


OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CEO: James Valley in office Wednesdays 9am-11am Assessing Agent: Joe Salley in office Thursdays 9am-4pm			Fire Department 6:30pm Fire Station Open House 5pm to 7pm	Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm-4pm Swap Shop 1pm-3pm Bridge Academy Library 2pm-7pm		Bridge Academy Library 9am-12pm Richmond Area Food Pantry 4pm-6pm TOWN OFFICE OPEN 9am-12pm
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29	30	31 November	1	2	3	4
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Town of Dresden, P.O. Box 30, Dresden, ME 04342
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TOWN NOTICES

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Local
Postal Customer



Broad winged bush katydid – photo by S. Leiter

ANNOUNCEMENT:

2023 Property Taxes: first half due Oct 1st
Any payments found in the drop box or postmarked
on or before Oct. 1st will be processed effective 10/01/2023.

2024 Dog Licenses available 10/15/23

Request absentee ballots at the town office for the
November 7th referendum election!

DRESDEN SELECT BOARD

JOHN RZASA 207-737-4130
DON GLEASON 207-751-0218
LISA HEWITT 207-656-3145

Daniel Swain, Town Administrator

townadmin@dresdenme.org

Ann Pierce, Tax Collector

tax@dresdenme.org

Joe Salley, Assessor

assessor@dresdenme.org

James Valley, Codes Enforcement

james@dresdenme.org
207-737-4305 x205

Jeff Pierce, Planning Board, Chair

207-441-3006

Lawrence Call, Fire Chief

207-751-4751

Transfer Station

207-737-4758

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Sunday CLOSED

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 9-4

Wednesday 9-4

Thursday 9-6

Friday 9-4

First Saturday of each month 9-12

Phone: 207-737-4335

Fax: 207-737-2191

Dresden Fire Department

Members always meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm in Pownalborough Station. Any station and truck maintenance or scheduled training will be posted. **If you have a fire extinguisher that needs maintenance, we can get them filled or tested at cost. Call the fire station at 737-7151.**

PLEASE REMEMBER 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 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 and have the proper tools handy.

PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL IS OPEN, SO USE CAUTION WHEN YOU SEE A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN.

Transfer Station/Recycling Center

New day added! Now open Tuesdays 1pm to 4:30pm



Just a friendly reminder household trash should **NOT** weigh more than 35 lbs. Richmond transfer stickers may be purchased at the town office for \$25 (cash or check).

Swap Shop

Share your unwanted books, clothing, and household items with the Swap Shop! We happily accept donations available to shoppers and treasure hunters FOR FREE!

As always, don't forget that we have LOTS of great books in our Booksale. The price is right at just \$5.00/bag.
Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesdays & Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm
44 Middle Rd. Dresden, ME 04342
(207)737-8810

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

RSU 2 School Board will meet October 5th at 6 p.m. at the RSU 2 Office in Hallowell.

Dresden Planning Board will meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of the month at 6:30pm **provided there is business to address.** Agendas for the meetings are posted at the town office, Dresden Take Out, and the Post Office. 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 Education Exploratory Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16 at 6:00pm in the Bridge Academy Library. The meetings are open to the public.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Dresden Masonic Lodge #103

October 7th – 9th: District 10 Benevolent Assoc. Chili Tent at Damariscotta Pumpkinfest.

October 10th (Tuesday): Dresden Masonic Lodge #103 Stated Communication, 7:30pm meeting. Attire: Jacket & Tie

For more information visit our website and Facebook: @Dresden103

Dresden Historical Society will have our monthly business meetings on the first Monday of the month at 6:00pm in the Yellow Schoolhouse (Oct. 9th). Our meetings are always open to the public. Membership dues are \$5.00 per person/per year. The museum will be open on Sundays only from 1 to 4 pm until mid-October. There's still time to stop in and check things out. You might be surprised what you can learn. We hope you take the time to check out the old town records which can now be accessed online at www.digitalmaine.com.

Dresden Fire Association: Due to the Dresden Fire Department Fire Prevention Open House on Wednesday, October 4th, the Fire Association will not have a meeting until November when we will be preparing for the annual Christmas tree fundraiser.

We hope you will bring your family and friends to the open house for this important annual event which will be from 5:00 – 7:00pm. There will be fire prevention information, firefighters available to answer any questions, as well as events for the children, hamburgers, hot dogs, desserts, and refreshments. This is also a great way to remember to check the batteries in your alarms and make sure any heating units are ready and safe to use for winter.

Dresden Sno-Valley Riders SC will have its organizational meeting on Monday, October 9th at 6:30 pm in the Old Townhouse on Route 197. We will be renewing memberships and welcoming any new memberships. Our meetings are open to the public.

BRIDGE ACADEMY PUBLIC LIBRARY

44 Middle Rd Dresden, ME 04342 (207)737-8810 OPEN:
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 2:00pm-7:00pm Wednesdays &
Saturdays – 9:00am-12:00pm

Come on down to the library and check out our amazing Maine Rocks display! We have moved it to the center of the library so it can be better enjoyed by all! Feel free to stop by and use our equipment for basketball, softball, or pickleball. We even have bubbles to help entertain the little people. Lots of activity and fun to be had by visiting your local library! Come on in, and you just may get sucked into playing a game of chess or helping with a puzzle. We would be delighted for you to visit us, there is almost always something exciting happening, or about to happen! You may also discover your new favorite series of books or decide to bring home a bagful of bargain books from our bookshop in the basement. We always look forward to seeing you!!

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.

SEEN (AND HEARD) IN DRESDEN by S. Leiter

September. A month of transition. Acorns falling, birds on the move, monarchs drifting towards Mexico. As bird songs dwindle with migration, insect songs still lull us to sleep at night. If you're wondering which voice belongs to which katydid, cicada or cricket, check out: www.songsofinsects.com. It's a wealth of information about these songsters, including their range and recordings of their musical scores. A broad winged bush katydid made an appearance just outside a Dresden door one night recently and serenaded the occupants.

Recent observations:

~JAPANESE KNOTWEED seemed to be favored by pollinators over goldenrod on a resident's property.

~BRACONID WASPS: Keep an eye out in your garden. These parasitic wasps keep tomato hornworms at bay by depositing eggs inside the caterpillar. Larvae later emerge

and are visible on the outside of the caterpillar.

www.thoughtco.com/what-are-braconid-wasps-1967998

~the rattle of a BELTED KINGFISHER'S call on the Eastern River. Their nests consist of 3-6 foot long tunnels in steep banks or gravel pits, generally a foot or so from the top of the bank. The nest cavity, usually with 6 eggs, is a chamber at the end of the tunnel.

~an immature EASTERN PHOEBE not sure about how to catch insects. Phoebes commonly have two broods, and the young stay with the parents up to 3 weeks after leaving the nest.

~RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRDS were still around into the second week of September. During migration they fly nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico. What stamina. An impressive feat for such a tiny bird.

~the music of BROOKS in the woods bursting forth after a recent deluge of rain.

~AMERICAN GOLDFINCHES go through two molts per year. In fall it is a complete molt, which produces little change in the colors of the female, but noticeably changes the appearance of the males.

~RED CROSSBILLS were seen gathered on a dirt road. They feed on conifer seeds, and their overlapping bills help them to get seeds from cones. Note the tops of white pine trees this year. Many are laden with cones.

The Maine Foliage Report predicts that leaf colors may be enhanced this year due to excessive rainfall. The report is updated each Wednesday with a state map of the progression.

www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/projects/fall_foliage/report/index.shtml

The natural world is always there for us. Constant and steady. There's so much to hear, see and wonder about. Step outside. Let us know what you observe!



Closed gentian, Eastern River. Photo by Patrick Moore.