

OUR TOWN

BRIDGEWATER
Connecticut

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, CT

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Message from Our First Selectman

After a two-year hiatus the Bridgewater Fair will soon be kicking off with the Firemen's Parade. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate throughout the August 19-21 weekend activities where our citizens will be volunteering and bringing friends to this iconic BVFD event that draws thousands. Come out and celebrate this harbinger of normalcy after the stresses brought on by Covid-19.

Several projects are either getting finishing touches or are well underway in town. The tennis court re-surfacing and new pickleball court should be finished shortly. We also have some new fencing and drainage up at the recreation center where a full summer camp is underway. For safety at the library, a new handicap accessible ramp replaced the failing flagstone path.

Many people are also noticing the re-build process of the "Captain's House" between the Burnham Library and the Peck House. The \$100,000 Grange demolition grant from the State of Connecticut and the related MOU with the CT Attorney General's Office stipulates the town must complete a historic mitigation project. This work will include reclaimed wood from local sources. It should be completed sometime this fall. Kudos to our team of historic carpenters, the Town Crew, and others who are making this happen. This preservation effort honors the generous legacy of Captain William Burnham, Bridgewater's first major benefactor a century ago.

Our Town Plan of Conservation and Development must be submitted to the state by November to remain eligible for routine or competitive grants from the state. This process begs the questions: what should be the development priorities for Bridgewater in the future? How will we eventually comply with CT statutes on affordable housing with a goal of 10 percent? If we can't comply, we are subject to developers bypassing most local regulations to build high density housing.

My sense is that Bridgewater is not suited for much additional residential development. We don't have public water, public sewers, mass transit or shopping. What we do have is: preserved land (21%), restrictive, yet appropriate, zoning, active farmland, steep hills, back roads and cows. Basically, most folks like town the way it is now. We will have to be vigilant to conserve what we have.

Please Drive Slowly,

Curtis S. Read, First Selectman

LAND TRANSFERS

Land Transfers: April 2022

- Jamie L. Herron and Deana A. Peragine to Aline Baday and Rodrigo Morales, land and buildings, 325 New Milford Road East, \$408,000
- Richard J. and Janice Lea Coyle to Ronald J. Cavalier, land and buildings, 300 Wewaka Brook Road, \$507,500
- Michael Vitas and Mara Hertz Kane to Lundy Bolender and Anthony Reda, land and buildings, 275 Wewaka Brook Road, \$725,000
- Karen Schwarzchild to Moises and Maria Leticia Pinto-Da Silva, land and buildings, 41 Deer Pond Woods, \$510,000
- Dorothy A. Vallee to Sunny Meadow Farm, LLC, land, Rocky Hill Road, \$45,000

Land Transfers: May 2022

- Allison and Steven Thierfeld to Godden Construction Company LLC, land and buildings, 259 New Milford Road West, \$535,000
- Walter H. Barlow to George Schifini and Merideth Kerby, land and buildings, 47 Main Street South, \$550,000
- Michael L. and Colleen Wellman to Brian and Laura Giacalone, land and buildings, 348 Main Street South, \$772,000
- Corina B. Ulivi to Samuel Weinstein Trust, land and buildings, 70 Lillinonah Lake Road South, \$2,250,000

Land Transfers: June 2022

- Lori Ann Lytle to Gregory and Eva Steinman, land and buildings, 188 Clapboard Road, \$510,000
- Carlo Marano to Larry and Carol White, land and buildings, 2 & 15 Anderson Lane, \$635,000
- Pamela T. Krieger to Rudy A. Magnan, 17 Bridgewater Common, \$330,000

cont.

Land Transfers: June 2022

- Kenneth R. Lightcap to Richard B. and Jocelyn S. Urban, land and buildings, 19 Wewaka Brook Road, \$675,000
- Mitchell B. and Diane E. Weston to Stephen Merkel and Rosemarie Ferro, land and buildings, 19 Brandy Lane, \$840,000

ATTEST:
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk



REMINDER!

BRIDGEWATER DOG OWNERS MUST LICENSE DOGS AT TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Dog owners must license their dogs 6 months old and older at the Town Clerk's office. Licenses may be obtained through the mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check or money order and the following information: rabies certificate, spay or neuter certificate, owner's name, phone number, address, dog's name, breed, age, color markings and sex. The address of the Town Clerk's office is P.O. Box 216, Bridgewater, Connecticut 06752.

The state requires all dogs to have rabies vaccinations, so a certificate of the current shot is required. If licensing a dog for the first time, bring the spay or neuter certificate to qualify for a lower license fee. The fees for the month of August are \$10.00 for a neutered male or spayed female and \$21.00 for an unaltered dog. There is a \$1.00 per month penalty for dogs not licensed in June.

Thank you.
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Town wide Revaluation will be finalized by October 1st. Notices of your new assessment will be mailed to you by the end of November. If you have any questions about your new assessment, you will have an opportunity to meet with a representative from the revaluation company, Vision Government Solutions. Information on how to meet with a representative from Vision will be on your assessment notice. If you are still not happy with your new assessment, you can make an appointment with the Board of Assessment appeals which meets in March 2023.

Taxpayers who wish to file for Farmland, Forest Land or Open Space under Public Act #490 must do so between September 1st and December 30th, 2022. A Qualified Forester's Report must accompany the Forest Land application, so please apply early as the process does take awhile.

Personal Property forms will be mailed early October. Personal property that is required to be claimed is any asset owned by October 1, 2022, and used for business purposes, as well as unregistered motor vehicles. Examples of items used for a business are tools, office supplies, furniture and equipment (computers, fax, printers etc.). Unregistered Motor vehicles including campers, RV's, snowmobiles, trailers and cars registered in another state but garaged in Bridgewater for more than 90 days. Tractors and horses need to be claimed if used for business purposes only. The personal property forms must be received by November 1, 2022.

Attention Veterans- If you have not filed your honorable discharge papers with the Town Clerk you must do so before September 30th to receive your tax benefit for next year. There are various tax programs available for Veterans. If your income is below \$38,100 if you are single or \$46,400 if married, you may qualify for an Additional veteran's exemption. Also, if you were designated by the Veteran's Administration as disabled please bring your form in as you may qualify for a Disabled Veteran's benefit. These forms must be in our office before October 1, 2022.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will be meeting in September to hear disputes on motor vehicle assessments only. Please contact our office in August for applications.

Totally Disabled and Certification of blindness must be filed with our office by October 1st 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (860) 355-9379 or email: dpinter@bridgewater-ct.gov. Our hours of business are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am until 12:30pm and Tuesday 8am until 3:30pm.

Sincerely,
Denise C. Pinter Assessor

The Bridgewater Scholarship Commission

*"The future promise of any nation can be directly measured by the present prospects of its youth."
(John F. Kennedy)*

Nowhere is this more evident than in the recipients of this year's scholarships. With the return of in-person interviews this year, following two years of COVID restrictions, applicants presented impressive accomplishments to date and plans to truly make a difference in the world. Collectively, our students have logged countless community service hours and have demonstrated motivation and purpose for their futures. Areas of study include immigration law, teaching, biosecurity of agriculture, medical studies, marketing, veterinary careers, engineering, law enforcement and cybercrime, environmental law, communications, dairy science, real estate, and humanitarian work with underserved populations. Bridgewater's youth promise a bright future.

It is a pleasure to present the recipients of this year's scholarship awards:



Jack Abbott
Cameron Brown
Taryn Crossley
Frances Dwyer
Mason Gsell
Kayleigh Hendy
Bailey Herron
Brendan Kelly
Ava Landry
Evan Landry

Madison Lopes
Arthur (AJ) Murphy
Alison Parker
Briana Vasquez-
Peragine
Julia Sinatra
Hayley Virbickas
Sierra Wilson
Evan Woerner

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Neary, Chairman

Office of the Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR

**LAST DAY FOR ON-TIME PAYMENT
AUGUST 1, 2022**

Taxes received or postmarked August 2 through August 31, 2022
will be delinquent.

COLLECTION HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8-12:30, Tuesday 8-3:30
Pay online at www.mytaxbill.net/bridgewater

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Our office in Town Hall is open the
first and third Tuesday
of every month
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Theresa Angell, Republican Registrar
Denise Valeri, Democratic Registrar

BRIDGEWATER COUNTRY FAIR

BRIDGEWATER FIRE / RESCUE



**2022 RAFFLE
1st. PRIZE**

2022 TOYOTA TACOMA SPORT

**DOUBLE CAB - 6 ft. BED
TRI-FOLD BED COVER
MOON ROOF - MUCH MORE**

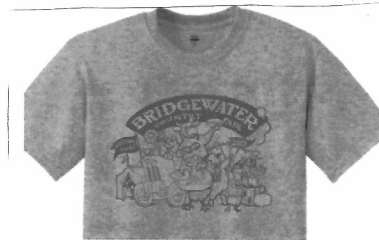
2nd. PRIZE

**STIHL AP PROFESSIONAL
BATTERY POWERED LAWN CARE SYSTEM**



Come To The Fair! August 19-21

New T-Shirts and Mugs
Available at the Fair!





VETERANS' NEWS

Transitioning Veterans Consultation: Transitioning Veterans is a free Military OneSource specialty consultation designed for service members returning to civilian life. You may be eligible for this personalized support if you are planning to separate or retire from service in the next 12 months or you are within 365 days of your last day of service. Through a series of sessions, a professionally trained consultant can help you identify goals and navigate benefits and resources. Call 800-342-9647 or start a live chat.

Service Connected Disabilities: VA has added nine rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to exposure to fine particulate matter. Veterans and survivors who had claims previously denied for any of these cancers are encouraged to file a supplemental claim for benefits. We need your support on these items in Congress. Please write to your Congressman/ woman and ask for their support!

Fast and Affordable Internet Service: If you or a Veteran you know is struggling to afford internet service, the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) may put fast and reliable internet service within reach. ACP-eligible households can receive a discount of up to \$30 per month for broadband service and access to affordable high-speed internet plans from 20 leading internet providers. Find out if you qualify and how to sign up. Retired and Annuitant Pay website is <https://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/>.

PTSD Disability Benefits: Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) can occur after exposure to extreme stress, such as combat, an assault, or a disaster. If you're living with PTSD caused by military service, you may be entitled to VA disability benefits and compensation. Find out if you qualify and how to apply online.

New VA Insurance Program Coming: In January 2023, VA will launch a new program offering Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife), which provides guaranteed acceptance whole-life insurance coverage to Veterans ages 80 and under with any level of service-connected disability. Veterans aged 81 and older may also be eligible. Learn more about VALife and whether it's the right choice for you and your family.

Discount Eyewear Available: Get up to 35% off your next pair of glasses with Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) Rx Eyewear! Veterans enrolled in VA health care, their families, and caretakers have access to discounts on a wide variety of both prescription or regular glasses and sunglasses.

Veterans Memorial Commission: The Town of Bridgewater has formed a Veterans Memorial Commission (VMC) to advise the town on building a memorial commemorating our veterans. Its mission is to further preserve and commemorate the U.S. Armed Forces individuals living or previously lived in Bridgewater to increase the public's awareness of our Veterans who contributed to the security of our country in peace and war. We are gathering veterans' names, vetting eligibility and outlining the plan over the next few months. If you are a veteran and interested in joining us, please contact me at the address below.

Flag Etiquette: Please remember to display your flags with the dignity and honor they deserve. Flags should be lighted if left flying overnight. They should never touch the ground and no other flag should be raised above them.

Flag Disposal: Community Caring in Bridgewater (CCB) will have a US Flag collection point in the fall along with their Annual Shredding Day. Please bring your worn flags and we'll give them a proper burial!

Support For Veterans in Need: For over 10 years, Veterans Matter has been working to help and house Veterans in need. With the help of Americans who care about our nation's heroes, Veterans Matter has been able to help over 5,500 unhoused Veterans.

Joe Buchheit, LTC-USA (Ret), VA Liaison, 860-355-2433
or email: townofbridgewaterva@gmail.com



SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL

Region 12 Schools



Region 12 Schools closes out another successful school year and is set to embark on new opportunities that await in the 2022-2023 school year.

Burnham students ended the year with a new type of fifth grade ALOHA celebration. Our four fifth-grade students stepping up to Shepaug School were able to celebrate together at Quassapaug Park. This group of students exits the school as we welcome twelve kindergarteners into the kindergarten-second grade classroom.

The Burnham School welcomes new leadership this coming school year with the introduction of Dr. Emily Rhew. Dr. Rhew takes over for Principal Colella on July 1st. Principal Colella's legacy of support of the multiage program and the success of the tuition-in program will be continued by Dr. Rhew. The district remains committed to the multiage program. We welcome two new teachers to the third-fifth grade classroom at The Burnham School. Barbara Nanassy and Annette Ready were thrilled to be chosen to join our community. Both new hires possess a strong curricular understanding and a desire to be part of the Bridgewater learning experience. There are many changes in our elementary school, and all changes promise to bring new energy and excitement to our students and families.

The Shepaug Valley School graduated sixty-three seniors on June 11th in front of the Bryan Memorial Town Hall building in Washington Depot. The ceremony began with the graduates parading through the Depot and debuting themselves as graduates to a crowd of 500 people. Each speech highlighted the perseverance and tenacity of this determined group of students. Our graduates this year endured construction, changing schedules, canceled athletic and social events, State/National testing alterations, and a pandemic to make it across the stage! They have quite a story to share about their high school experience.

Shepaug will introduce its new block schedule in the fall. The block schedule will enable students to experience longer class periods, with support periods built into the schedule. The students will have four classes a day on a rotating schedule. This rotation will allow our students to have better time management as well as provide them to spend more time exploring the subject content and ideas. We look forward to hearing feedback from families about their student's experience with the new schedule.

Region 12 concluded the 2021-2022 school year with lots of celebrations, including the ribbon cutting for our agriscience/science lab building project, Booth Free's #1 rating by US News & World Reports, Superintendent Megan Bennett's send-off, ALOHAs, graduations, scholarships and athletic award ceremonies. It was an incredible year, and our towns have much to be proud of with their schools.

We are so grateful to the Bridgewater community for the support of our children. Our schools are able to achieve because of your investment in our education and our shared vision for excellence.



Agriscience student and Bridgewater resident E. Stumpf shared her learning experience



Selectman Curtis Read is joined by Selectman Patrick Roy and Selectman Jim Brinton to cut the ribbon for the Shepaug Building Project

Megan Bennett,
Superintendent



Burnham School PTO NEWS

In June, the Burnham School and Bridgewater communities came together with Ben's Bells to install our very own Kindness Mural in the school lobby! Thank you to the Student Council for all your hard work in raising the funds and to all those who donated funding, time and effort in making this happen. The Burnham School is truly 'rooted in kindness'!

The Burnham School PTO would like to congratulate graduating Senior Evan Woerner, winner of the BSPTO Scholarship!

The end of the 2021-2022 school year was bittersweet for the Burnham School PTO as we bid farewell to many beloved members of our Burnham family who are retiring this year - Principal Cathy Colella, 3-4-5 Teacher Pam Lucchesi and Technology Specialist Regina Rourke. We also had to say goodbye to our amazing Superintendent Megan Bennett who is moving to Arizona. The BSPTO had the opportunity to honor everyone in a Retirement Celebration on June 3rd. As part of the celebration, a tree was planted on school grounds in honor of Principal Colella for her 18 years of dedication to our school.

The BSPTO is looking forward to new beginnings with 2 new staff members in the 3-4-5 classroom as well as our new principal - Emily Rhew! We also welcomed in a new PTO President, Jeremy Lingenfelter, and PTO Vice President, Mallory Pfeiffer, for the upcoming school year and are already brainstorming ideas for the Tractor Parade float, fundraisers and programs for the school year.

Finally, the Burnham School PTO would like to take this opportunity to hear from our greater Bridgewater community. Please consider taking the time to complete this 2-question survey - your input would help us tremendously as we plan for the upcoming year! Just click on the "2022 COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE" button on our webpage: <https://burnhamschoolpto.weebly.com/>

Easy ways to support the Burnham School PTO today:

- Amazon: www.smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0011749
- Box Tops are still being collected and returned to the school
- Online Donation: <https://burnhamschoolpto.weebly.com/support.html>

Thank you for your continued support!

Submitted by,
The Burnham School PTO



Retiring Principal Cathy Colella



Kindness Mural



The Bridgewater Land Trust

The Bridgewater Land Trust had a very busy spring. With summer now upon us we have many opportunities to preserve and protect open space and working lands in Bridgewater.

Stewardship of our properties continues to be a focus and on-going use of our funds. Currently, we have a local team of contractors working diligently to replace the siding and sheathing on the north side of our Town Line Preserve barn. This property is one of our iconic gems and we continue to invest in its upkeep to preserve its history and its value for productive farming.

In May and June, we completed a number of improvements to our 17 acre Le Vaillant Wildlife Preserve. Thanks to Scout Nick Brown and his team, we have our first kiosk that now houses the preserve sign and will soon display our new Ketchum Children's Trail map. Nick's work also included building and installing five new bluebird houses on the edges of the two fields there. This excellent work earned Nick his Eagle Scout badge. Other improvements include: an expansion of the trail, a new footbridge, new trail markers and updated educational signs along the trail. We plan to have all of the work done before we welcome the Burnham students for a visit in the fall.

We held a fun gathering in June at Pulcinella's Restaurant in Brookfield as part of our Pay It Forward Day. Thanks to all who attended and purchased Door Prize tickets. A big thank you to all of those who donated the prizes: Stuart Family Farm, Shallow Brook Farm, Andrew & Molly Smith, Mark & Barbara Boccuzzi, Maywood, Will Stuart of Berkshire Hathaway, Bud Wright, Pulcinella's Restaurant, Burnham Library, Bridgewater Historical Society, Hilltop Senior Center and Bridgewater Chocolate. Also congratulations to Paul Valeri who won the top prize: "Not Your Grandpa's Hayride." He and 15 friends will surely enjoy this unique experience in early October.

Finally, the BWLT has entered into a license agreement with Eversource Energy to use their land for a new trail network on an 80 acre parcel that connects to the Bridgewater Town Park. This is exciting news for those who enjoy passive recreation. Read the full article on the next page.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Julie Stuart, *Executive Director*
The Bridgewater Land Trust



Pictured from left to right: James Dowling-Ukers, Henry Gsell, Nick Brown, Pierce Johnson and Julie Stuart



Contractors replacing the siding and sheathing at our Town Line Farm Preserve.

New Trail Network Underway

Partnership with Eversource Announced

The BWLT is pleased to announce that we have signed a license agreement with Eversource Energy, giving us passive recreational use of a pristine and beautiful parcel of land in Bridgewater. The 80 acre piece is located on the east side of Lake Lillinonah and south of Tappen Road. It will soon be open to the public with a new marked and mapped trail network.

The land is ideal for hikers as it features old growth forest, stone walls, impressive rock outcroppings, vernal pools, very few invasive species and a scenic stretch along the lake. In addition, this land has been identified by the Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy as a parcel with high conservation values due to climate resilience, core forest, critical habitat, threatened species and connections between protected areas and forested areas.

The Land Trust has engaged Hunter Brawley, an experienced consultant in land conservation, to assist in the creation of the trail network. Fortunately, there are some existing horse trails that will likely be incorporated.

The Land Trust is also planning to partner with the Town of Bridgewater, the Nature Conservancy and other conservation organizations to link this network with trails over contiguous protected properties.



Three Ways to Participate in the Upcoming Volksmarsch Walk

The Land Trust will hold its 3rd annual Volksmarsch Walk on October 1st at the Pratt Pavilion. This year participants can choose a 10K walk, a 5K walk or skip the walk and attend the party which will feature live music, German beer and food. Stay tuned for details. Thanks to the Bridgewater Recreation Commission for sponsoring this event.



SAVE *The* DATE

Join Us For The 3rd Annual

Volksmarsch Walk

October 1st, 2022

Local Land Trusts Are Critical

"With the state's land acquisition efforts significantly off target, land trusts are critical to accelerating the pace of land conservation to mitigate the growing impacts of the changing climate, halt an alarming decline in biodiversity, keep air and water clean, and improve the quality of life and strength of the economy in every community across the state."

*Amy Paterson, Executive Director
CT Land Conservation Council*



Burnham Library

Where Community Connects

August, September, October 2022

Keep up-to-date with all the Burnham Buzz at www.burnhamlibrary.org, via Facebook OR have news dropped into your inbox by emailing cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org.

Visit us Tuesday - Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1 Fair Weekend Hours - Friday, August 19 from 10:00 - 2:00 and CLOSED on Saturday, August 20

Short on time? Schedule a Curbside Pick-up. Available Tuesday - Saturday and includes after-hour pick-up! Simply email, call, or place a request through the catalog and we will notify you when your pick-up is ready!

Did you know? The Burnham Library is not only THE place to find books, magazines, and movies. It is also where you can borrow WiFi hotspots and tablets, puzzles and lawn games, museum passes and Discovery Bags. Wait, there is more! We also provide free public WiFi, access to digital content (movies, ebooks, eaudio, comics, and music) from Libby and Hoopla, and a full schedule of classes and programming for all ages. Wow! All this and more ... The Burnham Library: Where Community Connects!

Art @ Burnham Library

Visit and view during Library hours.

August - Dennis Stuart of New Milford with oil paintings of the Litchfield Hills.

September and October - Kathy Flynn of New Milford with Paint Outside the Lines, mixed mediums with an emphasis on oils and oil pastels.

Adult Programming

At this time the following programs are scheduled to be in-person at the library. Unless otherwise noted, masks are optional and registration is required. Email cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org to register.

Mugs and Minds

The Burnham Library has partnered with Minor Memorial Library and Gunn Memorial Library to bring you a year-long collaborative discussion series where members of the community come together to discuss pertinent topics of interest. RSVP with the hosting library.

Saturday, October 22 - Host Library: Minor Memorial - Paranormal Experiences with Investigator Barry Pirro

The Maker is In: Featuring artist Pamela Hochstetter - Thursday, September 22 at 6:00

A culminating event featuring a presentation by our Maker-in-Residence, Pamela Hochstetter. Pamela will show off her 3D printed work, describe the process of learning to "sculpt" digitally and talk about being our inaugural Maker-in-Residence.

Virtual Book Discussions - New day, same time! All are welcome to join in the lively monthly discussion on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:00 via Zoom. Email Catherine Flynn at cwflynn60@gmail.com to register or for further information.

Sept 28 - *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish

October 26 - *Brethren by Nature: New England Indians, Colonists, and the Origins of American Slavery* by Ellen Newell

November 30 - *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

Copies of each selection will be available at the library or request curbside pick-up.

Boards and Brews - Beer Swap & Board Games - Friday, October 28 at 6:00

Bring your beverage of choice and play some board games! Registration NOT required.

Burnham Library, cont.

Adult Programming, cont.

Two Town Tabletop Club - 2nd Saturday from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Teen and adult gamers join us every 2nd Saturday of the month. We have tons of games or bring one you want to share. Registration NOT required.

The Coloring Club - 3rd Wednesday at 6:00

Looking for a new way to have fun and relieve stress? Come and rediscover the joy of coloring! The library will provide adult coloring pages and colored pencils. Registration NOT required.

22 in 22 Reading Lover's Challenge - Feb 1, 2022 - January 31, 2023 This is a year-long opportunity for adult book lovers to explore new authors and genres while having fun with their reading list. We have chosen the prompts and we challenge you to read 22 books within those categories (or read more! who is stopping you?) Upon completion you will receive a BL gift to brag about your accomplishments, AND one lucky reader will receive a BL hoodie! Email jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org for more information.

Youth Programs in the Susie Beris MD Youth Learning Center

A full list of Fall and Winter programs will be available mid-August. Returning favorites include Graphic Novel Book Club, Burnham LEGO Builders, Burnham Board Gamers, Burnham Bunch Storytime and MUCH MORE!

Nature Walk and Yoga - Wednesday, August 10 from 10:30 - 12:30

A Partnership with the Bridgewater Land Trust

Children ages 8 and older, will meet at the Library and take a nature walk to the Bridgewater Town Park. There they will explore the pond, enjoy a nature scavenger hunt, and join Tanya Goodman who will lead a 30-minute Nature Yoga class with poses centering around nature and animals.

Registration is limited to 15. RSVP with lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org

SBYLC Preschool Series - Wednesday, August 31 at 11:00

Preschool learning activities for ages 2-5. Last Wednesday of each month with Ms. Lianne. RSVP with at lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org

Dino Dig with EverWonder Children's Museum - Saturday, October 1 at 10:30

Children in grades K-2 take a closer look at dinosaur fossils and learn how they are formed. Excavate like a real paleontologist and make your very own fossil to take home. This program is presented by the EverWonder Museum staff and sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Registration is required. Space is limited. RSVP with lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org.



A promotional poster for September. At the top, it says "SEPTEMBER!". Below that is a list of five numbered items: 01 For the entire month, 02 Every time you use your library card, 03 Earn a chance to win a \$30 Bridgewater Bistro gift card, 04 No card? No problem!, and 05 Register for a new card and receive a BL branded coffee mug*. To the right of the list is a large graphic that says "GET CARDED @ your library" with a library card icon. Below the graphic, it says "Register for a BL card online at burnhamlibrary.org/yourlibrary" and includes the Burnham Library logo. At the bottom, a small note says "*Burnham Library cards are for residents only. Register at your local library and return with your NEW card!"

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Bridgewater EMS Update

It is my pleasure and privilege to share with you that our Bridgewater Ambulance Service was selected as the Nuvance EMS Service of the Year by the doctors and nurses in Danbury and New Milford Hospitals. This recognition was awarded at the EMS Awards Banquet during EMS Week in May. The banquet was a virtual event due to the ongoing need for Covid 19 precautions. Our EMTs were recognized with praise and gratitude for their outstanding skills and patient care. The fact that this honor was given to us by the doctors and nurses is especially gratifying.

The State of Connecticut oversees and manages the certification of EMTs. In order to become a certified EMT the candidate must complete an initial State approved training course with a minimum of 150 hours. This training includes both classroom study and "hands on" practical skills training. Each candidate must successfully complete the training course and the final exams before they can qualify for the next round in the process. The next step in the certification process in our state requires that each new EMT candidate successfully pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification written examination. This 2 hour test is given at supervised testing centers. The final requirement is that each candidate must successfully pass a series of six "hands on" examinations demonstrating competence in providing Basic Life Saving patient skills. The practical skills tests are given at State approved testing centers and supervised by authorized State inspectors. After successfully completing this demanding process each candidate must then submit an application to the State for certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Are you impressed yet? Wait! There is more. Recognizing that EMTs will be providing emergency medical assistance to our residents, the State also requires that EMTs engage in a minimum of 40 hours of State approved continuing medical education each 24 month period in order to qualify to renew their certification. In reality, many of our EMTs continuously exceed the 24 hour requirement. Their ongoing education and training is aimed at making sure that their skills and knowledge are current and ready for use. Bridgewater EMTs are all volunteers. Most other towns have been unable to continue providing Emergency Medical Services with volunteers. Even though they may call themselves a "volunteer ambulance service" they are staffing their

ambulances with paid EMTs. Paid EMTs have the luxury of regular shifts, employer sponsored time for continuing education, employer provided gear and a host of other benefits. Bridgewater volunteers generously donate their time and treasure to take care of the people in Our Town.

Most importantly, we always come when you call. We respond to 911 calls from Bridgewater and we also provide Mutual Aid Assistance to Roxbury, New Milford and Brookfield.

It is probably obvious by now that I am very proud to be one of Bridgewater's EMTs. The EMTs who regularly put aside time with their families and friends in order to provide emergency medical assistance to our neighbors are giving all of us a very precious gift. The doctors and nurses in Danbury Hospital and New Milford Hospital have provided special recognition of that gift and the high quality of care provided by our team. I want to add my appreciation and thanks for the dedicated Bridgewater EMTs and I ask that you do the same.

Sincerely, Jim McNulty,
NREMT EMS Coordinator
The Bridgewater Fire Department Inc
Jamesmcnultyremt@gmail.com



BFD Women's Auxiliary

August

Bridgewater Country Fair

Calling all Bridgewater residents!! The fair is coming and we need your support for baking or donating to our famous cake wheel. One of the few activities at the fair which is still only 50 cents!! Visit us in the Waterhole where you can purchase a commemorative t-shirt or skip the line & preorder before the fair. Check out the design by artist & author Billy Steers of the Tractor Mac Series. They will also be available at the cake wheel.

September

Beer & Wine Tasting, Saturday, September 17th from 5 - 8pm. Music & food trucks at the Pratt Pavilion. Flier in newsletter.

October

Town Wide Tag Sale on October 1st & 2nd in the firehouse on Saturday or your yard both days.

Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department

Hello Bridgewater residents,

It is full tilt summer! Everybody is out and about for picnics, parties, and vacations. We that hope you are all having a fun and safe summer.

August brings awesome thunderstorms and a full variety of weather. In the past years, the Town and State have been done a great job trimming the limbs around powerlines, but there are always those pesky ones that just decide to break and create a little havoc now and then. Power lines should always be treated as live, whether you have power in your house or not. Some lines can be back fed by generators that are not installed properly or are hot-wired! If you happen to come across a power line down or arcing, keep away! Downed lines can carry power to other sources such as guard rails, etc. Call 9-1-1 and report the incident; we will respond and cordon off the area for the professionals to come and repair. Always assume all wires are live and stay away! Pull out generators, check the oil, and make sure your fuel is good and ready. Store the gas cans in the shed or outside. You should never keep them in your garage (especially your 20lb. propane tanks from the BBQ). If you have a standby generator, make sure it is ready to run when you need it. Sign up for that service plan with your generator company and keep those pesky mice away.

October is fire safety month. Service your smoke alarms, change the batteries, and make sure you have one or two on every floor. Combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors must be in every home and stay maintained. Do not overload extension cords, surge protectors, and cell phone chargers. Buy a new one or fix it properly! If I had a dollar for every time I have heard "it's been like this for 30 years," "never had problem," or "this has never happened," I would be a millionaire! A thirty-dollar repair or replacement fee is better than a thirty-thousand-dollar insurance claim!

Things change. Keep up on your house and property. Never fall complacent and always stay vigilant. Make sure that the house number you installed can be seen from both directions of your street night and day in rain, sleet, or snow. Branches and leaves should not be obstructions, as seconds count when we are responding to your house for a medical call or fire.

We are always looking for some new members. If you think that you do not have time, or that you cannot do enough to make difference, you are wrong! You will find or make the time. One of the greatest feelings is to help someone in need and be a part of our community. This fall, the Firefighter 1 class will start, and the Emergency Medical Technician course will start on September 9th. Please reach out to us if you are interested. We would love to send some new recruits. If that is not your thing, get a hold of us and have a chat. Not everyone runs into a burning building, responds to car accidents, or to a medical call. Our team consist of the best of the best well-rounded men and women, so come join us and be a part of our community.

Things around the fire house have been busy and are becoming busier. You will know it is August as the big white tents go up on our property. The 69th Annual Bridgewater Country Fair includes the Firemen's Parade on Friday night, carnival rides, tractor pulls, concerts, dairy shows, judging, fun, and our community coming together. This is Bridgewater and we live in the best small town around. A great deal of effort from our members, residents, and volunteers takes place. We want to thank you all for keeping tradition by supporting our department and community. The profit from the fair is how we mainly fund our operating expenses and purchases for the department. The fairgrounds will be busy with wagons, tractors, trucks, and mowers moving around during the month of August. Please, no running or riding bikes through our property.

If you have not purchased your raffle tickets, stop in any night that we are working and ask a member. We would be glad sell you a ticket or two. I hope you win that truck!

If you are interested in volunteering at the fair, please contact our fair chairman Eric Gsell @ fair@bvfd.org. He has a job for you.

The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department wishes you all a fun and safe summer. See you at the fair!

John Stietzel, Chief
Bridgewater Fire Department
chief@bvfd.org

Historical Society News Bridgewater during WW II



World War II ended officially on September 2nd, 1945. It was an event that impacted all involved communities, including little Bridgewater, which at the time had only 500 people, and would increase to just shy of 600, by 1950. Few of us need to know the reason why there was this increase. A whole generation was named after it - the Baby Boom. This postwar period was an era of general prosperity. Some might say that this was a period in American history when the so-called American Dream was being realized by Americans. This was supported by a bolstered economy from wartime production, advances in technology from the war, and ready income to purchase houses made possible from the GI Bill and a stable economy. Despite this, the postwar period wasn't without fear or anxiety.

W. Nickerson, C. Child, E. Treat, P. Jeffcoat, L. Hambrook, M. Moore. These are all names of members of the Civil Defense chapter that met at Burnham Library in Bridgewater. In my recent work at the Bridgewater Historical Society, I came across a variety of manuals created by the Connecticut State Department of Civil Defense (CD). The CD came about during World War I, and became much more active as neighborhoods and communities organized Air Wardens and emergency protocols in the face of potential major attacks on cities within Connecticut and the surrounding states. This was linked to a larger series of efforts that blossomed following World War II such as Nike missile sites, Civil Defense highways (in case the main highways were needed for military personnel) etc.

Currently available in the Historical Society's Bridgewater Town and Government collection are a series of pamphlets and manuals that shed light on the real fears that went alongside the escalating tensions with the USSR. These aren't empty pieces of paper, they are artifacts left over by people like Henry Pruchnik, or Margaret Moore, who were truly scared about attacks from outside of the US. These pamphlets are littered with scribbles and notes, including one of the members figuring out the necessary equipment for a feeding station in case of an emergency. The printed increments are 100 persons, 500 persons, and 1000 persons. You would expect nothing less from the community that puts on the Bridgewater Fair to plan for more - and plan they did. Whomever was heading the chapter at the time planned for 2500 individuals to be fed in this community of roughly six hundred. These rural towns served as an important release valve for the overflow of people who could be fleeing urban areas after an attack. It also was a way for these communities to feel like they could play a part in larger world affairs.

The Bridgewater Town and Government Collection includes a variety of papers and articles pertaining to politics, and large events in the town. All items are housed within the Bridgewater Historical Society and are available upon request.

- Christopher B. Fisher (He/Him)



From The Desk of the Town Historian

Covid. That word strikes fear into our hearts, and for good reason. Both my husband and I have had our shots and boosters, so we were safe. Right? When a "cold" made my husband sick, I insisted he see our family doctor. Grumping all the way, he went. He was diagnosed with Covid and we began our journey to wellness. We live in a two story home. He got the top floor, I got the bottom. Logistics became a way of life. Food was left on the stairs for him. Dinner was always take out. No dishes were shared, no touching and LOTS of hand disinfectant was used. Then came a major complication - I got sick. Yup - Covid = with a side order of pneumonia. Shared germs cut down on the need for logistics. The meds worked amazingly well, and, in short order, we were on the road to health again - with the pneumonia slowing down my recovery a bit. I find the older we get, the longer it takes to feel "better" again. At this rate, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas - HO, HO, HO. Stay well!

- Eileen Buchheit



BRIDGEWATER HILLTOP CENTER NEWS

Let's Take a Walk in Fields of Joy

The Center offers ongoing programs as well as special monthly programs and educational presentations. Pre-registration is suggested as some programs have a limited capacity.

For the latest updates and news you will want to be on our email list. Give us a call at 860-355-3090 or email bwscseniorcenter@gmail.com and request that we add your name. Visit our website to view the current newsletter & calendar: bridgewater-ct.gov/hilltop-senior-center

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Arm Chair Travel and Craft - Monday, August 8 at 1:00 Yellowstone National Park
Monday, September 12 at 1:00 Yosemite National Park
- A Reading by Local Author, Terri Sorrentino. "Thirst" by Mary Oliver - Thursday, August 11 at 10:30
- Movie Matinee "The Lightkeepers" Monday, August 15 at 1:00
- Presentation The Truth About Medicaid Rules and Long-Term Care Costs - Monday, August 22 at 1:00
- Presentation -" Igor Sikorsky: Aviation Pioneer" by historian, Art Gottlieb - Thursday, August 25 at 1:00
- "The Magic of Jim Sisti, Creating The Impossible" and lunch - Thursday, September 15 at 12:00
- Metal Detecting Seminar - Monday, September 19 at 1:00
- Painting Class with Wendy - Monday, September 26 at 1:00
- Oktoberfest Luncheon - Thursday, October 13 at 12:00
- TRIPS: "Beyond Van Gogh, The Immersive Experience" - Saturday, August 13 Call center for details.
"Exploring Our Past" - The River Grill on Newburgh's Historic Waterfront, visit the Purple Heart Hall of Honor then board a river paddle wheeler, The River Rose, and cruise the Hudson River to West Point. Pick up a flyer at the center.
- Take me out to the ball game! - Yard Goats baseball game. Sunday, September 11.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

- Body Conditioning Exercise: Monday 10:30 and Wednesday 11:30
- Social Services: Tuesday 9:00-12:00
- Computer Group: Tuesday 10:00
- Silver Needles: Tuesday 1:00
- Tai Chi: Wednesday 10:00
- Mahjong: Wednesday 1:00
- Rummikub: Friday 10:00
- Chair Yoga: Friday 10:30
- Canasta: Friday 1:00
- Breakfast Group: 1st Thursday of each month - reservation needed.
- Sunday Concert Club: One Sunday a month - check with center for dates
- Hilltop Book Group: Last Monday of each month at 2:00
- Blood Pressure Clinic: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00
- Burnham Library Program: 4th Tuesday of each month at 12:30
- Massage: Twice a month, Wednesday at 1:00 - appointment needed.

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR VAN - the van is available weekdays for MD appointments, grocery shopping, senior center programs and special activities. The van has a limited destination distance of no more than 20 miles. Contact Ann Frattalone at 860-350-3042 at least 2 weeks in advance for an appointment. The van transports people that are well on a first come, first serve basis.

Patricia Babbage, Director



Community Caring in Bridgewater, Inc. (CCB)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Staying Healthy and Happy at Home

Slip and Fall Technology

A number of Bridgewater residents are in their mid-seventies and older. The risk of injury from a fall increases the older we are and the more fragile we become. In addition, many live in more secluded homes where a fall may not be noticed by neighbors or friends. For that reason, using a fall monitor, carrying a smart phone or cell phone or wearing other smart technology may prevent you from a long stay in the hospital, nursing home and then rehab. Dawn MacNutt, the Town's Municipal Agent, has information available as well as many articles and product reviews. The following is a good article from AARP discussing the current options available. "How to Choose a Medical Alarm System" - <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/home-care/info-2017/medic-alert-systems-options.html>

Paper Shredding Day

Our Paper Shredding Day is scheduled on Saturday October 22, 2022 from 9-12pm at the Town Garage. CCB is happy that we can offer this service to our seniors free of charge.

Fall Chores for Seniors

Although when you are reading this it still the dog days of Summer, by late September and October it will be time to consider Fall chores and winter preparation. Let us know if we can help you with bothersome chores and maintenance issues.

Other Offerings

If there are offering that you would like to see that are not covered by the Town or other organizations, please let us know.

Contact Us

If you need assistance (all requests are confidential). We can be reached:

By Phone: 860-350-2194.

By Mail: CCB, P.O. Box 338, Bridgewater, CT 06752

By Email: info@ccbridgewater.org or cheryl@westernviewfarms.com

Literacy Volunteers On The Green

Happy summer to our tutors, donors, and friends from Bridgewater!

The first half of 2022 has been active! 11 new tutors were trained, new students were welcomed and our staff continued to manage the daily operations of 80+ trained, volunteer tutors supporting 175 adult learners. Our mission remains steadfast - to offer free English language literacy to adult learners in northern Fairfield and Litchfield counties, as they strive to become independent readers, writers, listeners, and speakers of English, enabling their full participation in the communities we share.

Literacy programs include: English Language Learning, Family Literacy, Basic Skills remediation, and offering English tutoring for families settled by Refugee Resettlement Groups in New Milford and Washington.

Literacy Volunteers hosted our first in-person gathering in 2 years, a Celebration of Literacy fundraising event, on June 18 at The Silo at Hunt Hill Farm, in New Milford. Mayor Bass of New Milford recognized 4 new U.S. citizens and over 100 guests, including several tutors and friends from Bridgewater, enjoyed learning of the impact LVG tutors have on their adult students.

A new tutor training will be held in early September. Feel free to contact LVG's office, conveniently located at St John's Church on the Green in New Milford for details of the training and tutor commitment expectations. Please consider impacting the lives of adult learners and their families by revitalizing the working lives of adults seeking English language proficiency. For further information, please contact Lynn@lvg-ct.org to learn of ways to support English language literacy in northwestern Connecticut.



St. Marks Episcopal Church

August, September,
October 2022

We are having a service at 9:30 every Sunday morning both in church and on Zoom (which is available to all from our website: <https://stmarksbridgewater.weebly.com>. The ID for the Zoom meeting is on it, and there are other interesting sermons, pictures, events and so forth.)

August 19-21 Bridgewater Fair

Our plans are underway for the first fair since 2019. We will have our usual cheese, pickles, jams & baked goods. We will need lots of help. If you are interested, call the church (860-354-8269) and leave your name and phone number, and we will call you. (We are only there on Wednesdays so we will do our best to get back to you promptly.)

September & October

Our plans for anything more than our Sunday services are not set at this time, although we will be likely to have a dinner in late September or early October which we will list on the town news and other places.

The Bridgewater Congregational Church

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!*

For more information about any of these events please call the Church Office: 860-354-8283, visit us at www.bwucc.org, or email us at: office.bwucc@gmail.com

The church is located at the corner of Route 133 (Main Street) and Clapboard Road, in the center of Bridgewater. All are Welcome!

Coming Up At The Bridgewater Congregational Church

Bridgewater Food Pantry Many are struggling with the rise in the cost of food and other necessities, please know that the Food Pantry is available to any individual or family in Bridgewater who needs it. Contributions of non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards are always welcome and needed. The Bridgewater Food Pantry is located in the Friendship Hall of BCC. The pantry is open during the office hours of the church, or by appointment. Please call the church office with any questions.

Save The Date

Roots Rock Returns to BCC!
Save the date for Saturday, October 15th.
More information and time to be announced at a later date.



ONGOING

Alcoholics Anonymous - currently meeting online. When in-person, AA meets in the Friendship Hall every Friday night at 7 p.m.

We welcome you any time... "Come make a home with us."

Hybrid Sunday Service and Sunday School @ 10 a.m. (virtual worship www.bwucc.org and click "Join Now"). Subscribe to our YouTube Channel @ Bridgewater Congregational Church. Worship is followed by fellowship and coffee hour in the Friendship Hall. All Are Welcome! ** Sunday School will resume in the Fall **

Friendship Hall Facility Rental - Available for parties, meetings, family gatherings, social clubs, and more. Full Kitchen, air conditioned, handicap accessible. Call 860-354-8283 to book your event.

2022 Persbacker Family Scholarships Awarded

The Persbacker Fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$285,000 to 36 students since its inception in 2004. Congratulations to the following Bridgewater scholars for the 2022-2023 academic year:

- Taryn Crossley University of Connecticut, Class of 2024
- Julia Sinatra Hamilton College, Class of 2024
- Bailey Herron Elon University, Class of 2024
- Annika Vikstrom Middlebury College, Class of 2025
- Sierra Wilson Delaware Valley University, Class of 2025
- Evan Woerner Quinnipiac University, Class of 2026

Learn more about the scholarship program at Connecticut Community Foundation at conncf.org/scholarships.

The Bridgewater Friendship Hall A Community Asset for All



Available for parties, meetings, family gatherings, social clubs.

Full Kitchen, Air Conditioned,

Handicap accessible

Call 860-354-8283 to book your event

The Bridgewater Tractor Parade

**Sunday, September 4th
2:30 PM Main Street**

Calling all tractors, mules, gators, golf carts... join the fun! Floats are the highlight of the parade and are eligible for special awards!



Line up at 1:30 PM at Shallow Brook Farm, Bridgewater. Spectators welcome on Main Street. Music, awards and barbecue at Pratt Pavilion after the parade. BYOB

Thank you to Bill Stuart, Sunny Meadow Farm and Union Savings Bank

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events for Bridgewater Residents

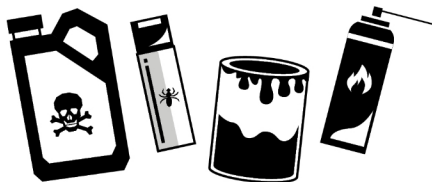
September 10th 9am - 1pm Hurlbutt Elementary, Weston

October 8th 9am - 2pm John Pettibone School, New Milford

November 12th 9am - 2pm Brookfield High School, Brookfield

EVENT PROTOCOL

- YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.
- Place items at the back of your vehicle.
- Workers will remove contents for you.
- Wait times vary from 5-30 minutes depending on volume of cars. Please plan accordingly.
- Contact the HRRRA if you have more than 20 gallons of waste fuel or large quantities of other items.
- No smoking on site.
- No medical waste.
- Fuel containers will not be returned at this event.



Visit www.HRRRA.org for a list of what you can and can not bring.



★HAPPY★
Labor Day

Bridgewater Recreation News

Recreation News

Have questions about Bridgewater Recreation?
Contact Allison Gsell Bridgewater Recreation
Coordinator www.bridgewater-ct.gov
Email - bridgewaterpavilion@gmail.com
Cell - 203-417-0744 Office - 860-355-9133

Bridgewater Recreation Area Welcomes Major Improvements

Take a look at our new pickleball court, newly resurfaced tennis courts, and our new split rail fence. This fall there will be improvements made to the dog park.



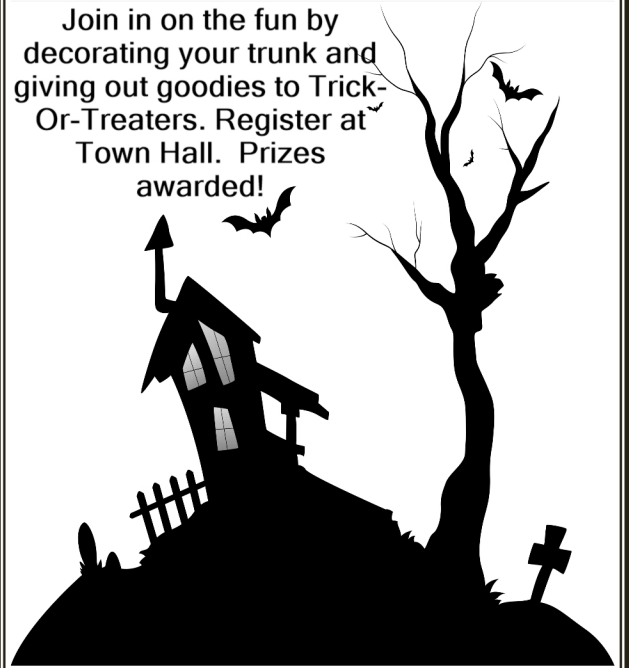
Pavilion Rentals



Pavilion rentals are almost full for this season with just a few dates available. Book your party today!! Please contact Bridgewaterpavilion@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat October 31st

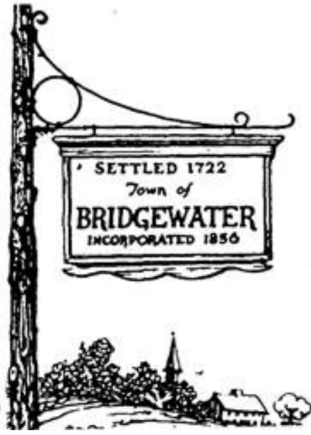
Join in on the fun by decorating your trunk and giving out goodies to Trick-Or-Treaters. Register at Town Hall. Prizes awarded!



The Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Eric Soetbeer - *Chairman*
Lynn Kubisek - *Secretary*
Josh Murphy
Christian Stuart
Mike Dubos
Julie Scott
Colin Brown
Allison Gsell - *Recreation Coordinator*

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission is working hard to bring fun filled activities to all the residents of Bridgewater. Our newsletter is now incorporated into "Our Town" and programs will be announced through town email blasts, the town website and the town calendar. If you have any ideas, feedback or suggestions, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.



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Bridgewater, CT 06752

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About *Our Town*

Our Town is published with the assistance of town officials, employees and volunteers from boards, commissions, groups and organizations. The Town of Bridgewater reserves the right to edit submissions. Articles, input or ideas can be sent to Julie Stuart at juliestuartct@gmail.com

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Alan Brown
Laz Pinter
Administrative Assistant
Anne Marie Wagner

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 2 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Zoom
- 2 Inland Wetlands Comm. 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 9 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 18 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 25 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Tractor Parade 2:30 PM, Main Street
- 5 LABOR DAY ***Town Hall Closed***
- 6 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Zoom
- 6 Inland Wetlands Comm. 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 13 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 15 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 21 Board of Finance 4:30 PM, Town Hall
- 22 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

OCTOBER

- 4 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Zoom
- 4 Inland Wetlands Comm. 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 10 Columbus Day ***Town Hall Closed***
- 11 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 20 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 27 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

For additional information and updates, please visit our website at www.bridgewater-ct.gov



Come To The
Bridgewater Fair
Parade: 6:45 PM Friday
August 19-21