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Youth Learning
Center**

Message from Our First Selectman

As the new year gets underway, the wet and stormy weather seems relentless, especially for our Town Crew keeping roads ice free. In Town Hall budgets are due soon and so are the estimates and preparations for capital projects starting when Spring arrives. The Burnham Library slate roof repairs and new shingles for the library addition will likely be our largest undertaking. Fortunately, we have a state grant to cover 80% of the roofing costs. A Town Meeting vote is necessary to approve funding for this work along with the requisite handicap accessible elevator modernization and site drainage improvements.

We begin 2024 in Town Hall with new faces replacing some long-term office holders. The Assessor's office recently lost both Denise Pinter and her assistant, Teri DeVito. These two officials served ably for 23 and 21 years respectively. I have appointed Cory Iacino as the incoming Assessor and Bridgewater resident, Bruce Parker, as her assistant. These new employees have the certification and training to handle property valuations that our taxes are based upon. Check the Town website for available hours to make appointments.

Another key position at the Hilltop Center was filled by resident Kathleen Creighton, who is replacing the retiring Pat Babbage as Director. Kathy joins Ann Frattalone and Jill Peterson on the senior center team providing a lineup of activities, classes, and meals.

Our longest serving Town Hall employee was Lois Carreira, who for 27 years managed the Land Use, Building, and Health departments along with a myriad of incidental job functions. She even baked birthday cakes! Meg Khare has assumed some of these roles with a part-time assistant, Bridgewater resident, Melissa Levine.

As much as personnel changes can be disruptive, none of the above were sudden. Luckily, we were able to identify capable replacements and, in some cases, adapt their job responsibilities and hours so as not to add to overall personnel expenses.

To our former loyal Town employees who have left, I wish you well as you enter the "Promised Land" of retirement. Your co-workers will certainly miss you on a day-to-day basis. It is also my hope that Bridgewater residents will thank you for your professional service in the past and will welcome the new people who now work for our fine town with a helpful attitude and a smile.

Respectfully,

Curtis S. Read, First Selectman

LAND TRANSFERS

Land Transfers: October 2023

- Robert Deakin to HCKMCK LLC, land and buildings, 7 Bridgewater Common Lane, \$360,000
- Gregory and Joy Bollard to Peter and Leni May, land and buildings, 179 Cooper Road, \$1,570,000

Land Transfers: November 2023

- Karen Schmidt to Scott and Lisa Richardson, land, 100 Cedar Hill Road, \$225,000
- Anthony Reda and Lundyn Bolender to Michael Arroyo and Joshua Anderson Bruner, land and buildings, 275 Wewaka Brook Road, \$837,500

Land Transfers: December 2023

- Edward and Maureen Terry to Oakview LLC, land and buildings, 119 Main Street South, \$550,000
- Edward and Maureen Terry to Oakview LLC, land and buildings, 0 Main Street South, \$40,000
- Neil Barsky to Daniel Cohn and Lynn Brinton, land and buildings, 70 Hat Shop Hill Road, \$3,000,000
- Sonja Grey to Matthew Bourne, land and buildings, 146 Clapboard Road, \$495,000

ATTEST:
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk



TAX COLLECTOR LAST DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Town of Bridgewater that the second installment of property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2022 became due on January 1, 2024. **Payments must be received or postmarked by February 1, 2024** to avoid an interest penalty.

Also due on January 1 is the Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax (vehicles newly registered after October 1, 2022 and before September 30, 2023). Supplemental tax bills were mailed in December.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest.

PAYMENTS may be mailed to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 171, Bridgewater, CT 06752. E-checks and credit card payments are also accepted but are subject to a processing fee, with a minimum fee of \$2. Online tax payments may be made at www.mytaxbill.net/bridgewater.

DOING YOUR STATE/FEDERAL TAXES? Payment history reports can be generated via the town's website. Please visit the Tax Collector's page at www.bridgewater-ct.gov and follow directions carefully.

DMV NEWS: Visit the DMV website at www.ct.gov/dmv. Check the status of your license and registration; check property tax, insurance, emissions and other compliance issues; pay infractions online; cancel or renew registrations, and more.

If the address on your motor vehicle bill is wrong, it is your responsibility to change it with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Our office cannot change the DMV record. A lot of effort is wasted on redirecting bills that are sent to the wrong town year after year.

TAX ALERTS: Would you like to receive an email alert that an installment is due? Sign up through the link provided on the town website.

In person Collection Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-12:30 pm and Tuesday 8:00-3:30 pm.

Catherine B Vikstrom, CCMC
Tax Collector

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The following programs are available to the residents of Bridgewater, CT.:

Taxpayers who are **65 or older or totally disabled** on or before December 31, 2023, and are full-time residents may be eligible for tax relief under the Homeowners program. To qualify for the State, benefit your income must be no more than \$43,800 if unmarried and \$53,400 if married, including Social Security. For the Local benefit, your income must be \$16,000 or under, not including Social Security. The application period starts **February 1, 2024, and must be received in the Assessor's office by May 15, 2024.**

If you are a **Veteran** or surviving spouse of a veteran and would like to apply for benefits, you must file your proof of honorable discharge (DD-214) with the Town Clerk's office by September 30, 2024.

If you are a **Veteran or surviving spouse of a Veteran** and your income is \$43,800 or under if single and \$53,400 or under if married (not including your Veteran's disability payments) you may qualify for an Additional Veteran's Exemption.

If you are a Veteran's Administration designated Disabled Veteran, you may qualify for other programs. Please speak to the Assessor about the various Veterans programs. We appreciate your service and want to make sure you are receiving the full benefit to which you are entitled.

If you know of a resident of Bridgewater who is an Active-Duty Serviceman with a Motor vehicle registered in Bridgewater, please contact our office, as they may qualify for a total tax exemption of his or her vehicle. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or at our town wide website: www.bridgewater-ct.gov.

The **Board of Assessment Appeals** will be meeting by appointment only in March to hear disputes on Real Estate assessments for the 2023 Grand list and Motor Vehicles on the 2022 Supplemental list. Applications are available in the Assessor's office or online at our town website: bridgewater-townhall.org. The applications are due in the office by February 20, 2024. Once all the applications are in, you will be notified of the date and time of your hearing in March.

If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office at (860) 355-9379 or ciacino@bridgewater-ct.gov.

Please note our new office hours - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:00 - 12:30pm.

Sincerely,
Cory Iacino Assessor



Bridgewater Scholarship Foundation News

While the chill of winter enfolds us, there is much warmth emanating from the community of Bridgewater. We have all heard the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child." Nowhere is that observation truer than right here in our town. With heartfelt gratitude, the Bridgewater Scholarship Foundation would like to thank our many neighbors who responded to our recent mailing with a donation. Your support of, and interest in, our youth will have an enduring impact.

Our new logo seen above was designed by Ed Franklin. It perfectly captures our locale and the sense of connectedness we share with our students as they venture out to make their marks in the world. Thank you, Ed!

We are very grateful for another behind-the-scenes contributor, Catherine Vikstrom, who has been tremendously helpful in creating our new website. We are truly fortunate to benefit from her expertise and creativity. Please check out the website at bridgewaterscholarshipfoundation.org.

With appreciation for our community members and their support...our village may be small, but our sense of community is great.

We are looking forward to seeing and interviewing our new and returning scholarship candidates in the Spring. Please be advised to submit applications early. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 1.

If you are interested in learning about tax-deductible donations or mentoring opportunities, please contact: lenary1@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Neary, Chairman

SPRING BULKY DROP OFF

Starts Monday, April 22nd

**BULKY ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED
OFF AT THE TOWN GARAGE**

Large dumpsters will be at the town garage located at 324 Hut Hill Road, where residents may drop off bulky household items to be disposed of from Monday April 22nd through Friday April 26th from 7:30am-3:00pm. And on Saturday April 27th from 9am-12:30pm.

One free pickup truck load or two carloads per household. Additional pickup loads will cost \$25 per load. 1-3 ton truckloads will cost \$50 per additional load, with a maximum of 3 total loads per household.

**NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE WILL
BE ACCEPTED!!!**

What NOT to bring:

HAZARDOUS WASTE (paint, solvents, pesticides, etc.)

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

GARBAGE - State Law prohibits the town from accepting household garbage at the Town Garage.

The following items are accepted year round at the Town Garage:

- TIRES - accepted for a fee, payable by check or cash
- APPLIANCES/ELECTRONICS (TVs, computers, refrigerators, microwaves, etc.)
- BRUSH (3 inches in diameter or less)

We accept bulky waste from BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS ONLY!!

There will be no pickup



**Bridgewater Congregational Church
10 Clapboard Road
Crescent City King Cake Band**

**Great food! Chili, corn bread, salads and dessert!
Bring loose change for the Make a Joyful Noise parade and
collection for Renewal House!**

Register



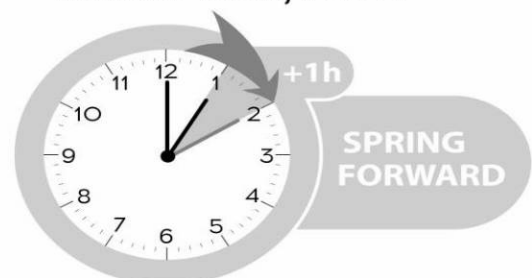
VOTE

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

March 10th, 2024





VETERANS' NEWS

Veterans Burial Benefits: VA cares for those who served in our nation's military and their families, caregivers and survivors. Every eligible Veteran deserves a dignified burial and memorialization to commemorate their service. VA offers burial benefits to Veterans and their family members, including a grave in a national, state or tribal cemetery, grave liner or vault, and perpetual care and maintenance. Whether interred in a national cemetery or elsewhere, every Veteran is entitled to:

- Government headstone, marker, or medallion
- Military honors
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Burial flag
- Veterans Legacy Memorial

If a Veteran does not have any next of kin to claim their remains and arrange for their interment after their death, VA can help coordinate a final resting place that is a lasting tribute to their service.

PACT Act: VA reports great progress for our Vets partly due to the historic PACT Act, Veterans have applied for benefits at record rates over the past year-surpassing the previous all-time record by 39%-and that's a great thing. As a result, the VA has been able to deliver more earned benefits to more Veterans than ever before, including \$150 billion in benefits during 2023 alone. That's exactly what Veterans deserve. Here's what this means:

Although the backlog has increased, benefits decisions are being made more quickly than during previous surges. Right now, the average claim is processed by VA in 149 days, which is 198 days faster than in 2013. The VA also processes some parts of claims faster than others, so if part of a claim is granted, first payments may be received before a full claim is finished.

The VA is granting benefits at higher rates and as a result of a new approach, the VA is able to grant benefits for 65% of claims filed in 2023-including 76% of PACT Act claims, which is a sharp increase from previous years. The VA is processing more claims than ever before: In fiscal year 2023, VA processed nearly 2 million of benefits claims-beating the previous all-time record by 16%-and the VA is on pace to break that record again in fiscal year 2024.



Most importantly, the VA wants veterans to apply for benefits: The VA wants every Veteran, family member and survivor to get the care and benefits they deserve. The VA has hired thousands of claims processing employees in anticipation of this surge in applications, and the VA have 1,400 more coming onboard soon.

Join Us & Sign Up: The Bridgewater Senior Center will have a VA Update on 21 Jan 2024 after lunch! Please bring your questions!!! Presenter is Joe Buchheit, VA Liaison, Town of Bridgewater

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



Happy New Year! We hope your holidays allowed you to focus on family and friends. While we started the 2023-2024 school year with positive programs and excited students, we have so much more to come as we enter the 2nd half of the school year.

Festive Giving at Burnham:

Before the holidays, our students at Burnham demonstrated incredible generosity by collecting over 700 canned goods for the Bridgewater pantry. Their commitment to supporting the local community reflects the spirit of kindness and empathy we aim to foster in our students.

Annual Harvest Gathering:

Our school and PTO recently hosted our annual harvest gathering, bringing together community members and local senior citizens for a day of celebration. Our talented students displayed their creativity by singing songs, sharing poetry, and presenting stories they wrote for the event. The day was filled with joy as everyone came together to create holiday crafts and enjoy a delightful breakfast.

Honoring Our Veterans:

In a special event, we had the privilege of hosting parents and family members who are veterans for a breakfast, pledge, and singing of the national anthem. Our students actively engaged with the veterans, conducting interviews to gain insights into their experiences, reasons for joining the armed forces, and their travels. Most importantly, it was an opportunity for our students to express heartfelt respect and gratitude for the veterans' dedicated service to our country.

Shepaug Valley School:

Shepaug Valley School continues to prepare students for vibrant and exciting futures. The team at Shepaug is focusing on reviewing a modified 8-period block schedule that will facilitate access to more opportunities for students, including a dual-enrollment program that allows sophomores and juniors to simultaneously complete college credits. Additionally, carving out more time in the school day will provide more time for student study and access to support for struggling learners. The schedule will also ensure agriscience students receive the needed hours to meet the State requirements. The school also ensures that all students feel a sense of belonging and connectedness. Shepaug also introduced Link Crew this year, which is a peer-to-peer orientation program that helps welcome all new first-year students to high school and introduces them to the wealth of opportunities and services available throughout the course of their high school journey.

Improving teaching and learning is equally important to the staff and leaders at Shepaug. Content coaches and instructional leaders spent last year studying student centered coaching, which is a way for teachers to identify student needs and improve capacity to meet them by coaching each other on new instructional methods. The coaches and instructional leaders guide this work, and teachers participate through events known as "labsites." A labsite is a classroom where a teacher volunteers to try a new method while their colleagues observe. Following the lesson, the teachers discuss the method and strategize about how it might be used across the school. It is a way for teachers to learn from each other for the benefit of students.



We are immensely proud of our students and the positive impact parents and the Bridgewater community continue to have on our learners both within our school walls and beyond. As we move forward into the remainder of the academic year, we eagerly anticipate more enriching experiences and events that will contribute to the growth and development of our students.

Respectfully,
Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue,
Interim Superintendent Regional School District #12



Burnham School PTO NEWS

The holiday season shone brightly as The Burnham School's Annual Fall Fest returned, creating a resounding success for the community. This year, we embraced the delightful addition of The Rice to Meet You Food truck, and the collaborative efforts of dedicated parent volunteers elevated the experience for everyone involved.

The much-anticipated return of the Harvest Festival added to the festive spirit, bringing joy to the Burnham School PTO and families. It is also such a wonderful time for the community seniors and children to enjoy crafts, songs, and special treats. In the spirit of giving, the Burnham families and PTO joined hands to support the community by generously donating an impressive 780 items to the Bridgewater Food Drive. Additionally, heartfelt appreciation was extended to the Bus Drivers, who received beautifully curated gift bags as a token of gratitude.

Adding a touch of excitement, the PTO hosted its first Parents' Night Out, creating an opportunity for the Burnham School community to come together, forge new connections, and revel in the spirit of camaraderie. We extend our sincere thanks to all those who attended and lent their support to make these events truly memorable.

The success of the holiday season at The Burnham School was made possible by the collaborative efforts, generosity, and community spirit of all involved. Here's to the wonderful memories created and the enduring bonds forged during these festive celebrations. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the joyous atmosphere and made these events a highlight of the season!

The Burnham School PTO was proud to bring our Annual Spirit Wear Store online for the first this year making it easy for students and families to order! Be on the lookout for our Spring Spirit Wear fundraiser to stock up on school spirit!

Ways to support the Burnham School PTO

- Support the Read-A-Thon. The students will be reading for sponsorships and donations for 30 days in March 2024. Donations for our readers will be accepted through the end of March. Please send checks to the school made out to the Burnham School PTO, Read-A-Thon in the memo.
- BOX TOPS are still being collected, please bring the to the school.

Check out the Burnham School PTO website and our Facebook page for more information on some EXCITING upcoming events this Spring!!

Kindly submitted by The Burnham School PTO

Persbacker Family College Scholarships Offered to Bridgewater Students

Application Deadline: March 15, 2023

The Persbacker Family Scholarship Fund, administered by Connecticut Community Foundation, is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarships for Bridgewater, CT students for the 2024-25 academic year. Eligible candidates, who have been residents of Bridgewater for a minimum of six years and boast an exemplary record of community service within the town, are encouraged to submit their applications. Applications will be available online by January 15. Renewal applications for previous recipients are due by February 15. New applications for first-time applicants are due by March 15.

Established by former Bridgewater resident Victor L. Persbacker, the scholarship fund aims to alleviate the financial burden of college education for students dedicated to community service. Prospective students interested in applying for the Persbacker Family Scholarship can complete the online application using the form available at www.conncf.org/apply-for-scholarships/. First-time applicants are required to submit two letters from non-school individuals endorsing their community service in Bridgewater, along with an essay that articulates their commitment to service.

For inquiries regarding scholarships, please contact Tallitha Richardson at scholarships@conncf.org.

ORGANIZATIONS



The Bridgewater Land Trust

The Bridgewater Land Trust anticipates a productive and exciting year ahead. Enthusiastic support from the community in 2023 has helped us advance our mission at a pace we didn't think possible. Thank you! Some initial plans for 2024 include:

Trail Improvements and Expansions

Passive recreation and opportunities to explore our preserves will be a priority again in 2024. We are investing in stewardship support to expand and improve our public trails. We are also pleased to be partnering with The Nature Conservancy and the Roxbury Land Trust. Specifically, we will be working with The Nature Conservancy to enhance, and, in some cases, expand trails in and around our Tappen Brook Trails network. The Nature Conservancy will hire additional staff for a 12 week period beginning in May to assist with trail projects. Work will include: clearing trails, installing water bars, and additional upgrades to address erosion. Our Town Line Farm Trail in Roxbury will benefit from a new connecting trail thanks to the Roxbury Land Trust. Beginning late spring or early summer of 2024, the RLT will be building trails on newly acquired land by Minor Bridge Road that borders the east side of our Town Line Farm Preserve near Camp Brook.

Land Preservation

We are working with several land owners to preserve land through acquisitions and conservation easements. Stay tuned for news regarding these exciting initiatives.

Organizational Changes : New Staff & Outreach Committee

We are pleased to announce that Bridget McCarthy will be joining the BWLT as Administrator/Outreach Coordinator. This part-time position will help us offer informative programs, community wide events, fundraisers and provide much needed administrative support. Bridget was born and raised in Roxbury, CT. She graduated in 2017 from Connecticut College with a Bachelors Degree in Economics and Mathematics. She currently works for JLL (Jones Lang LaSalle) as a Sourcing Specialist.

We are also looking forward to having a volunteer Outreach Committee to assist us with ideas and actions. Thank you in advance to: Lisa Antel, Helaina Buzzeo, Larina Cipolla, Cynthia Feuer, Leslie Granger, Philippa Malkin, and Mae Orkisz.



2023 Volunteers





Ted Alt
Theresa Angell
Lisa Antel
Walt Barlow
Alison Birks
Samantha Bisignano
Michelle Brown
Katherine Burke
Helaina Buzzeo
Mark Carlson
Larina Cipolla
Kathy Creighton
Jamie Curren
Connor Dillon
Joe Dolen
Jessica Dumas
Carolyn Dwyer
Taylor Easterling
Christian Feuer
Cynthia Feuer
Bob Flanagan
Dan Flanagan
Lanie Flanagan
Josh Francis
Ed Franklin

Sharon Gawe
Allison Gsell
Kevin Hobbs
Monsie Hobbs
Jeff Jones
Annie Kaplon
Rich Kaplon
Lynn Kubisek
Erik Landegren
Patti Landegren
Jim Leslie
Elizabeth MacDonald
Dawn MacNutt
Louise Marble

Russell Marcus
Lisa McQueen
Mae Orkisz
Tom Orkisz
John Pastor
Tom Presby
Curtis Read
Jean Robinson
Mairead Rosa
Rudy Simari
Andrew Smith
Molly Smith
AJ Souza
Kelly Sullivan
Rudy Sumari
Bill Stuart Jr.
Bill Stuart Sr.
Christian Stuart
Will Stuart
Peg Toledo
Julie Wachtel
Joe Wilcox
Susan Wilcox
Bud Wright

Our Volunteers Make A Difference - Thank You! Thank You!

We are delighted that so many of you lent a hand in 2023. With your help we offered more programs and hikes, cleaned more preserves, received more donations and managed more events. We deeply appreciate your skills and commitment to the land we love!

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



Upcoming Events/Programs

- A popup Sledding Party; date TBD based on conditions.
- "Lake Lillinonah: Then and Now" A program and reception on Thursday evening, February 29th.
- A Spring Patio Party at Italia Mia Restaurant in New Milford on Tuesday evening March 19th.
- Our annual Townwide Cleanup on Saturday, April 20th.
- In honor of Earth Day, we are offering an enrichment program for all Burnham School students called "Marvelous Metamorphosis" on April 25th and 26th.
- Give Local will be held on April 24-25. This annual on-line fundraiser offered through the Connecticut Community Foundation is the best opportunity to support our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Happy Hour
Celebrate the first day of spring with us!

Spring Patio Party

Italia Mia Restaurant
223 Danbury Road New Milford, CT

Tuesday, March 19th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Thank You!
With special thanks to Italia Mia Restaurant!
Prize sponsors to be announced.

No RSVP needed. All proceeds benefit the Bridgewater Land Trust. Door Prize drawing at 6:30 PM.
Questions contact Bridget McCarthy at bridget@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Door Prizes
Drink Specials
Party Favors

The Burnham Library, the Bridgewater Historical Society
and the Bridgewater Land Trust present

The Shores of Lake Lillinonah: Then & Now

Thursday, February 29th 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
The Burnham Library

Followed by
A Wine & Cheese Reception

Sponsored by Will Stuart of
Berkshire Hathaway

This program is free
RSVP is required as space is limited
julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

2023 Impact Report

For the first time the BWLT will publish an Impact Report which will be sent to residents in the spring. The report will

provide a review of our prior year's accomplishments and an overview of the current preservation landscape in Bridgewater, including our goals and aspirations.

Help Keep Bridgewater Green (and Clean)!

TOWN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 20, 2024
(rain date Sunday, April 21)
10 AM to 1 PM

Keep our town neat!

Stop by our booth at the **Town Green** (in front of Town Hall) to pick up your supplies and let us know where you will clean. Check out our prizes! You could be a winner!

Please help clean your street!

Sponsored by the Bridgewater Land Trust and HRRRA
Questions please contact HRRRA at education@hrrra.org or Julie Stuart at juliestuartnct@gmail.com

Your Support Makes Our Work Possible

Don't miss this chance to maximize your impact by participating in the annual Give Local campaign. This fun and inspiring 36 hour give-a-thon is the best time to support us. Every donation is enhanced by matching dollars, cash prizes and bonus funds. Any amount you give is deeply appreciated.

GIVE LOCAL

Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills

April 24-25, 2024

Connecticut Community Foundation
www.GiveLocalCCF.org

Burnham Library
Where Community Connects
February, March,
April 2024

KEEP UP WITH ALL THINGS BURNHAM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR HAVE NEWS DROPPED INTO YOUR INBOX



www.burnhamlibrary.org

HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Thursday 10:00 - 6:00 and Saturday 9:00 - 1:00

NEW extended hours every Thursdays beginning in January 2024

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

Jean Kallay, Executive Director • jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org

Happy New Year!

As we step into the new year, we are excited to share that 2024 brings a wave of fresh initiatives and improvements to our beloved library. The 2022 Community Needs Survey has been instrumental in shaping our upcoming plans, and we express our sincere gratitude to everyone who participated. Your invaluable insights are guiding us as we embark on our Library's long-range plan, a strategic roadmap designed to shape the next three years.

In crafting this plan, we not only considered the feedback received but also drew upon our extensive experience and best practices in library management. We are confident that, with this approach, we will meet and exceed the expectations of our community. As part of our commitment to enhance accessibility, we are excited to announce that starting January 1st, we will be open until 6:00 pm every Thursday, providing an extended opportunity for you to engage with our resources and services.

Through the collaborative efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, our patrons, we look forward to our continued role as a cornerstone of our community for generations to come.

Jean Kallay, Executive Director



Memory Care Kits & Care Partner Support Project

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new initiative aimed at fostering inclusivity and support for individuals living with dementia and their families. This initiative, proudly presented as the Memory Care Kits and Care Partner Support Project, has been made possible through a generous grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that can play a significant role in creating an inclusive environment including those navigating memory loss and their loved ones. Burnham Library is supporting this effort by offering a curated collection of memory care-related titles, hosting educational sessions, and introducing Memory Care Kits.

We invite you to explore this initiative, attend our upcoming events, and take advantage of our resources. Together, let's create an environment that fosters understanding, compassion, and connection.

Upcoming Memory Care Events:

Saturday, February 10 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm - "Lifetime of Looking," with the Bruce Museum
Bruce Museum educator will present an art appreciation program for adults with memory loss and their caregivers.

Saturday, March 2 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm - "Reflections: Growing Up with the CT History Museum."
An interactive, conversation-based program using images, music, and hands-on objects to promote conversation among participants about their childhoods.

Burnham Library, cont.

Featured events!

Visit our website for event and registration details at burnhamlibrary.org/events

Winter Reading BINGO - January 3 - February 29
Get cozy and READ with all-ages Winter Reading BINGO!

February is Library Lover's Month - All month long we will have special events, giveaways, raffles and more! More details coming soon ...

Pop-up Book & Bake Sale - Saturday, February 10, 9:30 - 12:30

Anti-Valentine's Day Trivia Night - Friday, February 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Paint Your Pet - Saturday, February 17 from 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Join Nancy Roman to create a beautiful portrait of your family pet using watercolors!

The Shores of Lake Lillinonah: Then & Now - Thursday, February 29 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Presented by the Burnham Library, Bridgewater Historical Society, and Bridgewater Land Trust
Presentation followed by a wine and cheese reception sponsored by Will Stuart of Berkshire Hathaway.
RSVP is required as space is limited-email julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Backyard Birds with the CT Audubon Society's Deer Pond Farm - Thursday, March 21 from 6 - 7:00 pm

Book Discussions All are welcome to join in the lively monthly discussion on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm. Copies will be available at the library or request curbside pick-up. Questions? Email Catherine Flynn at cwflynn60@gmail.com
February 28 - Oh, William by Elizabeth Strout
March 22 - Starry Messenger by Neil deGrasse Tyson
April 24 - The Measure by Nikki Erlich

Art @ Burnham Library

Visit and view during library hours

January 2 - February 17 - "The Pencil" showcases a collection of artwork from Clayton Liotta

February 20 - March 30 - "Feels Like Home to Me: Soulflow" an exhibit of loved paintings by Jean Jusko

Youth Programs in the Susie Beris, M.D. Youth Learning Center

Let the new year bring in new fun and learning experiences! Explore exciting youth programs this winter at the Susie Beris, M.D. Youth Learning Center! Join us for Birth to 5 activities, Homeschool Hangout for young artists, engaging sessions like Tween Time: Intro to Coding and Team Steam for Grades 3-5, and Teen Takeover for Grades 6-8. For more details on dates and times, check our website, and feel free to reach out to Ms Lianne at lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org.

TYCTLD: Pigs & Pajamas - Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for the 13th annual Take Your Child to the Library Day -- a nationwide celebration of children and libraries. Wear your coziest pajamas and take part in pig activities and hang out with Gilbert the Party Pig & his friends! No registration needed.

Creating Musical Readers: Ben's Trumpet - Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 - 12:00 pm

We are pleased to host members of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra as they perform a read aloud and musical performance of the Caldecott Honor book Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora. WSO musicians will read aloud from Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora and introduce the trumpet as part of a musical story time. Registration required.

Well, here we are January 2024! Happy holidays and a Happy New Year to all! Bridgewater Fire was blessed with another great year. We have been busy in the last couple months getting ready for winter with a little training and some preparation. We are finishing our kitchen project shortly with big thanks to all that have helped. We have four members taking the Firefighter One course hosted by Brookfield Fire starting in January. This is a huge dedication from these individuals on Tuesday and Thursday nights until 10 p.m., weekends, and some self-study. Kudos to them this is great asset to our Department and the community.

The last week of December we were dispatched to Roxbury for a fully involved barn fire. While unfortunately, the structure was a loss, we worked with multiple Departments to extinguish the fire in a couple of hours. Our teamwork and training with the neighboring towns has paid off. We responded in the middle of a very foggy night, and all went according to plan with shuttling water and extinguishing the fire. While no one was hurt in the fire, there was property and nostalgic items lost. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the owner. Across the state, fires, accidents, and personal losses happen! While some of these can be prevented, some cannot, and these are called accidents. This serves as a sobering reminder of what we can do to prevent such incidents. We can be vigilant in and around our homes or in our daily routine, including maybe slowing down on the roads and paying attention to the road rather than the phone or radio. Take some time every month and review one thing or another to be ready: motor vehicle preparedness, what to do when in an accident, house incidents or sports injuries. The list can go on and on. Winter is here. It may be harsh at times, but we can handle it. Check your smoke detectors. When was the last time you checked the extension cord in the garage, outside building, or in the crawl space? Has your heating system been serviced? Is your generator ready? Are you ready with gas cans properly stored? Have you gone over an evacuation plan with your family or a "what if plan" with your kids and loved ones that live with you? Reminder to consider home and auto. Always remember 911 is the number if in need of help! We do not man the fire house 24/7. We all have jobs and families to take care of, but when dispatched we are on our way and always willing .

A little snow and ice sure bring the panic with the weather man and news!!! However, in reality, we do live in New England with ice, snow, trees, power outages and rainwater!! Make sure you have enough water. But that makes us true Yankees. We got this! Be prepared with sump pumps, clean gutters, etc. Always keep your driveway plowed or shoveled and maybe some salt on the driveway and walkway, it may prevent a fall and help us get to you. We cannot help you if we cannot get to you or your home. Our trucks are a little wider than your Tesla, Mini Cooper, or whatever you drive. They are not all wheel drive either! Plow your driveway and take care of your property.

Bridgewater Fire is always here or just around the corner. I hope everyone stays safe and enjoys the winter.

John Stietzel, Chief
chief@bvfd.org



Bridgewater EMS Update

As we start the new year, we often set new goals, make resolutions and many of us look at the new year as a fresh start. Organization is often undertaken as well and now is the perfect time to get your health goals in order. Maybe you will take up walking, join a gym or take on healthier food choices. One thing that would be helpful to organize in one location would be your health history. This would include your medical history, current medications, allergies and contact information of a family member, friend, or neighbor. Having this information readily available is of great importance to your EMS crew and the receiving hospital in case you ever need to call 9-1-1.

Along with setting new health goals, I am reminded that February is American Heart Month and as I write this article, we are bracing for the first big snowstorm of the new year. Vigorous outdoor activity, such as shoveling snow, can put a tremendous strain on the cardiovascular system. Some of the most common warning signs are pain or discomfort in the chest, lightheadedness, nausea or vomiting, jaw or back pain, discomfort or pain in arm or shoulder and shortness of breath. It is important to call 9-1-1 immediately if you experience any of the above symptoms.

As always, if you would like more information on becoming an EMT or EMR, please contact me at the email below, we always welcome new interest in joining our volunteer ambulance service.

Diana Haskell, Bridgewater Ambulance Coordinator
Bvfdems7@gmail.com



BFD Women's Auxiliary

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy & peaceful holiday season!

The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary meets the third (3rd) Monday of each month. The 2024 year will begin on March 18th with installation of our officers. The 2024 slate of officers & board are listed below:

President - Ann Frattalone
Vice-President - Courtney Wilson
Secretary - Michelle Stietzel
Treasurer - Carol Wilbur
Membership - Laura Abbott
Hospitality - Michele King

The scholarship committee will make its selections in early May. All eligible seniors can find our scholarship form in their Guidance department and on the Town website including Students from Henry Abbott Tech. To qualify, students must be the child of a member of the Fire Department or an active junior member. Please complete all forms in a timely manner.

Preparations are being made for the 71st Fair. We will be at the Cake Wheel where are our wonderful baking residents donate cakes to be won for a mere 50cents. You can also find us at the Waterhole Saloon and the Art Show in the firehouse. Volunteers are always needed; come join the fun!!

September 14th is our annual Beer & Wine tasting with over 40 vendors, food trucks and music at the beautiful Pratt Pavilion. Plan on having a wonderful time!

The Auxiliary always welcomes new members, contact any member to join us in supporting our wonderful Volunteer Fire Department!

Ann Frattalone, President BVFD Womens Auxiliary

Literacy Volunteers On The Green

Happy New Year! Wishing our tutors, donors, and friends in Bridgewater a healthy and happy 2024.

Our winter session is underway as 90 tutors are actively engaged guiding 175+ adult learners in weekly tutoring sessions. New students and new tutors will be welcomed in January and throughout the winter months, as the need for English language learning and reading literacy remains strong! We thank the wonderful staff at the Burnham Library for providing weekly tutoring space for an LVG learning team. 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, basic skills remediation in reading and writing, U.S. citizen preparation, family literacy, and offering English tutoring for adult refugees settled by Refugee Resettlement Groups in New Milford and Washington. Please consider impacting the lives of adult learners and their families by revitalizing the working lives of adults seeking English language proficiency. Our next new tutor training will be held last week of January. Volunteer tutors will be trained to work with students; prior teaching experience and knowledge of a second language are NOT necessary!

Please contact Lynn@lv-g-ct.org for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Lynn Davies, Executive Director
Literacy Volunteers on the Green

Historical Society News



On October 12th, The Bridgewater Historical Society hosted a fun Peck House Porch Party where we welcomed over 25 guests who enjoyed charcuterie cups, mulled cider and delicious cheese and sweets. Thank you to all who joined us.

We were also happy to partner with The Bridgewater Land Trust for the town's Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. The Lost Souls of Southville visited The Peck House that night! Many trick or treaters were excited to visit and get a treat from some very creepy farmers!

On December 2nd, we welcomed Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and one of Santa's elves to the Peck House to greet children after they finished creating their gingerbread houses at the Burnham Library.

We look forward to a special event "The Shores of Lake Lillinonah - Then and Now," in partnership with The Bridgewater Land Trust and The Burnham Library, that will take place on February 29th at 5:30pm at the library. We will share the fascinating history of Southville and the creation of the lake. A wine and cheese reception will follow and the event is free of charge. You won't want to miss it! Dates for our upcoming open houses will be announced this spring. If anyone would like a tour of The Peck House at any time they can contact Rudy Simari at 860-354-2969.



From The Desk of the Town Historian

For many years, Bridgewater was primarily an agricultural community. So, if you were a farmer, where did you go with questions about your farm? For some, you would approach a relative. For others, a friend could have the answers. But for many, the answers to your questions - and some you'd never thought of- could be found in the "Farmers' Almanac."

Founded in 1792, and considered to be the oldest continuously published periodical, this amazing publication has provided fun facts and farming information to thousands. For example, did you know that cabbage seeds are often planted on St. Patrick's Day? Or that some thought that planting them in your "night clothes" made them grow well? Or that planting peas in March - even in the snow-guaranteed a good crop?

In the 21st century, the approach is slightly different. There is a guide for planting perennials, warnings about summer heat, and an explanation on why leaves change color. Some weather theories raise eyebrows, like "Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come." Hmmm.

Robert B. Thomas was the founder of "Farmer's Almanac." He stated that the purpose of this publication was to always be useful, with a pleasant degree of humor. More than two hundred years later, his goals are still being met.

- Eileen Buchheit



BRIDGEWATER HILLTOP CENTER NEWS

Community. History. Support.

I recently came across the Hilltop Farm Senior Center Dedication speech: "...We come to dedicate this building and all it will shelter to the purposes of friendship, fellowship, care and service. Let it be a place that gives honor and respect to those who throughout their lives have given so much of themselves to their families, friends and community and nation..."

- Peter Hammond, August 1, 2008

Stop by and enjoy a lecture, art class, exercise class or lunch. Join in the friendship, fellowship, care and service of our residents and neighbors.

UPCOMING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

New Class: Low Impact Aerobics, Fridays at 9:30

Wine Glass Painting: February 1st at 1:00 with Adrienne Caruso

Birthday Social: February 8th at 1:00 with Kay Shriver of Synergy Homecare

Supper Concert Club: February 11 at 4:00

Luncheon: February 18 at noon with Lynda Arnold, Estate Planning Lecture

Lunch & Learn: February 21 at 1:00 with Joe Buchheit, Updates from the VA

Bingo: February 22 at 1:00 with Dana

Lunch & Learn: February 26 at noon with Dawn MacNutt and Katy Francis

Brain Games: February 29 at 11:00 with Danielle Ramos of Candlewood Valley Health and Rehab.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Body Conditioning: Monday 10:30 with Jess, Wednesday 10:30 with Cassie

Social Services: Tuesday 9:00-12:00

Cornhole: Tuesday 10:00, Wednesday 6:30 PM

IPhone Workshop: Tuesday 11:00

Silver Needles: Tuesday 1:00

Tai Chi with Dee: Wednesday 10:00

Chair Massage: Twice a month, Wednesday at 1:00 (reservation needed)

Mahjong: Wednesday 1:00

Breakfast Group: 1st Thursday of each month (reservation needed)

Low Impact Aerobics: Friday 9:30

Rummikub: Friday 10:00

Chair Yoga with Elaine: Friday 10:30

Canasta: Friday 1:00

Blood Pressure Clinic: Once a month, Tuesday 1:00 (reservation needed)

Burnham Library Program: 4th Tuesday of each month 12:30

Please note that preregistration is needed for most events. For details visit our website to view the current newsletter and calendar: bridgewater-ct.gov/hilltop-senior-center. Or call to get on our mailing list: 860-355-3090 or email bwscsenriocenter@gmail.com.

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 less than or equal to 20 miles. Contact Ann Frattalone at 860-350-3042 two weeks in advance for an appointment. Transportation is on a first come, first served basis.

Kathy Creighton, Director



Community Caring in Bridgewater, Inc. (CCB)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Staying Healthy and Happy at Home

Board Members

Our current board members are Joe Buchheit, Nate Cardonsky, Glen Hochstetter, Cheryl Johnson, Elizabeth MacDonald, Alex McNaughton, and Andrea Wilson. Our coordinator is Ashli Feather. If you have questions, need assistance or request further information on CCB's programs please feel free to reach out to any one of us.

Annual Fund Raising Letter Response

Thank-you to everyone who made a contribution to CCB in response to our annual fundraising letter. The generosity of our Town residents is gratifying and greatly appreciated. Although financial support is welcome and necessary, volunteer support is also encouraged and welcome.

Helpful Technology for Seniors

As we have noted in several of the past Our Town submissions, technology that is beneficial to seniors is expanding and is amazing in its applications. See the following article about some worthwhile tech to explore. <https://blog.home-med-equip.com/best-2023-tech-gifts-and-gadgets-seniors/>.

Contact Us

By Phone: 860-350-2194.

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

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

Bridgewater Food Pantry



The Bridgewater Food Pantry is available to Bridgewater residents. 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. As always, thank you for your donations of gift cards (Aldi's, Stop N Shop, Big Y). Pantry donations can be made at the Town Hall and Burnham Library.

Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

Even though the cold winds still blow, the members of the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club have our eyes trained on our Spring gardening projects. We will be planning the community gardens throughout the town, projects with the kids and seniors and presentations at our meetings and in collaboration with the library. In February we will make Valentine arrangements. We will host a presentation in April on Growing Dahlias. We are also looking ahead to the Give Local fundraiser in April and our annual Plant Mart in May which make all this possible. We would love for you to join us at our meetings which are the second Thursday of most months at 9:00 AM in the meeting hall at St. Mark's Church. We have a calendar with meeting and event details on our website www.RoxburyBridgewaterGardenClub.com. If you have any questions you can call Debra at 203-405-1185.

OUR CHURCHES



St. Marks Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY, MARCH,
APRIL 2024

Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer

Sundays 10:00 AM

Vestry meets on third Sunday of every month.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th - Ashes will be given out

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner

March 9th 5-7 PM All \$15

PALM SUNDAY

March 24th 10:00 AM Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th TBA

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

March 29th 6 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st 10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST &
Coffee Hour

8th Annual Penny Auction

Date TBA (Probably April)

Doors open at 11 AM Lunch from 11:30

Numbers called at 1 PM



The Bridgewater Congregational Church

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

All are invited to our hybrid Sunday
Worship Services @ 10 a.m. (virtual
worship www.bwucc.org and click "Join
Now"). Sunday School for all children and
youth begins around 10:15am. Communion
is the first Sunday of the month. Worship is
followed by fellowship and coffee hour in
the Friendship Hall. All Are Welcome!
Subscribe to our YouTube Channel @
Bridgewater Congregational Church.

Mardi Gras Saturday, February 10th 5pm-730pm:
Come listen and dance to the music brought to us by
the Crescent City King Cake Band while you eat some
amazing chili and cornbread. Remember to bring that
loose change for the Make a Joyful Noise parade and
collection for Renewal House!

Bridgewater Congregational Church Holy Week & Easter Schedule:

Sunday, February 18th ~ First Sunday of Lent Worship
Service @ 10am

Sunday, March 24th ~ Palm and Passion Sunday
Service @ 10am

Thursday, March 28th ~ Maundy Thursday Service @
7:30pm

Sunday, March 31st ~ Sunrise Service at the Senior
Center @ 6:30am | Easter Worship Service in the
Sanctuary @ 10am.

Community Book Club Invitation: BWUCC is hosting
a Community Book Club on Monday, February 26th @
7pm at the Friendship Hall. Martha Hall Kelly, author of
The Lilac Girls, will join us via Zoom to lead the
discussion. The church will zoom the book discussion
on a big screen. If you want to join the book discussion
either in person or at home, please RSVP to the
church office for additional details.

BWUCC Annual Tag Sale will be Saturday, April 27th
9am-3pm. Items to be donated may be dropped off for
the tag sale starting Monday, April 15th. Thank you for
your continued support of BWUCC. Always lots of
good stuff!

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

A Sincere Thank You from BWUCC: Thank you to all
our friends and neighbors who came out to support the
Bridgewater Congregational Church with either the
purchase of a Christmas tree or shopping in the
holiday store. We wish everyone a happy and healthy
2024, and look forward to seeing many of you again
next December.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AT BCC

Come walk our Labyrinth or drop a prayer in our
Prayer Box.

Alcoholics Anonymous AA meets in the Friendship
Hall every Friday night at 7 p.m.

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.

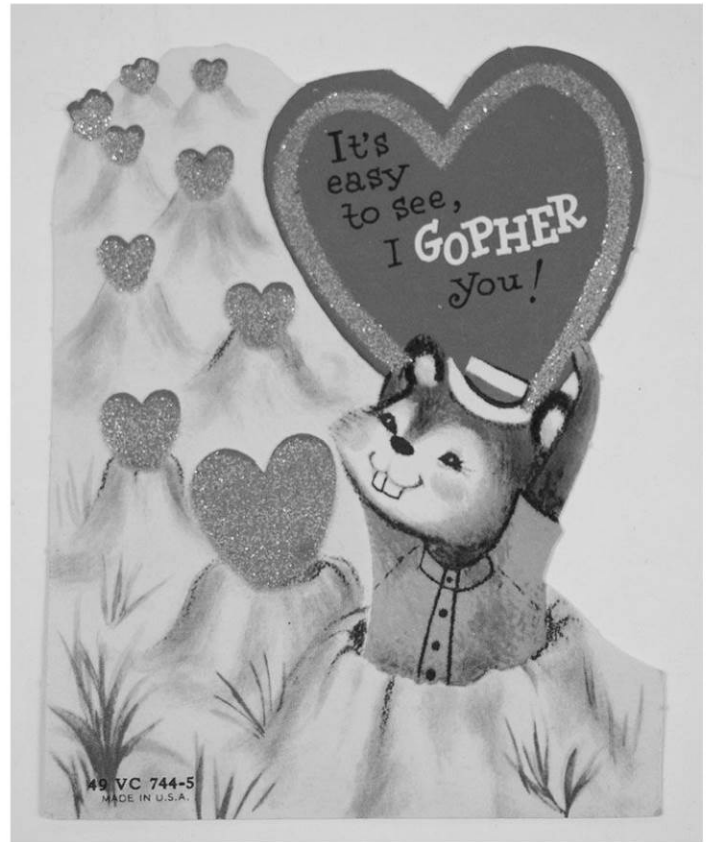


Friends Of The Lake

Friendly reminder to renew your 2024 membership.

Not a member? Become a member! Friends of the Lake is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2003 and has spent the last 20 years preserving and protecting Lake Lillinonah for our community to enjoy! Each member who joins Friends of the Lake is another voice. The more voices we have, the stronger we are! All memberships include email alerts on lake activity, invitations to FOTL events, newsletters providing water quality updates & upcoming meetings, and much more.

Please visit our website for more information:
www.Friendsofthelake.org



Recycle Right in 2024!

Connecticut is in a waste crisis. Connecticut generates 3.5 million tons of waste annually, however, we only have capacity for 2.7 million tons. We are left shipping 800,000 tons of waste to out-of-state landfills. Bridgewater residents can be part of the solution! Reduce your waste by recycling more, BUT right. It's easy. Start by separating your food scraps either by back-yard composting, curbside collection or using the Bridgewater drop-off program at the Town Garage. Learn how you can Take the Challenge and reduce your waste at www.HRRA.org.

- Download and post a "What's In / What's Out" flyer for your kitchen.
- Download the Recycle CT Recycling App to have answers at your fingertips.
- Learn how to dispose of items that DO NOT go in your mixed recycling.
- Mark your calendar for the 6 Household Hazardous Waste events in 2024

Bridgewater Food Scrap Recycling Program - Celebrating 10 Years!

Join us on March 9th at the Bridgewater Town Garage. The HRRA will be handing out FREE food scrap collection kits and recycling information. Participants will receive a voucher for free compost in the spring. Let's celebrate 10 years of leading the state in residential food scrap recycling! Learn more about the March 9th event and Bridgewater's food scraps recycling program at www.HRRA.org.

Contact Us:
203.775.4539
www.HRRA.org
nfo@hrra.org

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

Pickleball



Pickleball Tuesdays and Fridays 6:30pm to 8:00pm
at Burnham School
Pickleball on Mondays 6:30pm to 8:00pm PTO
group at Burnham School

Table Tennis



Table Tennis 6:30pm
at the Hilltop Center
on Mondays starting
in February.

Mindful Moves Yoga

Held at the Friendship
Hall at Bridgewater
Congregational Church.



For more information on classes, email Tanya at:
yoga.mindfulmoves@gmail.com

Pavilion Rentals



Book your gathering today! Please contact
Bridgewaterpavilion@gmail.com.

Snow Shoe Hike

(weather permitting, details to come
thru town email/facebook)



**Many Thanks to
Bridgewater residents
who participated in
the Holiday Tree
Lighting Contest**

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Dawn MacNutt- *Chairman*
Lynn Kubisek - *Secretary*
Mike Dubos
Julie Scott
Charlene Sullivan
Nicole Tenreiro
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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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 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
- 19 President's Day *****Town Hall Closed*****
- 22 Recreation Commission 5:00 PM, Town Hall
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals 7 PM, Town Hall

MARCH

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- 20 Board of Finance 4:00 PM, Town Hall
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- 26 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM, Town Hall
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- 30 Good Friday *****Town Hall Closed*****

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