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Message from Our First Selectman

The after-effects of Covid are now being felt locally in multiple ways. We will be seeing these changes manifested in the town budget and our property valuations. I realize this can be a confusing topic, but I think it is important to understand the driving elements behind next fiscal year's budget and how we are addressing the situation.

Bridgewater homes for sale continue to attract bidders almost immediately. Property values have risen dramatically in response to the unprecedented demand. This affected the recent town-wide property revaluation Grand List (up 17%). Some properties went up and others went up even more. Taxpayers did have opportunities to challenge their new assessments which were based primarily on nearby "comps."

This year, the total Region 12 School budget is projected to go up over 5%. Pent up inflationary pressures had accumulated after two years of flat school budgets. Also, Bridgewater has gained more students this year compared to Roxbury and Washington. Our increasing portion of the school budget (24%) will be almost \$700,000 higher next fiscal year when we will be contributing \$5,727,177.

Nine years ago, Burnham School was on the verge of closing. Next fall we will have as many primary students as Roxbury because we have had several young families move to town during Covid. The good news is that all the Region 12 schools continue to have high marks and an excellent reputation statewide. Burnham will be adding two teachers next Fall as it returns to the traditional classroom model from multi-age. This is a remarkable turnaround from just a few years ago when we almost became the only CT town without a school.

The Region 12 portion of the town budget will account for 67% of the total. However, with conservative cuts and state grants the town operations portion of the budget will remain flat despite inflation. This is due to the diligence of the Board of Finance working with the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to minimize the impact on our taxpayers.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our new families and weekenders who have become permanent residents. You have crossed the bridge and settled in a little town where we care about each other, participate in community activities, and respect our neighbors. Just drive slowly as you smell the May flowers.

Warmly.

Curtis S. Read, First Selectman

LAND TRANSFERS

Land Transfers: January 2023

- Brian Connor to Bradley Biscoe, land and buildings, 121 Old Turnpike Road East, \$443,000

Land Transfers: February 2023

No transfers for the month of February

Land Transfers: March 2023

- Jeffrey and Diana Kelly to Corinne Iaia and Brian Dolan, land and buildings, 16 Blueberry Hill Road, \$637,000

ATTEST:
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk

Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

The Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Mart on the lawn of the Bridgewater Firehouse on May 20th from 8:30-12:00. Featured at the sale will be member grown and divided perennials, organic heirloom tomatoes, boutique items, Pollinator Pathway and more! Members will be available to make recommendations for your spring planting. Proceeds from this major fundraiser will benefit the annual scholarship, holiday wreaths for town buildings, senior and youth programs and the planting and maintaining of our community gardens.

We are looking for donations from crowded perennial beds. Members will be happy to come to your house to divide the plants and keep the extras for our sale. Please call Wendy at 860-355-0167 or Marilyn at 860-354-7069 to schedule a dig. Thanks!

We invite those interested to come and join the fun! The club meets on the second Thursday of the month. We have trips, speakers and workshops planned as well as community engagement. Details on our website at roxburybridgewaterclub.com. For information contact Debra at 203-405-1185. We look forward to meeting you!

Come on over y'all

HILLTOP HOEDOWN

Food & Drink ★ Live Music by The Night Birds

Friday, July 7th

Rain date: July 8th
5 PM - 8 PM

Hilltop Center
132 Hut Hill Road

Tickets are \$30 in advance
\$35 at the door
Stop by the Center to purchase or call
860-355-3090

Shepaug Agriscience

SPRING PLANT SALE

Date: May 13th

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Shepaug Garden Center

159 South Street Washington, CT

HANGING BASKETS
GARDEN PLANTS BAKED GOODS
GREENHOUSE VEGETABLES



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, 2022, 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 \$40,300 if unmarried and \$49,100 if married, including Social Security. For the **Local benefit**, your income must be \$16,000 or under, not including Social Security. The application period started February 1, 2023, and must be received in the Assessor's office by **May 15, 2023**.

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, 2023**.

If you are a **Veteran or surviving spouse of a Veteran** and your income is \$40,300 or under if single and \$49,100 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 being accepted starting April 1 until October 1, 2023 for the **"Renter's Program"** for the Elderly and Totally disabled. In order to qualify for this program you must be 65 or older, a surviving spouse or Totally Disabled with an income of \$40,300 or under if you are single or \$49,100 or under if you are married including Social Security.

Applications for all the above programs are available in the Assessor's office or at our town website: www.bridgewater-ct.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's office at (860) 355-9379 or dpinter@bridgewater-ct.gov.

Our hours of business are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am until 12:30pm, Tuesday 8am until 3:30pm.

Sincerely,
Denise C. Pinter, Assessor

The Bridgewater Scholarship Commission



In poet Anne Bradstreet's words, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." While our winter was fairly mild and spared us the worst it could deliver, the sound of early morning birdsong and a carpet of bluebells soothe and beckon us to rejoin nature. Similarly, the Bridgewater Scholarship Foundation extends a welcome to students to apply for this year's scholarship awards. Applications must be received by May 1. In addition to completed applications and transcripts, proof of Bridgewater residency and the SAR (Student Aid Report) Acknowledgment Letter for 2022-2023, page 1, showing your name and EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) must accompany the application. Eligibility requirements may be found online at www.bridgewater-ct.gov. Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 18, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Saturday May 20, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 23, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Interview signups may be scheduled online or at the Town Hall.

We are grateful for donations made to the Scholarship Foundation during the 2023 Give Local campaign. This year marked the 11th annual Connecticut Community Foundation's online drive, sponsored by Ion Bank Foundation, which supports more than 300 local nonprofit organizations in Greater Waterbury and the Litchfield Hills. Your contributions made through Give Local or directly will help to make a difference for our young people.

We wish all of our students success as they complete their studies for the spring semester and plan for the challenges that await them. Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

For information on becoming a mentor or one-time advisor to a college-aged student, please contact leneary1@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Neary, Chairman

Office of the Tax Collector

DEMAND NOTICES for all overdue taxes were sent in March.

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JULY BILLING - Bills for Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle taxes will be mailed in June and become due on July 1, 2023. These bills are for property assessed on the 2022 Grand List in October 2022. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1st 2023 to avoid an interest penalty. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest. Please notify the office of any changes to your mailing address.

If your Real Estate taxes are escrowed, the bank should request your Real Estate bill. If you change banks or pay off your mortgage, please contact the office to let us know where the bill should be sent.

Taxpayers are encouraged to pay through the mail or online at www.mytaxbill.net/bridgewater

LAST DAY FOR ON-TIME PAYMENT: AUGUST 1, 2023

TAX ALERT: You can receive a notification by email when taxes become due. Subscribe to TAX ALERT and other services from the "Subscribe to News" feature on the town website homepage.

DMV NEWS: Get out of line by going online! Visit the revamped 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.

Catherine B. Vikstrom, CCMC Tax Collector
860-355-9220 cvikstrom@bridgewater-ct.gov
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
8-12:30 / Tuesday 8-3:30

BURNHAM LIBRARY & BRIDGEWATER REC
PRESENTS

MUSIC ON MAIN

WITH THE

THE OVERDUE BAND

FEATURING MEMBERS OF ROOTS ROCK

PICNIC AND
LISTEN ON THE LAWN

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

5:30-8:00



MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.BURNHAMLIBRARY.ORG



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



VETERANS' NEWS

Progress Continues as VA Revamps Its Caregiver Program: Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) is a unique program focused on supporting veteran caregivers, providing eligible caregivers with a monthly stipend; educational support; financial and legal assistance; health insurance; beneficiary travel; peer support; and other resources to aid veterans with the most serious disabling conditions or diseases. Unfortunately, it has been fraught with “roll-out” problems and is still a work in progress. VA advises patience as they grapple with this new program.

Advocacy Objectives for New Fiscal Year: Several military advocacy groups are gearing up for challenges in new fiscal year. As the legislative slate is wiped clean for the 118th Congress, grassroots support becomes even more vital to achieving advocacy objectives.

Help is needed now more than ever to keep momentum for existing priorities such as the Major Richard Star Act, which would benefit tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans and had the support of two-thirds of Congress at the end of last session. Veterans also need your work on behalf of new objectives and emergent issues, often via immediate action to keep up with the stop-and-go pace of legislation. To keep connected, ensure you are signed up for your local veteran's websites at American Legion, Disabled Veterans or The MOAA Newsletter and register as an advocate at our Legislative Action Center.

Here is a look at some of the priorities, in support of the 50th anniversary of our all-volunteer force and to address the challenges facing our uniformed community. Advocacy groups remain active on many other issues not listed here; priorities will be shaped throughout the year depending on concurrent successes or emerging issues that warrant an all-hands approach. Additionally, The Military Coalition and other stakeholder groups will work to expand their reach on Capitol Hill.

- Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits
- Military Housing
- Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees
- Health Care and Benefits for Veterans
- Service Families
- Survivors
- Guard and Reserve

VA to Wealthy Veterans: Don't believe all you see in social media. VA Secretary states VA has no interest in latest CBO suggestion of studying a reduction in benefits for wealthy veterans. Veterans benefits are earned benefits and not within the scope of cost-cutting measures!

The National Suicide Prevention Hotline: New number!!! It's a lot shorter too. As of Saturday, July 16, anyone in need can call 988. The three-digit number still goes to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, and the Veterans Crisis Line. Any veteran or current member of the military can dial 988 and then press 1 for the specialized service.

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 flag should be raised above them. Some flags around town are in poor shape. Please remove and/or replace them.

Flag Disposal: Please call or email me below if you would like to properly dispose of your flag. I will pick them up or you can leave them with Anne Marie at Town Hall and I will collect them.

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

SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL



Region 12 Schools

We are back! For the first time since Covid, schools look and feel normal again. Students are working in teams again on group projects, sporting events draw healthy crowds of passionate fans, and musical performances bring the community together once more in our auditoriums to celebrate our budding performers.

Just as the Spring season brings new growth to the world around us, Region 12 is experiencing an exciting season of growth as a school district. This growth comes in a variety of forms. We have enrollment growth as Burnham welcomes new families into the fold, and it is projected to grow by approximately 30% over the next ten years. We are growing our academic programs as we expand our elementary curriculum to offer a world language program. We also have growth in our students. They certainly grow inches as they get taller, but they also grow as learners and quickly make up for any academic and social-emotional impacts from COVID-19 interruptions.

Shepaug is flying high, coming off of an outstanding season of Winter athletics that saw our boys' basketball team make it to the state finals championship game at Mohegan Sun Arena. Their determination and competitive spirit made the entire community proud. We are also happy to congratulate the athletic director, Matt Perachi, who was honored by the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors with their Distinguished Service Award at their annual banquet this March.

The Agriscience Program continues to grow as we welcomed baby sheep, goats, and a calf this Spring. Demand for the program is soaring, allowing us to be highly selective in building classes with outstanding applicants. The academic program continues to expand, and we look forward to new programs in maple sugaring and timber sports. This Spring, an external commission from the Connecticut Department of Education audited our program, and Region 12 received rave reviews from the visiting team.

We are excitedly planning our graduation ceremony that will be held on the soccer field at Shepaug Valley School. This event is carefully designed to bring our entire Region 12 family together to celebrate our seniors and honor our first graduating cohort of agriscience students.

We are grateful for the Bridgewater community and its passionate support of our fine schools. YOU are why Region 12 continues to grow and innovate as we aspire to serve as a model for the state and nation of the possibility for small schools to provide outstanding educational opportunities for their communities.

Dr. Marc J. Gosselin Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!





Burnham School PTO NEWS

Winter and Spring were filled with many enrichment opportunities for Burnham students. In February, the third, fourth and fifth graders visited the Prospector Theater in Ridgefield for a wonderful Service Learning program entitled "Access for All." Students learned all about the theater's mission, got to know some of the Prospects (theater employees) and what makes them 'Sparkle,' and got a 'behind the screens' tour of the building! The Prospector Theater provides competitive and integrated employment to people with disabilities through the operation of a premium, first-run movie theater, transforming passions (sparkle) into professions (meaningful employment). They also sell AMAZINGLY delicious gourmet popcorn!

In March, Burnham students enjoyed a very entertaining and informative enrichment program by Dennis Regling entitled "The Magic of Science." March also kicked off the annual Burnham School PTO Readathon with a special visit by our very own mascot, Burnie! Our super readers pledged to read 20 minutes a day for the month of March - that's over 29,000 total minutes of reading combined! Thank you to everyone who supported the Readathon this year!

During the first week of April, the Burnham School celebrated Autism Awareness week. In addition to lighting the school up BLUE each night, each day was filled with special events to advance autism awareness & acceptance. Many thanks to all of the special guests who made this week so meaningful!

Finally, the Burnham School community is always looking for opportunities to connect with the greater-Bridgewater community! We hope that some of you feel inspired to reach out to us if you have any thoughts or ideas of how we can make this happen. We are only an email away!
BurnhamSchoolPTO@gmail.com

Check out the Burnham School PTO website and our Facebook page for more information on upcoming programs and events: burnhamschoolpto.weebly.com

Easy ways to support the Burnham School PTO today:

- Box Tops are still being collected and returned to the school
- Online Donation: <https://burnhamschoolpto.weebly.com/support>

Thank you for your continued support!
Kindly submitted by, The Burnham School PTO



PTO Autism Awareness



PTO Readathon



The Bridgewater Land Trust

The Bridgewater Land Trust is off to a very busy and exciting year. Our work would not be possible without your help! First, we are tremendously grateful for the enthusiastic support we received during the recent Give Local campaign. Your generous contributions will help us advance our mission at a pace we didn't think possible. Also, we were thrilled to have the help of nearly 50 volunteers on Earth Day who cleaned up our roadsides! Our beautiful town looks even better. Thanks to HERRA for supporting this annual event.

In April we sponsored an art contest based on the "Follow The Forest" initiative with Burnham School students in Grades 3 -5. We are pleased to announce the winners:

- Best Overall: Connor Kubisek Grade 4
- Best In Show 5th Grade: Lane Bell
- Best In Show 4th Grade: Asia Malerba
- Best In Show 3rd Grade: Carolina Romano

We would also like to thank art teacher Jane Manley who taught the Follow The Forest concepts to her students. In addition, many thanks to our judges (all Bridgewater residents and volunteers): artist Julia Wachtel, artist Elizabeth Macdonald and BWLT Board Vice President Russell Marcus.



From left to right: Julia Wachtel, Elizabeth Macdonald and Russel Marcus



Pictured: Jane Manley, Connor Kubisek, Lane Bell, Julie Stuart, Asia Malerba and Carolina Romano



SAVE THE DATE

Please Join Us For the Grand Opening of
**Tappen Brook Trails
& Volksmarsch Walk**

Saturday, September 30, 2023

The Bridgewater Town Park, 221 Tappen Road Bridgewater

Tickets: \$25 per person
Children 12 & under Free

Walkers can choose from a variety of walks ranging from 1 mile to 5 miles. After your walk pull out your lawn chair and stay a while! Twins Barbecue Food Truck will offer pulled pork, chicken and all the fixings. Adults BYOB.

Our new Tappen Brook Trails network is open. We are looking forward to more progress including a new kiosk, trail improvements and trail expansions. We will be having our official opening on Saturday, September 30th. Please save the date! At the opening there will be opportunities to hike various trails then enjoy some tasty food from Twins Barbecue and time to relax at the Town Park overlooking Lake Lillinonah.

Please consider joining us for an upcoming event this spring or early summer. See more details on the next page. In the meantime, enjoy the beauty of the season!

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

Spring Events with the Bridgewater Land Trust



Learn about the edible and medicinal uses of common weeds, trees and native plants of Bridgewater with seasoned forager and expert herbalist Alison Birks, MS, RH (AHG), CNS. We will nibble, touch, smell and engage our senses in the plant world around us as we wander. Topics to be covered include: sustainable foraging, plant identification, folklore and more!



Heavy rain cancels. Space is limited RSVP is required: julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Join Us! Plant Exploration **HIKE**

All are welcome to this free event.

Sat., May 27th
10 AM - 12 Noon
Hike begins at 10 AM
Bridgewater Town Park
221 Tappen Road



The Bridgewater Land Trust & the Bridgewater Recreation Commission invite you to hike with us! We are offering a guided, 2.5 mile moderate hike with some steep inclines up Wolf Pit Mountain.

This is a free event, no registration is required.



Heavy rain cancels. Questions email: julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Join Us! CT Trails DAY **HIKE**

Sat., June 3rd
9 AM - 11 AM

Hike begins at 9 AM
Clatter Valley Park
158 Town Farm Road
New Milford, CT 06776

Volunteer Trail Work

Are you interested in lending a hand to clean up trails? We will be having a trail clearing opportunity on Saturday, May 6th from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM at Tappen Brook Trails (221 Tappen Road, Bridgewater). RSVP to julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org



Join hosts Donna Zaccaro & Paul Ullman

On The Ridge

Friday, June 30th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
79 Second Hill Road, Bridgewater, CT

Featuring locally sourced appetizers & drinks, plus scenic hayrides!



A Benefit For The Bridgewater Land Trust

Suggested donation per person Benefactor: \$500 Friend: \$250 Guest: \$150

RSVP @ www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Checks: BWLT PO Box 8 Bridgewater, CT 06752

Special Thanks To: Donna Zaccaro & Paul Ullman, Katherine Burke & Ted Alt, Cynthia & Christian Feuer, Annie & Rich Kaplon, Mae & Tom Orkisz, The Litchfield Distillery, Will Stuart of Berkshire Hathaway, Stuart Family Farm, Molly & Andrew Smith, Shallow Brook Farm, Susan & Joe Wilcox

SAVE
THE
DATE

Kick-off your summer at an exciting Land Trust benefit on June 30th. Guests will be treated to sweeping views on a ridgetop of an active Bridgewater farm. There will be local fare including drinks from the Litchfield Distillery, locally sourced appetizers and hay rides on a comfortable party wagon.



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**BURNHAM
LIBRARY**

— Where Community Connects

Burnham Library

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May, June, July 2023

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

Visit us Tuesday - Friday 10:00 - 5:00 and Saturday 9:00 - 1:00

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!

A Library Of Things

Did you know that the library offers a cool collection of items called the Library of Things? Burnham's Library of Things is a growing collection of items that complement Burnham's mission of providing traditional and innovative library resources, programs, and services for lifelong learning.

A library of things functions in the same way as a traditional library - but instead of books, Burnham's Library of Things lets you borrow useful equipment instead of buying it! This helps our community cut down on waste and moves us toward ending throwaway culture.

Our Things include: iPads, Kindle Fire tables, Nintendo Switch, lawn games, Pickleball set, puzzles, museum passes, Discovery Bags, hiking pack, Calming Kit, DVD/VCR player, VHS converter and more! All you need is a valid library card to borrow an item! In most cases, an item may be borrowed for 1 to 3 week intervals. Some items may be for use in the Library only, or may have other restrictions. So, now you know! Stop by the Library to check out all we have to offer.

Programs and Events

Pop-up Book Sale - Saturday, May 20 from 9:30 - 12:30

The Town will be a-buzz with activity on May 20! Visit the Roxbury/Bridgewater Plant Mart, Bridgewater Historical Society open house, and then swing by Burnham for the best deal in town for like-new books, DVDs, and puzzles.

The Great Giveaway

Who doesn't love pizza? During the month of May, stop into the library and grab your free book: Making Artisan Pizza while supplies last! Keep-posted we may have other giveaways throughout the summer. Made possible by a Friend.

Adult Programs and Events

Visit your three Region 12 libraries -- Burnham Library, Minor Memorial Library, and Gunn Library -- for a variety of events, art shows, and collaborative programming. There is something for everyone!

Visit www.burnhamlibrary.org/events to register for programs and for the most update-to-date information on Burnham Library events. Email jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org for questions or further information.

Yoga Under the Tent with Lanie Flanagan COMING SOON! Dates to be determined. If interested in participating, join the mailing list by emailing jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org

CPR Training with EMT Pete Johnson - Saturday, May 6 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Be equipped to respond to someone in distress and potentially save a life! Participate in CPR training at Burnham Library and earn your certification in adult, child and infant CPR. Advanced registration and payment is required. Limited to 10 participants. \$50 per person includes training, mask, and certification card. Made possible by the Friends of Burnham who helped to defray the cost of this program.

Skills Café

Burnham Library is THE place to learn a new skill

Saturday, May 20 from 1:00 - 3:00 o Organic Tangles with Kahy Phillips. Come join us for some Zentangle fun. Learn how to combine new tangles to create an enchanting woodland scene.

No experience needed to learn the basics of knitting. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

More workshops coming soon!

Burnham Library, cont.

Boards and Brews - Friday, May 26, 6:00 - 8:00 Tabletop, board games, and libations are on the menu! Join friends, new and old, for a board gaming event. All levels of board gaming expertise are welcome and feel free to bring your favorite game to share. BYOB and pot luck snacks. Ages 21+

Virtual Book Discussions - Wednesdays May 24 and June 28 at 5:00 via Zoom. All are welcome to join in the lively monthly discussion. Email Catherine Flynn at cwflynn60@gmail.com to register or for further information. Copies of each selection will be available at the library or request curbside pick-up.

Art @ the Burnham Library Visit and view during library hours

May - Anda J. Styler with works in acrylic and oil.

June - Ted Alt of Bridgewater with works in oil. Artist reception date to be announced

July and August - Katuska Millones of Brookfield



Summer fun for EVERYONE during Your Summer @ Burnham

Your Summer @ Burnham Launch Day - Saturday, June 17 from 11:00 - 12:30

Drop-in to register for adult & youth reading challenges and youth summer programs. Stick around and check-out summer reading raffle prizes, enjoy some ice cream from Tasty Waves, and grab a goody-bag (while supplies last!).

Project Summer: Wild About Reading! In the Susan Beris, MD Youth Learning Center
A full list of youth summer programs will be available mid-May. We have some great events planned for this summer including STEM programs, weekly Summer Bunch storytime, afternoon crafts and activities, special events, PRIZES, and more!

Tri-Town Summer Events and Challenge

Three towns, one summer! Bridgewater, Roxbury, and Washington libraries join forces to offer something for everyone! Featured events: Roxbury: Saturday, July 15 - TaleWise Science Heroes, Bridgewater: Saturday, July 22 - Riverside Reptiles, Washington: Saturday, July 29 - Matt Matthews Magic Show & Workshop. Tri-Town Summer Challenge: Grab a challenge sheet to play for a chance at THREE Tri-Town Grand Prizes Details will be included in each library's summer flyer! All special events are free, open to all, registration not required.

Music on Main - Friday, June 23 from 5:30 - 8:30

Kick-off the summer with our 5th annual Music on Main event! Featuring music from the Overdue Band and a cool treat from Ice Cream Emergency! In collaboration with Bridgewater Recreation.

Burnham Beer Garden - Fridays July 30, July 14, 21, 28, August 4 & 11, from 5:30 - 7:30

It's back! Sign up for your season pass to guarantee your spot at Burnham Beer Garden. Your six-week pass gets you two beers (or wine), a BL logo pint glass, and good company! Each week will feature craft beers from local breweries (and maybe a surprise or two!) Weekly events may include live music, lawn games, food truck and more! Fun for the entire family! Email jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org to register or for more information.

Youth Programs in the Susie Beris MD Youth Learning Center

Mother's Day Craft - Drop-in May 13 from 10:00 - 12:00

Join us in the SBYLC to craft a little something for mom or another special lady in your life.

Read with Luke - Saturday, May 29, June 24 and July 29

Sign-up for 15-minute reading session with Luke, Burnham's own therapy dog! Luke is a GREAT listener (and he is the cutest pup!) email lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org to register.

Build-a-Stuffie at Burnham! - Saturday, June 3, 3 sessions from 10:00 - 12:00

Build your own reading friend to cherish for years to come! Children have a choice of three Noah's Ark stuffed animals: Chocolate Kisses Teddy, Zula the Lemur, or Fergus the Rainforest Frog. We will hand stuff them, add a Wishing Star, zip them closed, and dress them in a Burnham Library t-shirt! Fill out the birth certificate, then take them home and give him the best life ever! Each stuffie is \$35 with proceeds to benefit SBYLC Summer Reading 2023. RSVP by Saturday, May 19 to Lianne at lambruso@burnhamlibrary.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Bridgewater EMS Update

As we welcome spring with warmer weather, blooming flowers and longer days, I would also like to welcome Jeannette Purdy as one of our newly certified EMTs. Jeannette completed her certification in February and has been actively responding to calls, we are grateful that she has joined our team.

We also have an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) course that started April 4th and will continue through May 25th. We have several from Bridgewater who are signed up to take this course and we look forward to their completion and joining our team.

Our Bridgewater Emergency Medical Services are provided by a wonderful group of volunteers who selflessly devote their time to serving those in our community. May 21st-27th is the 48th annual National EMS week which was initially established in 1974 by President Gerald Ford. EMS week is a time to celebrate and recognize EMS providers for the important work they contribute to their communities. If you happen to see one of our EMS volunteers out and about around town, please take a moment to thank them for going above and beyond the call.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jim McNulty for his years of service as Ambulance Coordinator of the BVFD. Although Jim has stepped down as Ambulance Coordinator, he will continue to actively serve the community responding as an EMT.

Sincerely,
Diana Haskell, Ambulance Coordinator



BFD Women's Auxiliary

The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Dept Women's Auxiliary meets every third Monday at 7:30 pm at the firehouse.

Auxiliary Scholarship

To qualify for our scholarship, the student must be a child of a fire department member or be an active junior member. All eligible seniors need to submit the scholarship paperwork by no later than May 1st. Students can find the forms at the guidance office.

During the fair the Auxiliary will be at our Famous Cake Wheel where you can win a homemade confection for only 50 cents. Our members will also be at the Watering Hole where you can have a beer and sit and enjoy local musicians for free. Volunteers are always welcome!!

In fall we will be hosting our Annual Beer & Wine tasting at the Pratt Pavilion on Saturday September 16th. There will be over 40 vendors and great food trucks.

October we will have our annual Town Wide Tag Sale. At this 2-day event for a small donation we collect the addresses of all the tag sales in town and plot them on a map for the shoppers.

The Auxiliary always welcomes new members, please join us as we support our terrific Fire Department.

Ann Frattalone, President

Hello Bridgewater,

Here we are in the spring of 2023. Winter was not so terrible overall. Maybe next year there will be some more snow (white??) for snow lovers. As we clean up our yards, take out the lawn tractors and BBQ grills, make sure you evict those pesky mice that might have made their home in these appliances. Leaves and dead grass can accumulate around electrical components. These components can get hot and start a fire. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Open burn permits are available at the Town Hall. Please adhere to these rules and state regulations. Early spring and summer are a high fire danger time. Grass and leaves are very dry and a brush fire can spread quickly and get out of control.

Our renovations are still underway at the firehouse. Our new epoxy floors and freshly painted walls look great. A special thank you goes out to two past Chiefs, who have spent countless hours painting and repairing our meeting hall and offices. This was a job well done. Additionally, we welcomed four new members this winter. We are glad to have them as part of our BVFD family.

It is official! The Bridgewater fire/rescue raffle is on, and tickets are ready. This year, we have a brand new 2023 Toyota Tundra V6 Hybrid (6.5 foot bed, 1794 Edition, 4x4 crew cab) for first prize and \$10,000 second prize. Tickets are available. We are always around, and members are at the fire house every Thursday night at 7 pm.

Let's see who has the greener grass this spring.

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

TRAIL INFORMATION

All trails are considered moderate-to-strenuous unless otherwise noted. In moderate areas, hikers will encounter some hills with long inclines and some obstructions such as stream crossings or rock formations. In strenuous areas, hikers will encounter steeper inclines and more difficult footing and obstructions. Any trail characterized as easy will be relatively level with some hills, few obstructions and good footing.

Trail markers are numbered diamond shaped medallions installed on the sides of the trails as reference points. On the trail maps, these markers are represented by purple dots. ●

- **Blue Trails [Markers 100-163]**
This trail is part of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. For more information, visit ctwoodlands.org.
- **Red Trails [Markers 300-350]**
- **Yellow Trails [Markers 200-242]**
- **White Trails [Markers 50-82]**
- P Parking Areas**

Recommended Hikes:

Lake Lillinonah (2 miles): From the Bridgewater Town Park travel south on the blue trail to marker 152, take the yellow trail to blue marker 156, travel north to the Bridgewater Town Park.

Silica Mine Hill (4 miles): From the parking area on Hemlock Rd., take the blue trail (marker 150) to the red trail (marker 145), take the red trail to the blue trail (marker 137), travel north on the blue trail to the parking area.

Rocky Hill (4-5 miles): From the parking area on Christian St. follow the yellow trail to Hemlock Rd., take a left and follow road to parking area, marker 150, travel south on the blue trail to Benson Rd. marker 129. Walk up Benson Rd to the white trail (marker 55). Follow the white trail to the yellow trail, marker 255. Travel north on yellow trail to parking area.

Iron Ore Hill (3 miles): From the parking area on Iron Ore Rd travel south on the blue trail (marker 111) to the red trail (marker 300). Take the red trail, crossing Iron Ore Rd to the blue trail, marker 122. Take the blue trail south to the parking area on Iron Ore Hill Rd.

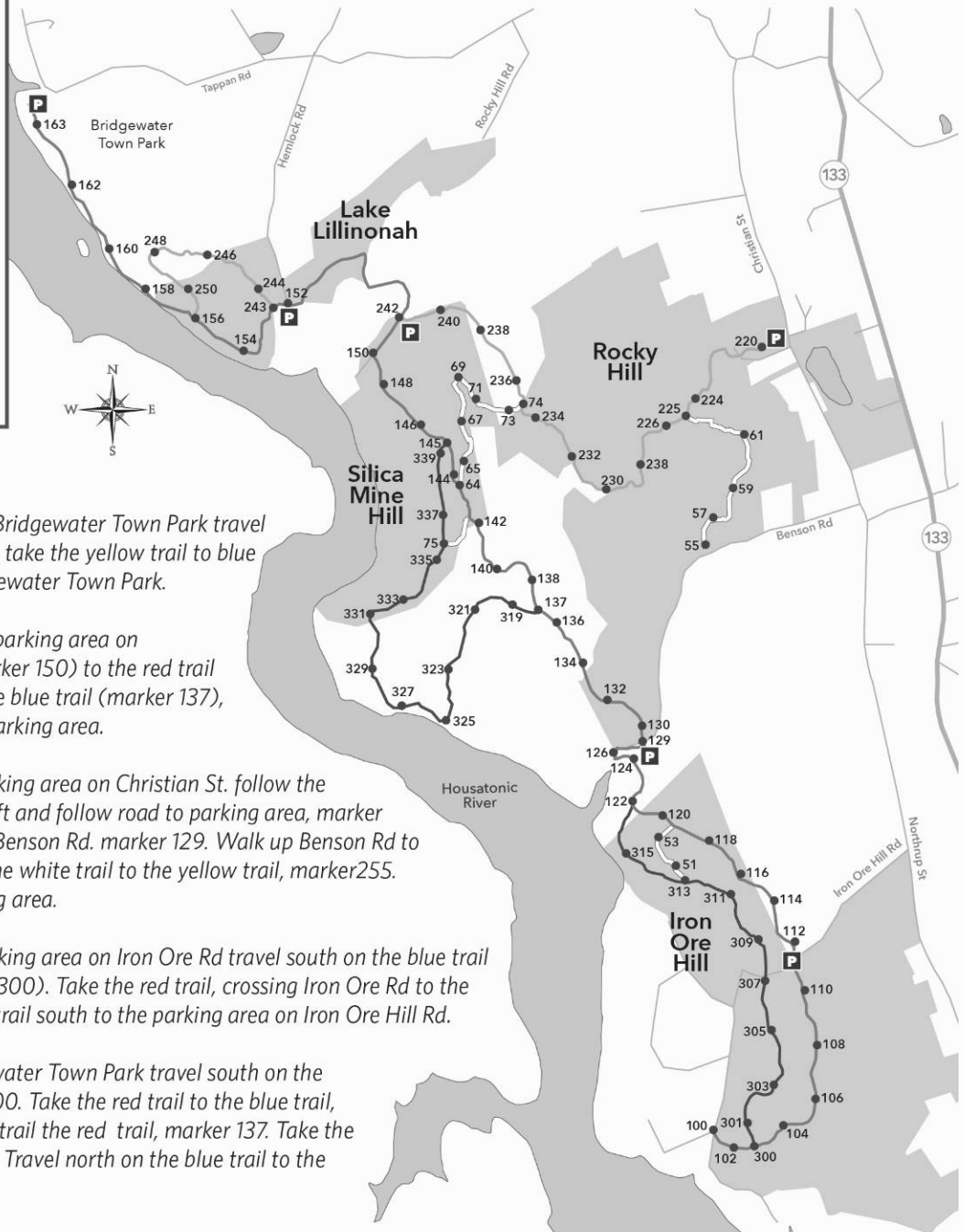
Big Hike (9 miles): From the Bridgewater Town Park travel south on the blue trail to the red trail at marker 300. Take the red trail to the blue trail, marker 122. Travel north on the blue trail the red trail, marker 137. Take the red trail to the blue trail, marker 145. Travel north on the blue trail to the Bridgewater Town Park.

This spring, enjoy The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut's Sunny Valley Preserve and its 17 miles of hiking trails in Bridgewater.

Whether you're looking for a two-mile jaunt or a nine-mile trek, we've highlighted some routes that will take you through the best landscapes western Connecticut has to offer.

Learn about Sunny Valley's Three Trail Systems

- The Wolfpit Mountain trail travels two miles from Henry Sanford Rd through an upland hardwood forest to a hemlock forest at the top of Wolfpit Mountain.
- The trails at Wewaka Brook travel through grasslands, upland hardwood forests, down to red maple swamps with three miles of hiking trails located on Hut Hill Rd and Keeler Rd.
- The Housatonic River trails (see map) showcase the variety of trees, shrublands and grasslands of western Connecticut.



Historical Society News

Peck House Events



We are excited to be having The Burnham fifth graders visit the Peck House for a fun history-filled program in May. We are also hosting our first open house of the summer at the Peck House on the same day as the garden club plant sale, May 20. We hope some gardeners will join us for a self guided tour/visit after they buy their plants! Our open house will be from 10 to 12 that day. We will have special Bridgewater-related items for sale at that time.

As always, we will be providing coffee and donuts after the Memorial Day parade and will be selling commemorative books, mugs and blankets at that time. We hope to see many of you at the Peck House this spring!

The historic marker pictured in the image above was erected by the Town of Bridgewater, The Bridgewater Historical Society and the Connecticut Historical Commission in 1979. Here is what it says:

In 1722 Samuel Clark, an original proprietor of New Milford, had a portion of his share of land surveyed in the southerly part of that town known as Shepaug Neck. Although this later became known as Bridgewater, it was not incorporated as a separate town until 1856. Among the earliest settlers was Joseph Treat, grandson of Robert Treat, a colonial governor of Connecticut. Others included the four sons of Jeremiah Canfield, Sr. Descendants of these families played a prominent role in the early history of the area. The first school district was established in 1758.

By the latter part of the 18th century, petitions were made to New Milford for a separate ecclesiastical society, a request granted in 1803. A meetinghouse, the present Congregational Church, was erected in 1807. Most early settlers were Congregationalists, but other faiths were represented as well. Until about 1800 a Baptist church stood on what is now called Christian Street. Episcopal worship began in private homes around 1810, and a church was built in 1836. Present St. Mark's Church was erected in 1859. Early Bridgewater was divided into several districts, each having its own store, school, mills, and blacksmith and woodworking shops. Sheep were raised and tobacco grown. Dairy farming developed in the 19th century. Hat making flourished 1823 to 1870, when Glover Sanford & Sons had a factory on Hat Shop Hill. For some years Bridgewater was the boyhood home of Captain William D. Burnham, founder of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company. His generous bequests made possible the library and the school on Main Street that bear his name. The town was also the birthplace and place of business of Charles B. Thompson, a leading pioneer in mail-order selling. Bridgewater today is largely residential.



From The Desk of the Town Historian

A few days ago, I received a letter from my publisher. It announced my royalties - \$3.54 - for the year. Now I can get anything I want from the "Dollar Menu" at McDonalds.

It got me to thinking about what a dollar could buy. In 1946, the year of my birth, you could get a gallon of gas for \$.16. Or how about a nice, new car for \$1,400? Go shopping for milk (\$.70 a gallon) or bread (\$.10 a loaf)? Sounds good until you hear that the average yearly income was \$2,390.00.

All things considered, I'll stick to the "Dollar Menu" until my royalties increase.

- Eileen Buchheit



BRIDGEWATER HILLTOP CENTER NEWS

SAVE THE DATE - July 7th - The Hilltop Hoedown- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Senior centers, recognized by the Older Americans Act (OAA) as a community focal point, are one of the most widely used services among America's older adults. Today, almost 10,000 senior centers serve more than 1 million older adults every day in their communities and neighborhoods. Come in and get to know Bridgewater's Senior Center!

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 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Supper Concert Series - Sunday, May 21, June 11 and July 16 at 4:00
Bingo - Thursday, May 18, June 18, June 8 and July 20 at 1:00
Canvas Painting Class - Monday, May 1 and June 26 at 1:00
"A Voice Among the Silent", Vail Barrett historic presentation - Thursday, May 4 at 1:00
Tea Cup Fresh Arrangements - Monday, May 8 at 1:00
Mother's Day Luncheon - Thursday, May 11 at 12:00
Birdhouse Craft - Monday, May 15 at 1:00
AARP Driver's Class - Monday, May 22 at 12:00-4:00
Armchair Travel "Iceland" - Monday, June 5 at 1:00
Father's Day Luncheon - Thursday, June 15 at 12:00
Patriotic Luncheon with the Connecticut's Bristol Old Time Fiddlers Club - Thursday, June 29 at 12:00
HILLTOP HOEDOWN - Friday, July 7 at 5:00-8:00 Live Music, Drinks, Food & Auctions

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. Transporting people that are well on a first come first serve basis.

Patricia Babbage, Director

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Community Caring in Bridgewater, Inc. (CCB)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Staying Healthy and Happy at Home

Fire Extinguisher Training - May 20, 2023

CCB is sponsoring a fire extinguisher training session with the support and assistance of the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department. The Training will be held on May 20, 2023 starting a Noon. This training is free as well as fun and interesting. You may bring your old fire extinguishers and they will be properly disposed of. We hope to see you there.

Chore Services for Seniors

CCB's Chore Service can help with spring and summer repair and maintenance items such as:

- 1) Installing your window air conditioner
- 2) Repairing unsafe wooden porch steps or railings
- 3) Making sure indoor/outdoor lightening is functioning and located properly
- 4) Safety assessments

And more...ask us!

Contact Us

If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact us (all requests are confidential). We can be reached:

By Phone: 860-350-2194.

By Email: info@ccbridgewater.org

Literacy Volunteers On The Green

Spring is in full bloom and we send fond greetings to our wonderful tutors and donors from Bridgewater!

LVG has had an active first quarter of 2023, welcoming 20 new students, training 4 new tutors, and hosting a tutor professional development opportunity focusing on The Reading Process as we seek to serve the native speaking adult struggling with reading issues. 85 tutors are actively engaged with 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, basic skills remediation in reading and writing, U. S. citizen preparation, family literacy, and offering English tutoring for families from Afghanistan and the Ukraine, settled by Refugee Resettlement Groups in New Milford, Washington and Brookfield.

Please consider impacting the lives of adult learners and their families by revitalizing the working lives of adults seeking English language proficiency. **The next new tutor training is scheduled for early fall of this year, but if interested in training sooner, please contact Lynn@lvg-ct.org to learn of ways to support English language literacy in northwestern Connecticut.**

Lynn Davies, Executive Director
Literacy Volunteers on the Green

OUR CHURCHES

St. Marks Episcopal Church



ST. MARK'S CHURCH PAINT-THE-SAINT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

OUR BIGGEST FINANCIAL UNDERTAKING THIS YEAR WILL BE THE PAINTING OF OUR HISTORIC CHURCH AND REPAIR OF THE STEEPLE. WE GRATEFULLY THANK ALL WHO HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR "PAINT THE SAINT FUND" AND INVITE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO JOIN IN THIS WORTHWHILE EFFORT. WE ARE CLOSING IN ON OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL, BUT STILL HAVE A WAY TO GO. WE CAN DO THIS WITH YOUR HELP !!!!!

WORSHIP WITH US

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am as we gather for our worship service both in the pews and on Zoom. All are welcome !!!!

QUILT SHOW AND TEA/LUNCHEON

We are planning a host a Quilt Show and Tea/Luncheon tentatively on Saturday, May 20th. Here is your invitation to view beautiful quilts from the areas artisans displayed in the historical setting of St. Mark's iconic Eighteenth Century Sanctuary. More information about this event will be available soon.

THE BRIDGEWATER FAIR

As we have every year except during Covid, we plan to set up our booth at the Bridgewater Fair again this year. Preparations are underway as we meet weekly to make our famous jams and begin baking for the Fair. If you would like to get involved and help, please contact us at 860-354-8269. It's a fun way to support us and what we do for our wonderful Bridgewater Community.

You can find more information about our upcoming events, activities and services by visiting our website at <https://stmarksbridgewater.weebly.com>.

The Bridgewater Congregational Church

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!

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB The Bridgewater Congregational Church is hosting a book discussion with author Amy Poeppel on Sunday, June 4 at 3 pm. The book is THE SWEET SPOT and has rave reviews. "Amy has the freshest, funniest voice around," says author Jane Green. "A delightful novel that celebrates the messiness and joy to be found in real life." Kirkus Review. There will be a light reception following the discussion which is free of charge.

CLASSICAL CONCERT The Bridgewater Congregational Church will host A CLASSICAL CONCERT on Sunday, June 11 at 3 pm. The list of musicians include: Jane Chung, Larry Deming, Sarah Jane Chelminski (possibly members of the Wykeham Consort), Maggi Heilweil, and Jan Gregory (with members of Femina Melodia, a women's a cappella group). The event will also feature students studying with Larry Deming. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance at the church office or at the door. Advanced ticket sales will begin in May. Please see our website for more information and bios of the musicians.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES AT BCC

Come walk our Labyrinth: The labyrinth is located in our Meditation Garden to the right of our parking lot.

Community Prayer Box: BCC has a Community Prayer Box where anyone can anonymously leave a prayer request.

Bridgewater Food Pantry Available to Bridgewater residents. 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.

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.

Roots Rock Revue



Previously Purchased Tickets can be used for this Performance

Bridgewater Dog Owners Must License Their Dogs in June

Dog owners must license their dogs 6 months and older at the Town Clerk's office beginning June 1st.

Licenses also may be obtained through the mail by sending a **self-addressed, stamped envelope** with a check or money order and the following information: 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 spayed or neutered certificate to qualify for a lower license fee.

Dog owners have until the end of June to license their dog without penalty. There is a \$1.00 per month penalty for dogs not licensed in June. See form below. Please detach form and mail in with all required documentation.

*****This year our office is collecting food and supply donations for the local Animal Shelter. Please call our office at 860-354-5102 for more information, if you are interested. We appreciate your generosity!*****

Bridgewater Dog License Form

Owner Name : _____
Address: _____
Phone : _____
Alt Phone: _____

Dog Name : _____
Breed: _____
Color : _____
Age: _____
Sex: _____

License Fee

Spayed/Neutered - \$8.00
Non-spayed/Non-neutered - \$19.00

In order to issue a license, this form must be completed. The following items are also required: **Valid rabies certificate, spay/neuter certificate (for first time licenses to receive discounted fee), Self-addressed stamped envelope and check made out to the Bridgewater Town Clerk**



Bridgewater LOVES Dogs!

All dogs over the age of **6 months** are required per State Statute to have a current rabies vaccination and be licensed by June 30th every year. Beginning July 1st, a penalty of \$1.00 is charged for each month the dog is unlicensed.

Please mail to: Bridgewater Town Clerk
P.O. Box 216
Bridgewater, CT 06752

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



Our annual Fishing Derby for children will
be held on May 6, 2023 from
8:30am - 10:30am
Bridgewater Recreation Center

Summer Rec. Camp Registration

Registration will begin in May for our Summer Camp
which runs from July 3rd - July 28th. We are currently
hiring for counselors (must be at least 16 years old to
apply) . We are also looking for CITs (must be
entering freshman year of high school).



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



Pavilion rentals are underway for the 2023 season.
Book your gathering today! Please contact
Bridgewaterpavilion@gmail.com.



Join Us!

CT Trails DAY HIKE

Sat., June 3rd
9 AM - 11 AM

The Bridgewater Land
Trust & the Bridgewater
Recreation Commission
invite you to hike with us!
We are offering a guided,
2.5 mile moderate hike
with some steep inclines
up Wolf Pit Mountain.

This is a free event, no
registration is required.



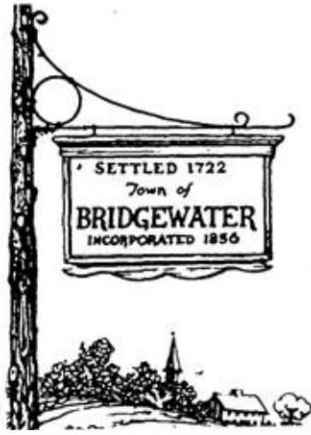
Heavy rain cancels. Questions email: julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Hike begins at 9 AM
Clatter Valley Park
158 Town Farm Road
New Milford, CT 06776

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Dawn MacNutt- *Chairman*
Lynn Kubisek - *Secretary*
Josh Murphy
Mike Dubos
Julie Scott
Colin Brown
Charlene Sullivan
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

Town Newsletter Statement of Purpose

This is the official town newsletter to communicate current issues, services and activities in Bridgewater to the residents of the town. The newsletter is published quarterly. *Deadline for the next issue is July 5th, 2023.*

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

MAY

- 2 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Zoom
- 2 Inland Wetlands Comm. 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 4 BOF Public Hearing 5:00 PM, Senior Center
- 10 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 17 Board of Finance 4:30 PM, Town Hall
- 18 Annual Town Meeting 6:00 PM, Burnham School
- 18 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 25 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 29 Memorial Day Parade 8:20 AM, Town Center
- 29 Memorial Day *****Town Hall Closed*****

JUNE

- 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 Juneteenth *****Town Hall Closed*****
- 22 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 27 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM, Town Hall

JULY

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

CALENDAR

