

# The Bradford Bridge

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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**Town Reopening** The Board was in favor of reopening Town buildings starting July 6, 2020.

**Bement Bridge** Hoyle, Tanner & Associates opened bids for the bridge on May 27. Bids came in higher than had been estimated and there is an increase of approximately \$41,000 to the costs planned by the Town. The State is reviewing the bids and will notify the Town when the project is released to move forward.

**Town Hall** Walter Royal, Town Facilities Supervisor, reviewed painting quotes for the Town Hall. He felt that the quotes received were not comparable in scope and is recommending that a new RFP be sent out. He will have a follow up with Jay Barrett, Architect, to more clearly define the scope and send out a request for a revised quote. The Board would like any recommendation to paint the window trim quoted as a separate item as part of the RFP.

**PPE Donation** The Board signed a letter thanking Circular Blu for their donation of facemasks and hand sanitizer to the Town's first responders.

**Class VI Roads** The Select Board was in favor of the Bradford Conservation Commissions recommendation of seasonal road closures for class VI roads.

**Bridge Repair** The Board approved a motion to move \$72, 232.60 from the Roads and Bridges Trust Fund for the repair to the West Meadow Road bridge.

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Also find:

- COVID-19 2020 Voting Information
- The July 2020 Real Estate Update
- News of Bradford Openings
- Beth Rodd's Legislative Report
- Ann Eldridge on Snakes
- And ads from our faithful supporters



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## Letter to the Editor

I am writing to acknowledge the effort put forth by our First Responders and to explain why it was so important for them to honor our students in the Kearsarge Regional School District. On June 6, 2020, First Responders from the Kearsarge School District came together

to acknowledge our students, staff, and graduates. The past two and a half months has been unprecedented with the spread of the Coronavirus and the resulting Covid19 disease. Everyone has been affected by this from students to seniors in assisted living.

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# The Bradford Bridge

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Phone: 938-5900

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Friday: 8:00 AM – Noon

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Wednesday: 12 PM – 5 PM

Thursday: 9 AM – 12 PM/ 1 PM – 6 PM

Friday: Closed

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9 AM – Noon

Town offices are temporarily located at  
Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East  
Main St. P.O. Box 436. Bradford, NH 03221

## 2020 VOTING INFORMATION

for State Primary Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
and General Election Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Based on guidance from the NH Secretary of State and NH Attorney General, all voters who are unable to vote in person because of illness from COVID-19 or because they fear voting in person may expose themselves or others to COVID-19 may request an absentee ballot. This also applies to anyone who wishes to register to vote. To request an application to register by mail or an application to vote by mail, contact Melissa Cloutier, Town Clerk/Tax Collector by email, [tc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:tc@bradfordnh.org), Phone, (603) 938-2288, Fax: (603) 938-5694, and US mail, 134 East Main St., PO Box 607, Bradford, NH 03221,

The application for an absentee ballot can be downloaded at:


<http://www.bradfordnh.org/departments/town-clerk-tax-collector/election/absentee-request-for-sept-2020/>

If you request an absentee ballot and are not registered, the clerk will send you an absentee ballot and absentee voter registration forms and instructions. You are registered to vote when the application is approved by the Supervisors of the Checklist.

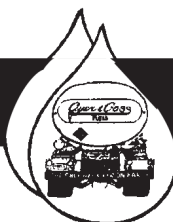
Details sent to NH election officials from the NH Secretary of State and Attorney General regarding NH voting regulations relative to COVID-19 can be found at [bradfordbridge.org](http://bradfordbridge.org), "Late Breaking."

Many decisions have yet to be made regarding how to return the absentee ballots, and where and when or if in-person voting will take place.

*The Bridge will continue to provide voting information over the next four months.*



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## Letters to Our Editor:

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The thought process was to acknowledge the student body and staff of our school district. To do this we elected to keep the kids off the street and somewhere safe so the decision was made to try and take in every school where the “parade of appreciation” could maneuver and where kids could be with their parents (social distancing) safely in their own cars. The choices were Simonds School, Kearsarge Regional High School and Middle School, Cougar Court, and Bradford Elementary School. We saw many children and parents along the way, many of the children waving and jumping up and down in excitement. We hope that when they are older, they will remember this time and recall the scary time of a pandemic, but the day Police, Fire, and EMS paraded in their honor.

Thank you, Bradford Police and Fire, Sutton Police and Fire, Warner Police and Fire, New London Police, Fire and New London Hospital Ambulance, Newbury Police and Fire, and Wilmot Police. A special thank you out to Colin Nelson and the Red Knights who joined us and assisted along the way.

Sincere appreciation from all of us to the Kearsarge Regional School District Students and Staff.

*James S. Valiquet, Chief of Police,  
Bradford, NH*

## From the Selectmen’s Office Town Buildings Are Re-Opening

**On July 6th**, the Town’s Buildings will re-open to the public with some changes to accommodate best practices as we continue to follow the Governor’s and CDC’s guidelines for COVID-19. Hopefully these will only be in place for a short time.

Though we miss seeing the faces of the folks we serve, for the health of both employees and the public, we will continue to minimize face-to-face interactions and ask the following:

- Please continue to call the Town Offices and Departments with questions. Much of what you need from any of the Town’s Services (Police, Fire, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Transfer Station, Highway Dept and Selectmen’s Office) can be accomplished over the phone.
- Please continue to use our online and snail mail options for tax payments and vehicle registrations.
- Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and use hand sanitizer. And please stay home if you are sick!

Should you come to the Town Offices, you will notice that we have reduced our hours for face-to-face transactions. We will be open Tuesdays 8-4 and Thursdays 9-6; Wednesdays 12-5 by appointment only. We are limiting the area open to the public (less area to

clean and sanitize). Please park behind the building and use the rear door as the front door will remain locked. The second floor of the Community Center will be roped off and restrooms will remain closed to the public. Please bring your own pen and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Public meetings will continue to take place via ZOOM, Town Hall Streams and in the meeting spaces in the Community Center. Seats will be arranged to accommodate social distancing. Folks who choose to use any Town Property are expected to follow the CDC’s guidelines for stopping the spread of germs, including staying home when sick, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and social distancing.

For specific information on the Library’s re-opening, please visit [www.brownmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org) or call 938-5562.

If you have any questions, please call us at the numbers below. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this!

Selectmen’s Office at 938-5900 or email [administrator@bradfordnh.org](mailto:administrator@bradfordnh.org).

Town Clerk/Tax Collector at 938-2288 or email at [tc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:tc@bradfordnh.org)

Police (non-emergency) at 938-2522

Fire (non-emergency) at 938-2231

Transfer Station at 938-2526

### Town Clerk Hours Have Changed

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8-12 / 1-4
Wednesday	12-5
Thursday	9-12 / 1-6
Friday	Closed
Saturday 2nd & 4th	9-12

*"In summer, the song sings itself."*

– William Carlos Williams

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

*(Continued from page 1)*

**Trustee Appointment** The Board appointed Jarna Perkins to the Cemetery Trustees.

**Water Testing** The State Department of Environmental Services will not be able to test the water at French's Park this year as they normally would. Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, was able to secure a volunteer to conduct the testing.

**Signs** Marlene Freyler volunteered to paint the posts for the Welcome to Bradford signs to make them more attractive. The other Board members were supportive.

**Intent to Cut** The Board signed requests for Map 13 Lots 19 & 22, Map 7 Lot 48, Map 2 Lot 71, and Map 6 Lot 97.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Partnership** The Committee began assigning members to partner with Town Department Heads. The plan is to spend more time, prior to the budget preparation, digging into specific areas of the budget and comparing expenditures to other communities of similar size, demographics and geography and reviewing this information with the Department Heads prior to the budget season kickoff.

### PLANNING BOARD

**Home Business** The Board approved a motion for the continuation of use of a home business located on 135 East Main Street until June of 2022. The current owner, Jason Allen, is selling the property but will continue to operate his business out of that location until he can relocate.

**Subdivision Application** The Board reviewed the Subdivision application from Michael and Mary Bellino for Map 10 Lot 12A. The property is 23 acres and the owners would like to subdivide into two lots. A public hearing was scheduled for June 23, 2020.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

**Variance Approved** Following a public hearing on June 3, 2020, the planning board approved the application for a variance to Article III, Section DI, IV and V of the Bradford Zoning Ordinance, for the property located at 244 Breezy Hill Road, Map 18 Lot 13.

### ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE

**Ditching** The committee reviewed maintenance and ditching work that had been done on Breezy Hill Road and Bacon Road in mid-May and concluded that the work done was necessary and long over-due.

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Bradford Bog** The new stairs on the platform are functioning superbly, and the rail will be installed once it is lengthened. Broken boardwalk planks are being replaced.

**Proposed Class VI Roads Ordinances** Commission members Ann Eldridge and Brooks McCandlish attended the June 15 Select Board Zoom meeting to present a draft of Class VI road ordinances addressing mud season closure and emergency lane designation. Some members of the Select Board had reservations about designating all Class VI roads as emergency lanes, and that topic was shelved.

**Conservation** Ann Eldridge updated the

commission regarding the transfer of two deeded wetland properties located behind the Pearl Forest to the Stewardship of the Bradford Conservation Commission. The Office of Charitable Trusts will defend the deed to ensure that the land remains recreational.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

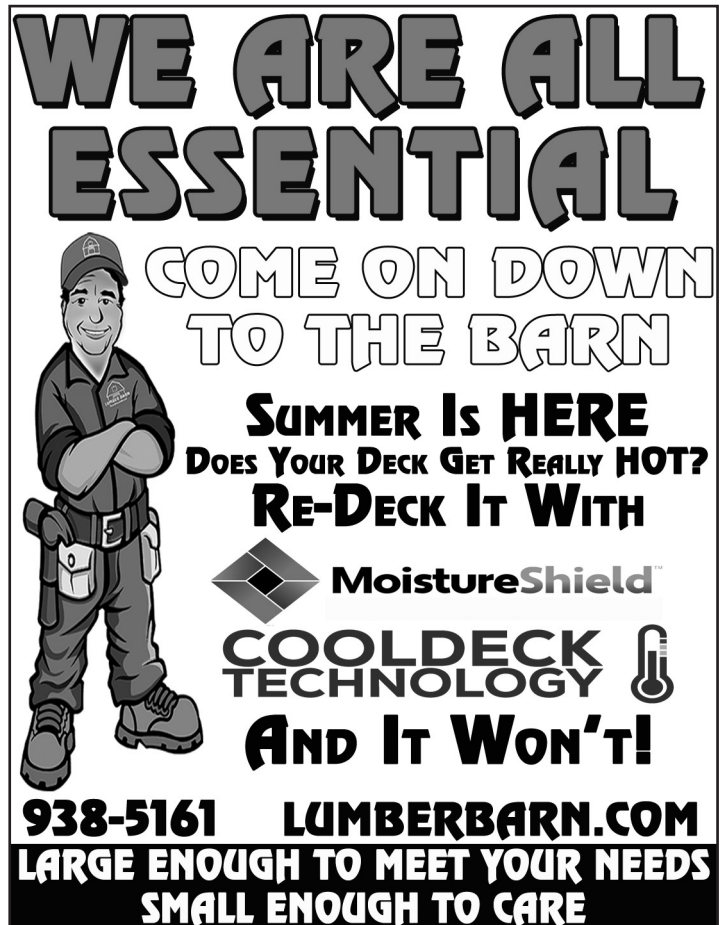
**Reopening** A committee was created to draft a plan for the reopening of the library. Lauri Farrell, Trustee, volunteered to source PPE for the library.

**Computers** The Trustees approved a motion for the purchase of two new computer towers. Estimate for purchase is \$700-\$800 per tower.

**Trustee Vacancy** The Board is seeking interested candidates to fill a vacant trustee position.

### BACC GOVERNANCE BOARD

**Building Repairs** The Board reviewed quotes for repairs to the exterior of the BACC building and recommended Renee Remodeling.



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**Snow Plow Contracts** The Board approved the following three year snow plow contracts: New London Elementary School to Noel Eastman Excavating for \$45,000; Sutton Central to Tyler Lawn Care for \$27,000; and Simonds School to Tyler Lawn Care for \$23,500. Todd Fluery, Director of Facilities, asked the board to reject bids for KRMS and KRHS from Rockwood Family Lawn Care as it was a single bid and the proposal was well over budgeted amounts

Minutes of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org). For an audio file (mp3) of the recordings of meetings, please visit <http://bradfordnh.org/mp3/>. Some meetings are now streamed live - check website!

**Out & About: Hungry Hawk**

Todd Gregory of Bradford witnessed a Cooper’s hawk capturing a meal and managed to snap a pic before it flew off with the Blue Jay. Not something you get to witness every day!



Many of you are enthusiastic about recording the beauty that surrounds us. Therefore, I’d like to invite photographers to share images to be included in this article. Of course proper credit will be given. The most interesting photographs will be from Bradford and close-by places. An accompanying caption would be nice. One last request is to submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

*Kathleen Bigford*

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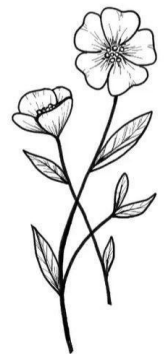
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## Real Estate Update

Looking Back and Ahead...  
At my last Update in April...

We were wondering what the housing market would be like this year. And, for all intents and purposes, the last two months have given us a good picture of what to expect. Yes, the Coronavirus has changed the way we conduct business and our day-to-day lives, but it has not put the brakes on the real estate market. We can't keep inventory long enough to advertise it! Sellers are seeing multiple and even above asking price offers!

The prediction that people will refocus their investing in more stable options like residential real estate and that we are all more than ever drawn to home and family seems to be coming true. The interest rates are still remarkably low (at or near 3%). The Fed has announced recently that a rate hike will not occur for three years signaling the market that it can expect an all-in accommodative monetary policy. Even with unemployment at such very high numbers, there does seem to be confidence that businesses will come back and need to hire and the stock market, too, will rebound. Recent incidents of racial injustices are uniting large segments of our population behind a cause whose time may finally have come. It's amazing how good things can sometimes evolve from very bad ones.

If you are thinking about selling, clearly this is a good time to do it...as long as you have some place to go!!

*Marilyn Kidder*

Recent Real Estate Sales in Bradford  
(3/16/2020-6/16/2020)

There were 5 single family home sales, ranging in price from \$112,000-\$412,500, which was exactly the same number of sales as last year during this time. Strangely enough, at the present time, there are 5 homes on the market, priced from \$149,500-\$549,00;

In addition, 6 homes are under contract, and one is pending.



Jane Snow

## July Agent Profile

Jane grew up around the Lake Sunapee area and has lived in New London with her family since 1987. She has a great knowledge of the area, both from raising her family here and working in her family's home design and construction company.

She is a full time professional REALTOR® dedicated to representing both buyers and sellers. Jane happily networks with other local real estate brokers and agents, so her customers and clients can count on getting a complete picture of the available area real estate. Because of her experience with her family's building business, Jane has been able to be particularly helpful to buyers who are interested in new construction.

Reach out to Jane at [jane@bhgmilestone.com](mailto:jane@bhgmilestone.com)

### Recently Listed by Jane

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**2020 Census**

According to an article in *The Concord Monitor* (6/4/2020) by David Brooks, 2020 Census workers are resuming delivery of forms in June to New Hampshire residents who receive mail in Post Office boxes.

Post Office box holders will receive forms hand-delivered by 2020 Census workers to their street addresses. Forms to residents who receive mail at street addresses were mailed in early 2020. If you have a street address and did not receive a form, you can respond either by phone at 1-844-330-2020 or by Computer, Smartphone or Tablet: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov).

Official packets delivered to residences will be enclosed in a clearly identified 2020 Census plastic envelope that will be hung on a door handle. Workers wear identification badges. Cars display 2020 Census logos. Completed paper questionnaires should be mailed back in the enclosed envelope addressed to either Jeffersonville, IN or Phoenix, AZ mail processing centers.

Information & questionnaires are available in 59 non-English languages, including American Sign Language, as well as guides in Braille and Large Print. Visit: 2020 Census Language Support to learn more.

It is extremely important that every-one living in US is counted. Not only is it your civic duty, it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census is used for the next ten years to:

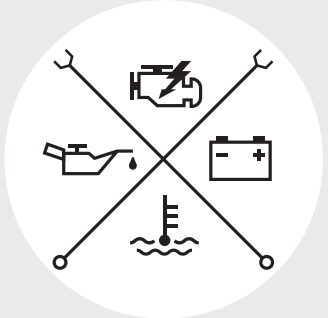
- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your full Social Security number; bank account or credit card numbers; anything on behalf of a political party; money or donations. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

For more information: Phone: 1-844-330-2020. Computer, Smartphone or Tablet: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov).

*Audrey V. Sylvester  
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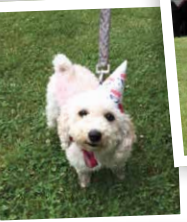


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Cow Flop Bingo. 2014



Carol and Laurie. 2019



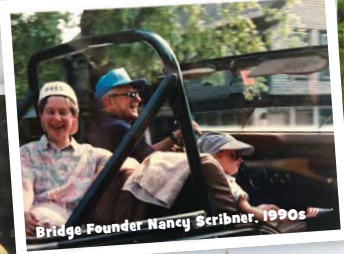
Charity Grilling Contest. 2019



BML Heroic Readers. 2012



Ayer and Goss. 2017



Bridge Founder Nancy Scribner. 1990s



Winning Biker. 2015



Alyssa, Paddy & Pierre. 2019



Kearsarge Food Hub. 2019



Sharp Car. 2019



Color Guard. 2018



# HAPPY 4th of July

Stay Strong. Stay Safe.



Mad Bavarian Brass Band. 2012



BML Classic Characters. 1990



Lily. Trashion Show Winner. 2019



Wagon Kids. 2018



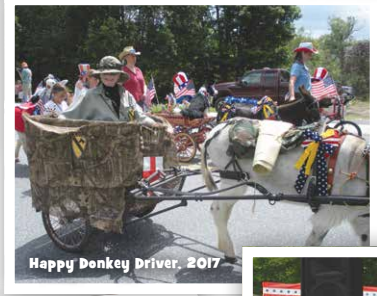
Bradford Youth Group. 2015



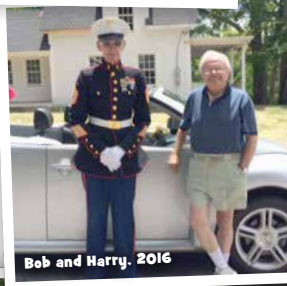
Miss New Hampshire. 2008



Nathaniel. 2012



Happy Donkey Driver. 2017



Bob and Harry. 2016



Bement Bridge Model. c1990



Happy Biker. 2015



The Fondrones. 2015

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Buddy and David. 1986



BML Reading Rock Stars. 2018



Flower Boxes. 2015



Kearsarge Community Band. 2018



Signpost. 2015



Naughton & Son Recycling. 2019



Cannon Float. 2012



Ellen & Kids. 2019



Color Guard. 2017



Gary, Rosie & Weezie. 2018



Emily riding Buddy with Lauren. 2017



# FOURTH OF JULY!

Stay Hopeful. Bradford Proud.



Andrews' Magic. 2014



Firetruck. 2012



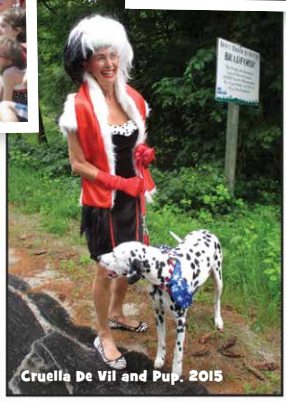
John Pfeifle. 2008



NIGHT OWLS OF BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BML Night Owls. 2012



Mary and Kathleen. 1990



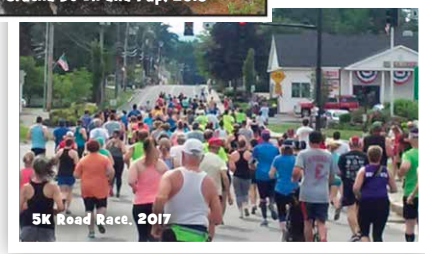
Cruella De Vil and Pup. 2015



Front Lawn Fun. 2016



Clowns. 2012



5K Road Race. 2017



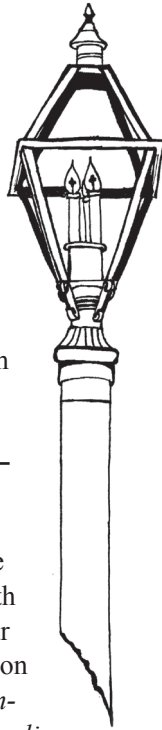
Bo. (too loud!) 2018



Pedals on Parade. 2019

& Pet Supply, the Lumber Barn, the Kearsarge Food Hub and Naughton & Son Recycling

# Library Lantern



## Brown Memorial Library

78 West Main Street  
bmlbradford@gmail.com

### Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Wednesday 11:00am – 7:00pm  
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

### From the Director's Desk:

The biggest news is that we're opening as of Monday, July 6th with regular library hours! Our reopening plans can be found on our website, <http://www.brown-memoriamlibrary.org/bylaws--policy.html>. I'd like to thank Devin Pendleton, Brooks McCandlish, and Regina MacArthur, for their help in writing our reopening plan.

I'm ready to get back to work and to see people in the library. It's been a long time. I'm getting things ready for the start date. It's not going to feel exactly normal, at least for a while, to keep staff and patrons safe. I am requesting that patrons wear face masks upon entering the library. I will have PPE material available; hand sanitizer, wipes for

computers, face masks, and books will be quarantined and cleaned according to CDC guidelines. We have one new patron computer, so we will have two available in order to allow for safe distance between users. The library now has a fax machine. Exciting, right?

I look forward to talking, sharing, and connecting again. I've missed seeing all of you! If there are patrons who are not comfortable coming into the library, I would like to assist in providing curbside pick-up or in delivering books to people who have difficulty getting out of the house. Please let us know how we can assist you in getting books, movies, etc, to you, if you'd rather not come in.

We are not doing a formal summer reading program this year. I will have the school recommended book lists available and will help people attain the books they are interested in as much as I am able. Inter-library loan service is not online as of this date, but the NH State Library is working on making this happen as soon as most of the libraries have reopened. Programming in general will be put on hold for the summer, and this includes story time on Mondays. Laurie Buchar will however continue to do a virtual story time on the first Monday each month. You won't see her in person for a bit. She's taking a summer break. We'll miss her!

In other news, our plant sale was a great success despite not having the book sale. I want to send out a big thank you to the volunteers who made the sale a success; Brooks McCandless, Janet Sillars, and Patty Furness. Without your encouragement and commitment to growing plants in the spring, this wouldn't have come together. We raised over \$700.00 dollars! Thank you for your green thumbs and spirit for our library!!

Please check out our website for new books either already purchased or en route. And as always, feel free to connect with me with any questions, comments, etc.

Here's to summer reading and seeing the flag flying and welcoming you back to the library.

*Ellen Barselle*

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## Gearing up for the Future



It is an ongoing challenge to not only keep abreast of the municipal, state, and federal recommendations, policies, and RSAs, but to also anticipate and prepare for possible and expected future circumstances regarding waste management. As Ken and I attend various informational and certification classes, read governmental and vendor bulletins, confer with other transfer station operators, and research for answers to questions that come up, we can get a sense of what might be required of the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center in the future.

One such issue right now is cadmium in the waste and recycling streams. Cadmium is a metallic element that is used in plating and in making alloys. It is present in Nicad and Nicd batteries, in pigments, and in yellow, red, purple, and blue plastics. It remains in the ash of incinerated waste that is sent to landfills. Cadmium has negative effects on almost all systems in the human body.

The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center is already set up to recycle plastics #2 (the colored plastics), and we are also set up to keep all batteries (household, auto, marine, and lawn machines) out of the municipal waste. These programs also save money on our tipping fees. Last year Bradford recycled 673 pounds of household batteries, 36% of which were Nicad batteries. While it appears that we are well prepared for the possible and unexpected future requirements concerning cadmium, the challenge is to continue being good stewards of our waste and, thus, of our environment and natural resources. Future generations will appreciate our forward thinking, planning, and actions regarding our waste management.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*



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### Public Notice Lake Todd Village District 2020 Annual Budget Hearing

In accordance with RSA 32:5.I, notice is hereby given that The Commissioners of Lake Todd Village District in the Towns of Bradford and Newbury, NH, will hold a hearing on a proposed budget for the District.

**Date:** Saturday, July 11th, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Where:** Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford, NH

All persons, residents and non-residents of the Lake Todd Village District are invited and encouraged to attend.

Lake Todd Village District, P.O. Box 169, Bradford, NH 03221-0169

### Public Notice - Lake Todd Village District 2020 Annual Meeting

**Saturday, August 8th 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

**Bradford Area Community Ctr., 134 East Main St., Bradford, NH**

The LTVD will be electing the following positions:

Commissioner (3 Yr Term), Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

We invite the nominations/volunteers of anyone who can serve in one of these capacities.

The description of duties will be posted on the website or mailed/e-mailed upon request.

We encourage all LTVD residents and non-residents to attend.

**Questions?** Please contact Stephen Snyder ((603) 938-2321 or 235-5301)

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# Obituaries

## Elinor Y. Robie



Elinor Y. Robie, 93, of Manchester, NH, passed away Saturday May 30, 2020, at Catholic Medical Center due to complications of the COVID-19 virus. She was born in Plainfield, NJ, on August 9, 1926, daughter of the late Viggo and Theodora (Mathiasen) Yepsen. She graduated from Western High School, Washington, DC, in 1944. Following two years of study at Bradford Junior College in Bradford, MA, she received her Bachelor's degree in English Literature from the University of Michigan in 1948.

Elinor was married for 59 years to John R. Robie, who died in 2011. She and John lived in Wilton, CT, for 34 years, raising two sons, David and Bradford. When they retired, they moved to Bradford, NH, where they had 18 wonderful years before moving to Hampstead, NH, in 2005. Elinor remained in Hampstead until 2017, when she moved to Birch Hill Retirement Community in Manchester, NH.

Elinor enjoyed spending time with family and friends, listening to music, watercolor painting, reading, politics, bird watching, vacationing in the Adirondacks, and keeping up with news about the Bradford community. She was a member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) and the Hampstead Congregational Church.

Elinor is survived by two sons, David R. and his wife Penny Anderson of Falls Church, VA, and Bradford H. and his wife Carol (Olsen) of Sandown, NH; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Audubon Society ([www.nhaidubon.org](http://www.nhaidubon.org)).



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## Here is what's happening for July:

Bradford Community Church has reopened under the CDC and State of NH COVID-19 Guidelines. This includes the use of face coverings upon entering and exiting and seating with six foot distances. We ask that anyone with underlying health issues or who may feel unwell to stay home and request a DVD copy of our service. We have discontinued the live streaming of our services for a more personal community worship service. We are still not holding any small groups or Sunday School and the office remains open by appointment only.

News from the Food Pantry: The food pantry has received many generous donations in the past three months that has enabled us to open one extra day each month to ensure that families with unexpected stay at home expenses received the help they needed.

We now have a community garden that the Kearsarge Food Hub organized. Expenses were covered by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Sutton and the BCC's Missions Committee.

Thank you to all who donated food and money to help feed our community.

If you have any questions on how to receive help from the pantry please call the church office at 938-5313.



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## Snakes

When I pulled the blue tarp off the hay bales like a magician ripping away the cloth, snakes were everywhere. Has the theory of spontaneous generation really been disproved? All were the common eastern garter snake and most were of the checkerboard-between-three-stripes persuasion though they varied greatly in color and size. Cats, snakes, and seals are the only animals familiar to me that can't be caught in an awkward pose. For snakes, perhaps this is primarily because they have fewer external body parts.

This does not mean their lives are simple. For bipeds like us, walking, running, and skipping are all slight variations of falling forward and recovering. Snakes have at least five distinct methods of locomotion depending on conditions: simple and lateral undulation, sidewinding, concertina, rectilinear, and slide-pushing. All

involve the intricate orchestration of a great many muscles. Their expandable skins have scales attached like sequins sewn on a gown and these can also be manipulated. Scales additionally serve to protect a ground-hugger from abrasion.

Last week we watched with puzzlement as a bold chipmunk was packing something long and crispy into its mouth with relish. It was the abandoned skin of a snake. Reptile skin doesn't grow as the animals get larger which means that every so often snakes must shed themselves – growing new skin and scales and peeling the old skin back and discarding it, usually inside out like a worn sock.

A stack of mulch hay is a snake magnet. Snakes and amphibians are ectotherms – meaning that they have an intricate understanding of environmental conditions and use this very local knowledge to regulate digestion, mobility, and growth. Ectotherms have a lower metabolic rate than similar-sized endotherms that essentially make their own heat. (We are endotherms.) Endotherms require more and higher energy food than the ectotherms. The latter have been around a lot longer because it has worked well.

With a sizable pile of bales, snakes can make multiple adjustments for temperature and humidity. Exposed on the plateau of hay, their heads bob and their tongues dance in unison. These red and black tongues are 'tasting' the wind, but not tasting in the way we know it. With each flick of the tongue, the forked tips

are rotating in opposite directions at incredible speed – drawing in chemical messages that will be deposited on special pads inside their mouths that lead to the vomeronasal organ that will analyze them. Having a forked tongue that can sample air off to each side also helps to locate the source. This is likely also what the head-bobbing is about. Under serious threat, garter snakes can exude a smelly fluid from a specialized gland. You know how well this works if you've ever picked one up.

Tonight though, the snakes are lined up like planes on a hot tarmac awaiting takeoff instructions. In this beastly hot weather, I suspect they are working the night shift. Normally diurnal foragers, they have special UV lenses that work like sunglasses in bright light. Snake vision is generally thought to be decent and despite an obvious lack of external ears, their hearing and sense of vibration isn't bad either.

They will be filling up on slugs, worms, and other invertebrates in the garden. The larger snakes can take out frogs and small rodents. The females will give birth to a small horde of tiny snakes in the fall. Garters will be the last of our locals to seek out hibernation hideouts as they were the first to emerge. Sometimes they share winter housing with other species.

I need to use this hay now to grow my own food but if they promise to eat the potato beetles, I'll buy them more hay. They appear indifferent to my proposal.

*Ann Eldridge*

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## Legislative Report July, 2020

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, the New Hampshire legislature met in session at the UNH Whittemore Center, the school's hockey arena that was large enough to accommodate over 400 people. This was the first legislative session since March 12 when the Coronavirus pandemic closed down most businesses in the state and country. Painstaking efforts were made to provide masks, social distancing, hand cleanser and sanitized microphones for legislators. The UNH administration charged nothing for the use of their stadium and personnel and in fact, provided lunches and transportation from parking lots to the stadium. We are very grateful for their generosity and kindness. We will meet again on June 30 to wind up as much legislation as possible before ending the 2018-2020 session.

Because the virus upended the work of the legislative session, we were unable to meet for three months. There are deadlines for reporting bills, exchanging senate and house bills and acting on them. Because we have missed so much time, the primary purpose for meeting was to extend the deadlines to give us more time to finish the session. The requirement for a "suspension of the rules" requires a 2/3 vote of the body. Our republican colleagues refused to suspend the rules, stating they had not been sufficiently involved in the planning and process. This is categorically untrue and efforts to engage them were met with silence and indifference. Sad but true. Politics isn't always a pretty business.

In an effort to save the session, the senate took over our priority bills and created "omnibus" bills. These contain similar pieces of legislation bound together in individual bills that have had bi-partisan support and will be voted on in the June 30th session. These bills will require only a majority vote by the body and should pass without too much opposition as they are bi-partisan in nature

and though important, not particularly controversial. It's a tough way to go but we live in difficult times and finishing our legislative work is of the utmost importance.

On another note, after more than 20 years in and out of the legislature, I am retiring to pursue other interests. The dedicated people I have met on both sides of the aisle, the wonderful friendships and associations that have developed and the body of work that I have been engaged in has been at times frustrating but always educational and mind broadening. It has been my honor to serve you as I pass the baton to a terrific candidate, Tony Caplan, who you will get to know over the next few months. He will join Rod Pimentel as our democratic candidates for District 6, Bradford and Henniker. We will get to know all of our candidates, probably through social media rather than in person, in the days ahead. Our republican candidates are Tom Dunn and James Parker. I wish them all good fortune.

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*Rep. Beth Rodd  
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## Summer Fun: Make a Fairy House

Thinking about making a fairy house? Need a space for a magical creature in your yard?



Look around. Grab some sticks, rocks, leaves and flowers and you are ready to go. Inviting a fairy into your garden will help your flowers bloom. Fairies love the cool shade of a beautiful plant or very tall pine. All you need is a few objects from your yard or home. Moss, pine needles, flat stones, acorns or bits of fabric, cardboard, glue, paint or popsicle sticks can be enlisted to help. Now, dream. Try to imagine a cozy, shady home for a wee friend. Use your imagination and if you can, build one with a friend. If I could, I would make a fairy house with my granddaughter. But since she lives in another state, I enlisted

my friends to help. It's more fun to build together.

You may even want to read, *Backyard Fairies*, by Phoebe Wahl to get your imagination in gear. "Have you ever found, while out on your own, a tiny, magical somebody's home," she writes. This book is about a girl searching for fairies in her backyard and the woods



beyond. Do you see any clues that there is a fairy in your yard? Build her a home, leave an offering and wait.

While some activities this summer may be limited, activities in and around your yard or town are not. Give the gift of imagination to a child this summer. And if you need some ideas, see if you can find a few fairy houses at the Bradford Tall Pines. There may be some fairies living there in the shade of the pines by the bench.

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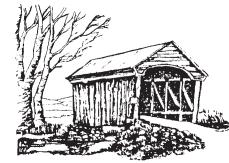


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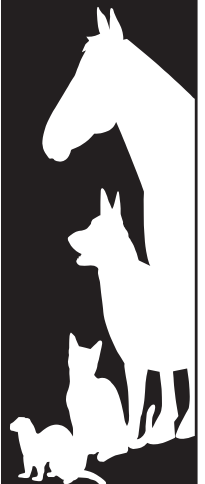
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