

# THE BRADFORD BRIDGE

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## Don Johnsen Retires As BEOC Chairman

Don Johnsen, who has served as Chairman of the Bradford Economic Opportunities Committee since the BEOC was commissioned by the Board of Selectmen in the late 90s, has announced his retirement from that post. Under Johnsen's leadership, the BEOC has become the future-planning vehicle for the Town. Johnsen developed a plan for the use of 23 acres of land in the village area as green space for parkland and recreation known as the Bradford Green. He has worked tirelessly with the DES and other State agencies to reclaim that valuable land. The Village Improvement Project and the recent Capital Improvement Plan are BEOC projects nurtured largely by Don's efforts.

At a recent meeting of BEOC, Johnsen was applauded for all of his good work and acknowledged as the inspiration for others who respond to serve the Town and address its economic future. Doug Troy and Chris Frey will now serve as BEOC's co-Chairs. The BEOC meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Bradford Area Community Center. All meetings are open to the public.

—Nancy Hibbard

## Band & Berry Festival

The Bradford Historical Society's annual Band and Berry Festival will be held at Bradford Center on Rowe Mountain Road on Saturday, June 22 from 1:00-4:00pm. Berry shortcakes and sundaes will be served for a small fee. This is the Historical Society's only annual fundraiser and proceeds help support the many free programs provided throughout the year.

The concert, featuring the Hopkinton Town Band, is free. Funding for the concert is provided by the E. Warren Smith Fund. Come enjoy a toe-tapping old-time concert and delicious berry treats on the beautiful old Commons.

—Milly Kittredge



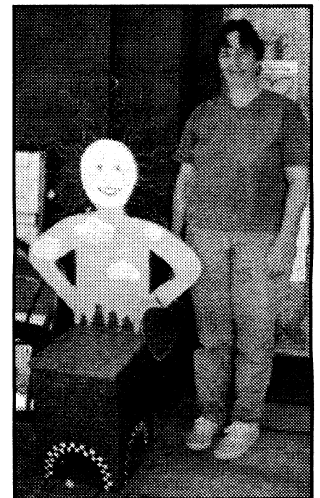
Artist-in-residence Marilyn Sylla leads Kristyn von Svoboda, 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Sweet, and Sophie Hunt in a dancing workshop at KRES Bradford. Story on page 12.

## A Special Friend in Bradford!

The Friends Program, a non-profit organization that supports Emergency Housing, Foster Grandparents, Interfaith Caregivers, and Junior/Senior Friends, has expanded its annual "Friends Finding Friends" event beyond downtown Concord. This year, participating stores will be displaying multi-dimensional, artistically decorated life-size Friends as unique chairs. Anne Boisvert of Antiques and Artist Tree in Bradford was one of over 50 volunteers to accept the challenge of decorating a plywood chair. Her contribution is currently on display at the shop on Main Street behind Bowie's Market. "Friends" are also on display at Henniker Pharmacy, Wingdoodle in Warner, the Sundial Shop in Laconia, and at over 50 locations in downtown Concord.

The chairs will be sold at an auction on Friday, June 21 beginning at 6:00pm at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. The event will include jazz music, appetizers, beverages, and a dessert and coffee bar. Individuals will have the opportunity to bid on one or more of these unique, life-size friendly chairs. Proceeds will help support Friends community service programs. Bradford residents are among those who benefit from Friends programs.

For more information on Friends Finding Friends or The Friends Program, contact Jim Doremus, Executive Director, at The Friends Program, 228-11193.



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### Submissions

The Bradford Bridge is written by neighbors, for neighbors. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and/or photographs of interest to the community. Send articles or letters to Lyn Betz at the address, FAX number or e-mail address above by June 20.

## Selectmen's Update

Here it is June and time to discuss "what happened to my tax abatement request"? Those of you who requested an abatement on your taxes will be receiving a letter from the office of the Board of Selectmen by July 1 granting or denying your request. There are provisions for appeal. The abatement request was reviewed by the tax assessor and then forwarded to the selectmen. If an abatement was granted for the year 2001 property tax, you will receive a refund check that is generated by the abatement in the mail. Since your assessed value was changed, you will have overpaid your first yearly tax bill received in May since that bill is calculated as one half of last year's taxes before the abatement. Remember that the tax rate is set in the fall of 2002 for this year. When that is done, you will be credited with the overpayment in that fall bill. The fall bill will show the revised assessed value of your property. As you see, it is a two step process. A rebate check, if granted, and then an adjustment to the year 2002 tax bill in the fall. Any questions, call Cheryl Behr at the Town Hall, 938-5900.

The first of the new road signs have been ordered. Look for them during the summer. The new cruiser has been received and French's Park has been cleaned up and is ready for your enjoyment. The Route 103 re-paving will start in June. The bridge over Lake Todd will be one-way each direction for the balance of the summer. Please be careful and be aware of the construction vehicles as they do their job. Let us all have a safe and fun summer!

—Dick Vitale, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

## Chief's Notes

The Ford Explorer police vehicle was taken to the state auction where it sold for \$4000. The money goes to the general fund. Officer Courtney Heath was responsible for removing all the equipment and cleaning the cruiser. His efforts certainly paid off because it was expected to sell at a much lower price.

The new cruiser has its decals. It is a 2000 model which decreased the purchase price by \$2000 and reduced the lease payment by \$700 per year. It will be taken to Ossipee Mountain in June for installation of the emergency equipment. The police department again thanks the Town for its support of this cruiser and the budget.

The police department has two new employees. Heather (Carlucci) McCarthy is the new secretary. She graduated from KRHS in 1989. Her husband Joe is a dispatcher for New London Police and they have a three-year-old daughter, Jenna. Cait Olson has been hired to monitor and enforce the French's Park detail and the Boat Landing. Cait has been a long-time member of the police cadet Explorers. She also works at the Pizza Chef in Bradford.

—Jim Kirby, Chief of Police

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## New Coupon Policy at Transfer Station

In this issue of the Bradford Bridge you will notice a flyer for the Transfer Station Disposal Guidelines for construction and demolition materials, propane tanks and some appliances from Bradford properties.

Specific costs for each item are on the reverse of each coupon for your reference and are also listed on the flyer. The coupons can be purchased at the Town Hall during normal business hours. If you anticipate disposing of these items during the weekend, you will not be able to do so without a coupon. Don't be caught short! Please purchase in advance. Coupons are not available at the Transfer Station. You will not be allowed to dump these items without coupons. You will be turned away. Disposal costs are skyrocketing. These coupons will help recover some of the cost of disposal.

—Dick Vitale for the Board of Selectmen

## Register now for Major League Soccer Camps

Major League Soccer Camps is coming to Bradford from August 12–16. Please note the change of date! Half-day camp is available for children entering grades 1–4 in September. Full-day camp is also available for children entering grades 5 and up.

For more information or a registration form, please call Karen Way at 938-6113 or Debbie Bruss at 938-2979.

Registrations are due by July 1st. (Late registrations will be taken if space is available.)



## Kearsarge Community Band

The Kearsarge Community Band invites area musicians to play and to become acquainted with Band members during rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00pm, at the Kearsarge Regional Middle School Music Room in New London. Year-round and summer residents, especially trumpet musicians, are welcome to fulfill our instrumentation requirements. No auditions are required. For information contact Pam Waltzer at 763-8944 or Nola Aldrich at 526-2942.

## Bradford Newbury Community Workshop

The final workshop meeting on Thursday, June 13, will be a picnic at noon at Eleanor Boden's boathouse on Lake Sunapee. Please plan to car pool, as parking is limited. Bring a cold covered dish; casserole, salad, or dessert to share. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for water activities after lunch.

—Clare Bensley

  
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## News from the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office

March 22. Zachary Scala O'Connor was born to Christine and Sean in Concord.

May 7. Kadyne Christine DeCelle was born to Julie and Michael in Concord.

May 17. Kevin Reynolds and Susan Julian were married in Bradford.

May 17. Madison Taylor Davis was born to Dianna Szymkiewicz and John Davis in Concord.

Dog licenses will be subject to a \$2.00 penalty for registering after June 1, 2002. The Animal Control Officer will take over the registering of dogs at that time. Please register your dogs as soon as possible to avoid costly forfeiture fees (\$25.00).

First-half tax bills went out on May 17, 2002. If you did not receive one or feel there is an error on your bill, please contact the Tax Collector for billing or the Selectmen's Office for questions on rates etc. This first-half bill should be one half of your previous year's total bill.

HOURS: New extended hours are in effect.

Monday Noon-7:00pm

Tuesday 7:00-11:30am, 12:30-5:00pm

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