



July 2021

HARDWICK NEWS

The 258th

Hardwick Community Fair

August 20 & 21, 2021

On the Common, Hardwick Massachusetts

See our web site for information:

<http://www.hardwickfair.com/>

Originated in 1762, the Hardwick Fair is the oldest fair in the United States.

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Important Dates

- **August 2**
Quarterly Tax Bill Due
- **August 20, 21**
Hardwick Fair
- **September 1**
School Starts

Civil Defense in Hardwick

2020 was a grim year. World-wide pandemics have been once-in-a-hundred-year events. No one remembers what the last one was like, and there are remarkably few books written on it. Looking through the Town Reports for 1918 and 1919, there are no references to the Spanish Flu. And supposedly, everyone knew someone who died from it. Just shows how tough folks were a hundred years ago, or how used to hard facts they were. Maybe we got off lucky. It could certainly have been worse. It still is in India, with Africa still to see more of this plague. And, sadly, there seems to be a good chance of more of these viruses in the pipeline. As wildland is cleared for people to live on, weird new diseases are uncovered. And as we move around the world more easily and quickly, we tend to spread them more efficiently.

But, we learned a lot from Covid. We'll be learning for years how it got started and how it spread. We've all been the laboratory animals, and it'll take some time to analyze the data. But we should be better at reacting to a future threat, able to skip the denial phase, faster at doing the science on the vaccines and antidotes. And we did pretty good at watching out for each other, taking care to not infect ourselves, and being patient, waiting for the cure. And, great to see all the volunteers turning out to staff the clinics and work the food banks. That's our civil defense.

Eric

Hardwick Recycling

FY2022 Recycling Center Stickers will be available for purchase in July 2021.

The residential Recycling Sticker will be valid until June 30, 2022.

Stickers are \$50 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Gilbertville Library

We're Open

Upcoming Programs

August 13th 4pm

Mary Jo Maichack Minstrel Storyteller

Animals! Animals!

Sept 8 5:30pm-7:30pm

Greg Maichack Pastel Workshop Dandelions

Sign up required Limited seating 413-477-6312

Sept 17 4pm

Ed the Wizard Balloon Twisting Workshop

Weather permitting will be held outside

Oct 20 5pm Davis Bates Halloween Harvest

All programs are free and are sponsored

by the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council

All six public internet computers are now available

Book Club Meets the first Friday of each month from 6-7pm

Knitting Club meets every Thursday at 2:30 pm

Visit our new Puzzle Swap Corner Bring one, take one, many to chose from Coloring Group to be announced at a future date

Tutoring sessions by appointment 413-477-6312

The Hardwick Historical Society's Annual Meeting in September will at the Hardwick Town House and will include a "Pot Luck Supper" after the Hardwick Historical Society Meeting. All members and future members are cordially invited. For more information call Anne 477-8756.

The Hardwick Historical Society will be holding "Open Museum" hours from 12-2 on the second and fourth Sundays while the Farmers Market is open as well as during the Hardwick Fair



Hardwick Farmers Market

Every Sunday between 11:00 AM
and 2:00 PM

on the Common, Hardwick, MA

Buy Local



Anyone is welcome: If you are interested in a booth email: stillmans@verizon.net

Paige is COMING back with a Bang!

TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

We are now open without appointments

We are delaying computer use by patrons as the computers are being repaired and updated.

As of July 1 the Paige Memorial Library will be on the CWMars Interlibrary loan system.

MassCat has treated us well, but wanting to offer our Patrons the best service possible, we are moving to CWMars starting July 1.

Patrons who already have a CWMars card from another library will use that card without any further effort on their part.

Those who need a CWMars card will get a new number and card the first time they check in.

Children's Summer Reading **"Tails and Tales"** at Paige Memorial Library June 24th to August 5

Sign up and receive an information packet with a scavenger hunt sheet, items to create a collage of your own "Tale" of your Summer Reading and more. At the end of the Summer Reading program, bring your collage in to be photographed and it will be posted on our website and Facebook pages.

Borrow some fun books from the Paige Memorial library.

Write down the names of the books on your book log.

Turn in your completed book log on or before August 5 and receive a ticket for our prize drawings. **August 5th** is the date for the drawing and also for our closing program which features **Tim Kane and his drums**. Come join the fun and experience the joy of drumming.

Take and make kits will be available during the summer months for pick-up.

Have a wonderful summer full of Tales and Tails!

Visit our beaver family behind the Paige Library. The lodge is easily seen and often a beaver is swimming or slapping a tale to warn the others. Other wildlife often visits including a blue heron.

Online programs based in Hardwick

March was the one-year anniversary of the pandemic shutdown. Hardwick resident, Dedie King, interviewed 20 other residents about their experiences. link to her video.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zeshW2YLOU>



Friends of the Stone Church recently released Peter Pan recorded in the church by Peter Krasinski. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9hGvkQmVbE> or search You Tube for "FOSC Peter Pan" on your smart TV. Additional funding for this production comes from the Local Cultural Councils of Barre, Hardwick-New Braintree and Oakham, and from the Mass Cultural Council.

A new production by Wesley Hall and Curtis Smith documenting Gilbertville and the Stone Church tracker organ is also available <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGur2uX8wD8>

More Stone Church organ concerts are available on: <https://friendsofthestonechurch.org>



The East Quabbin Land Trust is excited to provide free online learning resources covering a wide variety of topics: Learn from the Experts, Pollinator Resources, Youth Education, and workshops.

Go to <https://eqlt.org> online resource collection.

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East
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LAND TRUST

Saturday Work Days...

Join us from 9am-noon on the first Saturday of the month (usually) and volunteer to help with the maintenance of EQLT properties. Please contact Jess at JCusworth@eqlt.org or at 413-477-8229 to confirm which location will be the work site.

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