

Flood help and resources

The widespread flooding that followed the intense multi-day rains July 9-11 up and down Vermont, concentrated along the spine of the Green Mountains, has caused significant and ongoing damage in several towns covered by the *Mountain Gazette* and/or in our immediate area: Cambridge Village and Jeffersonville had feet of water with road damage and closures and much damage to property, as has and is also occurring in Johnson and Richmond. We all know it can happen in our own neighborhoods, and all Vermonters feel sympathy. Many have offered aid and continue to step up to help. Here are information and links to resources that may help residents keep up to date on current information, and find and/or give help.

For weather and road condition updates, you can receive alerts personalized for your specific area for free by registering at www.vtalert.gov.

Volunteering: If you want to volunteer, please contact Vermont VOAD: <https://www.vtvoad.org/>. To learn of volunteer opportunities and to register as a volunteer: <https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer#gsc.tab=0>.

Recovery steps for small businesses: <https://www.vtsbdc.org/flood-2023/> and at the bottom of that page is a link to a disaster recovery guide for small businesses.

United Way of Lamoille County is compiling an up-to-date list of all resources, local and statewide. Please visit: <https://uwlamoille.org/get-help/july-2023-flooding.html>.

United Way of Northwest Vermont has set up a flood disaster relief fund to support immediate and long-term needs associated with Vermont's July 2023 flood. Funds will be directed to support nonprofit organizations in our region and throughout the state who are directly helping individuals affected by the flooding disaster. Donate at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/united-flood-disaster-relief-fund/c501148>.

"VT Love" Flood Relief Fundraising — Sunniva Dutcher, originally from Jericho Center and now in Essex, is fundraising for flood relief with her "VT Love" t-shirt design. Please consider sharing the link or supporting the campaign — thanks! All profits will be donated to the Vermont Disaster Recovery Fund. See the t-shirt design and order at <https://www.bonfire.com/vt-love-flood-relief/>. (Please tag @sunnivadutcher if you share on Instagram)

Kesha Ram Hinsdale, State Senator, Chittenden-Southeast Senate District has organized an effort to collect and deliver supplies and contributions to towns in need. (See page 4.) She writes, "Want to volunteer? We will need help organizing and packing the supplies into trucks, and we will need people with trucks or large SUVs to drive supplies. Also, if you have a strong connection with an impacted community or family, please document their needs and help us get their requested supplies delivered. Finally, if you like logistics and spreadsheets, we would like to get more organized after this initial push. All skills and contributions have value! Can't make it? Donate and we will purchase the most needed supplies that are being shared across communities. Donations can go to Kesha Ram Hinsdale and are in no way a political contribution. Venmo: @Kesha-Ram; Paypal: kesha.ram@gmail.com; check: arrange to get to Kesha or to your local legislator, payable to Kesha Ram Hinsdale."

Here are some additional ways to contribute and/or help:

Statewide: <https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer>
Through the Vermont Community Foundation: <https://vermontcf.org/our-impact/programs-and-funds/vt-flood-response/>

Through NOFA's Farmer Emergency Fund: <https://www.nofavt.org/farmer-emergency-fund>

Through a statewide mutual aid group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1491442024923960/>



Several towns in the Mountain Gazette's coverage area suffered heavy damage during the torrential rain storms. At right is an American flag in the yard of a Bolton resident impacted by the 2023 Vermont flood. The image above is the old snowmobile suspension bridge off of U.S. Rt. 2 in Waterbury.

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LRSWMD — debris clean-up information

By Sarah Lillibridge, Lamoille
Regional Solid Waste Management
District Board

Our hearts and thoughts are with everyone in the community who has been affected by this devastating flood.

The Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) has Flood Recovery Info Resources, including a one-pager on safely cleaning up debris: <http://www.anr.vermont.gov/flood>. To protect solid waste workers, please note the importance of keeping hazardous materials out of mixed trash (full list available on the ANR guide).

If you have any debris- or disposal-related questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call, 802-888-7317. We also have a list of haulers licensed in our towns, available online at <http://www.lrswwd.org/hauling>.



Cambridge/Jeffersonville flood updates

Helpful links specific to Cambridge
To volunteer in Cambridge: <https://bit.ly/cambridgevolunteer>
To ask for help in Cambridge: <https://bit.ly/cambridgeighbor>

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July 13: Jeffersonville Water System update **By Trevor Welch, Head Operator, Jeffersonville Water and Wastewater Department**

The Village of Jeffersonville water system was largely unaffected by the flood. There is no need to issue a boil water notice at this time. No parts of the water system were damaged or had to be shut down for repairs. The water system source waters come from springs located way up by Smuggs. If I had to shut down water mains, or we had a water source from a river or lake we certainly would have issued a boil water notice. The Village of Jeffersonville water system has its challenges, but we need to appreciate when it gets us through a natural disaster of this magnitude. We are grateful it all held together and should feel confident that the water is safe for consumption.

July 13: Boil Water Notice for Cambridge Village **By Trevor Welch, Head Operator, Jeffersonville Water and Wastewater Department**

The Village of Cambridge has issued a Boil Water Notice for all customers on the Cambridge Village water system, effective immediately. Please call the Trustee David Gates with any specific questions at (802) 644-5601. The Boil Water Notice will be lifted as soon as we get clean test results and the go ahead from the State of Vermont. We will keep you posted.

Need help or want to help following the flood?

By Courtney Leitz, Member, Cambridge Selectboard
 We know that many of you have already done so much to help your neighbors following the flood. However, we also know that many of you are wondering how you might help and many who would like to be able to let volunteers know what help you need. In an effort to coordinate the volunteer effort in town, the following forms have been created to connect volunteers and neighbors in need. Please follow the link below to the form that fits you!

Neighbor in Need: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzUJ0sH9k5Cwfp7pW24zsErthy-vmZEr6vDe2ngFK46Vo21A/viewform>

Volunteer: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLdyvgUIZjaABJwscEwrsT3nbSwp7lggM3UbmBkYVOgux-ug/viewform>

Dumpsters for flood waste cleanup — **Town of Cambridge**

By Courtney Leitz, Member, Cambridge Selectboard
 The Town of Cambridge will be providing residents with dumpsters for cleanup of flood related waste. Dumpsters are expected to be delivered to both villages Thursday afternoon (July 13). Two dumpsters will be located at the Town Garage in Jeffersonville. One dumpster will be located across from Cambridge Village Market on North Main St., the other will be located at the former Cambridge 360 location on South Main.

We ask that these dumpsters be limited to town of Cambridge residents. Please do not place hazardous waste in the dumpsters and limit it to flood related waste. In addition, tires are not allowed.

The Eagles Friday night bingo did not take operate on Friday, July 14, and will not be operating Friday, July 21. We will be open again on Friday, July 28. Sorry for the inconvenience. — Melody Tobin, Jeffersonville

Flood fundraiser by artists (Jeffersonville)

Landscape artists who have come to our area for decades are sponsoring a fundraiser for local flood victims. If you are able, please contribute. Cambridge Cares is likely to be a recipient of some of the funds. Here is the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/crisis-in-vermont>.

Cambridge Area Rotary flood disaster fund

Many fellow residents have been affected by the recent flooding in Cambridge and Jeffersonville. The Cambridge Area Rotary is establishing a fund to support those most affected by this disaster. We will be collecting funds from the community, and, pending approval, our own Rotary Club will add \$6000 to the account.

We are waiting to assess the various support services from other organizations but are committed to assigning 100% of proceeds to those most in need. We are especially concerned about those low income and senior residents who were evacuated from their homes and apartments.

If you were lucky enough to escape the havoc caused by the flood waters, please consider donating to the fund. Your friends and neighbors thank you for your support: <http://www.rotarycambridge.org/flood>.

Bolton information and updates

From Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk:

Do you have property damage from the July 11, 2023 flooding? Please reach out to 211 — see this information below from FEMA: “If you have residents asking about residential damages, please ask them to report their damages to 211, which is compiling a list of people we will reach out to regarding the Individual Assistance process.” If you are seeking flood recovery resources and/or to report damages and register with FEMA for recovery help, call 2-1-1.

Bolton: zoning information for flood damage

By Amy Grove, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer
Aftermath of July 2023 Flood
 Bolton Residents,
 I realize those of you dealing with home and property damage from the recent flooding may be emotional and I would like to help make the repairs and reconstruction permitting process as easy as can be in the given circumstances. It is important to go through the permitting process to ensure Bolton’s participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.
 Some information on the next steps:
 Bolton participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so that property owners can purchase flood insurance, and the town can receive certain types of disaster assistance. Under the NFIP, the town is required to determine the extent of property damage suffered by local residents and businesses after a flood event. This includes identifying both minor structural damage

(e.g., to drywall or flooring) as well as “substantial” structural damage — damage that is equal to or greater than 50% of the value of the structure before it was flooded.

Please note that, under NFIP requirements and our local regulations, a zoning permit is needed prior to starting any structural repair or reconstruction work, beyond general cleanup. This includes, but is not limited to:

- foundation work;
- sheet rock, flooring, and cabinet installation;
- electrical system and mechanical equipment installation;
- streambank stabilization, culvert or bridge repairs;
- structure relocation or replacement — including mobile home replacement.

Permits are required to maintain our community status in the NFIP and, more importantly, to ensure that your future flood risk is reduced. If a structure is substantially damaged, it must be brought into compliance with flood hazard construction standards (e.g., by relocation, elevating, or flood-proofing) to better protect you and your property from future flooding. Financial assistance for this may be available under your flood insurance, FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, or related FEMA assistance programs. Failure to bring a structure into compliance results in both zoning and NFIP program violations that affect you, your property, and the community at large, and significantly increase the cost of obtaining flood insurance.

Please feel free to reach out to Kelly Diglio, Town of Bolton Zoning Administrator, 802-434-5075 x225 with any questions or concerns.

Bolton update, and thank you!

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

July 13

A big thank you to our Fire (especially Mike and Andrew Gervia, Brittany Spence and Matt Mead) and Highway Department (especially Jacob Johnson) teams who remained at the ready to see our community safely through the flooding event — awake for 36+ hours. I want to note that Paula Gervia was right there beside them that entire time as well, to provide interface as the Select Board Vice Chair and support the staff and teams, even while evacuated from her home. Thank you, Paula. And my thanks to Carol Devlin for providing snacks and meals to the teams, and thank you to everyone who lent a neighbor a hand! We have a wonderfully supportive and caring community. Thank you all.

As far as road damage, Bolton fared well with minor damage in a few areas, but we are still waiting to gain the big picture on Duxbury Road once the water subsides, and the river bank is more visible.

Reminder — if you or family members, friends, neighbors have property damage from flooding, please remind them to contact 211 to report their damage. This will help with any “Individual Assistance” that FEMA may be able to provide.

And, if help is needed — like pumping water from basements, getting rid of gravel — please let us know. Mike and Jacob are ready and willing to assist our residents as we enter recovery mode.

3SquaresVT replacement benefits for storm loss

Power outages, natural disasters, or unforeseen expenses can impact access to food. If your food has been damaged or you need access to food quickly, you may be eligible for expedited 3SquaresVT benefits or to have benefit money restored.

3SVT households (EBT) that lost food due to a “Household Misfortune” — such as a flood, fire, or power outages of more than 4 hours — may qualify for replacement benefits of the value of lost food. The household **must report the loss within ten days** of the misfortune.

Call the Benefits Service Center, 1-800-479-6151, to report your loss within 10 days, or if you are a senior (60 and older) contact Age Well’s (<https://www.agewellvt.org/>) Senior Helpline, 1-800-642-5119.

There is more information about replacement benefits at <https://vermontfoodhelp.com/get-help-quickly>.

From Vermont Family Services

To all our foster, kinship, and respite care families, and to our staff and community partners: Each one of you has been affected in some way and has had to make adjustments due to the massive flooding in various parts of the state. As you navigate the next few days, weeks, and months, please know that Family Services is here for you. We want to meet you with flexibility and thoughtfulness for everyone’s safety. If we can provide support, please reach out to your district office. Here is a link: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/contact/districts>. Thank you for all you do every day. Please stay safe. Here are a few resources, should you need urgent help.

- 911 - Emergency Help
- 511 - Road / Travel Info
- 211 - Social Services Help

Storm Smart Program

By Amy Ludwin, Member,

Bolton Conservation Commission

So much water in these storms!
 If you want to know more ways to manage rainfall on your property and keep our waterways clean and help to ensure that pollutants do not make their way into our rivers and streams, Storm Smart offers free visits to residential properties to help you. If you’d be interested, there is still time this season to get your property assessed for free through the Storm Smart program.
 Friends of the Winooski River, Friends of the Mad River, and Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District have teamed up to offer this Storm Smart program in our community. When you sign up for a site assessment, one of the Winooski Watershed Partners will reach out to you to schedule a one- to two-hour visit to your property. During the visit, they will trace the path water takes through your property and recommend ways to slow down, spread out, and sink in rainfall on your property.

Sign up for a free on-site assessment at <https://forms.gle/7FmL8jatbit6buA17>.

For more information, go online to <http://winooskiriver.org>, <http://winooskinrcd.org>, or <http://friendsofthemadriver.org>. You can also contact Heather Murphy, Watershed Restoration Specialist, at 802-323-6211.

This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement (LC00A00605) to NEIWPC in partnership with the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

Caregivers needed following the storm

Burlington Family Services, Department for Children and Families, State of Vermont

Vermont has truly rallied and shown that we are once again “Vermont Strong” following the recent flooding that has occurred all over our state. We hope that you are safe and that you can quickly recover. Our capacity for resilience is directly connected to the degree that we have a support system available to us in times of trouble.

So, if you’ve ever thought about foster care, now might be the best time to learn more about it. Kids in foster care need the stability you can offer. While most of us can access resources to support our recovery from flood damage and other disruptions to our lives, children and youth in foster care remain particularly vulnerable. Some have been uprooted because of the flood. Our job is to see that they are in safe, caring homes — always. We can’t stop a flood, but we can make sure that all children and youth in foster care have a place to call home — even if it is for a short time until they are reunified with their families.

Can you provide the unconditional care and support a foster child needs to regain their hope and confidence? Could you also work with your foster child’s biological family toward reunification? If so, we would love to hear from you — NO obligation. We’ll walk you through the process and help you learn about the needs in your community and provide you the supportive resources to care for a child or youth during this most demanding and vulnerable time for everyone.

To learn more, complete this Foster Care Inquiry Form: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/foster-care-inquiry>.

You can also call your local Family Services District Office and ask to speak to the Resource Coordinator. For a list of FSD District Offices: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/contact/districts>.

Keep local kids local. and thank you for all the ways you remain Vermont Strong!

Disaster-relief scam prevention

From the VT Attorney General’s Consumer Assistance Program

Scammers often strike in the aftermath of natural disasters, taking advantage of community generosity and our heightened emotional state. Be on the lookout and report disaster-related scams, including:

GOVERNMENT IMPOSTER RELIEF SCAMS, in which a scammer may claim to be FEMA or another government organization offering help for a fee, or demanding your personal information. Avoid this scam: connect with FEMA directly and follow updates from the Governor and Vermont Emergency Management.

PHONY CHARITIES that claim to be recovery efforts when they are not. Avoid this scam: do your research and only give to valid charities that you have thoroughly researched and vetted.

DUBIOUS CONTRACTORS without business credentials that claim they can restore damages immediately, requiring upfront payment, but never return to complete the work. Avoid this scam: never pay in full upfront for a home improvement project. Make sure you have a written contract. Check residential contractor registration status with the Secretary of State’s Office of Professional Regulation.

UTILITY DISCONNECTION SCAMS demand payment along with threats to disconnect the consumer’s services. Avoid the scam: hang up and contact your utility provider directly about your account status, using a number you know to be valid.

When you encounter an unexpected or new interaction, take steps to verify whether it may be a scam by slowing down, logging the contact, reaching out to others and doing research. Warn others about scams by reporting the scams you encounter to the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) at 800-649-2424 or online at <http://ago.vermont.gov/cap>.

Let’s stop scams together.

New philanthropic fund to help Vermont recover from flooding

The Vermont Community Foundation has announced that it has created a fund to help the people and communities of the state recover from devastating flooding that constitutes one of the worst natural disasters Vermont has ever seen.

Donations to the VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund 2023 will help with immediate and longer-term efforts to assist Vermont people and communities. Flooding caused by torrential rains July 9-11 has put downtowns under water, forced residents to evacuate from their homes, washed out roads and bridges, destroyed crops, and threatened dams.

Giving to the Flood Response & Recovery Fund will help Vermont respond as nimbly as possible as the full scale of the flood’s impact emerges in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

“Teams here at the VCF are in conversation with the Red Cross, FEMA, the state’s Community Action Agencies, the Governor’s office, and our partners throughout the state to coordinate a philanthropic response,” said Dan Smith, president and CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation. “We have activated our VT Flood Response & Recovery Fund to distribute support to communities that need it.”

This is not the first time the Vermont Community Foundation has coordinated the philanthropic response to a crisis. The Foundation’s VT COVID-19 Fund put nearly \$11 million to work in Vermont communities and the Foundation also raised substantial funds to rebuild communities after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

Visit vermontcf.org/vtfloodresponse to give or learn more about the fund.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Rail Trails closed, Governor’s End-To-End Ride postponed

By Pat Ripley, Lamoille Economic Development Corporation
The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has closed state rail trails, and the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Celebration has been postponed.

The AOT has closed the state rail trails due to flooding and potential hazards on the trails. The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail, Delaware & Hudson Rail Trail, and Beebe Spur Rail Trail are closed until further notice. Trail users are advised to avoid all state rail trails, which are sustaining flood damage in certain areas and have downed trees and rapidly changing conditions. For updates on trail conditions, visit the Vermont Rail Trail System website’s Trail Updates page at <https://railtrails.vermont.gov/trail-updates/>.

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Celebration and Governor’s End To End Ride and Bernie Sanders Rail Trail Hike are postponed until further notice: Due to the historic flooding Vermont is currently experiencing and the continued recovery efforts that will be required in the weeks and months ahead, the decision has been made to postpone the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Celebration, including the Governor’s End To End ride of the trail, previously scheduled for Saturday, July 15. The LVRT Celebration will be rescheduled, and we will announce a new date at the appropriate time.

Jericho Corners to Riverside Multi-Use Path meeting July 20

By Linda Blasch, Jericho Town Planner

The Town of Jericho has been working with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and their consultant, Stantec, on a scoping study to investigate the feasibility, impacts, and costs associated with creating a multi-use path (for bikes and pedestrians) between the villages of Jericho Corners and Riverside/Underhill Flats.

Join us for a presentation about the alternatives being considered at the Selectboard meeting on Thursday, July 20, 6:30 PM, at the Jericho Town Hall, 67 VT Rt. 15, or via Zoom (link to be posted on the Selectboard agenda).

One alternative is a path along the southern side of VT Rt. 15. The path would be separated from the roadway by a grass strip, where possible, and would be a mix of 5-foot-wide sidewalk and 10-foot-wide path with an asphalt surface.

The other alternative is a path that roughly follows an old railroad bed along the Browns River and onto Raceway Road. Please visit the town website to view concepts of the alternative alignments: <https://jerichovt.org/connecting-jericho-corners-and-riverside>.

The purpose of the July 20 meeting is for the community and Selectboard to consider the pros and cons of each alternative and potentially choose a preferred alternative to advance to engineering and design. This is a follow-up to the first public meeting about the project that was held on February 21 at the Jericho Planning Commission meeting.

For questions regarding this scoping study contact Jericho Town Planner Linda Blasch, lblasch@jerichovt.gov or 802-899-2287 x 103.

Bolton Valley Access Road culverts to be replaced

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

The Bolton Highway Department will be replacing multiple culverts on the Bolton Valley Access Road during the week of Monday, July 17 in advance of the road paving, which is scheduled for August. The replacement area is below the “S curve,” toward the “sugar shack” area.

There will be traffic signals onsite, allowing for only one lane of travel. Please obey the traffic signals.

There may also be additional one-hour road closures during the construction, which will be difficult for the Highway Team to predict as it is all dependent upon multiple factors impossible to pre-determine.

Thank you in advance for your patience, for planning your travel accordingly, and for your assistance in keeping our Highway Team safe during construction.

Updates and upcoming road work in Jericho

By John Abbott, Jericho Town Administrator

July 12

With the recent storm and flooding event now behind us (for now), a couple of updates:

- VT Rt. 117 was reopened as of this morning.

- In my post yesterday, I failed to recognize the incredible work of our Jericho Summer Recreation Program staff for showing up for our kids and working everyday this week at JES and BRMS — despite road closures and state of emergency. While MMUSD facilities were closed for employees and all other uses on Monday and Tuesday, Director Lynn Wagner and her staff made incredible effort to show up daily to be sure families had reliable fun and care for their campers. Thanks to all!

Now onto our favorite topic... roads.

- Lee River Road culvert replacement will begin on Monday, July 17 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the workday on Thursday, July 20. During construction Lee River Road will be completely closed to through traffic. If needing to use Plains Road as an alternate route, please be aware that the speed limit is 25 MPH. Strict adherence to speed limit will be appreciated by our Plains Road neighbors.

- Skunk Hollow paving: unfortunately, repaving of Skunk Hollow Road (originally scheduled for July 1 start) has had to be postponed. Projected start date is currently Tuesday, August 8. Our contractor is doing the best they can to wrap other commitments to get to Jericho. An extra rainy summer has caused numerous delays.

Jericho Housing Committee July meeting date change

Jericho’s Affordable Housing Committee meeting, usually the second Tuesday of the month, has been moved to Tuesday, July 25. The meeting will still be hybrid (for the link, go online to <https://jerichovt.org/jericho-affordable-housing-committee>) and will begin at 7:00 PM.

July’s agenda has not yet been finalized, but the majority of the meeting will be spent reviewing the Jericho Town Plan draft.

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We are in the path

Yes, it’s true: our towns will be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse coming on Monday, April 8, 2024. In our area, totality will last approximately three and a half minutes. The NASA webpage (<https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2024/apr-8-total/where-when/>) gives these times for Burlington: partial begins 2:14 PM, totality begins 3:26 PM, maximum 3:27 PM, totality ends 3:29 PM, partial ends 4:37 PM. The map shown above is also from a NASA webpage (<https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/resources/2867/interactive-map-2024-solar-eclipse-across-the-us/>).

So next April — smack in the middle of mud season — we may be a destination for eclipse tourism. See Letters to the Editor, page 11, for a comment on that prospect.

People get ready, there’s a train a-comin’ (there’s a musical quote for everything — Sara Riley)



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Emergency flooding resources

From U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders’ newsletter and from his website

<https://www.sanders.senate.gov/bernie-buzz/read-emergency-flooding-resources/>

As we all know, Vermont is now experiencing our worst natural disaster since 1927. Many hundreds of homes and businesses have been damaged by the terrible flooding that we are seeing throughout the state, and there is concern that more rain may bring even further damage.

Vermonters can stay up-to-date on road closures by visiting the Vermont Agency of Transportation website [https://vtransparency.vermont.gov/pages/Current Conditions](https://vtransparency.vermont.gov/pages/Current%20Conditions), or New England 5-1-1 at <https://newengland511.org/>. Flash flooding is extremely dangerous and could result in loss of life. If you have to travel in flooded areas, be extremely careful: monitor media reports, follow instructions from Vermont Emergency Management (<https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert/>), never attempt to walk or drive through flood waters, and familiarize yourself with your best flood evacuation routes.

Some key resources:

2-1-1: For help getting connected to resources and services such as shelter, disaster response, and more, call 2-1-1.

9-1-1: For emergency situations, always call 9-1-1.

Language Translations for Flood Resources: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/emergency/prepare/stay-safe-flood>

Vermont Emergency Management: Twitter [@vemvt](https://twitter.com/vemvt); Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/vermontemergencymanagement>.

VT-Alert is used by the state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations. Those include, but are not limited to, evacuation information, chemical spills, shelter-in-place alerts, severe weather advisories, boil water advisories, and roadway interruptions. Note, residents can tailor the alerts to specific locations, types of alerts, and on which devices they will be notified. Sign up to receive VT-Alerts at <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert/>. To follow VT-Alert on social media for quick updates: Twitter <https://twitter.com/vermontalert>; Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VermontAlert>.

Some flood safety best practices:

Never drive or walk through floodwaters. Strong currents or unseen washouts can sweep you and your car away.

Turn off the circuit breaker in your home before you evacuate — if you can do so safely.

If rising water is approaching, leave.

If you need to evacuate, do so over high ground. Plan that route as soon as possible.

If your home floods, have a licensed electrician inspect your electrical system before you once again occupy your home.

If you are in a flood-prone area, or if you believe your home will be flooded, it is advisable to move valuables from your basement in case water enters your home.

Check your insurance coverage now, and then contact your insurance company if you have damage.

Additional resources for emergency updates:

For additional updates, you can find below some recommended social media accounts to follow:

VT State Police: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VermontStatePolice/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/VTStatePolice>.

VT Division of Fire Safety: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VTFireMarshal/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/VTFireMarshal>.

VT Agency of Transportation: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/VTransontheroad/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/AOTVermont>.

VT Department of Health: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HealthVermont/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/healthvermont>.

National Weather Service Burlington: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NWSBurlington/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/NWSBurlington>.

National Weather Service Albany: Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/NWSAlbany/>; Twitter <https://twitter.com/NWSAlbany>.

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Senator Sanders’ Vermont offices have experienced caseworkers on staff who help Vermonters navigate federal agencies every day. If you think my office can help, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-339-9834 or go online to <https://www.sanders.senate.gov/vermont/services/casework/>.

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HEALTH NEWS

Seeking blood donors for Richmond blood drive August 2

The American Red Cross is looking for new and loyal donors to sign up; lots of open slots in the schedule!

Announcing the next local blood drive to be held Wednesday, August 2 at the Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond, 1:00 – 6:00 PM. There is a critical need for blood this time of year; vacations are causing fewer donors, compounding the situation.

Appointments are required. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go online to <http://redcrossblood.org> for more information and to make an appointment, or contact dthomas@gmavt.net or 802-434-3654.

Summer is here — swim safely

From the VT Department of Health

Swimming, playing, and relaxing in the water might be one of the best parts of the summer. Wherever you swim, keep these safety tips in mind:

- assign an adult to be a Water Watcher to pay close attention to every swimmer — drowning is swift and silent, not loud and splashy like in the movies;
- stay out of lakes and ponds if you see cyanobacteria blooms (blue-green algae), which can make people and pets sick;
- don't go swimming if you've had diarrhea in the last two weeks;
- don't swallow the water, and don't poop or pee in it, and take lots of bathroom and diaper changing breaks;
- be extra careful in swimming holes to avoid drop-offs; enter the water feet-first and don't swim if there are storm clouds, high winds, or after heavy rainfalls;
- when boating, check the water depth and flow before you launch, check the weather forecast, and always wear a life jacket.

Happy swimming, and **don't forget your sunscreen!** Get more summer tips — like where to find cooling sites when it's hot outside — at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/summer-safety-tips>.

National Weather Service heat advisories likely this summer

It's probably a good idea to keep in mind this information and advice from the National Weather Service, as our hot summer continues — Editor

Vermont data indicate that emergency department visits for heat-related illnesses increase when temperatures reach the mid- to upper-80s, with impacts getting progressively worse as temperatures rise into the 90s. These risks increase further when overnight temperatures are warm and there is more than one hot day in a row.

Populations most affected

Individuals who are generally at higher risk for heat-related health impacts include: older adults, young children, people experiencing homelessness, outdoor workers and hobbyists, people who are pregnant, people who are overweight, have a chronic medical condition, disability, or mental illness, people using recreational drugs or alcohol, and people using certain prescription medications. Risk is further elevated for those who live alone or do not have air conditioning. Dehydration and hot living conditions are the major concerns for these populations.

Symptoms and first aid

Muscle cramps, heavy sweating, nausea, headache, or lightheadedness may all indicate a heat-related illness. Most heat-related illnesses can be treated with fluids and by resting in a cooler place. If symptoms persist or get worse, or someone you are with seems confused or loses consciousness, dial 9-1-1 and get immediate medical help. Learn more about symptoms and first aid.

If you provide care or housing for people at higher risk for heat-related health impacts:

- be prepared to treat a higher number of heat-related conditions than usual;
- make sure that air conditioning or other cooling systems are in place and functioning;
- if cooling systems are not available, or malfunction, have a plan in place for providing emergency cooling or relocating people to a cooler location;
- have a plan for checking in on people at higher risk to make sure they stay hydrated and can stay cool in their location;
- consider how medications could increase risk for dehydration and heat-related illnesses;
- consider how hot conditions may affect a patient or client before sending them home;
- if staffing an outdoor event, make sure that event organizers are well prepared with water, cooling strategies, and plans to modify or cancel the event if needed;
- remember that hot weather can affect anyone;
- be sure your organization has a heat management plan for employees and volunteers;

• be aware of your own symptoms and look out for your colleagues.

Questions? Call the Vermont Department of Health/Environmental Health at 802-863-7220, extension 0, or contact ClimateHealth@vermont.gov.

Howard Center news announcements

Zoe's Race — Registration is open! Join us on Sunday, August 27 to support local families by participating in Howard Center's annual 1K fun run, 5K walk/run, and 10K run. To date, Zoe's Race has raised over \$270,000 and completed 34 projects, making homes accessible for adults and children with disabilities. Learn more and register at <http://howardcenter.org/ZR2023>.

ACT 1 has resumed 24/7 public intoxication screening services, after reducing programming in March due to a workforce shortage. ACT 1 is part of Howard Center's comprehensive substance use treatment programming and provides 24/7/365 information, referral, and screening support for individuals who are or are suspected to be incapacitated due to alcohol and/or other drugs. Resources and information are provided regarding treatment and recovery options. After individuals are screened, they will be referred for the appropriate level of care.

Suicide Prevention: Why Firearm Safety Matters — Suicide is the ninth leading cause of death in our state, with 52% of suicides caused by firearms. Suicides comprise 88-91% of firearm deaths in Vermont, according to Vermont Vital Statistics and the Vermont Department of Health. Having access to firearms at home increases the risk of dying by suicide. Free gun locks are available at select Howard Center locations (*and some town libraries — Editor*) and can be used to help keep firearms secure. Safe firearm storage is a crucial way to prevent suicide. Gun locks are available as supply lasts. If you or someone you know is in crisis, there are helplines available. You can call or text the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 988, contact First Call for Chittenden County at 802-488-7777, reach out to the Trevor Project's LGBTQ Crisis Lifeline at 1-866-488-7368, text the Veterans Crisis Line at 838255, or text VT to 741741 for the Crisis Text Lifeline. It's crucial to remember that suicide is preventable and there is hope. Means safety, such as responsible firearm storage, has consistently reduced suicide rates. By working together, we can save lives. Learn more at <http://howardcenter.org/firearmsafety matters>.

Need help or services? If you need support or information, please contact our Access and Intake main number, 802-488-6000, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Our staff will help you to find supportive resources and services.

Marijuana edibles

Parents have been hungry to ask me about marijuana edibles and just what harm they pose to children if ingested. Let me help you digest some information on marijuana edibles, given they can now be legally sold to those over 21 in Vermont and New York.

Marijuana edibles are products that look just like regular sweets and snacks and can appear as candies such as chocolate bars and lollipops and baked goods such as cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. Is it any wonder that children may find these items left out and innocently ingest them?

What's the problem?

Many of these edibles can contain high doses of tetrahydrocannabinol or THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. When THC enters a child's or even a teen's bloodstream, it can result in overdose effects such as anxiety, panic, dizziness, weakness, slurred speech as if intoxicated, poor coordination, impaired memory and concentration, among a host of others.

My recommendations

While some manufacturers will put clear labeling about the content and serving size (such as one cookie or candy bar may contain multiple servings), and others will use childproof packaging — it is not sufficient. Industrious children will find ways to open them and eat them.

If you are going to bring edibles into your home, please store them safely like you would medications and other toxic products — meaning locked away and out of reach of your children in child-resistant containers, if possible.

Please don't eat these in front of your children and certainly not before you plan to drive your children somewhere, since THC can slow reaction times and increase your risk of having an accident on the road.

If your child plans to go to someone's house for a play date, ask in advance if they have edibles and if they are stored safely and out of reach of children.

If your child should eat an edible, call the northern NE Poison Control Center hotline at 1-800-222-1222 and they can determine next steps, which may involve heading to the emergency department.

Hopefully, tips like these will be food for thought, when it comes to preventing your children from ingesting marijuana edibles.

Lewis First, MD, is Chief of Pediatrics at The University of Vermont Children's Hospital and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Vermont's Larner College of Medicine

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Filling trucks with high-need flood supplies

By Kesha Ram Hinsdale, State Senator, Chittenden-Southeast Senate District

July 13

Dear Neighbors,

I know we are all feeling the devastation of these floods, and focused on the well-being of friends, loved ones, and fellow Vermonters who have been impacted and displaced.

I am coordinating with an incredible volunteer who has a large truck and a handful of other elected officials to help deliver supplies today. There are a few ways you could help us fill the truck:

You can drop items off at the following locations any time this week: 16 Spinnaker Lane in Shelburne, Lyric Theatre at 7 Green Tree Drive in South Burlington, or 5 Florida Avenue in Winooski. They will be taken on a future delivery.

If you want to help and this option doesn't work, you can Venmo me ([@kesha-ram](https://www.venmo.com/@kesha-ram)) or contact me (kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us) about other ways to donate. I will purchase additional high need items locally. Please note this is in no way a political donation and all contributions will go to meet the expressed needs of hard-hit communities. We have already raised over \$2.5K!

Here is what is being requested, generally new or in very good condition, and easy to stack:

- muck boots, waders, heavy duty rubber gloves;
- sump pumps, dehumidifiers;
- cleaning supplies, laundry detergent;
- contractor bags;
- heavy duty extension cords, generators;
- shovels, yard rakes, push brooms, mops;
- diapers, baby formula;
- bottled water, heat-resistant snacks (granola bars, beef jerky);
- spray bottles;

We filled a truck yesterday and already sent supplies into the Barre/Montpelier area thanks to the generosity and kindness of neighbors like you.

This is the Vermont Way, and we can be so proud of the ways we are coming together to help. It all matters.

July 14

Wow! I have never felt more privileged and honored to be a member of this community. Your support has been nothing short of inspirational. In the last 24 hours, you have come together to fill tens of trucks and garages with much-needed supplies and raise thousands of dollars. Big thanks to Lowes, who also stretched your dollars further and provided discounted and donated supplies like dehumidifiers and shop vacs. We are delivering everything from baby formula to box fans, paper towels to pressure washers — and all things in between!

When I talk to community leaders in places like Barre, Johnson, Ludlow, and Montpelier, they are so deeply touched by the outpouring of support. They truly feel your love and care as fellow Vermonters in their time of great need. Thank you.

So, of course, we are going to keep filling trucks, bringing supplies, and asking what the needs on the ground are for as long as we can! Our next stops are Essex Fairgrounds tomorrow (July 14) and then the UVM Virtue Field for the Vermont Green Football Club game on Sunday (July 16). We also have satellite drop off locations that will continue to take item donations and financial contributions in Charlotte (Rep. Chea Evans), Shelburne (me, Rep. Jessica Brumsted), Burlington (Rep. Tiff Bluemle), South Burlington (Reps. Emilie Krasnow and Noah Hyman, Sen.

Tom Chittenden), and Winooski (Councilor Thomas Renner).

Some of the items we are collecting and purchasing: extension cords, tarps, bleach, microbial spray, rubber gloves, muck boots, primer, gas-operated power washers, dehumidifiers, shop vacs, contractor bags, baby formula, diapers, packaged snacks, and cleaning supplies and equipment. Please make sure they are in new, sealed, or gently used condition. It's also extremely helpful to drop odd-shaped things off in plastic bins and buckets for ease of transportation, and also for use onsite in the clean-up effort.

If you would like to help by driving, collecting, or contributing any resource or skill, we can likely put it to good use! Someone even blew us away today with his skill in packing the trucks, and we also worked with Baker Distributing to get hundreds of cases of water delivered and coordinated with Shelburne Tap House to provide hundreds of meals. If you can provide a service, there is a need.

Thanks so much again for demonstrating why we are such a special state, and how doing things the Vermont Way can turn some of our darkest moments into our finest hours as a community.

July 14, again

Items added to the list above: toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine products, diapers, infant formula, empty spray bottles, thick rubber gloves, small refrigerators, primer, squeegees, new socks, new underwear, new tees.

Want to volunteer? We will need help organizing and packing the supplies into trucks, and we will need people with trucks or large SUVs to drive supplies. Also, if you have a strong connection with an impacted community or family, please document their needs and help us get their requested supplies delivered. Finally, if you like logistics and spreadsheets, we would like to get more organized after this initial push. All skills and contributions have value!

Can't make it? Donate and we will purchase the most needed supplies that are being shared across communities. Donations can go to Kesha Ram Hinsdale and are in no way a political contribution. Venmo: [@Kesha-Ram](https://www.venmo.com/@Kesha-Ram); Paypal: kesha.ram@gmail.com; check: arrange to get to Kesha or to your local legislator, payable to Kesha Ram Hinsdale.

Let's all pitch in a little for those who lost a lot! Thank you!

Thanks so much again for demonstrating why we are such a special state, and how doing things the Vermont Way can turn some of our darkest moments into our finest hours as a community.

Ways to help with flood recovery

By Irene Wrenner, State Senator, Chittenden-North Senate District

Dear Neighbors,

As floodwaters recede, many Vermonters are asking how they might be of service to friends and neighbors during the recovery process of this historic flood.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- The State Government is collecting names of volunteers who can mobilize for cleanup and recovery after the last rain bands end and the floodwaters fully recede. Volunteers may register at <https://www.vermont.gov/volunteer>.

- The Vermont Community Foundation has set up a Flood Response Recovery Fund to help coordinate and distribute support to hard-hit communities. Donations to the fund may be made here: <https://www.classy.org/give/501142/#!/donation/checkout>.

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WORSHIP SERVICES



Covenant Community Church is pleased to welcome our new pastor, the Reverend James Wilkens. Pastor Jim comes to us after having served Essex Alliance Church for many years as their Pastor of Care. He and his wife Chris are lifelong Vermonters and are committed to God's plans for both our church and this community. Covenant Community Church gathers for Bible study at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. We invite you to "Come As You Are" and explore faith with both Pastor Jim and Chris and our congregation. Follow us on Facebook and <http://www.jerichocovenantchurch.org/> for upcoming events and more information.

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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 Rd. 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 www.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, umecho@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

"An Historic Church Proclaiming an Eternal Message"
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Senior Pastor, David Coons and Youth Pastor, Pete Anderson
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Nursery care provided
Youth group 6:15 PM Sundays in our Sunday school building
802-899-4911; officejcc@comcast.net; www.jccvt.org

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 Church in Jericho worships on Sundays at 9:30 AM. If you would like worship service information, please contact the parish administrator at calvarychurchjericho@gmail.com, or call 802-899-0453. All are warmly invited!

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 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.

COLLEGE NEWS

Wyatt Adams of Waterbury, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Film and Television Studies.

Deng Adiang of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Gina Airoidi of Jericho, VT graduated Cum Laude from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Amelia Boucher of Underhill, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Emily Burbank of Jericho, VT was named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Zachary Burns of Jericho, VT has been named to the President's Honors List for Spring 2023 at the University of Hartford, Hartford, CT. Burns is majoring in Music Production and Technology.

Samantha Chapman of Jericho, VT graduated on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from Castleton University, Castleton, VT, with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish.

Mason Combs of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

Wyatt Cunningham of Waterbury, VT has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Emerson College, Boston, MA. Cunningham is majoring in Interdisciplinary and is a member of the Class of 2023.

Jada Diamond of Jericho Center, VT was named to the Spring 2023 President's List at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC. Diamond is majoring in Psychology.

Courtland Doyle of Jericho, VT has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at the Ohio University College of Business, Athens, OH.

Phoebe Doyle of Underhill, VT has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Emerson College, Boston, MA. Doyle is majoring in Media Studies and is a member of the Class of 2026.

Jae Farnum-Boylan of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Jillian Frenette of Westford, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Neuroscience.

Nathaniel Goldman of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Mia Guidry of Westford, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Professional Nursing.

Emmett Hazel of Westford, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Food Systems.

Shannon Harness of Waterbury, VT graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Riley Hebert of Waterbury, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering.

Logan Kenny of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Ella King of Underhill, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education: K-6.

Andre Latulippe of Waterbury, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Connor McCormack of Underhill, VT graduated Cum Laude from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Justin Morse of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Professional Nursing.

Conor Munns of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science.

Noah Palker of Westford, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Ryan Peoples of Underhill, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Sydney Pientka of Underhill, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Art Education.

Allyson Ratz of Cambridge, VT, a member of the Class of 2026 at Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

Caitlin Rector of Jericho, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Annie Rissman of Westford, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Owen Senesac of Cambridge, VT graduated on Saturday, May 13, 2023 summa cum laude from Castleton University, Castleton, VT, with an Associate of Science in Business Administration.

Reilly Stevens of Jericho Center, VT was named to the Spring 2023 President's List at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC. Stevens has not yet declared a major.

Zachary Taylor of Waterbury, VT graduated from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT with a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry.

Aidan Woods of Jericho, VT has been named to the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Plymouth State University, Plymouth, NH.

ART / MUSIC / THEATER

Wednesday Chamber Music Concert Series at St. Mike's — The Craftsbury Chamber Players began their 2023 season Wednesday, July 12 at the Elley-Long Music Center (St. Michael's College) in Colchester. On Wednesdays through August 16, 7:30 – 10:00 PM, the program features Haydn's famous *String Quartet in D major, Op. 20 #4*, Schubert's *Sonata in a minor "Arpeggione"* for viola and piano, and Dvorak's *Quintet #2 in A Major, Op. 81* for strings and piano. This will be a wonderful, romantic evening. There will be a pre-concert chat at 6:45 PM and a reception after the concert. Tickets are available at the door: adults \$25.; students \$10, children under 10 free. Free tickets are available at your local public library. Find more information online at <http://craftsburychamberplayers.org>, or call 1-800-639-3443.

Bryan Memorial Gallery is pleased to announce its newest exhibition *Nature's Playground*, which opened Wednesday, July 5 and will run through Sunday, September 3 in the Middle Room Gallery. The exhibition invites visitors to explore the diverse activities that the enchanting New England landscape offers each

season and will feature an impressive collection of artworks in various two-dimensional mediums, capturing the beauty and allure of this remarkable region. *Nature's Playground* is a visual celebration of the New England landscape, highlighting the ever-changing scenery that transforms with each passing season. Admission to the exhibition is free, offering an accessible opportunity for art enthusiasts and the general public to engage with the extraordinary talent on display. For more information about *Nature's Playground* and other upcoming exhibitions and events, please visit www.bryangallery.org. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM or by appointment Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information contact Stephen Gothard, 802-644-5100 or info@bryangallery.org.

The Vermont Pastel Society, Central Vermont Chapter will be at Visions of Vermont Fine Art Galleries during the month of July for an Exhibition in the Sugar House Gallery! Throughout July, join us for amazing work by 12 Vermont artists, visiting pastel artists, and artist demonstrations. Wednesdays through

Sundays, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Visions of Vermont Fine Art Gallery, 100 Main St., Jeffersonville.

Live in the Gardens Music Series, every other Friday through September 15 (July 21, August 4 and 18, September 1 and 15), 6:00 – 8:00 PM, 5901 Pleasant Valley Rd., Cambridge. Join us in the gardens at Snaps & Sunflowers and enjoy the tunes and blooms! We'll have snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and PYO flowers for sale as well as charcuterie boxes from the Hearth & Candle, and pizza sold by the slice from the Family Table (pre-order a whole pie or box to ensure you get yours). Adults \$10; teens and seniors \$8; kids 12 and under free. BYOB and your own lawn chair or blanket!

Mills Riverside Park Summer Concert Series 2023, presented by the Jericho-Underhill Park District. Concerts begin on July 5 and continue every Wednesday evening through August 2. All performances start at 6:00 PM and finish at 8:00 PM. Bring a picnic and relax with your friends and neighbors as you listen

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to great music in a beautiful, natural setting. The concerts are free. Donations are always appreciated and help support next year's concerts.

July 19: *Shellhouse* is made up of Bob Teer (singer/songwriter/guitarist), Andrea Teer (vocals and manditar), Marshall Breakstone (vocals/bass), Dan Lurie (lead guitar), and Steve Wanderlich (drums). They do a mix of original rock 'n roll and classic rock favorites. Everyone in the band hails originally from NYC except Steve, who comes from suburban Chicago. They have been playing in Vermont for two decades.

July 26: *Jericho Vox* is a local Vermont band playing original classic rock, funk, jazz, and eastern flavors. The present formation is Curtis Siegmann on bass, Brian Little mans the drums, percussion, and vocals, and Jim Magnant plays guitars, vocals, and some odds and ends.

August 2: *Vermont's Freedom & Unity Chorus* brings together singers of all abilities and backgrounds to perform a variety of music: pop, folk, rock, soul, gospel... even Broadway! We are united in the fight for freedom, equality for all, and are steadfast in the hope that there are better days ahead. We guarantee that audiences will recognize a song or two and leave uplifted and inspired to make the world a better, more welcoming place to be. Learn more at www.vermontsfreedomandunitychorus.org.

Westford Sunday Night Concerts on the Common, from Michael Kirick. We finally got the new upcoming 2023 season mapped out for Westford. This year there will be two sets of three concert Sundays in a row, with a break of one week between them. I am still looking for sponsors to help with funding, so if anyone would like to support any of the following acts, please contact me (mkirick@hotmail.com) and you can get credit for helping out with this series. Here's what we've got on tap for 2023:

July 23 – *The Hokum Brothers*: These brothers share a love of vaudeville tinged tunes and attitudes and have played at various festivals and burlesque shows in and around Burlington. The Girls That Grow taco truck will be at the Common serving organic taco treats, and Kingdom Creamery ice cream vendor Deb Nevil will be back with a freezer full of tasty ice cream for one and all.

July 30 – No show tonight, go camping...

August 6 – Paul Asbell: Paul is well known around Vermont and has been a local A-lister in the Burlington music scene for years. He will be doing a solo show of roots, Americana, and jazz treats.

August 13 – *Mango Jam*: Back again from last year, we will be in for a treat of New Orleans-inspired rhythm and mayhem for a summer evening foot shaking frenzy.

August 20 – *Les Dead Ringers*: Another newly formed band by D. Davis, of *Red Hot Juba*, *Larkspurs*, and *Cookies Hot Club* renown. This one is bluegrass-based, so I've heard...

August 27 – the *Dimmer Triplets*, rescheduled after being rained out on a previously scheduled date.

Slow Journey at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, a collection of acrylic and watercolor paintings by Gretchen Alexander. "Journey" is often used as a metaphor for life experience — a collection of the moments that make up one's past, present, and future. Through her paintings, Alexander ponders the idea that through slowing down to observe an individual moment, it is possible to expand one's experience beyond the horizon of a human lifespan: the river that has been etching its initials into the bedrock for thousands of years and will for thousands more; the tree that germinated long before you were born and will still be standing when you return to the earth... growth and change that occurs around us in imperceptible slowness to our awareness, and yet is present, nonetheless. Alexander posits that in slowing into these moments and integrating them into one's personal journey, one transcends time and opens up pathways for personal growth. Alexander's work varies from impressionistic to conceptual and draws heavily on her long career as a river ecologist, especially apparent in a series of paintings about river processes that bridge her love of art and natural science. Her landscapes are vivid interpretations of natural subjects chosen for their great significance in her own personal journey. The show hangs through Sunday, August 6 at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. For more information contact 802-899-3211 or www.emilegruppegallery.com.

SUMMER CAMPS

MMU Boys' Lacrosse Youth Summer Camp

Registration is open for the MMU Boys' Lacrosse Youth Summer Camp for rising 3rd grade through rising 8th grade boys' lacrosse players.

The camp will run Monday-Friday, August 7-11 (this is the first week after Jericho Rec ends) from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Browns River Middle School (location might need to be adjusted if a conflict arises).

The cost is \$95 per camper and all the proceeds support the MMU Boys' High School Lacrosse program. Checks made out to "MMU Boys' Lacrosse" can be brought on day one of camp, or you can Venmo coach Brian Hamm (@bhamm01).

Camper will need the following: helmet, stick, gloves, shoulder pads (must meet NOCSAE ND200 certification), arm guards, mouth guard, protective cup, water bottle. Cleats are recommended.

To register, go online to <https://forms.gle/tL33xo8P7k4n62Y46>

MMU Youth Field Hockey Camp for K-8 in August

Join us at the 2023 MMU Youth Field Hockey Camp! The camp runs Monday-Friday, August 21-25 at Mount Mansfield Union High School, Browns Trace, Jericho, and is open to 2023/2024 school year grade K-8 Rockstars and to all levels of play. This camp aims for lots of fun building skills and a love for the game.

The registration form can be found at <https://mmu.mmuusd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=476094&pageid=547469>.

Scholarships are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Call to artists: *My Dog and the Wolf* at the Richmond Free Library — Radiate Arts Space is sponsoring an art exhibit about the dog-wolf connection: about people and their dogs, about people and their role in the domestication of the wolf, about why and how it has resulted in such a variety of breeds from mastiffs to teacup chihuahuas, and about our role in this evolutionary process. Science and art meet here. This is an unjuried community exhibit and will be on display for the month of December at the Richmond Free Library, Richmond. There will be a celebration of the artwork open to the public in December, with guest speakers in the field of wolf biology and the canine genome.

Most works should be two-dimensional and ready to hang on the wall. There is room for some smaller three-dimensional work. Please respond by Wednesday, November 1 to express your interest. Include an image of your work with dimensions, title, and media. To respond or if you have questions contact Julie, mauie@gmavt.net.

Radiate will sponsor several free art workshops with a variety of materials in October and November, workshops designed to foster creative thought. In these workshops there are no right answers and you need not consider yourself an artist. You don't even have to have a dog. Details about the workshops will be available towards the end of the summer.

Johnson's Tuesday Night Live is a new season of free, family-friendly concerts at the Tuesday Night Live Outdoor Stage at the Legion Field on School Street. Tuesday Night Live is free thanks to the support of local businesses. Just bring a blanket or chair. A variety of vendors with food, including the Historical Society with slices of homemade pie, will be on site. Parking is along School Street, in the Elementary School parking lot, and at the McClelland Building lot on College Hill. Rain or shine. Summer showers may dampen the enthusiasm for a few minutes; but it is lightning and thunder that stop the music. Upcoming Tuesday Night performances include: July 18, *Les Dead Ringers*; July 25, *Honey & Soul*; August 1: the *Judy Emanuel Family Band* bring Jamaican funk and popular music for this family-friendly event. Singer/songwriter Judy Emanuel with her family relocated from Jamaica to Shelburne in 2017. The only Jamaican inter-generational family band in Vermont, the band provides the infectious sound of Jamaican folk music. August 8: Rik Palieri (banjo and vocals) and George Mann (guitar and vocals) with songs from the Almanac Trail for a night of excellent folk entertainment; August 15, *High Summer*; August 22, *Blacklist* featuring *Senayit*; and August 29, *Dead Sessions Lite*. Tuesday Night Live is planned and delivered by a volunteer committee of the town of Johnson. All are welcome, free. For more information contact 802-635-2943.

Trucks, Taps, & Tunes: Come to the Essex Experience (21 Essex Way, Essex) on Wednesday evenings, 5:00 – 8:00 PM throughout the summer for Trucks, Taps & Tunes — the Double E Performance Center's FREE weekly outdoor concert series on The Green at the Essex Experience, full of great music, food trucks, and an outdoor bar.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, appetite, and dancing feet! Children and friendly (leashed) dogs are always welcome! We can't wait to see you there!

Here's the lineup:

July 19: *The Full Cleveland*

July 26: *Adriana and the Bananas*

August 2: *Avery Cooper Quartet*

August 9: *Back Porch Revival*

August 16: *Conor + the Wild Hunt*

For more information, go online to <https://the-double-e.hive-pages.com/ttt>.

Burlington City Arts (BCA) Center Gallery has extended its summer hours and is now open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 PM and Saturdays, 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Take the extra time to explore *Outstanding: Contemporary Self-Taught Art*, which features the work of eight artists boldly changing conversations on "outsider" art. Just up the stairs, Hyunsuk Erickson's vibrant installation *Thingumabob Society* creates an imaginative space filled with playful organic forms that merge sculpture and craft traditions.

Summer Concert Series: Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:30 PM, City Hall Park: The series continues with post-psychedelic New England cowgirl Clover Koval on Wednesday, July 19; pop-soul powerhouse Thea Wren on Friday, July 28; and more!



The Bright Ideas Project needs your brilliance! Are you an artist, musician, creator, or small business with a big idea? Be part of Highlight, Burlington's official New Year's Eve celebration, by submitting a proposal to the Bright Ideas Project. Highlight supports selected projects with up to \$8000 and strongly encourages applications from people of color, those who identify as LGBTQ+, people living with a disability, veterans, immigrants, and low-income residents. Apply by Sunday, August 27 — more information and a link to apply are online at <https://highlight.community/>.
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Twilight Series: Every other Friday and Saturday at City Hall Park, Musical luminaries light up City Hall Park as the sun sets on Burlington at the Twilight Series. July's stacked lineup includes infectious energetic BTV band *The Bubs* on Friday, July 21 at 7:30 – 9:00 PM; and the blues-infused rock of Tyler Mast with opener Nicholas Edward Williams on Saturday, July 22, 6:30 – 9:30 PM.

Sunday Classical, July 2-August 27, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, BCA Center Patio, City Hall Park, Burlington. Start your day on a high note with our new summer series, Sunday Classical. Sip a free cup of coffee from Scout while the state's top classical players pair the summer breeze with an hour of musical vibrancy and relaxation every weekend. July highlights include the Burlington Civic Symphony on July 23, *Sunday Classical: Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO) and the Mansfield Trio on July 30, VSO and the Sitka Trio August 6, VSO and the Trio Capriccio August 13, VSO and the Eclectica String Quartet August 20, and VSO and Skylark August 27.* For more information: <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/events>.

Splash Dance — Fridays, 4:00 – 5:30 PM and Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM at City Hall Park: Cool off and get down at our twice-weekly DJ-fueled dance party for kids and caregivers in City Hall Park's interactive fountain. Local DJs such as Disco Phantom, DJ Dakota, Fundanzo and the Wondermuffs, and more spin tunes that keep the good vibes flowing all weekend long.

Family Art Saturday, July 22, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the BCA Center, 4th Floor Education Studio. Get creative with your crew at Family Art Saturday! Drop in for a free make-and-take art activity inspired by our current exhibition *Hyunsuk Erickson: Thingumabob Society*. For this special edition of Family Art Saturday, Erickson will be on hand to share an activity that uses materials and techniques from her playful mixed-media sculptural forms.

Summer Stars: five films, comedy and music, starting Sunday, July 23. Come to a celebration of culture and community as the Jewish Community of Greater Stowe (JCOGS) presents Summer Stars, five films and one evening of comedy and music. All are welcome! Tickets for all events available online at <https://www.sprucepeakarts.org/summerstars/>.

Sunday, July 23, 7:00 PM, JCOGS, 1189 Cape Cod Rd., Stowe: *Hava Nagila (the movie)* is the first installment, a documentary following the history, mystery, and meaning of this great Jewish music standard.

Saturday, August 5, 7:00 PM, Spruce Peak Performing Arts Centre, 122 Hourglass Dr., Stowe: JCOGS presents celebrated folk fusion band *Nefesh Mountain* and stand-up comic Moody McCarthy.

Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 PM, Spruce Peak Performing Arts Center, 122 Hourglass Dr., Stowe: the Stowe Jewish Film Festival continues with *Cinema Sabaya*, a heartfelt portrayal of the experience of eight women, four Jewish and four Muslim, who come together for a video workshop.

Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 PM, Phantom Theater, Edgecomb Barn, 970 Dump Rd., Warren: the Stowe Jewish Film Festival presents *That Orchestra with the Broken Instruments*. Gathering for a one-night concert in Jerusalem, an orchestra of diverse musicians creates music and social harmony with broken instruments.

Sunday, August 27, 6:00 PM, Savoy Theater, 25 Main St., Montpelier: the Stowe Jewish Film Festival concludes Season 2023 with the simultaneous screening of two films: *The Story of Annette Zelman* (for teens and adults), a feature film set in Nazi-occupied Paris that brings to light a tragic true love story; and *Where is Anne Frank* (for children 10+ and teens) is an animated feature film that follows Kitty, Anne Frank's imaginary friend to whom she addressed her diary.

Artists in Schools Grants are coming soon. These grants support quality, multi-day arts experiences in schools with Vermont teaching artists in residence and encourage collaborations between schools, youth, artists, and arts organizations. Residencies may take place during the school day or in a sequential, after-school setting. Grant funding supports multi-day projects typically between 3-10 days in length and support preK-12 teachers and students within a given school or district. Applications are open; learn more at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/find-a-grant/schools/artists-in-schools/>.

Artist Development Grants are coming soon. These grants support Vermont artists at all stages of their careers. Grants can fund activities that enhance mastery of an artist's craft or skills or that increase the viability of an artist's business. Funding may also support aspects of the creation of new work when the activity allows the grantee to accept a rare and important opportunity. Applications are open; learn more at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/find-a-grant/artists/artist-development/>.

Johnson Badgers summer sport camps

The Johnson Badgers sports camps are open to students entering grades 5-12, with both overnight and day options. All camps are located on the campus of Vermont State University-Johnson.

All registrations for all camps can be found online at <https://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/index>. Come join the fun during the Johnson Badgers Summer Sports Camps!

- Friday, August 4: Johnson Athletics Golf Outing, 1:00 PM shotgun start, Cedar Knoll Country Club. Registration link: https://vermontstatecolleges.formstack.com/forms/johnson_golfouting2023
- Sunday-Thursday, August 6-10: NVU-Johnson Girls Basketball Development Camp

For information on any camp or clinic offering, go online to <https://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/index> or call 802-635-1498.

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COMMUNITY COLUMNS

A rare find on Jericho pathway goes to auction

By Bernie Paquette

Valuation is a slippery term. The monetary worth of something. Which might prompt the question, what is the worth of money? *Seven Days* recently reported (*Reading Pays* by Abigail Greenberg) that as part of Bruce Lisman's literature collection sold at auction, an original proof of *The Scarlet Letter* sold for \$639,000. There is indeed a strong rare-books market.

To say that there is a utilitarian value is a bit of a stretch. No doubt the history and uniqueness along with the author's and the book's fame come into play making the book proof a desirable item for some folks.

"It may start with just one special piece that catches your eye and captures your heart, stirring an affection that quickly grows into an assemblage so dear, its sentimental value is beyond calculation." — Melissa Lester.

Not to diminish the 'value' of any rare book, it seems there is almost always a buyer for just about anything. For less rare items sometimes the story behind them is the big draw.

This brings me to think about how we might raise some money for the Community Center in Jericho, Vermont. Now the community center, a building of great local antiquity, has some history of its own worth crowing about; perhaps the benefit auction could be held there.

What treasures in Jericho might we place at auction (Christie's auction house in NY or at the Community Center in Jericho)?

Sure we have great books in our libraries and even in our LFLs (Little Free Library). Raise your hand if you have not found some of your best and most valuable reads in either of these two community harbors of gems.

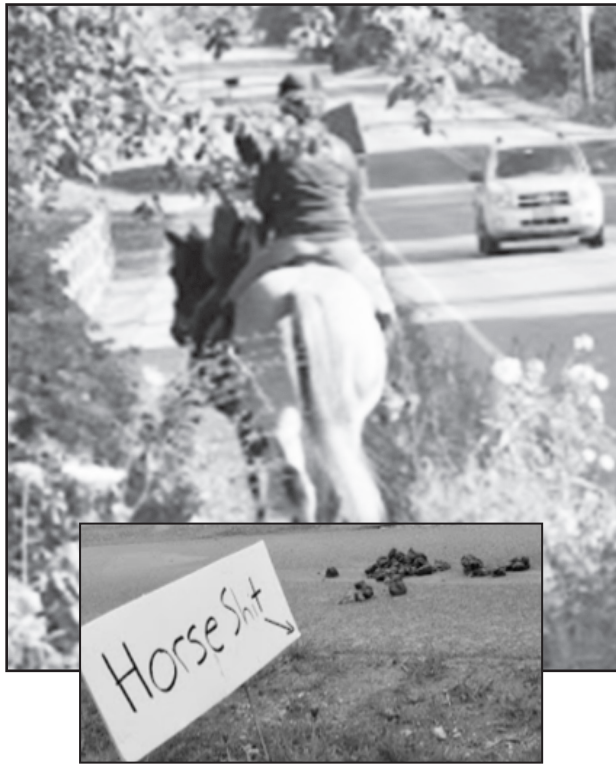
However, I am particularly enthusiastic about contributions from an animal once common and still to this day seen grazing and occasionally walking along the trails and sidewalks of Jericho. No, I am not talking about bears — though they likely have been here historically indeed — but alas we do not want to auction them — they are under enough stress from us humans as it is.

Horses are another matter. Some of the horses in Jericho are of the finest lineage around. A 14-hand bay mare named Hope that demonstrates dear loyal friends sometimes have four legs. Splash (My Little Pony), 12.2 hands, 1998 DOB, Welsh/Quarter pony gelding at Juniper Knoll Farm, and Coco (Coco Chanel) on loan to Juniper Knoll from Jill Wade at Wishful Thinking Farm. Maggie, Finn, Havana, Hewey, Rocky, and others (including Morgans) at Canterbury Stables, an equine boarding facility located at the end of a half-mile dead-end road in Jericho Center. Morgans were named the Vermont state horse because of the close connection between the history of the breed and the state. Also in the area are Switchback Dunes Farm, Impulsion Riding School LLC, Green Mountain Equestrian Center, Aspen East Stables (all in Jericho), and Hilltop Stables in Underhill.

So the next time you see some vintage or even fresh down-home horse poop on the trail, on the sidewalk, or on the multimodal pathway on Stone Hill, you might want to "collect" it, as there is a particular appetite for the top of the market, the best of the best.

And better yet, if you have a story to accompany it send it along to me and I will publish the story and photos!

Here is a title we might use to start promoting the auction:



"The Art of Collecting: Steamy Treasures that Help Keep a Community Tied to Its Rustic Rural Roots."

If we don't get a good price for some "Real Country Horse Manure" then maybe we can auction off the sign!

People will buy anything that is "one to a customer." — Sinclair Lewis

Next steps for businesses in recovery

By Pat Ripley, Lamoille Economic Development Corporation

As Lamoille County businesses continue the flood recovery effort, we want you to know that business support services statewide have met with federal and state officials to map out next steps for both disaster and economic recovery. We will continue to send the latest information as it becomes available.

Governor Scott has submitted a request to President Biden for a major disaster declaration, which would significantly increase recovery resources. All businesses that have been impacted by severe weather should report disaster damage information to Vermont 2-1-1. This information will help secure FEMA Individual Assistance Program funding.

LEDC and the Lamoille Chamber are also committed to connecting businesses with local, state, and federal resources to aid in recovery if and when they become available. Please tell us what you'll need to recover so we can connect you with resources and communicate needs with state and federal agencies, by emailing us at info@lamoilleeconomy.org.

The links below provide resources for businesses and those seeking to help Vermont business owners during this difficult time. If you would like to donate to Vermont businesses

located specifically in Lamoille County, please email us at info@lamoilleeconomy.org. You can also donate to businesses statewide using the links below.

- Report flood damage to your business: <https://vermont211.org/business-form#Business%20Form>
 - Flood recovery resources: <https://www.vtchamber.com/flood-recovery/>
 - Disaster Recovery Guide: <https://www.vtsbdc.org/disaster-recovery/>
 - Donate to the Vermont Recovery Fund: <https://www.classy.org/give/501142/#!/donation/checkout>
 - Donate to Main Street Flood Relief Fund: <https://support.capstonevt.org/give/501979/#!/donation/checkout>
- We are Vermont Strong.

Brief account of button making in France

By Susan B. Peden



The last Northeast Regional Button Association (NERBA) show awards featured a Paris backmark award sponsored by Leah Antinick. Since I had quite a few Paris backs, I thought I could put a competition card together and learn more about Paris backmarked buttons.

To start with, a backmark on a button tells us who made the button, and often where. As button collectors we find the back of the button as interesting and often more informative than the front. Paris was always a fashion center, so no wonder it became a major button manufacturing center. Buttons as decorations came into fashion in the 12th century, and later began being used as closures on clothing. In the second half of the 18th century, manufacturers began using backmarks to identify their products. The button might have a symbol, name, location, or other identifying marks.

In the evolution of button collecting, Paris backmark buttons started out as buttons that had the word *Paris* on the back. We now recognize that many of the buttons made and sold through Paris markets and clothiers were not all made in Paris itself. Bone, Mother of Pearl, vegetable ivory, wood, plastic, and metal buttons were made in Mery, Chaumont, Valdampierre, Bernais, Oyonnaz, and Grenoble. These locations were 40 to 60 miles around Paris and 2000 people were employed in manufacturing with those materials. In Paremout, near Chantilly, 1000 people worked at making silk sewn buttons. Caen is well known for a variety of beautiful horn buttons, and Briare-Montereau for "china" porcelain buttons. Briare is 60 miles from Paris. There, the Bapterosse factory employed 1000 factory workers and another 4000 home-based workers where women and children were employed sewing buttons on cards. Even 2000 French prisoners were employed making buttons! And the city of Lyon specialized in cheap, pressed metal buttons as exports.

So, who wore all those buttons? Early on, jewelers and goldsmiths made buttons for the wealthy. Each button was handmade, much like rings and brooches. Over 200 of the best button makers worked in Paris. They used precious stones and metals like gold and silver. One king had a coat with 96 buttonholes (probably not cut open) with five diamonds per button — all made by hand.

As machines were developed, making production easier and more affordable for the middle class during the 17th century, King Louis XIV made it illegal for working class people to have any other buttons than silk buttons. No metals, no jewels. This was a crime punishable with a fine of 500 livres, two-thirds of which was paid to the person who snitched on you! The king also prohibited silk button makers from using any machine-embroidered silks, to protect the needle workers who did hand embroidery. (Livre tourno is French currency, like the British pound.) This information was found in *Les Accessoires du Costume et du Mobilier* by H.R. D'Allemagne, published in Paris, in French, in 1928. The full version is available online from several Universities and Google books, in French.

As you search for Paris backmark buttons for a button competition, you will find a wide variety of materials and styles. There are Paris backs for just about every category: verbal, animals, military, uniform, livery, fables, architecture, people, objects, and more. Materials include wood, porcelain, silver, gold, mother of pearl, horn, pewter, black glass, white metal, brass, composition, jeweled, fabric covered, and combinations of materials. This makes collecting them a lot of fun. Something for everyone! When you are not sure what to look for, you can always look for the word Paris! Lists of French button manufacturers can be found online in various articles and publications, too. All that being said, many buttons were made in France before backmarks appeared. Porcelain, hand painted cuff buttons, jeweled buttons, and more may never have a maker's mark.

This year my entry into the Paris Backmark category at the Northeast Regional Button Show award competition received second place! If you are interested in learning more about the world of button collecting, check out the National Button Society website, or www.buttoncountry.com. "Button Country" is also a link on the NBS website. There you can browse a wide variety of buttons and see both the fronts and backs. Who knows? Maybe you will find yourself searching for buttons and looking at their backs to find out if they were made in Paris!



2023 Monarch Butterfly Rearing Workshop Series

Join the Underhill Conservation Commission on a 4-week journey in rearing monarchs from egg to butterfly! Learn with us why helping monarchs is interesting and important, where to find monarch eggs and how to care for monarch caterpillars. Finally, learn how to test for disease, feed and tag monarch butterflies then send them off on their 2,000+ mile journey to Mexico for the winter! This workshop is geared towards adults and children.

Workshop Dates:

July 22, 10AM or 11AM - Collecting Monarch Eggs at Underhill Crane Brook Conservation District.

July 29, 10:30 AM - Caring for Monarch Caterpillars, Instar Stages 1-5 at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Critter Carriers may be purchased by contacting Trinity.

August 12, 10:30 AM - Testing for disease, feeding, tagging and releasing your monarch at the Deborah Rawson Library.

Please register in advance by emailing trinity.schroeter@gmail.com. Workshops are limited to 8, except for the 29th, which is unlimited. Children must be accompanied by an attentive adult.

Requirements:

1. Access to fresh milkweed daily for about 2 weeks (18 inches of fresh leaves per caterpillar).
2. Aerated plastic food container for eggs and milkweed.
3. Caterpillar / Butterfly container/s (pop-up cage, aquarium, critter carrier, etc).
4. A protected outdoor area to keep your caterpillars and butterflies safe from rain and too much sun exposure.
5. Time and interest daily for approximately two weeks to care for your growing caterpillars, then a daily check-in for about 8-12 days until the butterfly emerges from the chrysalis!

Sponsored by the Underhill Conservation Commission.

LIBRARY NEWS

Magic awaits you at the...
Harry Potter Garden Tea

Sunday, July 30th
from 1-3pm
 DRML is inviting the community to enjoy tea, sweet snacks, and Harry Potter series appreciation under the trees in the garden.

Are you a Harry Potter fan?

This year the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (DRML) has dedicated its Theme Garden to the Harry Potter book series and will be hosting a fantastic Community Tea in the garden on Sunday, July 30 at 1:00 PM.

We have enjoyed revisiting the books! There is wonderful signage identifying plants featured in the stories, delicious snacks that Harry loved, lots of darling witches, witches' brew — even a snowy owl, who will be perched on the tool shed roof. You are so welcome to join us! We encourage any kind of Harry Potter attire.

We traditionally have a folks of all ages volunteer to read a selection from one of their favorite stories. If you are interested in reading, please leave your name and your selection with the library (802-899-4962).

This will be a super fun event! You may want to bring a lawn chair.

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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. Curbside pick-up is still available. Call the library at 802-899-4962 to arrange.

Adult programs

Thursday, July 20, 5:00 – 6:30 PM: Botanical Ink Making. Make your own botanical ink using beetroot scraps! We will make a basic ink recipe that you can take a small bottle of home and we will practice using the ink to make a simple monochromatic

painting of a beet. Limited space; sign ups required — email program_assistant@drml.org to sign up.

Thursday, July 20, 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, July 25, 7:00 PM: Mystery Book Group. The book title is *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron. We meet in person in the program room. A Zoom link is available. Email Holly at drawsonmemlib@gmail.com for a link.

Thursday, July 27, 5:30 – 7:30 PM: Mah Jongg. Join us as we explore the tile game of winds, dragons, and number tiles. If you like Rummy-style card games, you'll love Mah Jongg! All are welcome, no experience necessary!

Thursday, July 27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Crafters Group. Join us 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! Questions? Please contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or atowerinvt@gmail.com, or Julie Hehir, 802-343-0034 or juliehhehir@comcast.net.

Friday, July 28, 6:30 – 8:00 PM: Disability Pride Open Mic. The month of July is Disability Pride month and DRML is inviting you to an Open Mic event to celebrate! Let's share poems, songs, or stories under 1000 words about your disability/disabled self or read aloud a favorite poem published by a disabled author. Anyone can feel free to drop by just to listen. Accommodations available upon request, please reach out to program_assistant@drml.org. Please email by Wednesday, July 26 with requests to ensure that your request can be provided. There will be a display of accessible poetry books. If you plan to share something, please email program_assistant@drml.org or call the library to sign up and let us know what time slot you prefer. Any other questions, please feel free to email Program Assistant Moth to ask!

Sunday, July 30, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Harry Potter Community Tea. This year our DRML Theme Garden will be honoring the Harry Potter Book Series. We will celebrate in the Garden with tea and delicious treats, and with a tour of DRML's lovely display gardens. A fun tradition is to invites folks from our library community to share a short reading from one of your favorite episodes — please contact the library if you are interested! Leave your name and what you would enjoy reading, or for more specific information, feel free to contact Susan Adams, sadams15@comcast.net.

Youth programs

The summer program "All Together Now" is here! Register online and enter for raffle prizes at bit.ly/jusrp23 and then pick up your goody bag at DRML or JTL. Read at least 60 minutes per week and mark it in your reading log, then show the log to a librarian at DRML or JTL and you can pick a prize from the treasure box! You may visit one treasure box one time per calendar week. Bonus community prize: if we can all read 550 hours this summer, DRML will host cosmic bowling at the library!

Ongoing

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM: Baby Time [birth to PreK] Join us to meet other parents, caregivers, and little ones! We will play finger games, do lap bounces, sing, dance, and read a story or two. No registration necessary.

Thursdays, 3:00 – 6:30 PM: Library booth at the Jericho

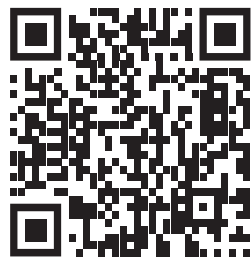
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 The Underhill Jericho Fire Department is looking for an experienced Firefighter/EMT Administrator. This is a full time position with competitive pay and benefits. Hours, full job descriptions and requirements can be found at www.ujfd.org/employment. If you would like to join our team, please e-mail a cover letter along with your resume in .pdf format to info@ujfd.org. Positions will remain open until filled.
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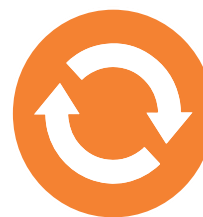
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SPORTS NEWS



Thunder Road in Barre hosted the Maplewood/Irving Oil Late Model Victory Lane on Thursday, June 29. From left: Kyle Pembroke (third place), winner Kaiden Fisher, and Brandon Lanphear (second place). PHOTO BY ALAN WARD

Thunder Road racing results

**Jason Pelkey Takes Emotional Myers
Container Flying Tiger Win
Kaiden Fisher Brings 18VT S.D. Ireland
Late Model Back to Victory Lane**

Barre, VT — In true Thunder Road fashion, M&T Bank presented a wild night Thursday, June 29, filled with nostalgic entertainment and modern thrills at the Nation's Site of Excitement. For the second consecutive week, a first-time winner has carried on a strong family name to Thunder Road victory lane while high-speed two- and three-wide moves wowed the crowd at hand. More than a few drivers went home with ear-to-ear grins, while others will have to wait to settle their scores.

M&T Bank Night began with the *rk Miles Street Stock* 25-lap feature led to green by Mike "The Biffer" Gay and Chris Davis. The Biffer would spin on the backstretch just two laps in following contact from third-place runner Todd Raymo with

both restarting at the tail of the field. Now under the command of hardluck campaigners Davis and defending champion Dean Switser Jr., the field took off once again. Youngsters Taylor Hoar and Trevor Jaques made their way into third and fourth as the second caution flag would fly on lap 15 for the spinning rookie Logan Farrell on the frontstretch.

With just ten laps remaining and Davis and Switser at the helm, Jeffrey Martin began to make waves at the front. By utilizing the outside groove, Martin made his way into third before taking second around Switser with just three laps remaining. Although he would jump to the outside under the white flag, time ran out for the former champion as he got the best seat in the house for teammate Chris Davis' second career victory at The Road. Defending champion Dean Switser Jr. took home third to round out victory lane.

The Maplewood/Irving Oil Late Model was led to green by the winningest driver in Thunder Road history and a greenhorn rookie on the front row for the first time. Phil Scott would take the

quick lead over Claremont, NH's Cody Schoolcraft at the onset as the field began to stretch under the long green flag period. Fellow rookie Kaiden Fisher would take the initiative for the fourth starting position as Schoolcraft backtracked on the outside lane. The yellow lights would flash on lap 39 for the spinning Chris Pelkey in turn four leading to a duel between Scott and Fisher.

"Tropical Storm" would get the jump on Scott as the all-time wins leader slid back until a daring three-wide move wedged between Nick Sweet and Scott Dragon sent Scott twirling in turn one to call out the second and final caution on lap 42. This time Fisher would best Brandon Lanphear at the line and take his lead all the way to the end. Kaiden Fisher would follow in father Jamie Fisher's footsteps, bringing the S.D. Ireland Concrete 18VT Late Model back into Thunder Road victory lane. Brandon Lanphear turned a horrible week around to take second followed by Kyle Pembroke to round out the podium.

Cooper French and Kevin Streeter would lead the second round of the *Myers Container Triple Crown Series* for the Lenny's Shoe & Apparel Flying Tigers, each carrying a +4 handicap from their respective heats. The two would continue to battle at the front following the lap 6 caution for the spinning Chris Laforest in turn two with Jason Pelkey and Brandon Gray joining the picture. Pelkey would use French's ill-handling machine sliding off turn four to sneak under and steal the lead with Gray in tow before the lap 16 caution for a spinning Colin Cornell off the bumper of Mike Billado.

Pelkey and Gray would lead off the pack under the restart green while Mike MacAskill would capitalize on a backtracking Gray to steal second with Logan Powers, point leader Joel Hodgdon and Sam Caron in hot pursuit. Three blown right front tires would follow for the Kyle Streeter, Trevor Jaques, and Adam Maynard machines, each calling out the yellow with only Jaques unable to rejoin the field. One common denominator would follow as Pelkey and MacAskill continued to duke it out at the front of the field with Pelkey getting the edge on the bottom by MacAskill hanging tough on the top. While Pelkey led the way, MacAskill battled doorhandle-to-doorhandle with Logan Powers as Caron and Gray looked on. The lapped car of Luke Peters would reshuffle the top guns in the end, but it would be Jason Pelkey fist-pumping his way across the start/finish line to claim his first *Myers Container Triple Crown* win. Sam Caron rebounded from last week's disappointments to claim second followed by a hard-charging Mike MacAskill who used all the real estate on the outside groove to come home third.

The Burnett Scrap Metals Road Warriors put up a lightning-fast 20-lap feature event to round out the night. While Frank Putney brought the unofficial Thunder Road pace car to the infield on lap one, Ryan Sayers would show the way from the onset in the five minute and thirty second feature. While Brodie Frazier fought through a fogged-over windshield to run second for 75% of the race, Tyler Wheatley used the cross-over to move into second with four laps remaining to move up from his often third-place finish.

At Thunder Road in Barre, VT, adult admission set for \$15, kids 6-12 for \$5, and children 5 and under free! A Family Four Pass, two adults and two children, is also available for \$30.

For more information, contact the Thunder Road offices at 802-244-6963 or media@thunderroadvt.com, or visit www.thunderroadvt.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram at @ThunderRoadVT.

Jericho-Underhill fall rec K-League soccer registration open

Registration is open for Mansfield United's K-League, a recreational coed soccer league serving the Jericho and Underhill communities. K-League is an instructional, non-results-oriented league that is supported solely by volunteers who dedicate their time for the development of each individual player and strive to achieve a love of the game for all.

Age groups: U4 "Pitchniks" for all players born in 2019; U5/U6-U6 "Kicks" for all players born in 2017 and 2018; U7/U8-U8 "Ballers" for all players born in 2015 and 2016.

Registration is ongoing through the end of July. The cost is \$30 per player league fee, plus uniform (families order direct). Uniforms consist of Challenger Sports - MansfieldUnited - Home (challengerteamwear.com), and Pawnee reversible shirt (navy/white, \$25). The order deadline is Friday, August 25.

K-League will be held at Mills Riverside Park in Jericho from Sunday, September 3-Sunday, October 8, on a weekly schedule as follows:

Sundays - K-League - Pitchniks & Kicks 12:00, Ballers 2:00
Tuesdays - K-League - Pitchniks & Kicks -5:30 pm -6:30 PM
Thursdays - K-League - Ballers - 5:30 pm -6:30 pm

To register, go online to https://system.gotsport.com/programs/91704K239?reg_role=player

If you have questions or need more information, please contact moutmansfieldsc@gmail.com.

MMU Youth Field Hockey Camp for K-8 in August

Join us at the 2023 MMU Youth Field Hockey Camp. The camp runs Monday-Friday, August 21-25 at Mount Mansfield Union High School, Browns Trace, Jericho, and is open to 2023/2024 school year grade K-8 Rockstars and to all levels of play. This camp aims for lots of fun building skills and a love for the game.

The registration form can be found at <https://mmu.mmuusd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=476094&pageid=547469>.

Scholarships are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Johnson Badgers summer sport camps

The Johnson Badgers sports camps are open to students entering grades 5-12, with both overnight and day options. All camps are located on the campus of Vermont State University-Johnson.

All registrations for all camps can be found online at <https://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/index>. Come join the fun during the Johnson Badgers Summer Sports Camps!

• Friday, August 4: Johnson Athletics Golf Outing, 1:00 PM shotgun start, Cedar Knoll Country Club. Registration link: https://vermontstatecolleges.formstack.com/forms/johnson_golfouting2023

• Sunday-Thursday, August 6-10: NVU-Johnson Girls Basketball Development Camp

For information on any camp or clinic offering, go online to <https://nvubadgers.com/camps-clinics/index> or call 802-635-1498.

12th Annual Vermont Summer Classic Tournament August 11-13

SLAMT1D, Inc. will host its 12th Annual Vermont Summer Classic WIFFLE Ball Tournament Friday-Sunday, August 11-13 at the Historic Little Fenway Complex, 17 Sawmill Rd., Essex. If you've never played at Fenway Park, Wrigley Field, or Field of Dreams, here's your chance!

Okay, so they're miniature versions — but the fun is just as epic!

The Tournament begins with opening games at Little Fenway on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, with playoffs Sunday, August 13.

Teams: there are 24 teams. Anyone can play! Organize your own team and join our waitlist online at <https://www.slamt1d.org/>.

Team fundraising (suggested minimum of \$5000) for PowerRanking points. SLAMT1D asks teams to fundraise to increase awareness of Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and for SLAMT1D's game-changing programs in support of families, children and adults battling T1D.

Three games are guaranteed; 16 team single elimination playoff.

There will be a Home Run Derby, play-by-play announcing, music, and good food!

Learn more about Type 1 Diabetes at <https://www.slamt1d.org/>.

Dragonheart Vermont for fun on the water

Have you ever wanted to paddle in a dragon boat? Are you a cancer survivor recovering from treatment or presently undergoing treatments? Perhaps it has been years since your diagnosis and you are looking for an activity that will help you on your wellness journey. Come paddle with a fun group of breast cancer survivor members from Dragonheart Vermont!

There are three dates and two locations in August: Saturday, August 5, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, Lake Champlain Waterfront, Burlington; and Tuesday, August 22 and Friday, August 25, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Waterbury Center State Park. Registration is required for each event.

Experience the thrill of dragon boat paddling, the second fastest-growing water sport in the world. Feel the physical benefits, enjoy the camaraderie, and learn the history of how an ancient water sport became a recommended path for breast cancer patients. All abilities are welcome.

Advance registration online at <https://forms.office.com/r/5puM1V8ca7w> is required. Water shoes and moisture wicking lightweight clothing are suggested. All paddling and safety equipment will be provided.

Dragonheart Vermont strives to strengthen and empower breast cancer survivors and supporters through the challenging sport of dragon boating, instilling in its members the values of teamwork, fitness, and community giving.

We have room for your ad.

Call Brenda Boutin

at 802-453-6354

for more information

or email

mtngazette@gmavt.net

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We are in the path of the totality for solar eclipse 2024

To the Editor,

Did you know that Burlington and Stowe are being recommended in current publications as some of the top places in the WORLD to see the solar eclipse in 2024? Parts of Vermont are in the path of totality, which means that we will be able to see a total solar eclipse!

My sister lives/works in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (path of totality 2017) and warned that it was an absolute zoo.

Considering this will be the last solar eclipse visible in the U.S. for at least 20 more years, does anyone know if the towns are starting to have planning discussions? I wanted to urge everyone to take this seriously (make your plans now) and suggest that towns consider hiring an eclipse coordinator.

April is less than a year away.

**Katie Sherwood
Jeffersonville**

In the path of totality: solar eclipse 2024

To the Editor,

I absolutely agree that we need to start planning for the eclipse (April 8) now. In 2017, I drove to Greenville, SC to watch totality and it was fantastic. It's honestly too difficult to put into words the depth of the experience. It was in August, so the local minor league baseball team held a game to have the seventh-inning stretch coincide with totality. The stadium was sold out and play stopped while everyone watched. It was awesome.

It was also completely packed. There were people from all over the world. There is a huge community dedicated to these events that will travel just about anywhere to view totality. Get your solar viewing glasses NOW while they are still cheap or free! Oftentimes, libraries and schools will receive them, and I've also found this site <https://solareclipse.us/eclipse-glasses/free-solar-eclipse-glasses/>.

I've seen people sell the glasses for \$25 the day of the eclipse, so get them now! A warning you'll probably hear over and over, but never look at the sun unless during totality. Totality is only around two minutes long and when the sun's disc is completely covered by the moon, exposing the sun's corona.

If you're wondering what this is all about, <https://eclipse.aas.org/eclipse-america-2024> is a great place to start learning about it!

**Lee Ruark
Jeffersonville**

Watch for kids on bikes

To the Editor,

As most of us in Westford have noticed, there have been significant culvert excavations along the roadsides. The shoulders of the road where kids can rest if they need to while riding bikes and stop and look to cross the road have been eliminated in several areas. The road abruptly drops off along where the shoulder was and there is no way a kid will stay upright (and will likely get banged up pretty good) if they even put one tire over the edge of the road.

I am sure there is a good reason for the culvert work but it makes riding bikes a whole lot more dangerous. If a kid needs to stop, they're in the road and unable to pull out of the way if needed. This makes me very nervous as a parent of 14- and 11-year-olds riding around town to play with friends. My kids have been told about this new hazard and hopefully, everyone driving cars will be aware of this as well. The culvert areas have been seeded and once the vegetation grows along the roads, the sharp drop will be camouflaged.

Thanks to everyone on the road this summer — it takes a village to raise safe children.

**Katie Frederick
Westford**

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Underhill Jericho Fire Department — a huge thank you

To the Editor,

Well, just another exciting day at our house. We were eating supper and fire/CO alarms blasted us. I thought at first it was an error or battery issue. I called the neighbors and then the Underhill Fire Department after the alarms kept going and we got out of the house.

The fire department was amazing. They came in with CO detectors and found elevated numbers in the basement near the furnace/hot water heater. They called Vermont Gas (VGS), turned off the gas, and we waited for VGS to come. They also reset all three of our detectors and got them going again, explaining how to set them. I had old batteries and they replaced all batteries. The fire truck waited until the guy from Vermont Gas showed up!

The VGS professional found a gas leak in our boiler. He explained that boiler venting needed to be replaced or repaired but that we might consider a replacement boiler.

I am amazed at their thoroughness and grateful the detectors worked. What a great bunch of guys.

Test your detectors every year and change the batteries when you turn the clock back. Have your gas company check your heating equipment every year. We had become complacent.

When those loud alarms went off we were in a panic and couldn't think straight! Better to make sure they work correctly and that your heating equipment is in tip-top shape. We always remember and mourn the loss of the DiPietros (their son was a friend to one of our sons) and believe that our alarms saved our lives.

A huge thank you to our fire department: we believe their skill and dedication is unparalleled!

Addendum: Alarms went off again and the UJFD responded. They again rechecked the CO levels throughout the entire house. Finding normal readings, they recommended we replace the basement alarm. In the meantime they set up temporary battery-operated alarms and told us to call them again for an alarm.

**Rosemeryl Harple
Jericho**



Visiting the outdoors this summer? Follow the seven principles of Leave No Trace: plan ahead and prepare; travel and camp on durable surfaces; dispose of waste properly; leave what you find; minimize campfire impacts; respect wildlife; be considerate of others. For more information and how to help, go online to <https://lnt.org/>.

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Bryan Memorial Gallery's newest exhibition Nature's Playground will run through Sunday, September 3 in the Middle Room Gallery. The exhibition includes Todd DePerno's Triumph (acrylic), pictured above. The exhibition explores the diverse activities that the New England landscape offers each season, with an impressive collection of artworks that capture the beauty and allure of this remarkable region. Bryan Memorial Gallery, 180 Main St., Jeffersonville; open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM or by appointment Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information: www.bryangallery.org, or contact Stephen Gothard, 802-644-5100 or info@bryangallery.org.

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Next Clutter Barn tag sale July 29

The next tag sale at the Clutter Barn will be held on Saturday, July 29, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The Clutter Barn is next door to the United Church of Underhill on Park St. in Underhill Flats. Thanks to our donors, we have two floors plus tents full of gently used items... from the useful to the unique. We have household items, electronics, CDs, DVDs, LPs, toys, books and games, puzzles, linens, fabric, crafts, sewing and knitting supplies, sports equipment, furniture, canning jars, tools, and tons of jewelry!

Besides sales at the Clutter Barn, books for adults are on sale at the Damkot barn, 379 VT Rt. 15 (a block and a half from the Clutter Barn.) Look for the painting of *Starry Night* on the barn doors.

Starting in August we accept fall and winter clothes, but no summer clothes. Our next donation days are Saturdays, August 5 and 12. The next tag sale is Saturday, August 26 and our final sale is at Harvest Market, Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24.

Thank you for supporting our mission of community service by donating and by purchasing useful and novelty items at our rock bottom prices.

VTrans — four project schedules

Essex/Colchester — VT Rts. 2A and 289

Thursday, June 29

THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETE!

On behalf of the Vermont Agency of Transportation and myself, we would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding during this construction project. We hope you enjoy the improvements, not only for your safety, but also for the smooth ride. Stay safe and buckle up!

Please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com, reference VT Route 2A - Essex, if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

Richmond — U.S. Rt. 2 Bridge #29 Replacement

Project type: complete bridge replacement.

Thursday, June 29

Traffic impact:

- U.S. Rt. 2 — traffic control will be present, allowing for one lane of alternating travel;

- I-89 southbound — motorists can expect the right shoulder to be closed within the vicinity of the project area below interstate. Potential northbound passing lane closure; will provide traffic alert if this is implemented.

Project update: work continued on the I-89 retaining wall, along with drainage work east of the bridge.

The following was the anticipated work schedule for the week that began Wednesday, July 5 (no work Monday-Tuesday, July 3-4 due to Independence Day holiday):

- Wednesday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM: continue work on the retaining wall along the I-89 southbound shoulder; continue drainage work east of the bridge; begin excavation work for the temporary widening on U.S. Rt. 2 west of the bridge.

Thursday, July 6

Traffic impact:

- U.S. Rt. 2 — Traffic control will be present, allowing for one lane of alternating travel;

- I-89 southbound — motorists can expect the right shoulder to be closed within the vicinity of the project area below interstate. Potential northbound passing lane closure; will provide traffic alert if this is implemented.

Project update: began work for the temporary widening of U.S. Rt. 2 west of the bridge; began drainage work on the west side of the bridge; Work continued on the I-89 retaining wall.

The following was the anticipated work schedule for the week beginning Monday, July 10:

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM: complete drainage work east of the bridge; continue “diving sheet pile” for stabilization at the temporary widening on U.S. Rt. 2 west of the bridge; allowing time for the concrete poured on the retaining wall to cure.

Please use caution and follow the posted speed limits!

Please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com, reference Bridge#29, Richmond, if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

Completion date: September 2025

Richmond/Bolton — U.S. Rt. 2 Rehabilitation

Thursday, June 29

Traffic impact: Traffic Control with one lane of alternating travel, so motorists can expect traffic delays. Motorists can also expect to be traveling on a gravel surface between Millet Street and Riverview Cemetery; please slow down and follow the posted speed limits.

Project update: Completed the roadway reconstruction and base pavement on U.S. Rt. 2 between Lemroy Court and Millet Street. Installed three new electrical sleeves within the U.S. Rt. 2/Bridge Street intersection for the new traffic signal system; placed shoulder gravel between Cochran Road and Locust Knoll Road.

The following was the anticipated work schedule for the week that began Wednesday, July 5 (no work Monday-Tuesday, July 3-4 due to Independence Day holiday unless there is required roadway maintenance needed):

- Wednesday-Thursday, 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM: continue concrete slab removal and roadway reconstruction within the Richmond Village, beginning at Millet Street and proceeding west to the I-89 interchange; structure adjustment within the U.S. Rt. 2/Bridge Street intersection.

- Wednesday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM: Weather permitting, paving and placement of shoulder material between Locust Knoll Road and Lemroy Court.

Thursday, July 6

Traffic impact: Traffic Control with one-lane of alternating travel; motorists can expect traffic delays. Motorists can also expect to be traveling on a gravel surface between Millet Street to the I-89 interchange — please slow down and follow the posted speed limits.

Project update: Completed 800' of roadway reconstruction between Millet Street to Riverview Cemetery; installed the second lift of pavement between Locust Knoll Road and Lemroy Court.

The following is the anticipated work schedule for the week beginning Sunday, July 9:

- Sunday-Friday (morning), 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM: Continue concrete slab removal and roadway reconstruction from Millet Street proceeding west to the I-89 interchange.

- Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM: continue placement of shoulder material and ditch work between Cochran Road to the eastern end of the project in Bolton; guardrail installation between Snipe Ireland Road to Lucust Knoll Road.

- Thursday and Friday, 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM: base paving on the gravel surface and gravel installation on the shoulders from Millet Street to Riverview Cemetery.

Please use caution and follow the posted speed limits!

Please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com, reference US-2 Richmond, if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

Completion date: July 2024

Williston Intersection Project — U.S. Rt. 2 and Industrial Avenue

Project type: Installation of new drainage improvements and full-depth reconstruction.

Thursday, July 6

Traffic impact: flaggers will be present during daytime work hours to allow for construction vehicles in/out of the construction area with minimal impact on the traveling motorists. Temporary designated lane shifts on Industrial Avenue during paving operations.

Project update: Gulliver's Doggie Daycare driveway tie-in off Industrial Avenue was paved.

The following is the anticipated work schedule for the week beginning Monday, July 10:

- Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM: work to continue around the Sand Filter; general cleanup work throughout the project.

Please follow the posted speed limits.

Projected completion: Fall 2023

Please email sbarrett@coibsinc.com, reference U.S. Route 2, if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

Lamoille FiberNet welcomes new officers to its Board

By Lisa Nolen Birmingham, Interim Director, Lamoille FiberNet CUD Board

One of the items on the agenda for the annual meeting of the Lamoille FiberNet Governing Board (held on the second Tuesday in May, per statute) was the election of officers for the next 12 months. This year the Board elected Jeff Tilton from Waterville as Chair, and Andrew Ross from Wolcott to serve as Vice Chair. Jeff will replace Jane Campbell from Morrystown, whose leadership and attention to detail have proven invaluable over the last two years that she has presided over the Board.

Jeff has been one of Waterville's CUD Board representatives since Lamoille FiberNet was founded in 2020. Born and raised in Waterville, he is a fifth-generation resident of the town. He graduated from Lamoille Union High School in 2000 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation from Daniel Webster College in Nashua, NH. He spent a few years teaching others to fly before embarking on his current career path as an airline pilot in 2006. Today, he is a New York-based Captain for Delta Air Lines, which of course requires out of state travel several times a month. “The option of attending meetings remotely through videoconferencing makes it possible for me to meet my Board and committee obligations even when my job or travels take me out of town. For me, this highlights one importance of having high-speed communications services available in our community.”

Andy lives in a log home in Wolcott with his spouse, beagle, and black cat. As an information systems and customer experience optimization consultant to large companies, including many telcos in the U.S. and Canada, he has seen firsthand the evolution of telecommunications firms and their capabilities. Andy has an MSEE from The Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts in Physics from Bowdoin College. As Andy will tell you, “Reliable broadband is critical to nearly all functions in the Ross household, from working remotely, communicating via mobile phone (over internet), to watching various sports events and entertainment.” When not thinking about broadband, Andy can be found hiking, gravel biking, Nordic skiing, cooking, or fixing his home.

The mission of Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District is to prioritize access to unserved and underserved addresses to symmetrical, high-speed, and affordable internet service — as soon as possible. Our vision is that every home and business in our territory will be connected to fast, reliable internet service.

See <http://www.lamoillefiber.net> for more information.**Warning about fraud text message**

By Bill April, AARP/Fraudwatch

The following is from the Vermont Federal Credit Union, but it applies to any threat you may receive via text or email or phone. You should *never* contact the number the sender gives you. It goes back to the scammer. *Always* contact the regular phone number to verify such a threat. These are scam professionals who work intensely at their trade.

We are aware of a text message scam in which members receive a SMS Text indicating that ‘Your Vermont FCU Account is Placed on Hold for Security Reasons.’ The text indicates to visit a URL to ‘Restore Access.’ The URL listed is fraudulent, and not associated with Vermont Federal Credit Union.

If you receive one of these texts, please be aware that this is a scam. You can delete the text and there is no action required of you. Vermont Federal Credit Union is not associated with the URL ‘vermontfcu.online.’

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Member Services team at 802-658-0225.

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.

ADVOCATE TRAINING — Steps to End Domestic Violence is accepting registrations for their Community Advocacy

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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.

Free Covid tests and gun locks. No library card needed.

Children's area

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, 2:00 PM: Make and Build groups are back this summer! Come with us to create art, do some science experiments, and make something really, really neat! Events change each week, and registration is required due to supplies being limited. <https://essexfreelibrary.org/YouthServices>

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

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

Storywalk ® along the back garden fence. [How to Find a Fox](#) by Nilah Magruder.

Thursday, August 3, 2:00 – 4:00 PM: Mr. Mike and the Big Blue Trunk. Come and play some games, win some prizes, and maybe bring home a balloon animal, all while visiting the library! Mr. Mike will be setting up in the library back yard, or at Memorial Hall in the event of a rainy day!

Adult area

All Together Now Adult Summer Reading Book BINGO! Register online (<https://essexfreelibrary.org/AdultServices>) or in-person. Program ends Friday, August 4. BINGO sheets available at the front desk or online. Enter to win a prize for every BINGO completed!

All Together Now Smartphone Photo Contest is open! See website for details and registration (<https://essexfreelibrary.org/AdultServices>). Submissions close 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 1. Community voting Monday, August 7 through 5:00 PM on Friday, August 11. Winners to be announced Thursday, August

17. Open to Essex residents aged 18+. Pictures must be taken in Essex Town between January 1, 2022 and present. Categories: Favorite Places, Lifestyle (hobbies/interests/recreation), and Natural World. Prizes generously donated by these Essex Town businesses: ArtHound Gallery, Lowes, Nusantara, Phoenix Books, Purple Sage, Ray's Seafood, Sweet Clover, Starbucks and Uncommon Coffee.

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.

Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM: Rummikub for Adults. Meet at the reserved table on the Mezzanine.

Saturday, July 22, 12:00 – 4:00 PM: Essex Garden Tour, followed by tea at Full Circle Gardens from 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Rain or shine! Tickets may be purchased at Essex Free Library with cash/check. Suggested donation \$10. Free for accompanied children. Brought to you by the Essex Garden Club and Friends of the Essex Free Library. All proceeds will benefit the Essex Free Library.

Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Special Tech Time / Tech Petting Zoo. We're bringing out all the tech toys Essex card holders can borrow — laptops, Bluetooth speakers, wifi hotspots, Bluetooth CD player, microphone, telescope, and more cool stuff from our Library of Things!

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>

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Training. Training sessions will take place on Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 – 9:00 PM; Saturday, August 19, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; and Sunday, August 20, 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Lunch will be included on Saturday and Sunday. For more information: <https://stepsvt.org/>.

MENTAL HEALTH TEACHER — National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) of Vermont is looking for volunteers to serve as Family Mental Health Teachers throughout the state. NAMI's "Family to Family" class is a free eight-week course for family members, partners, and/or friends of individuals living with a mental health condition. The course is taught once a week by trained NAMI family members and friends to address the emotional responses people experience when confronting mental health challenges. Teachers must be a family member of an individual living with a mental health condition. A complete two-day training is provided. For more information, visit: <https://namivt.org/programs/family-to-family-class/>.

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Lamoille County businesses join together

By Pat Ripley, Lamoille Economic Development Corporation
Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the Lamoille Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to build a better business community for Lamoille County. Join with one business membership and belong to two organizations — join at <https://lamoilleeconomy.org/membership-benefits/>.

LEDC seeks to be your first choice in business development. Drawing on our wide array of program offerings, we will tailor a program appropriate for your business venture. From small start-ups to major corporations, it is our goal to help you establish a presence in Lamoille County and grow your business here.

Lamoille Chamber continues the strong tradition of local business support and regional marketing, along with sponsoring our legislative breakfast series to engage our community with government advocacy.

Together we are building a better Lamoille County through job creation, investment, professional services and consulting, business recruitment and retention, economic development, marketing, legislative advocacy, and more.

Our members are eligible for low-cost dental and vision insurance plans, with no employer contribution required. Become a member with us and your employees are all eligible for voluntary enrollment in the *VACEplus* insurance dental and vision plans. If you are looking for a way of providing more benefits to your employees, or are self-employed and looking for dental and/or vision insurance, consider becoming a member.

Your membership support assists in countless ways to help the economy of Lamoille County and you can be proud to be part our efforts to bolster our region's economy.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Jericho Development Review Board will **CONTINUE** the public hearing at 7:00 pm on **WEDNESDAY** August 9, 2023 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following.

- A request to the DRB by Gary & Tammy Davis for a Final Plat Review for Two lot subdivision - PUD. The property is located at 52 Cilley Hill Road which is in the Rural Agricultural Residential Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Additional information related to this application may be viewed at the Jericho Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

Chris Flinn
Zoning Administrator
cflinn@jerichovt.gov

OBITUARY

Ivan C. Hendee, 87, of Jericho, VT passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Grand Isle, VT to Leon and Anna May (LaMott) Hendee. Ivan grew up farming with his parents and brothers in Grand Isle and then Jericho, where he also built his family. Though he held a variety of jobs during his lifetime, including many years at Val Preda, Ivan had a particular gift for carpentry. He especially enjoyed building projects with his brothers, children, grandchildren, and friends. Ivan proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in the 1950s, including time overseas in Germany, and built lifelong friendships in the process. He married his beloved wife, Margaret "Peggy" (White), in 1965 and was a devoted father to his two daughters. Known as a man who couldn't sit still, Ivan always had a long to-do list he was working through. In his free time, he enjoyed woodworking, gambling on the casino slot machines, seeing new places, playing softball, snowmobiling, making pies,



and visiting his Army buddies. At home, when he wasn't trying out a new dinner recipe, Ivan could often be found drinking a Pepsi and watching the Red Sox, MSNBC, or a Hallmark movie with one of his pets nearby. Above all else, he loved his family, with a particular soft spot for his grandchildren. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Peggy; daughters Michelle Harkey of North Carolina and Patricia Hendee of Fairfax, VT; grandchildren Nicholas, William, and Katherine; siblings Leon, Wayne, and Kevin; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Elton, and several of his Army buddies. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home, Essex Junction, VT. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, July 14, 2023 at St. Joseph's Church, 185 U.S. Rt. 2, Grand Isle, VT. To share condolences please go to www.vtfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice; two near and dear to his heart are the American Legion and the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are under the care of Corbin and Palmer Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Essex Junction.

SENIOR NEWS

Agewell meals in Bolton

The July 12 Agewell meal has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 19 because of closed roads and flooding.

Bolton will now have Agewell (Meals On Wheels) delivered to the Bolton Fire Station on the second Wednesday of each month (August 9; September 13). Pick up is 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We provide services to individuals 60+ and their spouse or caregivers, and a disabled person(s) living with the senior, regardless of financial status.

The next delivery (rescheduled from July 12) will be Wednesday, July 19. The menu: cheese tortellini with Alfredo sauce, peas and carrots, wheat bread/butter, watermelon, and milk.

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