

**December 2019 Edition**

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**The Holiday Season is Here!**

The Town's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting event was held on December 2, 2019 at the Town Gazebo. Santa came riding in on a Bow fire truck and he talked with many children. Children could also write letters to Santa and make reindeer food. There was chili from the Bow Men's Club, hot chocolate from the Scouts, cookies from Interact and S'mores with the Selectmen.

We want to thank the Town businesses and individuals who donated funds for the event, including:

Bow Auto Parts  
Granite Shore Power LLC  
Anonymous donors.

This event would not be possible without the work of our Town staff and the participation of our community groups and volunteers. Thank you!

Malinda Blakey and Laura Beaudette, Bow Recreation  
Tonia Lindquist and Town Manager David Stack  
Colleen Hunter

Building and Facilities Manager Chris Andrews  
Groundskeeper Tyler Aborn  
Department of Public Works  
Bow Police and Fire Departments  
Bow Police Explorers  
Bow Men's Club  
Bow Scouts  
Girl Scouts  
Cookie Donors  
Interact Club  
Debra Wayne and Cheryl Stack  
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Selectman Chris Nicolopoulos welcoming everyone.



Here comes Santa



Let's make S'mores

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## Holiday Closings

The Bow Town Offices will be closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2019, for a Holiday Luncheon.

All Bow Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, 2019 and Wednesday, December 25, 2019, for the Holidays.

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## The 11th Annual Turkey Trot was a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who came out to earn their pie by running the 11th Annual Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Bow Police Association. This was our biggest event to date and we hope to see everyone again next year!



## Everything you need to know about Elections in 2020

All Town, School, State and Federal Elections will now be held  
at the Bow Community Center, 3 Bow Center Road.

Here are the elections that will be held in 2020:

- Presidential Primary, Tuesday, February 11, 2020
- Town elections, Tuesday, March 10, 2020
- State Primary, Tuesday, September 8, 2020
- General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020

***Voter Registration opportunities for those wanting to vote in the Presidential Primary:***

**January 21, 2020**

Town Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Supervisors of the Checklist - Municipal Bldg. Room B, 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You may also register at the polls on election days. Also, if you changed your party affiliation, don't forget to change it back after the Presidential Primary.

***Can't be here to vote? No problem; you may file an Absentee Ballot.***

Absentee ballot request forms are available on the Town Website, at the Town Clerk's Office, or the NH Secretary of State website. Absentee ballot request forms can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Town office. Overseas and military personnel have to fill out the FPCA voter registration forms to get their ballot by mail or email. The forms are available at <https://www.fvap.gov/eo/overview/materials/forms>.

Absentee ballots can be picked up or dropped off in person until 5:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, February 10, 2020. Absentee ballots can be received by mail until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

## 2020 Town and School Elections

The filing period for the 2020 Town and School Elections runs from Wednesday, January 22, 2020 through Friday, January 31, 2020. Candidates filing on the last day of the filing period are required to do so in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

Listed below are the offices that will be on the ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 for the Town and School Elections.

Organization	Office	Number of Openings	Term Duration (in years)
Baker Free Library	Library Trustee	1	5
Bow School District SAU 67	School Board Member	2	3
Bow School District SAU 67	School District Moderator	1	3
Bow School District SAU 67	School District Treasurer	1	3
Town of Bow	Budget Committee Member	2	3
Town of Bow	Selectman	1	3
Town of Bow	Supervisors of the Checklist	1	6
Town of Bow	Trustee of Trust Funds	1	3

New voters wishing to vote at the Town and School Elections may register at the Town Clerk's Office on Friday, February 28, 2020, or with the Supervisors on Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Room B at the Municipal Building, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.



### Property Taxes

The property tax rate for 2019 has been set by the NH Department of Revenue. The new rate is \$26.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This is a drop of \$1.57 from the 2018 tax rate.

The net amount of funds to be raised by property taxes for the Town portion of the rate went down just over \$350,000, and the net amount to be raised by the School District went up almost \$1.8 million.

#### Here are some quick facts:

- The Town portion of the tax rate went down \$0.98 while the School went up \$0.14.
- The assessed value of utilities dropped \$62 million, resulting in a loss of \$1.6 million in tax revenue which had to be made up by residential and commercial properties.
- The Town used \$1 million of the Town's \$1.47 million unassigned fund balance to lessen the impact as much as possible.

All Bow properties were re-assessed and customers notified of the new valuations. Letters explaining the revaluation process were mailed out along with the spring tax bill.

If you have questions about the new assessed value for your properties, please contact the Assessor's Office at [603-223-3970](tel:603-223-3970). The Tax Collector's Office is not responsible for property assessments, setting of tax rates or calculation of tax bills.

Tax bills are public information and posted online. You can pay your taxes by check, cash or by credit card. For credit card payments there is an additional fee of \$2.79%.

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## Winter has arrived early this year!

With snow coming, the crew jumped right into winter mode. Our list of tasks to get ready for winter was many.

We checked culverts for clogged leaves and completed leaf clean up on Town properties. The Town Cemeteries had dead limbs cut. Then there were the septic tanks that were pumped at the Old Town Hall, Community Building and here at DPW. We were able to complete painting the DPW floors.



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The Town roads were also prepped for winter with continued ditching and patching roads, and paving sections of Brown Hill, Page and White Rock Hill Roads. We completed line striping right before the first snowfall.

The Department has converted our trucks and equipment for winter. This includes putting on all the sanding equipment and plow blades, changing over all vehicles with snow tires, giving the trucks a good cleaning inside and out, taking care of maintenance items and performing any repairs that needed to be made for the plowing season.

The biggest concern with winter is safety. Here are a few tips to prevent back injuries from snow shoveling;

- Small shovel loads are less strenuous than large shovel loads.
- Shovel in layers. ( starting from the top )
- Shovel in time intervals (every hour or two) to reduce the amount of snow accumulation.
- At the road side, pile snow on the (downstream flow of traffic) side of your driveway. (Reduce the amount of snow the plow truck puts in your driveway)
- Don't throw snow into the street — it creates a driving hazard and eliminates the plows from pushing the snow in front of your driveway.
- Don't forget to check your driveway culverts for clogged leaves, doing this will help prevent flooding, and damage to our roads.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding over the winter plowing season. We are here for you...

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## Things are Starting to Look Good!

Town Building and Facilities Manager Chris Andrews has completed cleaning and repainting the Community Building kitchen.

In addition, the drains for the sink were fixed due to leaking, the stove hood has been cleaned and the obsolete fire suppression system has been removed. We are awaiting a contractor to schedule work on the exhaust duct to make repairs. Once that has been completed, the kitchen may be used as essentially a warming kitchen.

The heating and cooling systems at the Municipal Building and Department of Public Works facility were cleaned as part of their yearly maintenance.

The Department of Public Works strategically placed stones around the retention pond to

delineate the snow mobile trial

Siding has been replaced at the Old School House in Bow Center.

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## Library Happenings

### **Tinker Tuesday, the first Tuesday of each Month**

This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, providing children aged 7-12 with an opportunity to explore scientific topics through hands-on activities.

**[Registration is required for this event.](#)** For more info, contact Juliana at [juliana@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:juliana@bakerfreelib.org) or call (603) 224-7113.

### **Bookaneers Book Club, the Third Thursday of Each Month at 4:00PM**

The Bookaneers is a new book club for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students! This group will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00PM. Explore new books and genres, and take part in a craft or project inspired by each book. Copies of each month's selected title will be provided by the library. **[Registration is required for this event.](#)** For more info, contact Juliana at [juliana@bakerfreelib.org](mailto:juliana@bakerfreelib.org) or call (603) 224-7113.

### **Storytimes for the Little Ones**

Storytimes are back for our youngest patrons, and they run according to this schedule:

#### **Baby Stay n' Play Mondays, 11:00 a.m.**

A play group for infants from birth to 18 months, in the company of a parent or caregiver. Enjoy rhymes, music and movement with your little one! We'll end with plenty of open play time, utilizing our collection of toys and manipulatives

#### **Toddler Story-time, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**

For children from 18 months to 3 years of age, in the company of a parent or caregiver. We'll share stories, songs, flannels and more, and end with an open play time, allowing parents and their children to socialize and play together.

#### **Preschool Story-time, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**


A story-time designed for children aged 3-5, in the company of a parent or caregiver. Spark your child's curiosity as we learn about a new topic each week through stories, songs, music and movement! Includes a simple craft at the end of each session.


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## Drive Safely during Winter Storms

The Bow Police and Public Works Departments would like to remind you that during storms, for your safety, please do not drive around a road closed barrier, sign or cones. You may find yourself in an unsafe position because wires, high water, or a large tree may be across the road.

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