

# The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

### SELECT BOARD

**Town Clerk** Selectwomen Beth Downs expressed concerns that the hours of the Town Clerks office are not conducive to people who work during the week. Town Clerk Erica Gross agreed to change the hours to 10am-7pm on Thursdays.

**ZOOM** After speaking with the NH Municipal Association, Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, said there is no obligation for the Town to provide access to meetings via Zoom link. If people want to participate by Zoom, they can call Karen for a link. By consensus, the Board agreed with this moving forward.

**Police Department** The Board approved a motion approving the grant for the Body 1 cameras and to have Chief Shaughnessy follow through the grant process, with the knowledge that the price will not exceed \$12,365. This grant is a 50/50 match.

**Fire Department** Chief Nowell thanked Reeds Wrecker for donating their services when a fire truck got stuck on Johnson Hill Road. Currently the department is documenting the percentage of their fire/rescue calls. New polos, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and ball caps were purchased for the FD courtesy of the Bradford Fire Rescue Association. Chief Nowell has met with Chief Shaughnessy, and they are looking into doing some joint CPR training with the Police Department.

**CAP Lease Renewal** The Board approved a motion to raise the rent to \$775 and make them aware the rent may increase next year as a result of higher energy costs.

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## Creativity and Resiliency in Downtown Bradford



Imagination flourished all around Bradford as local businesses brought excitement on Independence Day weekend. At the Community Fair at 11 West Main, Evergreen provided creative play in the ring of pines (*left*). The fair offered several activities to be and stay healthy including reducing use of plastic, entering a raffle to win an e-bike, and consuming Sweet Beet Cafe tacos made of delicious locally-sourced ingredients. At the Go Lightly tent beside the Bement Covered Bridge (*lower left*) beautiful current and antique items were available for browsing and buying. And Soul Source at 102 East Main was open with a wide variety of USA-made home goods to explore (*lower right*). Thank you to these and all our local businesses for showing Bradford's resilience.



### AUGUST HAIKU

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Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East  
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## From the Bridge

This view from the rock at French's Park epitomizes summer and is one of the many reasons I am thankful Bradford is my home.



This August 2022 edition of the Bradford Bridge gives many reasons to be thankful Bradford is thriving. In these pages find:

- A summary of town board activity and decisions in The Monthly Briefing by Devin. To be as current as possible we're hoping that all town boards will submit meeting minutes in a timely fashion.
- The current plans for Bradford Celebration Day, page 16.
- A list of Democrats and Republicans on the primary ballot. Primary voting day is Tuesday, September 13th. More details to come in the September edition.
- How "Benevolent Local Businesses" are supporting the Bradford Center Meeting House by Laurie.
- How to support Ukraine in their war for independence on August 14th, page 13.
- How Victory Gardens are thriving. With source material from a former 7th grade language arts student, now a junior at UNH.
- How local businesses brought excitement to Bradford on July 2nd.
- Stimulating programs at Brown Memorial Library in Library Lantern by Ellen.
- Times and places of board meetings and other events in "Bradford Community Events" carefully curated by Don, page 18.
- And other items to enjoy in a shady spot on an August day.

I always want to include our gratitude to our local advertisers for their support of this 31-year old newspaper. We attribute our longevity to the generosity of our local business people.

Hoping your August is Awesome from the entire Bridge crew,

*Kathleen Bigford, Editor*

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**Land Acknowledgement Statement** – We are on the unceded land of Nd'akinna which has long served as a site of meeting for Abenaki people from Pagôntegok (Contoocook), O'quasskikonaquan (Newbury) and beyond for thousands of years. Nebizonbik (Bradford Springs) provided healing waters and people exchanged goods at the village site behind Lake Massasecum, calling this land home. The town of Bradford honors, recognizes, and respects these Abenaki, as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we gather today. In that spirit, today we will begin by acknowledging that we are guests in this land. We need to respect and help protect the lands within our use and share of the bounty with our Abenaki partners today.

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## Letters to Our Editor:

### To the Editor:

I am commenting about the July Letter to the Editor from Steve Pierce regarding the “avowed Marxist” views of the ALA’s (American Library Association) new president. Steve’s observations seem to reflect current Republican party views and his position is political and debatable. This party professes opposition to traditional educational values and supports banning books even as it opposes Critical Race Theory, (American History) and is out of sync with the majority of American ideals.

The Bridge has always refrained from political discourse on its pages because it is a neighborhood paper and engages in neighborhood news. It has never been a platform for political ideologies and I hope it never will be. This type of letter is biased and puts the Bridge on a slippery slope in proposing controversial partisan ideas. What could possibly go wrong if this continues? Plenty.

Perhaps writers should present political views in the Concord Monitor, Union Leader, Boston Globe or NY Times. The Bridge will remain, hopefully, a neighborhood paper for neighbors.

Thank you,

*Beth Rodd, Bradford, NH  
Former Bridge Editor,  
Past State Representative,  
Co-chair, Bradford Democratic Party*

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## September 24th Celebration

Please join us for the Bradford Celebration Day and fireworks on September 24th, 2022.

We would like to thank Devin Pendleton and all the volunteers for putting in the time to make this event special for all of us. If you are interested in helping out please contact Devin at [devinpendleton505@gmail.com](mailto:devinpendleton505@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

*The Bradford Selectmen*

## Mountain View Fitness

Studies have consistently shown that weight bearing exercise can be beneficial to folks of all ages and that most certainly more than ever includes golden agers. The Mountain View Fitness program was originally developed as part of New Hampshire Strong Living and continued as an independent offering when Strong Living lost their funding.

Our fitness group meets Monday and Friday at 8:45am for one hour with a variety of exercises mainly geared to progressive strength training with hand and leg weights but also incorporating balance, warmup, and cooldown routines.

We will be starting our 20th year at the Mountain View Senior Center (at the Bradford Area Community Center) on September 6th and would welcome new participants to join us with a caveat that we like to chit chat and laugh as well, the hour generally passing very quickly. One of the most important aspects is meeting and making new friends.

If you would like to join us please call either John (603-746-2926) for further details. We hope to see you in September.



## Borrow an E-Bike for Free!!

The Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library offers a great opportunity to “try before you buy for free” and allows you to get a feel for how an e-bike might fit into your lifestyle.

There are four bikes available: a cargo bike, a folding bike, a step-through model and a DIY home conversion, in sizes that fit all adults, large and small. Bike brands are Bianchi, Specialized and Rad Power Bikes.

Free bike loans are available to residents of all Kearsarge-Sunapee area towns.

Bikes will be available in New London by reservation from July 20th to August 9th for 1 to 3 days. The online reservation system is up and running. To reserve a bike for an hour, an overnight, or a 3-day extended loan,

- Go to: <https://webreserv.com/vitalcommunities>
- Scroll down to ‘New London Demo Days’ or ‘New London Overnight Loans’ and choose your preferred date.

## French’s Park

French's Park requires fulltime and part-time residents to display a sticker on their vehicle(s) or have a placard displayed. Stickers and placards are available for purchase at the Transfer Station during their hours of operation. You will need proof of residency or a tax bill with your name and address on it.

*The Bradford Selectmen*

# TRANSFER STATION NEWS

## Recycling Alkaline Batteries

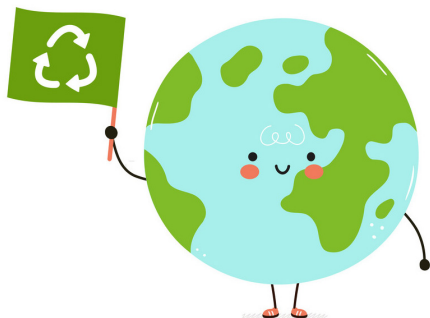
The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center collects alkaline batteries for recycling. The main goal of recycling these batteries is to retrieve the zinc and manganese. At the battery recycling company a strong electrical current on a conveyor belt separates the casings from the powder. The zinc and manganese powder is converted to pellets. These are used to produce fertilizer to grow plants or to make new batteries. The metal casings are melted down and made into new casings.

Instead of putting used batteries in the trash, please keep them separate and place them in the clearly marked container on the compactor for recycling alkaline and all kinds of batteries. We ship these batteries to Call For Recycling. Ken and I appreciate the many residents who participate in this small but important recycling program.

*Lois Kilnapp, Manager*

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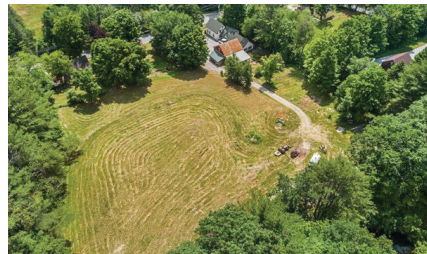


Ann Marie Appel  
SALES ASSOCIATE

### *12 Old Warner Road, Bradford*

This lovely Bradford home went on the market on July 5th and we put it under contract in less than a week! (listed in MLS on 7/5/22; under contract on 7/11/22. It will close in August.)

There are still plenty of buyers in the market and it is still tricky to navigate for both buyers and sellers. Anne Marie and the rest of our Team have lots of experience during these unusual times. Buying or selling? We can help!!



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# 2022 New Hampshire Primary Candidates, Bradford NH

Source: [https://ballotpedia.org/Sample\\_Ballot\\_Lookup](https://ballotpedia.org/Sample_Ballot_Lookup)

**Notice:** [as of July 18th, 2022] The candidate lists are incomplete. There may be a pending primary, or a delay between the official candidate list's release and updates to this sample ballot. Some candidate background information is available at this site.

NH Primary Voting Day is Tuesday, September 13th. Contact the Bradford Town Clerk, 603-938-2288, [tc@bradfordnh.org](mailto:tc@bradfordnh.org), for information about ballots and voter registration.

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Democrat Maggie Hassan ( <i>Incumbent</i> ) Paul Krautmann John Riggieri	Republican Gerard Beloin John Berman Don Bolduc Bruce Fenton Dennis Lamare Edmond Laplante Vikram Mansharamani Andy Martin Chuck Morse Tejasinha Sivalingam Kevin Smith
<b>Governor of New Hampshire</b>	
Democrat Tom Sherman	Republican Chris Sununu ( <i>Incumbent</i> ) Julian Acciard Jay Lewis Richard McMenamon II Thaddeus Riley Karen Testermam
<b>New Hampshire State Senate District 7</b>	
Democrat Richard Lobban Jr.	Republican Thomas Dunne Jr. Dan Innis
<b>New Hampshire House of Representatives Merrimack 8 (Bradford, Henniker, Warner) There are 3 seats up for election.</b>	
Democrat Tony Caplan ( <i>Incumbent</i> ) Sherry Gould Stephanie Payeur	Republican James Bass Parker Margaret Kennedy Walter Kirsch Everett Mahoney Jay Noone
<b>New Hampshire Executive Council District 2</b>	
Democrat Cinde Warmington ( <i>Incumbent</i> ) Michael Cryans Bradford Todd	Republican Harold French Kim Strathdee



### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup **extra-virgin olive oil**
- 1 cup **garlic scapes** sliced crosswise (about 10-12 scapes)
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds or pine nuts
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup **basil** leaves
- Juice of one lemon
- **Salt** to taste

**Note:** Pick up all **BOLD** ingredients at Sweet Beet Market!

### PROCEDURE

- Place the garlic scapes in a food processor and pulse for 30 seconds.
- Add the sunflower seeds and pulse for 30 seconds. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
- Add the olive oil and process on high for 15 seconds.
- Add the Parmesan cheese and pulse until the ingredients are combined.
- Add the basil and lemon juice, and process until reaching the desired consistency.
- Add salt to taste and serve immediately.

Adapted from: [Cooking.NewYorkTimes.com](http://Cooking.NewYorkTimes.com)



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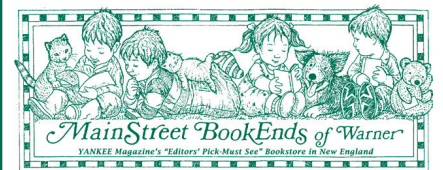
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### Library Hours:

Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm

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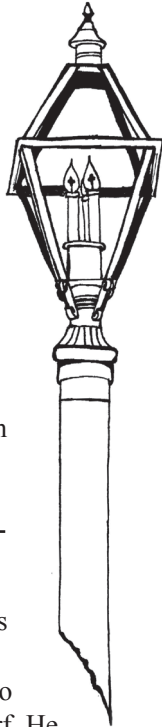
Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

### From the Director's Desk:

My dad, Charlie, turned 80 this year, and his request was for his family to accompany him to the beach so he could body surf. He grew up spending summers at the Jersey Shore and finessed a particularly odd style of body surfing, keeping your head up, and your arms to the side, half dolphin half seal. The family would have gladly gone anywhere he wanted, but he's always been practical and not over the top, so he chose Narragansett beach in Rhode Island for the closeness and warmer water. My brother and his wife joined us from Colorado.

We're all together now and I feel content. My brother has a cacophonous inimitable laugh that makes everyone around him laugh too. My mother likes to stir up trouble with inflammatory statements. My dad helps any debate stay alive with an amazing dictionary of facts, dates, and history. Brett, my hus-



band, will argue the other side, if we're discussing politics, and he'll bring up a subject that I continue to hear and be confused by, Marxism. Brett connects Marxism with Communism. He feels our society is at risk for falling under the Communist play book. People are labeled as Marxist, but what does this mean, that they are scary radicals, that they are calling for revolt, or perhaps they are merely interested in racial and social justice more reformist than revolutionaries. Marxism isn't just one thing. It encompasses several theories: economic, social, and political. I thought if I was struggling with this subject, there may be others that would be interested in learning more.

Open conversation and respectful debate should leave us with questions that require further thought and introspection.

### Library Programs:

Wednesday, August 10th, 6:30pm

*Making Sense of Karl Marx*

Presented by: Dr. Eric Boyer / Colby-Sawyer College / School of Business & Social Science

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, or perhaps a zombie that refuses to die, interest in Karl Marx rises during times of economic hardship and political conflict. Scan the headlines of any newspaper and you will not be surprised that people are once again looking to this 19th century philosopher to try to make sense of 21st century problems. Some look to Marx as a hero, others as a villain, but what did he really say about Capitalism, politics, and Communism? In this talk Dr. Eric Boyer will provide a brief introduction to the basics of Marx and Marxism in the attempt to make sense of this ghost who continues to haunt the American imagination... what, if anything, can Marx help us to understand about the present?

Wednesday, August 17th, 6:30pm

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Jody will provide a 20–30-minute talk about her profession, then she will intuitively choose members of the audience from those who would like their animals read. There is no need to bring animals with you as the less information she knows the better the reading is for the person.

### Summer Reading:

Summer reading program has ended. We had over thirty children participate in our summer reading program that provided incentives / prizes for every hour kids read. Kids also had the chance to win a raffle prize, of which there were many to choose from, and as of this writing winners have not been chosen. The summer events were fun and I thank everyone who joined us this year: Squam Lake Science Center, Steve Blunt, Simon Brooks, Robert Rivest, and art projects from Children's Museum of NH.

### Book Group:

Wednesday, August 24th, 7:00pm.

*Three Junes* / Julia Glass.

The novel traces the lives of a Scottish family over a decade. It is Glass' debut novel that became a National Book Award Winner and National Bestseller. I think everyone will find something to enjoy in this book. New members are always welcome!

*Ellen Barselle, Director*



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## MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

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**Old Mountain Road** William Lucas came before the Board with concerns about erosion on Old Mountain Road. He wants to have an onsite meeting with the Road Agent to look at drainage in the area. Members of the Board, Karen Hambleton and Sandra Bravo, Class VI Road Monitor, also added that Fish and Game, Conservation Commission, and members of the group that planted trees along Old Mountain Road should be included in the meeting.

**Energy Committee** Sandra Bravo reported that the Committee has gone through all the energy efficiency recommendation reports and reached out to the departments trying to find cost saving ideas. The Select Board asked if the Energy Committee could get quotes for the recommended energy improve-

ments for the CIP. Sandra said she was uncomfortable with what the Board was asking of her, the Committee does not have the expertise or time to call professionals and would like to see someone else step up.

**Raffle Permits** Bradford Police Chief drafted a raffle permit based on the permits of other towns. The Board approved a motion to accept the raffle permit as presented. The Police Chief or Select Board will sign off on these permits.

**Milage Rate** Effective July 1st, the IRS will raise their milage rate by 4 cents raising it to 62 cents. The Board approved a motion to raise the Town's milage rate to 62 cents per mile.

**Dump Body** The Board approved a motion to approve the expense of \$29,950 for the new dump body for the 2017 International dump truck with funding coming from the 2015 Town Equipment Fund.

**Purchasing Process** Matt Monahan, Central NH Regional Planning, and Karen Hambleton had a conversation with attorney Matt Decker. He will write a statement that outlines the process as to what people need to do if they are interested in purchasing property in town and outline the Town's responsibility in providing detailed information about properties.

**Intent to Cut** signed for Map 6 Lot 8.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### PLANNING BOARD

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licants multiple days each month from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Town Office. Mr. Monahan can also be reached via phone. His updated contact information was posted on the Town website.

**Lot Line** Mike Fournier of 74 David Road presented a proposed lot line adjustment for Map 22, Lots 16 and 17. The adjustment would make the lots more non-conforming. A survey map and additional information regarding the acreage is necessary to determine a buildable lot. A site walk will be conducted at the July 26th meeting and a public hearing will follow to adopt the application forms.

**Shoreline Protection Review** The Zoning Board is currently finding inconsistencies amongst the zoning regulations pertaining to lakes. The Planning Board discussed concerns over protecting water quality, temporary buildings at the Campground, and the building inspector addressing zoning issues. Matt Monahan will streamline the Shoreline Protection Review moving forward.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**Request Forms** CIP Project and anticipated expense forms were sent out to Department heads and are due back by August 5. The Committee will review the forms and meet with Department heads on August 17th at 7:00pm.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**Donations** The Library received \$1,500 from the Friends of Brown Memorial Library for summer programming. The library book and plant sale raised \$1,610.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Signs** The Board approved a motion to expend up to \$200 on new signage for French’s park. Currently there are damaged signs and there has been an increase in people exiting the park through the one-way entrance so a new sign directing traffic will be ordered.

**Tie Dye** The Board approved a motion to expend up to \$100 for supplies for a tie dye party program. Date set for August 2nd, 2022, from 4:30-6:30pm at Brown Shattuck.

**Outdoor Movies** The board discussed hosting an outdoor movie series held at Brown Shattuck. Popcorn can be served out of the Snack Shack. Equipment used for movie nights could be used for other programs as well. Cost per movie license is \$435 for each movie. The Board approved a motion to expend up to \$1,600 for equipment and licenses for outdoor movie nights.

**Park Attendant** Johnny Garcia has been hired as French’s Park attendant and started the weekend of July 1st, 2022. Johnny has been great at monitoring the park and keeping it clean. Devin placed a shirt order for the attendants’ work shirts. Minimum order is 12 shirts. The Board approved a motion for reimbursement of \$114 for Parks and Rec t-shirts ordered from Collins Sports.

*Minutes and recordings of all meetings are on file at the Town Office and online at the town website. [bradfordnh.org](http://bradfordnh.org)*



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## Benovolent Local Businesses

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

-Desmond Tutu

Bradford Center is a tiny spot at the heart of a tiny town in rural New Hampshire. But big things are happening there. For one thing, the summer music series organized this year by the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse has drawn record crowds of concert goers eager to enjoy the lovely setting and good times. For another, it has inspired generosity and civic pride in abundance.

Two local businesses really stepped up this summer to meet the restoration needs of the historic buildings at Bradford Center. Merrimack County Customs and Wet Basement Solutions came to the rescue to ensure safety for visitors and structures alike.



**Jason Allen and Luke Watson of Merrimack County Customs built a new railing for the Bradford Center Meetinghouse ramp for free.**

Jason Allen of MCC says “I’m a firm believer in giving back and creating excitement in our community. We like to support local organizations and events because it’s better for everybody.” Together with his lead shop guy, Luke Watson, he installed a simple yet stunning railing on the access ramp at the Meetinghouse, completely for free. Both men were local boys who went through the Kearsarge School District and now recognize the value of helping

their home town cope with the challenges of modern living.

Jason knew in high school that he would someday own his own business. Merrimack County Customs has been known for quality and expert welding, fabrication, and metal cutting services since 2013. Their services consist of railings and stairs, structural work, custom fabrication, and CNC metal cutting.

The concept of custom work resonates with Jason on many levels. MCC uses both new and traditional technology to create products that put the custom in any customer’s purchase. He uses 3D computer drafting tools to present and modify the product and make sure the customer is pleased. He specializes in home installations and acknowledges that a staircase is often an important visual feature in a home. The advance design work is both efficient and environmental as it eliminates wasting materials and time. Jason also envisions customizing his family business to meet changes that inevitably arise. He admires the creative mind of business magnate Elon Musk and plans to encourage and support businesses in Bradford that address today’s problems.

Connect with Jason at Merrimack County Customs: <https://www.merrimack-countycustoms.com/>

Dave Szymkiewicz similarly displays remarkable ingenuity and work ethic with his Wet Basement Solutions. Dave grew up here and always appreciated the special mystique of Bradford Center.

He knew folks like Walt Heselton, who was the beloved “Unkie” to all the local kids. After owning the Center Schoolhouse following its closing in the 1930s,



**Dave Szymkiewicz of Wet Basement Solutions voluntarily restored the Center Schoolhouse foundation and protected the building for years to come.**

Walt donated the building back to the Town for restoration fifty years later in time for the Bicentennial celebrations, inspiring generosity in neighbors like Dave.

The Schoolhouse, previously under the stewardship of the Bradford Historical Society is now being protected and restored by the Friends of the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. It needed major help this spring when mold bloomed up from... you guessed it... the wet basement. Dave immediately came to the rescue and has been hard at work repairing the foundation, installing a new sump

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Dave bought Wet Basement Solutions from the previous owner in 2016 after working there for seven years. The business was established on the belief that quality home improvement should be done by a dependable professional. The work is all done from the inside eliminating the need for heavy machinery. And all of their work is guaranteed.

Dave was drawn to this kind of work because he saw a need and had the skill set. With a chuckle he says “And I’m afraid of heights.” Perfect business for a guy who works at ground level. He adds that he promised his young family a way of life and he believes that if you are motivated and willing to invest the effort you can do so with a small family-run operation. “Even little jobs matter”, says Dave.

Dave feels lucky to live here in Brad-

ford, where family ties hold strong and hard work and integrity are appreciated. His eagerness to restore a landmark from his childhood proves the point that generations of residents are fine stewards of their community. Hopefully, this kind of attitude will inspire newcomers and old-timers alike to get involved and reap the benefits of small-town living.

Connect with Dave at Wet Basement Solutions: <https://www.wbsnh.com/>

The Friends of the BCM are deeply grateful for the work of these young professionals. It’s always gratifying to use local talent but their generosity in providing their services for free is especially heart-warming. Volunteerism and community spirit abound in Bradford Center. Each time someone gives of themselves for their community, the results reverberate. This is how we can help our town adapt and grow into the future. Every single positive gesture has the power to impact our world for

the better. It’s as simple as showing up and participating. Check the website for details about our August events and let us know if you have skills you would like to share. See you at the Center!

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 7th, 2 pm** – Band Concert, Ice Cream Social and Grand Reopening of Schoolhouse. A perfect way to spend an All-American afternoon with your family in the historic center of our town. Bring a blanket or chair. The ice cream is on us! Free Event!

**August 27th, 4pm** – Bluegrass Concert with Bow Junction. NH Bluegrass & Folk group serving up lively music with a touch of Celtic and Gospel too. Bring a picnic for the lawn! (Inside in case of rain). Tickets \$10 per adult / \$5 per kid / \$25 per family.

*Laurie Buchar*

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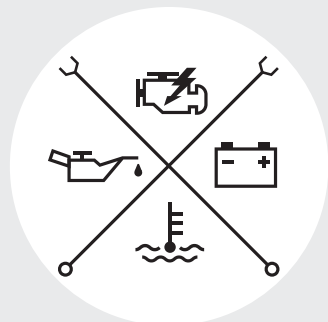
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## Fundraiser for Ukraine at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse

Ukraine is entering into the 6th month of the full-scale brutal war for freedom, sovereignty and democracy. Even though the worst of the fighting is happening in the east and the south of the country, people all over Ukraine are under a constant threat of rocket and missile attacks, Russia is launching brutal, deliberate and indiscriminate fire at random civilian targets in the middle of towns and cities each day. The terror, the pain, the destruction is unimaginable. But so is the resilience, the determination to stand up to the oppressor and the will to win against the Russian government. People of Ukraine need our continuous help in order to withstand and win this unfair battle.

Having attended an amazing fundraiser event held in June at La Salette Shrine of Enfield, NH called "Day for Ukraine", I was so inspired by possibilities of what a community can do when we come together versus each of us trying to do what we can on our own. The event raised over \$30,000 in support for Ukraine, which is all being sent as humanitarian aid. There, I met a small lovely local community of Ukrainians that I was not aware of for my 12 years being in New Hampshire. Since then, we've put together another fundraiser dinner in Hanover. And on Sunday, August 14th we are bringing an afternoon of Ukrainian food to the Bradford Center Meetinghouse, so our local Bradford community and neighbors can come together in the Support of Ukraine.

Come join us from 3pm till 8pm to raise funds for medical aid. There will be a silent auction of local artisans'

works (winners announced at 7:30pm). Bring a picnic blanket, we will provide delicious Ukrainian comfort food and non-alcoholic refreshments. In the interest of reducing waste and caring for the environment, if you can, bring your own bowl, cup and cutlery. Paper plates and utensils will also be available. Dinner will be served 5:30pm - 7pm. (Suggestion: We will be thankful for your donation of \$15 per plate and anything else you are able to contribute. 100% of the proceeds from the afternoon will go to medical aid for Ukraine. All funds collected during the event will go directly to Razom for Ukraine, who provide medical and humanitarian aid in Ukraine. For more information about their mission and the logistics of aid distribution, and if you cannot attend, but still want to donate, please visit <https://www.razomforukraine.org/razom-emergency-response/>

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Simon Brooks regales a rapt audience at the Corners Garden. July, 23rd.

These and more are just a few of the many tales brought to life by the marvelously thespian stylings of the one and only Simon Brooks, who graced us with his presence at the Corners Garden one blistering July afternoon. Concerned with the lexical expansion of young, developing minds? There is nothing of the prosaic in Simon's delivery. Words such as tome, caveat and torpor, amongst others, were featured in regular rotation throughout the storytelling, expanding the range and elegance of children's vocabulary.

Following the stories, children then had the opportunity to roam the property and offer ideas for different things they would like to see in the nature play space currently being planned there. Imaginations were in fine working order, as some exceptionally creative ideas were put forward for consideration.

If you missed it, well, you missed a pretty special occasion. But do keep an eye out next summer for other events and continuing developments at the Corners Garden!

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## Crafts Fair at Mount Sunapee

The 89th Annual League of New Hampshire Craftsmen’s Fair opens on Saturday, August 6th, 2022, at 10am at Mount Sunapee State Park. The Fair continues daily from 10am-5pm. through Sunday, August 14th.

Participating craftsmen from Bradford are: J. Ann Eldridge, printmaker; Laurie Farrell, woodworker; Sandy Luckury, braided rugs, and traditional blacksmith, Garry Kalajian.

J. Ann Eldridge creates intaglio prints (meaning techniques of line etching/aquatint/drypoint, handprinted from metal plates one-at-a-time. About her subject matter, Ann wrote: “I think of myself as a reporter describing what I witness while growing food or mucking about in swamps. What better way to really learn an animal or plant than to draw it? My prints and drawings are true stories and often I know the title before an image forms.” Find her in Booth #403, Tent 4.



*Print by Ann Eldridge*

Laurie Farrell, representing the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers, will demonstrate woodworking techniques. The Guild’s goal is to promote and teach the art of woodworking, including turning, carving, furniture making, cabinetry and luthiers.

Sandy Luckury will demonstrate braided rug making techniques on the first Saturday of the Fair in the Guild tent, representing Dorr Mill Store.

Garry Kalajian returns to demonstrate traditional blacksmithing with his for-

mer student, Sam Durfee, helping out.



*Garry Kalajian*

The Fair includes more than 200 juried League exhibitors and invited guest artists/craftsmen from surrounding states; activities for children; demonstrations, arts, crafts, and design; the exhibition and a sculpture garden. For more details and tickets, [NHCRAFTS.ORG](http://NHCRAFTS.ORG).

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**9AM** 5K Road Race. Registration opens at 7 am

**9AM - 1PM** Vendor Fair at Library

**11AM - 1PM** Live Music by North Shore Music

**3:30PM** Parade

**4PM - 8PM** Midway at Brown Shattuck

Face painting, balloon twister, tarot card reader,  
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**6 PM - 8PM** Live music by Neon Rodeo

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## Victory Garden Revival Thrives in the Kearsarge Region

In March of 2020, as New Hampshire locked down to bring the COVID-19 pandemic under control, organizers from Spring Ledge Farm, Colby-Sawyer College, Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners, and the Kearsarge Food Hub collaborated to form FEED Kearsarge (Food Expansion, Education, and Distribution).

Taking Inspiration from the victory gardens planted during World War II, the Victory Garden Revival came from FEED Kearsarge’s first program called Tray it Forward. For this, trays are donated by the community, with seedlings started by Spring Ledge Farm of New London, and distributed to registered individuals by volunteers.

In May of 2022 the third annual Tray it Forward Program delivered over 400 free seedling trays to 108 individuals, food pantries, and local organizations. Many of the individuals who receive trays register through food pantries, ensuring FEED Kearsarge’s goal of helping people who are food insecure.

Beyond food security these partners work together to build community, share knowledge, and cultivate JOY as well as fresh, healthy local foods. That’s food sovereignty!

Current programs of FEED Kearsarge include the Tray it Forward program, as well as gardening support and commu-



nity building. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/victorygardensupport/> to see gardeners in action.

The Victory Gardens are a way to educate individuals on growing their own food, as well as encouraging the community to come together during and after years of isolation.

The Kearsarge Community Network has contributed to FEED Kearsarge’s continued accomplishments. Monthly meetings link like-minded organizations together. The group is funded by the UNH Cooperative Extension with funds from the Rural Health and Safety Education grant to improve community resilience in rural New Hampshire communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant resulted in the “Building Community Resilience” project, and the formation of the Kearsarge Community

Network.

“There’s a lot of energy in this particular region,” said Melissa Lee, Field Specialist at the Merrimack County Extension Office. According to Lee, the choice to direct funds to Kearsarge was a “sense of readiness” in the community, who needed not more resources, but an “opportunity to increase communication.”

This opportunity became reality thanks to the help of Carol Conforti-Adams, the Extension’s local coordinator and main voice for the KCN. Although funding will cease at the end of this calendar year, Conforti-Adams has already committed to staying onboard to keep the Kearsarge Community Network afloat.

Hanna Flanders of the Kearsarge Food Hub says of Carol’s involvement, “... Carol has passion for community wellness, joy and vitality. She’s really interested in making sure that the work that’s started by the grant is continued once the grant is over,” emphasizing the role the KCN played as a “cross-pollinator” of local organizations’ efforts, “Through that cross-pollination, opportunities that were not visible became visible, became acted on, and became real.”

Victory Gardens can be visited at Colby-Sawyer College, Warner Connects and the Bradford Food Pantry. As vegetables ripen they will be distributed to food pantries. There will be a tour of the garden at Warner Connects on August 4th, at 11:30 am. Bradford will be on tour in early September.

Contacts: FEED Kearsarge: [kearsarge-foodhub.org](http://kearsarge-foodhub.org); Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners: [KNPNH.org](http://KNPNH.org); Kearsarge Community Connection: Carol Conforti-Adams, [conforti-adams@gmail.com](mailto:conforti-adams@gmail.com).

Source: Kearsarge Cross-pollinates Community by Daisy Young, UNH Cooperative Extension Community Resilience and Youth Wellness Intern

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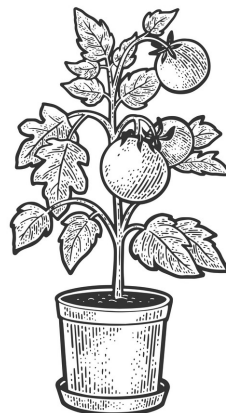
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**Monday, August 1**

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 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, August 2**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Wednesday, August 3**

1:00 pm Yoga, MVSC  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Friday, August 5**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, August 8**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, August 9**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Wednesday, August 10**

1:00 pm Yoga, MVSC  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:30 pm, Making Sense of Karl Marx,  
 discussion with Dr. Eric Boyer, BML

**Thursday, August 11**

5:30 pm Parks & Rec

**Friday, August 13**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, August 15**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:00 pm Eco/Dev Committee

**Tuesday, August 16**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 5:00 pm Energy Committee  
 7:00 pm Conservation Committee, BML

**Wednesday, August 17**

9:00 am LSVNA Wellness/Footcare  
 Clinic, MVSC  
 1:00 pm Yoga, MVSC  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:30 pm, Jody Crotty, Certified Animal  
 Communicator, BML

**Friday, August 19**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, August 22**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, August 23**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 7:00 pm Planning Board Meeting

**Wednesday, August 24**

1:00 pm Yoga, MVSC  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR  
 6:30 pm, Book Group, "Three Junes"  
 by Julia Glass

**Friday, August 25**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise

**Monday, August 29**

8:45 am Strong Living Exercise  
 10:00 am Storytime, BML  
 1:00 pm Bridge Group  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

**Tuesday, August 30**

10:00 am Quilting Group  
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

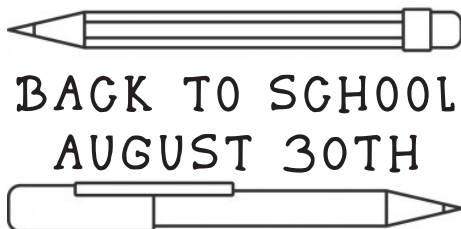
**Wednesday, August 31**

1:00 pm Yoga, MVSC  
 3:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

*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.*

**Calendar Abbreviations**

<b>BACC</b>	Bradford Area Community Center
<b>BCC</b>	Bradford Community Church
<b>BCMh</b>	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
<b>BHS</b>	Bradford Historical Society
<b>BML</b>	Brown Memorial Library
<b>FGC</b>	Fish & Game Club
<b>KLC</b>	Kearsarge Learning Center
<b>LSVNA</b>	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
<b>LR</b>	Learning Room
<b>MVSC</b>	Mountain View Senior Center
<b>SR</b>	Senior Room
<b>YR</b>	Youth Room
<b>ZBA</b>	Zoning Board of Adjustment



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In August we are doing a "pack a backpack" for students.

Backpacks and items can be dropped off in the shopping cart or you can send a check to Bradford Community Food Pantry, PO Box 57, Bradford, NH memo: *backpack*



**BRADFORD EVENTS**

**Annual Ice Cream Social and Kearsarge Community Band Concert at Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Sunday August 7th at 2 pm.**

Free music and free ice cream treats! We will also be holding the Grand Reopening of the Center Schoolhouse that afternoon. Come and see what we've done to restore the building. Imagine yourself as a student in the oldest Schoolhouse in town. Learn more at [bradford.center](http://bradford.center).

**Bluegrass band Bow Junction at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse on Saturday Aug 27th at 4 pm.**

Laze on the Green and enjoy Americana tunes or visit the historic Burying Ground for a glimpse of the lives of past residents. Bring a blanket and picnic supper, if you wish. Join us at the heart of Bradford for some great music and family fun. Learn more at [bradford.center](http://bradford.center).

**AUSBON SARGENT EVENTS**

**Naturally New England Art Show at the Livery in Sunapee July 30th -August 8th.**

Juried art for sale featuring local landscapes. Benefits Center for the Arts and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. For more information contact [kheath@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:kheath@ausbonsargent.org).

**Early Successional Wildlife Habitat Management Walk at Messer Farm in New London, Wednesday, August 3rd, 9am –11am.**

Registration required by calling 603-526-6555 or emailing [kheath@ausbonsargent.org](mailto:kheath@ausbonsargent.org).

**NEARBY EVENTS**

**Victory Garden Tour August 4th at 11:30am**, Warner Connects, 49 West Main Street, Warner, NH See article, "Victory Garden Revival Thrives in Kearsarge Region", page 17.

**19th Century Magic at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair on Sunday, August 7th.** Some 200 years ago, Andover was home to the man widely known as the country's first Black celebrity. His name was Richard Potter and he was a multi-faceted performer whose career touring on two continents left him able to build an estate known as Potter Place. It was so well-known that a station was named for it when the railroad came to town. Bradford's Andrew Pinard will perform some 19th Century Magic based on Potter's repertoire at the Andover Historical Society's Old Time Fair as part of a ceremony honoring Potter. The ceremony includes the placement of a marker commemorating his life and works that will be part of the State's Black Heritage Trail.

**Kathy Lowe at Sutton Library, August 17th from 10-11am.**

Kathy will be sharing her book, Tommer's Earthly Friends. The story shares how when connection with nature is nurtured, we are supported by lifelong earth-centered experiences which offer perspectives towards resilience. Sponsored by The Kearsarge Community Network.

**History Alive during Hillsborough's 250th year! August 20th-21st, 9am-4pm.**

History comes alive through activities at three sites including reenactments of four wars, life in a colonial village, many children's activities, native Abenaki history, crafts, and culture by the river, speakers on history of NH-including railroads, Underground Railroad, mills, baseball, a scenic riverwalk, and musicians sharing music of the centuries of our town. In addition, there will be a cake walk, auction, square dance for all ages, and a parade led by an antique bicycle.

[www.historyalivenh.org](http://www.historyalivenh.org).



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On a perfect summer evening family rock and rollers turned out some 200 strong to dance and reconnect with friends in Bradford Center to support the Friends of the Bradford Center Meeting House. Nick’s Other Band played all the favorites and the Taco Beyondo truck provided excellent Mexican fare. The inescapable vibe of people being out and about enjoying each other in an iconic setting infused the air.



*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. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.*



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