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Village Partnership Initiative

On October 15, the Community Development Advisory Committee held Public Meeting #1 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office to gain input on concerns, desires and potential improvements to increase economic development, pedestrian safety, and accessibility in the downtown area. It was during this meeting that the consultant team unveiled a first set of concept designs for the community to react to. The designs incorporated feedback from the July site visit. Here is a summary of the **site visit concerns**, **proposed solutions** and further discussion.

- **Need to address the continuity between the two parks** - *Realignment of Maily Park entrance with new park entrance with a raised four-way crosswalk table in Rt. 24.* Concern over plowing the raised table. The response was that they are already implemented in the state and consultants would work with EMS and Public Works on design.
- **Traffic calming along Rt. 24 before and after Brooklyn Bridge** - *Install raised median with crosswalk southeast of the bridge which may include blinking lights, and a four-way stop at the Back Hill/Spring Street intersection. Suggest speed limit reduction to 25 MPH near Wallentine.* Having this a four-way stop may be overkill with the median and raised table slowing folks down and the four-way stop at Three Robbers. The speed limit reduction to 25 MPH is in alignment with a recent suggestion by the Selectboard to DOT.
- **Sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 24** - *Sidewalk on south side of Rt. 24 between the bridge and Wallentine due to grading considerations on the north side and sidewalks on both sides of Rt. 24 from the bridge to the Country Store. The southwest/west side would be a 10' wide esplanade and northeast/north side would be a 5' wide sidewalk. Both with 5' grass strip between sidewalks and the road.*



- **Incorporations of bike lanes** - *Current suggestion is to continue sharing the lane on Rt. 24 with lanes that are 11' wide with a three-foot shoulder.* Alternatively, there could be 10' travel lanes and 5' bike lanes. Accommodation for large trucks and trailers here is a must. Any lane improvements would meet the required DOT road standard WB67 designed to accommodate all types of trucks, which is not currently being met here.
- **A four-way stop at Three Robbers** - *Illustrated as such on maps.* A suggestion was made for a raised table instead. Four-ways stops are the most cost-effective pattern change.
- **Sidewalk up Back Hill** - *Illustrated as such on maps.*
- **Traffic calming along Route 24 near its intersection with Ridge Rd.** - *Install raised median with crosswalk after the Country Store but before Ridge Rd.* A sidewalk on the opposite side of the Country Store is not warranted as there is nothing to walk to on that side. Could the position of the median assist with the blind turn coming from Ridge onto Rt. 24? Would its placement more in front of the Country Store or further down Rt. 24 beyond Ridge be possible or helpful? Must be cognizant of driveways

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Elections are November 5th from 8am - 8pm at the Bowdoinham Community School.

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to ensure they are not impacted.

- **Pedestrian safety down lower Main St. and around the boat launch** - *Two concepts were developed for lower Main Street:*
 - o *Concept 1 - Narrows the road to allow for two cars to pass but eliminates parallel parking and includes sidewalks on both sides. No thru traffic, local traffic only, removable bollards installed at railroad tracks to stop through traffic. Snow removal concerns, loss of parking unfavorable, and conflict with sidewalks in front of the entrance to Watersong.*
 - o *Concept 2 - One-way street headed south to boat launch, with parallel parking along FHC building and sidewalk on both sides. Sidewalk conflict with FHC building entrance to Watersong.*
- **Upper Main Street traffic calming** - *Sidewalks on both sides up the hill with a raised median at the curve.* Concerns about narrowing road for cyclists with a median. Cars are already illegally parked along the south side of Main Street impeding cyclists. Suggestion to use paint or textured asphalt instead of median. These measures tend to be less effective than a raised median.
- **Maily Parking Lot** - *New one-way traffic pattern with diagonal trailer parking in the center as illustrated.* Question on how easy it is to back out of a space, instead of being able to pull out. This design is like the one at Mere Point in Brunswick. The design conflicts with our bathhouse. We would need DOT right-of-way to have access to develop here.

To learn more about the Village Partnership Initiative project, watch a video of the public meeting, and to see the concept drawings please scan the code or visit: www.bowdoinham.com/project/village-center-planning-study

Next steps

The consultant will use this new information and the results of the feedback survey to revise their concepts. A second iteration of these plans will be reviewed at the second public meeting in December. Stay tuned for an exact date to be shared via Facebook, our weekly e-newsletter, and posters around town.



Morning Jo

By Jo Werther



Ready Or Not, Here They Come: The Holidays.

The holidays. Holy-days for most of us. But for some of us, especially if we are stressed out from the cumulative effects of our own life challenges, they can be hellish days. These are hard times for many people. Personally, politically, locally, and globally, pretty much everyone is feeling worn out.

Ho, Ho, Ho! Harrumph.

This season of celebration can feel mixed for a lot of us. And to make matters worse, most people who struggle at this time of year carry the added burden of believing they're supposed to feel some other way. They tend to suffer in silence, which only adds to their feelings of sadness and isolation.

“Just Say No to Forced Jolly-ness.”

Whatever holidays you grew up with, however your family celebrated them, and whether your memories are happy or not, there's no denying that this is the season of “forced jolly-ness.” Images of togetherness, happiness, and peace are projected, larger than life, all around us. Still, despite expectations to the contrary, it really is okay if you're not feeling it.

Presence is the Best Present.

Whether you're struggling in this season or wanting to support someone else who is, it's all about how to “be there” for yourself, for others, or both. Your presence is the very best gift you can give. The more present you are, the more you give permission to others to do the same.

Honor All of Your Feelings.

You have a right to all of your feelings. The trick is to balance the hard ones with the here-and-now pleasant ones that might surprise you if you're not trying so hard to push the other ones away.

Be There... For Yourself and for Others.

Let your family and friends know how you're doing. Reach out to anyone you think may be struggling. As always, remember to breathe.

Happy Holidays!

Comments? Something you'd like me to address next time? Email me at jowertherlcs@gmail.com.



Bowdoinham is happy to be able to help families in need this season!

If you are struggling to make Christmas special this year, please contact Tina Magno at townclerk@bowdoinham.com.

What is needed:

- Ages of all children
- Sizes of all children
- Favorite things

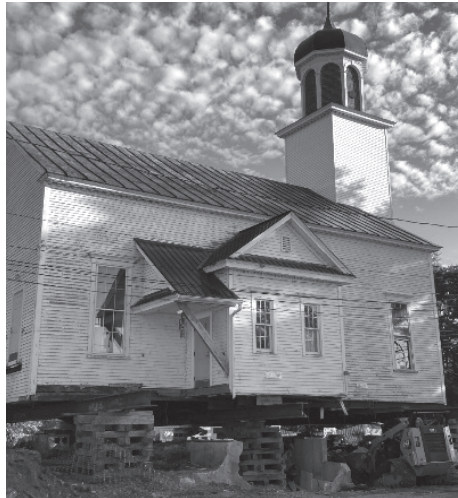
Please note that we may not be able to retrieve all items.

I would love to get all Bowdoinham families lists by November 18th and the deadline for dropping off items is a tentative December 14th.

Town Hall Preservation

By *Rachelle Tome and Lisa-Marie Curtis*

If you drove by the Town Hall you may have noticed it was floating in air, thanks to Copp Building Movers who raised the building on August 29th. The entire project took approximately two hours, and it was quite a process to watch. Tourtelotte Excavating then went to work preparing the grounds for Holloway Concrete to come in and set up forms and pour the new foundation. After the foundation was in place Copp returned on October 21st and settled the building onto its new foundation. Now Williams Construction will be able to begin replacing the sills and floor.



Raised Hall

Many thanks to the following for their efforts so far on this project: Albert Stehle for the removal of the brick chimney; Mark Favreau for his on-site expertise, T&H Excavation for pre-lift and post-lift preparations of the site, Copp Building Movers, Holloway Concrete, the Public Works Department, and Doug Tourtelotte for caring about our beloved hall and his determination to preserve it.

There are many ways you can help support the Town Hall Restoration project.

- Watch the website for volunteer opportunities and upcoming fundraisers.
- Attend the Town Hall Committee meetings (watch the Town Calendar for dates and times)



Removing the old foundation



Lifting Day

Mark Favreau was hired as Project Manager in September to help coordinate all the various pieces and contractors to keep this project moving forward. The next phase includes replacement of the roof and siding. Once the scope of these projects is determined the Town will start the bidding process.

As you may recall, an amendment to Bowdoinham's TIF application was approved at Town Meeting. This made critical funding available for needed repair and restoration efforts. The Town and committee members are exploring options, such as Efficiency Maine and other grants, to defray local costs.

- Buy a 2025 Town Calendar
- Make donations either in person at the Town Office, by mail or online by clicking the link 'Save our Town Hall' on the top of the Town Hall Committee page on the Bowdoinham Town Website. From this link you can also view a wonderful video put together by Rebecca Conley of Boco Video Production thanks to a grant obtained by the Bowdoinham Public Library.



Foundation Complete



Resting on New Foundation

On sale Now 2025 Bowdoinham Calendar

Bowdoinham, Maine



Photo: Dogs on the Sand by Jane Page-Cossey

2025 Calendar

\$10 each

Proceeds go towards the restoration of the Town Hall.

Holiday Shopping at the Town Office



Are you wondering what to give those loved ones from away or your favorite hometown enthusiast? Look no further than your own Town Office. We have a variety of Bowdoinham merchandise on sale: camp mugs, collector plates, cookbooks, totes, hats, t-shirts, calendars and more. Come visit us during regular business hours and view our display.

Celebrate Bowdoinham

Thankfully we steered clear of any hurricanes and had wonderful weather. Festivities started with the annual Chicken Run. The winners of the 5K were Molly Seaward and Rubin Wood, in the Female and Male Divisions, respectively. This was followed by an Old Town Hall fundraiser concert with Cilantro at the Gazebo.

Saturday events kicked off at 10am with the parade. This year's theme was Monsters of the Bay which inspired a lot of aquatic creativity. This year there was a three-way tie for best decorated float between the Bowdoinham Public Library, Loose Ladies Book Club, and NorthEast Medical Practice Consultants. Thank you to all the Bowdoinham business and organizations that joined the parade, and a shout out to the farmers who handed out enough produce for families to bring home a stir fry.

Produce kept flying at 11am with Merrymeeting Arts Center's 6th annual Zucchini Race at the skatepark. Congratulations to Cecil for winning the grand prize with their Claude the Weiner Dog racer. In case you missed the action, check out this video just released by MPBN covering last year's event: www.youtube.com/watch?v=D929fqzVDDA

Following the parade, Margot Frost sang the national anthem and Joanne Savoie was presented with this year's Citizen of the Year award by members of the Selectboard. Bands began to play while patrons visited the more than 37 vendors, local businesses, and organizations on display. Meanwhile, kids scrambled across lobster crates, made crafts in the pottery barn, played carnival games and jumped around in the inflatables. Other activities included the a scavenger hunt, story walk, balloon twisting and face painting and a wandering magician to entertain the kids.

As always, the community support poured into the numerous charity drives. Masonic Lodge and the Electa Chapter #2. The order of the Eastern Star hosted a tag sale to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the American Heart Association. The Silent Auction had 37 items to bid on, which raised \$2,330 for the preservation of the Old Town Hall. The Bowdoinham Recreation Department hosted another fundraiser BBQ, which raised about \$700. Meanwhile, the Bowdoinham Food Pantry offered mocktails and sold off slices from their annual pie contest raising \$2,241. And thank you to the

Mount Ararat 2026 Senior Class for staffing the kids' activities and hats off on raising \$427 at the dunk tank for your senior class trip.

The afternoon's feature event, the infamous KenDucky Derby which was a hoot with Wayne Dorr calling out the play-by-play. Congratulations to Connor Huggins who had the fastest duck and Lynn Spiro who also got a prize for the slowest duck. Other prizes awarded during the day included the Recreation Quilt drawing won by Jean Lamoreau, and Stephanie Miller won the 52 trash tags for the Passport Challenge. Following these announcements live music continued. Leading up to dusk, performing artist Liza May gave a mesmerizing fire dancing at the gazebo before the fireworks lit up the night's sky.

Celebrate Bowdoinham was filled with fun, entertainment, amusement, and gratitude for the Town we call home. We have lots of people to thank for helping make Celebrate Bowdoinham such a wonderful community event, so please join us in thanking the following people and businesses:

- All Participants & Vendors
- Bowdoinham Fire Department - Lobster Crate Races, Setup/Take Down
- Cliff Daigle - Event Security
- Kate Cutko - Story Walk
- Dance Alignment - Performance
- Earl Bigelow - Sound Systems
- Five County Credit Union - Sponsoring Facepainting & Balloon Twisting
- Jacinta Wilkins - Parade Organizer
- Jay Read - Strolling Magician
- Liza May - Performances
- Merrymeeting Arts Center - Zucchini Races & Kids Art Activities
- Mount Ararat Class of 2026 - Running Kids Activities
- Rose Cluchey - Scavenger Hunt
- Susan Brown - Pie Contest
- Town Staff - Arthur Frizzle, Bob Ridgell, Bryan Benson, Cassie Hensley, Hunter Magno, Jacinta Wilkins, Jason Lamoreau, Jason Lorrain, Kelly Hodson, Kevin Hoefle, Lisa Curtis, Nicole Briand, Thomas Egan, Tina Magno, and Tobey Frizzle
- Wayne Dorr - KenDucky Derby Announcements

Silent Auctions Donors -

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- Adept Screen Printing & Graphics
- Alder Stream Fence

- Apple Creek Farm
 - As We Grow/ Nibble Fingers
 - Banana Banner
 - Cathance River Gallery
 - Bowdoinham Community School
 - Ann Tourtelotte
 - Bowdoinham Public Library
 - Bowdoinham Country Store
 - Camp Di Fiori
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 - Grampa's Woodshed
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 - Top Tech Auto
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 - Kabayan Philippine Foods
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 - Sagadahoc County Republicans
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 - Top Tech Auto Repair
 - Topsham Veterinary Wellness Center
 - Tourtelotte Excavating

2024 Citizen of the Year Award



Joanne Savoie

The Citizen of the Year award recognizes individuals who selflessly give of themselves to better our community. This year's winner of the Bowdoinham Citizen of the Year is Joanne Savoie. The Town received a substantial number of recommendations from various members of the community who have either worked with and/or have been inspired by her dedication and giving spirit.

Joanne moved to Bowdoinham in 2002, jumping in with both feet volunteering and organizing community activities. Serving as secretary for the Loose Ladies Book Club, giving herself fully to supporting the Bowdoinham Public Library, helping with the Food Pantry, serving on Not Your Mother's Garden Club as well as on the Advisory Committee on Aging. Joanne has also overseen many community programs such as the Historical Society Covid quilt fund raiser, the Holiday Cookie Swap where she was known for dressing as a fairy to bring some humor to the bleak period surrounding

the pandemic and helping with the Library Plant Sale as well as other programs.

It is said of Joanne that she gives her all to a project, is well organized, good at rounding up volunteers, publicizing events, quick to thank contributors and for sticking around till the last spec is cleaned up. She is humble and works diligently behind the scenes in many areas of the community.

One letter described her as having a "profound sense of community." It is this unwavering sense of community that has earned Joanne this year's Citizen of the Year Award.

Thank you, Joanne, for all you have done for the Town of Bowdoinham. Our Town is a little better due to your diligence and concern for all our citizens and this community.

Thank You!

This is a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who nominated me for "Citizen of the Year, 2024." It is an honor of a lifetime.

I have always felt that family comes first and community second, and that volunteerism is the energy that creates and makes things happen. Volunteerism is alive and well in Bowdoinham. The people are impressive... their sense of community, diversity of interests, ideas, and especially their willingness to roll up their sleeves and "make it happen."

To me, Bowdoinham is a great place in which to live because it is populated by people with "a good attitude" and exceptional community spirit.

Sincerely,
Joanne Savoie

Medicare Savings Program (MSP)

The Legislature recently expanded eligibility for the **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)**, which helps older adults pay for some or all their out-of-pocket Medicare premiums, deductibles, and copayments. This expansion is expected to affect more than 45,000 Mainers. While the amount of the benefit varies depending on the individual, it typically averages around \$7,300/year. The minimum benefit pays for your Medicare Part B premium, which is a savings of \$175 per month (\$2,100/year).

If your **monthly income as an individual is less than \$3,138, or as a couple less than \$4,259**, you are likely qualified for some level of benefit. You could still qualify even if you make more than this but have significant medical expenses. To get help applying, you can email outreach@bowdoinham.com or call one of the local Area Agencies on Aging by calling 1-877-ELDERS-1. **There is no asset test and no estate recovery to participate in this program.**

You can also apply online www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofl/applications-forms

1. Create an account
2. Choose to apply for Health Assistance
3. Indicate that you want to apply for MaineCare (Health Assistance).
4. **Note – you are applying for the Medicare Savings Program (Buy-In) Only, but you won't be able to specify that until further into the application.**
5. From this point forward the application ***should*** be relatively straightforward

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Cemetery News



Brown's Cemetery



Keeper, Susan Tuttle



Volunteers cleaning stones including a descendant of the William Family who are buried in Brown's Cemetery.

September 8th volunteers ascended upon the Brown's Cemetery (GR24) to honor and clean the historic stones that reside there. This historic cemetery is located a few hundred yards off Brown's Point Road, in the woods. Brown's Cemetery was incorporated in 1879 and contains several Civil War veterans.

Bowdoinham has 60+ cemeteries that are looked after by the Cemetery Advisory Committee and many volunteers. Thanks to these selfless volunteers, the committee was able to clean stones in 8 cemeteries this year.

The Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee works to document the cemeteries within the town, coordinate volunteers and keepers, as well as arrange clean up days to help maintain cemeteries and stones.

The Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4pm in the Kendall Room at the Town Office, at 13 School Street. We welcome the public to join.

For information contact:

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Peter Mendall, BCAC Secretary, 207-666-8838, pjmendall@comcast.net

Linda Temple, Volunteer Coordinator, 207-666-3343, wwells9@myfairpoint.net

Elaine Lamoreau Diaz, Volunteer Coordinator, 207-666-8255, elainediazhome@gmail.com

The Committee wants to thank the many volunteers and keepers who worked so hard this year to clean and maintain our cemeteries. We couldn't do it without you.



Jacinta & Cassie worked diligently to clean this Williams Monument.

Sagadahoc County Alerts

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Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Jen Kelley



And just like that, the holidays are upon us. I don't know about you but we're ready to wind down from our busy and productive 2024 season. We held workshops, gallery exhibits, Open Mic Nights, Art in the Park, silent auctions, raffles, open pottery studio, zucchini races, and more. Next year we hope to continue to grow by experimenting with new ideas, breathing life into some past programs and just finding new ways to have fun with our "Art for Everyone" mission.

"Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much" – Helen Keller

If you've been wanting to get involved, there is no better time. We're looking for positive, motivated and dependable people who enjoy working with other like-minded people to help continue our "Art for Everyone" mission. MAC will have a few Board member positions opening up in 2025. But you don't have to commit to being an officer to join our board. Many ask what kind of a time commitment we're looking for and the answer is "whatever you have to give". We need people with all sorts of skill sets - business, accounting, marketing, as well as creatives. We'd love to hear from you. Simply send us an email and let's start a conversation.

Until then, enjoy the remainder of our 2024 offerings.

Open Mic Night
Sundays 11/3 & 12/1 (4 - 6pm)
@ Watersong Music

We're back! The first Sunday of each month, MAC will host an Open Mic Night. Musicians, storytellers, poets, comedians and audience members - come one, come all. It's a great time to practice new material, dust off some old classics, or simply enjoy some community.

"People, Places, Liminal Spaces"
– Exhibit by Robin Brooks

Opening Reception,
Friday 11/8 (6 - 8pm)
Saturdays, 11/9 + 11/16 (10am - 2pm)

Topsham artist and former MSAD 75 art teacher Robin Brooks will be exhibiting a selection of her recent artwork at Merrymeeting Art Center for the month

of November. The exhibit, entitled "People, Places, Liminal Spaces", will feature portraits from her Foremothers series and abstract landscapes inspired by her love of color, movement, and nature. Robin is a member of UMVA, the Union of Maine Visual Artists

as well as River Arts in Damariscotta and the Maine Art Gallery in Wiscasset. She has received numerous awards for her artwork and her work has been featured in a variety of publications including Maine Magazine. Her article "My Non-Traditional Portraits" will be featured in the fall 2024 issue of the UMVA Journal. Robin currently works out of her art studio in Topsham and teaches tai chi and qigong for Merrymeeting Adult Education.

Shibori Dying Workshop
with Elise Marie DeSigns
Saturday, 11/9 (12 - 3:00pm)

A great class is for anyone who wants to learn how to shibori! Elise DeSalvo will teach the process of shibori-dyeing using indigo dye on fabric for practice, making a distinctive blue & white pattern. You will then dye one "dad-hat" cap provided by Elise.

All materials and supplies will be provided including a white unisex cap, fabric, gloves, masks, eye protection, and indigo dye. \$65

Suitable for adults & kids (minimum 10 years old).

Intro to Macrame: Hanging Planter
Class with Chickpea Creative
Tuesday, 12/3 (5:30 - 8:30pm)

Macrame a plant hanger! In this class you'll learn a few basic macrame knots and how to put them together to make a unique and functional plant hanger. All materials will be provided and you will come away with a knowledge of basic knots and how to use them to create your own macrame hanger. They make excellent gifts, and of course you can never have just one in your own home so this is a skill that you will be glad to acquire! **\$30**

*And remember, donations to our Heron Fund allow us to offer classes on a "pay-what-you-can" basis!

Pottery Open Studio (ON-GOING)
Monday & Wednesday (6 - 8pm)
with Zachary Fields
Saturday (9 - 11am)
with Catherine Scanlon

\$10 suggested donation covers studio use, clay, kiln firing, and glazes. Open to the public, no experience necessary! Bring your ideas and we can help make them a reality. There is no traditional instruction offered during this time, only an attendant available for suggestions and answering questions.

We're also rolling out an **Open Pottery Studio Punch Card!** Just in time for the holidays! The perfect gift for yourself or your favorite potter. More details coming soon.

Holiday Craft Fair
Friday 12/7 (5 - 8pm)
Sat. 12/8 & Sun. 12/9 (10am - 3pm)

Get all your shopping done in one weekend. MAC joins in for the craftiest weekend in Bowdoinham. We'll have multiple artists and artisans selling their wares at our third annual Craft Fair.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make 2024 such a success. To our patrons, benefactors, artists, teachers, staff, and our volunteers, we are serious when we say we couldn't do this without you.

And for those of you who weren't able to check us out this past year? I have a great suggestion for one of your 2025 New Years resolutions ... just sayin'.

May you all enjoy this holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in February!



Would you like to get more frequent information on town news and events?

Sign up for the Weekly Email Digest. Emails come out every Friday listing upcoming meeting and the latest information on projects, events, and more. Visit www.bowdoinham.com/sign-up-weekly-digest to subscribe and opt-out at any time. If you are already subscribed, please be sure to check your spam filters to allow this email address to send you emails: townmanager@bowdoinham.com

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Best Pie Contest Keeps on Rolling

By Susan Brown

Fourteen years and hundreds of pies later, Bowdoinham's Best Pie Contest continues to attract contestants with their eyes on the prize (1st place - \$150, 2nd place - \$100, 3rd place, - \$50).

This year's winners were...

1st prize Janna Bernier, Apple Raspberry Pie

2nd prize Crystal Lamoreau,
Strawberry Cheesecake

3rd prize Barbara O'Hare,
Fairwinds Blueberry Pie

Judging takes place the Friday night before Celebrate Bowdoinham, and pies are served by the slice the following day by donation to support a Bowdoinham non-profit. This year the Food Pantry received \$700.

Recipients in prior years included Merrymeeting Arts Center, the former Merrymeeting Grange, the Matthew Townsend Parker Skate Park, Bowdoinham Home Heating Assistance, the Historical Society and the Food Pantry.

Special thanks to Carmen Serrier and Adelaida Gaviria for their fabulous floral displays and decoration of the pie tent, creating a welcoming place to sit and savor a slice of pie.

And for all the bakers who entered the contest: Amy Walden, Jackie Shea, Krissy Morin, Laurie Peavey Ross, Janna Bernier, Barbara O'Hare and Crystal Lamoreau; and to Shirley Tracy for her donation of pies to sell.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Town of Bowdoinham for continuing to sponsor this event. See you next year!



Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2024-2025 Zoom Speaker Series

7:00pm: Login link posted at www.fomb.org prior to each program.

- OCTOBER 09 Blinded by the Light - Perils & Pitfalls of LED's
Mark Baker, Founder, Soft Lights Foundation
- NOVEMBER 13 James Madison Kendall's Wonderful Water Wheel!
Bud Warren, Raconteur & Co-founder, Tide Mill Institute
- DECEMBER 11 Our Town! Adventures in Richmond History
Piti Theatre & Marcia Buker Elementary 4th Graders, 2023-2024
- JANUARY 08 Getting to Know Rachel Carson
Barbara Vickery, Dir. of Conservation, Retired, TNC Maine
- FEBRUARY 12 Adapting to Green Crabs in Coastal Maine
Marissa MacMahan, Senior Director of Fisheries, Manomet
- MARCH 12 Rosalie Edge, 1877-1962: Hellcat of Conservation
Dyana Furmansky, Author
- APRIL 09 BNAS & its Superfund Legacy
David Page & Suzanne Johnson, BACSE
- MAY 14 Gulf of Maine Coastal Program - Past & Future!
Chris Meaney, Director, USFWS GOMCP

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Contact Ed Friedman, 666-3372 or edfomb@comcast.net for more information.

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OPEN MIC NIGHT



POTLUCK 5:30PM

OPEN MIC 7PM



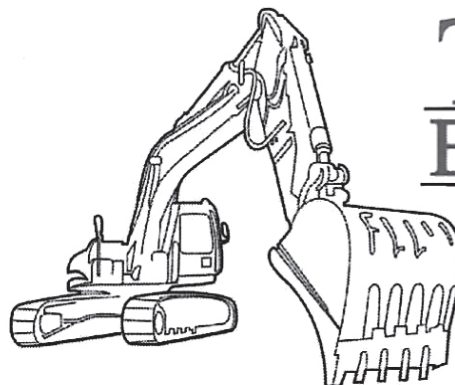
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BOWDOINHAM'S GOT TALENT!

MERRY MEETING HALL

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Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Holiday Show and Sale

By Lynn Sternfels

This will be the 20th year of the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans annual Holiday Show and Sale. Both floors of Merrymeeting Hall along with the Cathance River Gallery across Main Street will be filled with artisans displaying works such as pottery, jewelry, woodworking, stained and blown glass, metal works, mosaics and fiber arts. The popular Bowdoinham Public Library booth will have “book arts” available such as tree ornaments and blank notebooks/journals and Spindleworks will join us again this year. We have also invited five guest artists so there will be many new items available. There will be many gift items that are affordably priced as well as more expensive fine art objects.

New member Penny Hartwell adds, “I’m excited to join this eclectic and creative group. I’ve enjoyed coming to the show in year’s past and have been impressed by the diversity and workmanship produced by this group of artisans.”

“It was a challenge to move from the Town Hall to Merrymeeting Hall last year, but, the guild was thankful for the opportunity and looks forward to being there again this year. The space offers some opportunities that we will be taking advantage of this year” says Lynn Sternfels the BGA president.

Merrymeeting Hall has a lovely small stage upstairs and we have invited several local musicians to play for both the opening and at select times during our event. We will also utilize the kitchen and have teamed up with the Food Pantry to have “Breaking Bread” on Saturday morning from 9 to 11. People can start with a wonderful treat and coffee and then shop locally for holiday gifts.

The event begins on Friday, December 6th with a reception at both Merrymeeting Hall and Cathance River Gallery from 6-8. Food and beverages will be available for the opening event. The show continues on Saturday December 7th from 9-3 and Sunday from 10-3. Please come join us for a celebration of the artisans in your community.

Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative

You might be interested in our interest rate...

For over ten years Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative (BCDI) has been making low-interest loans to businesses in the Bowdoinham community. The interest rate? **3% APR**. Compare that to rates for small business loan at local banks or credit unions! BCDI’s loan program, Neighbors Investing in Neighbors (NIN), strengthens Bowdoinham businesses by doing exactly what its name implies.

The funds that fuel the program are essentially crowd-sourced from BCDI membership: Bowdoinham residents or folks who have a connection to the town. Once the simple loan application is approved (compare our application with those from local financial institutions), BCDI members buy loan shares to generate the amount of the loan. The term of the loans can vary, but it’s usually two to three years. When the loan is repaid, BCDI investors receive their initial cost back plus 2%. The other 1% goes toward the administrative cost of

BCDI’s processing of the loan.

To date, BCDI has made twenty-one loans totaling over \$169,000.00, and all loans have been repaid in full or are current. While in the grand scheme of things \$169K may not seem to be a huge investment in our community, we believe BCDI loans are multipliers. Each dollar invested generates new or expanded opportunities for businesses. For example, a business is able to purchase new equipment, which generates efficiencies, which lead to new hires — more folks earning and spending in Bowdoinham. Dollars invested can multiply tenfold!

If you are interested in a BCDI loan, or are interested in investing in NIN, please contact BCDI at bcdi.maine@gmail.com, check out our website bcdimaine.org, or plan to attend our **Annual Meeting on Monday, December 9th at 6PM in Merrymeeting Hall**. BCDI’s Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about each of our programs while having a drink and a snack with us. All are welcome!

HELP STARTS HERE: 2-1-1 MAINE



Get connected to resources in your area. It’s free, easy & confidential.

• Dial **2-1-1** or go online at www.211maine.org

General Assistance provides immediate help to eligible people who do not have enough money for basic needs, such as rent/mortgage, food, heating fuel, and other items that are essential to maintain themselves or their families.

Bowdoinham also has a **Town Heat Fund** that is made available through generous donations from our community.



An application is required to apply for either of these programs. For an application, you may call for an appointment for General Assistance – 207-666-3504.

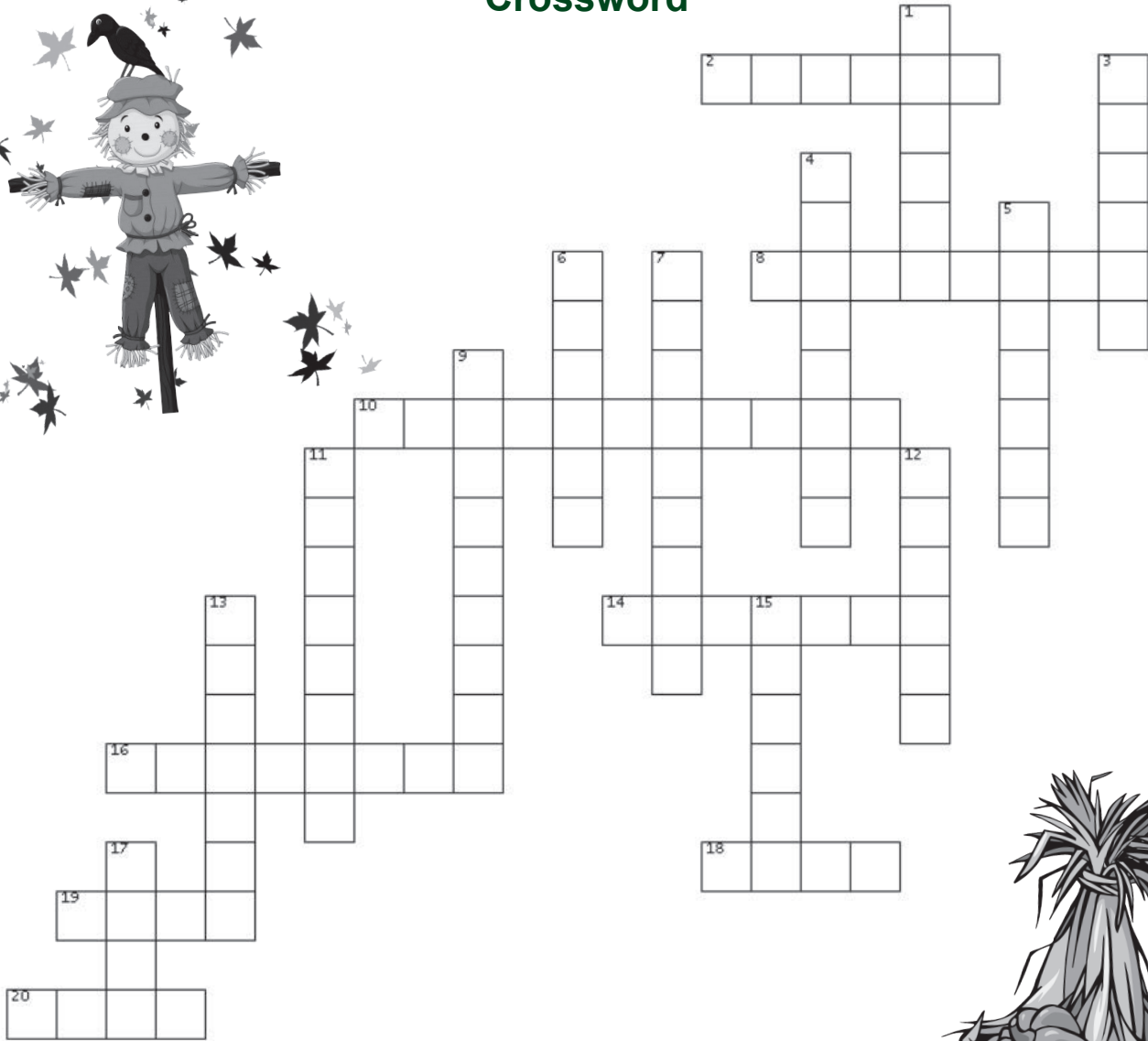
For additional resources, you may also call:

- KVCAP – 800-542-8227
- LiHeap – 800-452-4668
- Warm They Neighbor – 207-729-1161
- DHS Emergency Assistance – 800-442-6003
- Bowdoinham Food Pantry – 207-751-7779
- **Maine Abuse Hotline – 1-866-834-HELP (4357)**
- **Mental Health Crisis Hotline – 888-568-1112**

Or visit:

- www.sagama@sagocounty.com
- www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services/general-assistance
- www.mainehousing.org/
- Your utility company may also provide programs to defer utility payments.
 - o CMP – 800-686-4004
 - o Citizens Energy – 877-563-4645

Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. November's full moon
- 8. Shortest winter day
- 10. Famous shopping day
- 14. Smashed, mashed, roasted or boiled
- 16. baseball, hot dogs, _____ and Chevrolet
- 18. unique flakes
- 19. Decorative stocks
- 20. Popular 70s color

DOWN

- 1. Beautiful to behold but messy on lawns
- 3. One of Burl Ives favorite metals
- 4. Monday night sport
- 5. Mayflower travelers
- 6. Benjamin Franklin choice for National Bird
- 7. Stuffed man lacking a brain
- 9. Favorite twisted peppermint stick
- 11. Flying Venison
- 12. _____ snowman
- 13. Jack o Lantern Gourd
- 15. Cool season
- 17. Fiber that keeps you warm

See page 14 for answers

Winter is Coming!

Although the month of October provided some nice weather, the inevitable will happen and we will soon have freezing temperatures and snow. Here are a few winter tips for you to consider:

Who plows what roads?

The Town is responsible for plowing, sanding, and treating most streets and roads in Bowdoinham. The exceptions are Main Street (from Fisher Road to Bowdoin) and Post Road. These two roads are NOT plowed, sanded, or treated by the Town – in fact, Main Street from Fisher Road to the Bowdoin town line and the entire length of Post Road are plowed, sanded and treated by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT).

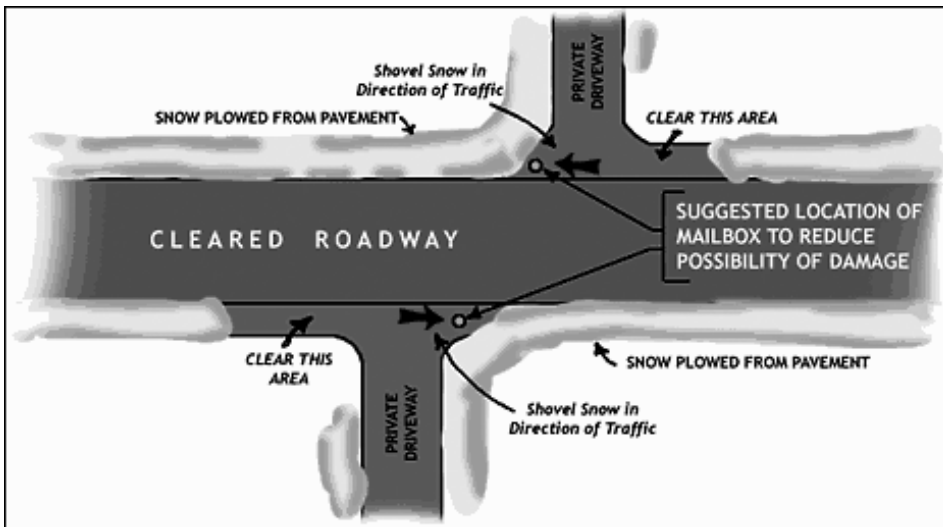
Snow in your Driveway

The Town's crew is not done clearing the roads of snow, slush, and ice until well

after storms have stopped. To get to clear pavement, the plow trucks scrape the roads after the storm. This results in snow and slush being pushed back into driveways after they have been cleared. One way to help eliminate this issue for your driveway is to clear an area on the right side of your driveway (the right side if you are entering your driveway). If this is done, the snow and slush being scraped off the road will be deposited in this area and not into your driveway entrance. *See the illustration below:*

Courtesy sand pile

The Town maintains a courtesy sand pile for residents at the Maily Waterfront Park, next to the bathroom. Please keep to the two five-gallon bucket limit per visit. It is very important that we stay within this limit to assure there is sand for everyone. No pickup truck loads or commercial haulers.



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Dog Licenses

Do I need to register my dog?

Maine State law requires that any dog six (6) months of age or older that spends more than 10 days within the State must be licensed even if the dog is licensed in another state. Dog owners must obtain the annual license from the Town Clerk's office in the town where the dog is kept by between October 15th and December 31st of each year.

What are the fees?

The fee to license a dog is \$11.00 if the dog is capable of producing young, or \$6.00 if the dog has been spayed or neutered.

PLEASE NOTE: Dogs licensed after January 31st of any year are charged the annual fee PLUS an additional \$25.00 late fee. The late fee is mandated by State Law and may not be waived for any reason.

*** When licensing your dog, current rabies information must be presented if not already on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Please provide new rabies information if your dog has been immunized since the last time you registered him/her. If your dog has been spayed or neutered, please provide the Clerk with a veterinarian's certificate of surgery. ***

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk, Tina Magno at 207-666-5531, ext. 101.

Help Prevent Clogged Culverts

As we prepare for winter, please keep your culverts in mind! Clogged culverts can result in flooding or even a road collapse! Please do not shovel snow or deposit yard trimmings and other debris that would disrupt the flow of water or otherwise obstruct the way. When culverts are clogged water gets redirected, eroding the surrounding structures, like roads or driveways, eventually causing a collapse.

Ensuring culverts are clear of snow and debris will prevent flooding and enable Public Works to direct resources to the clearing of roadways and other priority maintenance activities during weather related operations. If a drain is still clogged after clearing surface debris or if you have questions or concerns about a culvert near your property, please contact Public Works at (207) 666-3503 or pworks@bowdoinham.com

Information for former State of Maine Property Tax Stabilization Participants

On October 9th letters were mailed to those residents who took part in the State of Maine Property Tax Stabilization Program for FY24. This program froze tax bills for FY24 at the FY23 mil rate so participants did not see the increase other property owners experienced last year. In July 2023, the State of Maine repealed this program that many of our 65 and older residents took part in.

The repeal of this bill caused tax bills to revert to the current mil rate of 21.0. We understand that many homeowners who were in the State's Property Tax Stabilization program were caught unprepared for the increase in their property tax bill caused by the repeal of this program. Because of this the Town had extended the sign-up period for Tax Club till October 25, 2024, for those who participated in the FY24 Tax Stabilization Program. The offer has passed, and we are pleased that some residents took advantage of this offer.

We wanted to make sure that people are aware of other programs that may help reduce the weight of your property tax bill regardless if you were in the program or not.

STATE PROGRAMS:

❖ **The Property Tax Fairness Credit:**

Eligible Maine taxpayers may receive a portion of the property tax or rent paid during the tax year on the Maine individual income tax return whether they owe Maine income tax or not. If the credit exceeds the amount of an individual's income tax due for the tax year, the excess amount of credit will be refunded. The state increased the maximum benefit from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Who is eligible for the Property Tax Fairness Credit?

Homeowners or renters who meet all the following requirements:

- Were Maine residents during any part of the tax year.
- Owned or rented a home in Maine during any part of the tax year and lived in that home during the year as a primary residence.
- Paid property tax* or rent on the primary residence in Maine during the tax year.
- Meet certain income and property tax and/or rent paid limitations during the tax year; and
- Are not married filing separately.

To claim this credit, you must file a State of Maine income tax form 1040ME with a Schedule PFTC/STFC form.

❖ **The State Property Tax Deferral Program:**

This program allows certain individuals to defer (postpone) payment of the property taxes on their primary residence until they pass away, move, or sell the property. While the individual is in the Program, the State reimburses the municipality for the deferred taxes. The deferred tax, plus interest, must be repaid to the State by the individual or their estate when they pass away, move, sell the property, or (if a mobile or floating home) move the property out of Maine.

Who qualifies? To be eligible for the Program, you must either be:

- at least 65-years old; OR unable to work due to a permanent disability.
- AND**
- Your income during the previous calendar year must be less than \$80,000.

- Your liquid assets must be less than \$100,000 (less than \$150,000 if more than one owner).

More information on tax relief programs offered by the State of Maine can be found at www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs. If you still have questions, you can contact Maine Revenue Services, Property Tax Division, at 207-624-5600 or email them at prop.tax@maine.gov.

ABATEMENT OPTIONS: You may qualify for an abatement if:

- ❖ You think your property has been assessed incorrectly (i.e., incorrect acreage, too many buildings, etc.) you can contact the Town Office to schedule an appointment with our Assessor to review your assessment.
- ❖ If paying your taxes creates a financial strain that does not allow you to meet your basic living needs, you may qualify for a **POVERTY ABATEMENT**. This is a Confidential Abatement application process that is decided by the Select Board. To apply for a Poverty Abatement, please contact the Town Office for an appointment with the Town Manager, Nicole Briand.

For other helpful information for our senior populations see the article from our Outreach Coordinator, Sally Cluchey on Medicare Savings Program that you may qualify for. Advisory Committee on Age-Friendly Bowdoinham has also put together a list of local resources for older adults, you can receive a copy by emailing AgeFriendlyBowdoinham@bowdoinham.com or by calling the Town Office.



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Tax Year 2025 Property Tax Bills

2025 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills have been mailed. Please contact the Town Office if you have not received your tax bill or have any questions.

Your tax bill is due in two payments – **Nov. 1st and May 1st**. At the bottom of your bill are two payment coupons. **You will NOT receive a bill for the second half due in May.** For anyone whose taxes are not paid through escrow, please mark your calendar now for both due dates.

Tax Club coupon books were mailed out as well. Please contact our office if you signed up for Tax Club but have not received your payment booklet. Your payments are due on the 15th of each month.

If you owe back taxes, your payment will be applied to the oldest first. Should you make either payment late, you will incur interest. If you are unsure of how much you owe, you may contact our office at any time.

You have several options for making your tax payments:

- In person at the Town Office
- Mail to: Town of Bowdoinham, 13 School Street, Bowdoinham, ME 04008
- Online by clicking on the **Bowdoinham Payment Portal** at www.bowdoinham.com/tax-payment

Winter is Almost Here

The Town would greatly appreciate donations for the Heat Assistance Fund so that we can continue to provide this vital resource to our residents in need.

The Town has two options for residents who need emergency assistance with their heat bills.

- General Assistance (GA) – is a program administered by the Town in coordination with Maine DHHS. Applicants must qualify financially and show that they are in need of assistance.
- Heat Assistance Fund – the Town of Bowdoinham has a **donation-based program** for heat assistance. This is usually used in emergency situations for anyone who does not qualify for General Assistance.
- If you are in need and have not already applied for LIHEAP heating assistance,

you may do so by contacting KVCAP at 800-542-8227

- Please contact CMP to set up a payment plan if you are unable to make your winter payments. You should make a plan and pay each month toward your electric bill to avoid shutoff in the Spring. GA may provide limited assistance with CMP bills in the Spring.
- **You can find additional resources at 211maine.org, dial 211, or text your zip code to 898-211.**

You can use the General Assistance application to apply for GA and the Town Heat Assistance Fund. The applications can be found in the office and in the green mailbox by the front door to the Town Office. Please call the office for an appointment with GA.

Outage Buddies

Looking to make a difference?

Think about becoming part of Bowdoinham Community Connections - a volunteer-based outreach program to support older residents access community resources that can help them maintain dignity, purpose and maximum independence. Volunteers will be trained and supported to listen and learn from program participants about barriers that keep them from achieving their goals or maintaining their independence.

Volunteers will be part of a team that identifies ways to overcome challenges and to connect participants to services and programs that can improve their lives.



To learn more about the program and the role of volunteers, call Jason Lamoreau, Older Adults Services Coordinator, at 207-666-3101.

Outage Buddies

The Age Friendly Committee is exploring a program to match those who may need help in an outage with homeowners who have extra room and a power source to temporarily host a neighbor. We want to hear from you if:

You sometimes need help during a power outage

OR

You have extra room to host a neighbor during an outage

We would like to be ready to implement a program this winter if there is interest. Please send an email to Maureen Booth at maureen.booth@maine.edu or call Jason Lamoreau at 207-666-3101 and let us know if you would like to be part of the program.

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Stones Telling Stories:

“Harvey would be pleased...”

By Frank Connors, Cemetery Sexton

Restoration work on the Harvey M. Gould monument has been completed at the Ridge Cemetery, and I'm sure, even Harvey would be pleased! This 10-foot tall, soft marble stone had lost its urn crest, was “leaning towards Augusta,” and in immediate danger of being pushed over by a maple limb when Albert Stehle of Ridge Preservation and men from Bowdoinham's Public Works Crew got involved. The year before, the stone had been “stabilized” with a framework of 2x4 timbers.

Crews cut away the maple limb in question last spring, and later this past summer, Stehle went to work. First goal was to excavate and stabilize the stone base, removing various and random field rocks, and replacing them with compacted crushed stone. All was then leveled perfectly, and restoration work of the broken urn top was completed, and reset to its perfect point, and the stone was completely cleaned.

The Gould monument is significant because of its size and simple, classic detail. It memorializes Harvey Gould and his family, and dates from the 1860's. Gould was a private in Company B, 15th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War. His was a three-year enlistment. Silas Adams, in his *History of Bowdoinham*, reports, “he was mustered, went to Ship Island, and was discharged for disability in 1862.” Gould returned to Bowdoinham, and died in 1882.

Find the Grave: The Ridge Cemetery is located beside Bowdoinham's Ridge Road, some four miles from the Village. With the cemetery on your left, pass through the first narrow

entrance in the pipe fence. Proceed carefully. The Gould monument is on your left, second tier back, maybe 75 feet from the road, look for the distinctive urn.



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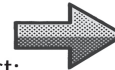
If you are homeowner who is thinking of downsizing, and you want to stay in Bowdoinham, but cannot find a place to move. Then we can help.



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Rob Weisman - 207.522.4482
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Crossword Puzzle Answers

ACROSS

- 2 BEAVER November's full moon
 8 SOLSTICE Shortest winter day
 10 BLACK FRIDAY Famous shopping day
 14 POTATOS Smashed, mashed, roasted or boiled
 16 APPLE PIE baseball, hot dogs, _____ and Chevrolet
 18 SNOW unique flakes
 19 CORN Decorative stocks
 20 GOLD Popluar 70s color



DOWN

- 1 LEAVES Beautiful to behold but messy on lawns
 3 SILVER One of Burl Ives favorite metals
 4 FOOTBALL Monday night sport
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 12 FROSTY _____ snowman
 13 PUMPKIN Jack o Lantern Gourd
 15 AUTUMN Cool season
 17 WOOL Fiber that keeps you warm

ONLINE Option for Property Tax Payment

Did you know that you can pay your Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes ONLINE?

Simply go to www.bowdoinham.com, click on **Online Services**, then **Online Tax Payment**. Scroll down to **Bowdoinham Payment Portal** and follow directions.

For current year tax bills we accept three online payment methods:

1. **E-Check/Checking Account** - You will need to provide your account number and the bank's routing number to pay by this method. There will be a \$1.00 processing fee assessed.
2. **Credit Cards** - We currently accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards. There will be a 2.75% processing fee for each credit card transaction with a minimum charge of \$1.95.
3. **Debit Cards** - Tax payments qualify for a discounted flat rate of \$3.95 when using a VISA consumer debit card. All other debit card transactions will be processed as credit.

For prior-year tax bills and liened properties, payments must be cash or bank check and cannot be paid online. Checks are accepted via mail, please do not mail cash.

**Please note that an accurate processing fee will not be reflected until all payment information is entered.*

Committee Members Wanted

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on our town? Join one of Bowdoinham's many committees! Your insights and contributions are invaluable to shaping our community's future.

Whether you're interested in preserving our history, enhancing our parks, help residents age in place, or increasing economic development, there's a committee that needs your expertise. By serving on a committee, you'll have the opportunity to connect with like-minded neighbors, share your ideas, and make a tangible difference in Bowdoinham.

We are looking for volunteers to join the following Committees & Boards:

- Solid Waste Committee
- Emergency Medical Services Committee
- Town Hall Committee
- Advisory Committee on Age-Friendly Bowdoinham
- Community Development Advisory Committee

Let's work together to build a stronger, more vibrant Bowdoinham for all. To learn more about our committees please visit: www.bowdoinham.com/page/town-government. Or to apply, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5evx6j7h>.

Bowdoinham Municipal Directory

Town Office

13 School St.
Phone: 666-5531
Fax: 666-5532
Website: bowdoinham.com
Hours:

Monday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Tuesday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Wednesday: 11:00am-6:00pm
Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Recycling

121 Pond Rd.
666-3228

Website: bowdoinham.com/SWR

Recycling Hours:

Tuesday: Noon-6:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am-4:00pm
Trash Pick Up: Thursday Mornings
(or the following Saturday morning when Thursday is a Holiday)
Town Office sells Trash Bags

Bowdoinham Public Library

13a School St.
Bowdoinham, ME 04008
Phone: 666-8405
Website: bowdoinhamlibrary.org
Hours:

Tuesday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday: 2:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday: 10:00am-2:00pm
Friday: 2:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am-2:00pm

Animal Control

666-3127

Fire & Rescue

666-3505 (non-emergencies)

Public Works

666-3505

Sagadahoc Sheriff Dept.

443-8201

Water District

(Payments Due Quarterly)
737-4721

Help support our youth league sports with a little advertising. From reaching all 1,400 homes in Bowdoinham, to regional exposure with our traveling teams, your funding will grow your business and our home teams! To score one of these deals respond by December 1st!

2025 Rec/News Sponsorship Packages

Platinum: 40% savings, \$755 value
Gold: 35% savings, \$530 value
Silver: 30% savings, \$405 value
Bronze: 25% savings, \$305 value

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Basic
\$455	\$350	\$285	\$225	\$180

1 year (6 issues) of business card size ads in Bowdoinham News. Reaches 1,400 homes. - \$180 value

Spring team sponsorship, business name on back of jersey. - \$225 value

Fall team sponsorship, business name on back of jersey. - \$225 value

3' x 5' vinyl homerun fence banner displayed throughout the year, incl. State Championship - \$125 value

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✓	✓	✗	✓	✗

Sponsorship packaged available until: **December 2, 2024**. Regular print advertising is available: Business card sized ads can be purchased for \$30/issue, 1/4 page ads for \$75/issue, 1/2 page ads for \$125 and other sizes are available. Inquires can be sent to planning@bowdoinham.com

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Community Calendar

November

- 1 Tax Payments Due
- 5 Office Closed - Elections
Elections at Bowdoinham
Community School
- 6-7 Office Closed - Paving
of Parking Lot
- 11 Office Closed - Veterans Day
- 27 Office Open 8am - Noon
- 28-29 Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Holiday

December

- 6-8 Bowdoinham Holiday Festival
(see insert for schedule of events)
6:30pm
- 14 Bowdoinham's Got Talent
Merrymeeting Town Hall
5:30pm Potluck
7:00pm Entertainment

December continued...

- 23 Select Board Meeting
(moved from the 24th)
- 24-25 Office Closed - Christmas Holiday

January

- 1 Office Closed - New Years Day
- 20 Office Closed - Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Town Board and Committee Meetings

*All meetings are open to the public.
For more information please visit:
www.bowdoinham.com/calendar*

Select Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of month

Planning Board

4th Thursday of month at 6:00pm

Advisory Committee on Age Friendly Bowdoinham

2nd Monday of month at 1:30pm

Cemetery Advisory Committee

1st Monday of month at 4:00pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee

2nd Tuesday of month at 6:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of month at 6:30pm

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesday of month at 6:00pm

Town Hall Committee

4th Wednesday of month at 3:00pm

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