



HARDWICK NEWS

July 2022

The 260th Hardwick Community Fair

August 19 & 20, 2022

On the Common, Hardwick Massachusetts

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The 260th Hardwick Community Fair will be happening on the town green August 19th and 20th, 2022. Our annual fair offers numerous agricultural and creative exhibits, demonstrations, food, live music and dance, children’s games, wagon rides, an antique tractor parade, and so much more! Admission is free! Parking is free! Information, schedule, and guidelines for exhibits are on our webpage: <https://www.hardwickfair.com/>

The Fair is a huge undertaking put together by a community of dedicated and amazing volunteers. If you'd like to help in any capacity, please contact Lisa Cohen, the Fair Secretary (ljcblue@gmail.com).

Important Dates

- August 1 Quarterly Tax Bill Due
- August 19, 20 Hardwick Fair

Hardwick Elementary School

The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 31st!

Kindergarten Meet & Greet is Monday, August 22nd from 10am -11am.

State Primary Election

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters may cast their ballots at the Hardwick Elementary School, 76 Schoolhouse Drive in the Village of Gilbertville for their choices in the upcoming election. Hardwick voters may check their status and party registration by going to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx> and entering their name, date of birth and 01037 as ZIP code. Do NOT use your mailing ZIP code as your registration is based upon Hardwick – 01037.

Those wishing to vote by mail may obtain an application by going to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Vote-by-Mail-Paper-Application-2022.pdf>

The form may be mailed, faxed, emailed or placed in the drop box outside the Municipal Building. Absentee ballot applications are also available for those who will not be present on the date of the Primary.

There will be mandatory early voting in person for the Primary and the November election, but those dates have not yet been announced.

Voters who have not returned their 2022 census have been placed on the inactive voter list and must complete and sign an affirmation of residence before voting. Please contact Ryan J. Witkos, Hardwick Town Clerk at 413-477-6700 or clerk@townofhardwick.com with any questions.

Paige Memorial Library Summer Programs

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am – Story, Art, Science, and Play Time: Join our group for stories, art and science activities, and socializing. We meet outdoors weather permitting. Activities accommodate a multitude of ages, but prior notice is welcome so that we can plan appropriate activities and have enough materials available.

June 28 through August 16 - The Paige Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" Participants will register, receive Instructions and a Book Log, read books they choose, and take part in scheduled activities and special presentations. Participation in these activities make them eligible to receive prizes. Come see all that you can borrow and enjoy, such as our adventure backpack filled with outdoor activities to try. Come see our new building and learning kits with all sorts of magnets.

WEEK #1 JULY 5-9: All week you can pick up "Take and Make" kits with Wildflower Seeds and check out a book about flowers and plants.

WEEK #2 JULY 12-16: July 14, Thursday – Join Louisa Rossell from East Quabbin Land Trust at 2 pm to hear *Bea's Bees* by Katherine Prior, followed by a pollinator -themed craft.

WEEK #3 - JULY 19-22: July 20, Wednesday – East Quabbin Land Trust's Louisa Rossell returns to read *Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner and a craft of pond related life forms at 10:30 am. **July 21, Thursday – "Henry the Juggler"** (alias Henry Lappen) may involve innocent bystanders in balancing and catching, smiling and giggling at the Town House at 6:00 pm 

WEEK #4- JULY 26-30: July 26, Tuesday, you can come to a clay workshop at 3 PM and make a small "sling pot" with plant impressions in air dry clay. **On July 30, Saturday, come to a Scavenger Hunt for Books** you can take home and keep. The Hunt will start at 10:30 AM outside of the Paige Library with lots of clues.

WEEK #5 - AUG 2-6: All week you can pick up "Take and Make" Nature kits to make Bookmarks for the wonderful books you borrow and read. **August 3, Wednesday, Come make a Found Art Nature Collage** at 10:30 AM

WEEK# 6 - AUG 9-13: Time to make **Fairy Houses** for display in the Hardwick Fair-y Village. Workshops are **Tuesday at 3 PM, Wednesday at 10:30 AM, Thursday at 3 PM, Saturday at 10:30 AM.** We will supply the basics to build the houses, but you should bring sparkly things and special objects that the Fairies will enjoy. bring your houses Saturday morning to place in the Hardwick Fair-y Village. You may also display houses you make at home. All houses can be picked up Saturday afternoon, August 20.

August 11, Thursday – Hands on Nature, a non-profit group, will present "Summer Night Sounds" at 6 pm. Your listening experience will be enhanced and you might be surprised by what you learn. 

WEEK# 7 - AUG 16-20: August 16, Tuesday – Davis Bates, award winning story teller and musician, will sing and tell stories about "The Places You'll Go", as the ending event of the Summer Reading program, at the Town House at 6:00 pm. Summer Reading raffle prizes will be drawn. 

August 20, Saturday – The Annual Hardwick Fair-y Village will be on display at the Paige Library This program is supported by the Friends of the Paige Library.



The Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council

a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, is graciously funding several events in affiliation with the Paige Memorial Library. The Paige Library is deeply appreciative of the supporting role which the Cultural Council plays in providing educational and entertaining activities for our communities.

Civil Defense in the 21st Century June 21, 2022

Here we are at the Summer Solstice, longest day of the year. We didn't have any terrible weather this past winter, and we seem to be avoiding the tornados and drought that other parts of the U.S. are suffering. I don't want to jinx us, but I think we're in the best part of the country (maybe the world) to live. Minnesota is having some 100 degree days already, and the Southwest is drying up. And the invasion of Ukraine continues to show us how lucky we are.

That war is affecting everyone on the planet. Fuel has become very expensive, so food will get more expensive. Russia and Ukraine produce something like half the world's wheat, and there's not a lot of farming going on in that region right now. Food scarcity will likely hit other people much more than here, but it's something to think about. Keep a week's supply of food stashed, and some long range food as well. Rice, pasta, tuna, peanut butter, cooking oil, soap. Keep rotating your stock.

It's an outrage that Mary Lane Hospital has been closed. Travel time to a hospital has increased by almost half an hour. Though we are trying to set up our own ambulance service, that project will take a year or more. We continue to have agreements with some surrounding towns to provide coverage, but the response times are longer than in past years. We are setting up training programs and are looking for people who are interested in becoming EMTs. We have a new deputy EMD in town, and he's well suited and eager to advance that effort.

However, while that project comes together we all need to just be a bit more careful. Keep track of your neighbors, plant a victory garden, sign up for training, get ready for hurricane season.

Respectfully, Eric Vollheim, Emergency Management Director



Yulia Zhuravleva, violin and Sima Kustanovich, piano

“Mosaic”

Sat Sep 24, 2022 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM EDT

The Stone Church Cultural Center

Gilbertville, 01031

Friends of the Stone Church are pleased to be participating in the Mass Cultural Council's Card to Culture program by extending discounts to EBT, WIC and ConnectorCard health plan insurance cardholders in 2022. Up to 4 free tickets/household may be requested at the box office by showing a current card, as long as space permits.

This concert is sponsored by Boston Financial Management. Relationships that Matter. Counsel You Can Trust. <https://bostonfinancialmanagement.com>

Craft Fair
July 16, 2022
9am-1pm

Rain Date
July 17, 2022

Raffling off a Smoker
\$5 a ticket



You must be signed up for a table and pay for it by July 5 th, to reserve a spot.

Non refundable



Highlights

- \$25 per table
- Bring your own table
- Registering required
- Take home what you don't sell
- Call 413-477-6312

Gilbertville Public Library

259 Main St Gilbertville , MA 01031

413-477-6312 for more information or to register

There will also be a Bake Sale during the Craft Fair

TOWN EVENTS

July

14 2:00pm at the Paige Library Louisa Rossell
"Bees"

16 11:00-1:00 at the Gilbertville Library "Craft Fair"

17 6:00 PM The Center at Eagle Hill "I've Had the Time of My Life"
Colby Academy of Dance

'22 Tickets: \$18 For more information, visit us at 6 Springfield Street, Three Rivers or call us at 413-686-7032

14 10:30am at the Paige Library Louisa Rossell
"Pond Life"

21 6:00pm at the Town House
"Henry the Juggler"

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September

6 State Primary Election

22 6:30pm The Hardwick Historical Society's Annual Meeting
at the Hardwick Town House. "History of the Mixer Family in Hardwick" by Emily Bancroft. Public invited

24 "Mosaic" at the Stone Church 6:00pm

"Ghost Walk"

October 15th, If interested in being a GHOST" please email your contact information and age to hardwickhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com before Sept. 7th.

Hardwick Farmers Market

Every Sunday between 11:00am and 2:00pm

Hardwick Historical Museum will be open 2nd & 4th Sundays 12pm - 2pm

Hardwick Recycling

The new recycling stickers that are required on July 1st are \$55 for residents and \$90 for non residents.

*We are again accepting bottle and can returnables to benefit the Boy Scouts

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