



# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Transfer/Recycling Station Closed		Bridge Academy Library 2 pm-7 pm  Selectboard 5 pm Pownalborough Hall	Bridge Academy Library 9 am-12 pm  Richmond Area Food Pantry 4 pm -6 pm  Fire Dept 6:30 PM  Fire Association 7 pm	Transfer/Recycling Station 1 pm – 4pm  Swap Shop 1 pm – 3 pm  Bridge Academy Library 2 pm-7 pm		TOWN OFFICE OPEN 9:00-Noon Transfer/Recycling Station 9:00 to 4:00 PM Swap Shop 9:00-12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00 PM Bridge Library 9 am – 12 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30	31	Code Enforcement Officer in town office on Wednesday from 9 am to 11 am  Assessor available Thursdays from 9 am to 4 pm			
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## The Dresden Communicator

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### TOWN NOTICES



**Frosty Fair Fundraiser**  
Dresden Elementary School  
Saturday, January 7  
10 am – 1 pm

**\*\*Watch your mailbox for a survey regarding solar regulation in Dresden\*\***

**DRESDEN SELECT BOARD**  
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207-737-4758

**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**  
SUNDAY CLOSED  
MONDAY CLOSED  
Tuesday 9:00-4:00  
Wednesday 9:00-4:00  
Thursday 9:00-6:00  
Friday 9:00-4:00  
First Saturday of each month  
9:00-12:00

Phone: 207-737-4335  
Fax: 207-737-2191

**Dresden Fire Department** members always meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Pownalborough Station at which time station and truck maintenance, any scheduled training or other events are held.

As with so many fire departments these days, we would like to see more people join so please either stop by the station on Wednesday night to get an application or contact Chief Steve Lilly at 737-9434.

We want to remind the public that you need to have an open-burn permit for outside burning of debris. Permits can be obtained online, at no charge, from [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com) or from an issuing agent. Hours to burn are after 3 p.m. during the week and after 9 a.m. on the weekends provided the conditions are favorable for burning. Always use caution when burning, check the area around the fire.

Also, please make sure your heating units and chimneys are serviced or cleaned as we get into the winter season. Happy New Year and thank for your support throughout the years.

### Transfer Station/Recycling Center Hours:

**Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Saturday 9:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Sunday 9:00 – 1:00 PM**

Trash tokens can be purchased at the Town Office for \$2 each.

### Swap Shop

Share your unwanted books, clothing, and household items with the Swap Shop! They are happily accepting donations which are available to shoppers and treasure hunters FOR FREE!

The Swap Shop is open Thursday 1:00-3:00PM and Saturday 9:00-12:00 PM and 1:00-3:00 PM.

### Bridge Academy Library

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 p.m. – 7 pm

Wednesdays & Saturday from 9 a.m. – noon

Books. Pickleball. Warm spaces, happy faces.

See you there.

### BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Dresden Planning Board** has changed the meeting night and will now meet on the **second and fourth Wednesday** of the month **provided there is business to address**. The time of 6:30 p.m. will remain the

same. Agendas for the meetings are posted at the town office, Dresden Take Out and the Post Office. At this time, they are working on a proposed Solar Energy Ordinance. If you have any questions on a project or need information, please contact Chairman, Jeff Pierce, at 441-3006 or leave a message at the town office.

**Dresden Sno-Valley Riders** will have a monthly meeting on Monday, January 09, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Town House on Route 197. Renewal and new memberships are ongoing and discussions on trail maintenance or other scheduling. If you have an interest in the winter recreation, you are more than welcome to join. Our meetings are open to the public. Happy Holidays and *Think Snow...!!*

**Dresden Education Exploratory Committee** will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, & again on Monday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Pownalborough Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

**Dresden Appeals Board** will meet when needed.

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**Dresden Fire Association** wishes everyone a Happy New Year. We will meet on Wednesday, January 04, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for our monthly business meeting. A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree or gave a donation. Once again, we sold out early for a successful fundraiser. Reflective Address Signs are still available for only \$20.00 each. Order forms are at the Town Office, the fire station (on Wednesday nights) or call Shari at 737-2566 to get your home address numbers put on a metal sign for outside installation. These signs are a great help if/when the fire department or other emergency agencies are requested to respond to your home. We also still have some Collector Coins for sale at \$10.00 each which make great gifts.

**Dresden Historical Society** will have their next meeting Sunday, January 15th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in Pownalborough Hall. **We will host a Soup N Stew supper on Saturday, January 14th from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.** Price is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12 and free for children under 5. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend, family, or neighbor. New members are always a welcome addition to our group. Membership dues are \$5.00 per person/per year. The dues help us to continue our efforts to preserve the collections we have acquired. So far, our Collection Committee has catalogued more than **1500**

**items.** Check them out sometime when the Museum is open again which will be in Spring of 2023. We want to wish everyone Happy Holidays to all and thank you for making this past year a success

### Dresden Masonic Lodge #103

January 8 Sunday

District 10 Booster's Breakfast @ Bay View/Seaside Lodges, Boothbay, 7:30am breakfast/meeting.

January 10 Tuesday

Dresden Masonic Lodge #103 Stated Communication, 7:30pm meeting, meal @6:30pm. Attire: Jacket & Tie

For more information visit our website and Facebook page: <https://103-me.ourlodgepage.com/>, Facebook: @Dresden103

### Bridge Academy Trustees

Do you or know of someone who is in their second semester of college? Have you lived in town for more than 4 years? Did you know that the Bridge Academy Trustees provide scholarships for Dresden students who qualify? We award these twice a year – in July and in January. If you are interested, information and applications are available at Bridge Academy Library. Scholarships for January must be submitted by January 15th. One of the Trustee's most important obligations is to assist, in some small way, to the further education of our students. The Library and scholarships are a part of what we do for our community in regard to education, family, and community. Best of luck and Happy New Year.

### Merry Christmas from the Bridge Academy Public Library!

Thank you for a wonderful year full of great books! The library and downstairs bookshop are both growing all the time with lots of new books. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers, because of them our shelves are now so much more organized! We would love to see more of you in the library to check out the Bookshop in the basement, family or educational DVDs, children's books, or even some youth/adult fiction or nonfiction! Homeschoolers, don't forget we have Wednesday morning hours, so as you begin to plan this new year you may want to add a stop at the library to your schedule. Of course we would love to see any/all of you any time the library is open! Come on by and find a great book to borrow! We look forward to seeing you!



Again, Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Library and we are looking forward to a very Happy New Year

spent with all of you.  
~Audreigh Morris-BAPL Librarian  
~BAPL Board of Trustees  
~Volunteers at BAPL

Seen in Dresden, December 2022

By K.D. Vitelli

About ten days into December, winter arrived, with nighttime temperatures in the low teens, strong winds, a dusting of snow on the 12th, and a few inches on the 17th. But with forecasts for temperatures in the 50's again, with rain and strong winds on the 23rd, we may not have a white Christmas after all. The first days of the month were so warm, after a brief cold spell at the end of November, that friends reported hearing peepers one evening! The rivers are still open, with ice coming and going in the shallows and only occasional thin chunks of ice moving with the tides. The wonderfully festive little mergansers are back. One morning, before getting out of bed, I glanced up just in time to see a flock of 30-40 of them do a flyby in the sun, low over the water so their glittering reflections in the water doubled the beauty. Very special. Buffleheads and golden eyes are reported along the Kennebec, once, in a big V, flying south. On the Eastern, we see mostly mergansers. Herons are still around, and they're both likely to remain as long as the water is open. Our land birds are busy, coming to feeders and gleaning the woods and fields. Turkeys are everywhere. The eagles have been enjoying the winds, spiraling on the thermals, when not patrolling the rivers for fish. Tandem glass has lots of berries and little fruits on trees that attract a museum of cedar waxwings (a perfect collective noun, new to many of us), as well as a regular flock of bluebirds—who do not have a special collective noun, supposedly because they are usually seen in pairs only, except when migrating. Our local bluebirds don't seem to know that. They flock together all winter around here, often roosting on the Tandem cupola. Which reminds me: several years ago I was in the yard, carrying around a little cup with a hook on it that was designed for holding jelly for orioles. I needed both hands for something, so hung the oriole cup on the suet basket, and forgot about it. Days later, I looked out and saw bluebirds eating suet crumbs—all the bits the woodpeckers knock off while finding the perfect piece—from the cup. They and a number of other birds that don't like to hang on the basket now come regularly to fill up from the cup, which has become a permanent part of the suet feeder. And the sunsets! They come early in December, but often with glorious reds, pinks, oranges and purples, briefly delighting before we plunge into afternoon darkness. After that display, we have had some spectacular starry nights, with the bare tree limbs dramatically silhouetted between sparkling stars. And the solstice is nigh. By the time you read this, our days will be getting longer again to brighten the post-holidays. I hope yours were wonderful and the new year, even brighter.