



# HARDWICK NEWS

## Civil Defense in 2022

We seem to have gotten through another winter without any big problems. It was fairly mild and no big snowstorms. So far. The virus has changed and hopefully receded, the latest variant being more contagious but less severe. Some folks are still wearing masks and avoiding crowded places, and that seems more normal. Common flu cases are way down, probably due to people being more cautious about washing their hands, distancing, etc. We'll just have to live with this bug, as we do with many others.

The weather gets more strange and severe. Mostly in other parts of the country. Not to jinx us, but we have been dodging some big storms, tornados and floods. The South-west is in the worst drought in thousands of years with no end in sight. Hardwick is taking part in a State program called the Municipal Vulnerabilities Preparedness project.

A cross section of residents are meeting to brainstorm natural risks to the town and possible ways to strengthen our resiliency. For instance, identifying flood prone roads

and seeking grant money to improve culverts to avoid washouts. We'll be talking about wildfires and icestorms, power outages and heatwaves. And probably the lack of a local hospital.

So, worry a bit about shortages of food and stock some at home. It's not a bad idea to have a week or two's worth of pasta and tuna and peanut butter and drinking water stashed. You can rotate your stock. Flour and sugar and beans and rice can all be kept for a long time. It's kind of like planning for a camping trip. Think Spam.

Check in with your neighbors, plant a garden if you have room, check your flashlights. The usual stuff.  
Happy Spring  
sincerely, Eric Vollheim

TOWN OF HARDWICK **EASTER EGG HUNT** SPONSERED BY EAGLE HILL SCHOOL

SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022, 10:00 UNTIL 12:00 AT GILBERTVILLE MEMORIAL PARK (OFF PROSPECT STREET)



## Hardwick Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration is now open for all children who reside in the Quabbin towns of Barre, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree and Oakham who will be 5 years old prior to August 31, 2022. Registration forms may be downloaded from the QRSD website, completed, and returned to your child's "home" school in the town in which you reside or mailed to Kindergarten Registration, QRSD Educational Support Center, 872 South Street, Barre, MA 01005. Paper copies may also be picked up at your home school or the Educational Support Center. All registration forms, including birth certificate and proof of residency must be returned by Friday, May 6, 2022. If your child is currently enrolled in the QRSD preschool program, you have met all the requirements for registration. A verification of information form is enclosed for current preschool families. Please confirm the information and return by Friday, May 6, 2022.

"Welcome to Kindergarten" information sessions will be scheduled in the near future. These information sessions will be geared toward parents and guardians to provide them with an overview of our Kindergarten program, meet teachers and staff, and answer any questions that you may have.

Kindergarten screening will take place during the last week of May and the first week of June. Specific dates and times will be communicated with parents and guardians once we have received your child's completed registration forms. We are excited to meet your child at Kindergarten screening and to meet you at one of our "Welcome to Kindergarten" sessions. We look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey.

## Cemetery information

The Upper Cemetery will open for burials on April 1, 2022.

Please remove all flowers and pots from burial sites as the cemetery crew will begin a spring cleanup

### CEMETERY FEE SCHEDULE -

Burial Plots - \$850.00

### BURIAL COSTS -

CASKET - Monday thru Thursday - \$550.00

Friday & Saturday - (No Sunday or Holiday Burials) - \$700.00

### CREMATION OR INFANT BURIALS -

Monday thru Thursday - \$400.00

Friday & Saturday - (No Sunday or Holiday Burials) - \$500.00

### FOOTING COSTS -

Ground Marker Base - \$150.00

Monument Base - \$75.00 per square foot (Minimum \$150.00)

Cemetery Commissioner contact information - [cemetery.hardwick@gmail.com](mailto:cemetery.hardwick@gmail.com)

## Paige Memorial Library

### Ongoing Programs

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am

**Story, Play, Art, Science:** Join us, outdoors weather permitting, to hear stories and do activities while interacting with this very active and happy pre-school group. Please notify us as to how many are coming so that we can have enough materials available.

Thursdays at 6:00 pm - **The Paige**

**Writers:** Be energized to create and to be motivated to keep writing. There are no rules other than to give and get support and encouragement from other writers. Come share your stories, your memories, and your creative energy. Make new friends, record a community memory, create a legacy.

## Gilbertville Library

### Ongoing Programs

Book Club Meets the first Friday of each month from 4-5pm

Knitting Club meets every Wednesday at 2:30 pm

Tutoring sessions by appointment 413-477-6312

## CONCERTS AT THE STONE CHURCH CULTURAL CENTER



2 pm Sunday, April 10  
Michael Poll *classical guitar*  
Emi Ferguson *flute*



7 pm Saturday, May 7  
Peter Krasinski presents *It*, the 1927 classic silent film starring Clara Bow



7 pm Saturday, June 11  
Daniel Brevik *bass-baritone*  
Jennifer Fijal-Brevik *mezzo-soprano*  
Malcolm Halliday *piano*



4 pm Saturday, September 24  
Yulia Zhuravleva *violin*  
Sima Kustanovich *piano*

### CONCERTS ON THE LAWN



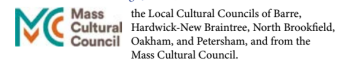
1 pm Sunday, June 19  
Weir River Jazz  
*Sizzle Into Summer*

2 pm Sunday, June 5  
Weir River Concert Band  
*A Walk Down Broadway*

For further information

[www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org](http://www.FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org)

Partial support for Concerts at the Stone Church Cultural Center through June 26, 2022 comes from



the Local Cultural Councils of Barre, Hardwick-New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, and Petersham, and from the Mass Cultural Council.

Local Cultural Councils are local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

[www.massculturalcouncil.org/about](http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/about)

# Library News



East Quabbin  
Association  
of Libraries

hosts forest-themed events in April - May 2022  
to promote our annual Community Read:

## April – May – Community Read – *Witness Tree* by Lynda Mapes.

**May 22** A walk to the tree in the Harvard Forest at 1:00pm along with a visit with the writer. This program is supported by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

### Paige Memorial Library

#### Show us your love of TREES!

ALL AGES! Please create a tree in ANY art media: pencil and paper, photography, clay, paintings in oils, acrylic, or watercolor, paper mache, wood, copper wire, toilet paper rolls, pipe cleaners, stained glass... ANY MEDIA. Write down a memory, a story, or compose a poem. Do something to celebrate trees and Nature and share it. If you cannot bring it in, photograph it and send it to us. We hope to have daily postings about trees in our library and on Facebook from ALL AGES!!!!

For the Month of **April: Hardwick Fairy Tale Trail Storybook Walk** will feature *Our Tree Named Steve* by Alan Zweibel.

**April 5 - Create a Flower Wreath from Pinecones** - Sponsored by the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library, presented by Bemis Nurseries. All materials will be provided, but you must register to get the correct supplies. Call, email, or visit the library to record your contact information and choice of wreath size: Large wreath \$39.00, Smaller wreath \$25.00. April 5 at 7:00 pm at the Town House

**April 6 – Drawing for FREE TICKETS** from the Stone Church Cultural Center. Bring a donation for the Hardwick Food Pantry to the Paige Memorial Library by April 6 and receive a coupon to enter a raffle for two FREE tickets to the concert by Michael Poll and Emi Ferguson at the Stone Church Cultural Center, 283 Main Street, Gilbertville at 2 pm on April 10.

Throughout April and May, events by the newly formed East Quabbin Association of Libraries: Barre, Gilbertville, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, Oakham, and Petersham, will be hosted in different communities with the theme of trees and Nature. These events are to support and create interest in the environment.

**April 7 – 6:00 pm - Paige Writers Group** will use the prompt of “Trees and Nature” for inspiration for their writing.

**April 26 – 6:00 pm Specimen Tree walkabout with Peter Schmid** Meet at the Paige Library at 6:00 PM.

For the Month of **May: Hardwick Fairy Tale Trail Storybook Walk** featuring *The Searcher and Old Tree* by David McPhail”.

**May 10 – Come draw a tree** in pastels, or bring your favorite media. All ages are welcome to create your tree from imagination or from real life study. Meet outside the Paige Library at 6:00 pm.

### Gilbertville Public Library

**Tuesday April 12th, 2;30-5;30pm**

**Nature Puzzles for adults and young adults**

**Friday April 22nd, 4:30-6:00pm**

**Children construct a tree using paper craft**

**Thursday May 5th, 2;30-4:30PM**

**Drawing for adults and young adults**

**Friday May 13th, 4:30-5:30pm**

**Make pine-cone bird feeders**

**Tuesday May 17th, 3;30-4;30pm**

**Storytime books themed about forest lore**

# Events in Hardwick

## APRIL

**April 8,9,10**– 7:00 pm The Gilbert Players present: **Annie** also at 2:00pm on the 9th at **The Center at Eagle Hill**

**April 9**, 10– 2:00 pm  
**Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 12** – 6:00 pm **Pysanky – Ukrainian Easter Eggs at the Paige**. The eggs are decorated with beeswax and dye, a wax resist process. You must register for this workshop.

**April 16 - April 24th Geocache Scavenger Hunt**  
*A family-friendly event for intrepid explorers at EQLT Preserves* <https://eqlt.org/geocache-scavenger-hunt/>

**April 23 – Bulk Waste Day at Hardwick Recycling**

**April 28 – Davis Bates**, a storyteller, musician, will help participants find their voice in "Sharing Personal Stories" at 6:00 pm in the Town House. This program is supported by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council, which is supported by the MCC a state agency.

## MAY

**May 13 and 15** –7:00pm **She Kills Monsters (An EHS Production)** at Eagle Hill School

**May 14 and 15** – **Book Sale** by the Friends of the Paige Library in the Town House during the **Tri-Parish Community Church Plant, Bake, Tag and Craft Sale 2022** on the Hardwick Common

The Historical Society will also be open.

**May 22**, 4:00pm  
FOSC invites you to attend its 2022 **The Stone Church Gala** to benefit the building preservation fund at Hartman's Herb Farm B&B in Barre, featuring Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, as well as Live Entertainment. Buy tickets <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofthestonechurch/649372/>

## 150th Birthday

Gala Dinner and Auction



May 22, 2022

## June

**June 18, 11:00 to 3:00pm** at the Stone Church Community Center in Gilbertville The Friends of the Stone Church will offer a **FREE Fun Day of Arts and Crafts** for children of all ages. Local artists and crafters will instruct and encourage participants in painting with water colors, writing poetry, photography, knitting and sewing, and scarecrow construction. A lemonade stand and popcorn table will be provided.

To have enough supplies for all participants, we ask that you call Kat at 5084047552 ASAP and before the June 10th deadline. We ask that children under the age of 8 be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**June 28, 6:00 pm Tim Kane** a professional drummer and teacher for over 30 years will start the Summer Reading Program **"Read Beyond the Beaten Path"** with the history of drums. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

**Farmer's Market Starts June 19 on the Hardwick Common**

**Rent for your Event: Hardwick Town House on the Common in Hardwick**

Check: Town of Hardwick website or contact Anne @ (413) 477 8756

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