

COMMITTEE DATES and TIMES

****Selectmen's Meetings** : 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 6:00 PM at the Bradford Community Center. Holidays dates subject to change check the website, Bradfordmaine.org

****The Planning Board**– 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00PM at the Bradford Community Center.

**** Recreation Committee** meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. By Zoom

****Bradford Days Committee** will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month

****Bradford Heritage: Museum & Historical Society**- Hours, Thurs 6 - 8pm, Sat 9 -11am.

By appointment: Peggy Nevells 327-1532

****Bradford Snow Blazers Snowmobile Club** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Bradford Community Center, September through April.

****MSAD 64 School Board meetings** are usually the 4th Monday of each month at 7PM at the CHS cafeteria. Subject to change

****Penobscot Ridge Riders ATV Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at the office of RJ Heating at 7:00PM.

Town Office Hours

Tuesday - Wednesday – Thursday

8:00am - 5:00pm

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Library Hours

Monday and Wednesday

5:00-7:00 PM

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TOWN OF BRADFORD

May 2021 Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE:

May 11th Public Hearing 6:30 p.m. on the Fire Station site plan application to the Planning Board

MAY 22nd SATURDAY, SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BUSINESS PART OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (BUDGET) will be held at 10 A.M. If the weather is good, we will hold the meeting outside in the parking lot, if raining it will be inside. The Governor's Executive Order at this time for indoor gathering number is set at 50% of occupancy, for the community center that is 70 people. If it has to be held indoors, could you please call the office and let us know how many in your family will be attending. If you call ahead, chairs can be set up in your family bubble and hopefully we will be able to seat 70 for the meeting and meet all the guidelines set by the executive orders and recommendations of the CDC. Lets' all keep our fingers crossed for good weather so we can have an outdoor gathering with a slight breeze to keep the black flies away. They have been seen. Hopefully you will all be able to come out to vote on the budget and hear about what the Future Fire Station Committee has been working on. The committee will have a presentation for the public.

June 3rd School District Budget Vote: 7 PM at the Central Community Elementary School

June 8th Special Town Meeting vote referendum change to the Land Use Ordinance- Article 1320- Sewage Disposal and the **Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum**. Voting hours will be 8 am to 8 pm. Reminder entrance for voting is the right-side door to the Community Center and we will be following all the same guidelines as the last 3 elections. Thank you, to all of you, who help make these elections go so smoothly.

July 16th – 18th Bradford Days more information can be found inside the newsletter. To make this day possible for the community the Committee needs *****VOLUNTEERS***** specially to make this day successful under covid-19 restrictions. Please call Courtney- Jo to see what you can do to help make this day successful.

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BRADFORD DAYS COMMITTEE

Courtney Arrants (Chairperson), Jess Webb (Member), Adam Webb (Member)

Meetings by ZOOM: 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM from October 2020 – April 2021

Meetings IN PERSON: 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM from May 2021 - July 2021 (more frequently if needed)

The Bradford Days Committee is excited move forward with 2021's event on JULY 16 - 18, 2021. We have been granted permission from the Board of Selectman to host the event so long as we follow the current CDC recommendations for safe gatherings. It is our hope that all citizens of Bradford will respect the incredibly difficult position we are in and the rules that we must follow. We are not here to stomp on your rights. We are trying to get back to some semblance of normalcy and if we have to compromise the way we normally do things, then so be it. Something is better than nothing. If you cannot agree to follow the rules we ask that you please not attend.

With that being said we do still plan to offer as much as we can in the way of fun and entertainment for everybody. We are open to suggestions of things you would like to see. We would love to hear from you what you think worked and/or didn't work from 2019 and how we can make this event better than before. Please email us at BradfordDaysEvent@gmail.com with any suggestions you might have.

NEEDS:

- Volunteers to run games, setup/breakdown, etc. Community Service Hours are available for those who need them.
- Donations for BINGO prizes. We are looking for physical prizes as well as gift cards that we can package into bundles to give away. Even something as small as \$5 to Dunkin can be a great prize!
- Parade entrants. Walk, ride a bike, drive an antique car, drive a tractor, pull a float. All are welcome!

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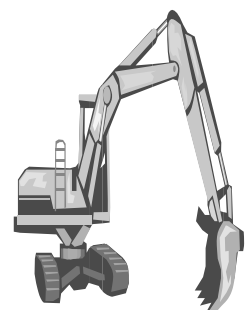
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BRADFORD RECREATION

Members: Courtney Arrants (Chairperson), Jess Webb (Member), Ed Nevells (Member), Julie McCarthy (Member)

Monthly Meetings by ZOOM: 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 PM

2020 was a sad year for the Recreation Department. We had to cancel all of our indoor events due to safety concerns about COVID-19 and missed out on a whole year of getting together and socializing. Kids were stuck inside all year and there wasn't much we could offer with the restrictions in place to keep everybody safe. Now that a vaccine is available, we are hopeful that things can begin to go back to normal in 2021. We plan to resume as much as we can in 2021 while taking safety into consideration so that kids can begin to be kids again.

Baseball season has begun. Farm League and Little League are playing in Hudson this year; however, T-Ball will still be offered in Bradford and should begin soon. Those who have signed up will be contacted by the coach for practices.

WE ARE RAFFLING OFF AN ATV! Please support us and help us to raise the money needed to purchase new soccer uniforms for our teams. **Tickets are \$20 each** and winner will be drawn on July 4, 2021. See below for more information



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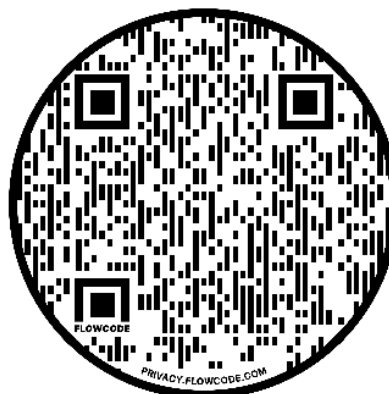
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Bradford Heritage: Museum and Historical Society

Hi folks! While waiting for life to normalize again we have been busy. We are working to integrate additions to our collections. The baker is built and as weather permits it will be painted. The porch will be built this year, finalizing our building project. We had a limited family history class last year. Those of us who participated gained more knowledge about our families and we delved into some local history as well.

Bradford Heritage is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. We are going to be selling hotdogs at the town meeting on May 22 and we are going to have a drive through, homemade baked bean lunch on June 12 at noon.

We are so excited to tell you Country Junction is going to help us develop a flower garden to help beautify our building. They are also going to donate some of the plants going into the garden. We thank them so much for their generosity!!

We look forward to getting back to some of the projects we had planned before COVID interrupted our lives.

We are open Thursdays 6 PM to 8 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 11 AM and, as always, we look forward to seeing you.

Any questions can be directed to Peggy Nevells 207-327-1532.

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*The Greenhouse is open for the season. Come on and check us out.
Remember there will be door prizes drawn on Saturday, May 8th. We are
very excited for the 2021 season and so looking forward to seeing you all.*

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PENOBSCOT RIDGE RIDERS

ATV CLUB

Message from the President

Welcome ATVers

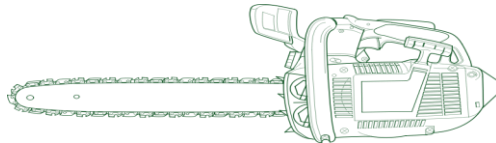
All trails are closed at this time. When the red signs come down and the green signs go up then it is Okay to ride marked trails only.

We are hoping to have a landowner dinner this year for Bradford Days but are waiting to work out the details.

We are starting a new year and the club is inviting you to join. All membership monies are devoted to the trail system. PRR wants to thank all landowners for letting us use the trails on their properties. That being said, if we don't stay on the marked trails, we will lose them which would be a disaster. So please stay on the marked trails and the only roads available for travel are the Reeves Road, Middle Road, Marshall Road, Williams Road, no other roads are open to legal travel.

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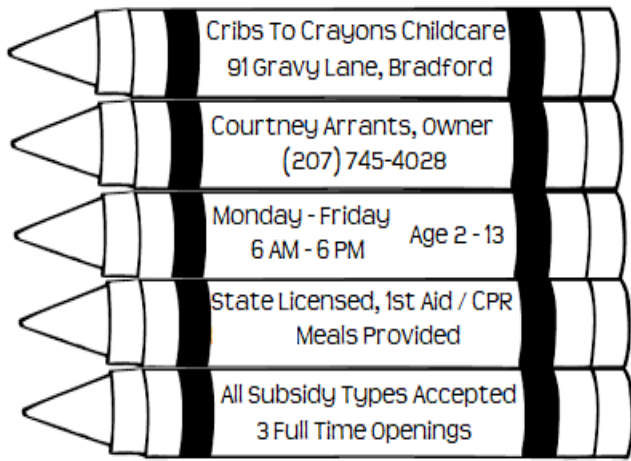
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9:30 AM Sunday School
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- You are at risk for homelessness or housing instability.
- You are having a hard time paying your rent vor utilities.

To learn more or start your application visit the MaineHousing website;
www.mainehousing.org or call 800-452-4668 to speak with MaineHousing representative.

Special Town Meeting Vote June 8th Polls open 8am to 8pm

Land Use Proposed Ordinance Changes:

Article 1300 Performance Standards

Current Language:

1320 Sewage Disposal

All plumbing facilities in the Town of Bradford and all sewage disposal systems shall be installed and operated in compliance with the State of Maine Plumbing Laws.

Plumbing and sewage disposal systems shall be installed only after a Plumbing permit has been obtained.

Proposed Language:

1320 Sewage Disposal

All dwellings that are leased or rented regardless of the term, and all owner-occupied dwellings that are occupied as a primary dwelling for at least four consecutive months, must have a complete septic system (HHE200). All other dwellings must have a septic system that provides a means of sewage and gray water disposal that is State compliant which may include gray water and primitive systems.

Plumbing and sewage disposal systems shall be installed only after a Plumbing permit has been obtained. *The burden of proof rests with the applicant.*

Manufactured Housing Ordinance

Article 6: Siting Standards

Current Language:

6.4: Manufactured housing may not be sited within the Town of Bradford without an HHE 200 for a complete septic system. Gray water or primitive systems are not allowed. The burden of proof rest with the applicant.

Proposed Language:

6.4: *All manufactured housing units used as dwellings that are leased or rented, regardless of the term, and all owner-occupied dwellings that are occupied as a primary dwelling for at least four consecutive months, must have a complete septic system (HHE 200). All other manufactured housing used as a dwelling must have a septic system that provides a means of sewage and gray water disposal that is State compliant which may include gray water and primitive systems.*

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News From Your Library

Hello Spring!!! What a beautiful spring it has been. Things are blooming well ahead of schedule. And speaking of schedule: beginning June 7, the Library will be open on Monday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm. We have had several patrons asking for this time slot and we are happy to accommodate you.

Are you a first time gardener? Well, we have some great how-to books and would be happy to help you find the one you need. Now is the time to get ready to plant. My gardens are tilled and ready and I'm raring to go. How about you?

We're still hoping to offer our Summer ABC Read-to-Me program, even if it's a shortened number of weeks. Be sure to check out our Facebook Page and the sign at the end of the library steps for information on this great summer program for our preschool and elementary school kids. It's always a great time of books, activities and snacks.

Good News: our ongoing Book Sale is now open for whenever the library is open. Come get a bag of books for \$5 or buy one of our few remaining 100th Birthday bags for \$15 and fill it up for free. Then any time you come to the book sale you can fill it up for just \$5 (and get a lot more books in than a plastic bag. (We are currently not taking any new donations as we have many boxes to go through and put on the shelves.)

Maine State Library Network System is upgrading systems in schools and libraries throughout the state. We will shortly be able to offer a much wider bandwidth than we currently have and much better access to our Wi-Fi which is good news for those of you who check out our system from our parking lot. They are hoping to have this completed by the beginning of June.

New Arrivals

The Other Emily by Dean Koontz

Win by Harlan Coben

Fast Ice by Clive Cussler

Beirut Protocol by Joel C. Rosenberg

Four Winds by Kristen Hannah

Pinkalicious Happy Birthday by Victoria Kann

The Bounty by Janet Evanovich

Eternal by Lisa Scottoline

Camp Time in California by Mary P. Osborne

Robin's Greeting by Wanda Brunstetter

Missing & Endangered by J. A. Jance

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Library Hours: Wednesday 5:00-7:00 and Saturday 10:00-3:00 and starting June 7

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