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This Month's Top Stories

Special Election Results



At Town Meeting, Brighton voted to move to a five-person Selectboard. At a special Town Meeting on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**, the two remaining seats were filled by voters. Congratulations to newly elected Selectboard members Greg Manning and Pierre Gervais.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan



If there is anything that the 2023 flooding taught us, it's that no one is immune to disaster. Unfortunately, it can strike anywhere and at any time. Brighton will be ready. We are in the process of creating an All Hazards Mitigation Plan (AHMP).

Mitigation planning helps to minimize the impact of disasters, reducing property damage and injuries/loss of

life. It also ensures we have a solid plan for recovery if struck by an ice storm, flooding, or other potentially catastrophic event. An AHMP is also the key to accessing FEMA funding if there is a disaster. The Town has met with a consultant

to assess risks and plan next steps. One of those steps is to gather community input ... So stay tuned. We'll be asking for your feedback in the coming weeks!

Upcoming Events!

*Monday, June 10, 17, and 24: Brighton Rec SLOTH Team Hikes (Bluff Mtn. Trailhead) 5:00pm

*Friday, June 21: Brighton Rec Moonlight Hike (Bluff Mtn. Trailhead) 7:00pm

*Saturday, June 22: Brighton Trails Day (Pavilion) 8:30

*Saturday, June 29: Brighton Fire Department Dice Run & Silent Auction 10:00am - 4:00pm

*July 4th Festivities:

Thursday, July 4: Concert (Rock On) @ Lakeside Park

Friday, July 5: Concert (Dirty Looks Band) @ Lakeside Park

*Saturday, July 6: Parade, American Legion Chicken BBQ, Concert (Decadia), FIREWORKS!!!

(Check with VisitIslandPond on Facebook for updated times)

Follow us on Facebook and check out Visit Island Pond and Brighton Recreation to learn more about upcoming events in our community!

Ongoing & Upcoming Town Projects

The Town of Brighton has several important projects in the works. Each is intended to enhance the quality of life in our beautiful community, as well as safety, efficiency, reliability, and resiliency.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP)

\$500,000 grants are available through MERP for projects related to weatherization, thermal efficiency, and supplementing or replacing fossil fuel-based heating systems with more efficient options. Each town building has been audited with recommendations for improving efficiency. As soon as the grant opens, we will submit our application and move forward.

Wastewater and Drinking Water Facilities: Repairs & Upgrades

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is past its useful life. We must upgrade to comply with state regulations and to maintain safe operation. One pressing issue is the removal of excess sludge, which can lead to serious safety and environmental hazards. We are waiting on an engineering service agreement and final acknowledgement from the state before we proceed.

The Town of Brighton is also continuing work on upgrading/improving the Drinking Water Treatment Facility (particularly the reservoir) and obtaining essential funding.

Lakeside Park Project

Our beautiful lake is one of Brighton's best assets! We are seeking additional grant monies to complete planned work on the park (including improvements to the walking path). We'll keep you updated as more information becomes available. And yes... the park will be open for business on July 4th weekend, so plan to come down and enjoy the festivities!

MuniBilling

Anyone else forget to pay their quarterly water/sewer bill? It's easy to do, but with MuniBilling, we are one step closer to monthly billing and even an autopay option. The new system will also allow us to improve efficiency in our accounting and reporting procedures – saving the Town an estimated \$11,000 each year. MuniBilling should be up and running by the end of summer.

Third Floor Project

The Third Floor of Town Hall is set to receive a much-needed makeover. The top floor of our historic building boasts about 7000 square feet that is currently going to waste! It's a wonderful space with great potential. The possibilities are endless, from event venues to learning/meeting spaces... It can become not only a revenue-generator for Brighton but, more importantly, a vital community hub. We are working to secure funding that will cover the cost of technical assistance, engineering, architects, project management, and construction.

The grant process is in the earliest stages, but we're excited about utilizing the Third Floor more effectively. And we can't wait to see it returned to its former glory!

We will be posting updates on these projects and other initiatives on our website at <https://brightonvt.org/> and community members are always encouraged to attend Selectboard meetings.