



# Bainbridge Connects

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## **Green with Envy over the Village Green**

Many compliments come our way as Village Board members from time to time. By far the most frequent are the kudos to “whomever keeps the Village Park in such pristine condition”. In essence the onus would likely fall on the Department of Public Works, and appropriately so, but certainly not exclusively. While our DPW crew takes great pride in the appearance of the park and maintains it as if it were their own they also rely on others. For example, the Jericho Garden Club has a great impact on the beauty that abounds. With generous donations by Frog Pond Farms of flowering plants for the lamp posts that line the pathways, and hanging baskets of beauty from Wilma Heller of Heller’s Greenhouse and Gardens, suspended around the gazebo, they create spectacular color to the area annually. In addition, the Garden Club created the Peace Garden that encircles the monument for the local veterans, cleverly designed with a flagstone pathway in the shape of the peace symbol build by the Winans Brothers from Afton. Bainbridge Memorial Works has aided in setting and maintaining the various monuments for many years.

The Park is reserved on Saturday’s from Memorial Day through Labor Day for the Open Air Market which has been a successful venture for many years, drawing multitudes of curiosity seekers and shoppers to our Village. The vendors are required, within their rules, to “leave the park in the same condition as it was when they came.” They have been consistently respectful of the grounds and generally leave it in the condition expected. This market is a great asset to our community.

Another popular user is the Old Time Band which performs throughout the summer providing entertainment on many Friday nights. In conjunction,

you can often enjoy the strawberry festival, ice cream social, pie social or other offerings from local churches.

The annual Memorial Day services provided by the Slater-Silvernail Post 806 American Legion each year remind us of services and sacrifices of members of the armed forces past and present.

Weddings have been performed in the park and in the gazebo, both which provide great “photo-ops”.

The Village has a simple Building and Grounds Usage Request form that is required for usage and can be obtained from the Village Clerk at 33 West Main Street.

We are always happy to share the beauty of the Village Green and feel very fortunate to have it.

Mayor Darling



## **Town Board News**

The Town has been busy getting everything ready for the summer. We were delighted to find that the pool liner which was installed last year held up well through the winter. Unfortunately, there has been some vandalism at the pool which caused a tear in the liner. Our hope is that this vandalism does not continue to ruin the summer fun for everyone. The pool is now open. (See more in the Recreational Programs by Dale Palmer.)

Many activities will take place at General Clinton Park this summer. In June there will be the Algonquin Car Show and Dog Show. In July there will be "Praise in the Park" and "Rock in the Park". We also have several weddings taking place. Keep your eyes open for something new called "End of Summer Festival". In September we will have two Motor Coach Associations camping at the park.

As of July we will see Deborah Hromada (and her smile) step down after 32 years as our Town Clerk and become Deputy Clerk. The Town Board has appointed Aric McKown as the Town Clerk. Many of you may have met Aric at the window this winter. You might recognize the last name because many years ago Aric's grandfather was the Town Clerk. Deborah will stay on until December when she will begin to enjoy her retirement with her husband, Duane.

The Town has many projects in the works. We hope to receive the grant money that was awarded to us from Senator Libous and get started on the new salt shed at the highway garage. Bathroom renovations will begin in the fall at General Clinton Park.

Have you had a chance to enjoy the "Big Chair" at Clinton Park? We want to thank the Jericho Arts Council for the idea this spring. Make sure that at some point this summer you stop by General Clinton Park and take a selfie in the "Big Chair".

Dolores Nabinger, Supervisor

**Artistix Nail Studio**

## **Town of Bainbridge Recreation Programs**

The Bainbridge Town Pool is now open for the season. Signups for the second session will be the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> with Bainbridge residents signup on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and open signup starting the 15<sup>th</sup>. During lesson days open swim will be from 1:30 PM – 8:00 PM with adult lap swim from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Weekends open swim is from 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM with adult swim from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

There is a \$10 charge for each child taking a swimming lesson class. Swimming lessons take place between 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM during the week.

There will be a Playground Program at the Greenlawn Elementary building beginning June 29<sup>th</sup> and finishing on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This is open to children who are four years old by July 1<sup>st</sup> through children who will be entering the 4<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. It will run from 9 AM – 11:30 AM each week day. The Playground Program will include such things as story time, crafts, local field trips in the Village, outside playtime and two larger field trips. There is a \$5 fee for each child to help cover expenses. This will be run in conjunction with a free summer feeding program being offered by the USDA and the Bainbridge-Guilford Food Services. Breakfast (8:30 AM – 9:30 AM) and lunch (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM) are offered at no cost to all children under the age of 17 and special needs children to the age of 21.

There will be a Summer Soccer program offered to students in pre-Kindergarten (four years old by July 1) through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade next school year. This will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM for children Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost of this program is \$10 per child.

To register your child for either the Playground Program or the Soccer Program contact the Bainbridge Town Clerk at the Town Hall (967-3781).

Dale Palmer, Recreation Program Director

**Bob's Diner**

## **General Clinton Canoe Regatta Report**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> annual General Clinton Canoe Regatta was held on Memorial Day weekend. Over 1000 racers from all over the country and one from England were involved. Pro paddlers, Steve LaJoie and Andy Tribold, won this year's pro endurance race and set a new record as most wins by the same team. It was a very tough race with the low water conditions.

We inducted the 4<sup>th</sup> class into the Hall of Fame. Paddlers Calvin Hassel, Mike Packard, Rodney Robinson, and Jan Whitaker were inducted along with contributors, Dick Sloane and Don Loudon.

The Regatta Committee would like to thank the volunteers who helped make this a great success. We would also like to thank all the fire departments who kept our racers safe throughout the weekend. Along with our volunteers, we have what we call our paid volunteers. They include the Bainbridge Lions Club, BG Honor Society, BG Student Council, and Bainbridge Girl Scouts. These groups all helped in various ways and shared in the proceeds of the Regatta.

The Regatta does so much for our area, but we need new volunteers and new ideas to keep this amazing event going. We meet every first Tuesday of the month at Hwy 7 Bar and Grill at 7 PM starting in August. If you have any questions please contact John Harmon at [jharmon@mkl.com](mailto:jharmon@mkl.com). Please join us and be a part of one of the greatest canoe races in the country.

John Harmon, Chairman

## **Bainbridge Main Street Guild**

## **Bainbridge C of C Golf Tournament**

The Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual golf tournament at Sundown Golf & Country Club on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM, tee-off time is 9:00 AM. The entry fee is \$60.00 per person and includes greens fees, cart, snacks, prizes, "cook your own steak" meal after golf.

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams

"Closest to the Pin", "Longest Drive" 50/50 and Raffles – Mulligans Skins.

All proceeds will be donated to the Bainbridge Scouting Programs and Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce. For more information call June White at 624-0787. Registration and payment are due Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mail to June White, 242 Mt. Pleasant Drive, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

## **Frog Pond Farms & Farm Stand**

Frog Pond Farms is a family owned and operated farm and farm stand on Route 7 south of Bainbridge. We are in our second generation of owners. Ronald and Karen Noxon opened and ran the farm and farm stand along with their son Sean. In 2012 daughter Rhonda and Sean took over the farm and farm stand along with Karen.

We have a full supply of fresh fruits and vegetables available from April through October. We have vegetable and flower plants for sale. We also raise pigs, cows, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits. Animals are available for children (young and old) to view. In the spring we have piglets, chicks, poults, and bunnies for sale.

We try to donate to churches, clubs, schools, and food pantries whenever possible.

We are open 8 AM to 6 PM every day.

We will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen July 18<sup>th</sup> and close for the season October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Karen Noxon, Owner

## **Back of Bob's Ice Cream**

The latest addition to Bob's Diner Inc., located at 26 North Main Street. is Back of Bob's Ice Cream. We offer the creamiest hard and soft ice cream in our area. Back of Bob's is open daily until 9 PM with plenty of parking in the Village parking lot. We proudly hire local help, have fast service and purchase our ice cream from a local distributor.

Come and enjoy an evening on our spacious patio listening to your favorite oldies. We provide toys in a safe area for your children to play with while you enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family.

Come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and see some of the best classic cars and motorcycles in the area at our Cruise In. Vote on your favorite car or motorcycle, purchase a ticket for the 50/50 raffle, with proceeds going to local veterans organizations, and enjoy the music and the fun. Hope to see you there! John Payne, Owner

## **Bainbridge House Bed & Breakfast**

The Bainbridge House Bed & Breakfast was built in the 1830s by Vermont Settlers. This farm style home is nestled on a knoll in the heart of the countryside with a spectacular view of the Susquehanna River on East River Road. It was once known as the Homestead, a working dairy farm with over 300 acres owned and maintained by Howard and Harriet Williams. History is plentiful throughout the Bainbridge House, with stories of past owners, old pictures, and old books.

The home was purchased by Jeff and Amy Chirico in 2011 with 21 acres, 6000 square feet and dreams of what was to be. After undertaking renovations throughout the home the Bainbridge House Bed & Breakfast opened in May of 2012.

Enter and enjoy a step back in time into a home decorated in Victorian furnishings full of present day comforts. You may pick one of the five rooms named after the characters in the game of "Clue" or you can rent all the rooms for a family gathering. Either way your room includes a private bath. Jeff and Amy invite you to relax in the living room, enjoy a beverage, stroll the grounds, and take in the majestic beauty of the valley. Don't miss the full country breakfast served in the dining room!

Jeff & Amy Chirico, Inn Keepers

## **Main Street Guild**

The Bainbridge Main Street Guild opened its doors in February 2014. The Guild features over 20 local artists and artisans crafts and hobbies. Waking into the Guild you can find handmade silver jewelry, lotions, soaps, soy candles, primitives, woodworking, photography, and so much more! You can find unique gifts for any occasion or something for yourself! There are not many places where you can find over 20 different businesses in one store front, but you can in the Guild. The artists are constantly making new items. Inventory is always changing and new members are always joining. The Bainbridge Main Street Guild is located at 28 North Main Street in front of Snips & Snails Children's Consignment Store. Stop in and support your local crafters!

Lori McGraw, Owner

## **Pine Ridge Grocery**

Pine Ridge Grocery offers a wide range of unique and hard to find items, including spices and cooking supplies to old-fashioned candies and sodas. We also offer a large variety of Amish-style deli meats and cheeses, fresh bread and rolls, and delicious cookies, cinnamon rolls and other baked goods. We also offer a variety of Lancaster County crafts and home décor items.

Pine Ridge Grocery, located west of Bainbridge on Route 206, is open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4 PM.

Michael Kauffman II, Manager

## **Riverside Farm**

## Jericho Garden Club

The Jericho Garden Club has been busy with their beautification projects. After the long winter the barrels in the Village needed to be emptied of their winter greens. New amended soil was added to get ready for planting. The wave petunias were planted in time for Memorial Day.

The round-about was given a face lift with a good trimming and weeding. Fresh mulch, marigolds, and perennials were added for summer color. Thank you Frog Pond Farms for all of your continued generous support of all our endeavors.

All of the Welcome to Bainbridge signs are full of fresh plants to invite visitors into the Village. The hanging baskets in the Village Park are hung with begonias. Baskets donated by Heller's Farms hang in the Village Gazebo. The Peace Garden around the monuments in the Park is a pretty place to sit on the stone bench and take time to reflect.

The Community Gardens on Walnut Street are at full occupancy. The Rotary Club is planning to help the club by building a wooden storage shed, compost bins, and benches for the gardeners to rest and visit. Fresh mulch will be added to the walkways to spruce up between the gardens. More garden beds are being planned. Contact Joanne Darling, 967-8354, if interested in reserving a gardenbed for next year.

Meetings this year have included a visit from local bee keepers, a presentation about butterflies sponsored by Rick Bunting, and a lovely evening at the Bainbridge House B & B. In June we are planning to hike a portion of the Bainbridge Finger Lake Trail with Roger Ashworth as our guide.

The Club meets on the second Monday of each month. New members are always welcome.

Everyone is invited to help beautify Bainbridge, enjoy fellowship with friends, and participate in various activities about gardening and nature. For further information contact Co-chairs June White, 967-8657 or Cindy Salak, 967-4748.

Cindy Salak, Co-President

## Community Gardens In Bainbridge

The Bainbridge Community Gardens, which is a joint project of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, the Jericho Garden Club of Bainbridge, and the Village of Bainbridge are in full use this summer. The Community Gardens are located adjacent to the municipal parking lot on Walnut Avenue between Maple Manor Apartments and CHIP Housing and the railroad tracks.

The Gardens consist of 18 raised beds: nine garden beds are 18 inches high, three beds are 36 inches high and six garden beds are 30 inches high. The higher garden beds are designed so that gardening can be performed without bending or kneeling to benefit those with physical restrictions. Each raised bed is filled with organic soil and organic fertilizer. Water is provided at the site, as well as a locked shed with gardening tools. There is no charge for the use of the garden beds with a limit of two garden beds per person.

Please contact Joanne Darling from the Jericho Garden Club at 967-8354 to reserve one or two beds for next year.

Joanne Darling, Past President



Pine Ridge Grocery

## Rotary Club

Please join the Bainbridge Rotary Club in a warm farewell for our exchange students Jean and Lizzie. They will spend the month of July on a tour across the United States before returning to their home countries in August. We thank them for the experiences they have shared with us and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

We will welcome new exchange students, Camille and Klara, during the last week of August for the 2015 – 2016 school year. If you are interested in the rewarding experience of hosting an exchange student, please contact Robin Haddad at [haddadgy@frontiernet.net](mailto:haddadgy@frontiernet.net). *You do not have to be perfect to be a perfect host parent!*

Love to golf? Looking for a fun day at the course? Join us for the annual Jim Palmer & Wayne Burnett Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Afton Golf Club. The Captain & Crew style golf tournament has become a favorite fundraiser for the Bainbridge Rotary Club with a reputation for its great food and great prizes. If you are interested in participating, please contact David Derr at [davidjudyderr@frontiernet.net](mailto:davidjudyderr@frontiernet.net).

Doddy Crissell, President

## From the Editors

We are featuring a few of our many local businesses in this issue with more to follow in future issues. We hope our readers will support these businesses whenever possible.

If you have friends that would like to receive an email copy of Bainbridge Connects please send their email address to [mdrachler@stny.rr.com](mailto:mdrachler@stny.rr.com).

Feel free to contact June White, 607-067-8657, [jwhite3963@gmail.com](mailto:jwhite3963@gmail.com) or Mary Drachler, 607-967-8546 with comments or ideas.

## Country Classics Ice Cream and Grill

This is our 17<sup>th</sup> year of business in Bainbridge. We started Country Classics Ice Cream and Grill with the hope of bringing good quality ice cream and food at affordable prices to families in the area. We offer a full food menu with much of it homemade, as well as our premium ice cream. We have ice cream cakes for all special occasions and we employ part time teens every season. Stop in and check us out!

Tamee Bradbury, Owner

## Praise in the Park

Praise in the Park is moving into its fourth year of ministry. We are very excited about this year's event. The First Baptist Church has joined us in planning this year's activities. The event is scheduled to take place at General Clinton Park on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> with worship starting at 10:00. This year, Jared Campbell will be our headliner and will take the stage at 5:00.

Along with the music, other activities are planned as well. We will have a corn-hole tournament (\$10 entry fee-prizes for the winners with all proceeds going to the Praise in the Park ministry), a water balloon toss and slingshot, an activities tent for crafts and a Bible story time for the kids in the afternoon. A pulled pork dinner will also be available for purchase.

All are welcome and there is no admission fee, so bring a chair and join us under the tents or out in the sun. We hope to see you as we Praise in the Park!

Schedule of bands for the day

Worship 10:00 (with Three Crosses Bare assisting)

11:00 Three Crosses Bare

1:00 Crossfire

3:00 Ten Days

5:00 Jared Campbell

Gary Kubitz, Methodist Pastor



## Summer Concerts at

### General Clinton Park

The Bainbridge Community Foundation will again be sponsoring three FREE Summer Outdoor Concerts at the General Clinton Park.

Concert dates are:

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Woodshed Prophets 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Tumbleweed Highway 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> Kenyon Hill 6:30 PM

Donations by the following local businesses have made these concerts possible:

John's Garage

Bainbridge Memorial Works

Blitz Family Dental LLC

Bainbridge Coin Laundry

Coughlin & Gerhart LLP

Scoville-Meno Chevrolet

Rosa's Restaurant and Pizzeria

Bring your lawn chairs! In the event of inclement weather the concerts will be held in the large pavilion.

Ed Ray

### New Beginnings Thrift Shop

The New Beginnings Thrift Shop has just finished its second year. Located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in the Park in Bainbridge, we are open on Thursdays from 10:00 to 2:00 and Saturday from 9:00 to 2:00

All proceeds go to help a mission project of the church consisting of those in need due to fires, floods, and dire circumstances.

Come see us for real bargains on clothing, household items, and gift ideas. All of our items are good quality and very reasonably priced.

We are always in need of clean, unbroken, usable items. Call Carol Roberts at 967-5687 for more information.

Carol Roberts, Manager

## Old Time Band and Desserts

The Old Time Band has four performances scheduled for this summer at the Village Green. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy our Village Green.

### Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Strawberry Shortcake and Strawberry Sundaes

Serving at 6:45 Band at 7:00

### Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

First Baptist Church

Brownies and Ice Cream

Serving at 6:45 Band at 7:00

### Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

First Baptist Church

Blueberry Sundaes

Serving at 6:45 Band at 7:00

### Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Pies, Pies, Pies

Serving at 6:15 Band at 6:30

Church Members

### **First Baptist Church**

We will be gathering for a fun night on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for a trip to the Binghamton Mets (with fireworks).

On Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> Doug's Fish Fry will be at our church from 11 AM until 6 PM.

Bev Whitney, Member

## Country Classic Ice Cream & Grill

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## **Chamber of Commerce**

The Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce has been taking on many roles lately, from leadership to volunteerism.

Our leadership skills have allowed us to be the lead organization in the RE-UNITE Bainbridge projects. We are the sponsor for this group and have joined together to lead in many projects to better Bainbridge. Through the Signage Committee we have provided NEW website address signs. Please take notice, spread the word, and help promote Bainbridge through our website [www.visitbainbridgeny.org](http://www.visitbainbridgeny.org).

We have also been very busy throughout the year with the planning of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Clinton Canoe Regatta. On Memorial Day weekend we held our nationally recognized General Clinton Canoe Regatta. We are pleased to announce we have had another successful year. The Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered to help out during the weekend. Support and volunteerism are what we can all give back to our organizations and community.

The Bainbridge Chamber assisted the Jericho Arts Council in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Regatta Row. We partnered with their organization to help promote the event. Combined with the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, it was a huge success and we hope to see it continue from year to year.

The Bainbridge Chamber will be hosting their Four-Chamber Mixer on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Guilford Golf Course. It is our Chamber's opportunity to invite Afton, Sidney, and Unadilla Chamber members to network and share each other's plans for the remainder of the year.

On Labor Day weekend we sponsor Bainbridge Days. We will have vendors along the downtown streets, and music in the Village Green.

As the Bainbridge Chamber focuses on promoting Bainbridge we should all ask ourselves, what does the Chamber of Commerce do for us? The Chamber is an organization which makes its priority to promote our Village and Town inside and outside of Bainbridge.

Maureen Decker, Secretary