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Happy New Year, Bow!

Welcome to the January, 2020 edition of the "Town Bulletin," the monthly e-newsletter from the Town of Bow.

Read on to learn more about how to **Recycle your Christmas Tree**, for information on **Elections in 2020**, how to **File for Town and/or School District Offices**, **Baker Free Library Happenings**, **Holiday Food Baskets** and MORE.



Recycle your Christmas Tree at DPW

Christmas trees can be recycled from now until **Wednesday, January 15, 2020** at the Department of Public Works Facility, 12 Robinson Road.

Christmas trees that are recycled will be chipped into mulch - one tree makes about five pounds of mulch. There is nothing sadder than to see a barren Christmas tree next to a garbage bin. Please bring your tree to us. Trees must be free of decorations, lights and wrappings used to transport them. Look for the sign indicating where to drop off your tree.

Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day

Bow Town Offices and the Baker Free Library will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day.

Everything you need to know about Elections in 2020

All Town, School, State and Federal Elections will now be held at the Bow Community Building, 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 on February 11, 2020:

January 21, 2020, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office
Bow Municipal Building,
10 Grandview Road

January 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Bow Municipal Building, Meeting Room B
10 Grandview Road

You may also register at the polls on the day of the elections. 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 at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office, on the Town of Bow website, 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.

Filing Period for 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, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or with the Supervisors of the Checklist on Saturday, February 29, 2020 in Room B at the Municipal Building, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.



Residents Helping Residents

Many volunteers assisted the Human Services Department putting together and organizing Holiday Food Baskets!



Part Time Recreation Director Wanted

The Town of Bow, NH (pop. 7,815) is seeking qualified candidates for the part-time position of Recreation Director. The Director is responsible for the development and management of a variety of recreational programs and activities that serve to meet the needs of Town residents of all ages.

The ideal candidate will be an energetic and creative people person with a strong background in recreation programming and management and possessing excellent organizational and communication skills.

Minimum qualifications include three to five years experience running a community recreation program, including program administration and supervising staff, subcontractors and volunteers; graduation from a college or university with major work in recreation or related field; or any equivalent combination of education and experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Hours and salary: 25 to 30 hours per week, \$26.96 to \$31.26 per hour DOQ.

To apply, visit the Town's website at www.bownh.gov to view the complete job description. Submit cover letter, resume and Town application by January 17, 2020 to the Town Managers Office, Town of Bow, 10 Grandview Rd, Bow, NH 03304, or by e-mail tlindquist@bownh.gov. 12-30-2019



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Adult Book Club

Monthly book talks meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the library, at both 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and on the third Tuesday of each month at White Rock at 3:30 p.m.

Books are voted on annually by group members, and new members are always welcome. You can borrow a copy of this month's selected title at the circulation desk. To view the Book Talk List of 2020, visit our [Website](#).

January's Book Discussion

The Department of Sensitive Crimes by Alexander McCall Smith

Love mysteries? Try **Whodunits!** This mystery-exclusive book group meets at White Rock on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30PM.

January's Whodunits Discussion:

Death at Charity's Point by William G. Tapply

Interested in joining one of our book clubs? Contact Amy at amy@bakerfreelib.org

Winter Storytime Session Starts January 6th!

Juliana and Amelia have been gearing up for a fun-filled Winter Storytime Session. Join us for the next 6 weeks as we explore new books, songs, rhymes and more. For more information, please visit the [Children's Page](#) on our website.

Registration is **not** required for weekly Storytimes.

Bookaneers Book Club, Thursday, January 16 | 4:00 p.m.

The Bookaneers is a book club for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students! This group will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. 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. January's book discussion is *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. [Registration is required for this event](#). For more info, contact Juliana at juliana@bakerfreelib.org.

Take Your Child to the Library Day, Saturday, February 1 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This nationwide event encourages families and young children to visit their local library. This year, enjoy a "Snow Day" at the Baker Free Library with complimentary treats and hot chocolate, and plenty of winter-inspired crafts and activities!

Take part in a scavenger hunt, design a magnet-powered ice skating rink at our craft station, or learn how to make a variety of paper snowflakes. Children aged 6 and older can sign up for a free library card with their parent or guardian's proof of ID, and each child who does so will be entered into a special prize drawing! Registration is not required for this event; all ages welcome.

Tinker Tuesday, Tuesday, February 4 | 3:30 p.m.

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. In February, we'll be making our own simple machines in the style of Rube Goldberg. Participants will build a machine designed to perform a simple task, using marbles, ramps, magnets, cardboard and other recycled materials. [Registration is required for this event](#). For more info, contact Juliana at juliana@bakerfreelib.org.

Krafts 4 Kids, Wednesday, February 5 | 3:00 p.m.

An after-school craft program for students in grades K-4, along with a parent or guardian. Create a new project every month! All materials will be provided by the library. This month's craft is Raised Salt Art! [Registration is required for this event](#). For more info, contact Amelia at amelia@bakerfreelib.org

Adult Craft Night, Wednesday, February 5th | 6:00 p.m.

Create an assortment of chocolates and goodies just in time for Valentines Day.

[Registration is required for this event](#). The class is limited to 12 participants. For more info, contact Betsy at betsy@bakerfreelib.org.

Free Community Yoga Classes

The Library is pleased to offer **free** 1-hour yoga classes to Bow residents and library cardholders! The next classes will be held from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, January 4th, Sunday, January 19th & Saturday, February 8th.

Bow residents, register in advance by emailing amelia@bakerfreelib.org. If this is your first time attending, please arrive fifteen minutes early to fill out the liability waiver. Classes are held in the library's Merrimack County Savings Bank Room in the Lower Level. Because these classes are held outside of operating hours, participants will need to enter through the Lower Level door near the handicapped parking ramp.

Book Donation Day

The Friends of the Baker Free Library will hold their next donation day on Saturday, January 25th, from 10 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions about what makes an acceptable donation, please call the library or email betsy@bakerfreelib.org

A Successful Giving Tuesday!

The Baker Free Library Foundation concluded it's extremely successful Giving Tuesday campaign on December 31st. Thank you, donors, for your incredible support of the Baker Free Library! For further information about the Foundation please see our website, www.bakerfreefoundation.org. Also, you may donate all year round on-line on our website, or at the library directly."

The Budget Committee is in Session!

The Bow Budget Committee has begun its review process for both the proposed Town and School District budgets for FY2020-21. These are the budgets that will be presented to voters at the March, 2020 Town Meeting and School District Meeting. Visit the Town of Bow's website for meeting dates and times.



Tips for Driving in the Snow

Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.

Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads will just make your wheels spin. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill slowly.

Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Road Closed. 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.


Stay Connected


The greater the involvement of our citizens, the stronger our community will be. Here are some of the ways you can stay connected with the Town of Bow!

- Follow [@cityofsonoma](#) on Facebook and look for our posts on [Nextdoor](#)
- Find ways to [get involved](#) and see the [latest news](#) on our [website](#)
- [Subscribe](#) to receive updates from CivicWeb
- [Sign Up](#) for the "Town Bulletin" E-Newsletter
- **Visit** us at the Municipal Building, 10 Grandview Road,
- **Call** (603) 223-3910 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **email** cityhall@sonomacity.org

Vision Appraisal Website

If you have recently visited the Vision Appraisal Website you may have noticed that site is experiencing technical difficulties. Please use the Bow GIS maps found in the "Quick Links" tab on the Assessing page.

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