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This Month's Top Stories

July 2024 Flooding

On July 30, 2024, a storm that no one expected dumped nearly 8 inches of rain on Brighton. In addition to washing away roads and culverts – already compromised by heavy rainfall just two weeks earlier – members of our community suffered extensive damage to homes and property.

Thank you to those folks who reported their damage to 211. This is critical in helping Vermont secure a federal disaster declaration – which gets us a step closer to obtaining recovery funding. The next step is to apply for FEMA assistance ASAP.

Visit: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/what-to-expect> to learn about the process, create an account, and get started on your application.

We cannot express enough gratitude to everyone who sprang into action during this crisis, including the Brighton Road Crew, Brighton Fire Department, the Town of Brownington, State crews, the Essex County Sheriff's Department, and folks who provided their time and equipment for cleanup and repair.

YouTube

Our goal is to *not* go viral! We want to keep our community informed and up-to-date on the events, plans, proposals, and projects that matter to all of us. Subscribe to our new YouTube channel ([@TownofBrighton-muni49](#)) to watch Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Water/Sewer Board meetings.

These meetings are always open to the public, and we encourage you to attend and participate in person or through Zoom. If you can't, you can always catch up when and where you can on YouTube.

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. We have worked with auditors to assess the needs of each town-owned building, and now we're just waiting for the State to open the grant application so we can submit.

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 in the process of acquiring bids for this part of the project.

The Drinking Water Treatment Facility also needs significant upgrades at the North and South plants, as well as at the reservoir.

We are actively working with H2O Innovations to procure contractors for reservoir repair and continuing efforts to secure grant funding for this important work.

Did you know that you can pay for municipal services - like water and sewer - online? For many, this is a faster, easier, more convenient option.

Learn more at:


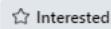


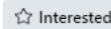


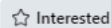


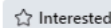


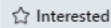


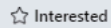

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Community members are always encouraged to attend Selectboard and other Town Department meetings to stay updated on our projects. And... Don't forget, now you catch up on our YouTube channel!

Events!

Say good-bye to summer? NO! How about we say hello to some great events planned for the long Labor Day Weekend? Don't miss concerts in the park, a car show, the annual Pond-a-Thon, and the Great Canoe Race – and definitely don't miss out on a delicious breakfast at the VFW on Sunday or tastes and treats from our local businesses.

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|  <p>THIS FRIDAY AT 5 PM Markus Daniels Band at Island Pond Labor Day... Lakeside Park, Island Pond · Island Pond...</p> |   |  <p>THIS SATURDAY AT 10 AM Island Pond 2024 Summer Car Show Lakeside Park, Island Pond · Island Pond...</p> |   |
|  <p>THIS SATURDAY AT 5 PM Beautiful Wreck at Island Pond Labor Day Celebration Lakeside Park, Island Pond · Island Pond...</p> |   |  <p>THIS SUNDAY AT 8:30 AM VFW Public Breakfast VFW Post #2309, 8 Fitzgerald Ave., Island Pond, VT 05846 ...</p> |   |
|  <p>THIS SUNDAY AT 9 AM 2024 Pondathon Brighton Town Beach · Island Pond...</p> |   |  <p>THIS SUNDAY AT 12:30 PM THE GREAT ISLAND POND CANOE RACE Brighton Recreation · Island Pond Event by Brighton Recreation</p> |   |

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