



Belgrade Bulletin June 2023

Special Summer Events Edition

This is a special mini edition of the newsletter highlighting summer events in town. The next full edition will be published in September.

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RSU 18 Budget Vote is June 13

Town residents will vote on the Regional School Unit 18 budget on Tuesday, June 13.

RSU 18 comprises Belgrade, China, Oakland, Rome and Sidney. The overall district budget for fiscal year 2023-24 is \$42,918,047.52. The town's share is \$5,326,292, and the town must appropriate \$4,888,758.

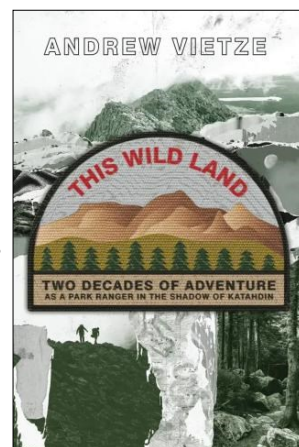
The 2023 School Budget Validation Referendum Election & Special Town Meeting Referendum vote will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Community Center for All Seasons, 1 Center Drive (just south of the Village on Route 27). Voters may cast an absentee ballot at the Town Office before June 13. The last day absentee ballots are available is Thursday, June 8. They can be completed and dropped off at the town office either at the desk or in the drop box on the north porch, dropped off at the polls June 13, or mailed to the town office. If mailed, it must be done in enough time to get there by June 13.

A copy of the warrant is available on the elections page of the town website. A copy of the full budget, as approved May 18 at the district budget meeting, is available at rsu18.org/finance/budget.

2023 Community Read

This year's Belgrade Public Library Community Read is "This Wild Land: Two Decades of Adventure as a Park Ranger in the Shadow of Katahdin," by Andrew Vietze. The memoir recounts Vietze's 20 years as a ranger at Baxter State Park after making an unexpected career change from punk rock magazine editor. The book is available to borrow at the library, as well as on sale for a community read special discount at Oliver & Friends Bookshop, 87 Main St.

Vietze will be the guest of the Belgrade Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 24. The library is planning other events associated with the read, some in partnership with the Belgrade Historical Society. More inside.



Fireworks Rules

Consumer fireworks, by Maine law:

- May only be used between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. except July 4, Dec. 31 and the weekends before and after July 4 and Dec. 31, when the hours of use are extended until 12:30 a.m.
- They can only be used on your own property or the property of a person who has consented to their use.
- Those under 21 may not buy, use or possess consumer fireworks.

Violation of fireworks law is a civil offense that carries a fine and court costs.

Keep in mind that while you may be on vacation, neighbors have to get up in the morning for work, have young children who need to sleep through the night, have pets that may be traumatized by fireworks, or themselves may have challenges that make fireworks difficult to tolerate. Be a good neighbor and respect those around you.

For more information, visit maine.gov and search for “fireworks.”

Summer Transfer Station and Recycling Tips

Pre-sorting makes things more efficient for everyone at the recycling windows — for you, your fellow recyclers jockeying for position and for the people who work there. This is particularly important in the summer, when the

recycling windows get crowded. Here are some tips for recycling and dropping off rubbish at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center:

- Pre-sort at home so that you are not sorting at the window or in your car as others wait and traffic backs up.
- Make sure recyclables are dry and free of food scraps and other contaminants, which can ruin the whole batch. If you hire someone to pick up your recyclables, let the hauler know what's in your containers.
- See an attendant when dropping off large items (appliances, mattresses, etc.) Punch cards are available at the Town Office that allow free drop off for a certain amount of bulky items.
- The Too Good to Throw Away area is for items that are in good enough shape (working order, clean) that someone may still want them. There is limited space, so don't drop and run — see an attendant dropping off.
- Use the textile recycling bin instead of dumping things that qualify in the hopper (see below).
- Ask for help. The staff is always happy to assist!

How to Recycle Textiles — And Help the Bottom Line

In 2022, the town produced 1,176.33 tons of solid waste, which was transferred at a cost of \$105,812, an average of \$89.95 a ton.

Textiles make up 8-10% of municipal waste. They're heavy, and even heavier when they're wet, which they'll get when they mix in the hopper with the other rubbish..

You can do your part to reduce what we pay for solid waste transfer

(and reduce what goes into landfills), by recycling textiles in the Apparel Impact bin at the Too Good to Throw Away area. Items don't have to be wearable — they can have stains, be torn, etc. They just have to be dry and have no mold or odor. They can include clothes, coats, sheets, towels, footwear, hats, purses, backpacks and more. Visit apperalimpact.com for more information.

Summer Hours

Noon-5 p.m. Thursday (until second weekend in October)
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday
7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday

Burn Permits

Any open burning requires a burn permit, available at wardensreport.com. Permits are free, and regulated daily by the state, depending on wind and other weather conditions. They're issued after 9 a.m., once conditions are assessed.

Only brush and untreated clean wood can be burned. All fires must be fully extinguished before midnight. There have been many incidents in town of fires not fully extinguished causing wildfires. Unpermitted and illegal burns are investigated by the Maine Forest Service; and can lead to fines, or more if damage is extensive.

Vehicle, Boat, Trailer Registration Tips

Those registering boats, trailers and vehicles are reminded to bring their registration, proof of insurance and current mileage if applicable. These items help the town clerk and staff expedite the process.

If buying a recreational (fishing, etc.) license, bring your driver's license with you. Re-registration is available on the town website town clerk's page.

Boating, Lakes Information

Maine's guide to boating laws and regulations, as well as how to protect the lakes, where to fish, tips on being a good neighbor on the water, and more is on the town website Lakes page.

Belgrade Historical Society

The BHS has a lot to celebrate this summer. The longtime renovation of the historic Old Town House is finally complete, which will give the BHS a place to house some of its exhibits, as well as give residents and visitors a welcoming place to learn about the history of our town.

The BHS's Eric Hoogland also wrote and compiled "Images of America: The Belgrade Lakes Region," which came out this spring. Eric will be giving talks and walking tours related to the book, which is available through the BHS and at Oliver & Friends Bookshop. Visit belgradehistoricalsociety.org or the BHS Facebook page for updates.



People gather for the May 29 Memorial Day commemoration at the newly restored Old Town House (above & Page 1). The public also got a sneak peek of the interior (below). A grand opening will be held this summer, with date and time to be determined. (Maureen Milliken photos)



2023 Community Read



Community Read also includes programs related to the book topic. Check out the events listings here, and keep on eye on BPL Facebook for updates.

Historical Society, Library Events

June 10 — Friends of Belgrade Public Library yard sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., 262 Augusta Road; BHS will be on hand to sell new Belgrade Lakes book.

June 21 — Belgrade Historical Society annual meeting, 6 p.m., 11 School St., all are welcome.

June 22 — "Fatal Footsteps: Katahdin's Lost Hikers," 6 p.m., BPL, part of Community Read program, with Maureen Milliken.

June 29—"An Evening With Paul Doiron," 6-8 p.m., Center for All Seasons.

July 4 — Friends of the Belgrade Public Library annual book sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Center for All Seasons.

July 5 — Eric Hoogland, "Images of America: Belgrade Lakes Region," talk, signing, 6 p.m., BPL.

July 14 — Mad Science, 1 p.m., CCFAS

July 19 — Mr. Drew & His Animals Too, 1 p.m. CCFAS

July 21 — "Story of The Mountain," BHS & 7 Lakes Alliance, time, place, TBA. *

Aug. 2 — "Mystery Tusk, Searching for Elephants in the Maine Woods," with Gary Hoyle, former Maine State Museum curator, 6 p.m., BPL, cohosted by BHS, part of Community Read program.

Aug. 24 — Community Read author Andrew Vietze, "This Wild Land," author talk, 6 p.m., BPL

** For update, check BHS and 7 Lakes Alliance Facebook*



Paul Doiron

Doiron Event is June 29

Belgrade Public Library, Oliver and Friends Bookshop and the Parks and Recreation Dept. will host mystery writer Paul Doiron Thursday, June 29. Doiron's 14th Mike Bowditch thriller, "Dead Man's Wake," which comes out June 27, is set in Belgrade.

The event is free and open to the public at the Community Center for All Seasons, 1 Center Drive.

It will begin at 6 p.m. with a meet and greet, with catered finger foods, thanks to a donation from Lakehome Realty Group.

Doiron will read from "Dead Man's Wake," then discuss the book in a conversation with Maureen Milliken, chair of the library trustees and also a mystery writer. He'll answer questions from the audience, and end the event with a book signing. Books will be sold by Oliver & Friends. Copies of the new book, as well as some earlier ones, will be available at the event, and also can be pre-ordered for pickup at the store or at the event. Oliver & Friends is donating door prizes, including a grand prize swag bag of Maine-based gifts and Doiron's new book. There will also be door prize giveaways of the book.

Doiron, of Camden, is a registered Maine Guide. His books have won the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award, the Maine Literary Award for Crime Fiction and the New England Society Book Award.

In Case You Missed It



The North Belgrade Fire Station was dedicated May 6 to Rick Damren. Damren, a long-time member of the Fire Department, select board, and a dedicated community member, died Oct. 28, 2022.

(Belgrade Fire & Rescue Facebook photo)



Eric Hoogland, left, of the Belgrade Historical Society, leads a history walk through the Village on May 6. The walk was one of 36 JanesWalks Maine held that day. The BHS plans more history walks this summer.

(Maureen Milliken photo)

March Election Results

In March 17 town election results, Dan Newman was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Selectpersons, and Peter Rushton was elected to complete Rick Damren's term. Newman's term will expire in 2026. He received 185 votes. There were 14 write-ins and 36 blank ballots. Rushton's term will expire in 2025. He received 187 votes; Nicholas Alexander received 42; there were no write-ins and 5 blanks.

Sarah Languet was elected to a three-year term on the RSU 18 school board, with 214 votes. There were no write-ins and 5 blanks.

For full March election and town meeting results, visit the town clerk page on the town website.



Concerts on the Belgrade Lakes Village Green are 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday from July 6 to Sept. 7 this year. (Maureen Milliken photo)

Parks & Recreation

The Belgrade Village Green will be the center of action in Belgrade once again this summer, with the monthly craft fairs and weekly concert series.

Craft Fair

The craft fair is the last Sunday of the month, except for October, when it is the second Sunday. The craft fair is held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Village Green, intersection of Main Street and West Road.

The dates are June 25, July 20, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 7.

The Belgrade Historical Society has a booth at the fair throughout the summer. On Sunday, June 25, six members of the Maine Crime Writers will have a table at the fair as a fundraiser for Friends of Belgrade Public Library.

Concert Series

The Village Green Summer Concert Series is 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday July 6 to Sept. 7, weather permitting. The concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a chair, bug spray and some friends, and enjoy the music and a beautiful Belgrade sunset.

The schedule of performers will be announced soon. Check out the Parks and Recreation page on the town website, or the Belgrade Parks and Recreation Facebook page for updates.

Programs for Kids and Adults

For summer programs for kids, as well as regular walking, pickleball, Belgrade Connection coffee hour and more for adults, visit the Parks and Recreation calendar on the town website.

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2-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

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Hours

7 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday
Noon-5 p.m. Thursday (June-early
October)
Pass required to drop off rubbish,
recycling (contact Town Office)

Belgrade Summer Event Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

JUNE						
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Friends of BPL yard sale, 8-1, 262 Augusta Road
11	12	13 RSU 18 budg- et vote, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. CCFAS	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 BHS Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., 11 School St.	2 Fatal Footsteps: Katahdin's Lost Hikers, 6 p.m., BPL		24
25 Village Green Craft Fair, 9-2	26	27		29 Paul Doiron Author Event 6-8 p.m. CCFAS	30 BPL—Belgrade Public Library CCFAS—Community Center for All Seasons	

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JULY						
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2	3	4 Friends of BPL annual book sale, 9-2, CCFAS	5 Eric Hoogland talk, book signing, 6, BPL	6 Village Green concert, 6-8	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Village Green concert, 6-8	14 Mad Science 1 p.m., CCFAS	15
16	17	18	19 Mr. Drew & His Animals Too 1 p.m., CCFAS	20 Village Green concert, 6-8	21 Story of The Mountain, BHS & 7 Lakes, TBA	22
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30 Village Green Craft Fair, 9-2	31				BPL—Belgrade Public Library CCFAS—Community Center for All Seasons	

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

AUGUST						
			2 Mystery Tusk: Searching for Elephants in the Maine Woods, 6 p.m., BPL	3 Village Green concert, 6-8	4	5 Belgrade Fire & Rescue bean hole supper, 5-7 p.m. CCFAS
6	7	8		10 Village Green concert, 6-8	11	
13	14	15	16	17 Village Green concert, 6-8	18	19
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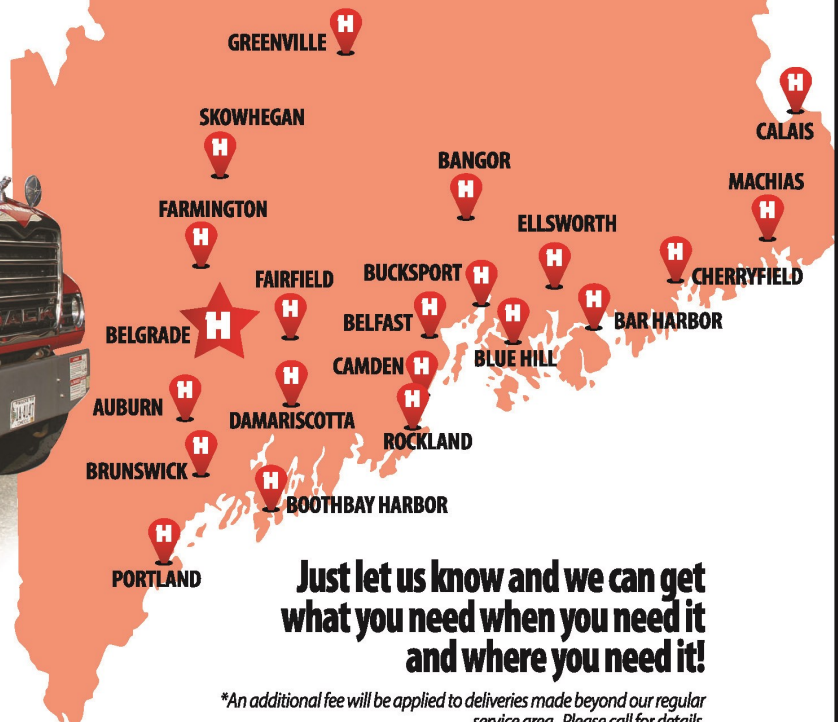
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Town Boards & Committees

Board of Selectpersons 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Appeals Board

4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Board of Parks & Rec

Last Monday 6:30 p.m.

Cemetery Committee

2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Communications Committee

2nd Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Library Trustees

1st Thursday, 7 p.m.

Planning Board

1st & 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m.

Roads Committee

4th Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

Senior Resource Committee

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Transfer Station Committee

2nd Monday, 7 p.m.

Check townofbelgrade.com for a full schedule of boards, committees and meetings, as well as agendas, minutes, Zoom links and other information.

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