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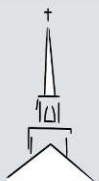
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Message from Our First Selectman

It's always a bit unsettling to turn over a new decade and enter the future, especially as trends beyond Bridgewater start to affect our old ways. In this letter, I'm looking ahead at changes on the near horizon.

For instance: 5G is here. Not really, but it's coming soon. Some see this as a new golden age of tech, connected devices and the "internet of everything". It will be so fast that you can download a movie in mere seconds! Experts also say that young people will want to move to your town if it is 5G enabled. If not, your town will be left in the trash heap of history.

The 5G downside will be felt soon - maybe this year. Cell providers need many more towers and micro towers/antennas on phone poles at about every 1/3 mile. The high band frequencies don't carry far or penetrate obstacles well. Maybe Bridgewater will escape the initial roll-out push by the carriers which is already happening downstate. The problem is that the towers/antennas are somewhat ugly. They need their own power supply which is about as large as a coffin and may have to be pole mounted if there is ledge underground. Our Planning & Zoning Commission only has a short time to write new regulations to control the aesthetics of 5G infrastructure.

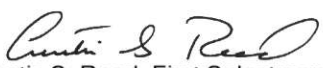
Another hot topic before our local governments is the advent of electric cars and trucks. Will we become responsible for constructing charging stations and providing free power for EV charges? The answer appears to be: "No" for practical and expense reasons. It is estimated that within five years 30% of new cars will be electric. The improvements in range, battery charging times, locations, standard designs and user software are all being worked out on the fly with competition from many players. It's the next big thing.

Electric vehicles should help air pollution and operate at significant efficiencies over traditional fossil fuel vehicles. The state may mandate that the towns have dedicated EV parking spaces to encourage the trend, but it is unlikely Bridgewater will have a charging station on the Green anytime soon. You will most likely be "filling up" at home overnight.

The Town hopes to install a solar array this summer on the Town Garage roof. We recently qualified for CT/Eversource incentives that make a large installation affordable. The "green" power generated by up to 76 solar panels will offset the kW generation costs for the town garage and possibly a portion of other town meters, if allowed by the utility.

Lastly, in thinking about the future and the new decade, Bridgewater needs to be proactive. Within the next couple of months we plan to send out a brochure announcing the "Fund for the Future of Bridgewater". This will be a non-profit entity designed to receive tax deductible donations for our institutions and initiatives that will strengthen our community. Please pay attention to this when it comes to your mailbox.

Welcome to the Roaring 20's again,


Curtis S. Read, First Selectman

LAND TRANSFERS

Land Transfers: October 2019

No transfers were reported for this month.

Land Transfers: November 2019

- George and Roberta Risley of Newtown, CT to James Power and Jane Chung of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 25 Allen Road, \$492,500
- Nancy C. Karl of Conway, AR to Sean P. Flynn of Brookfield, CT, land and buildings, 428 Main Street South, \$308,000
- Nicholas and Georgia Matterson of the UK to David and Sigal Hendy of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 60 Old Turnpike Road East, \$333,000

Land Transfers: December 2019

- Trylba Artricia Gordon of Redding, CT to Tyler A. Petrucci and Christine A. Jerry of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 29 Millvoo Drive, \$230,000
- E. Ann Lynch of Litchfield, CT to Cleuzeir Lopes of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 417 Old Turnpike Road East, \$475,000
- Jerry Iodice of Southbury, CT to Robert Dinerstein, Trustee of Key Biscayne, FL, land and buildings, 54 Skyline Ridge Road, \$1,330,000
- Walter and Mildred Hocking of Daytona Beach, FL to Joshua L. and Annemarie Governale of Bridgewater, land and buildings, 100 Old Town Highway, \$400,000

ATTEST:
Cheryl L. Pinkos, Town Clerk

Registrars of Voters

February

Tuesday 2-04-20 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.
Tuesday 2-18-19 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.

March

Tuesday 3-03-20 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.
Tuesday 3-17-20 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.

April

Tuesday 4-07-20 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.
Tuesday 4-21-20 9:00A.M. to 11:00A.M.

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 third Tuesday of each month between 9:00A.M. and 11:00A.M.

Margaret Judith Sullivan, Democratic Registrar
Susan Patrick, Republican Registrar

THE BRIDGEWATER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We welcome all full time residents enrolled or about to be enrolled in an institution of higher education to apply for a Bridgewater Scholarship. This includes advanced studies in the trades.

To receive a scholarship an applicant must complete an application and return it to The Scholarship Committee by Friday May 15, 2020. Additionally, students must sign up for an interview at Town Hall by that same date. The sign up sheet will be removed on May 15, 2020. ALL INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AT THE BURNHAM LIBRARY.

Applications are available at Shepaug Valley Regional High School, Bridgewater Town Hall, The Burnham Library or online through the Town's web site: Bridgewater-ct.gov

Applications can be: Returned in person to Town Hall, returned via US Postal Service to Town Hall, scanned and sent to tobridgewaterscholarship@gmail.com or submitted via our online portal.

We look forward to seeing our Bridgewater student upper classmen as well as our high school seniors for 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Neary, Chairman



Office of the Tax Collector

LAST DAY TO PAY WITHOUT PENALTY FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Payment must be RECEIVED or U.S. POSTMARKED by February 3, 2020 for the Supplemental Motor Vehicle taxes and the second installment of the Real Estate and Personal Property taxes. If taxes are unpaid by that date, the interest penalty in February will be 3% with a \$2 minimum. Failure to receive a tax bill does not invalidate the tax or interest.

PREVIOUSLY DELINQUENT bills accumulate additional interest when not paid by the last day of the month.

If you use online banking for your payments, please do not wait until the last minute. Checks processed in this manner often DO NOT have a US postmark and will be credited on the RECEIVED date.

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

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

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

PAYMENTS: The Tax Department can receive online payments made by credit card and e-check. There is an additional fee paid directly to the service provider to use this service. E-check payments cost an additional \$2 for the entire amount (payments may be combined). The fee for credit card payment is 2.75% of the amount of the payment, subject to a \$2.00 minimum fee. Online payment can be accessed through our website at www.bridgewater-ct.gov

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

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

Catherine B. Vikstrom , Tax Collector
Ann Virbickas, Assistant to Tax Collector
860-355-9220



From The Desk of the Town Historian

You can't find "Goodyear Island" on a map. Not now, anyway. Going back to the mid 1600s, it was a much used trading post in what is now Lake Lillinonah. It was located in what was known as the "neutral territory", so Native Americans and settlers both felt safe to canoe out and barter their goods. In more modern times, it became a recreational place for Bridgewater and New Milford residents to go for a day of sun and fun. When the plan was made for the formation of Lake Lillinonah, Goodyear Island was considered to be a navigational menace. The many trees were cut down. Buildings were demolished. The ground was razed. That was the end of Goodyear

Islands except for the memories of those still living and the beautiful landscape painting done by W. H. Hilliard, who as one of the Hudson Valley School of painting, painted its portrait in 1875.



ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Homeowners, who were 65 or older or totally disabled on or before December 31, 2019 and are full-time residents, may be eligible for tax relief. To qualify for the State benefit, your income must be no more than \$37,000 if unmarried and \$45,100 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, 2020.

If you rent and are 65 or older or are a surviving spouse or totally disabled on or before December 31, 2019 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 \$37,000 if unmarried and \$45,100 if married, including social security. The application period is April 1st to October 1st, 2020.

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, 2020 to receive your benefit on the bill you receive in June, 2021.

If you are a Veteran or surviving spouse and your income is between \$37,000 if single or \$45,100 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 Veteran's programs.

We appreciate your service and want to be 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 or woman with a motor vehicle registered in Bridgewater, 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 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.

Sincerely,
Denise C. Pinter Assessor

Burnham Library Seeking New Board Members

The Burnham Library Association is currently seeking Bridgewater residents or residents of neighboring towns to join our Board of Directors. The Association is responsible for the operations and finances of the library, such as staffing, budget, endowment, and special projects.

Meetings are held approximately eight months of the year. All board members are expected to take an active part in the organization by attending at least 6 meetings per year and serving on one or more committees such as personnel, finance, maintenance, etc. Terms are for three years, with a total of three terms of service possible.

If you share our love of the Burnham Library, please consider joining this truly worthwhile association. For more information, please call or email Catherine Flynn at 860-355-9276 or cwflynn60@gmail.com

Bridgewater Center Cemetery Association

We would like the winter cleanup at the Bridgewater Center Cemetery to start on March 20, 2020. If there is still ice or snow on the ground, the cleanup will start when the grounds are clear. Several winter arrangements have been placed at grave sites in late fall and during the Christmas season. Anyone wishing to keep any containers or any other items from the arrangements, are asked to remove them by Monday, March 19, 2020, depending on grounds conditions.

Thank you,
Alan Michener - President



VETERAN'S NEWS



2020 National Defense Authorization Act: Benefits include:

- **Pay raise:** 3.1%!!!
- **Repeal of Widows Tax** (Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset, commonly called the widows tax): This major win has been "in the works" for years but only recently passed objections in the House and Senate. This was a major injustice deducting a significant monthly amount from a deceased veteran's life insurance if there were any VA payments earned by the veteran called Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) as a result of their death on active duty. This amount could be a monthly deduction of almost \$1000. It will be phased in over 3 years.
- **Expanded Commissary/Post Exchange Benefits:** Starting Jan. 1, 2020, access will expand to include all veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans who are Purple Heart recipients, veterans who are former prisoners of war, and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. The Department of Defense is expanding commissary, military exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) retail privileges on U.S. military installations as specified in the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018, included in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. To learn more about the commissary, military exchange and MWR expansion, visit <https://download.militaryonesource.mil/12038/MOS/Factsheets/expanding-access-fact-sheet.pdf>.

NEW VA Mobile App: Now Veterans (including Afghanistan & Iraq War Vets) can learn about their toxic exposure risks with new VA App. Just log into VA.gov and look for VAMobile app. Through the app, users can find studies into the exposure, learn how to apply for benefits and connect with certain VA programs, like the "Agent Orange Registry Health Exam for Veterans." If you've previously signed up, that's all. If not, sign up soon. It will be a benefit to you and to your family is your not able to access the site.

Free Help for Homeless Veterans: Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for 24/7 access VA's services for homeless and at-risk Veterans



*Are you a Veteran in crisis
or concerned about one?
Did you know that VA offers
same day services in
Primary Care and Mental
Health at 172 VA Medical
Centers across the country?
Make the Connection
Resource Locator
Contact the Veterans Crisis
Line (1-800-273-8255 and
press 1, Chat, or Text
838255.)*

Joe Buchheit, LTC-USA (Ret)
VA Liaison, Bridgewater
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SHEPAUG VALLEY SCHOOL



Region District 12 Updates

Bridgewater students are thriving in Region 12 Schools.

Our students are experiencing lessons in and out of the classrooms at Burnham School and Shepaug Valley School. Students are able to learn from the new agriscience courses at the high school level, enrichment opportunities through clubs at the middle school level, and from multiage classrooms at the elementary level. The dynamic learning occurs through rich discussion and specially designed lessons that allow the students to empathize, hypothesize, and analyze the world around them.

Students at Burnham School have been learning about cultures in their backyard to across the globe. Our Grade 3-5 students learned about the indigenous cultures of North America. They explored how the Native American culture thrived and continues to impact our lives today. All of the students learned about Poland from the Cultures Around the World annual celebration.

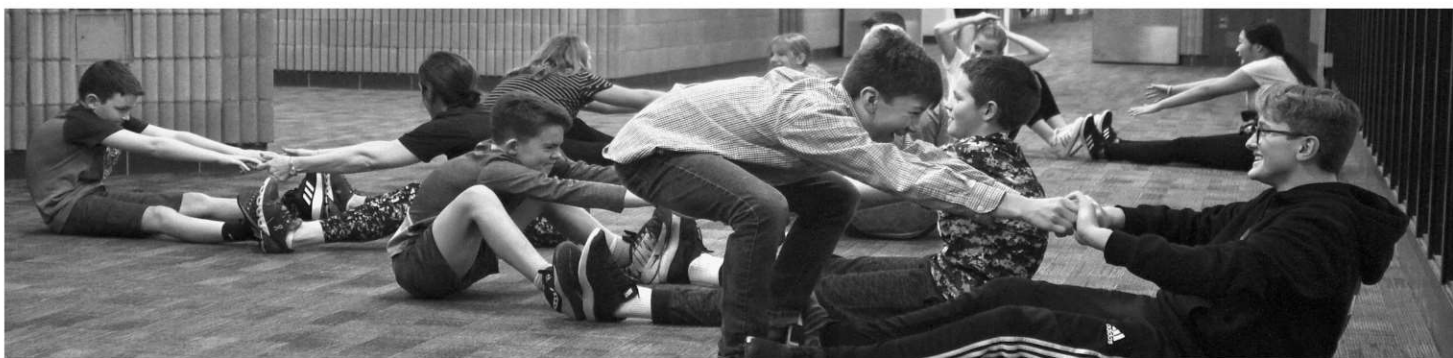
Shepaug Valley School students have been using the STEM learning platform to win recognition from Samsung Solve for Tomorrow's State Competition. Robotics Coach Sheila Gambino and her students are finalists in the competition. Our agriscience teacher, Peter Lawler, is working with students to build a self-driving tractor merging technology and engineering with agricultural innovation.

Our students are also showcased in academic competitions. Our mathletes are traveling throughout the state solving complex math problems and our debate team has been contemplating challenging global issues as they deliver convincing arguments against opposing teams. The World Affairs Forum will take the global debate and awareness to the public this spring.

The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the agriscience program at Shepaug Valley School will take place in April 2020. We hope that all members of the community will come out to celebrate the new program and the completion of the building project.

We want to thank Bridgewater for their continued support of our schools. It is our hope that the community will see how the opportunities our educational system provides to the children of Bridgewater makes us stronger. Thank you for your partnership.

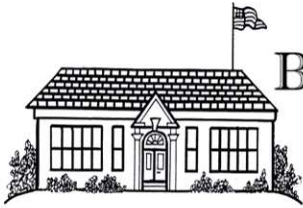
Megan Bennett, Superintendent Region 12 Schools



Health and Wellness for Middle School students at Shepaug



All residents are invited....
The official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the
agriscience program at Shepaug Valley School
April, 2020... details to follow



Burnham School PTO NEWS

Happy New Year from the Burnham School PTO! Our first annual Walk-A-Thon this past fall was a huge success! Students had a blast receiving a colorful bracelet for each completed lap and celebrated their efforts at our Fall Festival. Heartfelt thanks to all who helped support this event!

In November and December, two PTO sponsored musical enrichment programs filled the school with enthusiasm and thoroughly engaged the students. During the Diversity in American Music program, Fuzz, also known as James Sangiovanni, entertained with a variety of music ranging from rock and roll to reggae to bluegrass. Janine LaMendola's interactive Musical Sign Language program taught the students sign language through song, creating a captivating musical experience for all.

Please stay tuned for our second annual Read-A-Thon coming this March! With a fixed pledge, family, friends and community members can

sponsor a Burnham student to meet their goal and encourage community spirit and reading! The readers are rewarded with fun school activities for their participation—like extra recess. As readers meet their goals, they are entered into a raffle for the highly coveted prize to be Principal for a Day! We hope you consider sponsoring a student this year - please visit our web page in March for more information: burnhamschoolpto.weebly.com/fundraising Thank you for your continued support!

Kindly Submitted by,
Greg Bura, Burnham School PTO



Diversity in America Music Program



Burnham School Walk-A-Thon

THE BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pastimes

How many times have you heard (or said), "There's nothing to do" - or, worse, "I'm bored"? Terrible words. In the time before television or the internet, entertainment was in the eye of the beholder. If you confessed to being bored, some frustrated parent would be glad to point you in the direction of the sink full of dishes or the wood pile that could use replenishing. The wise child didn't make his boredom known.

So, what was there to do? In nice weather, you could count on catching some fish. "Shad" were plentiful then, although they have gone to friendlier waters now. Swimming was always popular on warm summer days. If you were lucky, you could take a horse down to the river's edge. Children hunted for small game. Tree houses were built. Hop Scotch and running games were popular. Young ladies learned how to sew. Some painted landscapes or drew portraits from memory. Music was a very popular pastime. As children grew into young adults, music had the added benefit of being a way to earn extra money. Small bands were hired at dances and parties. One group from Bridgewater had musicians who played violins, cello, flute, French horn and piano. Impressive.

By far, the two most popular entertainments were dances and musical performances. But where? Have you ever noticed the window to the right of the Town Hall front door? That was where the entrance fee was collected. Once paid, the audience would take the stairs to the second floor. If it was a concert, chairs would be lined in rows in front of the stage (yes, that's a stage) and if it were a dance, the band would be up on the stage and chairs would line the walls.

The Grange was another popular organization who hosted dances and "theatricals", as well as picnics. Since most families were members of the Grange, the size of those picnics was extensive. Odds were, if you didn't meet your future mate at a Grange function, you met at school. School plays were very



Bridgewater folks in the early 1900's

popular and the chorus was always well attended.

So, the next time you hear someone complain about the band width, their battery charge or just boredom in general, smile sweetly, think of some odd job you loathe and take them by the hand.

- Eileen Buccheit

As a reminder, don't hesitate to contact the Bridgewater Historical Society for a private tour during the winter months. We are also here to answer any historical questions about the town or its past residents. You may contact us by email: bridgewaterhistorical@yahoo.com or by phone: Audrey Wilkicki 860-354-7827 or Eileen Buchheit 860-355-2433

Meet George and Jane Pratt

Burnham Library and Bridgewater Land Trust were pleased to celebrate the silent responsibility of George and Jane Pratt on November 23rd. The following is part of the sketch of the Pratts who preserved over 1,145 acres in Bridgewater including the Recreation Center, the land where the town garage is located, the Jane Pratt Preserve on Town Line Road and large open space parcels preserved by Sunny Valley.

George Pratt and Jane Abbott were married in 1923. While I've been largely unable to ascertain how they met, one person that knew them said to me, "people who lived the sort of lives that the Abbotts and the Pratts did, floated within the same circles." In fact, if one does a little bit of cursory digging, one can find the families attending the same events at the turn of the century. But who were they individually?

Jane Abbott was born in Montclair, New Jersey in 1904. She was the daughter of the philanthropic lawyer, Henry Hurlbut Abbott. As a teenager, Jane attended the Brearley School, a prestigious all-girls school, but it was at Bryn Mawr that Jane found a love of philosophy and language. Jane finally settled at Columbia where she graduated with a degree in philosophy and comparative religions.

A disciple of Jung, Abbott worked on publications of the Analytical Psychology club to which she brought her interest in psychology, mythology, and symbolism. She later became founder and editor for the journal: *Spring: An annual of Analytical Psychology and Jungian thought*.

After moving to Bridgewater in 1925, Jane became involved in local preservation, education and politics. When she died in 1990, she was fondly remembered as a patron of the town and a conservationist. While George was more public in his activities, Jane was a powerhouse in her own right, not just in her preservation efforts, but in her significant contributions to Jungian psychology, politics and social justice.

Not too far from Jane, but a few years' prior, George Dupont Pratt was born in 1898 in Brooklyn, New York. George was educated at Harvard and during the WWI served in the American Field Service (AFS) with the French Army. The AFS were a group of volunteers who paid for their own uniforms, travel costs, and then were paid the same low wages as locals. They transported soldiers and injured men in and out of the front lines. It was an incredibly dangerous job that someone in George's social standing was under no obligation to take, exemplifying the silent responsibility that we are focusing on.

George was a man of many interests. According to Jane, he often regretted not specializing in one thing, but she couched this with the statement that this was why he was so successful. After the War, although he accepted a position working at the American Embassy in Rome, he never took it. By the end of the twenties he left the city and the many philanthropic organizations he belonged to, to come to this little town. Following his noted rebellious nature (George was a democrat, his parents were not. George became a farmer, his parents were decidedly not.) George and Jane betrayed their upbringing and moved into a small, humble cabin of which they would never move out of.

Pratt feared the loss of farms, agriculture and woodlands. George would turn to nature for peace and refreshment. He didn't even like people who spoke in the woods. According to Jane, he would complain about people who "lived in nature without being of it."

Their characteristics were broad, impactful. They were also contradictory. Jane Pratt said it best when she remembered a luncheon of dairy farmers she and her husband attended. They..."...all drank milk and

sang doggerel set to popular tunes in praise of cream-top bottles. That lunch was certainly a far cry from the embassy that my husband never went to in Rome!" They had, in many ways betrayed their past and we have all reaped the rewards through the preservation of a significant portion of this town and the many projects they were patrons of.

- Submitted by Chris Fisher



Jane Pratt



George Pratt



**BURNHAM
LIBRARY**

Where Community Connects

BURNHAM LIBRARY NEWS

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020

Library Hours:

Visit us on Tuesday 1-5, Wednesday 9-6, Thursday 9-6, Friday 1-5, and Saturday 9-1. Our Digital Branch is open 24/7 at www.burnhamlibrary.org! Stream tv and movies, or borrow ebooks, eaudio, comics, music and more!

Keep up-to-date with all our Library Happenings at www.burnhamlibrary.org or visit us on Facebook!

Art Exhibits:

January 2 - February 29: Lee Skalkos of Newtown with works in pastels.

March 1 - 29: "Commonality of Women" by Bridgewater resident, Cheryl Nelson. Artist Reception on Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 - 4:00. All are welcome.

April 1 - May 30: Ruth Jaffee

Book Discussions:

Join in the lively discussion! Copies of the book are generally available at the Circulation Desk. Thursdays,

February 27: Overstory by Richard Powers

March 26: I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

April 23: TBA at 5:00. Open to anyone who wishes to participate.

TTRPG Book Club @ Burnham Library - 1st

Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 pm A NEW type of book club for those interested in RPG (role playing games).

For more information, email Chris at cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org. Register ASAP with Chris!

Artists' Salon - 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm

Visual artists of ALL persuasions are invited to join professional Artist and Expressive Art facilitator, and current Burnham Library Maker-in-Residence, Pamela Hochstetter for a monthly Artists' Salon. In lieu of a fee, please bring a beverage or snack to share. More info email pamelahochstetter@gmail.com

Burnham Library Reading Lover's Challenge - The BL Reading Lover's Challenge is a year-long opportunity for adult book lovers to explore new authors and genres while having fun with your reading list. We have chosen the prompts and we challenge you to read 14 books within those categories. The challenge begins on February 1st and ends January 31, 2020. Upon completion you will receive a BL coffee mug to brag about your accomplishments and you will also be entered for a final raffle prize! More details available at the library or email jkallay@burnhamlibrary.org. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Burnham Board of Trustees

Cookie Bookie Book and Bake Sale - Saturday, February 8 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm

Show the Library some love this February by purchasing books and delicious bakes from the Friends of the Library. All proceeds help to sponsor library programs, museum passes, and digital services.

Meet the Author Linda G. Palma - Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a Meet the Author event with up-and-coming Newtown author Linda G. Palma as she discusses her new book Being Kind: A Brave New Race. Signed copies will be available. Visit Ms. Palma at beingkindpress.blogspot.com.

Spymistresses: The Story of Allied Women Spies of WWII - Friday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

We imagine spies to be masters of intrigue and deception, seducers and seductresses of exceptional talent. Many take dangerous risks, complete their missions and live to tell the tale; others don't. Author and historical storyteller, John Cilio will share the stories about a few of the special women that served the Allies during WWII. Reserve your seat, as space is limited.

Great Bridgewater Bake Off: Sweet Quick Breads - Saturday, March 14 from 10:00 - 12:00 pm

The Great Bridgewater Bake Off is the ultimate baking battle! This event will judge your signature sweet quick bread loaves! Do you think you could be crowned Bridgewater's Best Baker? Breads will be judged by the community and a special Guest Judge (TBA)! Email cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org to register today and/or to receive more information.

Jamie Bernstein: Famous Father Girl - Friday, March 20 at 6:30 pm

Jamie Bernstein, author of Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein, will talk about growing up with her larger-than-life father, composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, giving us a disarmingly honest yet affectionate account of family and friends, as well as a sharp-eyed look at the often tumultuous times in which she came of age. Reserve your seat, as space is limited.



Join lecturer Jeffrey Engle as he highlights the lives and music of several distinguished female composers who attained recognition and success during the last decades of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Reserve your seat, as space is limited.

Boards and Brews - Friday, April 24 at 6:00 pm
Tabletop games, potluck, 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. Potluck and
BYOB. Ages 21+

Teen and adult gamers join The Burnham Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the New Milford Library. Questions? Email cfisher@burnhamlibrary.org

***Parents/Guardians you must register in advance for after school events with Chris at cfisher@burnhamlibrary AND provide written permission to the Burnham School. After school activities are canceled if Region 12 schools are on early dismissal or closed.*



Pete the Cat's Groovy Get-Together - Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10:30 - 12:00
Join us for the 9th annual Take Your Child to the Library Day -- a nationwide celebration of children and libraries. Wear your cozy winter jammies and enjoy breakfast from our Cereal Bar, a reading of Pete the Cat: Loves His White Shoes, and search for Pete and friends in a family scavenger hunt! SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE by the one and only Pete the Cat! Reserve your spot, as space is limited! Registration begins January 1st.

Bubbles, books, and songs! Storytime fun for the under 5 crowd. Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:00. Winter/Spring session runs January 23 - May 28. Registration is ongoing. Storytime will not be held if school is delayed or canceled due to inclement weather.

Come us your imagination and build with us! Wednesday 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7 from 3:30 - 4:00.

Enjoy books, snacks, and an activity with our Junior Friend, Julia Sinatra. Wednesdays 2/12 and 3/11, Tuesday 4/14, and Wednesday 5/13 from 3:30 - 4:00.



Board Game Bunch - Grades 3-5 Come and learn new and exciting tabletop board games with Chris!
Wednesday 2/19, 3/18, 4/15 and 5/20 from 3:30 - 4:30.

LED Valentines - Thursday, February 13 from 3:30 - 4:30 Sweet program filled with science fun!

DIY Mug Cakes - Thursday, March 12 from 3:30 - 4:30
Bake (and eat) a delicious treat all contained in a mug!



BRIDGEWATER HILLTOP CENTER

News



Meet The New Director: Patricia Babbage

Patricia Babbage comes to the Hilltop Center with a background of working as the Director of the Oxford Senior Center for the past 11 years, Newtown Senior Center as the Assistant Director for 2 years, and prior to that she owned her own fitness business, Priority Fitness. She lives in Newtown and is married with 2 children. She earned a B.S. in Behavioral Science with a specialization in Gerontology and Psychology from Mercy College in New York and is a certified personal trainer. She has combined her interests in gerontology and fitness by bringing exercise classes as well as health & wellness programs to senior centers throughout the area. Pat believes in active aging and feels that a senior center should be a place where seniors can stimulate their mind, body and spirit.

She feels that these centers play a very important role in the lives of older adults. They bring people together and aid them to live as independently as possible, for as long as possible. Her hope is to continue the level of activity at the Bridgewater Hilltop Center and is excited to add new classes and programs as well.

To all of you looking to start an exercise program, remember we have Line Dancing Monday mornings from 11 - 12, Tai Chi Wednesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30, and Chair Yoga Friday mornings 10:30 - 11:30. First class is free and then pay as you go. These are wonderful programs, suitable for any age so please come and check them out.

We are always looking for people who would like to play or learn any of the following: Poker, Mahjong, Canasta and Bingo.

We have a computer class every Tuesday morning 10 - 12 for all levels and Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 4 we have our Silver Needles group which quilts, knits, crochets and does other crafts. If you are interested in learning any of these crafts the Silver Needles are very willing to help you.

SENIOR VAN

The senior van is available for the use of residents over the age of 60 and for those under the age of 60 for people with disabilities. Use includes doctor appointments, grocery shopping and special activities with a limited destination distance of 20 miles. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis, but every effort will be made to meet your needs.

Our drivers are MICHELE KING, ALAN DINHO, MATT DEVITO AND ANN FRATTALONE.

Please contact the senior van director - ANN FRATTALONE at 860-350-3042 at least two weeks in advance for your appointments.

HILLTOP CENTER SUPPER/CONCERT CLUB

This group meets on one Sunday afternoon a month from 4 - 6 PM. Join us for a relaxing few hours which includes a light supper of soup or sandwich, plus dessert followed by concert via TV. Sign up is required. Suggested donation is \$5 for soup and \$7 for sandwich, and includes dessert.

CHECK OUT OUR CALENDAR FOR MONTHLY LUNCHESES, BINGO, TALKS AND OTHER EVENTS.



Community Caring in Bridgewater, Inc. (CCB)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Staying Healthy and Happy at Home

Emergency/Winter Chores Assistance

We are in the unpredictable time of the year. Please let us know if you are a senior who needs help with electricity/energy/heating bills and food purchases or who needs help with snow or ice removal and winter weather indoor/outdoor assistance. Our contact information is below or please reach out to one of our Board members.

Board Members

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

Contact Us

By Phone: 860-350-2194.

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

By Email: info@ccbrigewater.org



Friends Of The Lake

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



The New Milford VNA is a non-profit health care agency dedicated to providing quality home care. It only takes one call. Services include: hospice and palliative care, rehabilitation therapies, elder care management, support groups, wellness programs, private pay home care, lifeline medical alert, and nurturing families. Call (860) 354-2216 or go to www.newmilfordvna.org



EMERGENCY SERVICES



Bridgewater EMS Update February, March, April 2020

On behalf of The Bridgewater Fire Department I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. We hope your 2020 is off to a great start and that the new decade will prove to be a time of good health and good fortune for everyone in our Town.

The Flu Season has officially arrived in Connecticut. The CDC recommends that everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season. There are rare exceptions to this rule. The Flu Vaccination has important benefits. It can reduce flu illnesses, doctor visits, and missed work and school due to flu. It can also prevent flu-related hospitalizations. These benefits are not just for the more mature among us. Flu vaccine has been shown to be life-saving in children. In fact, a 2017 CDC study showed that flu vaccination can significantly reduce a child's risk of dying from flu. It is not too late to receive your vaccination if you have not already done so. Please ask your primary care physician for advice and guidance.

This time of the year the weather can affect both your need for Emergency Medical Services and our ability to provide you with the assistance you require. Medical emergencies may be related to health conditions but they can also occur as a result of weather related incidents. Snow removal is a frequent cause of overexertion. Slips and falls from ice and snow often cause an increase in injuries during this time of year. Poor driving conditions lead to an increase in Motor Vehicle Accidents. Please use caution when you are out and about. As always, however, please know that if you need assistance from the Bridgewater Emergency Medical Technicians we are prepared to respond to your 911 call.

It is a very good idea to take a few simple precautions to prepare for the possibility that you might require our assistance at your home. Your house number should be clearly visible from the road both during the day and night. Please make sure that there is a pathway cleared and available that we can use to gain access to you. If you need us to respond at night please turn on your exterior lights if possible. Finally, please make a list of your medications, allergies, and your medical conditions. This list should be kept updated and

presented to our EMTs when they ask for it. The availability of this list can save precious time when it is needed the most.

As you know, the Bridgewater Fire Department and our Bridgewater Emergency Medical Services team are made up of volunteers. We need additional volunteers to help us continue to serve our neighbors. If you are a retired person seeking a meaningful way to spend some of your golden years, volunteering with us is a wonderful opportunity. If you are home either during the day or during the night and you can be available to provide some help when needed, please come join us. Young people who are interested in community service and gaining experience that can lead to exciting and rewarding career and leadership opportunities are encouraged to come see what opportunities we have for you. If you have questions or would like more information to help you consider joining our team please contact me. I will be happy to help.

Sincerely, Jim McNulty,
NREMT Ambulance Coordinator
The Bridgewater Fire Department, Inc.
Email: jamesmcnultynremt@gmail.com

Bridgewater Fire Department Women's Auxiliary



The Bridgewater Women's Auxiliary is happy to announce the officers for 2020:

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

The Auxiliary will meet on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 in the Bridgewater Fire House unless otherwise noted. We are always looking for new members so please come and join us at any time. The calendar for the next coming months are:

February 17th - Installation dinner at "the Senior Center" at 6:30

March 16th - Meeting at Firehouse

April 20th - Meeting at Firehouse

Carol Wilbur

OUR CHURCHES

St. Marks Episcopal Church



FEBRUARY, MARCH,
APRIL 2020

Every Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist.
Coffee hour follows the service every Sunday.
Vestry meets on third Sunday of every month.
Jam-making starts March 15th, every Wednesday
at 9 AM.

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday
6 PM service at St. Mark's

Saturday, March 14th

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Corned Beef Dinner 5-7PM
\$15 Adults, \$8.00 Children \$45 family limit

Sunday, April 5th

PALM SUNDAY
9:30 Service (Start in Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 9th

MAUNDY THURSDAY
6 PM - Supper and Eucharist

Friday, April 10th

GOOD FRIDAY
12 NOON - Service at Bridgewater Congregational
Church

Sunday, April 12th

EASTER SUNDAY
9:30 FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
with enhanced coffee hour

Saturday, April 25th

PENNY AUCTION
Open at 10, Auction at 1
Lunch starting at 11:30

We are delighted to welcome
Rev. Dr. David McIntosh to be our
Missional Priest in Charge, so we will
have the Eucharist every Sunday.

The Bridgewater Congregational Church

A GROWING CHURCH

Sometimes when a church is in an Interim time
between settled pastors, it grows less vibrant. But
quite the opposite is happening at Bridgewater
Congregational Church, with numbers on Sunday
morning worship up significantly, a vital and well
attended Study in the book of Mark is under way,
even a New Members class in the works for
February. Our talented choir adds beauty to each
service.

Following a packed Christmas season with record
participation and sales at the Christmas shop, and
a wonderful Christmas Eve service, we are now
looking forward to Easter. There will be a Sunrise
Service at the Senior Center at 6:00am as well as
a full Easter Service at 10am in the Meeting
House. But don't wait for Easter to visit. Come
see why so many people are coming on Sunday
mornings.

Ongoing

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

The Bridgewater Food Pantry located in the
Friendship Hall is available to any individual or
family in Bridgewater who needs it. Contributions
of non perishable food items, personal care
supplies and grocery store gift cards are always
welcome.

The Friendship Hall is available for meetings and
parties, contact the office for details.

Pilates is offered in the Friendship Hall every
Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm
Yoga is offered in the Friendship Hall on
Tuesday's 9:30am and 11:00am and Thursdays at
9:30am and again at 6:30pm
We welcome you anytime....

Sunday service and Sunday school at 10am
followed by fellowship and coffee hour in the
Friendship Hall.

For more information call the church office:860-
354-8283 or email us at office.bwucc@gmail.com
or visit us on the web: www.bwucc.org. The
church is located at the corner of Route 133 (Main
Street) and Clapboard Road in the center of
Bridgewater.

The Bridgewater Land Trust Winter/Spring 2019



The Bridgewater Land Trust thanks all of our supporters for their very generous donations in 2019. We have been hard at work with the stewardship of the nearly 400 acres of Bridgewater forestland, farmland, and open space. Our preservation involves walking, cleaning, monitoring and maintaining these parcels. Now more than ever, with our increasing activities, operating costs, repairs and upgrades, we depend on our members for their renewals and contributions.

Our properties are looking great and we will continue to make improvements on our Town Line & Jane Pratt preserve barns and houses in 2020. We also hope that all visitors to our Town Line and Jane Pratt Preserve help to keep it looking as they found it and respect all the neighbors and wildlife we share the space with.

On April 4th we are co-sponsoring a Spring Roadside Clean up with HRRRA. This event will take place on April 4th at the Pratt Pavilion. See Page 19 of this Our Town newsletter for details. Please consider joining us for 2020 for Give Local on April 21-22 of this year. We are also planning an early fall fundraiser with more details to come in the coming months.

BWLT is continuously updating our website, www.bridgewaterlandtrust.org, and we believe you will find it informative and easy to use. We will use our website, email news and our Facebook page (don't forget to Like Us!) to keep our members and supporters informed about our progress and upcoming activities.

Please consider joining our Land Trust in 2019. Those membership dollars are crucial to the operation of the trust and preservation of our beautiful Bridgewater. The Bridgewater Land Trust is an approved 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization.



Did you know that George and Jane Pratt donated over 1,145 acres to the Town of Bridgewater and various land trusts including the Bridgewater Land Trust and Sunny Valley Preserve? This equates to nearly 50% of the open space in Bridgewater. This information was uncovered and shared at a program sponsored by the Burnham Library and The Bridgewater Land Trust. Many thanks to Chris Fisher (pictured above) who researched the life of Jane and George and many residents who attended and shared stories about these very generous residents. Learn more about who they were on Page 9 of this newsletter.

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



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 email us at info@lvg-ct.org. Literacy Volunteers on the Green, 7 Whittlesey Avenue, New Milford, CT 06776.

Lynn Davies, Executive Director



Photo courtesy of Joe Dolen

Sunday, March 8th



**Help If You Can
Donations Welcome**

*Items may be dropped off at Town Hall, Burnham Library, or
Bridgewater Congregational Church. Thank you!*

The Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club

*Give Local and The Roxbury-Bridgewater
Garden Club*

Give Local and the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club are working together again this year to help beautify our local communities. The RBGC is one of the many organizations that benefit from Give Local's 36 hours of donating from 7 a.m. on April 21st to 7 p.m. on April 22nd at www.GiveLocalCCF.org. Every dollar you contribute to us will be boosted with bonus funds and prizes, making the impact of your giving even greater.

The Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club maintains the gardens and planters on the Bridgewater Green, the Friendship Garden near Burnham School, the Mead's Corner Garden, the town's Veteran's Memorial plantings, the flag pole plantings at the Bridgewater firehouse, and the Hut Hill Garden. Our volunteers constantly work in these gardens planting, weeding and pruning.

Our club is also very active in our community, providing programs in the school and the senior center. We give annual scholarships and provide community education on a variety of conservation and gardening topics through our lectures and Plant Mart education table. At the holiday season we decorate our town's public buildings with wreaths. In 2016, we planted a native oak tree to provide homes for local wildlife. In 2018, we sponsored a Blue Star Memorial marker and planted a companion dogwood tree in Bridgewater to honor past, present, and future veterans in our town.

Despite the extensive number of volunteer hours spent on these community activities, it is becoming increasingly expensive to maintain these gardens and programs. You can help by donating to the Roxbury-Bridgewater Garden Club through the Give Local campaign that runs from April 21-22. Please support us and help to keep our community beautiful.



SPRING BULKY DROP OFF/PICK UP

Starts Monday, April 20th



BULKY ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TOWN GARAGE

Large dumpsters will be at the town garage located at 324 Hut Hill Road, where residents may drop off bulky household items to be disposed of from Monday, April 20th through Saturday April 25th.

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.

All articles that are too large to transport to the Town Garage in your own vehicle may be placed on the roadside for pick-up BY 7:30 A.M. MONDAY, April 27th. Roadside pick-up will be on MONDAY ONLY!! If you put anything out after pickup is completed, it will be your responsibility to remove it.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!!!

- HAZARDOUS WASTE (paint, solvents, pesticides, etc.)
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS
- HOUSEHOLD 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 (3 inches in diameter or less)

We accept bulky waste from BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS ONLY!!

HRRA is hosting the
13th Annual Recycling
Billboard Contest

Recycling Contest

Students in grades K-12 can win up to \$500 and have their artwork displayed on a billboard the month of May 2020. Artwork is due February 28th. This year's subject is GLASS. Learn more about the contest and rules at www.hrra.org/annual-billboard-contest

Help Keep Bridgewater Green (and Clean)

Green Bridgewater Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th (rain date is April 5th). Stop by the Pratt Pavilion on April 4th between 8am-9am to pick up supplies to clean-up litter along the roads of Bridgewater. The HRRA in partner with the Bridgewater Land Trust will provide, bags, gloves and safety vest for volunteers. After returning bags of litter and recyclables to the Pavilion before 1pm, participants will receive eco-friendly gift bags. More information at www.hrra.org

**DO NOT
LITTER!**



Glass Recycling Program

The HRRA is implementing a new glass recycling program approved by CT DEEP. Bridgewater will begin to collect glass separate from the mixed recycling stream beginning in June 2020. While it's convenient for residents to mix recyclables in the same bin, the sorting process for mixed recycling isn't perfect. Machines and employees at the MRF cannot remove all the contamination

One of the biggest contaminates is broken glass particles. The pieces of glass attach themselves to paper, cardboard, and other recyclables contaminating the bails and reducing their market value. The glass itself that is sorted is contaminated with bits and pieces of other items such as small pieces of paper, bottle caps, metal, and straws reducing its value. Most MRF glass is sent to landfills as Alternate Daily Cover (ADC) and is never recycled into a new product. Please take the time to read about the glass recycling program at www.hrra.org/glass-recycling. All residents will be required to recycle their glass separate from the mixed stream.

IMPORTANT to note: Glass is a designated recyclable by state law. Glass should not be disposed of in the trash. Learn more about the State of Connecticut's recycling laws by visiting www.ct.gov/deep

Recycle Right Presentation

Do you have questions about what can and cannot be recycled? What's the big deal about glass? The HRRA will hold a Recycle Right presentation at Burnham Library on April 23rd at 6:30pm.

Other important waste management and recycling news

Please remember when hiring a waste hauler for your household garbage or for dumpster rentals, the business must be a licensed and registered hauler through the HRRA. Visit www.hrra.org for list of registered haulers.

Questions on waste, recycling, household hazardous material, composting, textiles, medical waste etc. Email the HRRA Executive Director, Jennifer Heaton-Jones at Info@hrra.org or call 203.775.4539





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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 April 5th, 2020.*

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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Anne Marie Wagner

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 4 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Brookfield Town Hall
- 4 Inland Wetlands Commission 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 11 Board of Selectman 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 17 PRESIDENT'S DAY ***Town Hall Closed***
- 20 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 25 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 27 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall

MARCH

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

APRIL

- 7 Lake Authority 7:30 PM, Brookfield Town Hall
- 7 Inland Wetlands Commission 7:30 PM, Town Hall
- 10 GOOD FRIDAY ***Town Hall Closed***
- 14 Board of Selectmen 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 16 Planning & Zoning 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 21 Zoning Board of Appeals 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 23 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM, Town Hall
- 23 Board of Trustees 7:00 PM, Town Hall



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

Bridgewater Recreation News WINTER/SPRING

Thank you!

A huge thank you to our Christmas Elves for all their hard work on the luminaries this year. The town looked beautiful.

Trunk or Treat Winners



Thanks to all who participated in the 2019 Trunk or Treat event. This year's winners for best trunks were:
Scariest Trunk: Stuart Family Farm Haunted Horse Trailer - Bill Stuart Jr., Julie Stuart and Susan Wilcox
Most Town Spirit: Toni Scalzo
Best Youth Trunk: The Feather Family

Many thanks to the Bistro Bridgewater for donating the prizes!

Pavilion Rentals



Pavilion rentals are underway for 2020... Book your date early!



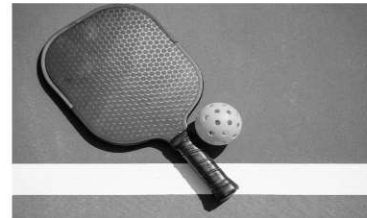
Save The Date



Trails Day weekend is June 6th - 7th.
Stay tuned for hike details

Pickleball

Tuesdays and Fridays at the Burnham School gym from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Enter through the back gym door.



Men's Drop In Basketball

Wednesday Evenings
Burnham School Gym
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission

Eric Soetbeer - *Chairman*
Roberta Allen - *Secretary*
Josh Murphy
Lynn Kubisek
Jim Moker
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.

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 Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9:00-2:00, at 860-354-8283 or email office.bwucc@gmail.com for information and a tour of the buildings or to book your event.



A glimpse of Bridgewater in the 1960's. Photo credit Wayne Khare of WCK Productions.

GIVE LOCAL



Hosted by Connecticut Community Foundation and sponsored by Ion Bank Foundation for the eighth consecutive year, Give Local Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills will return in April, 2020 to benefit the vital work of hundreds of nonprofit organizations in our region.

A fun and inspiring 36-hour online giving event, Give Local unites donors, businesses, and organizations in giving back to the communities where we live, work and play. During the give-a-thon, every dollar donated is stretched with bonus funds provided by Connecticut Community Foundation and generous sponsors, adding excitement and incentives, while raising essential funds for the work of local nonprofits.

The following Bridgewater organizations are participating in Glve Local this year:

Bridgewater Land Trust
Community Caring in
Bridgewater
Roxbury-Bridgewater
Garden Club

