

The Bradford Bridge

COMMUNITY NEWS *for* NEIGHBORS *by* NEIGHBORS

MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports SELECT BOARD

Officers The Board elected Beth Downs as Chair of the Select Board.

Road and Driveway Frank and Jill Gulczynski appeared to discuss the road and a proposed driveway for property at Map 3 Lot 46. Steve Hall, Road Agent, recommended option three, where the owners will take care of road maintenance and snow removal from the point to which it is currently maintained, to their property. The Select Board had no major issues with the plan and encouraged the Gulczynskis to seek the approval of the Planning Board.

Community Power The Board authorized Beth Downs to sign the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire's Cost Sharing Agreement. The Signed agreement will be sent to the Coalition.

Treasurer Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator, explained that at the 2024 Town Meeting it was approved the Treasurer would be appointed by the Select Board. The Position of Town Treasurer will now be an annually appointed position, not an elected position. The Board signed a form appointing Steve Pierce as Town Treasurer for one year.

Building Permit The Board signed a building permit for Map 17 Lot 12.

Transfer Station Updates Lois Kilnapp, Transfer Station Manager, reported there are 26 bales of cardboard and mixed paper ready to go to recycling. The price for paper and cardboard is higher than it has been. Metal coming to the transfer station will be inspected for combustible materials. Alkaline batteries are no longer recyclable at the transfer station.

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Town Hall Update – The One We've All Been Waiting For



Finally! After more than 12 years, the Town Offices will once again be located in our beautifully renovated Town Hall. On May 16th and 17th, Bradford Town Offices will relocate from the Bradford Area Community Center to the Bradford Town Hall at 75 West Main Street. This is a significant undertaking to accomplish. Therefore,

THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 THROUGH FRIDAY MAY 17.
BOTH OFFICES WILL RESUME THEIR REGULAR HOURS
BEGINNING THE WEEK OF MAY 20.



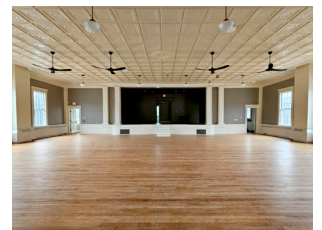
We will not be available by phone or email for those three days as all of our attention will be focused on the move. Please be patient and plan appropriately. We are looking forward to welcoming you to 75 West Main Street again!

As we shift operations and meetings back to the Town Hall, please be sure to check bradfordnh.org for updates and progress. Agendas posted on the website will contain

the location of meetings to help ease the transition.

Next, it's time to celebrate! The Town will host an Open House Celebration on Saturday, June 1st from noon to 2:00 pm.

Join us for music, light refreshments, a review of the project and an appreciation event for the many, many contributions that brought this project to its very successful completion.



In the process of addressing the few items mentioned in last month's update, a few more were noted and those have since been addressed. Settings to the heating and outdoor lighting systems have been adjusted to help reduce electricity usage. The last item to be completed is the installation of a magnetic door hold-open device. This building *must* be perfect, without lingering issues or incomplete items, when the Town signs off on the completed project.

If you have any questions about the renovation or the move, please reach out to the Selectmen's Office (938-5900) or administrator@bradfordnh.org.

It has been an amazing journey to witness firsthand the Town Hall's transformation over the past two years. And, it has been my pleasure to share the progress with you each month. I'm beyond excited for residents and visitors to see and experience Bradford's historic Town Hall again.

Karen Hambleton, Town Administrator



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From The Bridge

So many ideas

Swirling, dancing in my mind

Calmness while smiling



Contributions to this May edition of the Bradford Bridge brought me so many smiles. Here is a sampling.

- Karen Hambleton, Congratulations to you and everyone who brought the Bradford Town Hall back to life and open again ready for business.
- KRES-B Fourth and Fifth grade Shining Stars performance of “Honk”. Thank you for the smile during the entire show!
- Belles of Bradford, so great to see you enjoying the latest great astronomical event!
- Garlic shafts emerging and straightening as yoga acolytes in Tadasana pose! This image had me smiling for all of Ann’s “Outside.”
- Bradford Community Power launching in June! Win-win-win!
- Dilly, the best dump pick ever! Thank you Lois.

I’m pretty sure you’ll find other items that bring a smile.

Please take notice of all the awesome, local advertisers! Remember to shop locally whenever possible.

Enjoy May as spring emerges in Bradford,

Kathleen Bigford, Editor

And everyone who contributes
to monthly neighborly news

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.



Letters to Our Editor:

Recently my beloved brother Eddie passed. I wanted to send him off in style! I contacted Anna and Matt Phelan of Homegrain Creations, a full service woodshop right here on Rowe Mountain Road in Bradford. After looking at their website, I knew that I wanted them to make my brother's burial box. I gave them the dimensions and a description of what I wanted: Pine with Eddie's name inlaid in dark wood.



The burial box exceeds my expectations. The quality of construction is superb, the details and finish are beautiful, and Eddie's name is inlaid in rich mahogany. I highly recommend this team for all of your woodworking needs and wants. Their prices are reasonable, and they produce their fine work in a timely manner. Anna and Matt are delightful people and provide a wonderful service. www.homegraincreations.com

Sincerely, Lois Kilnapp

From the Bradford Fish and Game Club

On Sunday, May 19th, the Bradford Fish and Game Club will be holding their annual Youth Trout Fishing Derby at Fishersfield Park in Newbury NH. Registration starts at 7am and the fishing derby will run from 8am-11am. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to winners in several categories. Participants must be under 16 years of age. If you have any questions, contact Dick Wright at 603

Seasonal Openings

Saturday, May 18th, 1:00pm. Seasonal Opening Wellness Day & Pathway Kickoff at Sunset Hill Education Institute. Join us for the first in-person event of the 2024 SHEI Pathway season. More information, www.sheinh.org.

Saturday, May 25th. Seasonal Opening at the Bradford Historical Society's Tin shop. The shop will be open Memorial Day weekend and Saturday mornings thereafter through the summer and fall. For more information, visit <https://www.bradfordnhhistorical.org/>.

→ NEW FEATURE! CHECK OUT:
"Community Resources" on page 18.
Food, energy, and healthcare resources.

Feeling Lucky? Quilt Raffle Begins May 1st!



Starting May 1st, raffle tickets for a beautiful hand-crafted quilt will be available for purchase. The queen-sized quilt, sewn by the quilting group at the Senior Center called Stitches from the Heart, has taken over a year – and close to 1000 hours, all told – to hand stitch. The brightly-colored quilt is based on the traditional log cabin pattern. *See photo.*

Raffle tickets can be obtained for a donation of \$1/one or \$5/six tickets. Over the coming months, the quilt will be displayed and tickets made available at Brown Memorial Library. You may also see the quilt at various events and popular locations around the area. And, if you know, without even seeing the quilt up close, that this is an heirloom-to-be that you would like to own or gift, you can send your contribution to P.O. Box 94, Bradford and you will receive your raffle tickets promptly by return mail. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to assist the Senior Center in purchasing a desperately needed commercial dishwasher.

Even if you are not lucky enough to win the quilt itself, you will still have the chance to win second or third prize of a Quillow. Is it a pillow, is it a quilt or is it both? Come find out starting this May.

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Fire & Rescue Department Update

Since the Town Meeting the Department has submitted a grant to FEMA for equipment that is needed to support the Department's efforts. The FEMA grant request was for \$290,500. This would need to be matched if received with 10% town funds or \$29,050 which the Fire Department has budgeted and warrant article funding for. The Department is hopeful that FEMA would look favorably on our request. We will keep you posted as the grant proceeds through the review process. If we receive this grant we would be able to update both our self contained breathing apparatus and our mobile and portable radios.

With spring right around the corner, it is time to think about renewing your seasonal outside fire permits. A fire permit is required anytime the ground is not covered in snow 100 feet around your fire.

The fire permits are free and can be obtained by contacting the Forest Fire Warden Hansen or Bradford Fire Department. There is no daytime burning unless it is actively raining. Fires can't be closer than 50 feet to a structure, they must be attended at all times, and be extinguished prior to 9am the next morning.

Visit the Bradford Town website and the fire department section to get contact information and more information about outside burning.

The Fire Department has been very busy the first several months of 2024. Since January first the Fire Department has

responded to 76 Incidents (44 EMS call and 32 Fire calls). Compared to the same time period in 2023 the Department had responded to 56 incidents. That's a 26% increase in call volume.

The Fire Department and Parks and Recreation are partnering to teach CPR and AED to the citizens of Bradford. Currently there are several locations in town where AEDs are located. We are trying to increase the availability of AEDs and help educate people on how to use them and also perform CPR. If we are able to make this happen then Bradford will become a Heart Safe community and hopefully be better prepared if there is a cardiac issue that occurs .

Former Fire Chief Mark Goldberg retired from the Fire Department March 15th after 53 years of service, 34 years as Fire Chief. The Fire Department would like to thank Chief Goldberg for all his dedication and his leadership over the years.

It is with deep regret that the Bradford Fire Department announces that Deputy Fire Chief James Raymond passed away April 14, 2024. James William Raymond, 68 of Bradford, NH, died at Concord Hospital surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, April 14th. He was born in Concord Hospital on July 7,1955 to parents Sally (Danforth) and Edward Raymond Sr. After graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1974, he went on to work with his brother, Bo, at the IGA in Bradford. Jim worked at various grocery stores throughout the years before retiring from Sully's Superette in 2022. Jim joined the Bradford Fire Department in 1974, he proudly and selflessly devoted 50 years of his life to helping others. Though his efforts as a

firefighter and EMT saved countless lives, he never sought or expected acknowledgement. Knowing that he had helped another person was thanks enough. Jim profoundly impacted everyone that he came into contact with. His smile was contagious and his laughter and kindness were inspiring to all who knew him. Jim was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Bo Raymond

The Fire Department will deeply miss Jim's presence and thank his family for allowing him to help the Fire Department and the town of Bradford for all those years.

We currently have 17 active members on the Fire Department. Two of our Firefighters are enrolled in the EMT class in Henniker and another is wrapping up his EMR. We are currently waiting for the Henniker Rescue contract to move forward and get necessary signatures. We have been busy with life safety inspections and reviews of businesses in town.

Please visit our Facebook site and like us as we try and share important safety information and also happenings within the Fire Department and the Town. This July we will once again be supporting the July celebration with the FD Chicken BBQ.

The town is also updating our Hazard mitigation plan. This has and will be a long project. We are looking for the Bradford community to complete a survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BradfordNH-HazMit>

If you have pictures of weather events that have impacted our community, please send them to Bryan Nowell (firechief@bradfordnh.org).

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3 cups flour
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1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
2.5 tps cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger

Mix Wet:

1 cup applesauce
¾ cup sugar
(mix of white and brown)
2 tbs. honey or maple syrup
¾ cup vegetable or light olive oil
2 tsp. vanilla

Add Dry mixture to Wet mixture.

Fold in:

3 cups grated or mashed raw vegetables
(choose what's available)

Beets

Carrots

Zucchini

Kale or spinach

Potatoes (cooked first is better)

Could also include apples or pears if desired

Dough will be stiff, but if is too hard to mix, add a little water or juice.

Put into two oiled 9x5 loaf pans and pat down.

Bake at 325 for about an hour, or until knife inserted into center comes out clean.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

Best Dump Pick Ever!

A true gem with gorgeous blue eyes was found at the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center.



A few years ago we told a story about a cat named Dillinger, who was living at the Transfer Station. We discovered that what we thought was a he was a she. She is now named Dilly. Many people talk about their finds at the transfer station. Ken and I found the greatest item ever!

After four years of building a trusting relationship with Dilly, we were able to capture her and bring her to our home. She has settled in with Ken and lives in his man cave. Dilly is a Lynx point Siamese that is about five or six. She has

four polydactyl feet, which makes her more adorable. Most cats that have more than the usual number of digits, have only two polydactyl paws. In order to have four polydactyl paws, both parents have to have polydactyl genes.

She is amazing. She plays games all day like a young kitten. She is a comical clown and makes interesting sounds in her effort to communicate with us. Dilly held the job of “super rodent killer” while she lived at the transfer station. At home she is a super house pet, entertaining us with her antics and affection. Surely Dilly is the best dump find ever!

Lois Kilnapp, Manager

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Donations: Drop off your Tax-deductible donations at KCPC Monday-Friday, May 20 – 24, 8am to 1pm.

Bradford Voters Embrace Energy Conservation and Efficiency for Municipal Buildings

Since 2021 Bradford voters have enthusiastically approved 5 warrant articles proposed by the Bradford Energy Committee. Voters also approved funds for the renovation and restoration of the old Town Hall in 2021, which included energy saving measures above the minimum required by the Building Code. These warrant articles passed by Bradford voters are summarized in Table 1. Below.

Table 1. Approved Warrant Articles Including Energy Conservation and Efficiency Components

2021	Article 4	Fund the renovation and reconstruction of the Historic Town Hall
2021	Article 29	Weatherize Brown Memorial Library
2022	Article 30	Weatherize the Highway Building
2022	Article 32	Commit to a community-wide goal of transitioning to 100 percent reliance on renewable sources of electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050.
2023	Article 25	Weatherize the Fire Station
2024	Article 6	Approve the Bradford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan that offers more flexible electricity procurement than regulated utilities.

The weatherization of the Brown Memorial Library, the Highway Building and Fire Station were completed over the past three years. This work followed recommendations from Energy Audit Reports prepared for these facilities through the NHSaves Municipal Energy Efficiency Program – at no cost to the Town! This program offered financial incentives (rebates) to the Town for implementing energy saving measures such as sealing air leaks and adding insulation.

Weatherization is one of the simplest and most affordable ways to reduce energy bills – but it must be done before installing any new clean energy system. Reducing air leaks and adding more insulation helps to reduce operating costs, carbon emissions and provides better comfort to occupants.

Renovation and restoration projects fall under a different NHSaves program which looks at energy conservation measures that provide both electric and gas savings. Energy conservation measures implemented at the Town Hall included the following components:

- Interior lighting and controls,
- Upgrades to heat pumps, propane condensing boilers, the energy recovery system, and the hot water pump,
- Building envelope insulation, and
- Building envelope storm windows and air sealing.

A summary of the Town’s financial investments of the energy saving measures and energy conservation measures, and the incentives received from NHSaves are summarized in Table 2 below. The data indicate that the NHSaves incentives of \$40,619.86, reduced the Town’s investment of \$101,538.10 by 40 percent to \$60,918.24. Not only did the Town reduce its initial investment by 40% but will continue to realize reductions in operating costs and improvements in occupant comfort year after year!

Table 2. Energy Saving and Conservation Investments and NHSaves Incentives Received

Building	Investment by Town	NHSaves Incentive Received
Brown Memorial Library*	\$14,301.36	\$5,005.48
Highway Building	\$12,628.76	\$4,316.55
Fire Station	\$24,386.48	\$11,871.50
Town Hall	\$50,221.50	\$19,426.33
Total	\$101,538.10	\$40,619.86
Net Investment Cost	\$60,918.24 (40% reduction of costs)	

*The Energy Committee’s request for \$8,000 did not cover the estimates provided by contractors for the work described in the Audit Report. The Friends of the Library contributed the shortfall of \$6,301.

Ellen Barselle, Library Director, has this to say about the weatherization of Brown Memorial Library. “Brown Memorial Library was a recipient of several energy initiatives over the last few years. This included adding insulation in our attic and sealing air gaps around our windows through Shakes to Shingles, installing new Mini-Splits (also known as cold climate air source heat pumps) that provide both heating and cooling through AGS Services, and upgrading lighting to LEDs throughout our library. These additions have made the library a much more pleasant place to be throughout the four seasons. We have already seen savings in our heating and lighting bills, not to mention the rebates we received from NHSaves for each of these energy saving measures! Thank you Bradford Energy Committee for encouraging and assisting us in these projects.”

Now that our Municipal Buildings have been weatherized, we can move forward with the installation of energy efficient cold climate air source heat pumps as did the Library in 2023 and as the Fire Department will be doing this year.

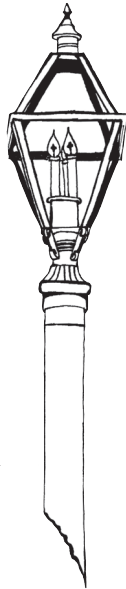
We can all start to reduce our energy use by planning to weatherize our own homes and switch to energy efficient appliances and heat. We can also install solar photovoltaic panels on our property or purchase an electric vehicle when it’s time to trade in the old one.

Conserving energy helps the Town reduce its consumption of electricity and fossil fuels. This supports our energy goals to transition to 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030 and renewable sources of fuel for heating and transportation by 2050.

By joining the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH), the Town has more local control of our sources of electricity. We can decide to purchase a higher percentage of electricity generated by renewable power as individuals and as a Municipality. Please join with the BEC in achieving these essential energy goals in all ways large and small!

*Sandra Bravo,
Chair Bradford Energy Committee*

Library Lantern



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Library Hours:
 Monday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Wednesday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
 Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

May happenings at the library -

Friday, May 3rd at 10:30am: Fiber Arts Circle. Bring what you are working on to our group, a place to connect and be social while working on your individual project.

Monday, May 6th at 6:00pm: Music Appreciation with Bradford resident, Gary Kalajian. Gary will bring his knowledge and love of classical music to his two-part series on music. Sessions will help people cultivate their appreciation and better understand the elements of music. Emphasis will be placed on classical music, but will include folk, big band, and jazz.

Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm: Art Show with NFI North. Join us for an evening art show with the residents and staff of NFI North (the site of what used to be the Sunshine Farm) and what is now a Transitional Housing Service. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and by partnering with NFI North for the program we hope to expand awareness about the work they are doing. Come join us to learn more about this organization. There will be music, poetry, and paintings shared through the evening. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and learn how they are giving back to our community. Light refreshments will be provided.

Monday, May 13th at 5:30pm: Big Trees of Northern New England with Kevin Martin. Come hear about the biggest trees in New Hampshire and Northern New England. The discussion will cover trees on public land in the region, and where they are located so you can see them for yourself.

Monday, May 20th at 6:00pm: Music Appreciation with Gary Kalajian. Session Two will include the study of great composers and performers (Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, & Schubert) while combining basics of music theory (harmony, melody, and rhythm). Both sessions will be accompanied by musical examples and videos.

Saturday, May 25th from 9:00-1:00pm: Memorial Day Plant & Book Sale. Get your spring/summer garden started with our wide varieties of vegetables and flowers.

Ongoing programs:

Monday Mornings at 10am. Story time with Ms. Laurie. Caregivers, moms and dads, welcome to this group which allows you to catch up and your little ones to play and have fun.

Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00pm. Combined book discussion of *A Good Country* / Laleh Khadivi & *Miracle Creek* / Angie Kim. April's book discussion was canceled due to snowstorm.

Monday, May 20th at 4:00pm. Junior Book Group will be discussing Nancy Drew's *The Mystery of the Glowing Eye* by Carolyn Keene.

Lastly, our Trustees have been working on a survey to help the library better formulate long term goals and understand what the community members of Bradford most want to get from their library. You will see our survey in various places around Bradford, and I encourage you to take the time to complete it! The survey can be completed on paper but can also be accessed through a QR code. Thank you!

BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD LAUNCHES STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT

We believe the library is the heart of our town. It provides resources and programs which meet the needs and satisfy the curiosity of many town residents. As we look forward to the next five years and beyond, we want to make sure that the library not only continues to meet the interests of our current patrons but reaches additional people in town that might benefit from its offerings.

To better identify what services the library should continue, expand, or add to its current offerings, the Trustees of the Library Board are launching a strategic planning process that will take place over the spring and summer. The first step in the process is to reach out to as many town residents as possible via a brief survey to determine where the library might best allocate its resources as we move forward. We hope many residents will support our efforts and will respond to the survey with their thoughts and suggestions.

There are three ways to take the survey:

1. Scan this QR code or pick up a business card with the QR code on it at a variety of locations around town so you can complete the survey at home at your convenience.



2. Visit the library website at www.brownmemoriallibrary.org to fill out the questionnaire.

3. Pick up and fill out a paper copy of the questionnaire the next time you visit the library.

Your responses will be anonymous but if you provide your email, you will be entered for a chance to win a gift certificate from one of three local businesses: FiveAcres, Sweet Beet Market or Wicked Sweet Cakes & Treats. The drawing for these prizes will take place on July 1st.

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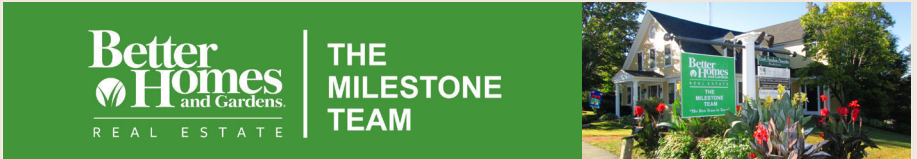
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- ◆ Work with an experienced real estate agent. An excellent one can be your secret weapon. Interview before committing. Get references and read reviews. Ask questions.
- ◆ Expand your search area. Don't let a few miles limit your possibilities for success.
- ◆ Try to look for houses under your budget, then you have room to bid up. Numbers of properties are still selling at over asking prices, but, generally, not by as much as they have in the past.
- ◆ "Cash" offers still dominate, so carefully examine any possibilities which might allow you to make a cash offer. Get pre-approved for a mortgage and consider putting down as much as you can. This would reduce the amount of the mortgage, which could help avoid any potential appraisal issues.
- ◆ Don't overcommit emotionally to one house. Even though the number of bids on one property may not be as many as in the past, the competition can still be very stiff. Be prepared to move on.
- ◆ It's a lot about the price... but not ALL! Your agent can gather information from the cooperating agent about other terms which are really important to the sellers. If you can work within their special wants, that can help advance the standing of your offer.
- ◆ Don't give up! Your house is out there somewhere!



Marilyn Klidder
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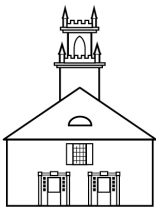
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Obituaries

James William Raymond



James William Raymond, 68, of Bradford, NH, died at Concord Hospital surrounded by loved ones on April 14, 2024.

He was born in Concord Hospital on July 7, 1955, to parents Sally (Danforth) and Edward Raymond Sr. After graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1974, he went on to work with his brother, Bo, at the IGA in Bradford. Jim worked at various grocery stores throughout the years before retiring from Sully's Superette in 2022.

Jim joined the Bradford Fire Department in 1974. He proudly and selflessly devoted 50 years of his life to helping others. Though his efforts as a firefighter and EMT saved countless lives, he never sought or expected acknowledgement. Knowing that he had helped another person was thanks enough. Jim profoundly impacted everyone that he came into contact with. His smile was contagious and his laughter and kindness were inspiring to all who knew him.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Bo Raymond. He is survived by his wife and soulmate, Margaret, of over 40 years. They have a love bigger than the Beatles. He was an amazing father to daughters Meghan and Kathryn, who already miss him dearly. They will forever treasure the life lessons he imparted to them. Among them was that for every situation there is a Beatles song that can make it better. His beloved grand-dog, Trapper, will miss their long

walks and extra treats. He will be dearly missed by his siblings; Ed and Karen, sister-in-law Karen, Paula, Heidi, and Brian; as well as his many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was so incredibly proud of his family and fiercely loved those in his life.

Burial services were held April 27 at the Bradford, NH, Fire Department. Donations may be made to the Bradford Fire & Rescue Association and Payson Cancer Center are encouraged.



Lucile Chadwick



Lucille (Cheney) Chadwick died peacefully at home in Sutton Mills on April 17, 2024, at the age of 89.

Lucille was born on April 6, 1935, in Newbury, NH, to Luke T. and Arietta (Skinner) Cheney. She married the love of her life, Donald Chadwick in 1951. She graduated from Simonds High School in 1951 while Don finished his enlistment in the US Navy.

They settled in their home in Sutton Mills and raised two children.

After her children were on their own, she began working as a 2nd shift supervisor at Frameworks in Hillsboro and then Newport for many years.

Her children and grandchildren remember her as a smart, determined, supportive and beautiful lady. She was an upbeat person who always encouraged her children in whatever they pursued.

Lucille loved to travel and visited Germany, Australia and New Zealand. She loved to read, the outdoors, and especially Maine, where she spent her 89th birthday with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was a ballot clerk for the town of Sutton for many years and a member of the Sutton Historical Society.

Lucille is predeceased by her parents, husband Don who passed in 2006, and siblings: Ethel, Wayne, Marian, Jessie and Luke, Jr. Surviving family members include her daughter Debra (Pete) Six of Bradford; son, Edward of Sutton Mills; grandson, Isaac Chadwick of Burlington, VT, granddaughter, Caleigh (Maxwell) Greene of Sutton, grandson, Chad and granddaughter, Ami, and great-grandchildren, Grace, Mia, Charlie, and Ryan. April

Graveside services were held at Millwoods Cemetery in South Sutton. Fred Davis officiated. Please send donations to either the Sutton Rescue Squad or Sutton Volunteer Fire Department. To sign an online guestbook, please visit www.chadwickfuneralservice.com.





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KNP Korner - May 2024

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DEEP ROOTS NEVER DOUBT THAT SPRING WILL COME. - Marty Rubin

...and KNP never doubts that its volunteers, community partners and donors will help people in the Kearsarge community flourish! Good things are in the planning, and we’re very excited about all that spring will bring: transportation opportunities for youth and seniors, garden veggies growing for Tray it Forward, and a KNP Summer Gathering on the calendar.

WE HAVE SOME VERY EXCITED STUDENTS AND SENIORS who are beginning to experience amazing opportunities to which they would not have had access without KNP drivers! What a pleasure to partner with the New London Barn Playhouse youth education program by transporting Kearsarge region students to both an after-school Shakespeare program and an upcoming Spring Break theater week. A team of KNP volunteers has also been actively brainstorming a variety of ways we can bring

socialization and outdoor experiences to our local seniors. Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATE: KNP’s Summer Gathering is June 28 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Phillips Barn at the New London Historical Society. Volunteers, community partners, donors... however you are related to the KNP “neighborhood”, we want to make sure YOU are available for the KNP Summer Event. We look forward to a very special evening of thanking you for all you do to help the Kearsarge region flourish!

WHEN WE ALL HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT the entire community is healthier! KNP, Spring Ledge Farm, Colby-Sawyer College, the Kearsarge Food Hub, and the New London Hospital are collaborating on the fifth annual Tray it Forward vegetable seedling program, which helps folks learn to garden AND to produce some of their own fresh food all summer. The program is officially underway as seeds are ordered and planted, sample garden diagrams are drawn, plant tray labels get printed, online registration and donation pages are created, and a “How to Start a Garden” video is produced. Sign up to help with various tasks BEFORE or DURING the May 29 seedling distribution day: KNP: Tray it Forward 2024 Volunteer Opportunities (signupgenius.com).



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The Bradford Community Gardeners are back at it!

This is the 5th season for the Bradford Community Gardeners (BCG). We are all volunteers, and we enthusiastically welcome more folks to join us in the work of maintaining gardens around downtown. Locations include the Rail Trail benches at Lake Todd, the traffic triangles at the intersection of 103 and 114, the Historical Society, the Tall Pines parking area, and planters at BACC and Bement Bridge. Even if you have only a few hours to give, we can put you to work with us! We'll gather for a group meeting in late May and hope you can join us. (See contacts at the end).

Help us plant at the newly renovated Town Hall!

This year we are assisting the revival of the landscape around our beautifully restored Town Hall. We are nurturing several beloved old lilacs and crabapples, but there are also many places for new shrubs and small ornamental trees. Do you have a favorite that you could picture as part of the plan? Please make your suggestions known to us.

And finally, we could not do the work we do without the generous contributions of plants from our group and fellow residents. Most critically, there is no money left in the budget for landscaping at Town Hall. Donations of any amount can be made in one of two ways:

1. Contributions can be made directly to the Town of Bradford noting that it is to be used for Town Hall landscaping. (PO Box 436, Bradford, NH 03221).
2. Contribute to a gift card for the BCG at Five Acres and held there. It can be used by us when we purchase plants and soil amendments for our various town garden and planter locations.

Any questions? Contact Susan Moss at srmoss1@comcast.net or talk with Lois Kilnapp when you see her at the Transfer Station. We hope to hear from you. Thank you!



KRES-B Second Graders Study Local History



The second grade from KRES-B recently visited several historic sites in Bradford and Newbury as part of their community building curriculum. Favorite activities included a graveyard tour, railroad exhibits, steeple bell ringing, flag raising, old-time crafts, yard games and group singing.

PUBLIC NOTICE Lake Todd Village District 2024 Annual Budget Hearing

In accordance with RSA 32:5.1, 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, May 25, 2024
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Bradford Area Community Center

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~OUTSIDE~

It's the middle of April. We are walking on bare ground again.

This morning, I shifted slippery, algae-green hay from the sun-starved, yellowed shafts of garlic. Bent and curled like yoga acolytes coming out of a difficult pose, they are now able to stand in a row at the front of their mats in tadasana pose.

Garlic arrived in North America with the European colonists. It's been under cultivation for so long that its origins have been forgotten and its wild progenitors misplaced. Likely it hails from somewhere vaguely between the Middle East and China. Some call it an herb for its powerful tang, some call it a food, and some call it a medicine. Botanists used to label garlic and all its *Allium* (onion) relations as members of the lily family, strange as that seems. Now they are thinking the whole onion clan is related to

Amaryllis. This is all surmised by the structure of their flowers.

However, true bulb garlic doesn't flower. In mid-summer it certainly does a strenuous imitation of a plant about to explode in blossom. However, its plant-ness has been so altered and distorted by human selection for its juicy pale knobs that now all it does well is make cloves of garlic – sometimes not just at the base of the plants, but amongst the roots, and again at the tops of flower stalks.

These flower stalks, scapes, should be removed to send all energy into the future garlic cloves. If the scapes aren't beheaded, they tangle themselves in spirals with the presumptive flowerhead becoming tiny rolled up bulbs called 'bulbils'. These garlic-tasting bulbils swell to cut off any normal flower production.

Because there are essentially no functioning garlic flowers, and thus no seeds to replant, all the garlic we eat now are clones – ghosts from that distant past in that distant place. Garlic has mutated and been selected to form different varieties but the genetic breadth of this important plant is dangerously limited. This makes it vulnerable to any blight or adverse climatic change that comes along. This predicament has given a few people a strange living untangling bulbils before the flowers are choked off. Carefully they cross-pollinate the resulting emancipated flowers. The seeds thus produced will

hopefully create some degree of diversity and resilience in future garlic.

The garlic cloves we crave are structural-ly and originally leaves. (and why would they be named 'cloves' which are the dried seed heads of an Indonesian plant?) Garlic's original plan was to use them to store nutrients underground to get through prolonged cold, dry spells. Their roots are contractile, meaning that they lengthen and then contract, lowering the plant into the protective ground. The actual stem of a garlic plant is that hard core at the center of the cloves that we remove.

In other words, in the autumn we bury swollen knobs of ancestral leaf a few inches below ground – wedge-shaped segments that don't look at all like leaves. In spring, new leaves appear from these stubs of leaves and by mid-summer we are eating scapes that look like they should be flowers but they never quite get there. We wait till very late summer when the whole plant dies back and prepares itself for winter. We pry these clumps of leaf storage bits – that are for some reason called 'heads' – out of the ground. Broken apart, we eat most and save a few to replant in the ground and start the process all over again.

Some day there may be new forms and flavors of garlic grown from seeds that were coaxed from our elderly, overly-domesticated regulars.

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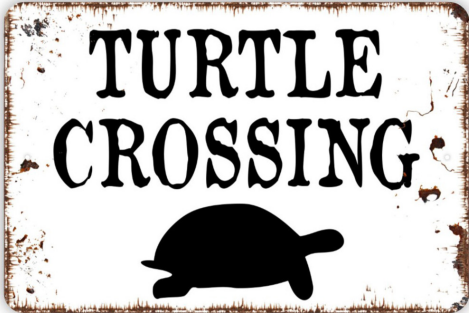
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Questions? Contact the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
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Conservation Commission News

Turtle Rescue. It's that time of year again, when turtles are on the move! (A female painted turtle found on East Washington Road on April 17 – a bit earlier than usual!)



The New Hampshire Turtle Rescue based in Nottingham is a non-profit turtle rehabilitation organization and they have already received their first car hit patients of the season. Please be on the lookout for turtles crossing the road!

If you do come across a turtle in the road, you can save that turtle's life by:

- pulling over to the side of the road
- when safe to do so, pick up the turtle and place them on the side of the road, ALWAYS in the direction they were already headed.

They are stubborn and know where they are going, so unfortunately turning them around does not work, even if you think they should be going the other way.

- Also, NEVER relocate - turtles are extremely tied to their local environments and should never be moved.

For more information, please check the NH Turtle Rescue website at nhturtle-rescue.org.

Summer Conservation Camp. The Bradford Conservation Commission will be funding one or more kids to attend a conservation summer camp next year. To that end, we are beginning a raffle this summer to collect donations towards this goal. This will be an ongoing project to

get kids outdoors and thinking about their home environment.

Stay tuned for more information. And if you'd like to contribute an item or a service to the cause, please contact bcc@bradfordnh.org

Bradford Bog Research. This will be the second year of a research project headed by the University of New Hampshire.

They are looking at regeneration of the rare Atlantic White Cedar at the Bradford Bog. Included will be the native uses of plants in this area and their pre-colonial management of the landscape. If you have noticed odd flagging, small white pipes, and other equipment, this will explain it! It is not litter so please don't move or remove markers!



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MONTHLY BRIEFING: Town Board Reports

(Continued from page 1)

Composting at the transfer station has been popular with lots of food waste going to compost rather than the compactor.

Select Board Committee and Department Assignments Beth Downs is assigned to Budget Committee, Capital Improvement Program Committee, and Police Liaison. Marlene Freyler is assigned to Fire Liaison, Economic Development Committee, Planning Board, Energy Committee, Historic District Commission, and Budget Committee alternate. Chip Meany is assigned to Facilities Use Committee, Highway liaison, Roads and Bridges Committee, Transfer Station liaison, and Planning Board alternate.

Police Department Update There have been 483 incidents since the last report, this is a total of 1000+ for the year. There has been a 37% increase over 2023 of motor vehicle stops. 78% of the 2024 budget is remaining. The new police cruiser Durango has been ordered and will be delivered in 4-5 months. The Tahoe needs repair and is under warranty.

Paving Steve Hall has gathered three bids for paving West Road and Fairgrounds. The low bid total for the road projects is \$378,000, \$53,000 higher than the warrant article passed at Town Meeting. The Board approved a motion to fund the \$53,000 overage with the additional Highway Block Grant funds received in 2023 in the amount of \$25,283.66, and the balance to be funded by the 2019 Roads

and Bridges Expendable Trust Fund.

Town Hall Update In July of 2023, the Board approved the replacement of the tin ceiling on the first floor as required by LCHIP and agreed to fund it with funds leftover from a 2020 warrant article for building repair and maintenance. The work was anticipated to cost approximately \$11,000, however the final total was \$16,213. The Board approved a motion to use \$16,656.89 of unexpended funds from the 2020 warrant article #29 to cover the tin ceiling and other final expenses.

Unanticipated Revenue The Board approved motions to accept unanticipated revenue per RSA 31:95-b for \$1,130 in private donations for the Bradford Scholarship Fund; \$9853.20 from the NH Department of Safety Search and Rescue Grant for the Police Department (this is the final payment for the 2021 grant award); \$1,800.00 from Work Invest NH – EMT Training Incentive Program Grant; \$566.98 from the restitution payment for the misuse of the gas card; \$1,000 for the sale of the nine-foot body from the F550 truck.

Appointments The Board signed appointments for the Conservation Commission for George Beaton, Doug Southard, Ann Eldridge, and Brooks McCandlish.

Junkyard License Signed for Lawrence McDonald, 78 Fortune Road.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Officers The Committee elected Jen Richardson as Chair and Kim Firth as Vice Chair.

Department Assignments Consensus of the committee is that members meeting with departments helped in understanding the workings and budgetary process in each department. Members volunteered as follows: Jen Richardson - Library, Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Elections; Kim Firth - Building Code, Executive; Justin Dohrn - Transfer Station; Laurie Colburn - Fire Department, Cemetery; Dawn Gezelman - Highway, Planning/Zoning Boards; Tim McKenna - Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Patriotic Purposes.

1st Quarter Expense Review Consensus is that expenses are in line with the budget.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Wellness Camp Application for special exception presented by Beata Bzura for a seasonal wellness camp for 20 adults in two phases. Phase one will span three



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years with phase two starting in year four. The Board accepted the application as complete. Site walk scheduled for April 30, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2024.

Front Porch A public hearing was held April 3, 2024 for Jeff and Tracey Quigley’s application for a special exception at 20 High Street. Jeff explained that the application is to remove a cement slab on the front of the house and replace it with a porch that is in keeping with the porch originally on the house. Jeff presented photos of porches on neighboring houses with similar or smaller setbacks. The Board unanimously approved the application.

PLANNING BOARD

Officers The Board elected Katie Olohan as Chair and Carol Troy as Vice Chair.

Subdivision The Board approved a motion to accept the subdivision application by Kathie and Roy Joseph Messer for Map 5 lots 12 and 114 as complete. Public hearing and site walk were scheduled for April 23, 2024.

Conceptual Consult Jacques E. Belanger; J.E. Belanger Land Surveying PLLC, Dunbarton NH appeared for discussion

for a Condo conversion project at the Fisherfield Apartments.

Conceptual Consult Cheryl Croto of 26 Fortune Road appeared to discuss subdividing a part of her 43 acres on Fortune Road.

Driveway Regulations Katie Olohan met with Highway, Fire Officials and Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning. Driveway regulations are in the planning process and will guide Fire, Highway and property owners.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

West Road The driveway in violation of wetlands ordinance has been relocated on the property.

Aiken Town Forest The Bradford Conservation Commission has authority over this easement, but any changes in restrictions need to be cleared with Ausbon Sargent. Members were in favor of allowing this 136 acre property to remain unlogged ad infinitum.

Turtle Crossing The Board approved a motion to spend up to \$100 on temporary signage to be placed in known turtle crossing areas during nesting season.

Bradford Bog Boards George Beaton has secured the quantity of hemlock boards needed for repairs from Rick Wright.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Cemetery Maintenance There is currently one person interested in the

landscaping contract. In anticipation of a new landscaping contract the Trustees will conduct a physical assessment of all work required in the 17 town cemeteries. Thereafter, the work will be prioritized.

Repair Work Vendor quotes will be requested regarding the removal of plumbing and electrical work required in the Sunny Plain Cemetery.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Bradford Community Power has been approved for operation by the NH Public Utilities Commission. On Friday, May 10 at 6 pm there will be an information session to explain and answer questions about Bradford Community Power.

Weatherization of Town Buildings is complete and the necessary forms are being filed for the NHSaves rebate for the Fire Department weatherization. See “Bradford Voters Embrace Energy Conservation and Efficiency for Municipal Buildings” in this edition of the Bradford Bridge.

Legislative Update The committee has been answering calls for opinions on several energy-related bills in the NH Legislature.

Energy Savings with the Inflation Reduction Act The committee discussed at length the possibilities for IRS tax credits available for energy saving measures. The committee sees these tax credits as a way to help residents save money while improving energy conservation. A CPA will be available at the next meeting to answer questions about how homeowners can receive tax credits.

FACILITIES USE COMMITTEE

Scope of Work The Committee discussed common procedures for managing venues; Karen Hambleton noted that their charge is to come up with a process. The Committee will focus on Town Hall second floor and BACC. The committee discussed the current tenants of the BACC, current uses, and the possible uses after the town offices move, perhaps for the police.

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Any child in the Kearsarge region can have free healthy food for weekends or school breaks by signing up through their school's nurse or by contacting FoodForThoughtForKids@gmail.com. Website: FoodForThoughtNH.org. Registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer run.

The Bradford Community Food Pantry

Open on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30-6:30pm in the church office building (located to the right of the church), if you need help between our open times, please call the church office (603) 938-5313 for an appointment.

The Warner Food Pantry

Tuesday 4:00-6:00pm and Thursday 11:00am-1:00pm. The Fresh Vegetable Cart is on Thursdays 11:00am-1:00pm, in the upper parking lot. (603) 456-2053.

Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry

Housed in the First Baptist Church, 461 Main Street, New London. Hours of service: Wednesdays 4:30-6:30pm, Saturdays 10:00-11:30am. Info at the First Baptist Church office. (603) 526-6511.

South Newbury Union Church Food Pantry



South Newbury Union Church (corner of Village and Sutton Roads) has opened their updated food pantry. Open Tuesdays 4:00pm-6:00pm and Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm. For appointments or more information call (603) 938-2064.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice

Located in New London, NH serving individuals of all ages in parts of Grafton, Merrimack and Sullivan counties. Services include hospice, palliative care, personal care, and wellness programs. Call for help 24/7: (603) 526-4077, Website: lakesunapeevna.org, Email: info@lakesunapeevna.org.

Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners

Provides the Kearsarge area with a wide variety of services for all: Help with chores, transportation, emergency firewood, home cooked meals, phone check-ins, and much more. They also recognize the value of reciprocity, and look for ways that neighbors seeking help to eventually be in a position to serve others. Website: knpnh.org/, info@KNPnh.org, (603) 317-5900.

Energy Assistance Community Action Programs

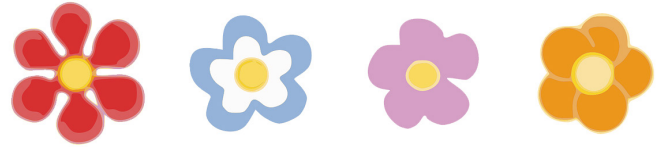
of Belknap and Merrimack Counties provides services to eligible households to assist with home heating and electric costs. Website: https://capbm.org/Energy-Assistance, Toll-Free: (800) 856-5525.

NH Saves

This program offers a wide range of rebates toward the purchase of lots of appliances. Also, find out how to apply for a home energy audit and qualify for rebates on energy efficient construction upgrades at the website nhsaves.com.



Do you have a local resource that you'd like to add to this valuable list of helpful organizations? Please reach out and let us know. We'd love to build upon this and keep our community informed and supported. Contact: bradfordbridge345@gmail.com.



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Kudos for KRES-Bradford

The pinnacle of the elementary school experience is fifth grade. Much as adults wish to slow down aging, kids are eager to grow up. Little kids admire big kids and so it goes.

Fifth grade at KRES-Bradford provides a fascinating concoction of anticipation and nostalgia. It is a major transition to leave the local elementary school and head to the regional middle school. Some are eager to meet new friends while striding the halls of KRMS. There, they will explore fresh areas of study with multiple mentors. Others are reluctant to leave behind the early childhood joys of the elementary experience. Either way, the teachers at KRES-B will get them ready. As Kris Lee says, "It's always a BIG step from fifth to sixth grade! We spend a lot of time helping students become independent and responsible, so that they can meet the challenges of middle school."

Kris Lee is a veteran teacher here, now in her 27th year at KRES-B. She started off in first grade but quickly found her niche with 5th graders and never looked back. Often, she has been the only 5th grade teacher but this year she is joined by Jessica Poland, who moved up from 4th grade with the student population bubble. Jessi's flexibility with this transition provided continuity for the students as they rose from 4th to 5th and has given her insights into the 5th grade experience that will serve well next year.

What the teachers like best about teaching 5th grade is "that these kids can be



Warts and All! Here are some 4th and 5th graders performing a catchy number in frog costumes for their recent performance of "Honk," a musical based on the inspirational tale, "The Ugly Duckling." Bravo to all the students and adults who put together this adorable, yet classy, production! (Photo by Kathleen Bigford)

independent on some long term, fun projects. They also have a fun sense of humor and are still playful, even though they are older. They are really developing into independent thinkers too, which makes for interesting conversations," says Kris. She especially loves teaching reading and writing. And social studies assimilations are also a favorite curriculum topic. Each student takes on the identity of an emigrant on the Oregon Trail while studying pioneers so they can absorb the content material through experience. Student Anna Ahearn says the simulation "makes it seem so real. It makes me happy to know the truth." Kris adds, "The biggest challenge in teaching is that there is NEVER enough time to cover everything that I need to cover. Also, kids have many different needs, and sometimes it's hard to really get to everyone who needs my help."

In her spare time, Kris cooks and bikes with her husband Kevin, who teaches English at KRHS. Her daughter is an educator at a nature center in Wisconsin

and her son Patrick is studying physical education at Plymouth State University. It is evident that teaching runs in the family. KRES-B is lucky to have this kind of staff commitment and know-how to prepare our students for furthering their education with curiosity and confidence. To sum it all up, Kris says "The biggest reward is that I get to form a relationship with some pretty cool young people! It's fun, interesting and meaningful work."

What could be more rewarding than preparing our children for the future? The entire staff at KRES-B is dedicated to doing just that. By the end of the school year, the 5th graders will be proudly exhibiting the gratifying gains of their years in elementary school and will be prepped for the next adventure. As student Anna Ahearn says, "At first, it's scary to think about going to middle school but then you think – Wait! – We are ready. We can do this!" Their accomplishments will be applauded at a 5th Grade Celebration to be held in June.

Laurie Buchar

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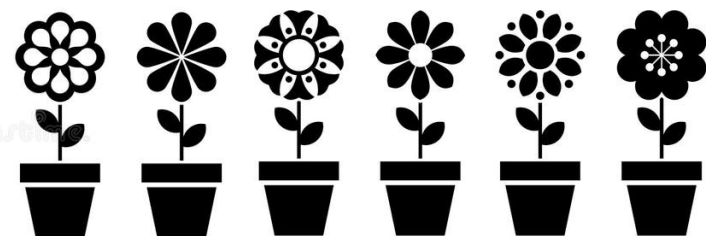
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The Bradford Community Power Committee is pleased to announce that we have received official notification that our Energy Aggregation Plan has been accepted by the NH Public Utilities Commission and Eversource. This means that in June residents who have been receiving electricity from Eversource will be receiving it from Bradford Community Power. Letters from the Community Power Coalition of NH will be sent in May with details of the switchover.

On Friday, May 10 at 6 pm at the BACC there will be an information session to explain details and answer questions about the program. If you see “Check Back Soon” at the web address in the poster, most questions are answered in FAQs.

*Kathleen Bigford and Jenny Locke-Howley,
 Bradford Community Power Committee*



Bradford Community Church Events

88 W. MAIN ST., BRADFORD, NH, 603-938-5313
 bradfordcommunitychurch@gmail.com
 bradfordcommunitychurch.org

May Happenings

We worship every Sunday morning at 10:00 am and have Sunday School for children after Time with God’s Children during the service. Coffee Hour happens after church with delicious food and connecting with one another.

Wednesday Night Bible Study on the Book of Daniel Starting Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus meets Sunday mornings 8:45-9:30 am in the office building.

Men’s Breakfast meets Saturday, May 4th, 8:00 am in the Friendship Room for a delicious breakfast and devotion on Encouragement.

Church Spring Cleaning will be Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 am. We will be cleaning the church and the grounds.

Sister to Sister will meet on Saturday, May 11th, at 8:30 am in the Office Building. Bring your morning beverage and enjoy encouragement, support and a devotion: “Ready, Set, Go”.

The Bradford Community Food pantry will hand out food boxes on Wednesday, May 15th between 5:30-6:30 pm. Located in the Church Office Building.

Upside Down Potluck, Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 pm. Breakfast for Dinner. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. We will have up-side down activities. Wear your clothes backwards if you like. Bonus: We are looking for 7 or 8 different breakfast dishes to serve at the breakfast we are having on June 29th. There will be a chance to vote on dishes that come to this potluck. We are looking for a range of dishes to include egg, no egg, savory, sweet, potato...

Grief Group meets on Thursday, May 23rd, 10-11 am.

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Wednesday, May 1

6:00 pm Combined book discussion:
A Good Country by Laleh Khadivi,
 and *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim, BML
 7:00 pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, SR
 7:30 pm Open Mic, @ 11 West Main

Thursday, May 2

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC
 6:00 pm Economic Dev. Committee, SR 


Friday, May 3

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:30 am Fiber Arts Circle, BML
 12:30 pm 1st Friday Brunch, MVSC

Monday, May 6

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Music Appreciation with Brad-
 ford resident, Gary Kalajian, BML


Tuesday, May 7

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:30 pm Planning Board 
 7:00 pm Fish & Game Club

Wednesday, May 8

1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC
 6:00 pm Art Show, NFI North, BML
 7:00 pm BNSYS Board Meeting


Thursday, May 9

12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC
 5:30 pm Parks & Rec, SR 


Friday, May 10

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

Monday, May 13

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 5:30 pm Big Trees of Northern New
 England with Kevin Martin, BML
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, SR 

Tuesday, May 14

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:00 pm Energy Committee, SR 
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Wednesday, May 15

Town Offices Closed - Moving to Town Hall
 1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:00 pm Cemetery Commission
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:30 pm Open Mic, @ 11 West Main

Thursday, May 16

Town Offices Closed - Moving to Town Hall
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC


Friday, May 17

Town Offices Closed - Moving to Town Hall
 8:30 am Balance & Strength
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC


Saturday, May 18

9:00 am Women's Crafts, MVSC

Monday, May 20

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 4:00 pm Junior Book Group, *Nancy
 Drew and the Mystery of the Glowing
 Eye*, by Carolyn Keene, BML
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 6:00 pm Selectmen's Meeting, SR 
 6:00 pm Music Appreciation with
 Gary Kalajian, Session Two, BML

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 23

9:30 am LSVNA Wellness Clinic, MVSC
 11:30 am Footcare Clinic
 by appointment, MVSC
 1:00 pm Therapeutic Yoga, MVSC
 4:30 pm Girl Scouts, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Thursday, May 23

9:00 am Facilities Use Committee, SR 

Friday, May 24

8:30 am Balance & Strength

Saturday, May 25

9:00 am Memorial Day Plant & Book
 Sale, until 1 pm, BML


Sunday, May 26

5:30 pm Maple View Board Meeting

Monday, May 27

Town Offices Closed - Holiday Observed
 8:30 am Balance & Strength
 10:00 am Storytime, BML
 10:00 am Bingo, MVSC
 1:00 pm Bridge Group, MVSC
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR

Tuesday, May 28

10:00 am Quilting Group, MVSC
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Mahjong Group, LR
 5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:00 pm Planning Board, SR 

Wednesday, May 29

5:30 pm Driver's Ed School, LR
 7:30 pm Open Mic, @ 11 West Main

Thursday, May 30

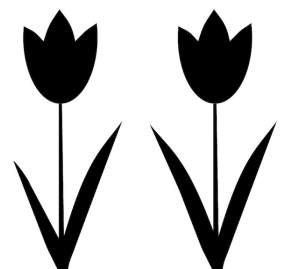
12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

Friday, May 31

8:30 am Balance & Strength
 12:15 pm Lunch, MVSC
 12:30 pm Dominos, MVSC

Calendar Abbreviations

BACC	Bradford Area Community Center
BCC	Bradford Community Church
BCMh	Bradford Center Meetinghouse
BHS	Bradford Historical Society
BML	Brown Memorial Library
LSVNA	Lake Sunapee Visting Nurses Assoc.
LR	Learning Room
MVSC	Mountain View Senior Center
SR	Streaming Room
ZBA	Zoning Board of Adjustment





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Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street. Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, 11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com

Friday, May 3, 10:30 am. Fiber Arts Craft Circle at Brown Memorial Library. Join us for our first Friday fiber arts craft circle! More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

Monday, May 6, 6:00 pm. Music Appreciation Series - 1st Session at Brown Memorial Library. More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 pm. Art Show - NFI North at Brown Memorial Library. More information, <https://www.brownmemoriallibrary.org/upcoming-events.html>

Friday, May 10, 6:00 pm. Bradford Community Power information session. Bradford Area Community Center, 134 East Main Street, Bradford NH.

Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street. Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, 11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 pm. Seasonal Opening Wellness Day & Pathway Kickoff at Sunset Hill Education Institute. Join us for the first in-person event of the 2024 SHEI Pathway season. More information, www.sheinh.org

Sunday, May 19, the Bradford Fish and Game Club annual Youth Trout Fishing Derby at Fishersfield Park in Newbury NH. Registration starts at 7am and the fishing derby will run from 8am-11am. For more info contact Dick Wright at 603 938-2414.

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30 pm. Open Mic night at 11 West Main Street. Come to open mic night; join us to participate or listen. More information, 11westmainbradfordnh@gmail.com

Saturday, May 25. Seasonal Opening at the Bradford Historical Society's Tin shop. The shop will be open Memorial Day weekend and Saturday mornings thereafter through the summer and fall. For more information, visit <https://www.bradfordnhhistorical.org/>

Saturday, June 1, Noon - 2 pm. Bradford Town Hall Open House and Celebration. Check bradfordnh.org or details.

SPECIAL BRADFORD UPDATE

July 12, July 26, Aug 10, Aug 25, and Sept 21, Bradford Center Meetinghouse Summer Music Series. Save the dates and enjoy the local entertainment right here in Bradford! For more information, visit www.bradford.center


SURROUNDING TOWNS

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 pm. 5th Annual Founders' Day at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More information, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/events>

Friday, May 10, 7:00 pm. Hot Skillet Club at the Anonymous Coffee. 10 Park Street, Lebanon, NH. More information, <https://hotskilletclub.com/shows>

Saturday, May 11, 10-11:30 am, Lyme Disease Ecology and Patient Health presentation by Ecologist and Patient Advocate Kathie Fife. Warner Town Hall. Free Event sponsored by Pillsbury Free Library.

Saturday, June 1, 1:00 pm. MKIM Plant Sale and Herb and Garden Day at the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner. More information, <https://www.indianmuseum.org/events>.



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Out & About



Mother Goose on her nest, built atop of an old beaver lodge, photo from Laurie Buchar (above).

In response to our request for your stories about communing with trees, this is from Mike Heffernan (below).



Even when we had to take down an Ash tree and a Maple tree that had died, they will be able to provide us with warmth. We will take steps to make firewood out of them for our wood stove. We will also take advantage of the added sunlight and can now install solar panels. The stumps of those two trees still remain as a reminder to us to be grateful for all that they have given us. Blessed are the trees that surround us 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. An accompanying caption would be nice. Please submit the images in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Kathleen Bigford



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