

Bolton PC to hold neighborhood planning meetings

By Carol Devlin, Bolton Assistant Clerk and Treasurer
It's that time again! Help plan for Bolton's future. Bolton's town plan expires in 2025. The Planning Commission is starting to update the plan. This is an opportunity for Bolton residents to have a voice in our town's future. There will be many opportunities to make your voice heard, including meetings, surveys, and hearings. Look for regular updates on the Planning Commission website, in the *Mountain Gazette*, and on social media.

The Planning Commission invites you to participate in a neighborhood meeting to discuss concerns and priorities for the part of town you live in. This will be an opportunity to discuss your thoughts on housing, development, recreation, building resilience against extreme weather, and any other topics you consider important.

- Duxbury Road — Kilpeck's Barn (across the road from 895 Duxbury Rd.), was held on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:00 PM;
 - U.S. Rt. 2 Corridor — (U.S. Rt. 2 and roads off of U.S. Rt. 2), Smilie School Art Room, Wednesday, November 1 at 6:00 PM;
 - West Bolton — West Bolton Golf Club, Thursday, November 2 at 6:00 PM;
 - Bolton Valley — Bolton Valley Resort, Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 PM.
- Stayed informed: <https://boltonvt.com/boards-minutes/planning-commission/>.

Jericho's Town Plan ready for review at November 16 hearing

The Jericho Selectboard will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM at the Jericho Town Hall on VT Rt. 15 to receive public comments on a draft of a new Town Plan. After the hearing, the Selectboard will revise the draft and warn a second public hearing before adoption. Jericho needs a new Town Plan before January 4, 2024.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the documents, or, residents can submit comments to Town Planner Linda Blasch in person by appointment, or by phone or email (802-899-2287, ext. 104 or lblasch@jerichovt.gov). Comments submitted before or during the hearing become part of the public record and will be considered as the draft is revised.

Jericho's new Town Plan goals include to protect natural resources, expand housing choices, build village-based infrastructure such as wastewater and stormwater systems, improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, support energy and climate goals, and expand the town's capacity and expertise to get projects done. The draft of the new Town Plan is available on the town website, Join in Jericho, Town Plan 2024, at <https://jerichovt.org/town-plan-2024>.

The Town Plan directs how Jericho should grow and change over the next 5-15 years. Land use and development regulations ("zoning" and subdivision standards) must carry out the Plan. The Plan guides the Town's leadership to decide policies and investments.

Underhill Community Food Sharing Shed closed for season

From The Shed Team

The Underhill Community Food Sharing Shed officially closed on Sunday, October 29.

Many thanks go out to the all the local growers who have contributed this growing season!

The MMU Theatre Department presents
The Classic Board Game
Live ON STAGE
CLUE
Fri. & Sat. Nov. 10th & 11th at 7:30
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It's not just a board game anymore!
For additional info call (802) 858-1715

The Theatre Department at Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho presents the classic board game coming to life on stage with their fall production of CLUE. Seven suspects, six weapons, twelve rooms, six dead bodies, and three endings! It's fun and murder for the whole family. Performances are Friday-Saturday, November 10-11 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, November 12, 2:00 PM. Tickets: \$6 for students and children, \$9 for general admission. Tickets will be available at the door. See a trailer at tinyurl.com/MMUCLue. CLUE — it's not just a board game anymore!

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Cambridge Food Shelf wish list

The Cambridge Food Shelf thanks everyone for their support in lending a hand to neighbors. Flooding and high food prices have been challenging to many.

We are especially in need of the following items: crackers, hearty soups, baked beans, granola-type snack bars, Ramen-type cups of noodles, sugar, flour, canned pasta (like ravioli, etc.), apple sauce, dish-washing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, any personal care/hygiene items.

Donations may be dropped off at the following locations: The Cambridge Food Shelf (located in the basement of the Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville) on Tuesdays, 1:00 – 7:00 PM; Union Bank during lobby hours; The Varnum Memorial Library during operating hours.

Heartfelt thanks for considering any donation! Questions? Please call the Food Shelf at 802-644-8911.

Meat Pie Fundraiser to benefit Meals On Wheels Lamoille County

Order your delicious homemade meat pie today at <http://www.mowlc.org>.

If you don't get to Morrisville, I can deliver pies to a meeting location in Jeffersonville.

The cost is \$25 for a 10" pie; 100% of the proceeds go directly to the Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County meal program. The sale ends Monday, November 13. Pies will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 17, between 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at 21 Munson Ave., Morrisville.

The pies are freshly prepared and then frozen, so you can cook them at your convenience, bring them to deer camp, or have them for Thanksgiving!

We have a new option this year where you can purchase a pie to donate to the Lamoille Community Food Share (LCFS). We will bring all pies purchased for donation to the LCFS during the week of Thanksgiving.

- The pies offered are:
- Meat Pie (Tourtiere): A mixture of ground beef and pork with potato, garlic, onion, herbs, and spices in a flaky pastry crust;
 - Turkey Pie: A mixture of turkey, peas, carrots, and seasonings with turkey chicken gravy in a flaky pastry crust;
 - Donate-a-Pie: It will be one of the above pies donated to the LCFS.

Orange Up Day in Cambridge November 4

It's almost time! Orange Up Day — the Cambridge Conservation Commissions' (CCC's) annual "Little Green Up Day" is Saturday, November 4!

Pick up your orange bags, wear orange to be seen, and help clean up our community and trails before the snow hits. Collected items may be dropped at the town garage, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM. There will be signs to indicate!

Bags are available at Hanley's, The Farm Store, and Cambridge Village Market.

Thank you to the yearly volunteers! Any photos from the day? Send them to the CCC Facebook page to be featured.

New walkway construction at the Jeff Church

The new food shelf walkway has begun. Therefore, for those of you using the Church for events, meetings, etc. you are being redirected to go to the left of the downstairs entrance and use the back door to the Sunday school room. Your keys should fit that lock.

There are a few steps involved, so if you need additional assistance, please let us know. Think how nice a new walkway will be!

2024 Essex Rescue subscription drive beginning soon

The annual Essex Rescue subscription drive is soon to be underway. Residents can expect to see mailings arrive as soon as the second week in November. The subscription program is a way for families in the Essex Rescue service area (City of Essex Junction, Town of Essex, northern Jericho, Underhill, and southern Westford) to control the cost of emergency medical services provided by Essex Rescue while supporting this community emergency service.

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Members of the winning Vermont hippology team at the 2023 Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contests on Sunday, October 15 show off their first-place rosette ribbons and team jackets. They are (from left): Natalie Jackman, Vergennes; Emma Sibley, Milton; Haileigh Demers, Westford; and Shyanne Wedge, Shoreham. PHOTO BY MARY FAY

VT 4-H blows away competition in regional horse contests

Vermont 4-H'ers outshone their competitors at the 2023 Northeast Regional 4-H Horse Contests on Sunday, October 15.

4-H horse members ages 13-18 from the New England states, New York, and New Jersey were invited to participate. A total of 33 4-H'ers took part in the annual event, which included horse judging, hippology, quiz bowl, and communications contests.

University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H hosted

the regional contests this year. In addition to providing an opportunity for 4-H'ers from different states to meet, the contests serve as practice for the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, KY in November.

Tuff Terrain Farm, Clarendon, was the venue for the judging contest and judging phase of the hippology contest. The other phases of hippology (team problem solving, identification stations, and written exam) were held at Castleton University in Castleton, along with the quiz bowl and communications contests.

In quiz bowl, Vermont fielded two teams. The 4-H'ers who will compete at the 4-H Horse Roundup made up the A Team. The B Team consisted of the members who finished next in line after the A Team was selected.

The Vermont A Team placed second overall, with the Vermont B Team coming in fourth. Britney Zager, Gill, MA (A Team), was second high overall scorer, with two B Team members also finishing in the Top 10. Mikayla Tobey, Fairfax, was fifth and Lucy Badillo, Rutland, sixth.

Other A Team participants were Jasmine Akley and Elizabeth Brown, both from Vernon; and Lillian Kascha-Hare, Milton. Their coach was Sue Ouimet, Castleton. Sara DiStasio, Londonderry, and Charlotte Thompson, Castleton, were members of the B Team, which was coached by Jessie Bachmann-Lertola, Ira.

In horse judging, Vermont captured second place overall, with a first-place finish in classes and second in oral reasons. The team was coached by Deb Danforth, Castleton.

For individual scores, Jenna Bennett, Swanton, placed first overall (first in classes, fourth in reasons). Seanna Erickson, Florence, was fourth high individual (third in classes, eighth in reasons). Viola Brown, Vernon, placed seventh overall (sixth in classes, fifth in reasons) while Rose Ouimet, Castleton, was eighth (seventh in classes, sixth in reasons).

Vermont swept the hippology competition, winning firsts in

each of the four phases and first place overall. The team was coached by Jolene Fontaine, Jericho.

Individual overall placements were Haileigh Demers, Westford (first), Emma Sibley, Milton (third), Shyanne Wedge, Shoreham (fourth) and Natalie Jackman, Vergennes (sixth). Haileigh also earned the highest score in each phase. Emma was third in stations and judging and sixth in the written exam.

Natalie was fifth in stations, sixth in judging and fourth in the written phase. Finishing fourth in stations was Shyanne, who placed seventh in judging and second in the written test.

Only Vermont had participants in the communications contest. So instead of placements, the contest served as a clinic with evaluators Lisa Muzzey, Chester, and Cassidy and Tina Wyman, Cambridgeport, offering in-depth critique to help participants, all members of members State 4-H Horse Communications Team, tweak their presentations for the national competition in November.

Danville 4-H'er Tieghan Perry presented an individual demonstration on equine recurrent uveitis, the most common cause of blindness in horses. She was coached by Joanne Perry, Danville.

Twin sisters Lily and Samantha Provost, Milton, gave a team demonstration, "Exhibiting Memories," showing inventive ways to repurpose ribbons won in 4-H competitions. Their coach was their mother, Jessie Provost.

The event was coordinated by 4-H volunteer Mary Fay, Westford. Deb Danforth, Castleton, arranged for the facilities and lunch as well as organized the judging classes.

Cassie Kennett, Vergennes, was the scorekeeper for judging, and was assisted by Cheryl Brown, Vernon. Lisa Muzzey, Chester; James Provost, Milton; and Wendy Sorrell, UVM Extension 4-H livestock educator; scored the hippology contest.

For information about the Vermont 4-H horse program, contact Wendy Sorrell at wendy.sorrell@uvm.edu.

Countdown to Highlight: a New Year's Eve celebration of Art+Ideas

Presented by Burlington City Arts in partnership with Signal Kitchen, Highlight is ready to launch Burlington and beyond into 2024 with a full New Year's Eve lineup of music, theater, comedy, food, fireworks, and more. The celebrations begin Sunday, December 31 at 11:00 AM and run until 12:30 AM.

Now in its sixth year as Burlington's official New Year's Eve party, Highlight has become a beloved and eclectic tradition offering a full day and night of community-curated programming.

Buttons cost \$12 in November before rising to \$15 on December 1, and are available at <https://highlight.community/> as well as at regional locations, including the BCA Center and BCA Studios, ECHO, Phoenix Books in Burlington, and Foam Brewers.

Many of Highlight's events are programmed through the Bright Ideas Project, a community-driven crowdsourcing effort powered by VSECU. Each summer, BCA and Signal Kitchen open a call to Vermont artists, encouraging them to submit their idea for NYE programming. A selection panel chooses the brightest ideas, and BCA funds these ideas with over \$40,000, further supporting the event with production, logistical, and marketing support.

This year, BCA received over 27 submissions and is funding 12 projects. In addition to these Bright Ideas, attendees can expect exquisitely curated happenings, both traditional and brand new, including fireworks and fire performances, comedy shows, great food, music, community joy, and so much more.

Venues this year include Waterfront Park, Contois Auditorium, the Vermont Comedy Club, ECHO, Foam Brewers, Burlington's Unitarian Universalist Church, and the BCA Center.

While the full Highlight lineup will be announced at a special Highlight Launch Party at Foam Brewers in Burlington on Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 PM, BCA and SK are excited to announce four of the Brightest Ideas coming to life on New Year's Eve!

Closing 2023 without a nod to Taylor Swift, the ubiquitous queen of the year, would be improper, so Highlight is calling all Swifties to gather and "shine like fireworks" over Contois Auditorium at a Taylor Swift Eras Tour Dance Party. Produced by DJ Love Doctor, the beloved BTV DJ will spin the entire Eras Tour — on vinyl — in a three-hour set beginning at 9:00 PM as the clock winds down to midnight.

Meanwhile, at ECHO, Big Gay New Year's presents a night of queer joy, art, and allyship, produced by *Slings & Arrows*, *Future Fields*, and an intentionally chosen team of LGBTQIA+ designers, engineers, organizers, and production staff in partnership with Highlight. This exciting musical lineup is being curated by Burlington's Abbie Morin, of local grunge-pop outfit *Hammydown*. Each act in the dynamic blend of national and local artists has LGBTQIA+ members, and revelers are invited to dress to impress for this rockin' night of tunes, aquatic life, and immersive visual art and performance curated by Lydia Kern and Corinne Yonce. This event takes place at ECHO from 7:00 PM – 12:30 AM.

No stranger to the Vermont music scene but new to Highlight is *The Suitcase Junket*, aka Matt Lorenz. Developed in the tension between the grand and the solitary, Lorenz performs the part of five musicians simultaneously, playing instruments he builds from scratch and salvages. The spectacle of his one-man set incorporates characters, narratives, voices, imagery, and sounds as wide and varied as mountain throat singers and roadhouse jukeboxes. This performance happens at the Waterfront Park stage at 7:00 PM.

And what would Highlight be without a trip to the circus?!

Circus Smirkus rolls down from Greensboro to pitch their tent in Contois Auditorium. After popular demand packed two performances in 2022, Highlight has added an extra performance of the award-winning international youth circus for 2023, with shows at 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00 PM. Revelers should absolutely expect the unexpected, but they should also expect these shows to still reach capacity, so get there early!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Highlight Launch Party on Thursday, November 30, where the BCA and SK teams will be joined by the press, performers, sponsors, and other guests. The event is free and open to the public.



On Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 PM, come enjoy the *Tomas Meadow Trot*, a run (or walk) in the scenic *Tomas Meadow, Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill Center* to support winter ski grooming operations in Underhill. The course begins on the mowed trail in *Tomas Meadow*, continues up and down *Casey's Hill*, and loops back through *Tomas Meadow*. Kids can do a one-lap race or walk (1.4K); the adult course is a multiple-lap 5K course. Registration: \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 18 years and younger, but donations of any size are accepted! Register at <https://sites.google.com/view/tomasimeadowtrot/>; or pay with cash or check at the event. Prizes for 5K winners; all participants will be entered into a raffle!

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The need for emergency ambulance services is often unanticipated, expensive, and necessary. Essex Rescue's subscription plan is one way patients can prepare for those unanticipated burdening costs. Emergency ambulance service costs can range anywhere from \$150 to more than \$2500 for each occurrence and not all medical insurances cover ambulance services. Billable ambulance services covered by Essex Rescue's subscription plan include both non-transport and transport services.

The cost of the basic subscription plan is \$50 per household per year. If a household subscribes to Essex Rescue and a resident of that household receives emergency ambulance services from Essex Rescue during the 2024 agreement year, the organization will bill the patient's insurance and there will be no other bill received by the patient for the ambulance costs. Essex Rescue will waive any denied coverage, co-pay, or deductible amount for which the patient would otherwise be responsible. A person may still be a subscriber even if they do not have health insurance coverage.

New subscription option for Underhill and Jericho residents:

Essex Rescue is excited to offer a new subscription option to Underhill and Jericho residents who reside within Essex Rescue's primary service area. Richmond Rescue and Essex Rescue are offering a dual subscription membership for only \$65 per year. For \$65, residents in Underhill or Jericho will receive all the same subscription benefits from either ambulance service. If Essex Rescue is on another emergency call, Richmond Rescue would be the next ambulance to respond for most areas of Jericho and Underhill. To enroll in dual subscription membership, select that option on the agreement form and enclose payment for \$65. This opportunity was only made possible through the strong working relationship between these two organizations.

Subscription terms:

- the subscription coverage period is one calendar year (January 1-December 31) regardless of when the subscription is received;
- applies to a single household address and only the residents living there;
- covers only services provided by Essex Rescue, Inc. unless a dual subscription is elected, in which case coverage includes services provided by Richmond Rescue as well;
- non-transferrable;
- patients must be subscribers at the time of services to benefit from the subscription terms.

Interested persons can request a subscription application be mailed to them by emailing info@essexrescue.org or complete

the application and payment online at www.essexrescue.org.

Essex Rescue is a private, not-for-profit organization that is not affiliated with any municipality. Essex Rescue's operational costs are covered in a variety of ways. Most of the organization's funding consists of reimbursement for emergency medical services rendered. The remainder of the organization's funding comes from donations, the annual subscription drive, and annual contributions from each town they cover.

For more information about the 2024 subscription drive, becoming a volunteer, or to learn more about our organization, please contact Executive Director Colleen Ballard, 802-878-4859 ext. 2 or cballard@essexrescue.org.

News and notes from Jericho Town Hall

Town Administrator: The Town of Jericho has recently undertaken a study to determine the functional challenges our existing town maintenance facility presents — and the opportunity a new one will provide. Read more online at <https://jerichovt.org/Town-Administrator>.

Planning Commission: On Thursday, October 5, the Planning Commission presented a draft of the 2024 Town Plan to the Selectboard for their review. The Selectboard will hold a public hearing to receive feedback on the Town Plan draft on Thursday, November 16 during their regular meeting, which begins at 6:30 PM.

Mobbs Farm Committee: The Mobbs Committee would like to thank committee members and volunteers who came out to help for the October 1 trail work session. Read more updates from Mobbs at <https://jerichovt.org/Mobbs-Committee>.

Food Hub Task Force: The Food Hub Task Force is planning a series of Community Dinners starting in early 2024 and needs volunteers. Click here to read more: <https://jerichovt.org/agriculture-jericho>.

Art in Town Hall: The new installation *Trees for All Seasons* is available for viewing during regular Town Hall hours.

Neighbors: This month we feature Jericho Selectboard chair, Catherine McMains. Click here to read more: <https://jerichovt.org/Celebrating-Each-Other>.

League of Women Voters series on Election Issues and Democracy

The League of Women Voters of Vermont, in partnership with Kellogg-Hubbard Library, presents the first in its 2023-24 Lecture Series on Election Issues and Democracy. This season we look at issues both structural and cultural that affect voter attitudes and election results.

This year the series returns to in-person presentations at the library. The programs will be live-streamed by Onion River Community Access TV (<https://www.orcamedia.net/>).

The first program, on Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 PM, presents former state Senator Christopher Pearson discussing the Electoral College and *National Popular Vote*. He is Secretary of *National Popular Vote* and a member of its Board of Directors.

The League of Women Voters of Vermont Lecture Series, in its eighth season, is designed to bring outstanding speakers to discuss contemporary issues related to democracy and social justice.

Mills Riverside Park driveway update

Mills Riverside Park (MRP) driveway improvements are currently in progress, and we've been fortunate with mostly favorable weather conditions. Our goal is to maintain park accessibility throughout the construction — but we need your cooperation, as it is an active construction site.

The removal of potholes was aimed at improving the safety of visitor vehicles, not to encourage speeding. Please drive cautiously and provide ample space for equipment and workers to ensure everyone's safety.

It should go without saying, but please keep children away from the equipment.

We've encountered some delays with the gravel supplier's equipment for processing the topcoat material, which will postpone the project's completion. Over the weekend, visitors are welcome to drive and park on the subbase (reddish-brown stone). However, please be aware that this surface may be rougher and sharper than the typical topcoat, so consider this if you have worn tires or if you're walking pets or going barefoot across it. We anticipate the supplier's equipment to be operational by next week, allowing us to apply the correct topcoat to both lots.

If you have any questions or encounter issues related to the construction, please contact MRP board member Chris Tardie, ctardie@gmail.com.

COMING EVENTS

Ongoing Events

The Jericho Historical Society meets at the Old Red Mill, VT Rt. 15, Jericho on the second Thursday of each month (November 9, December 14) at 6:00 PM. Visit our website for more information or to request a zoom invitation: <https://www.jerichohistoricalsociety.org/events.html>.

Craft Group: meets twice a month on Thursdays (November 2 and 30, December 14 and 28), 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho. Open to anyone interested in coming with any craft they like: crocheting, rug hooking, knitting, needlepoint, watercolors, jewelry making, macramé... you name it! November 2 will be our “swap meet” where people can bring their surplus yarn, craft books, and other crafting materials to swap and perhaps pick up some new “goodies.” Anything left over at the end of the evening will be donated to charity. If you have any questions please contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com, or Julie Hehir, 802-899-3199 or juliehehir@comcast.net.

Cribbage Group: meets the first Tuesday of the month (November 7, December 5), 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the meeting room at Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho. It's okay if you're a little rusty — come join us for a friendly game.

Calvary Episcopal Church Soup and Bread Supper, on the last Thursday of the month (November 29, December 28), 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Calvary Episcopal Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Come and enjoy some great soups and fellowship with your friends and neighbors.

Bone Builders Class: at the Jeffersonville Church (Second Congregational Church of Christ, 16 Church St., Jeffersonville) from 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM on Mondays and Thursdays. It is a drop-in class, but first-timers have a couple of pages to fill out and sign. It is free, but a donation bucket is available for those wishing to reimburse the church for the use of the space. All are welcome. We have a good time — be prepared for some laughter as well as improving your strength and balance. Call Melody Tobin (802-644-2409) to discuss, or just show up.

Weekly Community Choir on Thursdays — If you love to sing (or want to join in on the piano to help folks learn parts and play accompaniment), come join *Mountainsong*! We are a volunteer-run community singing group that harmonizes together in four parts on Thursday evenings! We meet from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on Thursdays at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho (across from Packard Road). Whether you sing in the shower, sing Karaoke, or just like to sing in harmony with others, bring your voice and join us! Do you learn by ear or read music? Either way, you'll be comfortable in our group. You don't have to be a great singer — our aim is to sing for the joy of singing (no performances except for one short one for family and friends at the end of the season). We sing most weeks, and you can come as often as you are able; if you miss the first one or two (or more), no worries! Cost: \$1 a week toward space rental. We also ask for a contribution to purchase music for the group of \$7 per semester (fall and spring). Planning to come? Please email Doug Varney so that we have enough copies of music for our first meeting. Questions about the group? Contact Lynne Robbins, 802-899-2436 or lar.2436@gmail.com, or Jean Archibald, 802-899-5219, or just show up on a Thursday evening!

Coming Events

Thursday, November 2

Farrell Chiropractic Center food drive, through the day, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Help support the Essex/Jericho/Underhill Food Shelf this holiday season — bring in a bag of food or a cash donation for the Food Shelf and you will receive a complimentary adjustment or laser session. Also available: raffle tickets to benefit the Food Shelf from various local businesses, including Salt and Bubbles, Lucy and Howe Brewing Company, Brewhouse Coffee Company, Palmer Lane Maple, Autosmith, Jericho Ace Hardware, Sweet Clover Market, Farrell Chiropractic Center, and more. To purchase raffle tickets, go online to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b7c91394-c6df-4839-9c6e-5fbaa233842b>.

Saturday, November 4

Wild Seed Saving, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Mobbs Farm Valley Trails, Fitzsimonds Rd., Jericho. Tobi Schulman will inform and guide Join Jericho Families in Nature (JFiN) and the JFiN team on this walk, during which participants will be invited to collect wild seeds to bring home and plant if they so desire. Tobi owns Birds and Bees Native Plants on Browns Trace. JFiN explores trails and natural areas close to home with local families; free and open to all families. Walks are about an hour, and rain or shine. For more information and to register online contact Bernie Paquette, Bernie.paquette@yahoo.com or go online to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnLzdGC1RceqSSgXKEgfcG1KOfyZCFimQSVTKxNS8KSj8iJQ/viewform>. For more information on Wild Seed Saving, go online to https://docs.google.com/document/d/13AdAYPnK_peKpTHcb8MZmMRUCC7MV7pvdJpeldSj09Y/edit. View photos of past JFiN walks at <https://jerichovermont.blogspot.com/> and look for the listing on the right side column of the blog.

Create and Connect Craft Day for Josh's House, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Community Center in Jericho, 329 Browns Trace, Jericho Center. This one-day, in-person event welcomes crafters of all kinds and is designed to focus on you and your projects. There will be giveaways, games, door prizes and more. If you pre-register and are paid in full before October 1 the cost is \$50, non-refundable, per person. Your fee includes eight hours of nonstop fun and your own six-foot workspace. Lunch will be provided. Water will be provided all day. All proceeds go to the Josh Pallotta Fund to benefit Josh's House, a wellness and recreation center for our veterans. Contact Tassie Blondin, tassiecreates@gmail.com, for additional information and to register.

Location, Location, Location! Understanding the Importance of Jurisdictions in New England, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, in person, VT Genealogy Library, 57 River Rd., Essex. Knowing where to look for genealogical records is often half the battle. Different jurisdictions retain distinct sets of records; occasionally a record may be found in several places. Understanding where those collections reside today is a key in efficient and thorough research. In this talk, Drew Bartley will describe where New England's records were recorded and retained. He'll also compare how the region's governmental

organization differs from many other areas of the country and how that determines where we must search. Cost: \$10. Please visit our website www.vtgenlib.org for additional details and for registration.

Smuggs' Backcountry Barn Bash 2023, Cambridge Community Center, 6:30 – 10:00 PM, 22 Old Main St, Jeffersonville. Grab your ski and snowboard buddies and enjoy great live music, two amazing films by our friends at Faction and a sneak peak of *Advice for Girls*, featuring cinematography by filmmaker and photographer (and former intern) Iz La Motte. Plus, there will be a legendary raffle, food from Good Measure Pub & Brewery, and beverages from Upper Pass Beer Co., Stowe Cider, and von Trapp Brewing. All proceeds benefit the Cambridge Area Rotary Winter Wellness Days program that gives local kids the chance to ski and ride for free, regardless of income. Live music by *Tremolo Hoss* featuring Brett Hughes and Lowell Thompson; ski and snowboard movies *Daydream* (Faction), *Abstract* (Faction & Red Bull Media House), plus a teaser from *Advice For Girls*. Raffle grand prize: a weekend getaway at Smugglers' Notch Resort for BrewFest weekend with lodging, lift tickets, and BrewFest tickets! Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Entry for all tickets includes: one free Smuggs' midweek lift ticket to use by December 23, 2023, one raffle ticket, one meal ticket, and one beverage ticket. Advance tickets are available online at <https://backcountrymagazine.com/barnbash2023>. For more information, contact Meg@holpublications.com.

TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS! Times below are Standard (winter) times, not Daylight Savings (summer) times.

Sunday, November 5

Geology Walk Krusch Preserve (rescheduled), 9:30 AM, Peter A Krusch Nature Preserve, 316 North Cambridge Rd., Jeffersonville. The original date was rained out — please join us as Stephen Wright, our local geologist and professor of Geography and GeoSciences at the University of Vermont, leads us through the preserve and shares his knowledge of the geology of the area. Please email events@kruschnaturepreserve.org to register. Please wear sturdy shoes.

Vets Town Hall, 1:00 PM, McCarthy Arts Center, Saint Michael's College, Colchester. At this and four other dates and times around Vermont, Vets Town Halls are community forums aiming to increase understanding and create connections between local veterans and the community at large. Learn more and RSVP at vtvetstowhall.org. RSVPs are required for meals, but optional for the Vets Town Halls themselves. For more information including the dates and times of the other events, contact vermont@vetstowhall.org.

Tomasi Trot, 2:00 PM, Tomasi Meadow, Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill Center. Enjoy a run (or walk) in the scenic Tomasi Meadow to support winter ski grooming operations in Underhill. The race course will start on the mowed trail in Tomasi Meadow, continue up and down Casey's Hill, and complete the loop back through Tomasi Meadow. Kids can do a one-lap race or walk (1.4K); the adult course is a multiple-lap 5K course. All proceeds will go directly toward winter trail maintenance in our town recreation areas. Suggested registration fee is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 18 years and younger but donations of any size are accepted! Register at <https://sites.google.com/view/tomasimeadowtrot/> and make your donation via PayPal using the *Donate* button. We can also accept cash or check at the event. If you would like to donate but do not plan to run, please use the same link. Prizes for 5K winners and all participants will be entered into a raffle!

Wednesday, November 8

LWV-VT lecture: Election Issues and Democracy, 6:00 PM, live-streamed and in-person at Kellogg-Hubbard Library, 135 Main St, Montpelier. Former state Senator Christopher Pearson will discuss the Electoral College and National Popular Vote. He is Secretary of *National Popular Vote* and a member of its Board of Directors. The event will be live-streamed by Onion River Community Access TV (<https://www.orcamedia.net/>).

Saturday, November 11

Craft Fest Celebration, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, First Congregation Church, 39 Main St., Essex Junction. The event includes handmade/homemade goods by local artists, a silent auction with original artwork, antiques, retail gift certificates, over 25 different themed baskets, and more — a Sweet Shoppe featuring a wide variety of homemade goodies and treats; luncheon with chili (meat and veggie options), butternut squash soup, mac 'n cheese, hot dogs, and drinks and nearly new gently used treasures galore. All visitors will be entered into a big Holiday Basket Drawing! Contact Linda Bogardus, lbgardus@myfairpoint.net, for more information.

Genealogical Research in New York State, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, on Zoom, VT Genealogy Library, 57 River Rd., Essex. Vital records and other sources can be difficult to locate in New York State due to the lengthy period of settlement and the lack of a consistent and centralized system of recording genealogical events. That does not mean that NY State lacks records — merely that they are scattered and harder to locate. And a great collection of state census records can often compensate for other lapses. Join Dr. Anastasia Pratt, Clinton County Historian, for a valuable look at the Empire State's records. Cost: \$10 Please visit our website www.vtgenlib.org for additional details and for registration.

Monday, November 13

Westford Seniors' Turkey Dinner, 11:30 AM, Red Brick Meeting House, Westford. Boy, do we have a good deal for you... turkey dinner with all the fixins' without the fuss of cooking and cleanup! Let our group of amazing volunteers serve you up a Thanksgiving meal amongst friends and neighbors. Any Westford resident 55+ are welcome. We will have an AgeWell representative on hand selling restaurant meal tickets and information about upcoming community meals in our area... you might win the 50-50 raffle, a table decoration, and maybe even our true/false game! Please reach out if you have any questions or are in need of a ride. We respectfully ask folks to pass on lunch if you are having any respiratory symptoms. For more information or if you have questions, please contact one of our co-presidents: Mary Fay, 802-878-1215, or Cori Hill, 802-238-1018.

Thursday, November 16

Jericho Town Plan 2024 Public Hearing, 6:30 PM, Jericho Town Hall, 67 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. At this public meeting the Jericho Selectboard will receive public comments on a draft

of a new Town Plan, and will then revise the draft and warn a second public hearing before adoption. Jericho needs a new Town Plan before January 4, 2024. Alternately, residents can submit comments to Town Planner Linda Blasch in person by appointment, or by phone or email (802-899-2287, ext. 104 or lblasch@jerichovt.gov).

Saturday, November 18

Westford Turkey Trot, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Westford Elementary School, 146 Brookside Rd., Westford. This Westford Recreation event benefits and supports children and families of Westford. Pre-register for this event by Wednesday, November 1 to receive a free event shirt! Register online at <https://www.runreg.com/westford-turkey-trot>. Race Day Registration and Packet Pickup will be in the Gym from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. Tot Trot begins at 9:45 AM; 10K and 3K Races start at 10:00 AM. Post-race concessions available for purchase in the gym, hosted by the Westford Common Hall. After the last runner finishes, we'll announce the race winners (around 11:45 AM), and award raffle prizes. Race day volunteers and raffle items are still needed — if you would like to volunteer or donate a raffle item, please contact Race Coordinator Meghan Valyou Orisko, valyoum@gmail.com or 617-999-4772.

Christmas Cupboard Community Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, former Underhill ID School gym, River Rd., Jericho. The gym will be overflowing with eye catching displays featuring the unique creations of your favorite local vendors, as well as new participants. Enjoy Christmas music & cookies while you shop & chat with neighbors. For more information contact Pam Preston, 802-488-4762 or barneynt3@aol.com.

AncestryDNA: Best Practices and Recent Changes, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, on Zoom, VT Genealogy Library, 57 River Rd., Essex. AncestryDNA is a popular DNA testing company with over 22 million people kits being purchased. In this presentation Ed McGuire will explain all of the major features provided to customers, from the Ethnicity Estimates to ThuLines; and most importantly, Shared Matches. Ed will discuss how best to contact genetic cousins, how to identify networks of matches that likely share DNA with you, and how to stay organized as you explore this new genetic landscape. Along the way he will clarify the limitations of each tool and demonstrate some advanced techniques that just might allow you breach a brick wall or two. Cost: \$10 Please visit our website www.vtgenlib.org for additional details and for registration.

Saturday, December 2

Westford Craft Fair, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Westford Elementary School, 146 Brookside Rd., Westford. Join us for handmade crafts, raffle, bake sale. We have a few vendor tables available. If you are interested in reserving a table email westfordVTPTO@gmail.com.



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HEALTH NEWS

Now is the time to get your COVID-19 and flu shots

From the VT Department of Health

Who's got time to be sick?

Luckily, we have more tools than ever to keep us healthy — like COVID and flu shots, plus new RSV immunizations. Vaccines can protect you from getting seriously ill. If you do get sick, your symptoms can be milder and not as long lasting. Together with everyday steps like handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home if you are sick could mean more time together this season!

Everyone six months and older should get this year's COVID-19 and flu vaccines. Babies and adults age 60 and older can get added protection with RSV immunizations.

Now is the time to get this year's COVID and flu vaccines! And talk to your doctor about whether new RSV immunizations are right for you or your family.

For more information, visit <https://www.HealthVermont.gov/MyVaccine>.

Shake Your Buoy benefit for Sail Beyond Cancer

All are invited to Sail Beyond Cancer Vermont's second annual *Shake Your Buoy* benefit on Thursday, November 9, 6:00 – 10:00 PM at the Hula, Lakeside Ave., Burlington.

The evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, a Live and Silent Auction, and Energetic DJ spinning "you can't sit still" dance tunes.

Get your tickets online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shake-your-buoy-sail-beyond-cancer-vts-2nd-annual-fundraisertickets-685170682957>.

For more information, contact info@sailbeyondcancer.org.

The mission of Sail Beyond Cancer Vermont (<https://www.sailbeyondcancer.org/>) is to honor those challenged by cancer through harnessing the healing powers of Wind, Water, and Sail. The three-hour private sailing excursions provide relief and allow folks to "leave their cancer ashore" for a break on the lake.

2024 Essex Rescue subscription drive beginning soon

The annual Essex Rescue subscription drive is soon to be underway. Residents can expect to see mailings arrive as soon as the second week in November. The subscription program is a way for families in the Essex Rescue service area (City of Essex Junction, Town of Essex, northern Jericho, Underhill, and southern Westford) to control the cost of emergency medical services provided by Essex Rescue while supporting this community emergency service.

The need for emergency ambulance services is often unanticipated, expensive, and necessary. Essex Rescue's subscription plan is one way patients can prepare for those unanticipated burdening costs. Emergency ambulance service costs can range anywhere from \$150 to more than \$2500 for each occurrence and not all medical insurances cover ambulance services. Billable ambulance services covered by Essex Rescue's subscription plan include both non-transport and transport services.

The cost of the basic subscription plan is \$50 per household per year. If a household subscribes to Essex Rescue and a resident of that household receives emergency ambulance services from Essex Rescue during the 2024 agreement year, the organization

will bill the patient's insurance and there will be no other bill received by the patient for the ambulance costs. Essex Rescue will waive any denied coverage, co-pay, or deductible amount for which the patient would otherwise be responsible. A person may still be a subscriber even if they do not have health insurance coverage.

New subscription option for Underhill and Jericho residents:

Essex Rescue is excited to offer a new subscription option to Underhill and Jericho residents who reside within Essex Rescue's primary service area. Richmond Rescue and Essex Rescue are offering a dual subscription membership for only \$65 per year. For \$65, residents in Underhill or Jericho will receive all the same subscription benefits from either ambulance service. If Essex Rescue is on another emergency call, Richmond Rescue would be the next ambulance to respond for most areas of Jericho and Underhill. To enroll in dual subscription membership, select that option on the agreement form and enclose payment for \$65. This opportunity was only made possible through the strong working relationship between these two organizations.

Subscription terms:

- the subscription coverage period is one calendar year (January 1-December 31) regardless of when the subscription is received;
- applies to a single household address and only the residents living there;
- covers only services provided by Essex Rescue, Inc. unless a dual subscription is elected, in which case coverage includes services provided by Richmond Rescue as well;
- non-transferrable;
- patients must be subscribers at the time of services to benefit from the subscription terms.

Interested persons can request a subscription application be mailed to them by emailing info@essexrescue.org or complete the application and payment online at www.essexrescue.org.

Essex Rescue is a private, not-for-profit organization that is not affiliated with any municipality. Essex Rescue's operational costs are covered in a variety of ways. Most of the organization's funding consists of reimbursement for emergency medical services rendered. The remainder of the organization's funding comes from donations, the annual subscription drive, and annual contributions from each town they cover.

For more information about the 2024 subscription drive, becoming a volunteer, or to learn more about our organization, please contact Executive Director Colleen Ballard, 802-878-4859 ext. 2 or cballard@essexrescue.org.

Childhood depression: how to help your child

From the VT Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Childhood depression is different than a moody kid who sometimes seems down or upset. Children, like adults, have times when they feel "blue" or sad. Emotional fluctuations are normal.

But if those feelings and behaviors last longer than two weeks, they may be a sign of an affective disorder like depression.

Depression isn't an adult-only illness. Children and adolescents can and do develop depression. Children may go undiagnosed and untreated because parents and caregivers may struggle to recognize the signs of the disorder.

Depression affects about 3% of U.S. children. The persistent sadness and symptoms can interfere with daily life, interrupting school and social activities.

Childhood depression is a serious mental health issue, but it

is treatable. Read on to learn more about the signs, symptoms, causes, and risks associated with childhood depression.

What does depression look like in a child? Children with depression often experience many of the same depression symptoms as adolescents and adults do. However, children may have a hard time expressing themselves and these feelings because of their limited emotional vocabulary.

Symptoms of childhood depression include sadness or low mood; feelings of hopelessness; feelings of worthlessness; feelings of guilt, anger, or irritability; crying; low energy; difficulty concentrating; thoughts of suicide.

Children with depression may not experience all of these symptoms. Some may be more prominent than others.

How to help a child who has depression. Treatment for children with depression involves therapy and prescription medication. Some children may benefit from one of these — others may use a combination. These are not lifelong treatments. Your child's doctor will prescribe a treatment plan, and they'll decide when it's appropriate for your child to stop using it.

The treatment plan for childhood depression often depends on the severity of symptoms. The good news is that the right care can help your child find relief from their symptoms.

For the complete story, visit healthline.com's information page on childhood depression online at <https://www.healthline.com/health/mental-health/childhood-depression#treatment>.

NAMI VT 2023 conference November 15

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Vermont (NAMI Vermont) will host its annual conference on Wednesday, November 15 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Conference Center, S. Burlington, with a lineup of workshops and keynote speakers for its first in-person conference since 2019 as mental health advocates come *Together for Mental Health* for education and networking on the latest in mental health research, best practices and treatment options, and raising awareness to confront stigma that surrounds mental illness.

Dr. Xavier Amador, internationally renowned psychologist, speaker, and author, will deliver the morning keynote presentation about the research on the prevalence, etiology, and clinical significance of poor insight of persons with serious mental illness. He will discuss evidence that poor insight is a symptom of these disorders rather than denial, and will summarize strategies for helping such persons.

Dr. Paul Foxman, founder and director of the Vermont Center for Anxiety Care, will deliver the afternoon keynote presentation and will explain how, why, and when anxiety develops in childhood and which children are most vulnerable. He will describe the various manifestations of anxiety and distinguish between "normal anxiety" and an anxiety disorder. In addition, he will discuss some of the strategies that can reduce and even prevent anxiety.

The morning and afternoon will be filled with engaging workshops from Dr. Amador, Dayna Altman, Kurt White, Frank Osten, Kristine Reynolds, and a panel discussion with Margie Lemay, Christina Guessferd, Jacqui Kelleher, and Jodi Girouard. Attendees will have the chance to visit exhibitors in the promenade area and network with others in the mental health space.

Registration is \$55 for NAMI Vermont members and \$95 for non-members. Group discounts are available for organizations. Register online at <http://namivt.org/conference>.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday services at MMUUF are held at 9:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, September-June. Services are led by members of the fellowship and by invited guest speakers, including visiting UU ministers and leaders of other faiths. Each service explores a different topic. Worship, reflect, and sustain one another, within an inclusive spiritual community, built on values of honoring and affirming the worth of every person, striving for justice, participating in the world community, and respecting the natural web of existence. Services will be held at our Barn, located opposite Packard Road at 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, and also over Zoom; please contact info@mmuuf.org or 802-899-2558 for how to join virtually. Learn more at <https://mmuuf.org/> and www.uua.org.

Jericho United Methodist Church

Jericho United Methodist Church welcomes you to grow in Christ with us. We hold dear the United Methodist Church's motto: "Open doors. Open Hearts. Open Minds." We recognize that our faith journeys are all unique, just as we as individuals are all unique. Know that whoever you are, whatever you do, you are

welcome here. We believe that we grow together or not at all. All are welcome! Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM. There will be music, prayer and message from our pastor, Rev. Taeseob Cho. Please contact Rev. Cho at the church phone number, 802-899-4288, or his email, umccho@gmail.com. Located next to the Jericho Town Hall on VT Rt. 15.

United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is an active, vibrant community. We are young and old; straight and LGBTQIA; singles, couples, and families; believers, questioners, and questioning believers. We are an Open and Affirming and Reconciling church, which means all ARE truly welcome. We are the Old Fashioned Harvest Market Church, the Clutter Barn Church, and a church of fellowship, mission, and service. We gather to worship together virtually and in-person every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM for a traditional but lively service with music, and Sunday School and nursery for the children. We welcome you to join us for worship or just come in, be still, and contemplate your faith. Located at 7 Park St., Underhill. Pastor's office (with voicemail) 802-899-1722; church secretary email secretary@ucu.church. For instructions on joining worship from home, please see <https://unitedchurchofunderhill.com/joining-worship-from-home/>.

Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville

The Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville would like to invite all who feel called to join us for our online church services, Sundays at 10:30 AM. Know that no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at our church; or in this case, our web-space! <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCongregationalUCC>

Jericho Congregational Church

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Senior Pastor, David Coons and Youth Pastor, Peter Anderson
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Worship Service at 10:00 AM
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All are welcome at Good Shepherd, Jericho

You are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on VT Rt. 15 at 9:00 AM every Sunday. The building is accessible — all are welcome! There are varied musical styles in worship services, including Folk, Contemporary, Celtic, Latin American, and traditional. Weekday online offerings include Centering Prayer. We are an open-minded Christian community with a focus on social justice issues, where people from different faith traditions, along with those who aren't sure where they belong or what they believe, seek the support of a spiritual home. We welcome you in the name and love of Christ. More information is at www.goodshepherdjericho.org or contact Pastor Arnold Isidore Thomas at 802-899-3932 or pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal is a welcoming, caring, Christian community called to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, grow our spiritual gifts, and serve our neighbors. The Spirit is stirring in this little church. Come be a part of it! Calvary is located at 370 VT Rt. 15 in Jericho and worships Sundays at 9:30 AM. The parish administrator can be reached at calvarychurchjericho@gmail.com or 802-899-0453.

St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center invites you to join us in person for the Holy Mass at 8:30 AM every Sunday. There is also a vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday evenings. Our priest, Fr. Richard Calapan, also celebrates Mass during the week, on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and Fridays at 8:00 AM. Confessions are available on Tuesdays before Mass. Visit us at www.stthomasvt.com or call 802-899-4632 for more information.

Covenant Community Church — "Come As You Are!"
What is the Covenant? The unique character of the Covenant is expressed in the design of the logo — people united in Christ, people serving people in God's name, and people bringing people to Christ. The basis of the design is symbolic of four people facing north, south, east, and west. Note that each one's arms are outstretched, indicating the church's outreach in mission and service to the world. The four are part of the whole, yet their hands do not touch, symbolizing their unity in the freedom and evangelical warmth that characterizes the Covenant. The

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

The new Jericho Town Plan and housing

By Chuck Lacy, Jericho resident

Audrie Poole's excellent Front Porch Forum post described the history of Westbury Village in Colchester. It was built in 1973 by an IBM family and has many affordable homes.

Westbury Village could not have been built in 1973 in Jericho because we banned manufactured housing starting in 1961. The Jericho ban lasted until 1976 when the Legislature banned what they called "snob zoning" against homes affordable by people with modest incomes. They tried to force towns like Jericho to legalize manufactured homes.

But Jericho had a secondary snob zoning plan. We required a 750 sq/ft dwelling size. That threshold was calibrated to be just larger than the large sized manufactured homes of that era — which were 720 sq/ft. Mission accomplished.

Later, when manufactured homes got bigger, Jericho had zoning laws designed to prevent most small lot and affordable housing of any kind. That pushed the cost of a lot beyond feasibility for smaller homes.

Jericho's zoning policy promoted bigger houses, on bigger lots, farther apart. A Jericho housing project built in 1959 produced a compact walkable neighborhood of 25 houses on ten acres. By the 1970s that ten-acre development would require over 250 acres in most of Jericho. That is our 50-year recipe for exclusivity AND sprawl.

All subsequent Selectboards continued this sprawl policy — making no real effort to bring water or septic to the village centers and making no serious provision for legalizing dense small lot housing. Like thousands of aspiring upscale municipalities — Jericho effectively zoned out new homes for people with modest incomes.

The current Selectboard continued this policy in their 2022 zoning revisions. They continued to ban triplexes in 70% of Jericho while permitting single-family homes up to 60,000 sq/ft in 99% of Jericho. These calculations exclude the range and parks.

That's right, a 60,000 sq/ft single-family home, which is three times the size of Patrick Gym, is permitted everywhere housing is allowed. But an 1800 sq/ft triplex with three small homes is banned in more than two-thirds of Jericho and requires Development Review Board approval in the majority of the rest of Town. The Town Planner confirmed this for me during the 2022 Zoning revision.

Jericho's exclusive housing regulations reached new heights eight years ago when the Selectboard made new zoning laws for Riverside. They banned aluminum storm windows and doors, they added 23 new regulations on the placement of a window, they required specific dimensions for front porches, and they prohibited play equipment and plastic flowers in front yards. They added 75 pages of zoning regulations for Riverside. No housing has been built there since.

All of the modestly priced single-family homes sold in Jericho in the last two years were built before 1971. I'm defining a modestly priced house as a sale under \$400,000 as recorded by Zillow. Still way out of reach for many people.

The Planning Commission has written a revised Town Plan for the Selectboard to consider. They've done good work on these issues. Now the Selectboard needs to take ownership of the Plan before they approve it. They need to add completion dates for the housing recommendations. For example, the entire plan rests on an assumption that the Selectboard will build new water and sewer infrastructure.

For 50 years the town has justified severe housing restrictions in most of town, including the exclusion of triplexes, on the assumption that water and sewer will be built in the village areas to support new housing there. The draft Plan continues in that direction and has specific recommendations on the leadership required. The Selectboard needs to add projected completion dates. If the Selectboard is not building water and sewer infrastructure they need to say so, end the 50-year charade and write a different Town Plan.

The Burlington School district is not waiting on a study to set a completion date for their replacement high school. They set a completion date and worked backwards. Their commitment to completion leaves no room for planning happy talk. It focusses the mind. That's what we need now.

Otherwise, Jericho will continue to be one of the most economically exclusive towns in Vermont. All to the detriment of ourselves, our families, and to basic human fairness.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Rep. Graning office hours this fall

Edye Graning, VT State Representative for Underhill/Jericho, will be holding open office hours on Thursdays, November 16 and December 21, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, at Jericho Ale & Bean on VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Please stop in with any questions you may have, or just to introduce yourself.

If you are unable to attend and you would like to set up another time to chat, please email Edye.Graning@gmail.com.

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geometric arrangement of the four figures results in a cross-like pattern, representative of the center of our faith. The center circle symbolizes the unity and the bond of fellowship which we call "the Covenant."

Sunday: Bible Study, 9:00 – 9:45 AM; Worship Service: 10:00 – 11:00 AM; Coffee Hour: 11:00 AM – ?

Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex (VT Rt.15 across from John Leo's)

Waterville Union Church

We meet in person at 9:30 AM at the church; masks recommended. Zoom is only available when there is bad weather or illness of a speaker. We do not post our recorded services to Facebook. But information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/watervilleunionchurch>, watervilleunionchurchvt@gmail.com; 32 Church St., Waterville.

What are forest carbon markets?

By Ethan Tapper
Chittenden County Forester

If you're tuned into what's happening with forests in our region, you may have heard that we can manage forests for carbon and be paid for it. But what are "carbon markets," and what do they mean for the way we manage our forests?

The idea of *carbon markets* is to create a marketplace where carbon emitters pay for practices that sequester and store carbon somewhere else, thus balancing their emissions of carbon or other greenhouse gasses. The units of carbon that emitters purchase through carbon markets are called *carbon offsets*.

There are two types of carbon markets: *regulatory (compliance)* markets and *voluntary* markets. In regulatory markets, such as in California and in Europe, greenhouse gas emitters are issued "allowances" — essentially, permits to produce a certain amount of emissions — which can be sold or traded. If they produce greenhouse gas emissions beyond their allowances, emitters are allowed to purchase some carbon offsets to lower their net emissions and bring them into compliance. In regulatory markets, greenhouse gas allowances are gradually reduced, thus lowering overall emissions over time.

By contrast, *voluntary* carbon markets sell offsets to emitters that wish to *voluntarily* balance their carbon emissions. By purchasing voluntary carbon offsets, a carbon emitter like a person, a government agency, or a corporation can claim to have reduced their net greenhouse gas emissions, or even to be "carbon neutral."

Forests naturally sequester and store carbon, and so both voluntary and regulatory carbon markets have looked to forests as places to generate carbon offsets. While producing carbon offsets for regulatory markets is more lucrative, it generally isn't feasible for forests in our region — the forest carbon markets that you're likely hearing about in Vermont are producing offsets for the voluntary carbon market.

In essence, forest carbon markets pay for forest landowners to do, or not do, practices that lead to a higher-than-normal amount of carbon being stored in their forest. Practices may include planting trees (*afforestation*), reducing deforestation, and *improved forest management* practices like letting trees grow bigger and older before harvesting them. The higher amount of carbon stored in the forest after the landowners do (or don't do) these practices, as compared to forests engaged in "business as usual," is called *additional carbon* — that's the amount of carbon that can be sold to someone else as a carbon offset. The trickiest part of these carbon markets is proving this *additionality*: that the carbon offset being sold to an emitter represents real, additional carbon stored in a forest that wouldn't have existed without the carbon market.

For instance, if "Bob" doesn't manage his forest for the next 20 years, he can say that the greater amount of carbon in his forest (as compared to other forests in his area, managed under "business as usual" practices) is *additional* and can be sold as an offset. Unfortunately, forest carbon markets can't judge Bob's intent. If Bob wasn't going to manage his forest for the next 20 years anyway, the carbon market hasn't changed his behavior or led to any more carbon being stored in Bob's forest. In this case, one could argue that Bob has actually made things a little worse: after 20 years the same amount of carbon dioxide will be in the atmosphere as would have been there anyway — the only difference that the carbon market made is allowing an emitter to claim to have lower net carbon emissions.

Another concern to be aware of *leakage*: storing carbon in one place and emitting carbon somewhere else. If Bob starts heating his house with fuel oil instead of firewood from his land — or buying lumber from forests somewhere else instead of engaging in responsible forest management on his own land — his entry into a carbon program has actually caused *more* carbon to be emitted.

Carbon markets may also be a force for good — promoting more carbon-friendly practices in the woods, providing an economic incentive to keep forests as forests, and giving landowners money that can be reinvested in the responsible stewardship of their forest. But, like timber markets, they aren't inherently good or bad — the benefits of forest carbon markets will depend on the nuances of how they are applied in our forests.

For more information about forest carbon and carbon markets, check out these articles by Ali Kosiba in *Northern Woodlands* magazine: <https://northernwoodlands.org/series/c/forest-carbon>.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation. See what he's been up to, check out his YouTube channel, sign up for his eNews and read articles he's written at <https://linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester>



Vermont is well known for its fall foliage color touring — otherwise known as Leaf Peeping. Not so well known are the matching colors of the insects and flowers. An excursion in September through early October for colorful insect watching is known as "Fall Inverting." You are invited to view the sampling of my Vermont Fall Inverting photos (<https://vtbugeyed.blogspot.com/2023/10/vermont-insects-match-fall-foliage-for.html>) showing blazing colors that at least equal the Vermont fall foliage scenes. Pictured above is a Spiny Shield Bug (*Picromerus bidens*) photographed on Monday, October 9 this year. PHOTO BY BERNIE PAQUETTE

Non-partisan problem solving in VT: "the purple force for good"

From the Vermont Legislative Rural Caucus

The Vermont Legislative Rural Caucus is a tri-partisan caucus of over 50 members of the Vermont House and Senate who collaborate to support Vermont's rural communities and economy. It is intentionally led by three co-chairs who represent different parties: Rep. Lisa Hango (R), Rep. Laura Sibilia (I), and Rep. Katherine Sims (D). Its history goes back at least 20 years in the House.

The Caucus was recently awarded the 2023 Legislative Service Award by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) for serving as a "block of allies for our smallest towns" and for the caucus' work on housing during the most recent legislative session.

The group values civil discourse, local wisdom, and working across party lines for a better future for Vermont. The caucus has been described by the former Commissioner of Forest Parks and Recreation as "the purple force for good" and by the Vermont Chamber as "a power base."

The VLCT Legislative Service Award is given out from time to time to recognize a member of the Vermont General Assembly who, through their service, has best shown an awareness of the issues facing local government and its capacity for self-governance, and through legislative action, has sought to solve those problems, and provide local authority on a statewide basis.

Over the years, the group has worked on expanding access to affordable broadband, ensuring equitable funding for Vermont's rural schools, investments in Vermont's farm and forest economies, and reforms to land use permitting.

Governors and legislative leaders have looked to this group to highlight areas of consensus and concern. Working with Vermont Council on Rural Development, the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, the Vermont Chamber, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Regional Planning Commissions and the Regional Development Corporations and other advocacy organizations, the Caucus seeks to expand information and understand public opinion in search of solutions to rural challenges. The Caucus holds weekly meetings open to the public during the session to coordinate activity and legislation that they are supporting, watching, or opposing. They regularly hold meetings specifically to hear from rural Vermonters and their advocates.

Follow along with the caucus and sign up for the email distribution list at www.vtruralcaucus.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dogs at the Krusch Preserve in Cambridge

To the Editor,

We love dogs. Really.

We are not so fond of owners who do not keep their dogs under control, nor owners who do not clean up after their dogs.

The town's Dog Ordinance of course applies at the town-owned Krusch Preserve. It is very clear:

- owners are required to keep their dogs on leash and under control; and

- owners are required clean up after their dogs, that is, remove their dogs' poop from the preserve.

Spare a thought for the people you meet with your dog. There are plenty of folks who have had frightening experiences with out-of-control dogs. They are understandably very nervous around dogs. Dogs may interpret a person's fear as unpredictability, which can make the dog defensive and therefore more unpredictable.

We know most dogs are indeed friendly most of the time, particularly when they are with people they know. However, no dog is always friendly. When two dogs meet you do not know how things will go. When both dogs are leashed there is a good chance both dogs will stay under control.

When one of the dogs is loose, all bets are off.

See the town's dog ordinance at this link: https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/emergency_services/animal_control.php. Visit the Krusch Preserve website at this link: <https://KruschNaturePreserve.org/>.

Liam Kearney
Jeffersonville

Targeting invasive buckthorn

To the Editor,

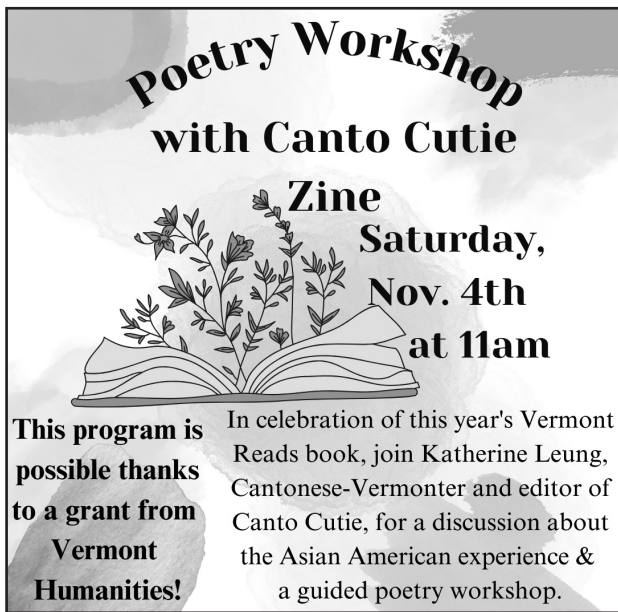
As the leaves fall from native species of trees and bushes, the invasives now stand out, particularly the buckthorn on the road and field edges. Buckthorn is spread as empty calories by deer and birds. It crowds out the native trees.

The fall is the best time to spot it and control it. The YouTube video <https://youtube.com/watch?v=n-p8qRWbs1I&t=37s> shows you how to target it with minimal herbicide application using a "Buckthorn Blaster."

A more-labor and longer method is to cut the bush/tree down to 6-8" above the ground, mark the stump (flag it), and go back during the spring, summer, and fall and trim it to below the new growth. It may take a couple years, but you can eventually dry off the stump. Smaller, single stem trees can just be pulled out by their roots.

Jack Linn
Richmond

LIBRARY NEWS



**Poetry Workshop
with Canto Cutie
Zine
Saturday,
Nov. 4th
at 11am**

This program is possible thanks to a grant from Vermont Humanities! In celebration of this year's Vermont Reads book, join Katherine Leung, Cantonese-Vermont and editor of Canto Cutie, for a discussion about the Asian American experience & a guided poetry workshop.

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Fall hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Sunday: 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

The Deborah Rawson Library Basket Raffle began on Wednesday, November 1 and finishes on Thursday, November 30. Topics covered include: Breakfast Foods, Horses, Movies, Chocolates, Jams & Jellies, Books & Reading, and Coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Connie, 802-899-3034.

The library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday-Friday, November 23-24.

Adult programs

Mondays and Wednesdays (except November 20 and 22), 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Seated Tai Chi. Age Well and DRML are sponsoring Seated Tai Chi for Falls Prevention for those 60+ or those who have limiting conditions who would like to improve their balance, strength, and well-being. We will learn the Sun Style Form and also through mindfulness we will learn ways to reduce stress and tension for you to apply when needed. The form can be adapted to your personal needs so all can participate fully. Join in person at DRML or on Zoom from the comfort of your home. Registration required; please contact Certified Instructor Jo Osborne, joannosborne2@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 1, 5:00 PM: Pumpkin Needle Felting. Join us for some casual needle felting! We will be doing an autumn-themed project by making little woolen pumpkins. Beginners are welcome; we will have community member Edie Bernhardt and library staff member Moth available for assistance and instruction. Thank you to the community members who donated wool roving to make this program happen! Sign up by emailing program_assistant@drml.org.

Thursday, November 2, 5:30 – 7:30 PM & 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Crafters Group. Join us at DRML for a couple of hours of crafting and conversation with your neighbors. All are welcome, beginner to expert, in any craft you can transport. Hope to meet you there! For questions please contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com, or Julie Hehir, 802-343-0034 or juliehhehir@comcast.net.

Saturday, November 4, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM: Poetry Workshop with Canto Cutie, Art and Literature Zine about the Cantonese Diaspora. In celebration of this year's Vermont Reads book *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo, join Katherine Leung, Cantonese-Vermont and editor of Canto Cutie, for a discussion about the Asian American experience through writing followed by a guided poetry workshop. This presentation will start with an overview of Canto Cutie's impact on Asian American independent publishing and be followed by a reading of poems written by Cantonese-American writers from past volumes of Canto Cutie. Afterwards, participants will write their own poems using a simple and interactive format. Participants can share their creations and read aloud from their latest work at the end of the workshop. First ten participants to join will receive a free copy of Canto Cutie.

Sunday, November 5, 2:00 – 3:45 PM: Sunday Music Series:

Mark Rust. DRML invites you to join us for our 24th annual music series; for November, we welcome singer and songwriter Mark Rust! Mark's performance showcases an impressive array of instruments including guitar, banjo, fiddle, mountain dulcimer, as well as some beautifully hypnotic pieces for hammered dulcimer. Please join us in the Fireplace Room for this free concert! Masks are not required, but are highly recommended. If you would prefer to attend this concert virtually, you can do so via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4783097334?pwd=S2Y5bGlxMldDR0dzeUx2c1l5RVlCUT09> (call the library, 802-899-4962, in advance for assistance if needed). If prompted, the Meeting ID is 478 309 7334 and the Passcode is DRML.

Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (or whenever you would like to leave): Cribbage. Underhill/Jericho Cribbage Group meets in the program room at DRML on the first Tuesday of the month. All levels are welcome; we will split up into pairs, singles, and three-hand depending on the turnout. Please bring your own deck and board in case we need them.

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 PM: The Problem of Vermont's Hill Farms: an Underhill Historical Society talk. Vermont historian Dona Brown will explore the issue of the hill farms in Vermont. Vermont was dotted with hundreds of poor hill farms in the 19th century. After the Civil War, the young folks migrated West, and as a result the farms became more run-down. The Vermont Commission on Country Life, created in the 1920s, wanted to erase the "blot" of these poor holdings and replace them with natural forests to improve the look of Vermont, to beautify the state and make it more appealing to tourists. A young politician and hill farmer, George D. Aiken, stepped in in the 1930s to preserve this way of life and to maintain that iconic look of the mowed fields among the mountains.

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 PM: Deborah Rawson Book Lovers. DRML is a monthly adult book discussion group. This month's selection is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. New members are always welcome to drop in on any meeting, which is always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. For more information on how to join, contact Christine@cstaffa.com.

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 PM: Library Board of Trustees meeting, held in-person. A virtual meeting is available for those who wish to remain remote. Please contact Holly (drawsonmemlib@gmail.com) to receive the link.

Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 PM: Mystery Book Group. We will be discussing *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro. If you need a copy, call the library or request a copy on our online catalog using your library card. We meet in person in the Program Room. A Zoom link is available; email Holly, drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com for a link.

Thursday, November 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Crafters Group. Join us at DRML for a couple of hours of crafting and conversation with your neighbors. All are welcome, beginner to expert, in any craft you can transport. Hope to meet you there! For questions please contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com, or Julie Hehir, 802-343-0034 or juliehhehir@comcast.net.

Youth programs**Ongoing**

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM: Baby/Toddler Storytime [birth to PreK] This roughly half hour story time is focused on babies and toddlers. We will play finger games, do lap bounces, sing, dance, and read a story or two. No registration necessary.

Fridays, 11:00 AM: Stories and Songs with Beth and David London [birth to PreK] What makes for a fantastic Friday? Coming to sing, read and play with Beth and David! We hope you can join us to enjoy the fun and meet other parents, caregivers and little ones!

Here is what's going on this month! All programs meet in person at DRML, unless otherwise specified.

Wednesday, November 8, starting at 3:30 PM: Crocus Planting [all ages] Help us plant a bunch of spring blooming crocus bulbs in the garden bed outside the children's room. We will do this rain or shine. If you have a hand trowel, bring it along. A big thank you to Suzanne Frietas for acquiring bulbs and indulging Ms. Abbey's love of crocuses.

Thursdays, November 9 and 30, 3:00 – 5:00 PM: Animation Club [ages 10+] Curious about stop motion animation? The library has all the tools and software needed for you to make your own mini movies. Space is limited, and this is a really popular program so make sure you sign up when you call (802-899-4962) or visit the library, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Tuesday, November 14, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Dinosaur Crafts [all ages] It is Dino-ember and we are going all in on Dinosaurs! Drop in for this craft. We'll have a couple different options to suit kiddoes of any age. No registration necessary.

Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 – 5:00 PM: STEM Kit Petting Zoo [ages 5+] Did you know that the library has a bunch of different STEM kits you can borrow? Whether you knew or didn't know, join us to play around with them right here at the library. You can borrow any kit you like after the program. No registration needed.

Friday, November 17, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: LEGO Club [ages 6+] The holiday makes for only one LEGO club this month, but we are so grateful for it! Join us and build a turkey, a cornucopia, or whatever else you can imagine. Sign up and save your spot when you call (802-899-4962) or visit the library, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 – 11:30 AM: Read to Wyatt [all ages] Get cozy with Wyatt and read a story together. Wyatt is a Bernese Mountain dog trained as a therapy dog. He and Ms. Sue love when you come in and read to him. Please sign up when you call (802-899-4962) or visit the library, or email youth_librarian@drml.org.

Saturday, November 18, starting at 2:00 PM in the gym at JES: Dinoman! [all ages] Boy howdy are we excited to partner with Jericho Elementary School and host Dinoman! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic Era. Bob and Dayna Lisaius have been producing shows for the past 30 years and you can learn more at <https://dinoman.org/dinosaurs/>.

Tuesday, November 21, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Nintendo Switch [ages 10+] It's been a while since we broke out the Nintendo Switch to play games. We hope you can pop in before you head out for the holiday and play some Switch basketball, skateboarding, Mario Kart, or Mario Party. No sign up needed. If there are more than four players we'll take turns. No need to bring your personal switch or controller.

Tuesday, November 28, 3:00 – 4:30 PM: Minecraft Social [ages 8+] Bring your own device, hop on the library WiFi, and play some Minecraft! Play on your own server, or join a friend. Please note that there are two versions of Minecraft and they are not cross compatible. The library does have two tablets with Minecraft loaded for those who want to try out the game. No registration needed.

Please visit drml.org or call 802-899-4962 for the most up-to-date information. Contact information: rawsonlibrary@drml.org; www.drml.org; 802-899-4962.

JERICO TOWN LIBRARY

New hours: Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM; Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. We are completely mask-optional and fully reopened.

Children's events

Wednesdays, November 1, December 6, 10:30 – 11:00 AM: Read with Miss Emma! She is back at Jericho Town Library for the fall (and early winter) months — join us on the first Wednesdays for some Music & Movement. This musical storytime is fun for the whole family but designed for kids aged 0-5. Expect songs, rhymes, scarf dances, and much more! We'll meet outside, weather permitting.

Thursdays, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Storytime Yoga.

Thursdays, 10:30 – 12:00 PM: Playgroup.

Saturdays, 9:00 AM: Baby Storytime, followed by Coffee and Conversation (for the adults).

Don't have a library card yet? Just drop by; getting a library card takes only a minute! We just need some quick contact information from you and you'll be all set, no ID or anything else needed.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram (@[jerichotownlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/jerichotownlibrary)) for regular updates on our programs, services, and collections. 802-899-4686, library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org, www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org.

VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

Tuesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: StoryTime.

Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: CrafterNoon (except October 31).

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:00 AM: Mobile Rural Resource Navigator.

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: StoryTime.

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Jericho Safe Streets narrow travel lane proposal

By Bernie Paquette

I have a safe streets proposal to create a "perspective of narrow roadway" along the 25 mph section of Browns Trace. I am interested in hearing Jericho residents' comments and thoughts on it.

The core of the proposal is for the town to re-paint fog lines (road maintenance) on Browns Trace to make the travel lane narrower — on the entire 25 mph speed zone section — than it is on the 35 mph section. This means the lines would taper to a narrower width once entering the 25 mph zone (and staying so until reaching the 35 mph zone), thus giving drivers a visual cue and constant reminder of the residential 25 mph zone.

Also, re-paint the lines whenever they become faded as they are now.

The narrower lanes can reduce motor vehicle speed, which may reduce total pedestrian crashes. They give more room for bicyclists who ride as far to the right as is safe. They also reduce the lengths of pedestrian crossings.

Data shows that driving at or below 25 mph improves drivers' ability to avoid crashes. Pedestrians struck by vehicles traveling at 25 mph are half as likely to die as those struck at 30 mph. Drivers who exceed the posted speed limit or drive too fast for conditions are involved in nearly one-third of all fatal crashes.

Browns Trace in Jericho is a four-rod right-of-way (66') road. The paved section is 24' wide.

For a narrowing lane example, if the minimum travel lane is 9' then the fog line could be painted at 9' from the center, leaving 3' outside the travel lane. A traffic engineer should be able to state what is the minimum for a travel lane width.

The average car is 5.8' wide. A school bus is 8-9' wide. A semi

truck's maximum width is 8.5' wide.

I understand that government studies have concluded that reduced lane width via painted fog lines ("perspective" narrowing of streets) can be effective in slowing traffic.

The narrower lines could be used in conjunction with digital speed signs, sheriff patrols, and public discussion to communicate our desire for safe streets.

The public has a role to play in clearly setting and educating others on public morality regarding road safety in our community.

The town has the authority if not the responsibility to assist with enforcement and in this case visual reminders of what is socially acceptable regarding driving speeds in our residential and school districts.

References: While there are some statewide standards and national standards that would likely apply to this road, since it is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Jericho they may have other local standards that also need to be met.

"In Vermont, traffic control features such as line striping are governed by the Federal Highways Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The MUTCD provides some guidance ("should") and requirements ("shall") about when to use edge lines. Many of the roads in Jericho are likely below the thresholds in these warrants." — Ian Degutis, PE, PTOE, State Traffic Engineer, VT Agency of Transportation

<http://www.fallschurchva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/302?fileID=8444>

https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dcas/downloads/pdf/fleet/DOT25_Speed_limit_FAQs.pdf

You can also read this proposal at <https://jerichovermont.blogspot.com/2023/10/jericho-safe-streets-narrow-travel-lane.html>.

Addendum (excerpts) by Bernie, after considering some responses to his initial proposal:

I do not think any one proposal is the fix-all to get control of the average speed and create safer streets. But I still believe this narrow street proposal deserves further discussion and perhaps a more in-depth look. If it has been tried in the past, then perhaps we could look at the data (particularly if measurements of effectiveness were collected). Another option offered up by a resident is center islands at the intersections of Browns Trace with Plains and Barber roads.

I think by defaulting on doing nothing we are encouraging more traffic to flow through Browns Trace just as water will flow through the easiest least obstructive path. For example, the more that speed is controlled on say, VT Rt.15, and not on Browns Trace, the more traffic will choose Browns Trace (I think).

Lines or no lines I think we need to drive at a speed that recognizes and seeks to keep safe all users of the road.

Additional traffic calming ideas:

- Establish a Jericho town Traffic Calming working group.

- Collect traffic and speed data: average MPH over the speed limit; percentage of cars traveling over the speed limit by 5%, by 10%, and greater than 10%; crash data (on Browns Trace).

- Develop solution options, Evaluate solution options, determine potential impacts, and collect additional information as necessary.

- Select the recommended option(s). Discuss mitigation of potential impacts. Schedule a public workshop to seek and collect community feedback.

- Determine cost and funding to support implementation.

- Implement projects. Reference: https://nacto.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/DE-Traffic-Calming-Manual_2012.pdf

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Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: Baby Rumble.
 Wednesday, October 25, 4:30 – 6:00 PM: Dungeons and Dragons.

Thursdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM: Coffee and Conversations.

Fridays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Technology and Tea.

Please visit <http://www.varnumlibrary.org> for calendar updates and more detailed information regarding all programs listed.

Hours: closed Sunday-Monday; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Friday-Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, <http://www.varnumlibrary.org>, varnumrequests@gmail.com, 802-644-7112.

WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library hours of operation (meaning come in and browse the shelves, use the computer, grab a DVD, etc.): Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays and Fridays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, no appointments needed. Patrons of all ages are welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you feel you need curbside service, for whatever reason, please email Bree at the library and we can work something out. We want nothing to impede you from using the library.

We have two afterschool opportunities for November: Crafting Club and LEGO Club. Please sign up by email, westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com, by calling 802-878-5639, or stop by the library. These clubs tend to fill up, space is limited. More bus information will be sent to those who sign up.

• Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 PM in November (not November 21): Crafting Club! For grades 3 and up; signup is required. Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week. Snack and all supplies included. We will work on a variety of projects using a variety of mediums — not just coloring. Perfect for kids who are focused on coloring, art, and crafts. Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early.

• Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 PM in November (not November 23): LEGO Club! For grades 1-4; signup required (call or email). Kids will ride the bus (with note from home and EWSD transportation form) to the library each week. Snack included. We will do a combination of free building, building challenges, and have lots of LEGO fun! Space is limited, so plan to attend weekly and sign up early.

Thursdays, November 9, 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: TableTop Game Night. This new group meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Hosted by avid tabletop gamers Bill and Martha McClintock, who will bring games from their extensive home game collection to share with those who come. This is a new group, so we will see how it goes. Please come to make things like this possible. Snacks provided. Bring your own beverages.

Thursdays, 11:30 AM: Storytime. We know the transition from summer to back to school can be tough, going from outside to inside can be different, so we will take it slow and get used to our new format this month. We sing songs, read stories, move

and do crafts! No sign up needed, all ages are welcome.

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Maker Group. Fiber Arts is back as the Maker Group, now open to all makers — whether you knit, crochet, make jewelry, sketch, paint, paper craft, or any other art — or if you are a tinkerer — all are welcome!

We have a new website: www.westfordpubliclibrary.org. Check it out! If you are not seeing something new, make sure to clear your cache. If you bookmarked the old one, make sure to delete that and bookmark the new one.

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month (November 1, December 6), 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday (November 17, December 16), 8:00 – 9:00 AM. With increased openings, they need more inventory! The Westford Public Library has food collection bins at all curbside pickups from now on. These bins are for non-perishable food and household items.

Find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/WestfordVTpl). Bree Drapa, Librarian. 802-878-5639; www.westfordpubliclibrary.org; westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Please sign up at least one week before the program date; all events free unless noted. Please contact libraryfairfax@gmail.com or 802-849-2420 to register for events!

For up-to-date information about programs, visit our website www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar.

Youth events

Tuesday, November 7, 3:00 PM: LEGO Club. Kids ages 6+ enjoy themed LEGO play after school. Please register.

Tuesdays, November 7 & 21 5:30 PM: D&D Club. Dragons! Danger! Dice! The library is now hosting a middle school D&D club. Join our DM Nic and create a character to take on exciting magical adventures! No prior Dungeons and Dragons knowledge is necessary, and players of all experience levels are welcome. Materials provided. Grades 5-8. Club meets every other Tuesday from November 7 onwards. Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00 PM: Yarn Art. Use yarn instead of paint to create a beautiful, textured work of art! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time. Join us for stories and songs! Children's books will be available to check out as well. Before you leave, pick up an activity to make at home!

Wednesday, November 15, 3:00 PM: 3-D Dino Puzzles. It's Dinovember! Unlock your inner paleontologist and reconstruct some dinosaur skeletons! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesday, November 22, 3:00 PM: Shaving Cream Art. Create lovely swirly designs with just shaving cream and food coloring! Materials provided. Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 PM: Mini DIY Artbook. Make a miniature book to fill with whatever art or writing you please! Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Adult events

Saturday, November 25, 11:30 AM: Canva 101. Canva is a great resource for designing personalized cards, posters, and other graphics, but it can be a bit daunting for new users. Join Elizabeth LaRosa at the library for a basic crash course on how to get started with Canva, and a step-by-step walkthrough of how to design your own greeting card. If you would like to follow along, the library does have a few laptops to loan, but bringing your own is recommended! No registration required.

Thursday, November 30, 4:00 PM: Library Book Club. The book this month is currently TBD. Book club will meet in the library. A Zoom link will be available for anyone who wants to attend remotely. If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, or request the Zoom link, please contact the library at libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call us at 802-849-2420. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, November 7, 14, 21 & 28, 5:30 PM: Mandarin Club with Keyuan Xiang. Interested in learning Mandarin, or just want to know more about Chinese culture? Join Keyuan Xiang at the library for lessons! You don't need to come to each club meeting, but registration is required for the day or days you would like to attend. Please email libraryfairfax@gmail.com or call 802-849-2420 to register!

Family events

Thursday, November 16, 4:00 PM: Dinoman! Dinosaur tracks lead right to your school! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? This program is fun and informative for all ages! No registration required.

Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Fridays, 4:15 PM); Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM; and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

For up-to-date info about programs, visit our website www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org, where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar. 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax; 802-849-2420.

RICHMOND LIBRARY

Trustees meetings are on the second Monday of the month via Zoom until further notice.

The Friends of Richmond Free Library will hold this year's book sale on Friday, December 1, 5:30 – 8:30 PM, and Saturday, December 2, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The bag sale will start at 2:00 PM on Saturday — all you can fit in a bag for one set price. In anticipation of the Friends sale, the Library will accept donations through Friday, November 17 (the Friday before Thanksgiving). Please bring one box at a time to the Circulation Desk on the first

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



The 2023 Deer Season Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the VT Fish and Wildlife Department's website at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Hunt/hunting%20guides/2023-VERMONT-DEER-SEASON-GUIDE.pdf>. The guide includes a more detailed map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) than is shown above, season dates, regulations, and other helpful information. "I am urging all hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick.

PHOTO FROM VT FISH & WILDLIFE WEBSITE

Vermont's regular deer season starts November 11

Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day regular deer season that begins Saturday, November 11 and ends Sunday, November 26.

A hunter may take one legal buck during this season if they

did not already take one during the archery deer season. The definition of a legal buck depends on the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU). A map of the WMUs is on pages 22-23 of the 2023 Vermont Hunting & Trapping Guide available from license agents statewide.

In WMUs C, D1, D2, E1, E2, G, I, L, M, P, and Q a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler three inches or more in length. In WMUs A, B, F1, F2, H, J1, J2, K, N, and O a legal buck is any deer with at least one antler with two or more antler points one inch in length or longer.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in western regions of the state and other valley areas," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife's deer biologist Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer more of a big woods experience with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont hunting licenses include a buck tag for this season and a late season bear tag (for November 11-19), cost \$28 for residents and \$102 for non-residents. Hunters under 18 years of age get a break at \$8 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. Licenses are available on Fish and Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide.

"I am urging all hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record," said Vermont Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Christopher Herrick.

A 2023 Deer Season Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/sites/fishandwildlife/files/documents/Hunt/hunting%20guides/2023-VERMONT-DEER-SEASON-GUIDE.pdf>. The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Hunters are required to report deer in person at a big game reporting station during the regular season. Online reporting will not be available. This requirement allows biologists to collect important information from as many deer as possible.

Hunters who get a deer on Saturday, November 11 or Sunday, November 12 can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations listed below, which will be staffed from 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM unless the store closes earlier: Lost Nation Guns & Ammo – Swanton; West Enosburg Country Store – Enosburg Falls; Wright's Sport Shop – Derby; Bob's Quick Stop – Irasburg; Lead & Tackle – Lyndonville; R&L Archery – Barre; Village Grocery & Deli – Waitsfield; Rack N Reel – New Haven; Keith's Country Store – Pittsford; Singleton's Store – Proctorsville; Buck Stop Mini Mart – Bennington; Guilford Country Store – Guilford.

Hunters who do not go to a biological reporting station are asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent. Each tooth will be cross sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish and Wildlife website next spring.

Veterans invited to share stories at Vets Town Halls in November

Vets Town Hall, a Vermont-based nonprofit that aims to increase understanding between veterans and civilians, is partnering with local organizations to host five events throughout the state in early November. At each Vets Town Hall — in Bradford, Brattleboro, Colchester, Rutland, and South Royalton — veterans are invited to speak for up to ten minutes each about what their service means to them. Non-veterans are encouraged to attend and listen. These events are free and nonpolitical, and all perspectives are valued.

"Having an opportunity to gather with community members assists with the reintegration process and makes it possible for us to move beyond a narrative of conflict by honoring and sharing our stories," says Jon Turner, Vets Town Hall board member and emcee at the Colchester location. "Attending these gatherings is a reminder of the community we wish to embrace after military service."

Vets Town Halls were originated by author Sebastian Junger (*War, Tribe*), who partnered with Seth Moulton on the first such event in Marblehead, MA in 2015. For several years after, events took place throughout the country, but without a centralized way for people to learn more about them. One of those early events — and the first of its kind in Vermont — was the November 2017 Burlington Vets Town Hall spearheaded by local event planner Kristen Eaton. Vets Town Halls have continued annually in Vermont (with a break in 2020 due to the pandemic).

Eaton, who is not a veteran herself, emphasizes that all are encouraged to attend these events, regardless of whether they've served: "There's something profound about listening without judgment or interruption, and that's a very real way to show up for our community members who are veterans. Vets Town Halls offer non-veterans an opportunity to gain a more nuanced understanding of the experiences of those who have served in the military."

In 2022, Junger, along with Turner and Eaton, formed the nonprofit Vets Town Hall with the aim of establishing these events in every state — and eventually in every community — in the U.S. Nationally, Vets Town Hall provides resources and consultations on best practices to those interested in starting events. Here in Vermont, the nonprofit is more hands-on, directly facilitating some events, and helping with publicity and outreach for all in-state Vets Town Halls.

This year's program of Vets Town Halls is the most expansive the state has seen, and partners include emcees Kyle Aines, Marty McMahon, Tristram Johnson, and Jon Turner; venue sponsors American Legion Post 5, the Godnick Adult Center, Saint Michael's College Military Community Services and Student Veterans Association, and Vermont Law School; local event organizers Sean Braunstein and the American Legion Post 5 Tuesday Coffee Hour; food donors Meals on Wheels and Cabot Creamery Cooperative; the Vermont Veterans Outreach Program; Community College of Vermont; and others. These events are supported in part by Vermont Humanities.

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floor for staff members to review. Materials must be in good and clean condition. We accept hardcovers with intact book jackets, paperbacks, CDs and DVDs. We do NOT accept magazines, textbooks, condensed books, VHS or cassette tapes, software discs, encyclopedias or dictionaries or out-of-date non-fiction items. We will return to you items we can't use.

Adult events

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 PM: What Happens to Vermont's Recycling? Kat Moody from CWSD joins us to talk about what really happens to the recyclables they process. Does recycling actually do anything? Where do those cardboard boxes go? What's tossed out? No registration required. All ages are welcome.

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 PM: Climate Action Book Discussion. Join Richmond Climate Action Committee to discuss *The Nutmeg's Curse* by Amitav Ghosh. The Nutmeg's Curse frames climate change and the Anthropocene as the culmination of a history that begins with the discovery of the New World and of the sea route to the Indian Ocean. Ghosh makes the case that the political dynamics of climate change today are rooted in the centuries-old geopolitical order that was constructed by Western colonialism. This argument is set within a broader narrative about human entanglements with botanical matter — spices, tea, sugarcane, opium, and fossil fuels — and the continuities that bind human history with these earthly materials. Copies are available to pick up at the library.

Children's events

Tuesdays, through November 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: LEGO Club (four-week session). We have loads of Legos. Periodically we offer multi-week sessions of after-school Lego Club. LEGO enthusiasts work together or separately to build amazing projects. No registration is necessary, just come play!

Vox Books are books that talk. More specifically, they are high-quality children's picture books with a built-in audio device that reads the story page by page offering encouraging "beeps" along the way to signal to a child when to turn the page. The controls are simple enough for a small child to understand. Kids love them! Thank you to the Williston-Richmond Rotary Club for funding the purchase of eight new VOX books for our growing collection. Come check them out.

Children's ongoing programs

Weekly programs at the Library run from September-May and follow the MMUUSD schedule for vacation days and weather closure days.

Mondays, 10:30 AM: Baby Laptime This short, active storytime is for our youngest little book lovers and their grownups. We'll look at picture books, sing simple songs, do some rhyming and bouncing and sometimes get out the shakers and scarves. This program is designed for infants and early toddlers.

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Storytime/Playgroup. The good times kick off with stories and action songs in the Library Community Room and then the toys come out for free play with friends new and old. Co-sponsored by the Library and the Lund Center. Kids infant through five years and their grownups are invited to join the fun.

Third Saturday of each month (November 18, December 16)

through May, 10:30 AM: Hora del Cuento (Spanish Storytime) Join native Spanish speakers, Chichi and Eva for 30 minutes of picture book stories and rhymes. This program is a great introduction to Spanish for young children and a nice way for parents of older children placed in the Spanish Immersion Program to hear the language. Join us in the Community Room.

Library hours: open for in-person browsing and pick-up at the circulation desk on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Contact us at 802-434-3036 (leave a message after hours) or rfl@gmavt.net.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 802-434-3036; fax 802-434-3223; <http://richmondfreelibraryvt.org>.

BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

Contact us at frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org or 802-878-6955.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Contact Main Desk 802-878-6955, Youth Desk 802-878-6956, Reference Desk 802-878-6957, or frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org.

ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Closed Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day. Also closed Thursday-Friday, November 23-24 for Thanksgiving.

Free Covid test kits are available for pickup in the library lobby while supplies last. No need to reserve! Up to four kits per person. No library card needed. Free gun locks, too.

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Cozy Nook Craft Fair & Bake Sale. Held at the Library and Memorial Hall. Original art, prints, knits, jewelry, cards, unique gifts, and more! Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Essex Free Library.

Wednesday, November 29, 10:00 – 11:00 AM: PhotoVoice Gallery Opening. Photographers from Maple Ridge Lodge and Memory Care will be displaying their work. Maple Ridge staff will provide a brief introduction to the PhotoVoice project. Light refreshments will be provided. Photos will be on display through mid-December.

Now through January 6, 2024: The Giving Season. The Library is collecting diapers (size 4, 5, 6), wipes, shampoo, and toothpaste for Aunt Dot's. If you can, please support this important community resource and the people who depend upon it! Thanks!

New magazines: *Car and Driver*, *Kiplinger Personal Finance*, *Men's Health*, *Northern Woodlands*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Rolling Stone*, *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, and *Writer's Digest*.

Children's events

Tuesday, November 21, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Afterschool Rock Painting with Laurel Clark. For children and families. We encourage you to bring rocks, but there will be some available. Paint provided; you bring the creativity!

Ongoing

Exploration Station; see the blue table for this week's challenge.

Mondays, 11:00 AM: Musical Mondays with Miss Noreen. Rock'n read with Miss Noreen!

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM: Storytime with Ms. Emily. Stories and songs for young patrons.

Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM: LEGO Club. Come and check out our great collection of LEGOs! No pre-registration necessary. Best for ages 9 and up, or 6 and up with an adult helper.

Fridays: Grab'n'Go Craft Kits, while supplies last.

Storywalk ® along the back garden fence.

Adult events

Thursday, November 2, 12:00 – 1:00 PM: Noontime Book Group (November). *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James. A rare meeting of literary genius: P. D. James, long among the most admired mystery writers of our time, draws the characters of Jane Austen's beloved novel *Pride and Prejudice* into a tale of murder and emotional mayhem.

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Come Write-In! For adults and young adults. Celebrate *NaNoWriMo* by joining our write-in! Bring your laptop or notebook, set your creativity loose, and settle in for some quality writing time! Coffee and hot chocolate available.

Monday, November 13, available while supplies last: Noreen's Creative Card Kits. For adults. Makes two cards.

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 – 7:00 PM: Zentangle with Julia Davenport. For adults only. This art form welcomes slowing down, taking your time, and seeing what happens. No prior art experience required. Limited space available. Sign up on the website.

Friday, November 17, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Labor on Location by the VT Department of Labor. Career resources, job search support, business services — check out how the DoL can help you! No sign-up required.

Tuesday, November 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM: Rock Painting with Laurel Clark. For adults. Enjoy a "crafternoon!" We encourage you to bring rocks, but there will be some available. Paint provided; you bring the creativity! Limited space available. Sign up on the website.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM: Tech Time. Drop in with your device and your questions. We'll do our best to answer them! No appointment needed.

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Drop-In Needlecraft Group. Enjoy chatting with other crafters as you work on your project.

Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Hand and Foot Canasta.

Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Rummikub for Adults.

Museum Passes are available for year 'round fun! State Parks, ECHO, Shelburne Museum and more! <http://Essexfreelibrary.org/MuseumPasses>.

Digital resources: <https://essexfreelibrary.org/DigitalResources>

Social media: check us out on Facebook & Instagram for updates on events!

Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex; 802-879-0313; @essexfreelibrary; website <https://www.essexfreelibrary.org/>.

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Veterans who would like to speak at this November's events can indicate that when registering, or reach out to event organizers. Time permitting, veterans are also welcome to sign up to speak during the events themselves. RSVPs, at vivetstownhall.org, are only required for meals, but are encouraged for all attendees. Questions may be directed to Kristen Eaton at vermont@vetstownhall.org.

"Support of our military does not start with a 'support the troops' bumper sticker and culminate with grilled chicken on Memorial Day weekend," says Rutland Vets Town Hall emcee Kyle Aines. "As military members struggle to reintegrate back into society, it is imperative that society have a clear understanding of what they are transitioning from. The Vets Town Hall is that bridge and connection."

Legislative Breakfast preview: tell us your priorities

By Pat Ripley, LEDC

Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the Lamoille Chamber of Commerce invite you to join us for an important discussion exploring issues that are expected to impact businesses in the upcoming 2024 Vermont Legislative Session. The discussion will be held Thursday, November 9 at the nGreen Mountain Tech & Career Center, VT Rt. 15, Hyde Park, 8:00 – 9:30 AM. A light breakfast and coffee will be served. Registration (online at <https://lamoillelegislativepreview.eventbrite.com>) is required prior to the event.

In preparation for our upcoming Legislative Breakfast Series starting in January, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's experienced team of legislative experts and business advocates will present a dynamic and informative discussion, delving into the critical Vermont business agenda heading into the next legislative session. The team will cover policy opportunities and pressures expected in the upcoming session that will directly impact local businesses in Vermont.

Time will be dedicated for attendees to engage with speakers, ask questions, and gain personalized insights on how they can navigate legislative engagement and advocacy on the issues that matter most to them.

This is also an opportunity for attendees to let our business lobbying team know what their specific policy concerns are so that business advocates can better understand Lamoille County's policy concerns and include them in the business agenda for the 2024 Legislative Session.

The preview session will be followed by monthly Legislative Breakfasts as the 2024 legislative session unfolds, starting in January. These breakfasts will all include a light breakfast and an opportunity to speak with local lawmakers as they decide how to proceed with various legislative items. We hope to see you there!

Emerge Vermont announces candidate training for local office

Emerge Vermont, the state's organization for recruiting and training Democratic women to run for office, today announced an upcoming date in Essex Junction for its training program for women interested in running for local office: 1:00 – 5:00 PM in Essex Junction on November 18.

Registration is open for the session and additional locations and dates will be added soon. The cost of participation is \$35 per person. Those interested can learn more at <https://vt.emergeamerica.org/emerge-vermont-local/>.

Emerge Vermont Local (<https://vt.emergeamerica.org/events/emerge-vermont-local/>) is a half-day training that provides skills and tools to enable Democratic women to run successful campaigns for school boards, selectboards, city councils, and village trustee boards on Town Meeting Day.

"Fewer than a third of selectboard members in Vermont are women. This training will help improve women's representation in local government," said Elaine Haney, executive director of Emerge Vermont. "Our selectboards and school boards are the connection between our communities and the decision making that affects our daily lives. But with so few women serving on these boards, it's clear we need better representation at the tables of local government."

The training will focus specifically on campaigning locally. Participants will develop practical knowledge in areas such as voter contact, messaging, fundraising, campaign strategy, and others.

Emerge Vermont Local is different from the organization's more comprehensive candidate training program. "Local elections typically involve fewer registered voters and smaller geographic areas than legislative campaigns. They generally occur on Town Meeting Day each spring, and so the campaign season is also relatively short and requires less fundraising," Haney explained. "The Emerge Vermont Local program will offer campaign training suited to the comparatively smaller local election cycle."

Seasonal news from CSWD

From Chittenden Solid Waste District

CSWD's Winter Webinar Series kicks off with Kitchen Hacks for Chopping Food Waste on Wednesday, November 1, 6:00 PM. Learn various tips and tricks for keeping ingredients fresh longer, creative cooking, and using leftovers to make delicious dishes. Sign up online at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6leyGMGTXSN9EzwpCftPg#/registration.

Seasonal leaf drop-off dates: CSWD will host our annual Leaf Acceptance Days on Sundays, November 12 and 19, at the following locations only: CSWD Drop-Off Center (South Burlington), 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM; CSWD Drop-Off Center (Essex), 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM; CSWD Organics Recycling Facility (Williston), 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM. For more details about what you can bring, go online to <https://cswd.net/community-announcements/leaves/>.

Exciting changes at our Organics Recycling Facility (home of Green Mountain Compost): residential food scrap drop-off is back! Come visit us and drop-off your food scraps for no fee. We accept up to 30 gallons of food scraps per visit. We've also added a new parking area for residential food scrap drop-off. Branches, brush, small logs, and other natural wood items are now accepted for no fee. These items can be mixed in with leaves, grass, and garden trimmings — you no longer need to separate your materials. Now open at 7:30 AM and on Saturdays: drop-off your yard waste and food scraps early during the week or on Saturdays. New entrance for more efficient drop-off: we've added a new entry gate, approach, and dedicated lanes for a better and safer on-site experience. Expanded yard waste drop-off area for better maneuvering.

United Way volunteer opportunities

GET CONNECTED TO VOLUNTEERING — United Way's Volunteer Connection site is set up to help connect agencies and volunteers. Agencies are working hard to navigate volunteering during this time, but opportunities are increasing. Go online to the Volunteer Connection (<https://unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com/>) to learn more about these and other opportunities.

SCIENCE BUFFS SPECIAL – ECHO Leahy Center for Lake Champlain is seeking STEM Activity Facilitators, age 16 and older, to guide guests through hands-on problem-solving activities by asking questions and encouraging guests to think like engineers. Facilitators help guests explore the Engineering Design and Scientific Processes and empower them to solve problems and think like scientists and engineers. Facilitators should have enthusiasm for science and museums and an excitement for interacting with the public, including children and their caregivers. A minimum four-month commitment with at least one three-hour shift a week. Volunteers receive free admission to ECHO and a discount at the ECHO gift shop. Contact volunteer@echovermont.org.

HELPING HANDS – HANDS (Helping And Nurturing Diverse Seniors) is preparing for the holiday season which will provide at least 1500 Chittenden County seniors with *Season's Eatings*, including grocery gift cards and a food resource list. Volunteers are needed to call seniors to confirm mailing addresses during the month of November. Training will be provided. Contact Jess Hyman, 802-598-3139 or jessicahyman@gmail.com.

ADDRESSING HUNGER – Feeding Chittenden is looking for volunteers to help stock shelves, fridges, and freezers for the Grocery Distribution Program, prepare and serve breakfast and lunch for the Hot Meal Program, help clients sign in to receive groceries, unload and record food donations as they are delivered, and more. Contact Ansley Laev, 802-829-5797 or alaev@cvoeo.org.

LET'S DO LUNCH – COTS Daystation looking for volunteers to provide lunch to guests at its North Ave., Burlington location. Volunteers may use Daystation kitchen to heat up or assemble meals or cookout on the patio. Contact romyt@cotsonline.org.

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Chittenden Solid Waste District



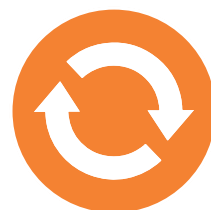
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We Can Take It!



CSWD offers convenient drop-off locations for trash, recycling, food scraps, and special materials like batteries and appliances.

You'll be surprised by all the things we can help you keep out of the landfill!



www.cswd.net

NOW OPEN Tuesday – Saturday in Essex, Milton, South Burlington & Williston from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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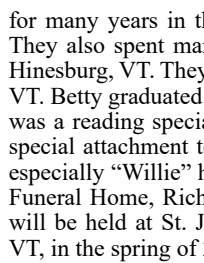
Barbara S Mayotte, 91, of Fletcher, VT passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2023 following a brief illness, in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family. Born in Fletcher, VT on September 3, 1932 to Raynold and Marguerita (Tinker) Sweet, Barb lived her entire life in Fletcher. Upon graduation from BFA Fairfax, Class of 1950, Barb worked at TJ McGovern Stores in Cambridge, VT from 1950-1959. While working at McGovern's Store, she met David. They were married in October 1959 and spent 64 years together, raising a family and running their two businesses together. They operated a Jersey dairy farm from 1959-1997. After that they continued working side by side and ran a very successful business selling maple sugaring equipment and supplies, until retiring in 2013. Barb leaves behind her husband David; son Richard Mayotte and Sandy of Fletcher; daughter Debbie Davis and Dave of Underhill, VT; two granddaughters: Anna Gabaree and Kyle of Fletcher; Colleen Butler and Kohlton of Underhill; three great-granddaughters: Maya and McKenzie Gabaree of Fletcher, and Marina Butler of Underhill; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was predeceased by her parents; brother and sister-in-law Ernest and Catherine Sweet; and nephew Robert Sweet. Barb loved to watch the many varieties of birds that would come to her feeders all throughout the year, taking beautiful pictures of them. She loved being outside and taking care of her flowers, and mowing her lawn. She spent many hours on her lawnmower every summer, including last summer at the age of 90. Barb was incredibly proud of her family and treasured the times when the family was together. She had many fond memories of taking Anna and Colleen on special summer vacations when they were young, teaching them so many of life's lessons along the way. She and David attended countless softball games for them both, giving their support and encouragement. Special times with Maya and Mckenzie were spent after school when they got off the bus at her house, and she often had a special task or project she would engage them in, passing along her patience and guidance to them also. She got to enjoy nearly the entire first year of Marina's life, watching her grow, and always had a big big smile when Marina was in her lap. She taught all of us the true meaning of love and kindness, and had a gentleness that we will treasure forever. The family would like to express a very special sincere thank you to close family friend Nancy Cardinal for her care and support during Barb's final days. Also to Franklin County Home Health. Per Barb's wishes, services will be private for immediate family. In Barb's memory, contributions may be made to the Binghamville United Methodist Church in Fletcher, and can be sent to Charles Tinker, 629 Fairfax Rd., Cambridge, VT 05444. Please visit <https://awrichfuneralhomes.com/book-of-memories/5308711/Mayotte-Barbara/index.php> to share your memories and condolences.



Gertrude Lillian Hunt of Jericho, VT peacefully passed away at home on Monday, October 16, 2023 with family by her side. Gert was born on July 27, 1937 in Burlington, VT to Albert and Dorothy Hunt. She grew up in Jericho on the family farm where she continued to live for all of her 86 years. Gert graduated from Jericho High School and the Sheldon Academy of Beauty Culture. She owned and operated Gert's Beauty Shop, an integral part of the Jericho/Underhill community, for the last 64 years. Gert was a member of the Jericho Congregational Church, singing in the choir for many years. Gert was well known for her pie making skills. Her delicious pies were a part of many holiday feasts. She supplied Chapin's Orchards with her

homemade pies for 22 years. In 1998, she married Ruben Canepa and together they enjoyed trips to Mexico. Gert was proud of her Vermont heritage and was a great example of living "Vermont Strong," with a strong work ethic, sense of independence, and treating others kindly. Gert liked to say she lived by the lyrics, "I did it my way." Highlights of her life include being honored as the Parade Marshall for the Underhill Harvest Market, being recognized as a WCAX Super Senior, and being filmed for the Nat Geo Wild television network. She enjoyed listening to music, singing, dancing, gardening, and observing nature; especially her bird, sometimes bear, feeders. Gert was an avid UVM men's basketball fan. "Go Cats Go!" Gert is survived by Joan and Tom Flaraty of Milford, CT (niece), Linda and Bill Vigor of West Haven, CT (niece), Jill Hunt of Winooski (niece), Brenda Hunt of Colchester (niece), Lori and Tom Cook of Florence, AZ (niece), cousins, numerous great-nieces and -nephews, and many special friends and neighbors. Gert was predeceased by Albert and Dorothy Hunt (parents), Carlyle and Ruth Hunt (brother and sister-in-law), Betty and Al Stygles (sister and brother-in-law), Sandra and Ray Menard (niece), Brian Hunt (nephew), Levi Murray (longtime partner), and Ruben Canepa (husband). She will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of those she leaves behind. Following Gert's wishes, there will be no viewing. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM at the Jericho Congregational Church in Jericho Center, VT. A private family burial will follow. For those wishing to make a donation, Gert had selected the Humane Society of Chittenden County, 142 Kindness Court, S. Burlington, VT 05403. We encourage you to celebrate Gert's life with a slice of pie, a piece of Snowflake chocolate, and/or a maple creemee. The world is a better place because of the life of Gertrude Hunt.

Betty Anne Wright died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, October 8, 2023. She was 97 years old. She was born Sunday, February 14, 1926 in Little Neck, NY to Ethel and Nicholas Howlett. She was predeceased by her husband Jack C. Wright and son Christopher. Betty leaves her loving children, Sue-anne Cantamessa of TX, Gayle Bress and her husband Bill of SC, Maureen Moskowitz and her husband Ted of CT, and Michael Francis Wright of CT. Betty also leaves her grandchildren Derek Cantamessa, Meghan Westwood, Alyson Maldonado, Karyn Haas, Maura Kate Marcks, Michael Moskowitz, and Charlotte Snetro, and many beloved great-grandchildren. Betty and Jack lived for many years in the log cabin of their dreams in Essex, VT. They also spent many wonderful summers at Lake Iroquois in Hinesburg, VT. They attended St. Michael's parish in Colchester, VT. Betty graduated from Fordham University and CWPost. She was a reading specialist and teacher for many years who had a special attachment to her students. Betty loved all her animals, especially "Willie" her cat. Funeral arrangements are by Gifford Funeral Home, Richmond. The mass celebration of Betty's life will be held at St. Jude Roman Catholic Church in Hinesburg, VT, in the spring of 2024.



It is with great sorrow that the Giroux and Dattilio families announce that **Bonnie Ann Dattilio** passed from this world at home on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 10:15 PM after a courageous battle with breast cancer, and has made the passage back to her home with the angels. Bonnie was born on May 8, 1963 in Burlington, VT. She was predeceased by her mother Constance (O'Brien) Dattilio, father Vincent Dattilio, and sister Debbie Dattilio. With the closing of Brandon Training School in 1993, it was a true godsend that

Bonnie was welcomed into the home and family of Alice and Bob Giroux of Westford in 1992. The Giroux chose Bonnie to become part of their beautiful blended family, and she became their "sweet little girl." Alice provided Bonnie with the love and exceptional care that enabled her to thrive and beat the odds by surviving to be 60 years old — despite being burdened with cerebral palsy, blindness, and several other disabilities. Bonnie is survived by many brothers and sisters from both families, as well as aunts, uncles and cousins. The Dattilio family would like to thank the Giroux family, and especially Alice, for taking such great care of Bonnie for over 30 years. We believe Bonnie lived as long as she did because of the love and care from Alice — she is truly an angel on Earth. There was a graveside service at Resurrection Park in S. Burlington, VT on Friday, October 20, 2023. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity in Bonnie's name. Please visit <https://awrichfuneralhomes.com/book-of-memories/5308244/Dattilio-Bonnie/index.php> to share your memories.



Robert A. Lemnah passed away peacefully on Monday, October 2, 2023 at McClure Miller Respite House in Colchester, VT. He will be missed every day. Now of clear mind and a freed soul, for that we are grateful. Bob was born on January 5, 1937 in St. Albans, VT to Clarence and Etta (Erwin) Lemnah. He was predeceased by a daughter, Jennifer; brothers, Ronald, Fay and his wife Sue, Harold and his first wife Lucille, and Richard and his wife Marlys. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sandra (Blaisdell) Lemnah; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Stephen Hu of Jericho, VT; grandchildren Bryon and Meredith Hu; brother and sisters-in-law, Reba Lemnah (Harold), Patricia Ross, Deborah and Alan Grandshaw, Lois Blaisdell; and by many nieces and nephews. Bob served in the Army, three years active duty and six years in the Reserves, and was a member of the 40th Army Band for 28 years. He was one of the original members of the Vermont Jazz Ensemble. He also played the drums with several small local bands. He had an undeniable rhythm and enjoyed sharing his talent. Playing drums was his passion. He graduated from Champlain College in 1965 with a degree in accounting. He was in public accounting until he moved to IBM, and retired after 23 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Burlington, VT for 50 years until they moved to Jericho and joined the Jericho United Methodist Church. Bob was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and was a 33rd Degree Mason. A Celebration of Life was held at the Jericho United Methodist Church on October 25, 2023. Burial will be at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the McClure Miller Respite House, 3113 Roosevelt Highway, Colchester, VT 05446, or to The Alzheimers Association, Vermont Chapter, 73 Talcott Rd. Suite 40, Williston, VT 05495.



June Evelyn Carew passed away early Wednesday morning, October 4, 2023 at the age of 81, surrounded by family. June was the third-oldest of six children, born on August 5, 1942 to John Dowse and Leta Gaudette in Groveton, NH. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers; her loving husband, James Carew Senior; and her youngest daughter, Jean Nadeau. She is survived by her eldest children, Kim Davis and James Carew Junior, his wife Kathleen Carew (Valyou); eight grandchildren: Kyle Riley, Jayne Riley, Dylan Davis, Alec Carew, Kayla Bister, Amber Nadeau, Rodney Nadeau, and

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VTrans project updates

October 19, 2023
Williston Intersection Project — U.S. Rt. 2 and Industrial Avenue
 Project type: Installation of new drainage improvements and full-depth reconstruction.
 Location: U.S. Rt. 2 & Industrial Avenue intersection

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Traffic impact: Minimal impact on the traveling motorists with possible lane shifts within the work areas. Please follow the posted speed limits!
 Construction update: Worked on various punch-list items.
 Construction activities: here is the anticipated work schedule for the week that began October 23, Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM:
 • Complete various punch-list items throughout the project in anticipation of finalizing the project.
 Projected completion: Fall 2023

Richmond – U.S. Rt. 2 Bridge #29 Replacement
 Project type: complete bridge replacement
 Traffic impact:
 • U.S. Rt. 2: Traffic control will be present allowing for one-lane of alternating travel.
 • Monday-Friday: on I-89 motorists may encounter a lane closure for both southbound and northbound travel from 5:30 AM – 3:00 PM, and the southbound and northbound right shoulders will be closed all within the project.
 Please use caution and follow the posted speed limits!
 Project update: Placed reinforcing steel on I-89 median pier cap; continued support of excavation wall for Abutment #2; installed drainage pipes on the west end of the project; formed and placed concrete for Abutment #1 backwall.
 Construction activities: The following is the anticipated work schedule for the week that began Monday, October 23, Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM:
 • Place concrete for the I-89 pier cap in median;
 • Backfill around Abutment #1;
 • Continue support of excavation wall for Abutment #2;
 • Continue installing drainage pipes on the west end of the project;
 • Fine grade and pave base on new U.S. Rt. 2 roadway on the west side of the bridge.
 Completion date: September 2025

Richmond-Bolton - U.S. Rt. 2 Rehabilitation
 Traffic impact: Traffic Control with one-lane of alternating travel throughout various areas. Motorists can expect moderate to extended traffic delays during all working hours. Please slow down and follow the posted speed limits.
 Project update: Completed the installation of shoulder material,

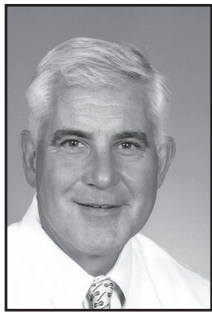
centerline rumble strip and final mainline pavement markings throughout the project; Upgraded the drainage along the roadway near Riverview Cemetery; Completed the ditch and slope repair between Lemroy Court and the I-89 Exit 11 interchange.
 Construction activities: The following is the anticipated work schedule for the week that began October 22:
 Sunday-Friday, 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM:
 • Begin forming the curb along the base of the slope near Riverview Cemetery.
 Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM:
 • Weather permitting, continue paving driveway tie-ins between Lemroy Court and the eastern end of the project.
 • Set concrete curb near Riverview Cemetery.
 Please email sbarrett@coibsync.com, reference US-2 Richmond, if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.
 Completion date: July 2024

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From the VT Department for Children and Families
 Over the years, work at Vermont Family Services has evolved immensely. The thinking here in Vermont and across the nation used to be that the only way to ensure child safety was to remove the child from the home. Over a number of years, that thinking has changed — here in Vermont and across the country.
 We know that removing a child from their family is traumatic — for the child, for the family, and everyone involved. These days, our goals are to keep children with their family when at all possible.
 We know life can be challenging as families face a variety of stressors, that can affect any one of us at any time. In our communities, there is a network of support services for parents, children, and families to help them address whatever issues they are facing. We encourage people to seek out these services. We want to set each family up for success. And we know that family and success are as uniquely defined as each of us are.
 For more information about the Family Services Division visit <https://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd>.

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Heather Nadeau; and two great-grandchildren, Jean Young and Kaleb Nadeau. June, known as "Nanny" to many, had a wonderful life. She grew up in Massachusetts and moved to Vermont with her husband and kids in 1976. June worked at Digital Equipment Corporation in S. Burlington, VT for multiple years. After the company closed, she opened an in-home daycare. June was deeply loved by the families she cared for. She was cherished by all who knew her, and her love, humor, and kindness touched countless lives. She will be forever missed and remembered with immense love. Visiting hours were held at the Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home in Essex, VT on Saturday, October 14, 2023, followed by a short service. Directly after the service, she was buried in the Saint Thomas Cemetery in Underhill, VT.



On Friday, October 13, 2023 after a glorious day visiting with his family, **Wayne Roberts** of Jeffersonville, VT and Fort Myers, FL passed away at his home in the arms of his wife and love of his life. He was 79 years old. Wayne was born on February 25, 1944, in Boston, MA, to Phyllis Stockwell and Arthur William Roberts. They eventually settled in Lexington, MA, and spent summers at their home in Jeffersonville, VT. He graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA and later from Babson College in Boston in 1964. He then attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst and graduated in 1965 with his MBA. Wayne started his career as part of the sales team at IBM in Washington, D.C., and in Cincinnati, OH. In 1967 he married Nancy Weber, and they had three sons together, Weber, Morgan, and Ethan. They divorced in 1981. Also in 1967, Wayne lost his father to a sudden heart attack as he was embarking on a project to build an artist retreat near what is now the Smugglers' Notch Ski Area. After his father's death, Wayne and Nancy took over the project and created the Red Fox Ski Dorm. During the 1970s, they built the Salty Dog nightclub and steak house and the Brewster River Yacht Club Restaurant nearby. Wayne continued to work for IBM and managed his businesses from afar, with the help of his wife on-site, until the mid '70s, when he settled with his family in Jeffersonville. He took a position at Johnson State College as an associate professor of business management. In 1979, he accepted the position as director of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign in the state of Vermont. After Reagan's election, Wayne became part of his transition team and was appointed Deputy Undersecretary of the Department of Education under Secretary Terrel Bell, where he helped develop the Presidential Fitness Award. During his years in government, he traveled the world extensively while representing the United States. In 1986, Wayne returned to Vermont to be near his sons and took the position of president of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, which he built into Vermont's largest business member organization. It was during this time that Wayne met the woman who would become his life partner, Barbara Surprenant. As president of the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, Wayne was involved with

almost every issue important to Vermont. With keen acumen and organizational brilliance, he was an effective leader who brought meaningful change and positive impacts to our state. Some of his accomplishments include creating the Convention Bureau to promote the region and state as a meeting destination, creating Vermont's first comprehensive business-focused government affairs and lobbying division, creating Leadership Champlain to develop young leaders in Vermont, creating the state's first business-led Workforce Development and Education divisions to focus on building the workforce of the future and, again, traveling the world to promote Vermont's economic interests. Wayne lived a very active life outdoors in his beloved Vermont. He treasured Vermont's natural resources and spent a great deal of time fly-fishing throughout the state and Canada. He traveled throughout the world fishing — tuna off Cape Cod, salmon in Brunswick, tarpon in the Keys, bonefish in Bonaire, trout in Montana — and for 36 years participated in the Lake Champlain International Fishing Tournament with his brother, David, and son, Morgan. After his retirement in 2006, Wayne spent winters in Fort Myers, FL, where he and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed their life together, returning to Vermont for summers. While in Florida, Wayne continued to spend countless hours exploring the mangroves, perfecting his angling and enjoying the tranquility of the Florida waterways. Wayne and Barb enjoyed hosting their children and grandchildren in Fort Myers so they could enjoy a reprieve from Vermont winters. Wayne's true passion was family and bringing all elements of his family together in any type of gathering was really important to him. Throughout his life, Wayne sought every opportunity to bring those he loved close to him and Barb. Wayne is survived by his wife, Barbara Surprenant; three sons: Weber (Brooks Crane), Morgan and Ethan (Rebecca); and their mother, Nancy Weber; eight grandchildren: Aiden, Caellen, Asa, Zola, Kessler, Thira, Atalanta, and August; his sisters, Patricia Christiansen and Pamela Beach (Charles Beach) and their son Brandon; his brother, David Lee Roberts (Judy Roberts); Barbara's son, Chris Poirier, and wife, Donna, and their children, Joshua and Elizabeth, all of whom were an integral part of Wayne and Barb's life together. Services for the family to celebrate Wayne's life will be held at a later date in Waterville, VT. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving to Spectrum Youth & Family Services (<http://www.spectrumvt.org/>). Arrangements are in care of the Ready Funeral & Cremation Services. To send online condolences, please visit <https://www.readyfuneral.com/obituaries/obituary-listings>.



Roger Milo McLaughlin (born June 19, 1939), passed away peacefully on Monday, October 9, 2023 at McClure Miller Respite House. Roger leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Edith Rawson McLaughlin, his children Heidi McLaughlin and husband Chris Wells, and Randy McLaughlin, and his grandchildren Colby, Riley, and Brody McLaughlin, and Logan Wells. Roger also leaves behind a sister, Dorothy Blodgett of Underhill, VT and a brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Vesta McLaughlin of Jericho, VT,

and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Brian McLaughlin of Underhill, VT, his brother and sister-in-law Edwin and Merlene McLaughlin of North Carolina, and his brother Raymond McLaughlin of Virginia. Roger grew up in Williston, VT, and spent his teenage years logging with his uncle in Bolton Valley before the ski area was established. He served in the Vermont National Guard for eight years as a cook. After marrying Edith Rawson, he began logging some of his father-in-law's land for the wood he would use to build them a home on Corbett Corner Road, where they would live for 50 years. A talented carpenter, Roger spent many years building high quality custom homes with his brother Floyd and son Brian. A grateful homeowner recently recognized the talent, work ethic, and integrity of the three by establishing the Building Vermont Award for Trade and Technical Training at Mount Mansfield Union High School. Roger enjoyed hunting and camping, even building his own camper, which he enjoyed with his wife and children for many years. One of his greatest hunting accomplishments was harvesting a deer with a record-setting rack, which placed him in the Vermont Big Game book; his record is now #12. Roger volunteered for many years at the Underhill Harvest Market, pressing cider and enjoying the community event. But more than anything else, Roger loved spending time with family and friends, frequently visiting or calling to catch up, tell stories, and reminisce. Edith, Heidi, and Randy would like to invite you to a celebration of Roger's life, where we will gather to remember and share stories. Please join us at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at The United Church of Underhill, Park St., Underhill, VT for a brief service followed by a potluck gathering downstairs at the church. Feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share.



William Garland Weston (Bill) passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023 in Pomona Park, FL. Bill was born December 9, 1942 in Burlington, VT. Bill passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023. He was the son of Windsor and Dorothy Weston. Raised in Essex, VT, Bill had a large circle of friends in the area. Bill retired from AT&T at age 49 after a strong career. He had a good time in retirement, enjoying life with his wife Beverly. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, and of course a good poker game. He left us a legacy of music with his harmonica playing. Mostly Bill is remembered for his jokes and laughter. If ever a joke was written, at some point it passed Bill's lips. Bill was predeceased by his wife Beverly. He leaves behind a daughter Barbara Delaney of Deland, FL and his grandsons William Gage LaPlant and Dane E Delaney, also of Deland, FL. He also leaves a son, William A. Weston of Orange City, FL, his stepchildren David Cyr, Mark Cyr, Michael Cyr, and Cheryl Cyr in Vermont and Texas. Bill was predeceased by his brother Ray Weston. Bill is survived by a brother Ron and wife Mary Weston, sister Shirley and husband Henry Cota, brother Robert Weston, brother Randy and wife Brenda Weston, sister-in-law Rita Weston, and countless nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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The Westford Music Series continues on Sunday, November 12, 4:00 – 5:00 PM with Marsh Lights at the Westford Common Hall in Westford. Featuring Colby Crehan and former band members of the well-known group Possum Haw, Marsh Lights returns with a new sound of all-original acoustic folk-grass music with a hyper-literate edge. Colby and her bandmates have received accolades, including Vermont Vocalist of the Year and Vermont Song of the Year. The group's strong rapport, built over years of performing together, makes for a band that can go light and heavy, solemn and joyful, fast and slow. Their move toward a more eclectic, alternative style will thrill the audience with their beautiful execution. Free will donation. Pie raffle for extra fun. Call Mike, 802-363-0930, for information.

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Join us on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 PM for Community Concerts at the First Congregational Church of Essex Junction (FCCEJ), 39 Main St., Essex Junction, where Cantiamo vocal ensemble will present A Musical Feast. A delightful array of musical "flavors" will be featured including spirituals, folk songs, and a dance tune from Québec. Cantiamo is the auditioned small ensemble drawn from members of Bella Voce Women's Chorus under the leadership of Artistic Director Dr. Dawn Willis. Tickets are available online at <https://sevendaystickets.com/events/cantiamo-choral-ensemble-a-musical-feast-11-12-2023> or by calling the FCCEJ office, 802-878-5745. Suggested donation \$20; free for 18 and under.

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The Vermont Creative Network (VCN), a statewide collective representing Vermont's creative sector, is pleased to welcome Corinna Thurston as a new Zone Agent to lead the work of VCN in the Chittenden County Zone. VCN, an initiative of the VT Arts Council, works to elevate Vermont's creative sector in seven areas: design; the visual arts and fine crafts; specialty foods; performing arts; film and media; literary arts; and culture and heritage. Zone activities and projects are managed by Zone

Agents in collaboration with a self-governed leadership team of diverse regional voices. Thurston is the executive director of the Milton Artists' Guild, a community hub and support network for creative individuals that offers workshops, classes, exhibitions in its Gallery space, and a community meeting place for artists in Milton and beyond. A professional artist, Thurston specializes in vibrant, detailed pencil drawings of wildlife and domestic animals. She is also an entrepreneur, speaker, author, business consultant, and wildlife conservationist. For more information visit www.vermontcreativenetwork.org.

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The Underhill Arts Council is looking for help painting and decorating the large hearts that are hung around town. This is a fun project. No special artistic talent is required. If you have a desire to help or have questions, please contact the council via jc6greenmont@gmail.com or 802-881-5974.

Weekly Literature Group Meeting on Tuesdays Via Zoom: Michael Sevy of Jericho co-leads a weekly virtual book group, the Burlington Literature Group, and would welcome new committed readers to our sessions. The group has been in existence for years, meeting in a physical space, but since the pandemic has changed to online Zoom sessions occurring every Tuesday at 6:30 PM. We break down interesting, challenging books into weekly segments of 60-100 pages, and discuss form, content, and our impressions in a friendly online forum. Details can be found at <https://nereadersandwriters.com/> or by emailing info@nereadersandwriters.com. Our current book, Laurence Sterne's *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman*, is an innovative, digressive, challenging, humorous, and philosophical investigation into the relationship between literature and life. Sterne's rambling text — comprising nine volumes published over the course of several years, from 1759 to 1767 — is also an experiment in form and structure containing nested narratives and self-reflexive textual jokes, as well as bold innovations in tone and style. Schedule: November 7: Volume 4; November 14: Volume 5; November 21: Volume 6; November 28: Volume 7; December 5: Volumes 8 and 9. After Sterne we have scheduled César Aira and Roberto Bolaño.

The Underhill Arts Council is committed to inspiring the community by highlighting local art and craft. Our goal is to bring forward all forms of creative expression. All ages are welcome! Have something you'd like to share? Please contact John Connell, jc6greenmont@gmail.com, or Mary Hill, maryhillstudios@gmail.com.

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Announcing SongFarmers, a community music jam — a place for friends and neighbors to play music just for the fun of it. SongFarmers meets on every third Wednesday of the month (November 15, December 20), 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Jericho

Community Center, Browns Trace, Jericho Center. This is a music jam for people of all ages who want to play folk, Americana, blues, bluegrass, Celtic, and more on acoustic instruments: guitars, banjos, mandolins, fiddles, ukuleles, bass, keyboard. No electronics except for keyboard and bass. It's a circle gathering where everyone who wants to will have a chance to lead songs. Common tunes with simple chord progressions are encouraged so that everyone can play along. If you plan to lead, please choose a song that you can play at a steady rhythm and bring a chord chart for your song. Both songs and instrumentals are great. Novice or advanced, you can have fun in a music circle. Please note this is not a performance, open mic, or lesson. Folks who want to sing, or just come and enjoy the gathering, are welcome too. Bring snacks and drinks if you like, but no alcohol. Free. Registration is appreciated; contact CommunityJamJUVT@gmail.com.

Come to a Singing Workshop with the Amidons, November 4. Whether you like singing for fun or are a more seasoned singer, this workshop is for you! Peter and Mary Alice Amidon, versatile and widely respected performing and teaching artists from Brattleboro, are coming to Jericho for a singing workshop! The Amidons' workshops include a repertoire of great four-part arrangements of a wide range of American secular and sacred songs including African American gospel and spirituals, new compositions by folks steeped in the oral tradition, and new arrangements of old hymns. The Amidons' energy and warmth encourage people to feel relaxed while empowering groups to create rich and soulful harmonies. You will leave feeling great, with a packet of songs to take with you. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 4, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM, at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Bring your voice and your lunch. The cost is \$35 per person, payable in advance (walk-ins may be accepted depending upon space). To register, payment will be accepted by check or via Pay Pal. If paying by check, send the check with your name, phone number and address to Doug Varney, 329 Poker Hill Rd., Underhill, VT 05489. If paying by PayPal, email vthockeyman@gmail.com. For more information, contact 802-343-4513.

Weekly Community Choir on Thursdays — If you love to sing (or want to join in on the piano to help folks learn parts and play accompaniment), come join *Mountainsong*! We are a volunteer-run community singing group that harmonizes together in four parts on Thursday evenings! We meet from 6:30 – 8:00 PM on Thursdays at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Meeting House, 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho (across from Packard Road). Whether you sing in the shower, sing Karaoke, or just like to sing in harmony with others, bring your voice and join us! Do you learn by ear or read music? Either way, you'll be comfortable in our group. You don't have to be a great singer — our aim is to sing for the joy of singing (no performances except for one short one for family and friends at the end of the season). We sing most weeks, and you can come as often as you are able; if you miss the first one or two (or more), no worries! Cost: \$1 a week toward space rental. We also ask for a contribution to purchase music for the group of \$7 per semester (fall and spring). Planning to come? Please email Doug Varney so that we have enough copies of music for our first meeting. Questions about the group? Contact Lynne Robbins, 802-899-2436 or lar.2436@gmail.com, or Jean Archibald, 802-899-5219, or just show up on a Thursday evening!

The Westford Music Series concerts will be held once a month on a Sunday, from 4:00 – 5:00 PM at the Westford Common Hall, 21 Brookside Rd., Westford. The lineup for the 2023-2024 season is as follows: November 12, *Marsh Lights*; December 17, *Carol Ann Jones and Friends*; January 21, *FREVO*; February 25: *Will Patton Ensemble*; March 24, *Dale and Darcy Trio*; April 7: *Heliant*; May 5, *Howling Waters*.

Flow is a new art exhibition at Burlington City Hall inspired by water and the spirit of rebuilding after disaster. Howard Center's Arts Collective's fall show *Flow* is up now at The Metropolitan Gallery in Burlington City Hall, with 50% of sales going to flood relief. This is the Collective's second annual themed show at the BCA-curated gallery. As always, each artist has put their own unique spin on the theme and the outcome is as surprising as it is delightful. Visit the gallery on the second floor of City Hall before the end of November and let the creative wonder *flow* through you!

Webinar series about Vermont's Creative Sector: The Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Creative Network invite you to join their webinars; the links to register for these Zoom events can be found online at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/vermont-creative-network/connect/events/>. On Thursday, November 9, 11:00 AM: **The State of Vermont's Creative Economy.** Learn more about the state of Vermont's creative economy and how you can use data to make the case about the crucial role that the creative sector plays in our local economic systems. We'll dig into the impact of Vermont's historic investment in the creative sector through the Creative Futures grant program. And we'll share new data from the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 survey, the most comprehensive economic impact study of the nation's nonprofit arts and culture industry. Presenter: Susan Evans McClure, Executive Director, Vermont Arts Council.

On Thursday, November 16, 11:00 AM: **Statewide Advocacy: Vermont's Creative Sector Advocacy Priorities.** Following this summer's devastating flooding and the many crises currently facing Vermont, learn more about what the Vermont Legislature will be focusing on in 2024. We'll cover key statewide advocacy priorities for the creative sector and discuss how to ensure state representatives and senators understand the importance of the creative economy in Vermont. Presenters: Patti Komline, Government and Public Affairs, Downs Rachlin Martin; Susan Evans McClure, Executive Director, Vermont Arts Council; Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup, Executive Director, Vermont Humanities.

The Emile A Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. For more information contact 802-899-3211 or www.emilegruppegallery.com.

Bryan Gallery in Jeffersonville announces the grand opening of its latest dual exhibitions: the Main Gallery will highlight the timeless allure of landscapes in *Land & Light & Water & Air*; while the Middle Room Gallery will intrigue with the captivating world of *Nature's Abstraction*. Both exhibitions are open. This year (2023) marks 16 years of Land & Light exhibitions with *A Testament to Tradition and Innovation* in a signature exhibition that pays homage to this storied tradition. Showcasing the works of over 90 talented artists, the exhibition presents an array of Vermont, New England, and Northeastern traditional landscape paintings that capture the interplay of land and light in their most picturesque moments. *Land & Light* runs through Saturday, December 23. Simultaneously, the Middle Room Gallery will feature *Nature's Abstraction: A Dive into the Intricate Patterns of the Natural World*, an exhibition that delves into the intricate and enigmatic beauty found in the natural world with a captivating display of abstract art. Visitors are invited to explore the hidden patterns, colors, and forms that lie beneath the surface of nature's grandeur. The exhibition celebrates the fusion of artistic vision and natural wonders, with a fresh perspective that transcends traditional representation. *Nature's Abstraction* runs through Sunday, November 5. The Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM or Monday-Tuesday by appointment. For more information contact Stephen Gothard, 802-644-5100 or info@bryangallery.org.

Submit a poem, short story, or essay for the VT Writers' Prize: Green Mountain Power (GMP) and *Vermont Magazine* are encouraging writers to get their entries ready for one of the state's top literary contests, the Vermont Writer's Prize. The Prize was launched in 1989 to celebrate writing about Vermont and Vermonters, while honoring the literary legacy of the late Ralph Nading Hill Jr., a Vermont historian and writer and a longtime member of GMP's board of directors. Entries are being accepted now; the deadline is January 1, 2024. Winners will be selected in prose and poetry, and each winner receives \$1250 and their works will be published in *Vermont Magazine's* Summer 2024 issue. Submissions can be essays, short stories or poems that focus on *Vermont — Its People, Its Places, Its History or Its Values*. Entries must be unpublished, poems have a 40-line limit, and prose entries must be less than 1500 words long. Individuals may submit only one work. Entrants may be amateur or professional writers. Employees of *Vermont Magazine* or GMP and previous winners are ineligible. More details, including how to submit, are available online at <https://vermontwritersprize.submittable.com/submit>.

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- December 26 - note Tuesday deadline
- January 9 – note Tuesday deadline
- January 25
- February 8
- February 29
- March 14
- March 28
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 30
- June 13
- June 27
- July 11
- July 25
- August 8
- August 27 - note Tuesday deadline
- September 12
- September 26
- October 8 - note Tuesday deadline
- October 31
- November 14
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- December 12

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- January 4 - early deadline (New Year)
- January 18 - early deadline (MLK Day)
- February 1
- *February 15
- *March 7
- March 21
- April 4
- April 18
- May 2
- *May 16
- *June 6
- June 20
- July 4
- July 18
- August 1
- *August 15
- *September 5 - early deadline (Labor Day)
- September 19
- October 3
- *October 17 - early deadline (Columbus Day)
- *November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 19

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Note early deadlines: Tuesday, December 26, due to New Year's Day on Monday, January 2; Tuesday, January 9, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15; Tuesday, August 27, due to Labor Day on Monday, September 2; and Tuesday, October 8, due to Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, October 14.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Skating rink for JES

By Glenn Steinman, JES Physical Education Teacher
After a large and rapid favorable response to a survey to gauge interest, Jericho Elementary School (JES) is moving forward with putting up a skating rink at the school. This would include offering skating (weather permitting) as part of our PE program, but also community use outside of school hours.

For those who wish to contribute to the build, we have set up two ways to make a donation:

- drop off or mail a check to "Partners in Education," Jericho Elementary School, 90 VT Rt. 15, Jericho, VT 05465; or
- make an online donation at <https://ice-skating-rink-for-jes.cheddarup.com/>.

All donations will go through Partners in Education (P.I.E.), which is our parent-teachers association. P.I.E. is a nonprofit LLC and donations are tax deductible. We hope to exceed our goal in order to make the project sustainable for years to come.

Additionally, the school will be able to lend skates (adjustable) and helmets to JES students in an effort to make the project more accessible.

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to reach out to me at glenn.steinman@mmuvsd.org with any questions; and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Bottle drive for CES 6th grade field trip

A reminder that you can easily help fundraise for the Cambridge Elementary School (CES) 6th grade end-of-year field trip!

Drink up and drop off your returnable bottles and cans in the bin marked "6th grade field trip" near the gas pumps at Cambridge Village Market.

A big thank you to those of you who have already donated, and to Cambridge Village Market for continuing to offer the space!

Underhill/Jericho Playgroup on Wednesday mornings

Come join us at the Underhill/Jericho Playgroup! This open playgroup is held in the UID building (the old Underhill ID School, between Browns River Middle School and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library) in the multipurpose room at 10 River Rd., Jericho every Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. We follow the MMUUSD calendar.

Geared toward children from birth through age 5, this is a great opportunity for kiddos and caregivers to socialize and create connections within our community. There is no registration required. Bring your own snack. We will also play outside on the playground when possible, so please dress for the weather.

Email underhill.playgroup@gmail.com to sign up for reminders and updates. Hope to see you there!

Thanks from MMU Academic Boosters

The MMU Academic Boosters group would like to thank the community for their wholehearted support for this year's Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser. We served over 550 meals, of which 49 meals were donated and delivered to families in the community.

In order to make an event like this happen, there was an immeasurable number of folks who volunteered to help make the event a success — from students, parents, local businesses, and community members, to MMU School staff.

And thank you to all the folks who placed an order and/or made a donation. We are very grateful for the people power and monetary generosity. All of it combined enables us to run events at MMU to support students' and staff's success all year long. Without you we would not be able to do what we do.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations: Garden of Eatin' Café; Hoagie's; Jericho Café and Tavern; Jericho Country Store; Red Hen Baking; Richmond Community Kitchen; and Swish White River.

Until next year's MMU Academic Boosters Lasagna Dinner! To learn more, go online to https://mmu.mmuvsd.org/families/academic_boosters or contact mmuacademicboosters@mmuvsd.org.

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SPORTS NEWS

Guess the date VTrans “Locks the Notch” to support kids on the mountain

Buy a raffle entry to guess the *final date* when the pass on VT Rt. 108 between Smugglers' Notch and Stowe will close for the winter season. The closure will be determined by confirmation from VTrans.

Half of the raffle proceeds will go to the winner, and half will go to the Smugglers' Notch Ski & Snowboard club, supporting kids getting out on the hill in the winter.

Buy your entry here: <https://go.rallyup.com/lockthenotch/Campaign/Details?ReturnUrl=/Campaigns/Setup/8fbc4d/Raffle>

14th Smuggs' Backcountry Barn Bash 2023

Grab your ski and snowboard buddies and join Union Bank and Smugglers' Notch Resort for the 14th Annual Backcountry Magazine Barn Bash at the Cambridge Community Center, 22 Old Main St, Jeffersonville on Saturday, November 4, 6:30 – 10:00 PM. Enjoy great live music, two amazing films by our friends at Faction and a sneak peak of *Advice for Girls*, featuring cinematography by filmmaker and photographer (and former intern) Iz La Motte. Plus, there will be a legendary raffle, food from Good Measure Pub & Brewery, and beverages from Upper Pass Beer Co., Stowe Cider, and von Trapp Brewing.

All proceeds benefit the Cambridge Area Rotary Winter Wellness Days program that gives local kids the chance to ski and ride for free, regardless of income. For many of these groms, their five full days at Smuggs (and not at school) are their first introduction to snow sports.

There will be live music by *Tremolo Hoss* featuring Brett Hughes and Lowell Thompson. There will be ski and snowboard movies: *Daydream* (Faction), *Abstract* (Faction & Red Bull Media House), plus a teaser from *Advice For Girls*.

A huge raffle will offer thousands of dollars in ski & snowboard gear! The grand prize: a weekend getaway at Smugglers' Notch Resort for BrewFest weekend with lodging, lift tickets, and BrewFest tickets!

Prices: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Entry for all tickets includes: one free Smuggs' midweek lift ticket to use by December 23, 2023, one raffle ticket, one meal ticket, and one beverage ticket. Advance tickets are available online at <https://backcountrymagazine.com/barnbash2023>.

Barn Bash schedule: 6:30 PM doors open; 7:00 PM film screenings; 8:00 PM *Tremolo Hoss* featuring Brett Hughes & Lowell Thompson, with the raffle drawing at set break.

Contact Meg@holpublications.com with any questions.

Wildlife Tracking Immersion starting November 4

Cold Hollow to Canada is offering a Wildlife Tracking Immersion, open to public sign-up, to train participants in identifying and interpreting wildlife track and sign. We'll spend eight Saturdays exploring diverse wildlife habitat at field sites throughout the Cold Hollow area (from Jeffersonville north to the Canadian border), learning wildlife sign in snow and other substrates, and building an understanding of how animals move through the landscape.

Participants will have an opportunity to apply tracking skills to monitor conservation priority sites, report rare species, and identify wildlife corridors and road crossings.

The program runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Saturdays, November 4, December 2, January 13, February 3, February 24, March 16, April 6, and April 27.

More information and the application are available at <http://www.coldhollowtocanada.org/wildlife>.

Westford Turkey Trot will be November 18

By Amanda Gifford, Westford Recreation Coordinator

The Westford Turkey Trot is an annual road race on beautiful country dirt roads. This race dates back to the 1990s and has historically raised money to support the children and families of Westford. All proceeds continue to benefit this cause. Your race fee will go towards supporting the Annual Westford Town Library Baby Tea, scholarships, holiday baskets, and grocery gift cards for families in need.

This year's event will occur on Saturday, November 18 at Westford Elementary School, 146 Brookside Rd., Westford, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Pre-register for this event by Wednesday, November 1 to receive a free event shirt! Register online at <https://www.runreg.com/westford-turkey-trot>.

Race Day Registration and Packet Pickup will be in the Gym from 8:30 – 9:30 AM. The Tot Trot will begin at 9:45 AM in the driveway, where spectators and runners line the driveway to cheer on the tots. The 10K and 3K Races start will be at 10:00 AM. Racers will line up on Brookside Road, just beyond the school drive entrance.

Post-race concessions will be available for purchase in the gym, hosted by the Westford Common Hall. After the last runner finishes, we'll announce the race winners (around 11:45 AM), and award raffle prizes. All participants are entered into the raffle. Raffle prizes include handmade jewelry and winter hats, gift cards, maple syrup, crafts, and much more!

This is a Westford Recreation event, fully fueled by the generosity of our community. Race day volunteers and raffle items are still needed — if you would like to volunteer or donate a raffle item, please contact Race Coordinator Meghan Valyou Orisko, valyoum@gmail.com or 617-999-4772.

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living, dying,
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north, south,
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As the
earth spins,
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cross each person.

Turning,
the kaleidoscope.

Beneath the bridge in Barnet

By John Doherty

Bass seem to sleep
As the river begins to freeze
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Wearing its sardonic grin
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SENIOR NEWS



On Saturday, October 14, residents of the Jeri-Hill Senior Apartments gathered at their Community Center to enjoy a chicken barbecue dinner provided by the Masons of Mount Mansfield Lodge #26 of Jericho along with members of Temple Chapter #72 Order of the Eastern Star. To everyone's surprise the weather cooperated, enabling the use of the grill outside of the Community Center and a chance for everyone to mingle in the fresh Jericho air. The Masons enjoyed the interaction and had many interesting conversations with this lively group of senior citizens. Mount Mansfield Lodge began this event 13 years ago to bring a little variety and cheer to the residents of Jeri-Hill. During the COVID pandemic all events were suspended, but earlier this year, on Mother's Day, the program was resumed. A Christmas banquet is being planned for December. Pictured above are the Jeri-Hill seniors enjoying their meal; and (from left) Vince Comegno, Master of Mount Mansfield Lodge), Ron Place, Brand Holden, Daryl Comegno (Order of Eastern Star), and Wes Little. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Meat Pie Fundraiser to benefit Meals On Wheels Lamoille County

Order your delicious homemade meat pie today at <http://www.mowlc.org>.

If you don't get to Morrisville, I can deliver pies to a meeting location in Jeffersonville.

The cost is \$25 for a 10" pie; 100% of the proceeds go directly

to the Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County meal program. The sale ends Monday, November 13. Pies will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 17, between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at 21 Munson Ave., Morrisville.

The pies are freshly prepared and then frozen, so you can cook them at your convenience, bring them to deer camp, or have them for Thanksgiving!

We have a new option this year where you can purchase a pie to donate to the Lamoille Community Food Share (LCFS). We will bring all pies purchased for donation to the LCFS during the week of Thanksgiving.

The pies offered are:

- Meat Pie (Tourtiere): A mixture of ground beef and pork with potato, garlic, onion, herbs, and spices in a flaky pastry crust;
- Turkey Pie: A mixture of turkey, peas, carrots, and seasonings with turkey chicken gravy in a flaky pastry crust;
- Donate-a-Pie: It will be one of the above pies donated to the LCFS.

Grab & Go Senior Meal in Jericho November 8

Time to register for the Wednesday, November 8 AgeWell Grab & Go Senior Meal in Jericho. This month, the meal is roast pork with sauce, mashed red potatoes, butternut squash, wheat roll, apple crisp with topping, and milk.

Pick up at Community Center in Jericho, 329 Browns Trace, Jericho Center, on Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Suggested donation \$5 - but no one will be turned away!

Contact Jen, ccjvermont@gmail.com or 802-274-4024, to register by Thursday, November 2.

Send your news to the Mountain Gazette at mtngazette@gmavt.net.

Westford Seniors turkey dinner November 13

Boy, do we have a good deal for you... turkey dinner with all the fixins' without the fuss of cooking and cleanup! Sounds perfect, right?

Let our group of amazing volunteers serve you up a Thanksgiving meal amongst friends and neighbors. Any Westford resident 55+ are welcome to join us on Monday, November 13 at the Red Brick Meeting House. Doors will open at 11:30 AM, with lunch service beginning around 12:00 PM. We will have an AgeWell representative on hand selling restaurant meal tickets and information about upcoming community meals in our area.

Give us a try... you might win the 50-50 raffle, a table decoration, and maybe even our true/false game!

Please reach out if you have any questions or are in need of a ride. We respectfully ask folks to pass on lunch if you are having any respiratory symptoms. Thank you!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact one of our co-presidents: Mary Fay, 802-878-1215, or Cori Hill, 802-238-1018.

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