



From the Town Clerk

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TOWN ELECTIONS

The special election is January 7, 2023 and last day to register was December 28, 2022 with the last day for vote by mail applications is December 30, 2022.

Both deadlines are 5 pm.

The Annual election is Monday, April 10, 2023. Dates for nomination papers and offices on the ballot will be placed on our website in mid-January.

Important Dates

January 21 Martin Luther King Day

April 1 last day Dog Licenses Due by

February 1 Real Estate Taxes Due

Hardwick Food Pantry

Food Donation Spots

Calvinistic Congregational Church

Paige Memorial Library

During Regular Hours



The Hardwick Food Pantry receives food donations from The Worcester County Food bank, local grocery stores and area collections from civic organizations, school groups, and churches. Support for the Food Pantry comes from TPCC donations, as well as private philanthropic individuals and organizations. Contact Liz Reilly at (508) 868-6811 for assistance.

Hardwick Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is located at the Calvinistic Congregational Church on the Common in Hardwick, MA. It provides a food pantry and Hardwick farmers' market coupons.

Pantry hours: 1st and 3rd Friday: 9:30 – 11:00 AM. 413-477-6635

The Deacon's Fund: A fund created for our Deacons to assist our most vulnerable with the necessities of life such as fuel. If you have a need, please reach out to Liz Reilly at 413-477-6635 regarding The Deacon's Fund.

Donations to the Food Pantry or the Deacons Fund

Mail check to: Tri Parish Church Food Pantry, or tri Parish Church Deacons Fund, Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531 Or online: <https://triparishcommunitychurch.com/> (Funds will only go to the selected Pantry or fund.)



New Year's Day Walk: January 1, 2023

12:00PM

Come explore the new section of Mass Central Rail Trail

250 Church St. Ware (meet @ the parking area on Church St)

Brush Burning at Wendemuth Meadow Preserve: January 21, 2023

25 Bates St.

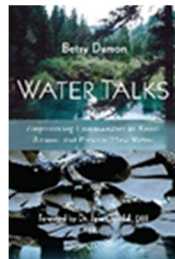
N. Brookfield

10-4



Book Conversation: February 15, 2023

Water Talks by Betsy Damon



6pm Zoom or in person at

120 Ridge Rd.

Hardwick

(Light supper will be provided)

We are currently doing a Brick Fundraiser in support of Little Marshy Meadows, West Brookfield.

Visit our website @eqlt.org and click on Little Marshy Meadow to buy a brick.

Winter Parking Ban: until April

15th 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



2 pm Sunday, April 2, 2023 Tickets \$35.00

This program is funded in part by the North Brookfield Cultural Council, a local agency which receives support from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

SAVE THE DATE

IRISH DINNER & MUSIC

MARCH 11, 2023



The Stone Church Cultural Center

283 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA

Music by Dublin Down

Limited Auction



For time and costs go to

<https://friendsofthestonechurch.org/>

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

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 second or third week of January 2023. 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.

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 2022**. We were able to help over 80 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: Christmas for Kids

TOWN EVENTS

January

I EQLT 12 PM

“New Years Day Walk”

250 Church St. Ware
<https://eqlt.org/>

21 7:00pm

EAGLE HILL CENTER

“Second Swipes Right”

Laughing For All The Wrong

Reasons The Second City Touring company performing social and political satire.

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

21 10 AM EQLT

“Brush Burning at Wendemuth Meadow ”

27, 28, 29

1/27,28 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
1/29 2-4 PM

EAGLE HILL CENTER

Eagle Hill School Drama presents, “The Crucible”

Abby Theatre

Arthur Miller’s exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society.
<http://www.thecenterateaglehill.org/>

February

I Taxes Due

15 EQLT “Water Talks” 6 PM 120 Ridge Road

March

10 EAGLE HILL CENTER 7:00 PM “ An Evening with Billy Collings”

Billy Collins is an American phenomenon. No poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad popular appeal. His work has appeared in variety of periodicals including *The New Yorker*, *The Paris Review*, and *The American Scholar*, and he has published twelve collections of poetry. He has been recognized with a number of honors, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, and he was appointed United States Poet Laureate from 2001-2003

<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.

“Digging Your Family Roots” Use our catalog to search for books. Use the “Resources” section on our website to check out online services and resources. Call to ask for advice.

March Continued

11 Stone Church Cultural Center “IRISH CORNED BEEF DINNER WITH MUSIC BY DUBLIN DOWN”

<HTTPS://FRIENDSOFTHESTONECHURCH.ORG/>

25 EAGLE HILL CENTER Eagle Hill School Drama presents, “3 Legions Live” 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Abby Theatre

Don’t miss a night of hits by Neil Diamond, Elvis, and Johnny Cash! Charlie Lask and Robert Black present a tribute concert unlike any other, bringing together these three music legends for one night only.

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

31 EAGLE HILL CENTER 7:00 PM Gilbert Players Present “Chicago ”

The Gilbert Players proudly present: *Chicago!* In the roaring twenties Chicago, chorus girl Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap...until he finds out he’s been duped and turns on Roxie

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

April 2 2 PM Stone Church Cultural Center

“Mackenzie Melemed”

<https://friendsofthestonechurch.org/>

TOWN MEETING AGENDAS AND MEETING MINUTES

Please go to www.mytowngovernment.org/01031 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.

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