



BWLT NEWS

Protecting The Land You Love

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Please Join Us!

Learn How You Can Protect Our Wildlife

Did you know Bridgewater is part of an important wildlife corridor? Come learn about the variety of species among us, where they are traveling, and how we can help their safe passage.

This free program is co-sponsored by the Burnham Library. Registration is required as space is limited. See details below. To register email: julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Please Note: The Bridgewater Bistro (27 Main Street South) has offered to stay open past 7 PM to accommodate those who would like to have dinner there after the presentation. Reservations are encouraged.

Join host Julia Rogers of HVA and learn how and where wildlife are migrating through Bridgewater, the barriers that hurt safe passage and how we can help protect them.



Join Us!
FOLLOW THE FOREST

And Help Protect Our Wildlife



HVA
www.hvatoday.org

Thurs. Feb. 23

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Burnham Library

62 Main Street South Bridgewater, CT



Sponsored by the Burnham Library and the Bridgewater Land Trust
Questions email:
julie@bridgewaterlandtrust.org

Rich Kaplon Joins Board of Directors

The Bridgewater Land Trust is pleased to announce that Richard (Rich) Kaplon has joined the

Board of Directors.

Rich was born and raised on Long Island and in Manhattan and attended high school in Andover, Massachusetts. He then returned to NYC for college, graduate school, medical school and surgical training. He completed fellowships in cardiac surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian and the Cleveland Clinic before being recruited to the University of Miami to develop and direct the Artificial Heart Program.

While a surgical resident in NYC, Richard found the one thing that he loves more than medicine – his wife Annie. Having started their family in Miami, they decided not to raise their daughters in South Beach. Richard therefore accepted a position with a private cardiac surgery group in 2001 in Sacramento, CA where he practiced until 2021.

After 20 years in California and with their families and adult daughters all on the East coast, Richard and Annie decided it was time to come home. They had vacationed in Litchfield County, and were thrilled when Richard was offered the position of Chief of Cardiac Surgery for Danbury Hospital in June of 2021. They fell in love with Bridgewater and are delighted to now call this home.



New Board Leadership For The BWLT

Thank You To Former President Ed Franklin

A heartfelt thank you to Ed Franklin for his service as President of the Bridgewater Land Trust. Ed has been an active and



outstanding leader, his impact will last long beyond his tenure. Ed will remain on the board as a Director. Christian Feuer (pictured left) has been elected President. Since joining the Board, Christian has shown a deep interest in our activities, visible enthusiasm and a passion for our mission. In addition, Peg Toledo has been elected Board Secretary. Christian and Peg will join Executive Team members Russell Marcus, Vice-President and Jean Robinson, Treasurer.

Progress At Tappen Brook Trails

The mild winter has contributed to steady progress on our new Tappen Brook trail network. There are currently four new trails built and blazed. Three of these trails connect with existing Sunny Valley trails, allowing hikers to choose between short gentle walks, moderate hikes or more lengthy challenging hikes. We are thankful for Sunny Valley's support and stewardship of the land that connects to these new trails. Next steps include directional signage at trail intersections, a finalized map and a kiosk at the entrance. We are fortunate to have a local Boy Scout volunteer to build and install the kiosk as part of his Eagle Scout project. We anticipate that the trails will be ready for use this spring. The official opening of the trail network will be on Saturday, September 30th.



Trail blazing at Tappen Brook Trails

Spotlight on Bridgewater Barns

Known as the "Peardon Barn" in the Barns of Bridgewater book, this barn sits stoically in a field along Warner Road where horses graze in the warmer months. Originally a home sat next to the barn until it was slowly and carefully moved across the street and up the hill by a mule in the early 1900's. In recent years the upper part of the barn was used as a library and the lower part still stores old horse buggies and sleighs.



Mark Your Calendars

For those who like to plan ahead, please take note of key events this spring and summer. Look for details on our website and in upcoming newsletters.



April 22

April 25-26

Bridgewater Town Cleanup

Help keep our town clean and green

Give Local

The best time to renew your membership

June 3

June 30

CT Trails Day Hike

Come explore Clatter Valley

On The Ridge BWLT Benefit

Cocktail party not to miss

Sept. 30

Grand Opening of Tappen Brook Trails and Volksmarsch Walk

Check out our new trail network!

SAVE THE DATE

Support Us

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