



HARDWICK NEWS

January 2024

DOG LICENSING INFORMATION

Fee: Spayed/Neutered: \$8.00; Intact: \$15.00

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

Late Fees: After April 1, 2024, 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. Hundreds of residents owe multiple years of fees and per Town bylaws, late fines must be assessed for those who did not register their dogs for any of the past years in which the dog is alive. Any payment that does not meet the amount due will be applied to prior years' licenses and late fees first. APPLICATION & MONIES WILL BE RETURNED IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCOMPLETE.

If your dog(s) have crossed the rainbow bridge, or have relocated out of Hardwick, please notify the Town Clerk's office so that your dog(s) may be removed from the database.

Programs at The Paige Memorial Library

Knitting with Pam Hinckley on Saturdays in January, February, and March. Children's group 9:30 am - 10:15 am for grades 2-12, materials will be provided. Adult group 10:30 am – noon, bring your work in progress! For questions, or to register, contact Pam at 477-6004 or pahinckley@gmail.com

Saturday, January 13, 1:30, Paula Grandpre Wood, Barre physical therapist was inspired to write *The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash*, a book about her French Canadian ancestors, a genealogical adventure story/ memoir with suspense, pathos, joy, and grief, a testament to the endurance of faith, family, and traditions.

Saturday, February 10, 1:30, Julie Rawson and Jack Kitteridge of Many Hands Organic Farm, Barre, will talk about their book: *Many Hands Make a Farm*, shareholding, organic farming, and their connection with the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA). Organic farming is broadly defined as a farming system that respects the balance of natural cycles and works as much as possible within those natural cycles.

Call 413-477-6704 to register for or inquire about the following workshops: **FUNDamentals of Art** – a workshop for artists and craftsmen of all abilities

Paige Writers – Paige Library's own Writing Group

Family stories and genealogy exploration group, Cookbook club

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Important Dates

January 15 Martin Luther King Day

February 1 Real Estate Taxes Due

April 1 last day Dog Licenses Due by

Friends of the Stone Church

Invite you to a



4 pm Saturday February 3, 2024

Hardwick Crossing Country Club

262 Lower Road (Rt. 32) Gilbertville, Ma

Music Paul Provost, piano

Buffet, Silent Auction

\$65 per person

To support the Stone Church Cultural Center

Reservations Needed (No Tickets sold at the door) - purchase using this code or coupon



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

email _____ # attending _____

Enclosed is my check payable to FOSC for \$ _____ Diner amount: _____

Donation amount: _____ Cannot attend but would like to donate

Mail reply to FOSC, PO Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01035. Thank you!

2024 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Nomination papers will be available starting Monday, January 22, 2024

All deadlines below are 5:00 p.m.

Last day to obtain and submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification:	Friday, March 15, 2024
Last day to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk:	Friday, March 29, 2024
Last day to object or withdraw nomination papers:	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Last day to register voters for the Annual Town Election:	Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Last day to apply to vote by mail (if haven't already):	Monday, April 29, 2024

Voter Registration:

Myron E. Richardson Building, 307 Main St. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is the last day and hour to register voters who wish to vote at the 2024 Annual Town Election. Mail-in voter registrations will be accepted if postmarked no later than the April 24, 2024 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 pre-election report, 8 days prior to election: Friday, April 26, 2024.

#2 post-election report, 30 days after election: Monday, June 3, 2024.

Offices for Election - 2024

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PRESENTLY HOLDING OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Selectman	H. Robert Ruggles	3 Years
Assessor	Kathryn W. Hosley	3 Years
Board of Health	Judith Berg Kohn	3 Years
Paige Agricultural Fund Trustee	Halley T. Stillman	5 years
Paige Memorial Library Trustee (3)	Christopher M. Buelow	3 years
	Jennifer E. Garvey	3 years
	Unexpired term	1 year
K-12 Quabbin Regional School Committee Member	Kristyl B. Kelly	3 years
Planning Board(2)	Erik L. Fleming	3 years
	William R. Cole	3 years

Town Census

Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 54 § 4, the annual street list, aka the Town Census, will be mailed to every household in Town the second or third week of January 2024. When you receive your census form, please check the form for the correct spelling of names, dates of birth, proper residential address, mailing address, occupation and veteran status.

Please note everyone's physical address will have "Hardwick, MA 01037." **THIS IS NORMAL AND HOW THE FORMS ARE PRODUCED.** Please make certain that your *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 via post office or street delivery will have 01031. Please make any corrections that are 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 or change your address/party affiliation 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.

Civil Defense, December 20, 2023

So here we are at the start of another year. The longest nights, here at the Winter Solstice. In a month or so we'll be able to see the lengthening daylight. So that's good news. And the weather over the recent weeks has been mild. Lots of rain but at least no snow, yet. I have to remind myself to put the gardening tools away and organize the snow shovels.

The Holidays are a good time to visit with family and neighbors. A time to share opinions and news. And a time for feasting. So rotate your stocks of food and give yourself a present of flashlights and batteries. Check in with your neighbors, especially the older ones. Get out and mingle. Make sure you have extra clothing in the car, gloves and a hat and another flashlight. Get a hold of a seed catalog and plan next year's victory garden. Happy Holidays, stay safe and warm.

Eric Vollheim, EMD



January 1st, 2024 12:00 New Years Day Walk: Come join the EQLT community and start off the new year with a group walk. Meet at the New Braintree section of the Mass Central Rail Trail. Light refreshments will be provided.

January 21st 4 - 7 Pot Luck movie viewing Regenerating Life- John Feldman.

February TBA Book Talk

April 20th EQLT Gala dinner to celebrate 30 years of accomplishments. Held at Eagle Hill. More information to come...

Stay tuned for more information on our annual April vacation Geocache Challenge.

Thank you to all who donated to **Hardwick Christmas for Kids 2023**. We were able to help kids in Hardwick again this year. Hardwick/New Braintree Police

TOWN EVENTS

January

1-12 PM EQLT

“New Years Day Walk”

Meet at the New Braintree section of the Mass Central Rail Trail.

13-1:30 pm Paige Memorial Library

Paula Grandpre Wood, *“The Long Walk Home with the Ceinture Fléchée: The Arrow Sash”*, a book about her French Canadian ancestors

20- 7:00 pm Eagle Hill Center “Dancing Dream: The Tribute to ABBA”

Experience the glitter and glamour of the 70s with the music of ABBA!

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

\$35/30

21- 4pm EQLT

Pot luck & movie

“Regenerating Life- John Feldman”
120 Ridge Road

February

1 Taxes Due

3- 4pm Stone Church Cultural Center **“Valentine Gala”**
Music by Pail Provost

At Hardwick Crossing
HTTPS://
FRIENDSOFTHESTONECHURCH.ORG/
\$65

10- 1:30pm, Paige Memorial Library Julie Rawson and Jack Kitteridge of Many Hands Organic Farm, Barre, will talk about their book: *“Many Hands Make a Farm”*

10- 7:00pm Eagle Hill Center
The Green Sisters Bluegrass, barbershop, blues and a healthy sprinkling of jovial sibling banter!
\$25 / \$20 www.thecenterateaglehill.org/

15- 6pm EQLT “Water Talks” 120 Ridge Road

March

9- 7:00 PM EAGLE HILL CENTER *All Things Equal: The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

\$35 / \$30

<http://>

www.thecenterateaglehill.org/

Diana Fanning Piano Magic

*3pm Saturday March 9
Stone Church Cultural Center
Tickets \$25*



9- 3pm Stone Church Cultural Center **“Diana Fanning Piano Magic”** \$25 <https://>

[friends-of-the-stone-church.org/](https://www.friends-of-the-stone-church.org/)

This program is funded in part by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency. Local councils receive support from the Mass Cultural Council. Free admission at the box office is available to youth under 18 and to holders of the Massachusetts Card to Culture (up to two per current cardholder). More information can be found at [this link](#). Local libraries also have a few tickets.

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

TOWN MEETING AGENDAS AND MEETING MINUTES

Please go to 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.

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