



# OUR TOWN

## BRIDGEWATER

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### *Message from Our First Selectman*

Let's hope we don't see snow in May this year and that the daffodils are given a chance to show off their welcome cheer. Yes, it's been a long winter that had our town crew working overtime to keep the roads clear and safe. If this were Facebook, you could click "LIKE" to appreciate their all night efforts.

Lately, the local bears are also working overtime on bird feeders, garbage cans and bee hives as they revive from their torpid slumbers. These natural marauders may not become welcome harbingers of Spring in the northwest hills. However, I request that we keep sharing the reports, photos and videos and take care not to give them the opportunity to become "problem bears". They are still protected from hunting and managed by the CT DEEP. Check out this link for more information and making reports: <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/wildlife/sighting/bearrpt.htm> or call with a sighting report to: 860-424-3333.

At the recent town informational meeting about the future of the Bridgewater Grange building several options were presented and explained. Before getting into too much detail, it can be difficult to compare initial proposals on various options. Some estimates covered some deliverables while others excluded them. To "level the playing field" we applied costs to various categories which may not have represented the bidder's intent. Despite any confusion or misrepresentation about the "new Grange" options, I can truthfully say that estimates were all close and would eventually have to go through a formal bid procedure once any design is finalized.

Attendees also realized that the "renovation" options were cost prohibitive and unwise. The old building is too far gone and will have to be removed. We will salvage what wood and stones we can in the demolition process. The residual oil contamination under the building can then be excavated. We currently have many suggestions on the table of what a new Grange should look like. All the possibilities will be considered by the selectmen with the help of local architects, builders and others to arrive at a preferred plan and specifications to put out to bid.

One piece of the Grange puzzle has been solved by the generosity of St. Mark's Episcopal Church who has offered some of their land behind the church for the Grange septic system and a small parking lot to be shared by the church and Grange. Another hurdle yet to jump is how we will finance a new Grange. We envision some combination of private donations, town capital, bonding and/or grants to add to our \$400,000 already allocated funds. The total price tag for a new Grange should be under one million dollars.

Although this seems expensive, we are hoping a future Grange will serve as a multi-purpose community center Bridgewater will be proud of, and yes, it has to look as much like the old gem as feasible, practical and within our budget. So for now, the planning continues.

May the sun shine upon you !

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## Tag Sales

Tag Sales in the Town of Bridgewater are now by permit only.

Please be aware of the following information:

1. Only 6 official TAG SALE SIGNS (furnished by the Sign Officer) may be posted. All others will be removed.
2. No signs may be posted on Trees, Poles, Traffic Islands or the Town Green. Signs posted in these locations will be removed.
3. Only articles from the owner's premises may be sold.
4. If traffic hazards are created, the Police Department may revoke your permit.
5. Only 2 tag sales may be held in one year and they may be no longer than 3 days in duration.
6. A Tag Sale Permit Fee of \$3.00 is required and permits may be obtained in the Town Hall.
7. A Sign Deposit of \$9.00 is required. Signs may go up the day before the sale and must be removed immediately following the sale. If signs are returned within 7 days of sale, this fee will be refunded. However, if the signs are left up and removed by town employees you lose your sign deposit.

Some reminders are needed for those of you holding tag sales. Our Zoning Regulations allow only 2 tag sales a year. Signs are to be put up on the day of the tag sale and taken down immediately after. Any signs left after the tag sale will be removed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and fines will be imposed. Connecticut General Statute 14-310 prohibits placing signs on highway and traffic signs. Also Connecticut General Statute 23-65 prohibits affixing signs to a "telegraph, telephone, electric light, or power pole in any public way or grounds." Section 3.4 of our Sign Ordinance prohibits placing a sign on a "tree, shrub, rock or other natural object" as well. Violations of these regulations carries a fine of up to \$100 per sign and signs placed in such a manner will be removed. Please be considerate of your neighbors. It's a good idea to ask permission before you put a sign on someone else's property. The property owner has a right to remove the sign.

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## Planning & Zoning Reminder

Section 4.13.01 states "A recreational vehicle, boat, and/or recreational or utility trailer may be stored by its owner in the rear or side yard of the lot on which the owner's permanent residence is located, provided such conveyance is not visible from the street. No such conveyance may be used for sleeping, living, cooking, or for carrying on a business in any district except as provided elsewhere in these Regulations. A permit for such storage is required." Many of these vehicles have been spotted throughout the town. We are asking property owners who have these vehicles to voluntarily comply with this regulation or remove them. Failure to do so voluntarily will result in an enforcement action. If you have any questions please call the Land Use Office Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## LAND TRANSFERS

### Land Transfers: January 2018

- Keats C. and Janice L. Gill of Cape Coral, Florida to James D. and Carol L. Cohen of Newtown, CT, land and buildings, 25 Keeler Road, \$475,000

### Land Transfers: February 2018

- Vivian L. Wolf of Nicholasville, KY to Alan P. Will, Sr. of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 29 New Milford Road West, \$171,500
- Webster Bank, NA to Paul and Adriana Stamati of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 10 Landmark Drive, \$550,000
- Bank of New York Mellon to Hugh and Susan Delage of Sherman, CT, land and buildings, 45 Cedar Hill Road, \$449,000
- Bea Plus, LLC of New Preston, CT to Stephen M. and Rosalyn D. Berger, Jr. of New Milford, CT, land, Clatter Valley Road, \$242,500

### Land Transfers: March 2018

*No land transfers were recorded.*

ATTEST:  
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk

## The Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 28th

8:00 AM: Marchers meet at Bridgewater Firehouse

8:10 AM: Marchers begin

8:20 AM: Parade proceeds to Town Center

All Bridgewater teams and groups are encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be served after the parade on the Historical Society lawn. Parade is rain or shine.





# Registrars of Voters

## May

Tuesday 5-01-18 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday 5/01/18 or 5/08/18 School Budget Referendum

Between 5-23 and 5-30-18: Primary petitions for persons desiring to oppose candidates of major party for municipal office shall be available from the Registrars of Voters on the day following the making of party's endorsement (§9-409). Date and Time to be announced.

Tuesday 5-29-18 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

## June

Tuesday 6-05-18 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday 6-12-18 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Acceptance of Primary Petitions (§§9-405 & 9-406)

Tuesday 6-26-18 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

## July

Tuesday 7-03-18 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Tuesday 7-31-18 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Primary Enrollment Session: Mandatory session for the purpose of registration and/or enrollment of electors entitled to vote in state, district or municipal office primary (§9-37).

All registration sessions will take place in the Bridgewater Town Hall, second floor, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT. For further information, please call the Registrars at (860)-354-5901 during regular office hours on the first and last Tuesday of each month between 12:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M.

Margaret Judith Sullivan, Democratic Registrar  
Susan Patrick, Republican Registrar

## Office of the Tax Collector

DEMAND NOTICES for all overdue taxes were sent in March.

INTENT TO LIEN NOTICES are sent in April for Real Estate taxes which became due 7-1-2017 and 1-1-2018.

JULY BILLING - Bills for Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle taxes will be mailed in June and become due on July 1, 2018. These bills are for property assessed on the 2017 Grand List in October 2017. Payments must be received or postmarked by August 1st, 2018 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.

**LAST DAY FOR ON-TIME PAYMENT: AUGUST 1, 2018**

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](http://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 townhall.org](mailto:cvikstrom@bridgewater townhall.org)

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8-12:30 / Tuesday 8-3:30

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Homeowners, who were 65 or older or totally disabled on or before December 31, 2017 and are full-time residents, may be eligible for tax relief. To qualify for the State benefit your income must be no more than \$35,300 if unmarried and \$43,000 if married including Social Security. For the Local benefit your income must be \$16,000 or under not including Social Security. Applications must be received by May 15th, 2018.

If you rent and are 65 or older a surviving spouse or totally disabled on or before December 31, 2017 and are full-time residents, you may be eligible for tax relief. To qualify for the State Renters program your income must be no more than \$35,300 if unmarried and \$43,000 if married including social security. The application period is April 1st to October 1st, 2018.

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 with the Town Clerk's office by September 30, 2018.

If you are a Veteran or surviving spouse and your income is between \$35,300 if single or \$43,000 if married (not including your Veteran's disability payments) you may qualify for an Additional Veteran's Exemption.

If you are a V.A. 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 you are entitled to.

If you know of a resident of Bridgewater who is an Active-Duty Serviceman with a Motor vehicle please contact our office, as they may qualify for a total tax exemption of their vehicle.

Applications for the various programs listed above are available on line at our town web site [bridgewater townhall.org](http://bridgewater townhall.org) or in our Assessor's office

If you have any questions, we can be reached Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8am to 12:30pm and Tuesday 8am to 3:30pm. Our phone number is (860) 355-9379 or e-mail me at [dpinter@bridgewater townhall.org](mailto:dpinter@bridgewater townhall.org).

Denise C. Pinter Assessor

## SPRING BULKY DROPOFF!

**Starts Monday, May 7th**

**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, May 7th through Saturday, May 12th.

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 garbage at the Town Garage).

The following items are accepted year round at the Town Garage; please do not put these things out for pick-up, although you may bring them to the Garage. TIRES (accepted for a fee, payable by check), SMALL APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS (TVs, computers, microwaves, etc.), BRUSH OR LEAVES

**We accept bulky waste from BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS ONLY!!**





## VETERANS CORNER

**Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)** - Beginning in Nov. 2018, retirees and their family members will have their first opportunity to join the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Vision coverage is new to TRICARE beneficiaries and may be very appealing, especially to families. To be sure you don't miss important dates or details, you can sign up to receive FEDVIP email updates at their website: <http://TRICARE.benefeds.com>.

**Have a question about your service?** Visit Human Resource Service Center (HRSC). It is an entry point for military-related human resource inquiries. The center responds to Soldiers, Retired Soldiers, veterans, family members, DA civilians and government agencies. Contact HRSC (0800-1800 EST, Monday thru Friday) at (888)-ARMYHRC (276-9472.) For general military HR and veteran issues: [https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/Army Soldier Records Branch - ASRB](https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/Army%20Soldier%20Records%20Branch%20-%20ASRB). Use the link below to access the Knowledge Base containing answers to Soldiers' and veterans' Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): <https://www.hrc.army.mil/search?c=KB>.

**Questions about upgrade or change the conditions of their military discharge?** The Department of Defense, through a joint initiative with the Department of Veterans Affairs, is pleased to announce the launch of a web-based tool that will provide customized guidance to veterans who desire to upgrade or change the conditions of their military discharge. This tool can be found on Vets.gov at: <https://www.vets.gov/discharge-upgrade-instructions>. The link is also available on Military OneSource (<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>) and each of the review board's websites (not listed here).

**How to report the death of a Retired Soldier:** Contact the Department of the Army Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center anytime by calling (800) 626-3317. You will be immediately referred to a local Casualty Assistance Center, who will report the death to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to stop retired pay and initiate the survivor benefits process. If you reside overseas and the toll free number is not available, call your Retirement Services Officer (a list can be found at Vets.com).

**The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)** provides long term care insurance to help pay for costs of care when you need help with activities you perform every day, such as bathing, dressing, eating, etc. Long term care is not covered by health insurance such as Medicare, TRICARE or traditional plans. The program is available to active and retired members of the uniformed services, their relatives, and most Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and annuitants, including relatives. For more information about this program, please visit their website at [www.ltcfed.com](http://www.ltcfed.com).

**Army Emergency Relief (AER):** Visit us at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or call us at (866) 878-6378 to find out how you can help. Active duty and Retired Soldiers may donate to AER by allotment from their military pay. Also, anyone may donate to AER by credit card. If you have any questions, please contact AER at [donations@erhq.org](mailto:donations@erhq.org).

**Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES):** Register to see your eligibility at [ShopMyExchange.com](http://ShopMyExchange.com). It is similar to Amazon but with many items a service member or retirees.

**Recruiting:** as the new budget is approved, filling the ranks will be a major task of all the services. In fiscal year 2018, The Army alone is recruiting 80,000 people for the Regular Army and another 15,600 for the Army Reserve. If you know of anyone young person interested, let them know of this opportunity. It is a great way to service your country, your community and yourself as a great first step to learning important professional and life skills.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how to improve this information, please email me at [townofbridgewater@gmail.com](mailto:townofbridgewater@gmail.com) or give me a call at 860-355-2433.





## The Burnham School

A Connecticut School of Distinction

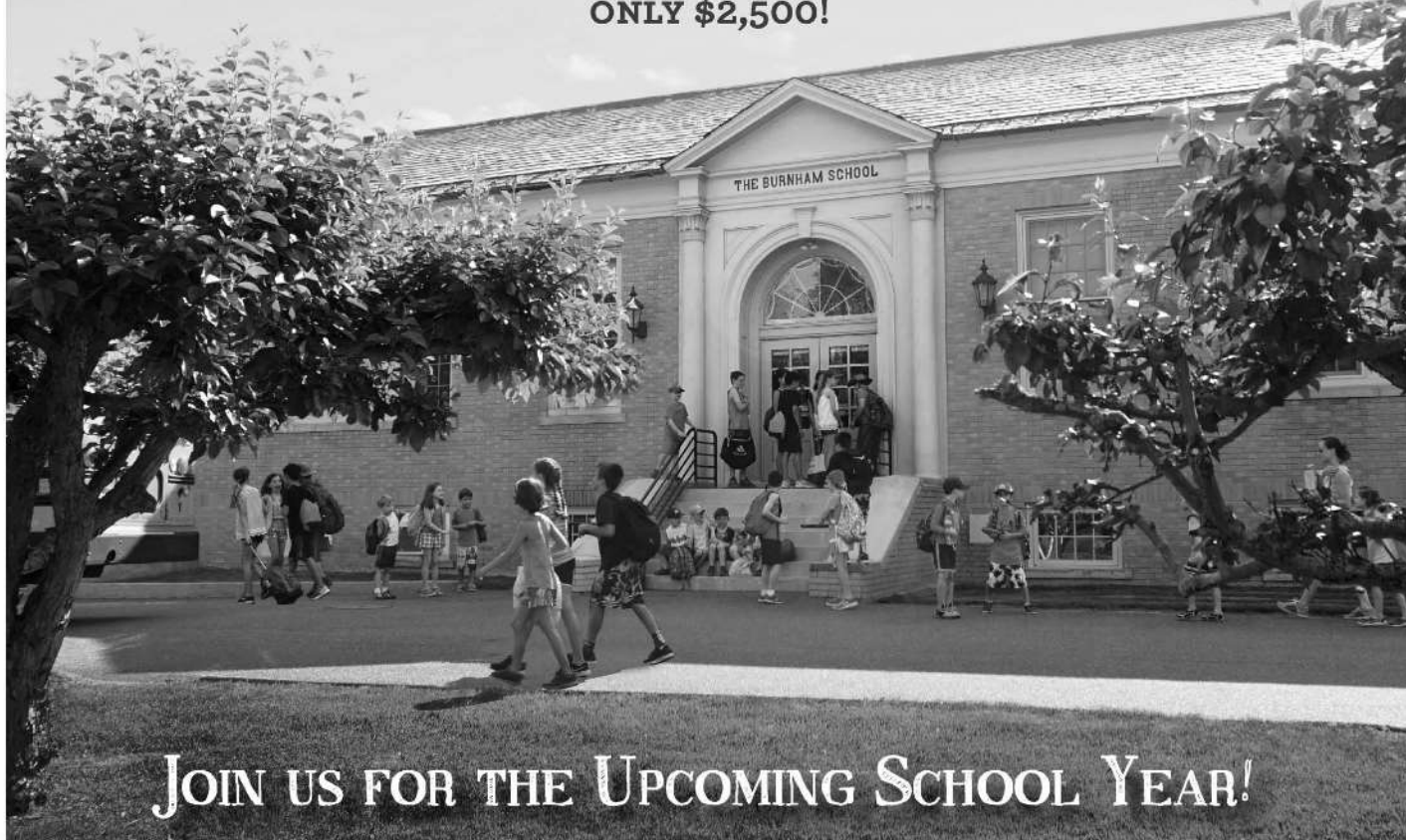
80 Main Street - Bridgewater, Connecticut

[www.WelcomeToBridgewater.org](http://www.WelcomeToBridgewater.org)

### HELP US GET THE WORD OUT:

With Scholarships and Incentives from the Region 12 Board of Education, The Burnham PTO and the Town of Bridgewater, tuition for out-of-region students is now

**ONLY \$2,500!**



### JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!

#### **Burnham PTO Scholarship**

The Burnham PTO will provide a **\$1K** scholarship per child, per family for tuitioning into Burnham School!

#### **Town of Bridgewater Scholarship**

In addition to the PTO scholarship, the Town of Bridgewater will award scholarships to tuitioning-in students up to **\$1.5K** per child!

#### **ACE Childcare Enrichment Credit**

This credit is equivalent to a 1-week pass packet (an ACE pass for 5 free visits), estimated value is \$100.

#### **Burnham PTO Gift Card Incentive!**

Refer a family who tuitions into Burnham School or moves to Bridgewater, CT and attends Burnham School and receive a \$100 Village Store gift card.

**All Area Families Welcome! For More Information : 203.417.0866**

## Burnham School PTO NEWS

The PTO is pleased to host our major fundraising event, **Cinco de Mayo** at Burnham, May 5th 2018, 6:30-10 pm at the Burnham School at 80 Main Street South in Bridgewater, CT! It will sure to bring extra flare to town with a Cinco de Mayo theme including a Taco Bar, Live Music, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffles, and more! We would like to send a special **thank you** to some of our local sponsors and donors: Prime Taco of Ridgefield, CT, Greg Bollard of Maywood Gardens, Stuart Family Farm, The Bridgewater Village Store, The Bridgewater Congregational Church, Land People Habitat LLC, and many more. We welcome all to attend this special event to spend an evening with friends and support our amazing school!

Burnham School has had an exciting start to the new year by grabbing the attention of WNPRRADIO! We had the honor of having David DesRoches from WNPR-RADIO interview our staff, parents and PTO about our unique learning structure and how other school's can learn from us on battling declining enrollment. We can certainly make lemonade out of lemons! We will share our segment as soon as it airs.

We have launched our first PTO website! You may visit us and see what's going on at Burnham School at [www.burnhamschoolpto.digitalpto.com](http://www.burnhamschoolpto.digitalpto.com).

**HELP Burnham get Bouncing!** Mad Hatters Moon Bounce of Danbury, would like to help turn up Burnham's events to the next level of fun! For every 25 bounce house rentals, Burnham will receive 6 bounce houses for any of our school events! Call using the code word: BURNIE.

**Easy Ways You Can Help to Support Burnham PTO, Today:** Volunteer! We are always looking for support from parents or family members! Sign-Up for Amazon Smile: [www.smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0011749](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/26-0011749) Sign-Up for School Rewards at your local grocery store: Register your store cards (in store or using the links) [www.StopandShop.com/aplus](http://www.StopandShop.com/aplus) and [www.shopriteformyschool.com](http://www.shopriteformyschool.com) YES, we are collecting BOX TOPS at our school!

Kindly Submitted by,  
Diana Kelly and Danielle Livingston  
Burnham School, PTO Co-Presidents

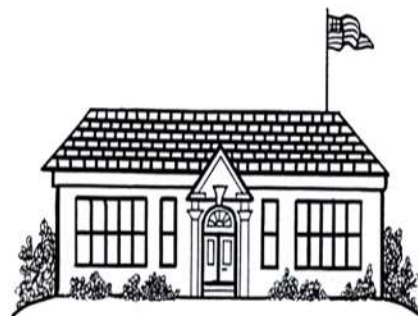
## The Bridgewater Scholarship Committee



All full time residents and their children are eligible to apply for a Bridgewater Scholarship to aid in higher education. Applications can be found online through the town's website as well as a hard copy from Town Hall and The Burnham Library. All applications must be completed and postmarked or delivered to Town Hall by May 15. In addition, anyone wishing to apply must sign up for an interview by May 15. The sign up sheet is located in Town Hall on the bulletin board and will be removed on May 15. Failure to sign up or submit an application by that date will automatically disqualify an applicant. Your Scholarship Committee looks forward to meeting with you and assisting you in managing the high cost of education.

Further, we are looking for mentors and advisors in all fields to match with students interested in getting guidance in their field of endeavor. If you are interested in participating in this program, please email Larry Neary at [Leneary1@gmail.com](mailto:Leneary1@gmail.com).

- Larry Neary, Chairman



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
June 22nd!



## Bridgewater Center Cemetery Association

### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES TUESDAY MAY 8, 2018

The annual meeting and Election of Officers and Trustees of the Bridgewater Center Cemetery Association will be held on the Second Tuesday in May at the Peck House at 7 P.M. Hope to see you at the May 8th meeting.

Thank you,  
Alan Michener - President



literacy volunteers  
on the green

### Literacy Volunteers on the Green

Literacy Volunteers on the Green provides a variety of literacy services to residents of 16 towns in Northern Fairfield and Litchfield counties. Programs include English as a second language, basic reading and writing, Family Literacy, and Preparation for the United States Citizenship Test. LVG provides relevant, individualized instruction in small groups of fewer than five learners. Its volunteer tutors are trained by the organization and provided with instructional materials. Class schedules are flexible to accommodate the work and family responsibilities of both tutors and students. For further information about tutoring, or to refer someone for our services, please call us at 860-355-0830 or visit our website [www.lvg-ct.org](http://www.lvg-ct.org). Literacy Volunteers on the Green, 7 Whittlesey Avenue, New Milford CT 06776.

Jacqueline Farrell, Executive Director

## Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

On Saturday, May 19, the club will hold its annual Plant Mart, featuring plants from our gardens, herbs, native plants, organic heirloom tomatoes and vegetables, and boutique items. The sale is from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Bridgewater Firehouse. Proceeds from the sale support our annual scholarships, youth and senior programs, and the planting and maintaining of Town gardens. If your perennials need dividing, and you would like help digging, call Wendy 860-354-2070 or Marilyn 860-354-7069. We will help divide your plants and pot up the extras for our sale.

On Thursday, June 14 at 10:30 please join us in welcoming Bridgewater's own Kathy Barlow at St. Mark's Church Hall. Kathy will present a talk entitled "So You Want to Build an Ornamental Pond; it's PERSONAL!" Kathy is an avid gardener and creative landscaper who delights in tackling many projects in her own gardens, including three ornamental ponds. She will present a power point talk as well as bring items to show and share. We hope to see you there.

Also on June 14, Flag Day, the club will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker in Bridgewater and Roxbury. Dignitaries from the CT Federation of Garden Clubs will dedicate this Marker along with the First Selectman of each town, members of RBGC, and the citizens of Bridgewater and Roxbury. This Marker will honor those individuals who have served, are serving, and will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. This program was started in 1941 by the Federated Garden Clubs organization with the intention that towns across the US honor their citizens for their service defending our country. Details of the event will be posted on the RBGC website: <https://roxburybridgewatergardenclub.com>



## Annual Plant Mart

Proceeds support the  
Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

Saturday, May 19  
9 AM to 1 PM  
at the Bridgewater Firehouse

Featuring plants from local gardens, herbs,  
native plants, organic heirloom tomatoes and  
vegetables, and boutique items.



## The Other Cemetery

Everyone has driven by the cemetery on Main Street in town everyday, but did you know that there is another older cemetery in town? South Cemetery began in 1753 with land donated by Isaac Briscoe and was known as The Burying Place in Shepaug Neck. It is located on Christian Street near the intersection with Northrop and Stuart Road East. The old or lower cemetery was owned and maintained by the town until 1896. In 1891 a group of residents started a fund to only be used for "mowing and keeping in order the grounds and fences, also the headstones and markers in proper position of the subscribers' burying plots in the new part." The first meeting of the South Cemetery Association occurred in 1892. The town of Bridgewater gave the newly formed association the "power and right to take charge of, improve and care for, the Old or Town part of South Cemetery." The Association accepted the town vote and its privileges in 1897 and the Old and New sections of the cemetery were joined. Since it is the older cemetery in town, many of the early burials were veterans of the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. These include old family names such as Beach, Warner, Beardsley, Canfield and Randall. Besides the veterans, there are burials of young lives tragically lost. There is the death of Mary Warner in 1856 in New York City only 4 days after her September wedding from typhoid fever. Then there is the loss of ten-year-old Robert Frost in 1963 in an accident at Steep Rock Summit where he fell to his death. Many of these families no longer have ties to the community since the descendants have moved elsewhere or the families have died off. Back in the day, families would visit and honor their dead by decorating their ancestral graves around Christmas and Memorial Day (then known as Decoration Day). Unfortunately, the old traditions are forgotten and fewer graves are decorated seasonally by the remaining families to continue the tradition. You will see the colorful arrangements among the neatly cut grass behind the white picket fence as you pass by. Stop and remember the former residents of our town and the stories their lives told.

## Memorial Day Program

**A tradition since 1984!**

Once again the Bridgewater Historical Society will be serving free coffee and donuts after the Memorial Day Program!

Please join us again this year Memorial Day, May 28th



The Bridgewater Historical Society will have the Peck House open for tours. Come learn about Bridgewater's interesting past!

If you can't stop by Memorial Day, don't hesitate to call for information on the Historical Society or a tour of the Peck House. Please call Audrey Wilkiki 860-354-7827 or Eileen Buchheit 860-355-2433

*Please visit our website:  
bridgewaterhistoricalsocietyct.com*



Decoration Day postcard depicting a woman in mourning clothes at the grave of a Civil War soldier

For a full listing of all your library has to offer visit [www.burnhamlibrary.org](http://www.burnhamlibrary.org), sign-up for our newsletter, like us on Facebook or call us at 860-354-6937.

## **Expanded Library Hours:**

More hours means more time with your friendly local Library! Visit us on Tuesday 1-5, Wednesday 9-5, Thursday 9-7, Friday 1-5, and Saturday 9-1. The Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th. Happy Birthday America!

**Our Digital Branch is always open!** All you need is your library card to instantly borrow eBooks or eAudio, comics or music, or stream movies, television and concerts via Hoopla and RBDigital. Anglophiles try our new offering Acorn TV from RBDigital! Love music? Check out Qello Concerts. Are comics and graphic novels your thing? Hoopla has an amazing selection including The Walking Dead. All sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Not sure where to get started? Stop by the library and we will help you set up your device or answer your questions.

**Get Carded @ Your Library** - Need a library card? It's easier than you think! Pre-register via our website and then you have 14 days to pop-in and pick up your card! More details at [www.burnhamlibrary.org](http://www.burnhamlibrary.org).

**NEW Paperback Book Exchange!** A great selection - Take one, leave one!

**Tech Tutoring with Chris** - Chris is happy to assist you with tech questions and needs you might have. He can also sign you up for Hoopla and RBDigital so that you can use our Digital Branch! By chance or by appointment.

## **Art Exhibits**

**April - May:** Ella T. Newman of New Milford with watercolor impressions including landscapes, flowers and still life paintings.

**June - July:** Jean Jusko of Bridgewater with mixed-medium paintings. An artist reception is scheduled for June 9th from 3:00 pm - 5:00pm.

**August:** The Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club presents: Anisoptera Odonata dragonfly artwork by Burnham School students.

**Bridgewater's Finest** - The Library is planning a show of Bridgewater fine artists for the month of September. An opening reception is to be planned for all participants and for those interested an open studio date will also be offered. If you would like to participate please contact Tina Underwood for details at [tina@tinaunderwood.com](mailto:tina@tinaunderwood.com).

**Book Discussions** - Discussions will be held on Thursday April 26, May 24, and June 28th at 5:00 pm and are open to anyone who wishes to participate. Copies of the book are generally available at the Circulation Desk. Call the library or visit our website for book selections.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **May the 4th Be with YOU!**

Star Wars: A New Hope family movie night on Friday, May 4 promptly at 6:30. BYOS (bring your own snacks), come in costume, and join our ragtag heroes on their quest to conquer the Dark Side.

### **Meet the Players of BCC's Nunsense II** - Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 am

Meet the cast of the Bridgewater's Congregational Church's Nunsense II which is debuting at the BCC from May 18 - 20th. The Players will perform selections from the show. Refreshments will be served.

### **Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail** - Friday, May 18 at 7:00

Betsy and John Murphy share their adventure as seniors hiking the Pacific Crest Trail.

### **Technology Petting Zoo** - Saturday, June 2 at 10:00 am

Come in and play with our new technology, learn about our Digital Branch offerings from RBDigital and Hoopla, and learn how to navigate the library catalog. BYOD (bring your own device) and we will help you install and register for RBDigital and Hoopla.

### **Think You Can't Reduce Your Risk of Alzheimer's? Think Again. Natural Ways to Lower your Risk**

Friday, June 8th at 7:00 pm

Join Dr. Arthur Klein of Family First Chiropractic and Wellness Center in learning natural ways to prevent Alzheimer's disease through lifestyle choices and more.



# Burnham Library

## FAMILY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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### Two Town Tabletop Club

Teen and adult gamers join in testing your gaming skills and meet new gamers along the way! In partnership with New Milford Library. Registration is not required. 1st Wednesday & 2nd Saturday at the New Milford Library  
3rd and 4th (and 5th) Wednesday at the Burnham Library

Questions? Email [cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org](mailto:cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org)



## Junior Library Programs

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### Project Summer @ The Burnham Library

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library & The Connecticut Community Foundation

**June 16 - August 1**

Join us for a summer of fun for the entire family. The library is offering an exciting calendar of activities for all ages. Why should the kids have all the fun and prizes?

#### Project Summer Kick-off Day

Saturday, June 16th, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Summer Reading registration kick-off event. Sign-up for great summer events and/or one of our four summer reading challenges for preschool age to adult!

#### Stamford Museum & Nature Center: Edible Insects

Saturday, June 16th 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Join the Stamford Museum and Nature Center to discover the who, what, where and why behind eating bugs. We'll meet some live bugs that might be on a menu somewhere as well as some animals that eat bugs. Participants will also have a chance to try an edible snack, if desired, at the end of the program.

**Program and Summer Reading Challenge** Registration begins Saturday, June 16th and will extend throughout the summer. Program registration is on a first come first served basis.

#### The Burnham Bunch Storytime

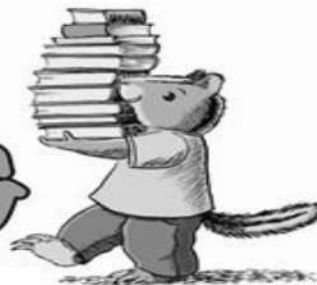
Storytime for children 2 - 5 years old. Younger siblings are welcome to listen and play and are not required to register. Thursday morning sessions from 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM until May 24th. Registration is ongoing.

#### Our final sessions of the school year

LEGO Brick Builders for Grades K-5 Thursday, May 3 from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Project Play for Kindergarten - Grade 1 Thursday, May 17 from 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM

# Dig Into READING





## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

**HAPPY SPRING!** Finally the warmer weather is here and we can all look forward to getting out and taking part in some new and fun programs. Here at the Senior Center we have just the thing so check our calendar and join us for a trip, lunches, exercise programs, patio party, talks of interest and many more activities.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

You are cordially invited to a summer "BEACH THEMED PATIO PARTY" to be held at the BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER SATURDAY, JULY 28, 4 - 7 PM. Please join us and enjoy sitting on our patio while sipping a refreshing drink or two! Hors D'oeuvres, Live Music, Silent Auction and for the first time a Live Auction. The suggested donation is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Our walking club has started up again, meeting Wednesdays at 9:00 am (weather permitting). This group led by Jeanne is for all levels and meets in the parking lot of the Senior Center.

#### **MAY 10, 12 NOON.**

Ladies - Please join us for an English Tea Party Brunch at the senior center. This will be to celebrate all our mothers. Our menu will include savory sandwiches, sausage rolls, sweet scones with jam and cream and of course a good cup of tea! Sign up is required.

#### **MAY 17, 12 NOON**

May Lunch. Chicken Parmesan. Sign up required, suggested donation \$7

#### **MAY 21, 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM**

AARP will be at the Senior Center 12:30 - 4:30 for their Safe Driving Program. The cost for members of AARP will be \$15 and to non members \$20. Sign up is required. Refreshments will be served.

#### **MAY 31, 12 NOON**

Birthday Social for May/June will be May 31st, 12 noon. If your birthday is during these months and you would like to come and celebrate with us, please sign up at the Senior Center.

#### **JUNE 13**

Lunch on the "LADY KATHERINE" followed by the "WILL ROGERS FOLLIES" at the Goodspeed Opera House. \$109 per person plus transportation. Sign up is required.

#### **JUNE 14, 1:00 PM**

The Beardsley Zoo will be sending their Zoo Mobile to the Senior Center. This fun and educational program will be presented by an experienced and very knowledgeable member of the staff at the Beardsley Zoo, who will have a variety of live animals as well as artifacts. The program is limited to 30 senior adults and the suggested donation is \$5 per person. SIGN UP IS REQUIRED

#### **JULY 19, NOON**

Annual Barbecue

Marilyn Curtin, Senior Center Director



## Community Caring in Bridgewater, Inc. (CCB)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors  
Staying Healthy and Happy at Home

### **Connecticut Community Foundation Give Local Event**

Thanks to all who participated in supporting CCB in Connecticut Community Foundation's Give Local Event. We greatly appreciate the support.

### **Paper Shredding Day**

CCB is sponsoring a shredding truck on May 12, 2018 to provide Bridgewater residents with secure paper shredding. The service is free to Town seniors and we request a \$5 per box contribution for non-seniors. The shredding truck will be at the Town garage from 9AM-12PM. We hope to see you there.

### **Health Awareness Event**

In conjunction with New Milford Hospital, New Milford VNA & Hospice and APEX Community Care, CCB is hosting a complimentary event at the Bridgewater Senior Center on May 18, 2018 from 5-7PM. The discussion will focus on current critical health issues. Free wine, soft drinks and delicious food prepared by Master Chef Kerry M. Gold will be available.

### **Chore Service for Seniors**

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

- Installing your window air conditioners
- Repairing unsafe wooden porch steps or railings
- Fixing leaky faucets
- Tightening up or replacing door knobs
- 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 Mail: CCB, P.O. Box 338, Bridgewater, CT 06752

By Email: [info@ccbridgewater.org](mailto:info@ccbridgewater.org)



Become a member! Friends of the Lake is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2003 and has spent the last 13 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](http://www.Friendsofthelake.org)

### **Our first event of 2018 will be 'Save the Lake Day' on June 23rd!**

As many of you have noticed, the amount of man-made garbage has been reduced over the years thanks to the volunteers of FOTL. Although we've had discussions about 'skipping' a year, we feel this event is very important to the community involvement with Lake Lillinonah, and to bring our members together for such a critical task. This year, we will hold Save the Lake Day a bit later in the year than normal and add a 'weed harvesting' effort to remove as much Water Chestnut as possible. Volunteers who have Kayaks will be deployed to the northern part of the lake where Water Chestnut populations are trying to establish. As always, we need as many pontoon boats as possible. Also, this year we are asking for members who have small aluminum rowboats to allow us to use them as vessels to put collected garbage and weeds in, in order to protect the pontoon boats from damage. Please contact us if you have a pontoon boat or a rowboat that we can count on. Don't forget sunscreen, a hat, shoes that can get wet, and your smile - always appreciated.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Bridgewater Fire Department Women's Auxiliary

The Bridgewater Women's Auxiliary are happy to announce the officers for 2018:

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

Just a reminder that the auxiliary meets every third Monday of the month from March thru November at 7:00 PM at the Bridgewater Firehouse. Please come and join us anytime! In February we had our Installation dinner of the officers, thank you all for coming and bringing wonderful treats. Upcoming meetings will be on May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th. See you all soon!

Carol Wilbur, President



Picture of Officers from left to right - Michele King, Laura Abbott, Lois Gilmore, Ann Frattalone, Carol Wilbur - (Absent Courtney Wilson)

*Save  
the  
Date*

### Annual Town Wide Tag Sale

Sponsored by the Bridgewater Volunteer  
Fire Department's Women's Auxiliary

Will be held  
Saturday and Sunday,  
**September 29 - 30, 2018**  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
rain or shine

### Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department



### SAVE THE DATE Bridgewater Country Fair August 17,18,19

#### Fireman's Beer & Wine Tasting

Sponsored by:  
The Bridgewater Women's Auxiliary  
The Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department  
New Milford Spirit Shoppe & NeJaime's Fine  
Wine & Spirits

There will be over 30 beer and wine vendors as  
well as food trucks

**Saturday, September 22nd, 2018**  
**5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Bridgewater Pavilion  
2 Sarah Sanford Rd, Bridgewater, Connecticut

\$25.00 per ticket



## OUR CHURCHES

### St. Marks Episcopal Church



MAY, JUNE, JULY 2018

Every Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist.  
Coffee hour follows the service every Sunday.  
Vestry meets on third Sunday of every month.  
Jam-making - every Wednesday at 9 AM.

#### MAY 19 - GRANGE DINNER MAY 26 - Concert and Dinner 6 PM

Music by Eclipse. Bring your favorite bottle of wine or beer and enjoy a full dinner and the music of Helen Malyska, and her twin sister, their brother and a friend or two. They will play a few songs from their native Scotland and a few from World War 2 while we eat a Scottish Stew dinner with Scottish deserts. \$15 Adult \$8 12 and under, \$45 family.

#### Congregational Church Annual Spring Tag Sale

The BCC Tag Sale will be on May 5th this year. We're looking forward to a warm, sunny day and lots of great treasures! Please keep us in mind when you're tackling your Spring cleaning. We're just sure you have something you're done with that's exactly what someone else is looking for!

All household and outdoor items, furniture and everything else are welcome and gratefully accepted. Kitchen and other appliances (working, please) are fine - also clothing and accessories in excellent condition, but no shoes please. Sorry, but we're not taking electronics (TVs, computers and peripherals, etc). They just don't sell. We're collecting donations through May 3rd. Bring your contributions by anytime. Please leave them inside the door of the Friendship Hall. If the door's locked, leave them on the porch and we'll get them in.

If you have furniture or something large and heavy, we can pick it up Thursday and Friday before the tag sale (May 3rd and 4th). Questions? Call Kim in the office at 860-354-8283

### Coming up at the Bridgewater Congregational Church

#### Save the Date! Rock and Roll Dance

Saturday, July 7th  
7:00 - 10:30 at the Town Pavilion

#### Have Your Next Event Here!

The beautifully renovated Friendship Hall at the Bridgewater Congregational Church and the Church are available to rent for special occasions like birthday and anniversary celebrations, bridal and baby showers, in addition to meetings, dinners and luncheons, and more.

The Friendship Hall is now air-conditioned and has a large Health Department-approved kitchen. Church membership and town residency are not required.

Call the office Monday - Friday, 10:00-12:00, at 860-354-8283 or email [office@bwucc.org](mailto:office@bwucc.org) for more information and a tour of the buildings or to book your event.

#### ON GOING

##### Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets in the Friendship Hall every Friday night at 7:00

##### The Bridgewater Food Pantry

Located in our Friendship Hall, the Bridgewater Food Pantry is available to any individual or family in Bridgewater who needs it. Contributions of non-perishable food items and grocery store gift cards are always welcome and needed.

##### We welcome you any time...

Sunday Service and Sunday School at 10:00 AM  
Followed by fellowship and coffee hour in the Friendship Hall

For more information about any of these events please call the Church Office: 860-354-8283 or email us at: [office@bwucc.org](mailto:office@bwucc.org) website: [www.bwucc.org](http://www.bwucc.org)



## Happy Spring!

The Bridgewater Land Trust is gearing up for a productive and exciting 2018. This summer, with funding from the Connecticut Community Foundation and from members' support, we will be opening our new public trail on our Town Line Preserve. We will be working diligently to create this new trail which we plan to lengthen over time. On Saturday, September 8th from 9:30 - 12 Noon, we will be hosting a gathering and opportunity for residents to walk the new Town Line Trail. The event is called Fun on the Farm and is free to all. Come and enjoy!

We recently finished construction of two new roofs on barns at our Town Line Farm with a grant from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The roof looks terrific and we will continue to make improvements on our farm buildings this year.

Please consider joining our Land Trust in 2018. Those membership dollars and support are crucial to the operation of the trust and preservation of our beautiful Bridgewater.

Thank you!

Dawn Burdick, Administrator  
Bridgewater Land Trust 860-354-9219

**Fun On The Farm**  
**Saturday, September 8th**  
**9:30 AM - 12 Noon**  
**Town Line Preserve**  
 38 Town Line Road, Roxbury  
 Families Welcome - Free Admission  
 Trail Opening - Reptile Show - Hay Rides

Sponsored by the Bridgewater Land Trust  
 For more information or to RSVP call the land trust office  
 at 860-355-8233 or email: [bwlt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bwlt@sbcglobal.net)

Connecticut Community Foundation

**Patio *Please Join Us* Party**

*Hors D'oeuvres* *Live Music* *Silent Auction*

**Saturday, July 28th 4 PM - 7 PM**  
**Bridgewater Senior Center**

**Tickets in advance: \$25.00**  
**Tickets at the door: \$30.00**

Tickets available at the Senior Center or by  
 calling the center at 860-355-3090  
 or email: [bwscseniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:bwscseniorcenter@gmail.com)  
 All proceeds support the Bridgewater Senior Center

Connecticut Community Foundation



## Iron Ore Hill

by David Gumbart

As an employee of The Nature Conservancy in Connecticut for 28 years, I have had the good fortune of seeing many of Connecticut's valuable open space areas. With its mix of forest and field, the Sunny Valley Preserve is one of the gems of our statewide preserve portfolio; when I first visited as a Conservancy employee in the early 1990's, I was excited to learn that Sunny Valley included some of the same land I worked on while in college, as a seasonal employee of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES).

CAES was conducting forestry research on Iron Ore Hill, looking to measure the growth rate and composition of oak forests following six distinct harvest regimes. The purpose was to inform forest management, to see what harvest methods can ensure long-term health of economically valuable sawtimber. CAES returned 20 years later to conduct a forest assessment and second harvest. While high grading a timber stand can yield the highest volume in a single cutting (taking the biggest and best trees), this method results in lower quality residual trees and depressed growth of a forest stand.

On the other hand, shelterwood and multi-aged crop tree harvests provide land owners with better forest health in the long-term, allowing for income with cuttings several decades apart (Ward, Stephens, Ferrandino: Influence of Cutting Method on Stand Growth in Sawtimber Oak Stands, Northern Journal of Applied Forestry, 2005). As a young adult interested in a career in conservation, I learned quite a few things as well.

For one, tree identification can be quite easy with large trees: leaves, bark and acorns can all help identify a species. For seedlings, you're left with tiny little leaves, and that's about it. Pretty to look at, but sometimes frustrating. Red maple and black birch, not so bad. Telling apart red and black oak seedlings? Takes some practice.

The two of us who worked together those two summers loved our stops at the old Bridgewater general store; nothing like a cold ice tea (or two) after a hot, humid summer day of field work. That same weather also taught me the value of bringing a dry t-shirt along for the end of the day, making the drive back to New Haven much more pleasant. And one of the most important lessons? Working lands and active management of natural resources are important components of successful land conservation. At Sunny Valley, we are pleased incorporate active agriculture, ecological management and recreation as valuable components of our land ownership, and we look forward to cooperating soon with CAES for its next round of research.

*David Gumbart is the Director of Land Management for the Connecticut Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. For more information, contact Sunny Valley Preserve at 860-355-3716.*



photo by Wayne Woodard



photo by Chris Burns



# UPDATES AND REMINDERS

## from the Health District

### Lyme Disease & Tick-borne Illness Prevention

Although the CT Agricultural Experiment Station predicts this year won't be as bad as last year (and last year had an unusually high number of ticks), we know that we live, work and play in and near the woods, so the Health District urges residents to pay attention to their possible exposure to ticks. And their pets too!

We want you to be a Tick Fighter and ...**BLAST** Tick-Borne Diseases out of our lives! The Newtown Health District is promoting the BLAST Tick-Borne Diseases program. BLAST stands for five important things YOU and your family can do to stay safe from tick-borne diseases.

It is important to **BE AWARE** of the risks of Tick-borne Disease - Everyone should understand that we live in an area where Lyme and other tick-borne diseases are widespread. Education and awareness will greatly improve your ability to prevent tick-borne disease.

**B** stands for bathing soon after spending time outdoors. A recent study showed that people who bathed or showered within 2 hours of coming indoors did not contract Lyme disease as frequently as those who did not bathe or shower soon.

**L** reminds everyone to look their bodies over for ticks daily and remove them properly. Speedy removal helps avoid disease transmission. "L" also reminds us to look for expanding rashes and report them to your physician in a timely manner.

**A** encourages you to avoid ticks when possible, and when you cannot, to become educated about repellants and apply them appropriately. Know where ticks live and avoid those areas: Ticks like shade, shelter and moisture. Ticks can be found in leaf litter, shaded gardens, weeds, tall grass, shrubs, low trees, and ground cover like pachysandra. Apply repellent. For information on tick repellent, visit the National Pesticide Information Center's website at <http://npic.orst.edu>

**S** stands for safeguarding your yard to reduce your possible tick exposure. Spraying the yard can reduce tick abundance. Complete information on tick management is available at the CTAgricultural Experiment Station website at <http://www.ct.gov/caes> Additional safeguards include creating a "Tick Safe Zone", in which the yard is managed to make it less hospitable to ticks, by removing leaf litter, clearing tall grasses and brush around homes and at the edges of lawns; placing wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas; and many other methods. The Health District has an excellent brochure that can guide homeowners with making changes in their yards.

**T** reminds everyone about treatment. It is important to treat your pets. Local veterinarians can help protect pets from tick-borne diseases. Dogs and cats increase one's chances of exposure to Tick-Borne Disease. Pets can carry ticks in to the home on their fur. Pet owners should be cautious about sleeping with their pets.

Also, in general people who begin medical treatment soon after becoming infected, have a quicker and more complete recovery from Lyme and other tick-borne disease. Receiving early medical treatment is the key to preventing long term health effects.

For additional information on the BLAST Tick-Borne Disease prevention program, contact the Newtown Health District. Phone 203-270-4291 or email

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**Your Health Department:** Health District office hours in the Bridgewater Town Hall are Monday and Wednesday from 8 am-12 noon. The Bridgewater office number is (860) 355-4467. Property files for Bridgewater are in the Bridgewater Town Hall. The main Health District office is at 3 Primrose Street in Newtown, and is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. The Newtown office number is (203) 270-4291 - even though it's a different area code, it's still a local call. Our e-mail is [health.district@newtown-ct.gov](mailto:health.district@newtown-ct.gov) Please feel free to call or e-mail us any time if you have questions or concerns.

The Bridgewater Congregational Church presents  
**Broadway Comes to Bridgewater!**

The award winning off-Broadway musical comedy "Nunsense II: The Second Coming" is coming to the off-Main Street stage at the Bridgewater Congregational Church! The Little Sisters of Hoboken, played by five outstanding Bridgewater actresses, entertained us several years ago in the first production of "Nunsense," and this sequel will have you falling out of your seats laughing!

Many of you know our cast: Peggy Anson, Linda Burton, Nancy Hawley, Fran Kelly, and Sharon Harvey. They dance, sing, make merry, and crack us up, so... come one, come all! It's for a good cause and we promise lots of laughs!!

There will be three performances:

Friday, May 18 @ 7:30 PM ~ Tickets \$20.00  
(No Reception)

Saturday, May 19 @ 7:30 PM ~ Tickets \$30.00  
(Include reception)

Sunday, May 20 @ 3:00 PM ~ Tickets \$30.00  
(Include reception)

For credit card sales, call 860-354-8283 or visit our website at [www.bwucc.org](http://www.bwucc.org) and click on the "Nunsense II" tab. You can also stop by the office weekday mornings for cash, check & credit card sales.

*Promisek Salon Concert*



Sunday, June 10th 3:00 PM

The Neave Trio (piano, violin, cello)  
playing music of Debussy, Shostakovich  
and others.

860-488-0556 for info

*Broadway Comes to  
Bridgewater!*



Friday, May 18 • 7:30pm  
\$20 (no reception)

Saturday, May 19 • 7:30pm  
\$30 (with lavish reception!)

Sunday, May 20 • 3:00pm  
\$30 (with another lavish reception!)

**Bridgewater Congregational Church**  
10 Clapboard Road, Bridgewater, CT

Credit card sales: Call 860-354-8283

... or visit the Nunsense II tab on our  
website ([www.bwucc.org](http://www.bwucc.org))

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## BRIDGEWATER RESIDENT

### 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, 2018.*

#### 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](mailto:juliestuartct@gmail.com)

#### Bridgewater Board of Selectmen

Curtis Read, *First Selectman*  
Alan Brown  
Laz Pinter  
Administrative Assistant  
Anne Marie Lindblom

# CALENDAR

## MAY

- 1 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Brookfield Town Hall
- 1 Inland Wetlands Commission 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 8 Board of Selectman 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 16 Board of Finance 5:30 PM, Town Hall
- 17 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 24 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY \*\*\*Town Hall Closed\*\*\*

## JUNE

- 5 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Brookfield Town Hall
- 5 Inland Wetlands Commission 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 12 Board of Selectman 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 21 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 28 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

## JULY

- 3 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Brookfield Town Hall
- 3 Inland Wetlands Commission 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 10 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 18 Board of Finance 5:30 PM, Town Hall
- 19 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 19 Board of Trustees 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 26 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

For additional information and updates, please visit our website at [www.bridgewatertownhall.org](http://www.bridgewatertownhall.org)



happy  
**Fourth**  
of July!



# Bridgewater Recreation News Spring/Summer



## Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 12th  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
At the Recreation Pond



## Trails Day

Saturday, June 2nd  
10 AM  
Meet at the Ketchum Trail  
More details coming soon....

## Recreation Notes

Bridgewater Rec Camp will be held starting weeks of July 9th through July 30th. Sign up will begin in June.



The Recreation commission is always looking for new ideas, if you have any suggestions please email us!

## Save The Date The Bridgewater Tractor Parade



### Sunday, September 2nd

It is never too early to start planning for the Tractor Parade. Tractors big and small welcome. Floats encouraged!

Line up at 1:30 p.m. at Shallow Brook Farm, Bridgewater  
Parade starts at 2:30 p.m.  
Party at Bridgewater Pavilion after parade

## Cinco de Mayo

Please JOIN US and support the Burnham School

May 5th, 2018  
6:30 pm - 10 pm  
Burnham School



For tickets go to:  
[www.burnhamschoolpto.digitalpto.com](http://www.burnhamschoolpto.digitalpto.com)

## The Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Jim Moker- *Chairman*  
Roberta Allen- *Secretary*  
Josh Murphy  
Lynn Kubisek  
Eric Soetbeer  
Brad Goldstein  
Mike Dubos  
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.*

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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