

# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Assessing Agent: Joe Salley in the office Thursdays 9am-4pm</b>		Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4:30pm  Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm	<b>Fire Department 6:30pm</b>  Bridge Academy Library 9am - 12pm Dresden Fire Association 7:00pm	Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm - 4pm  Swap Shop 1pm - 3pm  Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm		Bridge Academy Library 9am - 12pm TOWN OFFICE OPEN 9am - 12pm Swap Shop 9am - 3pm Transfer/Recycling Station 9am - 4 pm HHW event, Bath ME 9:00-1:00pm
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Transfer/Recycling Station 9am – 1pm	Republican Party Committee 6:00pm Pownalborough Hall	Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm  Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4:30pm  Selectboard Meeting at Pownalborough Hall 5:00pm, with DEEC Presentation	Bridge Academy Library 9am - 12pm <b>Fire Department 6:30pm</b>  Richmond Area Food Pantry 4pm - 6pm Planning Board 6:30pm	Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4pm Swap Shop 1pm – 3pm Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm Board of Appeals Public Hearing 6:30pm		Transfer/Recycling Station 9am - 4 pm Swap Shop 9am - 3pm Bridge Academy Library 9am – 12pm Rec. Comm. Bird Walk 7:30am
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Transfer/Recycling Station 9am – 1pm  Special Service with "Rev. Jacob Bailey" at St. John's Church next to the Town Office 5:00pm		Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm  Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4:30pm  Selectboard Meeting at Pownalborough Hall 5:00pm	Bridge Academy Library 9am – 12pm  <b>Fire Department 6:30pm</b>  Planning Board 6:30pm Public Hearing on the Moratorium Ordinance	Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm - 4pm Swap Shop 1pm – 3pm Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm Regional School Budget Vote 6:00pm		Transfer/Recycling Station 9am - 4pm  Swap Shop 9am - 3pm  Bridge Academy Library 9am – 12pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
Transfer/Recycling Station 9am – 1pm	Lincoln County Historical Association Memorial Day event at Pownalborough Courthouse, with Dresden Masonic Lodge 11:00am	Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm  Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm – 4:30pm	<b>Fire Department 6:30pm</b>  Bridge Academy Library 9am – 12pm	Transfer/Recycling Station 1pm - 4pm Swap Shop 1pm – 3pm Bridge Academy Library 2pm - 7pm		

# The Dresden Communicator – May 2024

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Town of Dresden, P.O. Box 30, Dresden, ME 04342

## TOWN NOTICES

For all Select Board meeting agendas and minutes, please go to our website: [dresdenme.org](http://dresdenme.org)

Any town related board meetings via Zoom can be reached with this Meeting ID: 615 788 4935

Household Hazardous Waste Event!  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Bath Public Works garage, 450 Oak Grove Ave, Bath, ME 04530. **Pre-Registration Required:**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/bathpublicworksdepartment/1225904>



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### DRESDEN SELECT BOARD

JOHN RZASA 207-737-4130  
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LISA HEWITT 207-656-3145

### Ann Pierce, Tax Collector

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### Nicole Rogers, Town Administrator

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### Joe Salley, Assessor

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### Jeffrey Pierce, Planning Board Chairman

207-441-3006

### Lawrence Call, Fire Chief

207-751-4751

### Greg Lumbert, Code Enforcement Officer

[ceodresden@dresdenme.org](mailto:ceodresden@dresdenme.org)

### 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

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**REMINDE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO SIGN UP AT THE TOWN OFFICE TO RECEIVE THE DRESDEN COMMUNICATOR BY MAIL**

The deadline for submissions to be in the Communicator is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Submissions can be sent to:

[clerk@dresdenme.org](mailto:clerk@dresdenme.org)

## Transfer Station/Recycling Center

Just a friendly reminder the household trash weight limit per bag is *35 lbs.* Richmond transfer stickers may be purchased at the town office for \$25 (cash or check only.)



## Swap Shop

Share your unwanted books, clothing, and household items with the Swap Shop! We happily accept gently used donations available to shoppers and treasure hunters FOR FREE! ***(As a reminder, please only donate clean and usable items, we will not accept items that should be disposed of.)*** Weight limit of 20lbs per bag/box of items. As a safety measure, we ask that you properly \*wrap and label\* any sharp objects.

Thursdays 1:00pm-3:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am-3:00pm

**Dresden Fire Department** members meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Pownalborough Station for any truck/station maintenance or checks and or training. Please remember you need to have a burn permit for any outside burning of debris. Permits may be obtained at no charge on [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com). Burning can be done after 3 pm during the week and after 9 am on the weekends. Please be careful when doing any outside burning. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FIREFIGHTER!**

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

**RSU 2 School Board** meets the 1st Thursday each month, at 6:00pm at the Central Office in Hallowell, or on zoom.

### **DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

May 13 (Mon) Public Hearing for Monmouth

May 14 (Tue) Public Hearing for Farmingdale & Hallowell

May 15 (Wed) Public Hearing for Dresden

**May 22 (Wed) 6:00pm RSU Regional Budget Meeting at Monmouth Academy & Vote (This is a vote where the public has a right to vote on the overall budget)**

June 11 (Tue) Budget Validation Referendum (BVR)  
(Election date)

**Dresden Board of Appeals** will have a public hearing at Pownalborough Hall, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. (Following an Executive Session.)

**Dresden Planning Board** will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Notices and agendas are posted at the town office, Dresden Take Out, the Dresden Post Office and on the Dresden website. If you have any questions or would like information on a project, please contact the Chairman, Jeff Pierce at 441-3006 or leave a message at the town office. The public hearing for the Moratorium Ordinance will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Dresden Education Exploratory Committee** has finalized their presentation, it will be presented at the

regular Select Board meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please attend and see all the hard work they've put into this.

**Dresden Recreation Committee** next meeting is May 2, 6:30 PM, Pownalborough Hall.

**May 3-** Parents, Teachers, and Friends Gate Collection at Bath Iron Works to support events for Dresden kids. 5:30-6:30 AM, Maine Gate; 6:00-7:00 AM, Harding Plant. Help spread the Word!

**May 11-** Bird Walk at Green Point Farm, meeting at 7:30AM. Walk led by famous local birder Dale Dore. Call Mary Walsh at 207-446-7253.

**May 19-** Special Service at St. John's/Meetinghouse. The founding pastor at St. John's was the Reverend Jacob Bailey, who served from 1761 to 1778. In local historical reenactments of the period, Rev. Bailey is portrayed by Dresden's own Rev. Paul Tunkle, a local Episcopal priest. In this service, Reverend Bailey will lead worship from the English Prayer Book of 1662. Step back in time and honor our past. All are welcome.

Pickleball Court at Bridge Academy is now open for the season. Planning is underway for Dresden's Annual SUMMERFEST. If you are interested in joining the planning Committee for this event, call Dave Probert at 207-380-3660. For more information on any of the above events, call Peter at 207-446-2807.

**Dresden Broadband Committee** Please help the town get a grant for affordable, reliable, high-speed internet in Dresden! We encourage you to reach out to Andrew Butcher, head of the Maine Connectivity Authority, and let him know about the difficulties you are having with the lack of internet service in Dresden. Even sending him a brief message about your personal situation is helpful! [abutcher@maineconnectivity.org](mailto:abutcher@maineconnectivity.org) Be on the lookout for the turtle on a bright yellow postcard in your mail! The FCC Challenge speed test will begin soon, the postcard will have the information to get you started. We'd love your participation!

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**Dresden Elementary PTF** If interested in the PTF, meetings are held at 6 pm at the DES on the second Wednesday of each school year month. Contact the school if you are interested in attending remotely.

### **Dresden Masonic Lodge #103**

May 4 Saturday District 10 Booster's Breakfast at Dresden Lodge #103, 7:30am breakfast and meeting

May 14 Tuesday Dresden Masonic Lodge #103 Stated Communication, 7:00pm meeting, meal @6:30pm. Attire: Jacket & Tie. May 27 Monday Dresden Masonic Lodge #103 Memorial Day Ceremony at Pownalborough Courthouse, 11:00am meeting. Website: <https://103-me.ourlodgepage.com/> Facebook: @Dresden103

**Dresden Veteran's Memorial Committee** is looking for new members to join the committee! Fundraising efforts are in the works and volunteers are welcomed.

**Dresden Historical Society** will have a monthly business meeting on Monday, May 13 at 6 pm in the Yellow Schoolhouse. Members are still working on cataloging and itemizing historical materials. We are looking for new members so stop by if you have an interest in helping to preserve our history for the future.

**Dresden Fire Association Dresden Fire Association** will have the monthly business meeting on Wednesday, May 01 at 7:00 p.m. in Pownalborough Station. We still have some reflective address signs for sale at \$20.00 each. Order forms are at the town office.  
will have the monthly business meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7pm in Pownalborough Fire Station.

**Sno-Valley Riders** - no meetings during the summer.

**Bridge Academy Public Library** see below for info. on the annual event we have coming up. Library hours:  
Tuesday & Thursday - 2:00pm - 7:00pm  
Wednesday & Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Sunday, Monday & Friday – CLOSED

**Bridge Academy Trustees** the Trustees and our wonderful volunteers are focused on getting everything ready for our annual book/bake/plant sale, raffle, and silent auction which will be held on **Saturday, May 18 from 9 am to 1 pm** at the library. We have plants to start your summer gardens, delicious homemade baked goods, handmade items, gift cards and other great things. There will be a special dedication at 11:00am to Dresden resident, KD Vitelli, who passed away last year. KD was very much involved with so many things from being a Trustee for Bridge Academy, doing her wonderful nature articles in the Dresden Communicator, working to improve things for our children, communications such as with the work going on for broadband, and **SO MUCH MORE**. We hope you'll attend this event. We will also have our drawing for the Children's Reading Challenge for a bicycle. **The pickleball court at Bridge Academy is now open for the summer.** A locked drop box will be installed for those who can donate to help with upkeep on the court. (The court can also be used for tennis, badminton, or volleyball.) We enjoy seeing people of all ages outside using the court. Hope to see you there.

**Community Submission:** American Legion Post 132 & Enterprise Grange #48 "Dinner and a Show!" The meal is 4-6:30pm and the show starts at 7pm, on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a bean supper with variety show, \$7 per adult, \$5 per child. The location is 15 Alexander Reed Road in Richmond.

### **SEEN IN DRESDEN** by G. Leiter

Spring is on the move! There's a lot going on outdoors. Eagles have settled into a nest by the Pownalborough Courthouse, killdeer were reported in fields at Goranson Farm, a great blue heron was seen cruising the Eastern River. And the following trio of warbler varieties has been spotted after their journey from the south:

~PALM WARBLERS (*Setophaga palmarum*) are ground feeders and ground nesters. Watch for this tail-wagging warbler sometimes feeding with flocks of sparrows or juncos.

~YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS (*Setophaga coronata*) favor fruit in their diet, including bayberry, juniper, poison ivy and poison oak!

~The PINE WARBLER (*Setophaga pinus*) is aptly named, as it lives almost exclusively amongst pine trees. Watch for them up high in any variety of pine. This is one of the few warblers that eats seeds, so it is possible that they might visit a feeder.

Check out <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/> to compare these warblers, as well as any other birds.

~The photo on the cover is a BULLFROG (*Rana catesbeiana*). They are the largest frog in the U.S., and the last to emerge from hibernation. They are then silent for about a month before courtship. Their egg mass floats on the water and can be up to two feet across, containing tens of thousands of eggs.

~One of only two tree frogs in Maine, SPRING PEEPERS (*Pseudacris crucifer*) erupted into chorus around the time of the eclipse. They are seldom seen, as they are the smallest frog in the region -- adults top out at 1.5 inches. Their most distinctive feature is an 'X' on their backs (hence the species name 'crucifer').

~Two BEAVER (*Castor canadensis*) sightings were reported on the Kennebec River. One beaver swam all the way across to Swan Island from Green Point. They swim with their webbed hind feet while steering with their tail. When underwater, flaps of skin cover the mouth but still allow branches to be carried with their front teeth. Additionally, valves seal their ears and nose, and clear membranes protect their eyes from injury. Young are born in May or June.

~One resident reported seeing COLTSFOOT (*Tussilago farfara*), a dandelion-like flower on a scaly stalk that is one of the first wildflowers to appear in the spring. Its flower comes before the leaves, which are in the shape of the hoof of a colt.

~Here's a link for birding enthusiasts giving nightly Maine migration info:

<https://dashboard.birdcast.info/region/US-ME>

~Have you been to Viles? Viles Arboretum has 224 acres and is on the east side of the Kennebec in Augusta. In addition to 6 miles of trails and over 300 species of trees and shrubs, they have classes (including birding, medicinal plants, and tree ID), a visitor center and gift shop. Admission is free, and they are open from sunrise to sunset every day of the year. <https://vilesarboretum.org/>