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Mandatory Recycling Pays!

When you drive into our facility, you see the welcome sign saying BRADFORD TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER. This means that recycling is mandatory, not an option. We are committed to recycle everything that comes to the Transfer Recycling Center, because recycling pays!

Some residents have become embarrassed or aggravated when I or my assistant Lois insist that recycling be done, or when we pull recyclables out of the trash bags that are being put into the compactor.

On the other hand, many residents have set their minds to recycle their discards and have set up recycling centers at home, so that their trips to the Bradford Transfer and Recycling Center are easy and pleasant for everyone.

Thanks to these many residents who are now faithfully recycling, we have received an excellent report from Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA). Bradford is one of the many members from the state belonging to this NRRRA Co-op, which uses a "multi vendor" approach to marketing recyclables.

Recycling metals, paper, aluminum,

and other miscellaneous commodities through NRRRA from May, 2003 through August, 2004 earned the Town of Bradford \$5,559.98. If these recyclables had been put into the compactor, it would have cost Bradford \$9,232.15 at the present rate to send them to the incinerator in Penacook. In addition, recycling corrugated cardboard through Schwartz Paper earned Bradford about \$3,000 during that period.

The good residents of Bradford recycled 115.17 tons of mixed paper during the past year, which earned \$2,324 for the town. If these 115.17 tons of paper had been put into the compactor, it would have cost Bradford \$4,278.57 to dispose of it.

The good residents of Bradford recycled 3,780 pounds of aluminum during the past quarter, which earned \$1,790.20 for the town. If these 3,780 pounds had been put into the compactor, it would have cost Bradford \$70.21 to dispose of it.

As you can see, mandatory recycling really helps the Town of Bradford and all residents, and we encourage everyone to join in this profitable and successful endeavor!

Kenneth Anderson, manager

Local Artist Featured in Art Exhibit

Silk Farm Audubon Center exhibit, "Naturally Black and White," is on display January 4-February 23. This exhibit displays three interpretations of our environment that utilize black and white imagery. J. Ann Eldridge, of Bradford, a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art, uses the intaglio process to craft delicate prints of gardens and nature. She is a juried member of the League of N.H. Craftspeople and the N.H. Art Association and has gallery connections throughout New England. She has illustrated several books.

Polish-born Gene Matras emigrated to New Hampshire with his family in 1960. His forest homestead and his travels throughout New England provide inspiration for many of his award-winning pen and ink drawings of woodlands, mountains, wildlife, and rural life. His works are available in limited edition signed prints.

The beauty of the New England landscape is captured in the black and white photography of Alistair McCallum, of Mt. Holly, Vermont. A graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, he uses a medium-

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Plans Available at Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen would like to inform people that the plans for the proposed changes to Center Road and Cheney Hill Road are available in the main room of the Town Hall. The selectmen are considering the improving and paving of Cheney Hill Road and eventually closing that portion of Center Road between the two intersections with Cheney. It is hoped the town will develop the closed area of Center Road into a recreation area - i.e. walking park or picnic area. This work will require the issuance of a bond.

In addition, plans for the improvement of Drainage on West Main Street are also available at the Town Hall. Selectmen would like to encourage everyone to stop in and review the plan, as these issues will be on the March Ballot.

*Cheryl Behr, administrator
Town of Bradford*

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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. The *Bridge* reserves the right to edit submissions for length or content. Send articles or letters to Beth Rodd/Bev Leo at the address, FAX number, or e-mail address above by the 20th of the month.

2004 Parks and Recreation Update

We would like to thank the town for approving the director's position at the town meeting last March. Jarna Perkins has been appointed as the new Director. Jarna has many of the responsibilities that volunteers have had in the past. She has been a great asset with her organizational skills and follow through of programs. Look for new programs for 2005.

At the town meeting, \$10,000 raised by P&R over the past years was set aside for the Building Fund. P&R's goal is to construct a town bandstand to accommodate future concerts, weddings, gatherings, or just a nice place to visit. We hope to start fundraising in 2005 for the bandstand.

The Bradford Batonnettes had three age group classes this year due to high enrollment. They performed in the Fourth of July Parade, taking another blue ribbon!

French's Park cleanup was held on May 22. Jim Allen was hired for park maintenance with the funds previously used for the park attendant. The park is in good shape, picnic tables are being replaced and an additional grill will be added. We'd like to thank Bliss Dayton and John Forgiel for putting in the swim line and Dave Currier for taking the line out. Many thanks to Joe Conway for his many years of doing this job. Thank you to Cliff Powell who helped Jim this summer, and to the anonymous daffodil planter.

We held our first annual roast beef dinner on July 2, on the BACC lawn. Over 100 people attended including our future governor, John Lynch. The street dance

was enjoyed by young and old.

There were 49 people attending the annual Fourth of July Red Cross Blood Drive. We revived the Cow Flop Bingo on the lawn of the bank. Winners were Graham Browne, \$350, and Doreen Carrafa, \$150.

The Red Cross Swimming Program was held the first two weeks of July at French's Park with over 60 registrants. Nicole Wallace was once again our instructor.

We again sponsored the Tall Pines Summer Program at the BACC this year. The program used French's Park for swimming and cookouts, Brown-Shattuck Field, and some of the P&R equipment.

In August, Will & Megan Hurley from Outspokin' led mountain bike trips through the area. The rides were for fun, but taught proper trail etiquette and bike safety. This program will continue in 2005.

Bradford Fun Day was a huge success. This was sponsored by P&R and the Kearsarge Area Preschool at Brown Shattuck Field for a day of family fun with hay rides, hay maze, games, food, music, live animals, saw mill demonstrations, archery, face painting, and much more. We hope to make this an annual event.

Our Halloween Party at the BACC was well attended. Ghosts, super heroes, and princesses were served food and beverages and played games. There were over 25 carved and painted pumpkins in the pumpkin contest. The Bradford Police Department judged, and the winners were: 1st place, Craig Hendrick; 2nd place, Marisa Pickman; 3rd place, Jenna Waite.

We look forward to another successful year in 2005. To make suggestions or share ideas for future events, or if you can donate some time to P&R, please give Jarna a call at 938-6228.

Jane Lucas
Jarna Perkins

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The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association Offers Photo Calendar

The Lake Massasecum Improvement Association has produced a 2005 Calendar with selected beautiful full color photographs of lake scenes. This fund raising project is to help defray the cost of the Lake Host and Milfoil Mitigation Programs for Lake Massasecum. It is hoped you'll consider purchasing one of these calendars for yourself and other family members who enjoy spending time here in Bradford on the lake. Also included in the calendar is some educational material to help you understand the problem that milfoil presents. The dates and time of the Annual Meeting and the Flare Nights are also listed. The calendars sell for \$12 and are on sale at Bowie's Market and the Lumber Barn.

As an on going project, the Association will sponsor a photograph contest for a 2006 Calendar. The photo contest will determine the photographs that will appear in the 2006 Association Fund Raising Calendar. Submit your photographs to the Association via mail to P.O. Box 15, Bradford, NH 03221, or electronically to

D_Currier@conknet.com. Photographs will be displayed at the annual meeting Saturday, July 9th, 2005 and will be selected by the membership in attendance. The top 13 vote getting photographs will be published in the 2006 calendar. The board of directors will select one to be the cover. Historic (old post cards), scenic and event photographs depicting life on Lake Massasecum should include the name of the owner/photographer if known and have some sort of caption. Original photographs will be returned to the owners at the contest conclusion so please label each photo submitted. The total proceeds from the sale of these calendars supports the Milfoil Mitigation and Prevention Program.

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Santa visited the Bradford Post Office on Saturday, December 18th and met with all little girls and boys good and bad. Phoenix Labbe, shown here, was good all year but wasn't quite sure he wanted to sit on Santa's lap this year.

Bradford Historical Society

The Historical Society thanks the Trustees and Friends of the Brown Memorial Library for the very nice celebration of the publication of *Early Families of Bradford*. Sherry Gould is a native daughter we can be very proud of. The work and time that she and Kathy Beals have put in, after editing it down to 583 pages, is truly admirable. Thank you, library people, for a warm and charming evening.

The Old Post Office will be open some

Saturdays during the winter from 1:30-3:00 pm, and by appointment. Call 938-5386.

The new *Genealogy of Early Families of Bradford*, the 2005 calendars of Bradford scenes, and the 200 Plus history are available for fun and informative winter reading. When Kathy returns to her Bradford home in the spring, we plan to have a reception for both authors. Call Harriet at 938-5314, or BHS PO box 551, or Milly at 938-5386.

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Reminder! Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 11:00. This meeting takes place at the First Baptist Church in Bradford and should be lots of fun.

We will have a Chinese Auction and Lunch Buffet. There is a \$3.00 charge for lunch and you also receive 2 tickets towards the Chinese Auction.

Everyone is asked to bring one small item (new or used) to be placed in the auction.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

See you at the meeting!

Erica Gross, President

Bradford Country Squares

The Bradford Country Squares will host a Class Level Dance at the Bradford, NH, Town Hall on Sunday, February 20, 2005, from 2-4:30 pm. Please note the time and day of this dance differs from the usual. The theme is "Sweetheart Promenade." Dona Prudhomme will call, and Vera Prudhomme will cue. Admission is \$5 per person, and refreshments will be served. Spectators are free and always made welcome.

*Norma and Arlo Burns
Banner Chair*

Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter

Take a walk through the wetlands with author David Carroll as he presents his slide program, "Seasons of the Turtles and Wetlands," at the Soo-Nipi Audubon Chapter meeting, Friday, January 14, 7:30 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Gould Road in New London.

Carroll's journey will take us through the annual cycles of turtles native to New Hampshire, emphasizing the indicator species of special concern: spotted, wood, and Blanding's turtles. He will discuss the critical importance of habitat along with the ecology of vernal pools. Carroll's books, prints, and T-shirts will be available at the meeting.

This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Joy Bockius at 456-2480.

On Sunday, January 15, Robin Gray will lead the annual birding trip to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island, Newburyport, Mass., to observe over-wintering water and shore birds. Participants should meet Gray at Warner Park and Ride, exit 9, I-89, at 8:00 am. Bring lunch, beverage, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Please DRESS WARMLY. For details call Robin at 927-4127.

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format camera to record maximum detail and prints his own work. He has exhibited throughout the country and is represented by many New England galleries. His photographs have been featured in regional and national publications and are found in private and corporate collections.

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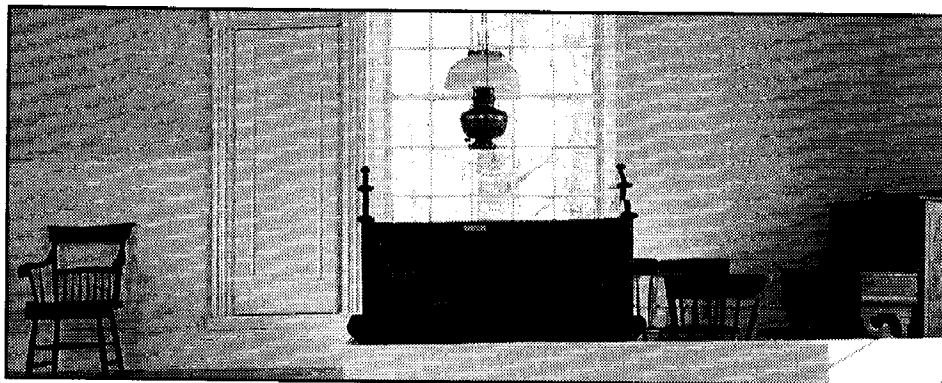
Being in a rural town, we often hear the words "current use" bandied about, particularly as we face our tax deadline. In a rural community such as ours, the concept may likely be applied to either our property or that of our neighbors. Ever wonder what Current Use is and what it means to Bradford? Simply put, it means that if you maintain land in traditional forestry and agricultural uses, you are taxed at a lower rate than the equivalent land in house lots.

The concept began in NH in 1968 as a strategy to prevent landowners from losing their land due to high taxes. Contrary to popular belief, the average family with land in the Current Use category has below average median income. The program applies primarily to tracts of land that are 10 acres or greater. The benefit to landowners is that they can then have their land taxes based upon its actual use and income-producing capabilities, and not the potential real estate value as for house lots. Much good comes from this practice. Here in Bradford, we've recognized the value of open spaces as we've developed trail systems, provided for forest management, and preserved many of our wild habitats as well as keeping our historical scenery.

But doesn't land that "sits there" become a drain to our tax base? Actually, it is more often quite the opposite. If you compare the type of development that has occurred in most NH communities with their tax revenues, the town services usually exceed any tax income received. Services devoted to long-term schooling, waste man-

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Bradford Center Meeting House Renovations Continue



Renovations continue at the 1838 Bradford Center Meetinghouse. Building Restorer Leonard Spencer (shown here with Amy Blitzer) and his crews have erected scaffolding, scraped loose paint from the ceiling, and completed necessary repairs. A clear sealer was applied after the ceiling was washed down with a vinegar/water solution. During the scraping process, Spencer concluded that the interior was probably wall-papered at one time. In the 1870's the loft was closed in with sliding windows and the stairway to the bell tower was removed from the east end of the foyer.


The stenciling was probably done at the time of the 1870's restoration. Two different stencil patterns have been uncovered: a simple scroll design and a far more complicated pattern. Both will be restored as this project continues.

photos and story by
Audrey V. Sylvester



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Scenes from the Fall Workshops
in September 2004.

Topics will include ice fishing, snowshoeing/tracking, basic snowmobiling, snowshoeing/shooting and winter survival. Remember that this is a winter out-

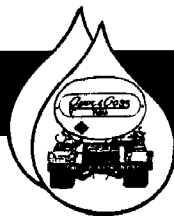
door experience, so participants should be prepared for cold, wintery weather. If we determine that it is too hazardous to travel, you can get information regarding postponement by calling 603.271-3212.

Owl Brook Education Center is located on Perch Pond Road (off Rte. 175) in Holderness, NH. Detailed directions will be sent to you in January or you can download them from Fish and Game's website: www.wildlife.state.nh.us.

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