming an alternate, or learning more, please contact the Town Office at 938-5500. Alternatively, come to one of our meetings! The Bradford Planning Board meets every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

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KRES Bradford Veterans Recognition



At the Bradford Elementary School Veterans Recognition Assembly on Tuesday, November 13, 5th graders Zander Young (L), Charlie Trowbridge, from American Legion Warner Post, and Freddy Shepard stand in the school lobby in front of the White Table display and the Wall of Honor created by Sylvia Hasey to honor Veterans.



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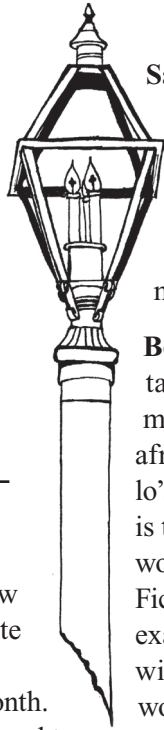
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Saturday 10:00am – 3:00pm
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From the Director's Desk:

It's here, the holiday season. Now I know for many, this is a favorite holiday. I must remind myself that the "season" is only one month. And for goodness sake, I don't need to get wrapped up (excuse the pun) in what everyone else may be worrying about or doing for the holiday. For me, it's one I try most to enjoy through the eyes of my children. The lead up to the 'big day' can be overwhelming, but once it's here, the mad joy that comes from being together and unwrapping a few delights, is visceral. What I look forward to most about the season is being with my family, seeing the twinkling lights at night, socializing and being merry, selectively listening to Christmas music, and reading by a cozy fire. I also enjoy finding out what books, movies, and podcasts have made it to the critics' top lists of the year. I love end-of-the year recommendations. I'll share some of these in my January article.

The library has many new holidays, seasonal, and Christmas books for kids. Come on down and load up on books for the Christmas break. Deborah Bruss, a local author, has recently published a lovely children's book called *Good Morning, Snowplow!* And for anyone, I recommend the nostalgic, short book by Donald Hall, *Christmas at Eagle Pond*.



Santa Visit: The library will feature a visit from the jolly ole' man, Santa Claus, on Saturday, December 8th at 4:00pm. Please come down and listen to a few stories, have some sweet treats, and meet Santa.

Book Discussion: Our group is taking a reading break during the month of December. We will return, afresh, in January to read Don Delillo's book, *White Noise*. "*White Noise* is the eighth novel by Don Delillo. It won the U.S. National Book Award for Fiction in 1985. *White Noise* is an example of postmodern literature. It is widely considered Delillo's "breakout" work and brought him to the attention of a much larger audience. Time magazine included the novel in its list of "Best English-language novels from 1923-2005." (Wikipedia). Don Delillo is an author that I have been meaning to read but haven't yet. Get out of your comfort zone and read something new. Our group will be meeting on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00pm.

For Adults:

Lake on Fire / Rosellen Brown
Elevation / Stephen King
Wisdom of Wolves / Jim Dutcher
Dark Sacred Night / Michael Connelly
Past Tense / Lee Child
In Pieces / Sally Field
The Root of Evil / Hakan Nesser

For Children & Young Adults:

What if it is Us / Becky Albertalli
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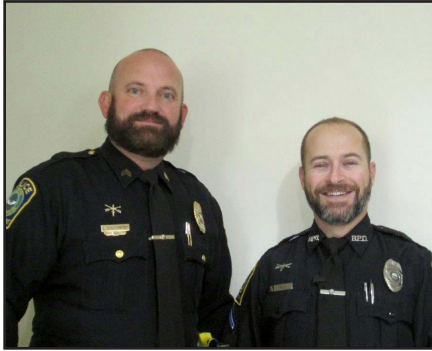
2018 marked our 30th anniversary as the local real estate company in the white Cape with green shutters next to the Bement Covered Bridge. We are planning a celebration in 2019 and you are invited! Keep an eye out for all the details. As always, Thank You For Your Business & Support!





Best Wishes For 2019!

Coffee with the Cops



At the first of a series of community conversations, Detective Sargent Ed Shaughnessy and Patrol Officer Kevin Faria shared coffee and concerns with a group of Bradford residents at the Village Café. The topics for the day were the increase in both telephone and internet scams and resident’s welfare check list.

There are a variety of ways in which people can be lured into sending money for nefarious schemes or providing openings into private data on computers. The bottom line is “If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn’t true.” If you receive a phone call that appears to be false or misleading, do not respond, even to not speaking a word, jot down the phone number and pass it along to the Police Department.

Kelsey Woods, Branch Relationship Manager for Bar Harbor Bank, suggested ways in which financial institutions, banks/credit card firms, can assist if there appears to be a breach in your internet security.

The officers described the checklist of residents who can be called during severe storms or winter months to see if they need any assistance. Anyone who would like to be contacted, should request to be placed on the list.

Watch for announcements about future coffees to learn more about Bradford’s Police Department and how they can assist our community.

No Shave Campaigns

As you may have noticed, several members of The Bradford Police Department have been growing facial hair from beards to mustaches to goatees. This all started in 2016 with the “No Shave November” pledge that took off nationwide. Money at that time went to a national charity for men’s health.



In 2017 the department started in October, one month early. Each member was given the option to make a \$35 “buy in” contribution to partake in the October “Beards for Bucks” to benefit the Granite State Children’s Alliance, specifically as part of the Merrimack County Child Advocacy Center team. The funds raised went to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The CAC provides all victims of child abuse in New Hampshire a neutral environment where justice, healing, equity and prevention are fostered through the consistent, high quality and sustaining collaboration of community partners. Then in November the department accepted donations, monetary or in the form of gas

station gift cards. Monetary donations were used to purchase more gift cards from Irving. At the end of November, Sgt. Shaughnessy and Officer Faria met with a representative from CHaD, The Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, where they handed over almost \$600 worth of gift cards. These cards are kept up at CHaD and given to families who bring children in for appointments and treatment to help offset the burden of travel costs.

2018 is no different. The department just wrapped up the “Beards for Bucks” campaign and is now into November where they are once again accepting gas gift cards in increments of \$5, \$10 or more. At the end December we will once again hand them over to CHaD to be used in the same manner. If you would like to make a donation you can do so by stopping in to the station, flagging down an Officer on patrol, dropping it in the drop box at our front door or mailing them to Bradford Police Department, PO Box 762, Bradford NH 03221.

Thanks and we hope everyone is having a good start to the holiday season.

Ed Shaughnessy



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Bradford Historical Society Report

New officers for a two-year term were elected at the Bradford Historical Society Annual Meeting was held on October 24th at the Community Center.

Co-Presidents: Tracey Quigley and Steve Hanson

Vice-President: George Cilley

Treasurer: Sue Allen

Secretary: Vacant (Mary Derry volunteered until the office is filled)

USC Representative: Marge Cilley

Archivist: Tracey Quigley

Trustees: Harriet Douglass, Claire James, Sandy Paul, Jan Riley, Jeff Quigley, and Diane Whalley

Deborah Bede gave a wonderful informative talk at the meeting on “Preserving Historical Textiles.” Her background had been working in some prestigious museums in the US. She takes great pride being part of preserving Orville Wright’s “Flyer 3.”

Members brought articles for her recommendations of preserving family treasures. She also gave general information about how many varied risks are involved with preserving textiles: like dust, light, storage in plastic, handling without gloves and others. Thank you, Deborah.

Over the long winter months BHS members will be preparing to open the “Old Post Office” for the first meeting in the Spring. We will be meeting in small groups to come up with inspiring ideas to encourage new memberships and, hopefully, have some of our Lifetime and Honorary Members become more active.

Have a good Winter and hope to see you in the Spring!!

Diane Whalley

Thrifty Yankee Ingenuity at the Transfer Station

Over the last few years some town residents have looked at the small green building that we call “the office” at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center and have recommended demolishing it. They have




even suggested that we go to a lumber yard and buy a whole new building! When Claire James came to the transfer station to talk about a CIP project, she noted that the building needs painting and stated that the Transfer station fits into the town beautification program.

When I told Ken what Claire said, he went right to work on rehabilitating our office. He mentioned that some exterior boards needed replacing before the building could be repainted. Since our motto is to recycle and reuse, Ken retrieved perfectly good boards for his rehab project from our burn pile and the demolition container. To add a touch of class to our little office building, Ken knew just where to obtain a 12-foot-long 12-inch-wide beveled board and off he went to the sawyer Chris Mock. Within a few days Chris filled Ken’s odd request for the custom board, which he donated for Ken’s rehab project. While Ken put up the unique board, he enjoyed receiving the many compliments from the assembled towns people. Meanwhile Tim MacManus noticed that we needed a door sweep, and he went right home and brought back a brand-new sweep and gave it to us.

Instead of spending thousands of taxpayer dollars for a new office building, we spent \$46.00 on our only expenditure--a gallon of exterior paint!

*Lois Kilnapp,
Transfer Station Manager*

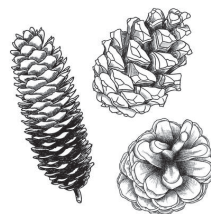


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Monthly Briefing: Bradford Town Board Reports

Board of Selectmen

Tax Rate The Board set the tax rate at \$26.95 for 2018. The overall increase is \$0.55, of which only \$0.01 is attributable to the Town. (See Select Board Quarterly report, page 6 for 3-year comparison.)

Town Hall Heating System The Board reviewed bids received to install a heating system at the Town Hall and accepted the bid of \$19,400 from Legacy Plumbing Plus LLC of Bradford. The Weil McLain LP Gas fired boiler is designed to provide sufficient heat for the basement of the Town Hall with connections to accommodate future equipment for the remainder of the building.

Town Hall Granite Sunapee Granite cannot complete cutting of the granite before May. The possibility of using new granite was discussed, but the decision, for now, is to use the original pieces. Trumbull-Nelson will be asked for assurance that no further backfilling is required at this time. They will be asked to look at a possible leak in the roof as part of ‘buttoning-up’ the building for the winter.

Hazardous Mitigation Selectmen approved a draft Hazardous Mitigation Plan, subject to final approval by FEMA. The Plan can be viewed on Bradford’s home page at www.bradfordnh.org.

Pickup Truck Replacement A public hearing was held to gather input on the need to replace a 2005 350 diesel truck for the Highway Department, which requires \$10 -\$11,000 in repairs. More research will be done before a final decision is made.

Bement Bridge Engineers are completing the plans in order to go out to bid and begin work in the spring. Temporary easements and a Shoreland Protection permit are needed.

Conservation Commission Doug Southard was approved as a member of the Commission.

Recording Secretary With the resignation of Secretary Laurie Colburn, Selectmen are seeking applicants to fill this position. Contact Town Administrator Karen Hambleton at 938-5900 for more information.

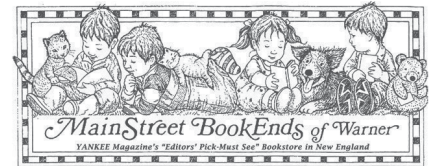
December Meetings Selectmen will not meet on December 24 or 31.

Planning Board

Master Plan Mike Tardiff, Director of the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, discussed the Housing and Land Use chapters of the Master Plan update. He said statewide trends indicate there is a mismatch between the type of housing demand and the type of housing available. Younger people are looking for nicer rental properties and multi-unit housing. Claire James pointed out that one of the goals of the 2006 Master Plan was to maintain diversity in

housing, but that diversity is not reflected in recent growth in town. Mike felt Bradford has good tools in the Zoning Ordinance to encourage growth and diversity. He suggested proposing changes to the Zoning Ordinance to allow higher density in the downtown area, a “village” sub-district designation and establishing a Table of Use for rural districts.

The Board discussed growth in Town, taxes, capital improvements plans and appropriate economic growth planning. There was discussion of the Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) program, which allows taxes from new construction and improvements in a particular area, to fund infrastructure improvements as well as the Economic Revitalization program, which allows a deferred increase in property taxes for



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improvements that meet the program criteria. Both programs are available in Bradford. The Master Plan goal is to have a final Land Use chapter completed by December.

CIP Committee

The Committee continues to review department requests and to make adjustments to the proposed Capital Improvements Program for 2019. A Public Hearing is tentatively set for December 11.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment conducted a Site Walk at Map 17/Lot 35, Route 114, related to an application submitted by George Neuwirt for a variance from the lot size and setback requirements. The Board walked the lot and discussed the proposed building layout, lot boundary and ground conditions. The applicant did not attend the meeting and the proposed structure was not staked out.

A Public Hearing on this application was then held at which Mr. Neuwirt

reviewed his application and outlined a proposal to build a small home on the lot, 20' x 30', as well as a garage in the future. Abutters spoke both in favor of and opposition to the project, one abutter stating that the home would sit 8' from his property line. Concern was expressed about wetlands on the property and an adjoining brook.


At the close of the hearing, Nathaniel Bruss stated it would be helpful to take another look at the property now that the proposed structure has been staked out and that there should be a closer examination of the wetland setbacks. He moved to postpone deliberations pending another Site Walk. This was scheduled for November 20th and deliberations were continued until the ZBA meeting December 5th at 7:00pm.

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

Congratulations



Michael Hague, son of Betty and Mike Hague of Bradford, received his Doctorate in Biology, with a concentration in Evolutionary Genetics, from The University of Virginia. Michael attended the KRES/ Bradford school and is a graduate of the Holderness School and Whitman College in Washington. Michael has been accepted into a postdoctoral program at the University of Montana in Missoula. Congratulations to Michael and his proud family.



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Obituaries

Richard P. MacLeod

Richard P. MacLeod, Jr., 63, of Bradford Road, died, October 20, 2018, at Concord Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Medford, MA, on April 20, 1955, the son of Richard P. and Catherine C. (Fisher) MacLeod, Sr. Moving to Manchester at a very young age, he lived almost all of his life in Bradford. Rick attended Kearsarge Regional High School in Sutton.

A man of many talents, Rick worked for various companies including making snow at Pat's Peak, HMC, Sturm Ruger and Colonial Woodworking. While at HMC he made a very good friend who was extra special towards the end of Rick's life and someone Rick referred to as his "angel," John Connelly.

He was always ready to help someone and could do most any odd job. He started skiing at a very young age and was in many competitions. Rick was an animal lover, enjoyed motorcycles, drag racing, building models, fixing cars, being on Lake Massasecum and spending time with his grandchildren whom he loved so much. He always had a good time and thought that fun should come first.

He is predeceased by his parents. Members of his family surviving include a daughter and her husband, Jaime MacLeod Richard and Jenner Richard of Middlefield, CT, a son and fiancée, Richard P. MacLeod III and Autumn Tibbetts of Bradford; grandchildren, Emilia Anne, Jagger Joseph, Samantha Catherine and Kaitlyn Kathleen; a brother and his wife, Robert and Georgine MacLeod of Bardstown, KY; a sister and her spouse, Maryanne and Lorraine MacLeod of Farmington; niece, Shayla; nephew, Seamus; and cousins.

A graveside service will be held on April 20, 2019, in the New Pond Cemetery, Bradford, NH. Memorial contributions may be made to pope-memorialsPCA.org, Pope Memorial SPCA, 94 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH, 03301. To sign an online guest-book, please visit: chadwickfuneralservice.com.

Hannah Schadt Mocek

Hannah Schadt Mocek a former Manchester, NH resident, died September 22, 2018 at Trinity Medical Center, Port Richey, Florida due to heart failure.

Hannah was born in Manchester, NH on Valentine's Day in 1943, the daughter of the late Walter and Cynthia (Cressy) Mocek. For many years she summered at the family home in Bradford.

She studied at the Northfield Mount Herman School, University of Vermont and NH Technical Institute. Hannah had operated Apartment Showcase in Manchester for many years. She was a resident of Port Richey, Florida at the time of her death. She leaves behind many loving cousins who loved her like a sister.

Hannah will be remembered as a light-hearted soul with a flair for fashion who adored entertaining especially if she was the cook. She loved cats and dogs and would love nothing more than to have donations made in her memory to your local SPCA.

A memorial service was held at the Bradford Community Church. Burial will follow in the family lot at Sunny Plain Cemetery, Bradford.

Incident at Lake Massasecum

On Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 4:22 PM Bradford Police met on East Shore Drive with Gerard and Edward Connors of Braintree, MA. They had been unable to reach their brother George Connors who had come on Thursday to spend the week end at their camp on Lake Massasecum. Bradford Fire Department began a search by water, joined by watercraft from Henniker and Newbury Fire Departments. New Hampshire State Police and Henniker Police assisted with search of the surrounding area. New Hampshire Fish and Game and Marine Patrol were both advised.

Mr. Connor's boat was found beached on Davis Road. At 6:01PM, units from Bradford and Henniker located the victim who had drowned. The Connors family, owners of Pine Point, are long time seasonal residents of Bradford.

Bradford Police and Fire Departments would like to thank all the responding units for their assistance.

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Market Update, Interest Rates & Laws

Happy Holidays! After a very hectic spring and summer selling season the local housing market has followed the national trend of leveling off slightly, a shift due to rising inventory, prices and interest rates. According to NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun, this has led to a decline in existing-home sales across all regions of the country in September, though pending home sales rose slightly. Thus, it has become a more balanced market and homes on average should take a bit longer to sell. Affordable home listings remain low, keeping first-time buyers out of the market, but at the same time consistent job gains could allow more buyers overall to enter the market. Interest rates were raised three times in 2017 and as we end the year it looks like it will be three times in 2018, but that trend is expected to slow in 2019. While an increase in the interest rate does not always correlate to an increase in mortgage rates, the number of increases we have experienced has increased the cost to own a home. Yun says one thing that could slow the pace of rate increases would be to tame housing costs through a greater supply of new homes. With lumber and building costs stabilizing, perhaps we will see more new construction as the year ends as several lenders have told me the number of new construction applications is up.

As the year closes out, there are three new/revised laws in New Hampshire to bring to your attention:

Lead Paint. Changes the blood levels for notifications from the NH Dept. Of Health and Human Services to property owners relative to blood levels in children from 5 micrograms per deciliter to 3.5; requires testing for blood levels in children at the ages of 1 and 2; lowers child blood threshold for abatement orders from 10 micro-

grams to 7.5 micrograms in 2019 and to 5 micrograms in 2021; creates a revolving loan fund to provide loans to property owners to make units lead-safe and mandates new disclosures on lead in water and paint prior to the execution of any contract for the purchase and sale of any interest in real property. The new law only requires property owners to abate units with children and pregnant women. Effective April of 2018.

Gender Identity. Currently, state statute bans discrimination in obtaining housing because of age, sex, race, creed, color, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability or national origin. This new law adds “gender identity” to that list of protected classes and went into effect July of 2018.

Third Party Mortgages. What we know as owner financing, this new law allows an individual to act as a

mortgage banker, mortgage broker, mortgage servicer, or mortgage originator if the individual is not engaged habitually and repeatedly in such activities in a commercial context, which translates to no more than three loans in any consecutive 12-month period. Federal law may be more restrictive, so it is wise to check with an attorney when providing financing when the property is used as collateral. Effective August of 2018.

There are 22 active and 3 pending residential listings ranging in price from \$129,000 to \$2.2M, 21 active and 2 pending land listings ranging in price from \$18,000 to \$349,000, 1 active commercial listing priced at \$229,000 and 0 pending and 2 active multi-family listings priced at \$194,900 and \$319,900 and 0 pending. None of the active, pending or recently sold listings is a foreclosure or short sale.

Laura Hallahan, Broker

Recent Real Estate Sales in Bradford

- 6-47 Jewett Road**, 1950 seasonal Camp on 1.20 acres for \$28,000
- 65 Gillingham Drive**, 1976 Manufactured Home on 1.60 acres for \$92,000
- 888 West Road**, 1957 Ranch on .56 acres for \$189,900
- 3031 State Route 114**, 1892 Colonial on 12 acres for \$195,000
- 694 County Road**, 1999 Cape on 38.86 acres for \$198,000
- 51 Blaisdell Lake Road**, 1984 Contemporary on 5.70 acres for \$249,900
- 75 Hogg Hill Road**, 1790 Colonial on 12 acres for \$269,000
- 31 Maple View Drive**, 2005 Colonial on 2 acres for \$304,000
- 100 E. Washington Road**, 2006 Cape w/Barn on 186.94 acres for \$980,000
- 83 West Main Street**, 1900 4-Unit Apartment Building on .25 acres for \$130,000
- 19 Center Road**, 1962 Ranch on 5.30 acres for \$194,900
- 93 Johnson Hill Road**, 2003 Colonial on 2.59 acres for \$280,000
- 0 Cressy Road**, 2 acres of vacant land for \$20,500

Snails 2011



As I write, snow is pressing the fields and woods in a form-fitting white corset. This layer mattresses the steady release of the earth's internal heat and in this winter-dark subnivian zone there is a skim of frost-free air beneath the duff that safe harbors the spring peepers and wood frogs, insects, salamanders and - snails.

I like to think of the snails under the snow - nestled there with their pearly clusters of eggs. With their multipurpose stomach/feet, they have fashioned burrows in the leaf litter, pulled their stalked eyes down into their hollow, retractable upper tentacles, and built air-permeable storm doors called 'epiphragms'. They do this to protect themselves in hot, dry weather also. By this method they use half the calories compared to body weight that we do rushing about so far above them and no doubt extend their life expectancy by doing so.

Though it is winter, snail sign still abounds. Their summer tongues have left tracks in the thin algal covering of the 'road not maintained' sign and on the smooth gray-green bark of the beech tree. Both snails and their close slug relations have 'radula' instead of true teeth. These are tongues with rows of thousands of tiny renewable teeth. Think 'wood rasp'. Slugs and snails are 'gastropods', meaning 'stomach/foot'. Related to mollusks and octopus, snails are structurally similar to clams but with one spiraling shell instead of two flatter contraptions. They are animals with a surprising degree of memory

and they have the sense and inclination to band together to coordinate an escape - say, in forming a living ladder to depart the confines of an escargot farm.

They glide on minute hair-like cilia and by altering the consistency of their protective slime. Alternating between fluid and sticky disrupts surface friction, allowing them to ripple forward, slithering unharmed over even a razor blade's edge. Reportedly and disturbingly, some can rear back on their solitary heel and 'speed glide', or even jump. They sally forth on damp nights or cloudy days, usually headed downwind in search of food and reusing their slime trails, follow their delicate tentacle noses upwind back home - a distance of no more than a few yards.

Light is all they can see and they can't hear a thing. They are not without useful skills though. They possess a stereoscopic sense of smell and acute observation of temperature, moisture, wind, vibration, electrical charge and of course, pollution. They are chemists with an ability to alter their pervasive mucus secretions for defense, healing (they can rebuild their broken shells), egg protection, and as mentioned above, for locomotion. Gastropods also use their multipurpose slime in bizarre (to us) courtship behavior that can't be

delicately described but may involve throwing darts at each other. Suffice to say that although it takes two of them to tango, they are hermaphrodites and either restroom would be legal.

When the snow abates, land snails break down their storm doors. They will send forth their double pair of watchtower tentacles like searchlights. As they emerge from their dark napping they will slowly extend their single enormous foot.

Lorenz Oken, a distinguished German naturalist of the early 1800s, wrote: "Surely a snail is an exalted symbol of mind slumbering deeply within itself." I don't know if he wistfully wrote this in winter.

Ann Eldridge

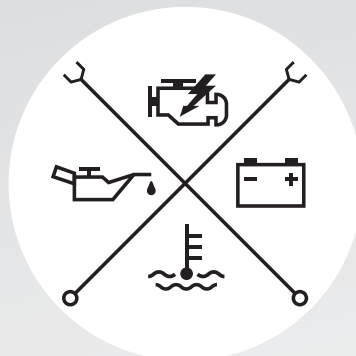
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Christmas Eve Pageant December 24th at 5pm

Bundle up and join us for this quintessential Christmas Eve event! Our community gathers together in holiday cheer, finding a moment deep in spirit, embracing the season.

We are looking for kids to fill roles and sing songs, and for grown-ups to help with costumes, cookies and coordination.

Monday, December 17th at 4:30pm
Rehearsal - meet in the schoolhouse.

Monday, December 24th at 4:30pm
If you are in the performance, please arrive at 4:30pm just a little before the show starts at 5pm - meet in the schoolhouse.

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Leah Cummings for more information:
603Leah@gmail.com.



Laurie Buchar found this during a recent perusal of Bradford Center Meetinghouse files. She dates it somewhere the 1950s and guesses it was from a play or historical tableau of some kind. It was taken on the Meetinghouse stage. Names listed are: Delia Stevens, Genie Presby, Laura Colby, Grace Wallis, Mary Chase, Edith Bartlett, Mrs. Burke, and Dorothy Bartlett.

Bradford Center Meetinghouse has housed many types of events during its 180-year history. Built in 1838 to provide the community with ample space for worship and discussion, it has also served as a hall for entertainment and fellowship. Bradford's famed vaudevillian Will Cressy built a tradition of performing light diversions in town. This photo depicts a play on the Meetinghouse stage. Early photographic techniques required the subjects to remain very still, hence their serious demeanor in this picture. No doubt, folks had a good laugh seeing their neighbors perform.

The Meetinghouse stage has seen a resurgence of theatrics in the past 25 years. "Egad, the Woman in White," a Victorian melodrama, was directed here by Glen Mayo in 1993. Next, the North East Shakespeare Ensemble performed an assortment of scenes at the center in 2003. "No, No, A Million Times No," starring locals

such as Andrew Pinard as villain and Shanna Braden as heroine, was met with hilarious applause here in 2006.

Perhaps, in addition to the summer music series, it is time for another production on the Meetinghouse stage! Don't miss the best show of the year on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm, when local children will warm your heart for the whole season.

Laurie Buchar



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Community Events Calendar – December 2018

All events take place at the Bradford Area Community Center (938-6228) or the Mountain View Senior Center (938-2104) unless otherwise noted. Call to confirm dates and times in case any changes have been made.



Monday, December 3rd

No Fitness Group during December
 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 3:30 pm Driving School
 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC

Tuesday, December 4th

10:30 am Quilting Group
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class
 3:30 pm Driving School
 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club

Wednesday, December 5th

3:30 pm Driving School
 6:00 pm Yoga
 6:00 pm Library Trustees, BLM
 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thursday, December 6th

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

Friday, December 7th

11:30 am 1st Friday Brunch with Rich Araldi on the vibraphone, 50/50 raffle, and door prizes!

Saturday, December 8th

4:00 pm Story time & Santa Visit, BML

Monday, December 10th

1:00 pm Bridge Group
 3:30 pm Driving School
 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC
 7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection

Tuesday, December 11th

10:00 am Quilting Group
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class
 3:30 pm Driving School
 6:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection
 7:00 pm Planning Board

Wednesday, December 12th

1:00 pm Knitting Group
 3:30 pm Driving School
 6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, December 13th

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
 5:00 pm BACC/P&R Committee
 6:00 pm Community/Economic Development

Friday, December 14th

9:30 pm Foot Care at North Ridge Senior Housing

Monday, December 17th

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 1:00 pm Bridge Group
 3:30 pm Driving School
 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC

Tuesday, December 18th

10:00 am Quilting Group
 12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
 2:00 pm Watercolor Class
 3:30 pm Driving School
 7:00 pm Conservation Comm., BLM

Wednesday, December 19th

3:30 pm Driving School
 6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, December 20th

11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic at MVSC
 11:30 am Holiday Dinner – Reception for Meals on Wheels with the Kearsarge High School Chorus performing. Reservations a must please!

No Mahjong Group today
 6:30 pm Budget Committee

Friday, December 21st

9:30 am Foot Clinic at North Ridge Senior Housing Warner
 No movie or brunch today

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Day
 1:00 pm Bridge Group

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day
 Center Closed – No Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, December 26th

10:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic at Warner Senior Room
 6:00 pm Yoga

Thursday, December 27th

12:00 pm Noon Senior Dining
 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

Friday, December 28th

9:30 am Foot Clinic at Warner Pharmacy

ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays

10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting, BACC
 7:00 pm Rural Heritage Connection, BACC, 2nd Monday/month

Tuesdays

7:00 pm Conservation Commission, BLM, 3rd Tuesday/month
 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club 1st Tuesday each month
 7:00 pm Planning Board, BACC 2nd & 4th Tuesdays/month

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Library Trustees, BLM 1st Wednesday/month
 7:00 pm Zoning Board, BACC 1st Wednesday/month

Thursdays

6:00 pm Cemetery Commission 2nd Thursday/month; call 938-2119

Fridays

11:30 am First Friday Brunch, MVSC call 938-2104 for reservations

Other

Historical Society Tin Shop, East Main Street; by appointment, call 938-2253

CALENDAR ABBREVIATIONS

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMH	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BML	Brown Memorial Library
FGC	Fish & Game Club
KLC	Kearsarge Learning Center
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday Worship Services and Kingdom Builders (Sunday School)
 Every Sunday at 10 am. Communion served on the first Sunday each month.

FREE Community Meal on Saturday, December 8th from 4:30 to 6 pm. Come and enjoy a spaghetti and meatball dinner right after the tree lighting and caroling at the Library.

Bradford Community Food Pantry
 Will be distributing Christmas food and gift baskets on December 22nd from 9 am to 10:30 am. Requested food donations for the month are: tuna, cereal, and spaghetti sauce.

Traditional Christmas Eve Candle-light Service with scripture readings and favorite Christmas Hymns. December 24th at 7 pm.

Area Events

Warner

Mainstreet Bookends. Saturday, December 1, from 10 am until 4 pm. Warner Home Holiday Celebration! Traditional Caroling, Artists and Artisans, Food, Farmers Market, Storytelling and More.

Mainstreet Bookends. Sunday, December 2 at 2 pm, Celebrate our local poets and photographers

Mainstreet Bookends and the Concord Area VNA. Wednesday, December 5 at 5 pm the Annual Hospice Lights of Life Remembrance Ceremony. A community event to remember those most missed at this time of year.

Warner Historical Society. The Upton Chandler House Museum will be open for Warner's Hometown Holidays on December 1, from 10 am until 4 pm.

Warner Historical Society. The Historical Society's museum store will be open December 8, 15, and 22 when the OPEN flag is displayed at the office. The Upton Chandler House Museum will be open from 10 am until 1 pm featuring holiday and local artisanal items.


Holiday Events

Christmas Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa
 December 7th at 4 pm
 Brown Memorial Library
 Contact: 938-5562

Christmas Eve Pageant
 December 24th at 5 pm
 Bradford Center Meetinghouse
 Contact: 938-2017

Christmas Eve Service
 December 24th at 7 pm
 Bradford Community Church
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Kathleen Bigford

Bobcat at a Birdfeeder



Paul Murphy gave us these stunning images of a bobcat at a birdfeeder.

Thank you, Paul, for catching this wild moment!



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