

# HARDWICK NEWS



From the Town Clerk

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**Important Dates**

**January 21** Martin Luther King Day

**April 1** last day Dog Licenses Due by

**February 1** Real Estate Taxes Due

## 2022 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - MONDAY - APRIL 11, 2022

Last day to obtain and submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification – Friday, February 18, 2022, by 5:00 pm.

Last day to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk – Monday, March 7, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Last day to object or withdraw nomination papers – Wednesday, March 9, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Last day to register voters for the Annual Town Election – Tuesday, March 22, 2022 by 8:00 p.m.

**Voter Registration:**

Myron E. Richardson Building - 307 Main St. Gilbertville on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is the last day and hour to register voters who wish to vote at the Annual Town Election. Mail-in voter registrations will be accepted if postmarked no later than the March 22, 2022 deadline.

**Financial Statements**

Financial Statements must be filed by ALL CANDIDATES for election by the following dates even if the candidate has no financial activity to report: #1 – Monday, April 4, 2022 by 5:00 p.m., #2 – Monday, May 11, 2022 by 12:00 Noon

### **Offices for Election - 2022**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PRESENTLY HOLDING OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
<b>Selectman</b>	Kelly G. Kemp	3 years
<b>Assessor</b>	Lucinda J. Childs	3 years
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	3 years
<b>Constable</b>	James D. Swett, Eric W. Vollheim, <b>Vacant</b>	3 years each
<b>Planning Board</b>	Dane K. Stolgitis	3 years
<b>K-12 QRSD Committee</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	3 years
<b>Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee</b>	Joseph R. Raskett	5 years
<b>Paige Memorial Library</b>	Eric W. Vollheim, Peter Schmid	3 years each
<b>Gilbertville-Wheelwright</b>	Benjamin Hanson	3 years
<b>Water Pollution Sewer Commissioner</b>		

## Civil Defense in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

December 8, 2021

This month, the whole world has been living with this pandemic for two years. It has been a roller coaster ride of rumor, fear, accusations, hysteria, lies, death, hope, hardship, dislocation, and perhaps worst, unknowns. It started somewhere else and now has touched everyone I know. The virus is mutating as fast as we can spot it. The vaccines have been a godsend, even though many of us refuse to believe in them. It's a wonderful thing to see so many folks turn out as volunteers to staff these local clinics. One of the most successful, and certainly one of the most unsung, is the crew that has been running vaccinations out of the Rutland Library. Since last February. All volunteers. I have had the honor to help out with that effort, just greeting, sort of like a maitre'd. Somedays we've had over a hundred people come through the door every hour, seven hundred a day. And it's something to see how happy some folks are to get a shot. The more of us get vaccinated, the less territory the bug has to live in, the slower the mutations can happen. It would be great to be able to not worry about wearing a mask.

Until that hopeful time, we do need to stay cautious, keep our distance, be aware of sick people, wash our hands, wear a mask in crowds, all that stuff. And since we have lost our local hospital, taking care in all we do is a good idea. Response time for the ambulance is longer than it used to be, and the trip to whatever hospital you go to is longer as well. If I called for help with a bad injury, it'd take most of an hour to get to an ER. It's a trip I've had to make several times in the past. I was just thinking of this while running my chopsaw. Feel free to complain about the closing of Mary Lane Hospital. It puts us all at more risk.

No hurricanes this past year and we're out of that 'season' now. Winter's here, so checking on your lanterns and batteries and stashes of food and water is a good idea. If a disaster were to occur and we needed to set up a public shelter, access to food would be a real concern. If we all had a week's worth of tuna and pasta and peanut butter in our homes, we could feed each other. The Christmas season seems like a good time to check on our neighbors and our elderly friends.

And, we now have an assistant EMD. Christopher Lajoie recently moved into Gilbertville. He has a degree in Emergency Management from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. That is welcome news, now we are an actual department. Stay safe and well, Eric Vollheim, EMD

**Winter Parking Ban:** until April 15, 2022  
from 10 pm - 6 am daily. It also includes anytime it's snowing, about to snow or when snow removal is occurring. Parking is allowed on the following streets:  
Mechanic St - East Side, Broad St. - West Side, East St.  
- West Side,, Bridge St. - South Side, Convent St. -  
West Side,, Taylor St. - West Side, High St. - East Side,  
School St. - West Side

Vehicles are subject to a parking citation and tow  
for violation

### Gilbertville Public Library

#### Hours

Tues 2pm-6pm

Wed 2pm-6pm

Thurs 2pm-6pm

Fri 4pm -7pm

**Book Club Meets the first Friday of each month at 4 PM**

**Knitting Club meets every Wednesday at 2:30 pm** ☐☐

**Visit our new Puzzle Swap Corner  
Tutoring sessions by appointment  
413-477-6312**

## Town Census

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 54 § 4, the Annual Town Census will be mailed to every household in Town the first or second week of January 2022. When you receive your census form, please check the form for the correct spelling of names, proper residential address, mailing address, date of birth, occupation and veteran status.

Please note everyone's physical address will have "Hardwick, MA 01037." Please make certain that the **mailing** address is correct. Those residents whose mail is delivered via the post office in Hardwick will have 01037; those delivered in the West part will be "Hardwick, MA 01082, (please stop using Ware, MA 01082); those that receive mail from Wheelwright will have 01094 and those receiving mail from Gilbertville will have 01031. Please make any corrections that may be needed, sign the form and return it to the Town Clerk in the envelope provided.

"You may not register to vote, nor change your party affiliation via the town census, however, forms are available at the Town Clerk's office to register or change your party affiliation. You may also register to vote at the following address: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/> If you do not receive a census form by the end of January, please contact the Town Clerk."

### **\*\*DOG LICENSING INFORMATION\*\***

**\*Spayed/Neutered \$8.00 - Intact \$15.00**

***All dogs six months or older, moving to Hardwick must be licensed within 60 days of arrival to Hardwick.***

Late Fees: After April 1, 2022, a Late Fee of \$10.00 will be charged in addition to the regular license cost, plus a \$5.00 administrative fee. Each reminder sent to the owner will constitute an additional \$5.00 administrative fee.

DECEASED or RELOCATED DOGS: to avoid continued notification & potential fees regarding these dog(s), please notify the Town Clerk's office so that your dog(s) may be removed from the database.

APPLICATION AND CHECK WILL BE RETURNED IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE.

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A LICENSE CANNOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VALID RABIES CERTIFICATE. IF A VALID CERTIFICATE IS ON FILE, THERE IS NO NEED TO SEND WITH YOUR PAYMENT. ORIGINAL RABIES CERTIFICATES WILL BE SENT BACK ALONG WITH DOG LICENSE.

\*PROOF OF SPAYED/NEUTERED CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED IF NOT ALREADY ON FILE

AVOID THE EXPENSIVE CHARGES FOR HAVING AN UNVACCINATED AND/OR UNREGISTERED DOG BY VACCINATING AND REGISTERING TODAY!

Thank you to all who donated to **Hardwick Christmas for Kids 2021**. We were able to help over 100 kids in Hardwick again this year. We accept donations year round: Hardwick Police Christmas for Kids c/o Hardwick/New Braintree Police 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA 01531. Please make the checks payable to: Town of

# TOWN EVENTS

## January

**27** EAGLE HILL CENTER  
**"Second City Remix"**

7:00pm [Subscribe to Alerts](#)

### **Laughing For All The Wrong**

**Reasons** The Second City Touring company performing social and political satire in two 45-minute acts of scripted scenes, music, and improvisation, <http://www.thecenterateaglehill.org/>

**28, 29, 30**

EAGLE HILL CENTER

Eagle Hill School Drama presents,  
**"She Kills Monsters"**

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1/29,29 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

1/30 2-4 PM

Abby Theatre

**She Kills Monsters** tells the story of Agnes Evans as she leaves her childhood home in Ohio following the death of her teenage sister, Tilly. When Agnes finds Tilly's *Dungeons & Dragons* notebook, however, she finds herself catapulted into a journey of discovery and action-packed adventure in the imaginary world that was her sister's refuge.

## February

**27** EAGLE HILL CENTER  
**"Rackepella"**

5:00 PM [Subscribe to Alerts](#)

As one of the progenitors of the astonishing full-band sound of "contemporary" a cappella, Rockapella shows each of their audiences the raw power of pure vocal talent and originality.

<http://www.thecenterateaglehill.org/>

### Paige Memorial Library

Open

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 to 7 pm**

**Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm**

**Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm**

**Curbside pickup is available.**

**The Paige Writers Group is meeting Thursday evening at 6 p.m., on January 6, 2022.**

**We have an enthusiastic and creative group. There is room for a new member or two. Skill level is not important. Come join us as we write together and share our work. For now, we warm up by doing ten-minute Members share aloud after the 10 minutes, if they wish to do so.**

## March

**12** EAGLE HILL CENTER **7:00**  
PM

**"The Bourbon Street Jubilee"**

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Abby Theatre

**The Bourbon Street Jubilee** brings the streets of New Orleans to the streets of New England! Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration like no other, featuring music, dance, aerial art, games, prizes, and a world full of joy. This show blends old-time vaudeville with New Orleans jazz for a night of merriment that will leave every audience member smiling and toe-tapping all the way home. <http://www.thecenterateaglehill.org/>

**26** EAGLE HILL CENTER **"A Lamb Chop Celebration"**

**2:00pm** [Subscribe to Alerts](#)

Bring the whole family for an entertaining hour of laughter and song! Introduce the kids to the beloved children's icon Lamb Chop, skillfully brought to life by Shari's daughter, Mallory Lewis. Fun for all ages, kids will fall in love with Lamb Chop, teens and twenty-somethings will remember Lamb Chop from Lamb Chop's Play Along,

### TOWN MEETING AGENDAS AND MEETING MINUTES

Please go to [www.mytowngovernment/01031.org](http://www.mytowngovernment/01031.org) for all department, committee, commission and board meetings and meeting agendas.

**if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please submit your request and email address to [hwklet@gmail.com](mailto:hwklet@gmail.com).**

Some of the events announced here are not sponsored or approved by the Town of Hardwick or the Quabbin Regional School District. They are offered by other town organizations and are listed here in an attempt to show the range of opportunities occurring in town.

WE WILL BE ON THE WEB

CHECK THE TOWN WEB SITE