



October 2018 Edition

Welcome to the monthly bulletin from the Town of Bow. As part of our commitment to keep citizens informed and involved in the community, we hope you find this information to be useful. Follow the [public meeting schedule](#). Sign up for text and email notifications through [NotifyMe®](#). [Follow](#) Bow Police, Recreation, and Library on social media.



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A Word from your Selectmen

With the autumn the Board of Selectmen began the process for creating the budget that will be presented to Town Meeting in March 2019, yes, the process starts early! That is because of the detail involved and the continuing effort to maintain a high level of services with the lowest possible property tax burden.

As part of the early planning for next year's budget the Board approved the hiring of a full time firefighter to replace the services of a number of part-time employees and enhance the response time for ambulance and fire protection services.

Always a concern when budgeting is the ongoing litigation with EverSource, formerly PSNH. The company again rejected our offer of settlement discussions, so we already began our case that will go to trial in 2019. As part of that effort the Board retained another law firm to represent the Town. The firm has deep experience with utility assessment cases and will provide a vigorous defense to the efforts of EverSource to pay less than their fair share of taxes.

For many years the Board has worked with Town employees to encourage new business investment. We are delighted that Coastal Forest Products broke ground on a new headquarters on River Road and we encourage all to drive by and see the progress. This is part of the Board's ongoing plan to replace the reliance on one, large, taxpayer with diversified investments by many commercial ventures.

We hope all have enjoyed the scarecrows around Town! They are being sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Finally, applications for recognition as the oldest Bow resident can still be submitted to the Town Manager. The Board hopes to make the award in the very near future.

Town Manager's Report

A Donor Recognition Ceremony for The Wildcat Habitat at Bow Memorial School was held this week. Principal Adam Osburn explained to the students who the guests were and why they had been invited to attend. The families,



Photo by Eric Anderson

organizations, companies and individuals each played a role in the creation of the Habitat, from financial donations and donations of skills and labor. Each donor was presented with a recognition sign. Members of the Early Act Club and the Student Council assisted the donors with mounting the recognition signs on each element that was sponsored. This is just one more example of how the Town's residents, organizations and corporate citizens work cooperatively to make projects like this happen.



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Notes from the Baker Free Library Trustees

With the Lower Level in full use the Library and the Trustees have been able to concentrate on making sure we are meeting the needs of the Bow community to the best of our ability.

We have seen our program attendance increase 20% since last year, and our internet computer usage (patrons using the library computers) rise by over 30%. Our electronic materials circulation such as Overdrive, Transparent Language Online, and Hoopla has gone up 27%. To offset some of the costs associated with increased usage, we have directed all of the monies from the library's Passport Acceptance Program towards the expense of offering Hoopla.

The Library has had some unexpected expenditures as the roof over the older part of the Library failed. You may have noticed some work being done as the roof was replaced, along with some drains, and the trim. In addition, one of the Library's four air handlers continues to malfunction regularly, so we are in the process of evaluating both short and long term solutions for this.

Also of note, the Baker Free Library Foundation approved two new directors at their last meeting on September 18, 2018, Matt Dodge and Lisa Boyd both join the Foundation for three year terms. Stepping down as a Foundation Director is Colleen Haggerty, who completed her 3 year term. Thank you, Colleen, for your service, and welcome to Matt and Lisa!. The Foundation is a private non-profit 501(c)3 whose sole purpose is to facilitate the long term growth and sustainability of the Baker Free Library.

We welcome feedback from the community. Please feel free to contact us through the Library with questions or concerns.



Chief Lougee and Chief Harrington on the ATV's the two departments will share

Training Update

Twelve members of the Police Department have received the Certified ATV Riders Course through NH Fish & Game.

The X2 laser training is now complete with the last five officers completing their training.



Lt. Scott Hayes firing his laser at training

Upcoming Community Events

Candidate's Night Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., Baker Free Library

This moderated forum will feature candidates for NH House Merrimack District 23, NH Senate District 16, and NH Executive Council District 4. Candidates will have 5 minutes each to speak, and then have time to mingle with attendees. This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters. **This event is tentative at this time, pending candidate participation. Please visit the library web site www.bowbakerfreelibrary.org for the most up-to-date information.**

Annual Bow Community Halloween Party!

Calling all Witches, ghosts, and goblins! Bow Residents are invited to join us Friday, October 26, 2018, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Bow High School for a night of fun! Bring a bag to Trick or Treat, enjoy refreshments, activities and The BJ Hickman Magic Show at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Wear your favorite costume & join us for some FUN.

Baker Free Library

Personnel

In September we said goodbye to Kate Kenyon, Library Assistant, as she left for a new position in the library at Merrimack Valley High School. Kate was with us for four years, and we all will miss her great work ethic and sense of humor!

Amelia Holdsworth has been promoted to Library Assistant. Amelia has been leading our Active Listeners program since March, and has been our Afternoon/Evening Circulation Assistant for three years. Please say Hello to Amelia when you visit the Library

Candidate Packets being prepared

With the midterm elections right around the corner on November 6, 2018, the Library is compiling candidate information for the following offices:

NH House Merrimack District 23
NH Senate District 16
NH Executive Council District 4.

Information has been solicited from all candidates, which will be placed into a candidate packet. We hope to have that available both in hard copy and digitally through our web site right after Columbus Day. Candidate information is being shared with other public libraries in those districts as well. Questions? Contact Lori Fisher, Library Director, by email lori@bakerfreelib.org.

Family Fun Night Glow-in-the-Dark! Monday, October 29, 2018 6:00 PM

Get ready for Halloween with a lights out night out. Challenge your friends and family to a round of glow-in-the-dark bowling, or craft your own glowing slime! Registration is not required, but supplies are limited so get here early.

Book Donation Day

Friends of Baker Free Library will hold their next book donation day on Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Questions? Email info@bakerfreelib.org.

Bow Parks and Recreation

Fall Program Brochure

Our Fall Brochure is out! It is full of activities, classes and events. Check it out [here](#)

Program Spotlights

Children's Dance

We are excited to be working with Carolyn Coskren and Meghan Demers from Dance Inspirations to offer a Bow Recreation Dance Program! The instructors bring a love of children and dance in a fun atmosphere to our department. We are so excited to be working with them and the classes are awesome! Still time to register and join in the fun!

Ski & Ride Program

It's off to Pat's Peak once again for our Winter 2019 Ski & Ride Program. Children grades 1-12 are invited to join our program. Lessons, Lift Tickets &/or Rentals are available. Beginner and experienced skiers and boarders are welcome to join. We offer bus transportation for children in grades 5-8. For more information go to our [page](#) or stop in.

[Check out our Facebook Page "Bow Parks & Recreation"](#) This page is updated regularly to keep you informed of "Parks & Recreation Happenings" here in Bow.



Bow Police Department

ATV's Have Arrived

At the 2018 Town Meeting, voters approved a withdrawal from a capital reserve fund to purchase two All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). The Police Department and fire Department now share two 2018 Polaris ATVs which replaced two 2004 Yamahas which were traded in. Thank you Town of Bow for allowing this purchase!

Protect Our Town Campaign

Citizens from Bow attended the quarterly meeting on Town Safety. This meeting covered posted Crimeline signs throughout the town (Thank you Public Works Dept.), Neighborhood Watch start up visit StaySafe.org for more information. Door Knockers, Crime, Speeding, and scam information.

The next meeting is December 16, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Safety Center. All residents and businesses are encouraged to attend. We are working hard at gaining momentum to support multiple Neighborhood Watches. If interested, please contact Chief Lougee by email mlougee@bownh.gov.

Crimeline Grant

Chief Margaret Lougee, with the help of Frank Jones, the Town's representative to the Concord Regional Crimeline, submitted a grant request for \$2,500 to be used for a cruiser mobile repeater. Crimeline awarded the amount requested, plus added an additional \$1,280 to cover the entire cost. Thank you Crimeline. Chief Lougee accepted the check at the Annual Crimeline Golf Tournament on 9/13/18. This new repeater will allow for consistent communication between Officers and Dispatch while in remote areas of Town or inside a building.

Important Scam Information You Need to Know

The IRS will never do the following:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

For more information on tax scams, please see [Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts](#). For more information on scams, please see [Suspicious e-Mails and Identity Theft](#).

E-Cigarettes

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb declared [youth vaping](#) an "epidemic," and said the agency will halt sales of flavored electronic cigarettes if the major manufacturers can't prove they are doing enough to keep them out of the hands of children and teens.

Community Development

Who is building in Bow?

A permit has been issued to Bow Mini Storage on Tallwood Road for a new commercial building.

A New Business Coming to Route 3A

The Planning Board and Zoning Board recently approved a new child daycare center on Route 3A.

Committees and Commissions

The Business Development Commission toured the construction site for a new 250,000 Squarer Foot facility that will serve as the corporate for Coastal Forest Product, Inc.



Photo by Eric Anderson

The Conservation Commission continued to measure the water quality of Turee Pond this past month. Commissioner Dave Eskeland is gathering samples.

Annual reports with the sampling results are available at the Conservation Commission page on the town website just [click here](#).



Photos courtesy of Bob Ball, another Commissioner and VLAP volunteer

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office

Dates to Remember

Friday, October 26, 2018

Last Date to Register to Vote with the Town Clerk's office

Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

State General Elections, Bow Memorial School, 20 Bow Center Rd., Bow, NH.

Sunday, October 28, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Supervisors of the Checklist Meeting, Municipal Building, Mtg. Rm. B, 10 Grandview Road, Bow, NH.

Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot request forms are posted online on the Town of Bow website and on the NH Secretary of State website. Make sure you pick the correct election and sign the form. You can mail, email or fax the completed and signed form to the Town Clerk's office. Make sure you put in a contact number in case we need to contact you. As soon as we receive the ballots we will mail them out, if we have your request on file.

Please allow enough time to request the ballot, for us to mail it out to you, and for you to mail the completed ballot back to us. The ballot has to reach us by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day. Our turnaround time is 24 hours for every absentee ballot request we receive. So please inform us if you do not receive your ballots within a week after you have requested it. The Town Clerk's office is not responsible for any postal delays or ballots lost in the mail. The mailing address for the Town Clerk's office is 10 Grandview Road, Bow, NH 03304

If you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk's Office by telephone at 603-223-3980, Fax 603-225-5428 or by email mnaik@bownh.gov or tmartin@bownh.gov.

Voter Registration

If you are not a registered voter in Bow you can come into the Town Clerk's office and register to Vote. Come in with your driver's license and Passport or birth certificate. If you do not have your birth certificate or passport you will just fill out an extra form to prove

Citizenship. If your driver's license does not have the Bow address bring in a utility bill or motor vehicle registration in your name to prove residency, or you can fill out an extra form. If you don't make it to the Town office before the election you can always register at the polling place on election day. Just go to the Supervisors desk with all the documentation mentioned above.

Property Tax Bills

Second half property tax bills could be going out as early as October as soon as we get our tax rates from the Department of Revenue Administration. You will have a minimum of 30 days from the bill date to pay your taxes.



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Boston Post Cane

In 1909, the Boston Post newspaper sent gold headed canes to award to each communities oldest resident. The tradition is being carried on today, as the Board of Selectmen searches for the oldest resident in Town.

Nominations will be accepted through December 1, 2018. To qualify, the nominee must be the oldest in Town, based on the information provided. There is no minimum age requirement; however, the recipient must be a domiciled in Bow for at least the previous 12 consecutive years.

Nominate a neighbor, loved one, or even yourself!

The Selectmen look forward to bestowing an honorary cane and recognition to our oldest resident. Nomination forms are available at the Municipal Building, Library and Recreation Department, as well as, [here](#). Or, you can call (603) 223-3910 to request a form by mail.

Bow Heritage Commission

Moving Day was a Success

The Heritage Commission's move is finally complete. Our new location on Robinson Road is now home. With the move comes the long process of cataloging will begin. We are looking for volunteers for this project anyone interested should contact Faye Johnson at 603-228-8149.

October Hours for the Heritage Room at the Baker Free Library

The Heritage room will be open on Thursday, October 11, 2018, and Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM., or by appointment with Gary Nylan at 603-496-5239 or email gary42bow@comcast.net, or Faye Johnson at 603-228-8149 or email fjohnson915@myfairpoint.net.

Pre-Order your Holiday Cards Now

The Heritage Commission will be selling Holiday Cards, with six different Holiday scenes of Bow, photographed by our own Eric Anderson. You can order an assortment of 6 cards, or 6 cards of the same scene. Each set of 6 cards will cost \$15.00, with all proceeds going to the preservation of Bow History. Pre-order them at the Heritage Commission's booth at the November Elections.



The Bow Gazebo—Logging Hill Road and Knox Road—Bow, NH—Built 2001

Photo by Eric Anderson

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Leave your Mark in Bow

The Bow Public Safety Supporters are once again having a brick fundraiser for continued landscaping at the Bow Safety Center. You can have your name or business engraved on a brick that will be permanently displayed at the front of the building. What a great way to leave a lasting impression.

Bricks are available in two sizes, 4" X 8" for \$ 75.00 and 8" X 8" for \$ 125.00. The bricks, engraved with your message, will be installed in Spring of 2019 (weather permitting). If you have any questions, please email [Tonia Lindquist](mailto:Tonia.Lindquist@townofbow.com) or you can call her at 223-3910. Please place your order by December 31, 2018.


[Click here](#) for an order form. To view more photos of what the bricks look like and the landscaping that has been done, please go to the [Town of Bow's website](http://www.townofbow.com) and it is right on the homepage.







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