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Celebrate Bowdoinham

Join us in celebrating Bowdoinham's 255th Birthday on September 8th and 9th. Event favorites from the past and new attractions will all make for a fun filled day!

The festivities will begin Friday afternoon with the Opening Ceremony and Dedication for our new Skatepark. Then the Chicken Run is back at the Community School! Followed by Browntail Moth Story Hour at the Town Hall.

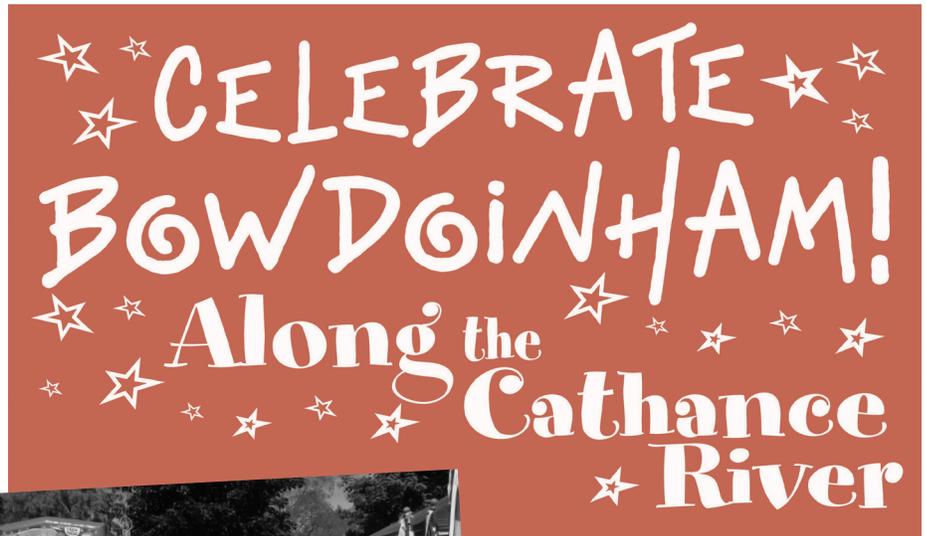
On Saturday, the day will begin with some skateboarding lessons for kids. Then the parade featuring farming in Bowdoinham will start at 10am.

All the kids' favorites will be back. We'll see who has the skills and grace with the Lobster Crate Race. Other children's activities will include, a Coin Scramble, Art Activities with Merrymeeting Arts Center, face painting, balloons, games and more.

There will be music all day in the Gazebo with a wide range of local musicians and performers showing their talents. Local food vendors will provide a variety of tasty treats and delectable delights available throughout the day. Artists and crafters will be showcasing their creations and the Silent Auction is a great opportunity to bid on a wide range of goods and services from around the area. While you're there you can grab a book from the Bowdoinham Public Library's Annual Book Sale and check out the Historical Society's display of historical photographs.

The activities and music will continue until the day's festivities come to an end with Fireworks at 8:00pm!

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*****Maily Waterfront Park will be closed to vehicle and boat traffic on Saturday, September 9th starting at 6:30am.*****

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Age Friendly Bowdoinham

By Patricia Oh

It is time for the Annual Age-Friendly Wellness Fair! The Fair is set for 10am until 1pm on Tuesday, September 19th at the Fire Station.

There will be 20+ groups coming to share ideas and information that can help people of any age thrive in our community. An extra addition this year is a free shredding event! There will be lots of time (three hours!) to browse the displays, pick up free samples, talk to the experts, and securely shred personal or business documents. While you are at the Fair, get your free flu shots (given by CHANS) and participate in a Line Dancing or Silver Sneaker demo. Don't forget to sign up for the door prizes!

Groups Coming to the Wellness Fair
The following groups will be joining us at the Wellness Fair this year: AARP; Access Health; Bowdoinham EMS; Bowdoinham Food Pantry; Bowdoinham Public Library and the Electronic Petting Zoo; Bowdoinham Recreation Department; Brunswick Respite; Bath Housing Comfortably Home program; Cathance Fitness Center; CHANS; ClearCaption; Food Addicts Anonymous; George Oliver and the Line dancers; Head to Toe Physical Therapy; Maine Cooperative Extension; Maine Emergency Management Agency; Masons Handy Brigade; Midcoast Senior College; SEARCH; Spectrum Generations; University of New England Dental School, and US Dept. Of Veterans Affairs.

Shredding Truck

AARP Maine and Age-Friendly Bowdoinham have teamed to offer a free community shred event! Do you have personal or business documents that you would like securely shredded? Bring bank statements, pay stubs, and medical bills that are more than one year old; receipts, credit card or utility bills of any age; and papers from your business or non-profit that you no longer need—anything that you want to shred. Identity thieves can't find

4th Annual Wellness Fair Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:00 – 1:00 Bowdoinham Fire Station



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Learn about Life-Long Learning to Keep you Sharp as a Tack
Find programs to help you with transportation or with
simple home repairs and home modifications
Explore Volunteer Opportunities

FREE Admission

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documents you have destroyed. Protect yourself and your customers by destroying documents with personal information. Small businesses and local organizations in Bowdoinham or the surrounding communities are welcome to bring their papers. Shredding is free for anyone and for any reason. The shred truck will be at the Fire Station from 10am-2pm! Bring as many documents as you like! We want to fill the truck!

If you have any questions please call the Town of Bowdoinham at 666-5531.

Poland Spring, The Gilded Age

"Poland Spring, The Gilded Age" by Dr. David Richards, the story of the

Ricker family's rustic farm and how it became the world-renowned summer community of Poland Spring, Maine.

Join us on October 12th from 1:30 to 3pm in the Kendall Room. There will be a film and discussion by Dr. Richards of the Margaret Chase Smith Library. Copies of the book will be at the library for loan. "Tea and Biscuits" will be served! Sponsored by the Loose Ladies Book Club, Bowdoinham Public Library, Advisory Committee on Aging.

Bowdoinham Community Skatepark Opening Ceremony & Dedication

We are excited to announce that the Opening Ceremony and Dedication of our community skatepark will be on Friday, September 8th at 3:30pm at the Skatepark, 6 Main Street. We hope you can join us in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Over ten years ago, Bowdoinham started the effort to create a skatepark. Residents wanted to honor a town youth, Matt Parker, an avid skateboarder who passed on suddenly. They wanted to give young people not involved in traditional sports a place to call their own—whether for skateboarding, BMX bikes, scooters or roller blades. Children contributed through bottle drives and donations poured in. Enough money was raised to pay for a gravel base on a village plot that was donated by a local business, putting the future park at the center of community life. An experienced skatepark design firm developed a plan for the space in 2013 and in 2016 the Town hired the contractor to construct the park.

It has been a long road to get here and we have LOTS of people to thank for all their help and support along the way! From all those that donated their time and money to help us raise \$50,000 to the businesses and people who donated their time and materials to complete this project - THANK YOU!

Bowdoinham has finally achieved the dream of establishing the Matthew Townsend Parker Memorial Skatepark!



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 8th

- 3:30pm: Skatepark Opening Ceremony & Dedication at Skatepark, 6 Main St
- 5:30pm: Bowdoinham Community School's 10th Annual 5K Chicken Run & Kids' 1-mile Fun Run at Community School
- 7:30pm: Browntail Moth Story Hour at Town Hall, 13 School St
Come and listen to original short stories of rural life.

Saturday, September 9th

- 10:00am: Parade
Route: Fire Station (Post Rd) to Main St; down Main St to River Rd; then River Rd to Ridge Rd to Cemetery Rd to Center St; back to Fire Station
- 11:30am: Coin Scramble
- 12:30pm: Citizen of Year Award
- 1:00pm: Lobster Crate Races
- 2:30pm: Bike Rodeo
- 3:30pm: KenDucky Derby Race
- 4-6pm: Bean Supper at Fire Station, 57 Post Rd
- 8:00pm: FIREWORKS!

ACTIVITIES

(SATURDAY)

- 9-10am: Kids Skateboard Lessons at Skatepark
- 9am-1pm: Yard Sale & Bake Sale at Bowdoinham Masonic Hall
- 11am-3pm: Silent Auction
- 11am-4pm: Kids Activities
Bouncy House, Obstacle Course, Rock Wall Slide, Human Bowling & Twister (\$5 Hand Stamp) Games (\$1/game)
Facepainting
Balloon Twisting
Jay the Strolling Magician
- 11am-4pm: Library Used Book Sale
- 11am-4pm: Wood & Whimsy Exhibit at Merrymeeting Arts Center
- 11am-4pm: Art Studio Open House
Come make a wood collage and decorate delicious salamander cookies.
- 11am-4pm: Tiny Home Tours at Long Branch School
- 11am-6pm: Petting Zoo
- 11:30-1pm: Archery Demonstration & 4-5pm: Mini Lessons at New Open Space Area
- 12-3pm: Helicopter Tours
- 1-6pm: Horse Wagon Rides
- 3-7pm: Recreation Games & Demonstrations at Bowdoinham Rec Fields
- 4-7pm: Facepainting & Balloon Twisting
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Celebrate Pie Contest

\$50 1st Prize - \$25 2nd Prize - \$10 3rd Prize

Any kind of pie, sweet or savory, must have at least a bottom crust. Please have your pie at the Merrymeeting Art Studio by 6:30 Friday night, judging starts at 7pm.

Any questions please call Susan Brown at 837-0401 or email brown_531@my-fairpoint.net

Bowdoinham Community School's 10th Annual 5K Chicken Run

Join us in running, jogging, or walking through the lovely streets of Bowdoinham. We have lined up some fantastic prizes that you won't want to miss (gift certificates for fine dining in Portland, spa treatments, and beautiful, bountiful farmers' market baskets from local farms).

Registration through our website is free and open until Thursday, September 7 at 6pm: www.5kchickenrun.com. All proceeds benefit the Bowdoinham Community School. We hope to see you there!

Bike Rodeo with Merrymeeting Wheelers Bicycle Club

Free For All Ages! Bring Your Bicycles and Helmets for a Safety Check as well Cone Activities to practice Bob the Biker's Demonstrations.

Recreation Games & Demonstrations

Come over to the Rec Fields to play some games and watch various demonstrations. We'll have equipment for volleyball, pickleball, tennis, dodgeball, kickball and soccer, so grab some friends and come play.

Merrymeeting Bay Helicopter Tours

Point of View Helicopter Services is offering 10 minute scenic flights. 1 Adult \$60, 2 Children or small adults \$90. Each additional 5 minutes add \$30 or \$45 (Cash or Checks Only). To reserve your spot, contact Ed Friedman at 207-666-3372 or info@povheli.com.

News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Lee Parker

The Merrymeeting Arts Center formally kicked off its 10th Anniversary Celebration on July 22nd with an opening reception and celebration of Bryce's birthday. An Exhibit entitled "Whimsy and Wood" featuring Bowdoinham artists and artists from Mid Coast Maine showcases a variety of wood sculptures, assemblage and carvings in addition to Bryce's sculptures. The exhibits will close after Celebrate Bowdoinham on September 9th.

Toy maker to Sculptor: Bryce's Evolution (1969-2005)

The exhibit traces Bryce Muir's artistic life. Starting with his first simple trucks and pull toys for family members, and pocket creatures sold as a licensed peddler (Bryce the Toy maker) on a street corner in Providence Rhode Island, the new exhibit details his evolution to commissioned pieces and wooden portraits, complicated articulated figures, American heroes, and archetypal sculptures.

The forty-odd sculptures show the wide variety of wood Bryce used and his skilled incorporation of wood grain and knots and colors and odd imperfections into his vivid figures and shapes. It follows his creative process from roughing out with a saw to shaping on a moving sanding disk to lengthy hand smoothing and the final application of simple mineral oil.

Many of the pieces are being shown at the Merrymeeting Arts Center for the first time. Several pieces are also on loan from individuals who had commissioned "portraits" from Bryce many years ago. Don't miss this opportunity to view Bryce's amazing sculptures.

Merrymeeting Arts Center is open on Saturdays from 10-1 and Sundays from 1-4 from June 10-September 9. To schedule a visit for other times call 504-1132 and leave a message.

Coming this Fall

Merrymeeting Arts Center is excited to host a second exhibit in collaboration with the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans. The show will open in November. Check our website for dates and times.

Merrymeeting Arts Center was created in Bryce Muir's honor and opened in September 2007. Workshops, films, special events and fundraisers are planned throughout 2017-18. The center is located in Bowdoinham, Maine at 9 Main Street adjacent to Mailly Park and the Cathance River boat launch. For more information on the Merrymeeting Arts Center, its history and current doings, please visit www.merrymeetingartscenter.org.

Merrymeeting Arts Center's Studio Project

The Merrymeeting Arts Center's Studio is a fun place to be to connect with the community, local artists and cultivate your own art expression. It is also a fun place to spend Saturday mornings during fall and winter between 10am and 1pm. Friends of MAC and local artists are on hand to help those new to art and those reconnecting with skills learned long ago. A \$5 fee covers the cost of materials and tools.



Celebrate Bowdoinham

Come visit us during Celebrate Bowdoinham. Georgia Ahlers will be on hand to help artists of all ages create wood assemblages in the spirit of Louise Nevelson, an American sculptor known for her monumental, monochromatic, wooden wall pieces and outdoor sculptures. You may also try your hand at stamping using large wooden stamps made by Bryce Muir. Use them on paper or fabric to create flags to take with you.

Merrymeeting Arts Center encourages art, education and community celebrating the cultural heritage and natural environment of Merrymeeting Bay. Inspired and guided by the eclectic values of the life and spirit of Bryce Muir, the Center joyfully promotes egalitarianism, whimsy, environmental consciousness, and diversity through its artists, programs and projects.

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BCDI News

By Ingrid Leschefske

BCDI has had a very productive summer, as we continue our community investment and loan program, and further strengthen the organization to play a helpful role in the community. David Whittlesey has transitioned from BCDI Manager to Board Member, and I have begun taking on most of the tasks previously handled by him as BCDI's new Coordinator. Our citizen Board has several exciting projects underway!

On the farm front, BCDI board members Harriet Van Vleck and Abby Sadauckas have been working with Bowdoinham landowner George Christopher, Land For Good Field Agent Jo Barrett, and Reeve Wood of Maine Farmland Trust. The group is developing comprehensive descriptions and detailed maps of the parcels that Christopher owns in order to preserve them as farmland and make them available to the next generation of farmers. Abby reflects that, "this process has been very informative for all involved as George has relayed some fascinating stories of Bowdoinham's farming legacy."

BCDI and our "Working Village Group" has hired Jane Lafleur of The Community Institute and JB Lafleur Consultants to assist in facilitating two "Community Conversations" regarding

Bowdoinham's Village area. Questions like, "What do you love about the Village?" and "What would you like to see in the Village?" will engage and encourage ideas from the community. **ALL BOWDOINHAM CITIZENS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!** The first meeting will be held at the Town Hall on September 20, 2017, with a follow-up meeting at the Town Hall on October 25, 2017. Doors will open at 5:30pm, at which time we will provide plenty of delicious, free pizza from the Town Landing to those in attendance. The conversations will formally begin at 6:00pm and end by 7:30pm. Mark your calendars (and bring your hearty appetites and heartier ideas)!

Our "neighbors investing in neighbors" loan program is very pleased to have successfully funded another loan to a Bowdoinham entity! BCDI granted Gina Bartholomew a loan of \$10,000 to support her in her venture to purchase the revered Town Landing Restaurant & Grocery from Lynn Spiro, who has dedicated fourteen years to running this well-reputed establishment. Lynn is excited for Gina to take ownership and for her to begin her life's next adventure. Congratulations, Gina and Lynn, and many thanks to our membership who so consistently

come through to support their fellow citizens. Haven't heard of our loan/investment program? Interested in applying for a loan? As required by the Maine Office of Securities, in order to apply for a loan or to participate in an investment opportunity, you must be a BCDI member. Please check out our website to learn how membership and our loan programs work: www.bcdi.us/membership.

Last September, BCDI participated in Common Good Day in collaboration with Bowdoin College, which is an annual event that seeks to connect volunteers with local organizations through service. This year Bowdoin students will again volunteer with us for the 19th Annual Common Good Day, scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Students will be rolling up their sleeves to help at the MAC studio building, the Community School, and in the new



"Open Space" behind the Public Works. If you see any of these folks doing great work around Bowdoinham on

the 16th, please give them a wave! BCDI members will be helping out, too, and there will be no shortage of good work to be done. Shoot us an email to get involved!

Lastly, look for our stand at Celebrate Bowdoinham. We will have more information about the "Community Conversations", and will be sharing our space with the Comprehensive Planning Committee, who will have information about the public open spaces they are working on.

For information about membership, or anything discussed in this article, please do not hesitate to reach out by e-mail to bcdi.maine@gmail.com, or through our new post address: P.O. Box 343, Bowdoinham. Also, check us out on Facebook and Instagram (@bcdi_maine)!

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Annual Bowdoinham Businesses' Meeting

By Nicole Briand

The Bowdoinham Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) would like to extend an invitation to our local business owners and residents to participate in our Annual Business Open House meeting. This year the meeting will be held at the Bowdoinham Historical Society's Meeting House on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm. The CDAC will provide you with an overview of the projects we have completed, and updates on ongoing projects. The Committee would like to hear from you about what you would like to see them work on next. This an opportunity to for both business owners and residents to weigh in on the economic and community issues that affect our Town.

For more information or questions, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com. Or join us at our monthly meetings, which are held on the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Graduates Meeting Room at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on Monday, August 14, 2017 for the following positions:

2 (two) Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a 3 (three year) term.

Papers are to be picked up at the Town Office and are to be returned by Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Pamela Ross
Town Clerk

News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

We are moving forward with the restoration of the Phenix, Bowdoinham's earliest fire hand tub, constructed in 1798 and given to Bowdoinham in 1805 by Joseph Carr. Of course donations of \$\$\$ to the Phenix Fund are always welcome!

We are also beginning to plan for BHS's 2018 theme "Fire!" Fires in town and the men, women, and machines that fought them... fire departments, fire chiefs, auxiliary groups, fire engines, all who have worked, and still work, to protect our town and its people. It's not too early to start turning this over in your mind & to think of ways to contribute. As always we are looking for photos and artifacts to be copied or loaned. We can use your help!! Would there be interest in having a gathering of antique fire equipment from nearby towns? Maybe even a muster?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

September 9th: Celebrate Bowdoinham!!! BHS will share a tent with the library and continue our Farming in Bowdoinham theme. The Parade topic this year is 'Farming in Bowdoinham'. We

would love help with our float, and are encouraging folks with old farm equipment to join the parade.

October 22: Apple Expert & Historian John Bunker will speak to us at BHS Meeting House at 2pm.

DON'T MISS IT!!

**Saturday, Sept 16th, 9am-4pm
at The Meeting House**

Support Bowdoinham's Historical Society, find some new treasures or make some money selling yours, and chat with your neighbors.

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Food Pantry News

By Linda Jariz

Beginning Wednesday, September 6th the Food Pantry will be open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. Signs will be posted reflecting this change. If you are in need of food and cannot make it to the pantry within these hours, please call us at 751-7779 to make other arrangements.

SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) application assistance is available from the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program. MCHPP has set up a program to help with the application process. Anyone interested in applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program support can call 207-200-6109 and a volunteer will get back to you to fill out an application over the phone. The application is then sent to you for final



review and signature. You then send it to DHHS. Once the SNAP application is submitted the process takes about 6 weeks (or more) to complete. Assistance with the application can ease the difficulty people have in filling out the application.

The Food Pantry continues to see consistent numbers of clients needing help with food. Local farmers are very generous with their donations so that the Pantry continues to offer local fresh produce, eggs and more. Helping people have access to local nutritious fresh food is one of the things the Food Pantry is very grateful to offer because of the generosity of our community.

Celebrate Bowdoinham

Please look for us at Celebrate Bowdoinham (Saturday September 9). We will have a table down at the waterfront with information and volunteers on hand to answer any questions, accept donations and chat about the work we are doing.

Wellness Fair

The Food Pantry along with MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program will have a table at the Annual Wellness Fair (Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Fire Station). Please stop by and pick up some samples of what is routinely offered by our Food Pantry and MCHPP's pantry along with other information about the Food Pantry.

Caring Kids

By Hannah Burroughs

Hello, Bowdoinham! Would you like to read to a class or a small group at the Community School about people from different backgrounds? Would you like to lead a group game during recess to build community? Do you have an interesting story about your own life that you think students should hear? If your answers to any of these questions are yes, then we hope you'll reach out to a parent-led group at the Bowdoinham Community School called Caring Kids.

Caring Kids was started by BHM parents Hannah Burroughs, Dana Legawiec, Dana Pratte, Corie Scribner, and Susan Tuttle. The group supports the school's mission

to foster a culture of caring for each other across our differences. The school's Code of Cooperation (Caring for Each Other, Focus on Learning, Taking Responsibility) guides the group's goals, which are addressed through enrichment, programming, and community building. Last year, Caring Kids worked with the Parent Partnership and Arts Alive to bring educator and African drummer Michael Wingfield to BHM for two days of classroom workshops. His visit culminated in an energetic all-school performance in which every student and teacher played a drum! The group supported the 4th graders' social studies immigration unit by inviting Bowdoinham residents to talk to students about their immigration stories. Caring Kids also worked with the Parent Partnership to buy a collection of books about children's experi-

ences as newcomers.

This September, Caring Kids and the Bowdoinham Community School will host author/educator Anne Sibley O'Brien to facilitate a trio of events in Bowdoinham: a school author visit, a teacher/parent workshop, and a community celebration/shared read on the subject of "In It Together: Welcoming Diversity." These events will kick-off a yearlong series of projects to welcome diversity. Look for signs around town with dates and times.

As the 2017-2018 school year begins, we look forward to connecting community members with established school programs. So, do you have an idea? Reach out to Caring Kids at caringkids04008@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Recreation News

By Lisa West

In August we held our Mentor Program. Merrymeeting Soccer Players, Olivia Cox, Isadora Theberge, Emma Hanna and their Coach, Dean Zoulamis dedicated a Week of Skills and Drills to teach Kindergartners and 1st graders Basic Fundamentals!

In October Look for recreation basketball registration forms and fall community swim information.

Through Sept and early Oct, L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery School will continue to hold "Canoeing Discovery Course" & "Maine Fall-Foliage Canoe Tours" here at the Maily Waterfront Park!! They held their Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Board course here for the first time July 21-23rd!! If you are interested in signing up for any of the courses now are located in Bowdoinham, go to llbean.com or go to bowdoinham.com/recreation to find the "LLBean Schedule" and the links.

Like "Bowdoinham Recreations Dept." Facebook for program updates. Remember to look for the Advisory Committee on Aging calendar in the Town Office and the town website.

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, October 28, 2017
at Town Hall, 9-11am

The Town Office will also be open 9-11am to register your dog(s) for the 2018 year. A neutered/spayed dog license fee is \$6.00; otherwise it is \$11.00.

Bowdoinham Has Awesome Places

New: Short Hike to a Natural Play Area

Hidden behind public works.



DIRECTIONS

- Park at the Maily Waterfront Park
- Cross the street toward Public Works
- Trail starts on the right before you get into the Public Works area
- Beyond the Picnic Area take a left to reach the waterfront
- Respect Private Property and do not proceed beyond town property

Reminders

- Be Tick Smart, wear bug repellent and check for ticks
- Dogs, please clean-up after your dog
- Carry-in, Carry-out, please help keep our open spaces clean of trash



Message board and the picnic tables were made possible through a grant from the Mid Coast Public Health Council through a partnership with Maine CDC.



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Comprehensive Planning Committee News

By Joanne Joy

Are you looking for a good opportunity to get outside – close to home – between showers? The Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) recommends a walk that starts almost into the Public Works Area. You can park in the Parking Lot at Maily Waterfront Park, walk across by the bridge to the drive into the public works area. There is a break in the grass on the right near the railroad tracks. A couple of members have mowed a path out to a ‘meadow’ for a short scenic walk that can be completed between showers on those showery days. Do not continue on the ‘road’ as that is private property. This is part of a short hike that was promoted several years ago by the Biking Walking Paddling Committee.

As the CPC continues its work on implementation of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan, the 2005 Town of Bowdoinham Waterfront Plan continues to be at center stage. We will be promoting places in Bowdoinham to get outside, go for a walk, and enjoy some of our Awesome Places. We have beautiful places in town with public access. If you would like to be involved in promoting these wonderful Bowdoinham opportunities, feel free to join us at a meeting or contact Nicole Briand at the Town Office. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 at the Coombs Municipal Building and all are welcome to join us.

News from the Library

By Kate Cutko

On a hot August Monday, a group of foreign exchange students offered five hours of community service to help clear out the garden lining the Bowdoinham Town Hall. These students were in Midcoast Maine for two weeks, studying English and travelling with host families. They came from Ukraine, Tajikistan, Kirgizstan and Morocco. The garden had become choked with weeds, and with the supervision of Betsy Steen, Sam Stetson and Kate Cutko, the students cleared it all out to start with new planting. They were joined by Steen grandchildren, Ben and Alison.

The students also helped set up 18 stakes in preparation for the library’s “Story Walk” on the town’s Cathance River walking trail. The Story Walk is a series of 16 signs, on which is displayed consecutive pages from a children’s picture book. As you walk the path, you read the story! The



Story Walk will be available again during Celebrate Bowdoinham, so don’t miss the chance to explore a lovely short hike and discover a great book along the way.

Watch for us in the Celebrate Bowdoinham parade and please come to the Library’s tent where we will offer:

- Used books
- Beautiful potted mums
- Puppet Shows for the kids
- Fruit flavored Slushies

Special event on Friday, September 8th at 7:30! The library will host a live storytelling event at the Town Hall the evening before Celebrate Bowdoinham, after the Chicken Run. We are calling the event “The Browntail Moth Story Hour” as we are fashioning our event in the style of the National Public Radio’s “Moth Radio Hour”. Storytellers must register with the hosts in advance and they will be offered the microphone for 8 minutes (or so) to tell a story about rural life. Call the library if you would like to be

a storyteller at the event. There will be no charge for entrance to the event, but we will sell drinks and sweets to benefit the library. Come and listen to your friends and neighbors tell their stories.

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Community Calendar

September

8th

Skate Opening Ceremony & Dedication
Skatepark, 3:30pm

Chicken Run
Community School, 5:30pm

Browntail Moth Story Hour
Town Hall, 7:30pm

9th

Celebrate Bowdoinham
Maily Waterfront Park

16th

BHS Annual Yard Sale, 9am-4pm
The Meeting House

19th

Wellness Fair, 10am-1pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

20th

BCDI Community Conversations
Town Hall, 5:30pm

October

3rd

Annual Bowdoinham Businesses Meeting
BHS's Meeting House, 6:30pm

20th

Guild of Artisans Gallery Opening
Merrymeeting Arts Center, 5-8pm

25th

BCDI Community Conversations
Town Hall, 5:30pm

28th

Rabies Clinic, 9-11am
Town Hall

Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held in Kendall Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

Select Board

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

Planning Board*

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee*

2nd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Advisory Committee on Aging

3rd Monday of Month at 3:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee*

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

*Committee has openings for new members.

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.bowdoinham.com/calendar.

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