All-Terrain Vehicles on Bradford Roads

All-terrain vehicles (ATV) have been using Bradford’s Class 5 and 6 roads for many years. Recent events have brought attention to the laws about who can use these back roads for recreation.

On May 7, 2018 members of the Woodlands ATV club attended a select board meeting to request permission for club members to use some of Bradford’s Class 6 roads. The minutes of the meeting record their request and state that the club’s future plans are to “control and patrol” all of Bradford’s Class 6 roads and some Class 5 connector roads such as Rowe Mountain and County Roads. The club collaborates with other clubs in the area. They plan to approach the towns of Hillsborough and Washington as well. For monitoring the trails, the club stated that they would work with NH Fish and Game. For trail maintenance, they would work with the Bureau of Trails to secure grants for trail repair and to place signs for trail use. The Board decided to follow up at its next meeting.

The request was discussed at select board meetings on May 21 and June 4. The matter became confused on June 4 when the conservation commission presented its concerns and information that conflicted with the Club’s information.

Open House at New England Family Institute

At the open house, NFI Program Director Randa Tenney (right) and State Representative Beth Rodd (left).

The more than 55 people who attended a recent Open House at the New England Family Institute (NFI) facility on Route 103 in Bradford were introduced to the program currently being implemented there. Transitional housing services are provided for up to six adults under a two-year contract with Health and Human Services Department of Behavioral Services.

NFI is a nonprofit human services agency that provides programming, consultation, therapy, and support services to youth, families, and adults across New Hampshire. The Transitional Housing program offers a compliment of clinical, medical, vocational and residential options for adult men and women with various disabilities and mental health challenges. The goal is to help these individuals achieve independence by successfully obtaining meaningful employment and transitioning into their own apartment, a family home, a group home or other such desired living arrangement.

Calling All Artists!

We are seeking artists from Bradford and surrounding towns, to exhibit artwork at the Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Works must be framed, matted, or otherwise ready to hang.

Deliver work to the Meetinghouse on July 26, 10 - 2 pm or by arrangement. The show will close on August 19 at 9 pm. The Meetinghouse will take a 25% commission on any sales, to be applied directly to the painting of the Meetinghouse steeple.

We also invite you to participate in two art-making workshops on July 26 and July 28. Let us know if you would like to help as a demonstrator or participant!

Fun with Art Workshops

Family Printmaking – Thursday July 26, 1 - 2 pm. Make prints using vegetables to take home and to decorate the Art and Artisanal Fundraiser. All ages invited. Free! Materials provided. Bring a picnic at noon, if you want to gather ahead of time.

En Plein Air Panting – Saturday, July 28, 10 am - 12 pm. Come learn some basic skills and try your hand at painting the local scenery in Bradford Center. All levels welcome. Free!

For more info contact: Susan Moss at srmoss1@comcast.net/ 603-938-2230 or Laurie Buchar at lbuchar@gmail.com/ 603-938-5372.
From the Bridge

**HERE COMES**

Here comes summer,
Here comes summer,
Chirping robin, budding rose.
Here comes summer,
Here comes summer,
Gentle showers, summer clothes.
Here comes summer,
Here comes summer—
Whoosh—shiver—there it goes.

*Shel Silverstien

**Enjoy all that summer has to offer. We know how quickly it comes and goes, sometimes, even within one day! Find tons of events for July days listed in these pages.**

While you’re out and about remember that doing business locally keeps $75 out of every $100 spent within our community. Please remember our loyal advertisers when shopping and in need of services.

As always, we hope you enjoy The Bradford Bridge.

*Kathleen Bigford – Editor*

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**Bradford Center Meetinghouse Fundraiser**

The Art Show and Artisanal Food Fundraiser support the Paint the Steeple Fund at Bradford Center Meetinghouse. On Saturday, July 28 from 6 - 8 pm, enjoy an evening of delights in this historic landmark. Ben Harrold will offer his fresh local talent on guitar performing originals and classics. Space is limited.

For tickets, call 938-5372 or email lbuchar@gmail.com.

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To the Editor,

I would like to thank the wonderful Brown Memorial Library trustees, staff, and friends for the great send-off party on my retirement as Bradford’s librarian. It was a delicious and fun party! I am deeply appreciative of and humbled by the big turnout and kind words. Being your librarian was the best job ever and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Do stop in at the library to meet Ellen Barselle, the new library director. I know Ellen will be a great librarian and brings her warmth and enthusiasm to Brown Memorial Library.

*Sincerely,
Meg Fearnley*
Open House at NFI
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The participants are often in need of additional support and training prior to moving back to their home community. Many of the participants lack the financial resources and the support network necessary to obtain housing. The programs offer a level of housing and provide networking opportunities to connect participants to other community resources and opportunities. The services offered are designed to be responsive to the unique needs of the individual and to effectively engage natural and community services support systems so that community integration is wholly obtainable.

The five men currently housed in Bradford have chosen this particular facility to meet their needs. They manage their living environment with assistance, as needed, from the staff. They plan the menu for the week, do the shopping and prepare the meals. The residential building includes private bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, laundry facility, a central room for games, puzzles, TV and relaxing along with offices and conference rooms. Day programs are offered in other buildings on the site, however one is currently undergoing repairs following damage by the recent tornado. The ‘farmhouse’ is being renovated for residential use in the future.

The residents are eager to become part of the community and have volunteered at Hal Liberty’s workshop, assisted Lois Kilnapp with clean-up along Route 103 and have applied for their own section of highway. Two days a week they are at the BACC to help with dishes and cleanup following the community dining.

Program Director Randa Tenney said the residents, accompanied by staff, may do work for local residents. Call Randa at 938-5014 to discuss your needs and how the program could be of assistance.

Marcia Keller

Swimming Lessons
JULY 16th – 27th
Monday through Friday
Bradford Parks & Rec / Concord YMCA

Financial aid available upon request when registering. For more information contact: 938-5900 or 938-5392 (after 5:30 pm).

Happy July 4th!!

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Contemporary w/several outbuildings, garage & paved driveway
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New Listing

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All-Terrain Vehicles
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The first concern related to a change in a NH state statute which outlines a town’s responsibilities as follows:

“If a town opens any of its roads to OHRV [off highway recreation vehicle] use, that town is solely responsible for enforcement of regulations (licenses, safety equipment, registration, speed limits, etc.), response to accidents, and response to calls from residents and landowners.”

A conversation with NH Fish and Game noted that towns are not covered by the State’s insurance policy as are landowners allowing use of their lands. Any liability for damages or injuries is on the town’s insurance.

Woodland club members stated that ATV use of town roads is legal and that NH Fish and Game would handle complaints and enforcement. The club wanted permission to use the roads so that they could apply for grants to help with maintenance. Research by concerned residents shows that ATV riders need permission from the town and any property owners to use town roads or private land. Also, at 12 members, the Woodland club would not qualify for trail maintenance grants.

During the June 18 select board meeting, the selectmen heard from members of the conservation commission, Conservation Officer Jonathan Delisle from NH Fish and Game, and other residents with concerns about granting permission to any ATV club. Presentations emphasized that monitoring and maintaining Class 5 and 6 roads for ATV use would fall to the town. Officer Delisle also said that when a club publicizes the trails on their maps or on internet sites, usage increases dramatically - and these are not local people.

It was stressed at the meeting that while current ATV use of town roads is technically illegal, this seems at a level acceptable to town residents. Also mentioned was the fact that ATV sales have soared recently in southern New England and most trails are in the north.

The status of the Woodland ATV club request is that Selectmen Pfieffle and Bibbo decided that no decision needed to be made at this time. Selectman James was not in favor of granting permission to the club.

Kathleen Bigford and Ann Eldridge

How Far Do We Go?

A.V. Sylvester visited the Van Dusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, British Columbia in May, when the Laburnum Walk was covered with yellow cascading blooms and Rhodies were in full bloom. Departure Bradford, 32 degrees F, arrival eight days later to lilacs in full bloom.

Do you take your Bridge along on vacation? We want to know how far The Bradford Bridge has travelled! Share your photographs with us. BradfordBridge345@gmail.com
30 Under 30

Christopher Bodkin of Circular Blu and Practice Greenhealth is recognized as GreenBiz’ “30 under 30”

From Press Release
June 4, 2018 – GreenBiz Group and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development today named Christopher Bodkin, Co-Founder and CEO at Circular Blu and Data Coordinator at Practice Greenhealth as one of the 2018 “30 Under 30,” based on a global search for emerging leaders across sectors who are shaping the next generation of sustainable business.

The 30 individuals being honored come from eight countries on four continents. They work for multinational corporations, innovative start-ups, social enterprises, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and academia.

“These young men and women represent the future of sustainability inside companies and institutions,” said GreenBiz Group chairman and executive editor Joel Makower. “In that regard, I couldn’t be more optimistic about the future of the sustainability profession, and the benefits that will inure to these individuals’ organizations and to society overall.”

“It is an honor to be awarded GreenBiz 30 Under 30 for 2018. The goal of Circular Blu is creating domestic sustainable jobs by diverting materials from landfills and the ocean and turning them into sustainable products. Economic growth and environmental health do not need to be mutually exclusive, by repurposing materials into new products we can move towards a more equitable and clean economy” - Christopher Bodkin, CEO Circular Blu

A dozen of this year’s roster work for some of the world’s largest companies, including Microsoft, Amazon, Gap, Proterra, Lockheed, NextEra, FedEx, CBS and YES Bank.

“It takes a unique kind of leader, thinker and doer to come up with realistic and scalable alternatives to solve the most critical sustainability challenges of today,” said Peter Bakker, President and CEO of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. “Innovative leadership and unwavering commitment are key to achieving the Sustainable Development Agenda and address the challenges that business and people are facing today. We’re proud to join GreenBiz in celebrating this year’s nominees and can only commend their drive to change the world for a sustainable future.”

GreenBiz Group is the leading media and events company at the intersection of business, sustainability and innovation. They view climate change and other global environmental challenges as existential threats to business and society, as well as significant opportunities.

About World Business Council for Sustainable Development a global, CEO-led organization of over 200 leading businesses working together to accelerate the transition to a sustainable world. They help make our member companies more successful and sustainable by focusing on the maximum positive impact for shareholders, the environment and societies. Our member companies come from all business sectors and all major economies, representing a combined revenue of more than US$8.5 trillion and with 19 million employees.

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THE LEAD
Beavers are wonderful and wonderfully intelligent animals. No animal has done more to shape the environment. (Except for us.) Beavers maintain wetlands which are critical and abundant sources of food and shelter for many other animals and are thus a ‘keystone species’.

THE PROBLEM
We have built roads, homes, farms, and towns on top of or adjacent to beaver habitat. In trying to survive, beavers, often clog up culverts and build their dams higher and higher - even above the elevations of roads - sometimes flooding roads.

NOT A SOLUTION
Towns spend a lot of money (manpower and machinery) every year unclogging culverts. This is ineffective - beavers will keep working and towns must keep spending money. Towns kill beavers by trapping or shooting. This is also ineffective - more beavers will quickly move into the vacant habitat and resume dam building. These are no ‘solutions’ at all.

THE SOLUTION
Now there are flow devices that protect culverts from beaver activity and maintain water levels at the desired height. It takes a lot of skill, knowledge, and creativity to design and build these effectively. The Conservation Commission is contracting with Mr. Skip Lisle, inventor of the ‘Beaver Deceiver’, the most successful flow device developed. Please read all about Skip’s methods and see pictures of successful devices at: http://www.beaverdeceivers.com/index.html.

THE BEG
We are focused on 2 pilot projects - West Road and Forest Street. Both are very important in maintaining wetlands and safe water levels. This saves the town from future expenditures. It will cost about $5,000 to complete these two projects. We have won some grant money, but to meet our goal we need donations from all people concerned about wildlife, ecology, and wetlands. Even small donations will help.

HOW TO DONATE
Donations can be sent to the Bradford Town Offices at PO Box 436 Bradford, NH 03221 with ‘Beaver Deceiver’ in the subject line for deposit into an account set up for this purpose or tax-deductible donations can also be sent to The Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. at PO Box 296.

Ann Eldridge –
On behalf of the Bradford Conservation Commission, on behalf of the beaver, herons, dragonflies, frogs, otters, and fish - thank you!
Its been less than a month that I have been on the job, and I can report that I’m enjoying myself thoroughly. I have met many new people and I’m trying my best to remember everyone’s names. Please continue to be patient with me. I want to reiterate that we are a patron driven library; please let me know if there’s a particular book you want that we don’t have.

We have a busy summer ahead of us with two great programs headed by Leslie Grey and Laurie Buchar. The first program, Read to Ride, started with an ice cream party kick-off on Saturday, June 23rd, where kids came in to sign up and get their reading log for the summer. Reading just 20 minutes a day will get you further along the race track, to win small prizes along the way, and to be entered into the grand prize bike raffle. If you couldn’t make it in on June 23rd, you can come in anytime to sign up. At the end of the summer, August 18th, there will be a party to raffle off the bikes. Reading every day helps to prevent the ‘summer slide’.

The second program, Reading Rocks, begins on Monday, July 9th and runs on Mondays throughout the month of July, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. There will be special musical guests each week! Come on by and enjoy the lively and entertaining programs.

**Book Discussion.**
I’ve decided on a classic novel for our next book club. *Emma* by Jane Austen is a story about relationships and misconstrued romance in a country village. It’s lighter in tone than some of our previous titles, and perfectly fitting for a summer read. Pick up a book and join us for the discussion on Wednesday, July 18th, at 7:00 pm.

**New Books for Adults:**
- *The Outsider* / Stephen King
- *The Hellfire Club* / Jake Tapper
- *How to Walk Away* / Katherine Center
- *The Great Halifax Explosion* / John Bacon
- *How to Change your Mind* / Michael Pollan
- *I’ll Be Gone in the Dark* / Michelle McNamara

**New Books for Children and Teens:**
- *You Go First* / Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2* / Francesca Cavallo

Ellen Barselle – Library Director

Ellen Barselle (left) will take over as director of the Brown Memorial Library as Meg Fearnley (right) retired at the end of May. Many patrons stopped by to thank Meg for 16 years of excellent stewardship at a lovely reception catered by Feast of New Hampshire.
Town Board Reports

Board of Selectmen

All Terrain Vehicles on Bradford Roads The request from the Woodlands ATV club seeking permission to adopt Day Pond Road, Carter Hill Road and part of Rowe Mountain Road as part of their trail system has been the subject of discussion at several meetings of the Board. See article on pages 1 and 4 for reports of the most recent meetings.

Leave of Absence Fire Chief Mark Goldberg will take a temporary leave of absence and First Deputy Chief Preston Starr, Bradford Fire and Rescue will assume the role of Acting Fire Chief in his absence. Insurance coverage and liability will be clarified for him and for all town employees when operating as a Town Representative. Logistics during the transition of responsibilities were discussed. Also noted was a letter signed by nine members of the Fire and Rescue Squad expressing support for Chief Goldberg and appreciation for his more than 40 years of volunteer service to the Town of Bradford.

Beaver Deceivers The Board followed up the offer from the Conservation Commission to install these devices on Forest Street and West Road to help keep the water level under control. They will be funded by grants and private donations.

Transfer Station Jim Bibbo outlined continuing issues with security and theft at the Transfer Station. Lois Kilnapp spoke about the ongoing issue, past steps taken to address this problem and the need to take additional actions.

Town Hall The granite needed to complete the foundation work is being cut and is projected to be back within six weeks which works with Trumbull-Nelson’s schedule. The Board discussed Architect Jay Barrett’s recommendation to have a specification for heating system prepared by a professional engineer. The Board is divided on this issue, but voted 2-0 to review the documentation collected to date by Selectman James.

Cell Tower A building permit has been issued to install an antenna for Verizon Wireless and cell coverage may be available early next year. A letter to Verizon Wireless has been written commending this progress towards deploying cell phone coverage in Bradford.

Intents to Cut Approved for a lot with frontage on West Meadow Road and Johnson Hill Road and for several lots between West Road and Fairgrounds Road.

CDFA Scott Malansky Director of Energy Finance at Community Development Finance Authority discussed possible areas of opportunity to help the Town effect energy savings. A first step suggested is an audit of need to indicate where loans would be beneficial.

BACC Boundary Perry Teel has located most of the boundary markers for the lot, indicating that the trees needing to be removed are located on Town property.

Library Trustee Selectmen appointed Seth Benowitz as a Library Trustee until next March, filling the vacancy left when Ellen Barselle was hired as Town Librarian.

Leases Selectmen signed the renewal leases at the BACC with Freyler’s Driving School and CAP. No changes were made in the current leases.

Forest Fire Wardens Selectmen signed appointment letters for Forest Fire Wardens in Bradford. The appointments are made by the Forest Protection Bureau of the Division of Forests and Lands and the wardens are its representatives in Bradford with responsibility to issue fire permits, enforce forest fire laws and keep the public informed of forest conditions. The Bradford Forest Fire Warden is Steve Hansen, the deputies are Preston Starr, Mark Goldberg, David Camire I and David Camire II.

Reservations of Rights Letter The Town’s insurance carrier Primex presented a Reservations of Rights Letter outlining the policy for representing the Town in a law suit filed in federal court by Joseph Torro. Torro purchased the former Candlelite Inn, began renovating it and renamed it the Bradford Village Inn. The law suit filed claims bias in actions taken by the Town, Fire Chief Mark Goldberg, and Treasurer Marilyn Gordon by blocking his efforts to get approvals to operate a bed and breakfast where one had been operated by Gordon prior to Torro’s purchase of the property.

Library Trustees

Election of Officers Patty Furness elected as Chair, with Jason Grey supporting role as Co-Chair. Nola Jordan continues as Treasurer, with Annette Leonas learning the ropes. Sandy Wadlington elected Secretary. Lighting Sub-Committee: Seth Benowitz, Patty Furness, Jason Grey and Connie Schefly volunteered to evaluate the complex issue of how to proceed with the upgrade from fluorescent lighting to LED lighting in the library.

Vacancy Trustees voted to request the Selectmen to appoint Seth Benowitz as a trustee to fill out Ellen Barselle’s term until the March elections.

Computers Jason offered to look into the process of backing up the computers.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Special Exception Form The Board reviewed the form and outlined areas that could be improved to add clarity for future applicants. Edits discussed will be drafted and reviewed at the next Zoning Board meeting July 11th.
Alternates  The Board discussed ways to allow increased Alternate involvement on the Board. A proposed amendment will be drafted for review and vote at the next ZBA meeting.

Planning Board
Gravel Pit Inspection  Claire James and George Beaton conducted an inspection with Bruce Edwards at his gravel pit on Pleasant Valley Road. They discussed the steps necessary to renew his permit and noted some areas that need to be addressed.

Legal Update  A session was held with the Town Attorney Bernie Waugh of Gardner Fulton & Waugh PLLC focusing on legal requirements of a municipal board and local land use law. The Right to Know Law, RSA 91-A was discussed including public participation and minutes that must be kept with description of the discussion and any decisions that are made and. It was noted that meeting minutes should be issued in draft form and amended only at a public meeting.

Also covered was the election and appointment of board members and alternates, requirements for seating alternates and participation of Planning Board members on other municipal boards. The site walk process was discussed including the need to request permission and the requirement to keep minutes. The Board reviewed what constitutes a public hearing along with the requirements for public notice and what can be discussed in a public meeting versus a public hearing.

The Board reviewed when a decision is final. Mr. Waugh stated that a decision under appeal is not final nor is a decision that is subject to conditions final until the conditions have been documented and accepted by the Board.

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

Save the Date

OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY is coming...

Wednesday, August 22nd

New London Historical Society
5:30 pm

A casual evening with food, friends, libations and relaxation...in support of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice and the important care provided to so many!

Event details to follow. Questions? Contact Cathy Raymond @ 603-526-4077 x231

Sign Up Now! Newbury Parks and Recreation July Summer Camps 2018!

Looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? How about a Science Enrichment Camp, Nature/Adventure Camp or a Multi Activity Fun Camp?

Newbury Parks and Recreation is offering full and half day camp options.

For more information, check out our full 2018 Summer Camp Menu at www.newburynhrec.com or contact the Recreation Department 603-763-4940 x 210 | rosie@newburynh.org
A Brief History of the “Bradford Inn”

One hundred and twenty years ago, Bradford was abuzz about the construction of the New Bradford Hotel on West Main Street. The same is true today. A dedicated crew has been restoring the Bradford Inn building, under the direction of Bauer Construction. This has involved countless hours of planning, meeting with town and state boards, and good hard labor. Not to mention the vision of a vital center in town. This clipping from The Visitor, a Bradford newspaper, expresses a remarkably similar tone.

February 10, 1898

“The New Bradford” built on old Bradford Hotel Site

The new building is now being constructed on the site of the old Bradford Hotel and we can be justly proud of it as it marks a new era of history in our town. ...We hope, [it] is only a forerunner of other enterprises and, if we are not mistaken, signs indicate that we shall have other business improvements before the close of the year.

The Bradford Inn has had a rich and varied history dating back to 1814 when the original brick structure was built by Bradford’s first postmaster, Samuel Jones. That building burned down in 1894 and was replaced by the existing wooden one four years later. It has known more than twenty different proprietors over the years and has gone by several other names: Brick Hotel, Small’s Liquor House, New Bradford Hotel and Thistle & Shamrock. It’s longest and most illustrious period to date was from 1938 - 1970 under the leadership of NY Times sportswriter, Jack Reardon and his wife Marge. Their slogan was “Your comfort is the only house rule.” They advertised play centers for ping-pong, movies, and dancing, plus weekly baseball games and a swimming beach on Lake Todd. In 1955 they opened year-round and marketed to the ski industry. By all accounts, it was a lively time in the history of this remarkable building.

Who knows what future successes await at the end of West Main Street? The Sweet Beet Market has been running happily there for the past year and the Village Café opens this summer. There are many rooms yet to be restored and repurposed, but already a sense of community has found new hope at the historic Bradford Inn.

Laurie Buchar

Bradford’s Revitalization Involves Everyone

Bradford New Hampshire, is coming to life! And, here is a way that everyone can participate: road clean up. This year the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center has had the most participation in the “New Hampshire the beautiful blue-bag” road clean up ever! Bradford residents have been a part of the town’s revitalization program each time they have cleaned up any of the roads in town, including the roads in their own immediate neighborhood. The NFI North team is keeping route 103 and some town roads clean. Other residents can work together as a team or work independently.

The Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center has a supply of “NH the beautiful blue bags”. Just ask Ken or myself for as many bags as you need. When you have filled them with trash from the roadside, you may leave the secured blue bag beside either state route 103 or 114, or you can bring the blue bags to the transfer station from in town roads for recycling (which we are able to do for you). We are glad that we ordered extra New Hampshire the Beautiful blue bags this year. By the end of the summer, our town will never have been so clean. And, we thank you for helping Bradford stay beautiful!

Lois Kilnapp – Transfer Station Manager
### Local Feast
#### Seasonal Recipes from Local Ingredients

**ASPARAGUS** is like Spring on a plate! You will find it in most supermarkets virtually all year round. For best taste and least food miles buy it from May to June here in New England. It is very easy to cook and is a perfect match for spring salads, pastas, soups, sandwiches, casseroles, and more. There are endless ways to cook fresh asparagus - think grilled asparagus, roasted asparagus, pickled asparagus, and more.

Thicker spears are meatier and perfect for grilling, while thinner spears are more tender and work well for quick-cooking methods like steaming or stir-frying.

Before you start cooking, you’ll need to remove the woody stalks at the bottom ends of the asparagus. In one hand, hold the asparagus right in the middle. Gently bend the asparagus stalk until it snaps naturally. Store the woody stalks in the freezer to make soup later. Here are two of my favorite ways to cook Asparagus.

**Poached Eggs with Asparagus**

Serves 4

**Ingredients:**
- 2 bunches asparagus
- woody ends trimmed
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 4 fresh eggs
- ⅓ cup finely grated parmesan

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil over medium-high heat. Add the asparagus and cook for 2 - 3 minutes or until bright green and tender crisp. Use tongs to transfer the asparagus to a plate. Cover to keep warm.

Add the vinegar to the water in pan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Crack 1 egg into a small bowl. Use a spoon to stir the water to make a whirlpool. Carefully pour the egg into the center of the whirlpool. Cook for 4 minutes for a soft yolk or until cooked to your liking. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a plate.

Divide the asparagus among serving plates. Top with an egg. Season with salt and pepper. Top with parmesan to serve. Yum.

**Sesame Grilled Asparagus**

Serves 4

Turning endless spears of asparagus on a grill or barbecue can be a tedious chore, so I take out the hard work by skewering them horizontally into ‘rafts’ of five.

**Ingredients:**
- 16 - 20 Asparagus spears
- woody ends trimmed
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 crushed garlic clove
- 2 Tbsp sesame seeds

Place 4 or 5 asparagus stalks next to one another. Skewer them crosswise in two places - just below the tips and 2 inches from the bottom - with slender bamboo skewers. You will end up with something that looks like a raft.

In a small bowl, combine the sesame oil, soy sauce, garlic and sesame seeds and stir with a fork to mix. Brush this mixture on the asparagus rafts on both sides. Season the asparagus with a little salt and lots of pepper. Grill the asparagus on a barbecue or in a griddle pan for 4 - 5 mins per side, turning with tongs. Sprinkle with sesame mix as they grill.

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**Barbara Bridgewater**

Barbara Bridgewater and Tracey Quigley operate a local personal chef and catering service, Feast of New Hampshire, feastofnh.com.
Bradford Historical Society Update

The Bradford Historical Society is busy working on their buildings this summer. The new roof on the Tin Shop has been completed. Lois Kilnapp has been planting flowers and keeping them watered adding to the beautification of the landscape.

Upon the completion of the cement work being done by Steve Hansen and Denny Heisler on the old post office building, there will be some ground leveling and landscaping before an ADA handicap ramp will be added to the building. This will facilitate a much-needed meeting area.

Due to some building water damage and necessary renovations, the Tin Shop is only open by appointment by our archivist, Tracey Quigley who may be able to assist with some specifics.

The BHS meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from April to October at 6 pm. Presently, meetings are held in the Youth Room at the Community Center until a meeting place is made available in the Old Post Office. The July meeting will be on the 25th. Please join us.

The Bradford Historical Society’s membership drive is on-going for 2018. A town-wide mailing of the Spring newsletter was sent in May to remind members to renew membership and to attract new members. The purpose of BHS is to bring together people interested in Bradford history to preserve our heritage through research, education and preservation.

The next planned event is a tour of the historical cottage on Lake Massasecum in conjunction with the Lake Massasecum Lake Association. The Bigelow family will host a tour of their cottage on August 8th at 6:30 pm on 76 Davis Rd.

Bradford Historical Society
Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford Update

This summer, the alliance of Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, Inc. (RHC), the Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club and the Friends of the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail is collaborating to improve and extend Bradford’s Tillie Wheeler Trail, and to construct a strong and safe bridge over the Lake Todd Channel. Our goals are to promote safe and enjoyable four-season recreation for all ages and abilities: walking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, mushing and cross-country skiing. We are immensely grateful for Valley Excavating Owner Nate Kimball’s generous gift of professional services to support the bridge installation; his contribution guarantees a first-class job.

As the recent spike in steel prices has resulted in a US$4,000 shortfall, we have restarted fundraising for this project. Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers, 100% of directed donor funds raised will go to the Rail Trail project. The bridge span is designed to accommodate boaters; it is no lower than the road bridge. The bridge railing will be crafted to be lower than the top of the guardrail on State Route 103 to preserve vistas. I want to recognize early crucial advocacy and advice from Rosewood Country Inn, Appleseed Restaurant and Catering, Pizza Chef, Bradford Market, RCS Designs, Boy Scout Troop 96, Bradford’s Road Agent Barry Wheeler and Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission.

We also commend Brady Lombard’s initiative in an Eagle Scout Project to build a kiosk to highlight the history of the Rail Trail and point out local dining and other attractions. Brady is leading a Go Fund Me campaign to raise the US$ 700 needed for materials; the link is https://www.gofundme.com/gmnam eagle-scout-project. Please let us know if you have any historic photographs of the train that we might reproduce for Brady’s kiosk.

Separately, RHC recently initiated long-term fundraising to support conservation of valuable wildlife habitat and lands of recreational significance in Bradford. In past years, RHC collaborated on projects to conserve Battles Farm and a boreal Atlantic White Cedar bog in Bradford. We plan to collaborate with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and the Bradford Conservation Commission to develop and accomplish specific land conservation projects that meet key strategic conservation goals; this dedicated fund will enable RHC to be poised to support specific land conservation projects in and around Bradford.

RHC donors contributed US$7,500 to strengthen Bradford Town Hall. Within weeks RHC donor funds will pay for US$ 24,000 to slice, anchor and install granite on Town Hall’s foundation. As this granite will bear structural weight, our donors will provide lasting support to Town Hall. Decisions on the timing of acceptance of a US$8,000 Valley Excavating gift-in-kind to install the septic system and US$500 in paint from Edmunds Ace Hardware in Henniker remain pending. Please join us in a word of thanks to these businesses for their magnanimous commitment to our town.

Contributions may be mailed to Rural Heritage Connection of Bradford, P.O. Box 296, Bradford, NH 03221-0296; gifts to this 501(c)(3) nonprofit are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please advise where to direct your gift: Rail Trail or Conservation.

To mark Independence Day, I salute the collaborative energy and American can-do spirit of all our partners, donors and volunteers who, without fanfare, are striving to make things better for all of us.

Michele Halsted
Community Events Calendar – July 2018

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

**Monday, July 2nd**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, July 3rd**
- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School

**Wednesday, July 4th Holiday**
Senior Center CLOSED
No Meals on Wheels or Bus Service
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 6:00 pm Yoga
- 6:00 pm Library Trustees
- 7:00 pm Zoning Board

**Thursday, July 5th**
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

**Friday, July 6th**
- 11:30 am 1st Friday Brunch with Bill Parker, 50/50 raffle & door prizes

**Monday, July 9th**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, July 10th**
- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 6:30 pm Rural Heritage Connection
- 7:00 pm Planning Board

**Wednesday, July 11th**
- 9:30 am Zentangle
- 1:00 pm Knitting Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 6:00 pm Yoga

**Thursday, July 12th**
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

**Monday, July 16th**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, July 17th**
- 10:00 am Stitches from the Heart
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School

**Wednesday, July 18th**
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 6:00 pm Yoga
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion, BML

**Thursday, July 19th**
- 11:00 am Blood Pressure Clinic at MVSC by LSVNA
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

**Friday, July 20th**
- 9:30 am Foot Care Clinic by LSVNA at North Ridge Apts.
- 10:00 am Movie: Mudbound
- 12:00 am Noonish Café Brunch

**Monday, July 23rd**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Tuesday, July 24th**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 7:00 pm Planning Board, BACC

**Wednesday, July 25th**
- 9:30 am Zentangle
- 9:30 am Blood Pressure Clinic, Warner Senior Room
- 11:00 am Arrive at Lake Sunapee Harbor for Luncheon Lake Cruise
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 6:00 pm Yoga
- 6:00 pm Bradford Historical Society
- 7:00 pm Planning Board

**Thursday, July 26th**
- 12:00 pm Senior Dining
- 1:00 pm Mahjong Group

**Monday, July 30th**
- 10:00 am Children's Storytime, BML
- 10:30 am Children's Playgroup, BML
- 1:00 pm Bridge Group
- 3:30 pm Driving School
- 5:30 pm Selectmen's Meeting

**Ongoing Events**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Calendar Abbreviations**

- BACC Bradford Area Community Center
- BCC Bradford Community Church
- BML Brown Memorial Library
- FGC Fish & Game Club
- KAP Kearsarge Area Preschool
- KLC Kearsarge Learning Center
- KRES Bradford Elementary School
- LSVNA Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurses Assoc.
- LR Learning Room
- MVSC Mountain View Senior Center
- TH Bradford Town Hall
- ZBA Zoning Board of Adjustment

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BRADFORD EVENTS
July 9 - Steve Blunt Rockin’ Reading Show at Brown Memorial Library 2 - 3 pm FREE
July 16 - Odds Bodkins Family Stories at Brown Memorial Library 2 - 3 pm FREE
July 20 - Lettvin Classical Concert at Bradford Center Meetinghouse at 7:30 pm call 938-6174
July 23 - Songwriting Fun at Brown Memorial Library 2 - 3 pm FREE
July 26 - Family Printmaking workshop at Bradford Center Meetinghouse 1 - 2 pm FREE
July 28 - Painting Workshop at Bradford Center Meetinghouse 10 am - noon FREE
July 28 - Art Show & Artisanal Food Fundraiser at Bradford Center Meetinghouse 6 - 8 PM. $35 ticket. Call 938-5372 for reservations.
July 30 - Drumming and Dancing kid's performance at Brown Memorial Library - 2 - 4 pm FREE

BRADFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH EVENTS
Bradford Community Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, July 18th 5:30 - 6:30 pm.
Again, this year we will be doing “in between” baskets to families with school children as they will be missing their school breakfast and lunches. If you would like to donate or want more information, please call the church office.

Sunday Worship Services and Kingdom Builders (Sunday School)
Every Sunday at 10 am. Communion served on the first Sunday each month.
Youth Group for grades 9-12 every Sunday at 11:30 am - 1 pm in the church basement, except NO meeting on July 8th as they will travel to Rise Again on July 7th.

AREA EVENTS
AUSBON SARGENT
July 10, 2 - 4 pm - Hike the Brown Family's Frazier Brook Farm in Warner, NH. Free. Find more information about this property by visiting www.ausbonsargent.org.
July 31, 2 - 4 pm - Dragonfly Walk in Grantham. More information will be available closer to the date of the event. Please call 526-6555 to register or for more information. Free.

WARNER
MainStreet Warner Stage in the Jim Mitchell Community Park -
July 7 - 7 - 10 pm - Beechwood, old folk, bluegrass, country, rock and blues. Free.
July 13 - 6 - 8 pm - Kathy Lowe and Julie Corey with Beat Fest. Drum circle for all. Free.
July 26 - 7 - 9:30 pm - Stuart Rose & The Temp Agency, soft acoustic ballads to horns, strings, drums, bass and guitar. Free.

SCHOODACS COFFEE SHOP
Open Mic every Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

WARNER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Barn Sale Season! Regular hours are Saturdays from 9 am until noon and Tuesdays from 1 - 4 pm.

NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER
is now open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October. More details are available on: ndcnh.org.

SOUTH NEWBURY
July 4 - 10 am Parade. If in the parade, meet at shed at 9:45 am. Decoration help available at 9:30 am. More information call: Gail 938-2064 or https:southnewburyunionchurch.org.
Light Fare & Faithful Conversation at the South Newbury Church. Wednesday evenings, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, beginning June 27 (no gathering on July 4) at Friendship House. Serving light supper, conversation, activities, informal worship. All are welcome, including children.

NEWBURY
Newbury Rocks the Harbor: Summer Concerts 2018, Thursday evenings 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Newbury Harbor/ Town Gazebo.
July 5 - GrooveSum (Funk/Blues/Jam/Rock/Roll)
July 12 - Duppy Conquerors (Bob Marley Reggae Tribute Band)
July 19 - DoBros (Down Home NH Folk/Bluegrass)
July 26 - Jocelyn & Chris Arndt (Blues/Rock Band)
Newbury Old Home Day
July 14, 10 am - 10 pm. A family friendly free event! Concert from 7:30 pm - 9 pm at Newbury Harbor/ Town Gazebo. Living On A Bad Name (Bon Jovi Tribute Band) Followed by Fireworks Show over Lake Sunapee!
New Library Exhibit

The Bradford Art Group announces a new exhibit, In Pursuit of Watercolor, in Brown Memorial Library beginning July 9, 2018. The watercolor show, organized by instructor, Becky Darling of Warner, showcases her students’ work. Class members include: Judy Anderson, Becky Bense, Carol Belliveau and Vicki Mandell of Bradford; Rita Dalle Molle of Henniker; and Elizabeth Slater of Claremont.

Becky Darling, a member of the New Hampshire Art Association, is represented by McGowan Fine Art Gallery in Concord. She is a faculty member at the Kimball Jenkins School of Art.

Becky says, “My goal for the class members is to help students learn the skills in painting with the medium of watercolor in order to express their ideas and find their own styles. They have worked hard but have also enjoyed it despite the frustrations that sometimes come with watercolor. It has been fun to watch their skills and confidence develop. We hope people enjoy the show.”

The barrier-free Brown Memorial Library at 78 West Main Street, Bradford, is open: Mon. 10 - 8; Wed. 10 - 7; Sat. 10 - 3; and Sun. 11 - 3.

For more information: 938-5562.