

# Costs for renewing the pond have gone up

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Since then, the estimate for any kind of work has only increased. Through grants available for such work at the time of the proposals, the town would have seen a minimal cost if any at all, Mr. Barrett said.

When approaching the select board about the issue, the Barretts say they've had a hard time getting Newport Center's leadership to address the pond. The select board decided that they'd take the issue before the town, but the proposals never moved forward from there.

After delays due to the pandemic, the issue never was heard as planned at the Town Meeting. The Barretts say that they've tried to get the select board members to act directly on the issue, but were met with resistance.

"Steve Barrup refers to it as 'the swamp,'" Ms. Barrett said. "He doesn't have to live near it. It used to be a pond." Multiple attempts to reach members of the Newport Center Select Board for comment on the pond were unsuccessful.



The blocks of the dam, eroded by years of moving water, have slowly lowered to allow more and more water through.

## Twilight Stars Party at Old Stone House Museum

Families have a chance to learn astronomy under the late summer night sky on Sunday, September 4, at 5 p.m., on historic Prospect Hill at the Old Stone House Museum and Historic Village in Brownington.

This end-of-summer event will feature live music, a beer garden, food, and astronomy with Bobby Farlice-Rubio, as well as children's games and a story hour.

The evening will kick off at 5 p.m. with live music from Evansville Transit Authority, beers from Hill Farmstead Brewery and Whirligig Brewing (for adults over 21), and food from the Runaway Tomato and the Ladies Aid Society of Brownington.

At 7 p.m., local children's author Tanya Sousa, who wrote *Tossing Stars*, will host story time. At dusk, Mr. Farlice-Rubio will lead the

procession up Prospect Hill to begin the stars party with telescopes on hand to explore the cosmos.

"This is a one-of-a-kind event," Kristal Wood, the museum's associate director of public events, said. "The whole family can find something to enjoy, plus sitting on Prospect Hill as the sun sets and music plays is something you won't want to miss."

Early bird tickets are \$5 for all ages above 5 years old. On the day of the event, tickets cost \$10 for all ages and are free for children under 5 years old. Old Stone House Museum and Historic Village members are half price (\$5) no matter when they buy.

People are encouraged to bring their own picnic blanket or lawn chair to sit on for the event.

The Twilight Stars Party is made possible by generous support from Community National Bank, Hill Farmstead Brewery and Whirligig Brewing. — from the Old Stone House Museum.

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