

Calendar of Events in Dresden

March 2020

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Sunday, 1 March

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station open
9:00 am - 11:30 am Swap Shop Open

Monday, 2 March

6:30 pm Planning Board Meeting, Pownalborough Hall

Tuesday, 3 March

1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm Select Board Meeting, Pownalborough Hall

Wednesday, 4 March

6:30 pm Dresden Fire Department, Pownalborough Station
7:00 pm Dresden Fire Association, Pownalborough Hall

Thursday, 5 March

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Music Jam, Pownalborough Hall

Saturday, 7 March

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Town Office open
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bridge Acad. Library
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Historical Society Dinner,
Pownalborough Hall

Sunday, 8 March

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station open
9:00 am - 11:30 am Swap Shop Open

Monday, 9 March

6:30 p.m. Sno-Valley Riders, Old Town House on Rt. 197

Tuesday, 10 March

1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm Select Board Meeting, Pownalborough Hall
6:30 pm Adult Book Group, Bridge Acad. Library
6:30 pm Dresden Lodge #103 meal, 7:30 pm meeting

Wednesday, 11 March

6:30 pm Dresden Fire Department, Pownalborough Station

Thursday, 12 March

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Pownalborough Court House
Stewardship Committee, Pownalborough Hall

Saturday, 14 March

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bridge Acad. Library
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
1:00 pm Dresden Historical Society meeting,
Bridge Acad. Library

Sunday, 15 March

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
9:00 am - 11:30 am Swap Shop

Monday, 16 March

6:30 pm Planning Board Meeting, Pownalborough Hall

Tuesday, 17 March

1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm - Select Board Meeting, Pownalborough Hall

Wednesday, 18 March

6:30 pm Dresden Fire Department, Pownalborough
Station

Thursday, 19 March

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Music Jam, Pownalborough Hall

Saturday, 21 March

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bridge Acad. Library
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop

Sunday, 22 March

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station open
9:00 am - 11:30 am Swap Shop Open

Tuesday, 23 March

1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library

Wednesday, 24 March

6:30 pm Dresden Fire Department, Pownalborough
Station

Thursday, 25 March

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop
1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library

Saturday, 27 March

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Bridge Acad. Library
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station
9:00 am - 11:00 am & 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Swap Shop

Sunday, 28 March

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Dresden Transfer Station open
9:00 am - 11:30 am Swap Shop Open

Tuesday, 30 March

1:30 pm - 7:00 pm Bridge Acad. Library

Wednesday, 31 March

6:30 pm Dresden Fire Department, Pownalborough
Station

Your Monthly Community Newsletter

THE DRESDEN COMMUNICATOR

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

March

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PHOTOS! We are looking for good Dresden-based photos you have taken for royalty-free use in the communicator. Please submit them to bridgeacademydresden@yahoo.com

Deadline for submissions: the 20th of each month. *Disclaimer: Fame and fortune are not guaranteed after submission. Photos will appear in black and white only.*

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Seen in Dresden February, 2020



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By K. D. Vitelli

We all know that March and April can bring us plentiful snow and feel very much like winter, but somehow, this year, as February has been grinding slowly to its end, many of us have been thinking not of more winter, but of Spring. Maybe it was the strangely mild January and February (at least in between the days and nights of frigid cold); maybe those brief spells of warm sunshine and mud and a whiff that was, well, earthy, kind of like spring; maybe the lengthening days—still some light at 5:30 pm! Fantastic! Whatever the impetus, the winter silence of my informants* practically turned into a chat room, as everyone had something to report, some hopeful sign of change in the air.

Gray squirrels are back. Until this month, they had been few and far between around town. Now, everyone is reporting lots of them, young ones who haven't yet figured out how to climb the feeders (well, mine were fast learners), who chase each other up, down, and around and around the tree trunks. Normally, our gray squirrel babies appear in March. They are early this year, probably because of the milder winter weather, and the plentiful acorns and other nuts just barely buried under the light snow. New squirrel babies should make the raptors happy—indeed, a great horned owl's evening hoots ("Who's awake? Me too") have been heard off Alexander Road.

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Bridge Academy Library
44 Middle Road, Dresden, ME 04342
Telephone: (207) 737-8810



Tues & Thurs 1:30-7:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Library Help Wanted: Are you looking to give back to your community and have a few hours to spare? Come join the library volunteer team! We have many roles to fill, but currently are specifically looking for someone to help out with our interlibrary loan program. This position ideally involves a once a week commitment of approximately one hour (or less depending on request volume) and training will be provided. The volunteer will perform simple data entry on the computer, process and file tracking paperwork, prepare books for checkout and for return to the lender and call patrons to request pickup. For more information, please stop in during open hours or call the library at 737-8810.

Adult Book Group: The March discussion title for the book club will be *Chances Are* by Richard Russo. The book club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at the library. The next session will be held on Tuesday March 10.

Spotlight Titles Available Now - Bestselling Books & Authors

Adult Fiction:

Fall by Neal Stephenson - This futuristic tale details an eternal afterlife, the Bitworld, in which humans continue to exist as digital souls. But this brave new immortal world is not the Utopia it might first seem.

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout - Elizabeth Strout's 2008 novel, *Olive Kitteridge*, won the Pulitzer Prize and spawned a hit HBO miniseries starring Frances McDormand and Bill Murray. In *Olive*, again she resurrects the endearing curmudgeon from Crosby, Maine in thirteen interconnected stories that remind us that you're never too old to grow up.

Blue Moon by Lee Child - In the highly anticipated latest installment of Lee Child's acclaimed suspense series, Jack Reacher comes to the aid of an elderly couple . . . and confronts his most dangerous opponents yet.

Adult Nonfiction:

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Liz Mundy - The award-winning New York Times bestseller about the American women who secretly served as codebreakers during World War II.

Hello World: Being Human in the Age of Algorithms by Hannah Fry - For a reader unfamiliar with the technical aspects of artificial intelligence, this book offers clear lay explanations of how algorithms work.

We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy by Ta-Nehisi Coates - The National Book Award-winning author of *Between the World and Me* reflects on race, Barack Obama's presidency and its aftermath, including the election of Donald Trump.

Library Plant Sale - Winter snow will soon give way to spring flowers and the planting season will be upon us! Our annual plant sale is a critical fundraiser for the library, so please consider adding some seedlings for the library sale to your spring planting. We are looking for vegetables, herbs and flowers. The sale will be held on May 23. FMI call 737-8810.

Dresden Swap Shop

It's March already! Oh my we need to switch things up soon and get spring items out. The winter is still with us and so is some fine winter clothing. Come and get it! What a great town we have! Dresden allows us this wonderful space to do the finest recycling imaginable. Here we recycle by giving our slightly used clothes, dishes, games etc. to people who will use them. Dynamite way to recycle. We are a terrific town and we should all be really proud of ourselves. The Swap Shop is open:

Thursday	1-3 pm
Saturday	9-11:00 am and 1-3 pm
Sunday	9-11:30 am

See you there! Oh did I mention, EVERYTHING IS FREE! Come help us recycle!

Dresden Fire Department

DFD members will meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Pownalborough Station. Any truck/station maintenance, training or other activity will be posted. All members are urged to be present. New members are always welcome so stop by and check it out.

Dresden Fire Association

DFA will hold its monthly business meeting on Wednesday, March 04, at 7 p.m. in Pownalborough Hall. All members are urged to attend. Our meetings are open to the public. Thank you to all who have purchased a Collector's Coin. We do have more on order.

Dresden Masonic Lodge

March 10, Tuesday: Dresden Masonic Lodge #103 Stated Communication, 6:30pm meal, 7:30pm meeting. <https://103-me.ourlodgepage.com> Facebook: @Dresden103

Dresden Historical Society

Dresden Historical Society will meet on the second Saturday in March at 1:00 p.m. in Bridge Academy. We would like to remind everyone of our next supper **Casseroles** that will be held on Saturday, March 07, 2020 from 5 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Pownalborough Hall. Prices are \$7.00 – adults, \$3.00 – children under 12 and FREE for children under 5. We'll have a variety of homemade casseroles, as well as desserts and refreshments, **all-you-can-eat, buffet style**. After the meal, (at 6:30 p.m.) we will have a FREE special presentation by the Merrymeeting Bay Pioneers. Their project, "**Dresden's Shoreline: Pioneer Gateway to the Upper Kennebec**" will focus on piecing together the settlers' story; detailing the group's mission including the investigative methods they are employing and what interesting information they have found so far in their work. We hope to see you at either one of these events—or, better yet—both! All proceeds from the supper will benefit our goal of preserving historical items and information for the future. Next supper: Apr. 04 Beans & Hot dogs.

Dresden Music Jam

The Dresden Music Jam is back for the fourth year. This Jam is open to Dresden residents and their friends. Bring an instrument or just your voice or just come to watch. IT'S FREE to ALL. The Jam is held on the first and third Thursday of each month at Pownalborough Hall at 6:00 PM. We play mostly traditional bluegrass, folk, and country music with acoustic instruments. Come join the fun!

Dresden Planning Board

Dresden Planning Board will meet on the First and Third Monday of the month if we have any business. If you have any questions on a project or would like some information, please contact Chairman Jeff Pierce at 441-3006 or you can leave a message at the town office. Our meetings are open to the public.

Dresden Sno-Valley Riders

Dresden Sno-Valley Riders will meet on the second Monday in March at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Town House on route 197 to discuss trail work and connecting with other clubs. The weather has been fickle, but we still have snow on the ground and we're anxious to get out on the trails. Please be very careful when near any water areas as some may not be thick enough to support people or machines. Always apply SAFETY first. Our meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to come to a meeting, listen in, have a cup of coffee and a snack.

Dresden Town Office

534 Gardiner Road, P.O. Box 30
Dresden, ME 04342
(207) 737-4335

Online payment options and more information are at townofdresden.com. HOURS:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
CLOSED	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4 pm

And the first Saturday of every month, from 9 am – noon.

Maine Democratic Primary and Caucus

Get involved, let your voice be heard! Maine has now switched to a primary election to determine the party nominees for President and Senate which will be held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** at Pownalborough Hall. On the following Sunday, March 8, Dresden Democrats will caucus to elect local officers, select our delegates to the state convention, and get organized for this November. The doors will open at noon to register to vote or meet our new Town Clerk. Our caucus will start at 1PM with visits from our State Representative Allison Hepler and our State Senator Eloise Vitelli. Questions, desire to work? Contact Steve Eagles, scagles4@gmail.com or 737-8023

Seen in Dresden

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Chipmunks have been out and about, along with some little grayish-brown rabbits. Deer are reported playing in pastures and along the Common Road, near where a pair of bobcats have become regulars. Several observant neighbors report that the eagles are dusting off and repairing nests along the Kennebec. A raven (possibly from the old nest along the DES nature trail) may have been doing the same. It's nearly time for both to begin nesting; they, too, may start a bit early this year. Listen for the woodpeckers to start drumming. The groundhog did tell us to expect an early spring.

An opossum was sighted around mid-month along the Common Road. Opossums aren't common around here but have been reported in this column before. Their long, naked tails make them look a bit like giant rats, but some describe them as "adorable." They are easily scared and will often faint or play dead if threatened. They are North America's only marsupial and I can imagine that a mom carrying babies in her pouch would indeed be adorable. Even

better, their favorite snack is said to be ticks (which have also been out early). There is even a photo online from a trail camera showing an opossum eating ticks right off the face of a live deer. Scientists claim that opossums help keep Lyme disease down, by, they estimate, eating about 5000 ticks a season, each, in addition to mice, slugs and other garden pests. While they apparently clean themselves as regularly as cats, they may carry parasites and diseases, so it is best not to get too close to them. Their body temperature, however, is so low that they cannot be infected with rabies. Our Common Road Opossum should be protected and encouraged. And maybe someone of us will get lucky and see the mom carrying her babies.

March will definitely bring even longer days and even warmer sun. Beyond that, we'll have to wait and see, but we're moving forward with hope.

*If you'd like to join the informant group and add your observations to this mix, just email me at vitellik@indiana.edu.

NOTICES

Dresden Appeals Board is looking for someone to fill a vacancy. If you may be interested, please contact the town office for more information. At this time, the Board is working on the continuation of the appeal for the Beasley Stop-work order and Land Use Violation. The next hearing will be held on March 26 at 6 p.m. in Pownalborough Hall. Dates and times will be posted in stores and on the Town of Dresden website.

Presidential Primary election will be held at Pownalborough Hall from 8AM-8PM on March 3rd election.

Pownalborough Court House

Even though it is mid-winter and the Court House is hibernating until Memorial Day, the Court House trails are being used all seasons by many people. In 2019 there was an average of 40 people per week using the trails. This is more then we had anticipated but are very pleased that so many people enjoy them.

We have had a very icy winter on the trails and would like to suggest using caution when hiking. Possibly use cleats on your boots, or some snowshoes that had cleats on them. This should add another layer of stability.