

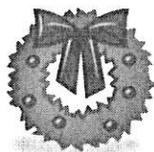
# Wallingford News

116th Edition

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| <b>14</b> | <p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:00am Rotary<br/>12:00pm SRS<br/>Meal<br/>6:30pm<br/>Selectboard<br/>7:00pm Planning<br/>Commission</p>                                 | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:30am Bone<br/>Bldrs<br/>10:30am Library<br/>Story Time<br/>6:30pm WFD<br/>Training</p>                                      | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:00pm Grange<br/>Bingo<br/>7:00pm MRU<br/>Board<br/>7:00pm Yvonne<br/>Daly Book Launch</p>                             | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:30am Bone<br/>Builders<br/>6:30pm WES<br/>Board<br/>6:30pm Martial<br/>Arts</p>   | <p><b>19</b></p>   | <p><b>20</b></p>  |
| <b>21</b> | <p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00am Rotary<br/>12:00pm SRS<br/>Meal<br/>6:30pm<br/>Conservation<br/>Commission</p>  | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:30am Bone<br/>Bldrs<br/>10:30am Library<br/>Story Time<br/>6:30pm WFD<br/>Work Detail</p>                                   | <p><b>24</b></p>  | <p><b>25</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> | <p><b>26</b></p>   | <p><b>27</b></p>  |
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### TOWN OFFICE NEWS

*Town Clerk office hours:* Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon. Contact: 446-2336 or [townclerk@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townclerk@wallingfordvt.com). After-hours mail slot is in the left-side door. ***Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.***

### ~HOLIDAY HOURS~

The Town Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas, and Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> for New Years.



Don't forget that we have several pieces of medical equipment, such as a walker, wheelchair, crutches, etc., here at the Town Office to lend out.

Wallingford News is online at the town website at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).  
Check out our new website!!

### GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

727 voters turned out on November 4<sup>th</sup> to vote, which represented 49% of Wallingford voters.

The following 10 people were elected Justice of the Peace: Wendy Savery; Judy Edmunds; Charlie Gauthier; Lynn Edmunds; Gary Fredette; Sandy Eddy; Ruth Anne Barker; Tom Truex; Ann Buffum; and Sue Thayer.

Many thanks to the election workers: Sue Thayer, Charlie Gauthier, Tom Truex, Barb Truex, Ruth Anne Barker, Judy Edmunds, Lynn Edmunds, Theresa Ahlers, and Chris Bannerman. Special thanks to Charlie Gauthier and Howard Gabert for setting up and taking down the voting booths.

Hunting & Fishing licenses are still available at the Town Office. The Town receives \$1.50 for each license sold. **They make great Christmas gifts!!**

### FRONT PORCH FORUM—CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

Have you signed up yet with Front Porch Forum? Wallingford neighbors are joining daily. This is an online forum that corresponds to Wallingford. People use their real names. FPF combines the advantages of being online, like the ability to connect with Wallingford residents to find a plumber or electrician, sell or buy something, keep current on local events, etc.

Sign up today at [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com). Simply enter your valid street address and click "Sign Up." Confirm by clicking the box for your community and select "Next Step." Enter your name and email address, and choose a password, Accept terms, etc. and click "Create your Account." Go to your email inbox for your confirmation, and click on the link in the email you receive to confirm your registration. Be prepared to post regularly to keep your forum lively and active!

### NOTICE OF SALE — LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE

#### SOUTH WALLINGFORD, VERMONT

The Wallingford School Board seeks persons interested in purchasing the property known as the Little Red Schoolhouse located on the South Hartsboro Road, (91 Homer Stone Road) in South Wallingford, VT.

Interested parties should contact David Younce, Superintendent of Schools, [dyounce@rssu.org](mailto:dyounce@rssu.org) or call: (802) 775-3264 for more information.



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Nearly two dozen residents have provided their contact information to revitalize a Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested or would like to be on an email list for more details, please call the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or email [townadmin@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townadmin@wallingfordvt.com)

**Deadline for submission to the Wallingford News is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.**

**Winter Parking Ban** in effect November 15 through March 31. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

#### **Snowplowing Reminders**

It is unlawful to plow snow across a town highway or street in a way that leaves snow in the roadway. Violation of this law may result in a \$100.00 fine plus the actual costs of repairing any damage resulting from such obstruction of the highway. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1105).

It is unlawful to cause water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that it causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic, or creates unsafe conditions. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1111).

The Town of Wallingford is not responsible for vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within town highway rights-of-way damaged during snowplowing. (Title 19 V.S.A. 904, 1111).

#### **PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Seller: Paul & Margaret Skidmore, Buyer: Heritage Family Fedl C.U., 240 Haven Hill Road, Assessed value: \$n/a; Purchase price: \$n/a. (Deed in lieu of foreclosure)

Seller: Suzanne Healy, Buyer: Jeffrey & Tabitha Pohl-Moore, 97 School Street, Assessed value: \$221,300, Purchase Price: \$205,000.

Seller: Town of Wallingford, Buyer: TNM LLC, 66 Hawkins Road, East Wallingford, Assessed value: \$n/a, Purchase Price: \$n/a. (Tax Sale)

Seller: Michael & Paula Burns; Buyer: Karl & Kathleen Ross, Maranville Road (36 acres), Assessed value: \$n/a, Purchase Price: \$75,000.

#### **ZONING PERMITS ISSUED**

Christopher Dunigan, 205 South Main Street, new screened-in porch and shed.

*{Please note that these meeting minutes are a brief summary and are not the final approved version.}*

#### **SELECTBOARD**

**11/03/14.** Present: N. Tift, T. Phillips, R. Regula, M. Tessier, and G. Fredette

The board discussed the road commissioner's suggestion of adding a third person to lay gravel on the

roads in April, May and part of June. N. Tift said the board should consider including funds for a third road crew member at budget time. He said in the past the town operated with a three-man road crew and there was plenty of road maintenance to keep three people busy.

S. Switzer will contact a number of local contractors and request estimates for town garage bathroom renovations.

The board reviewed the map and project description for New England Power Link's proposed transmission line from Canada to Ludlow with a section along Route 103.

S. Switzer informed the board the company expressed interest in the Witham property on Route 103 as a possible staging area.

The board reviewed Casella's rental agreement for a new trash compactor and will share their concerns with Casella before any action is taken.

The board approved an Early Return to Work After Work Related Injury/Illness policy that VLCT recommended to reduce workers' compensation claims.

The board scheduled a special meeting on November 13 to address recent vandalism in town and explore solutions, including revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch program.

T. Phillips and S. Switzer met with Gary Lieb from The Royal Group to scope out possibilities for security systems at the recreation area and lake.

The Board approved the road crew attending the Vermont Local Roads 6-hour winter road maintenance workshop in Berlin on November 14.

The Board reviewed Tom Phillips' lot line adjustment request involving his Route 140W property and municipal land. Tom recused himself as a member of the board for the discussion. He provided a survey showing the new boundaries and said it would be an even swap of about 6/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre. The lot line adjustment would enable him to get power to his property without seeking a right-of-way through town land. He added it would clean up the boundaries of

both parcels, give his portion of the lake road to the town and increase the municipal lot near the transfer station. The Board approved this at no cost to the town for any legal paperwork.

The board agreed N. Tift sign a letter to Shane Filskov of Vermont Railway requesting Route 140W and Hartsboro Road south rail crossings be repaired this year.

N. Tift agreed to attend the Unit Based Pricing for Trash Disposal forum at RRMCM on November 12 along with Jim Regula and Art Nemeth.

**11/17/14.** Present: N. Tift, G. Fredette, R. Regula, T. Phillips, and M. Tessier

Road Commissioner Phil Baker discussed the need for electrical work related to the new above ground diesel tank at the Town Garage. The board directed Town Administrator Sandi Switzer to contact Glenn Eno and have him provide an estimate for the job.

Mr. Baker indicated the scope of work

Mr. Baker discussed options to prevent people from removing truckloads of sand from the sand pile.

The Board signed the revised 10-year rental agreement with Casella for a trash compactor.

Capital and Town Government Operations budgets were proposed and discussed.

The board agreed to continue offering EyeMed packages and HRA's to eligible employees.

At the request of Sandi Switzer, the board directed her to create a policy to be reviewed at the next meeting that would allow eligible part-time employees to join the town's eye and dental programs as long as the employee paid the entire premium.

PSB attorney Sheila Grace offered to attend a meeting to answer questions regarding the proposed transmission line from Canada to Ludlow with a section along Route 103 in Wallingford. The town of Fair Haven filed a Motion to Intervene with the PSB in order to be kept informed of the project's status. The board by consensus directed S. Switzer to file a similar motion with the PSB.

Energy Committee co-chair Ken Welch and Constable Jerry Tift requested their own sets of keys to Town Hall for meeting purposes. The board agreed arrangements should be made to borrow keys as needed.

G. Fredette liked Glenn Eno's presentation at the Neighborhood Watch forum regarding lights with motion sensitivity. The board directed S. Switzer to request estimates from him for the recreation area and lake.

The board agreed vegetation around the tennis courts should be removed to provide a clear view of the ballfield from the road.

N. Tift directed J. Sharon to dedicate his annual salary to the Neighborhood Watch program.

The board discussed ways to extend the town's appreciation to volunteers for all their work. T. Phillips said letters of appreciation would be appropriate.



#### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Read them online at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com), Energy Committee.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**10/28/14.** Present: C. Macleod, M. Pramuk, D. Scranton, K. McClallen, J. Burkett, D. Klock, and R. Nimtze

Liz Royer, Source Protection Specialist, Vermont Rural Water Association gave a presentation of the importance of protecting water sources and alerted us to possible grants for rain gardens, canoe launch and other water issues, as well as, available posters for the kiosks. Apparently, the well in Stone Meadow has been sealed and is not an issue.

Green Up Day: Viewed and approved new banners. One will be placed at Rotary, as usual, and another at the Transfer Station.

Winter Party: Date will be 2/15 or the following week. Jill will coordinate food. May flood area in the recreation field for skating.

Stone Meadow work days were planned.

Election of Officers: Co-chairs Marc Pramuk & Jill Burkett, Secretary Ralph Nimitz, and Treasurer Carol Macleod.

Vandalism: Firemen will clean signs and paint basketball backboards; three people donated paint and one person made a \$20 donation. Many people voiced concern. Marc has painted the recreation building twice. His theory is to quickly respond to vandalism with repair.

Canoe PUT-IN: Vandalism seems to have subsided. Marc wants to have a grand opening in the spring as soon as the water level is conducive. Maybe another party?

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**11/10/14.** Present: A. Tiplady D. Farmer, J. Burkett, N. Astin & J. Biasuzzi

Ed Bove presented a series of zoning maps, revised to represent specific areas that do not coincide with narrative descriptions in the existing rules vs. adopted maps. With the assistance of S. Schild, who had identified conflicts & developed the maps, the P.C. reviewed suggested reconciliations. In general, the suggestions intended to eliminate conflicting zoning descriptions, and make minor adjustments to zoning district boundaries (so to assist in their location by following physical or ownership lines).

Ed Bove requested a revised date for the next P.C. meeting scheduled for December 15th. A. Tiplady was to confer with other members and confirm.

#### PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

**10/22/14.** Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and A. Sharp

At the recommendation of the Prudential Committee, the Select board appointed Gary Wells to finish out the year that will become vacant in November when Alicia leaves.

The Committee approved moving the meeting night to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Thursday of each month until May, when Mr. Wells is done with his EMT classes.

The 1992 fire truck was found to have a bad radiator when taken in for its annual inspection. A quote was

obtained for a new radiator and also to rebuild the core at a cost ranging from \$2,900 to \$5,000. The board did not feel putting a new one in the oldest truck made sense so they approved rebuilding the core.

Maureen distributed a letter from Simon Operations asking if the contract would be renewed in February. The Board asked Maureen to draft a letter that they would like to renew for another three years as they have been very happy with the service they have provided to the water/wastewater systems.

Only one meeting will be held during the holidays - November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Executive session was held to discuss a lodge contract. The Board approved cancelling a contract due to the fact we were not given true and accurate information when we entered into the contract.

**11/13/14.** Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and G. Wells

Maureen stated that Jim has all the windows for his cabin and asked if the board would be willing to pay his other worker \$20 an hour to help get them installed. Jim spoke to someone who does this kind of work and they told him it would not be that hard to do as the new ones are replacement windows and not a different size. The Board approved his request.

The monthly financial statements were reviewed and signed by all the board members.

Gary Wells was welcomed to the board and Scott explained how the meetings are run and what to expect with being on the Prudential Committee.



WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**10/21/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, and P. Rondinone

Principal's Report: The roof over the east wing is complete! Bethany Bosch's presentation was a huge success. Her focus was on perseverance and she talked about the need for four strengths to accomplish a goal.

Parent/Teacher Conferences were this month.

All the teachers participated in a 90-minute presentation on EngageNY, a common core aligned math program. The program was created by mathematicians in New York who spent three years developing the units which would meet the common core standards. The program is focused, rigorous and coherent. The teachers are very supportive and excited to use this program.

The Winter Sports Program is on track thanks to Janine, Tara and Shannon. There was discussion about the end of day busing for six weeks. A survey will go with the weekly principal's message to families to get feedback on school ending at 3:30 for the six weeks during the program.

Data on the latest maps testing and the results of the Spring 2014 Science NECAPs will be forthcoming. 60% of the students were successful on the Science assessment which is 16% greater than the state's average of 44%. WES should be proud of the great teaching and learning which is occurring in Science.

Enrollment is still at 143.

A cleaning checklist that the custodians are to follow was distributed.

The Board discussed some concerns with the size of the second grade class.

The Board had a discussion about the food quality for the students.

Kudos to Shannon for her work on the Change of Use Permit for the Little Red Schoolhouse.

3 ft. circular pads are going to be put under propane tanks.

**11/06/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, T. Lidstone, and P. Rondinone

Vikki Ward and Kelly Shaw expressed concerns that there were no longer activities based at the school in the Winter Sports Program. The board discussed options available. Administrators will work with parents

to arrive at an agreeable solution to scheduling problems.

Principal's Report: The curbs were delivered on October 27<sup>th</sup> and continued work on the ventilation system will occur this month. The new cleaning checklist seems to be working well.

Carie Dinnan is doing amazing technology training on Friday mornings for the staff. They are working on their own webpages for the WES website so that all classrooms and specials have a presence on the website.

Winter Sports Program: A survey on the end of day dismissal two weeks in a row was put out and 20 families participated with 19 were in favor of the 3:30 dismissal. Therefore, my recommendation is to run the end of day bus schedule starting at 3:30 on the six WSP days starting in January. The cost is minimal and will be picked up by the WSP funds.

October 31 is the end of the 1st semester for 3rd-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Report cards will go home.

I have put together three options for growing the PreK program.

We are at 144 with one student leaving and another joining on November 3rd. This will bring first grade to 13 and second grade to 24.

Several initiatives are underway within the RSSU.

Teacher and administrators will be meeting to begin the process of reviewing and revising the teacher evaluation system as necessary to ensure that best practices are in place with solid supportive and accountability measures included.

A group of foreign language teachers will be working to develop a world language program.

Proficiency Based Work: We have applied for a grant to fund three years of training for a 7-person team (superintendent, two principals, three teachers, one SU administrator) to learn and plan for the work ahead related to PBGR requirements.



Bargaining contract negotiations will begin soon. Merging of the MRU, SU Elementary and Tinmouth contracts will be a primary focus required by our unique circumstances.

Superintendent David thanked Janine for her hard work on the food service report.

Paul received an award from VSBA.

There was a discussion on World Language Program.

The Board approved of Janine replacing Paul on the Superintendent Evaluation Committee.

The Board approved Shannon replacing Janine as the RSSU Voting Member.

The Board approved that Tara be on RSSU Tech. Committee.

**WALLINGFORD SENIORS**

Foot and blood pressure clinic on the first Wednesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Wallingford House.

Remember the Seniors' lunch every Monday at Noon at the Rotary. Contact Linda Weightman at 446-2301.

**THE GILBERT HART LIBRARY**

The weather outside may be frightful, or cold...but here inside the library things are simply delightful. The Trustee's Silent Auction ends December 6th at 1:00 p.m. Be sure to stop in during the final stages and place your bids; the highest bidder when the auction closes will have bought the item! And 100% of the proceeds go back to the library. The cost of running the library includes much more than books and other materials. For example, this past fall there have been major expenditures for the refurbishment of the outside fire escape stairs, regular maintenance of the elevator, and pruning of the trees along the south side of the property. These kind of upkeep and improvement expenses insure the library is here for many more generations to enjoy.

This month a book discussion of *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern takes place at the GHJL on Wednesday, December 3rd at 3:30 p.m. Next, December 12th brings a production of Dicken's *A Christmas Carol* to the stage

at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. This is done by the Shakespeare on Main Street Company and is not to be missed! Also this month the library is hosting a gingerbread house decorating party on Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m. in the Klock Room. Any donations of unopened candy for this are welcome; simply bring them to the library before that morning. On Friday, December 5th there will be a chance to assemble the houses. Students in grade 4 & up are welcome to join us. Then on December 13th all ages are invited with their families to come, decorate a house, and be entertained with a reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. We finish out the season (and the year) with some holiday closings, including 12/24-12/26, and a 3 p.m. closing on New Year's Eve. Season's Readings to all, and to all a good book!

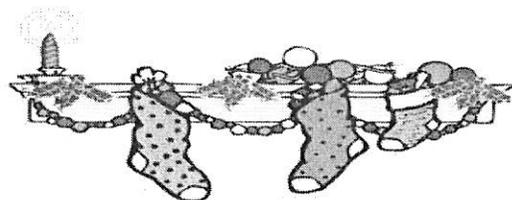
**Library Hours**

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| Tues:        | 10 - 5:00 |
| Wed:         | 10 - 8:00 |
| Thurs & Fri: | 10 - 5:00 |
| Saturday:    | 9 - 12:00 |

**HART LINES**

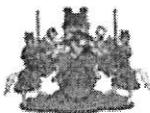
With holidays coming up soon, one after another, we are looking at a party season, starting right on December first. That's when we'll set the Christmas tree a-glow, and sing carols to get spirits moving in celebration of this beautiful season. This will happen on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. with Nelson Jaquay leading the singing at the front of the Library. Afterward we'll go inside the Library and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies provided by the Friends. It's also a good time to visit with neighbors and friends.

On the following Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be much to do in town, not the least of which will be the Silent Auction put on by the Library Trustees. There are some beautiful hand-made items to look at, as well as other unusual things. Come and see! Those who win will find out on that day. Also the Friends will have a tea in the Klock Room, so you can rest a spell from the many activities. Tea will be ready from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Cookies, breads and finger-food will also be served.



There is only one card party this month because of the many activities happening around the holidays. This one will be on December 12th at 1:00 p.m. More questions? Ask Carol Pratt, 446-2843.

The Vermont Movie, Freedom and Unity, I've mentioned before, is being shown at the Town Hall periodically. We showed Part I last Sunday, and it was informative and enjoyable and ran for about 1 ½ hrs. We will run Part II after the holidays, when more people can come. Watch the Notice Board for further information, or look for it in the Newsletter.



#### **WALLINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Are you looking for a unique gift to give for the holidays? How about a copy of "The History of Wallingford" by Thorpe for only \$20, or "The People of Wallingford" for \$25 by Batcheller, or "The History of Sugar Hill" by Gary Wade for \$10? Copies can be picked up at the Town Hall or if a check is sent for the appropriate amount plus \$5 for shipping and handling before December 15th, you can have it mailed. Checks should be made out to the Wallingford Historical Society and sent to Joyce Barbieri, 662 Creek Road, Wallingford, Vermont 05773. Happy Holidays!

#### **BOOK LAUNCH**

"The Bend in the Road" by Yvonne Daley. Yvonne is a resident of Rutland and San Francisco. One of among many hats is that she is an associate professor of journalism at San Francisco State University and most of us remember her as a reporter for the Rutland Herald and the director of the Green Mountain Writers Conference in Tinmouth.

Her latest book, "The Bend in the Road" is the story of the Lenny Burke foundation – the farm, Emma's place and of course about Lenny and his amazing journey.

The Wallingford Historical Society will host the book launch on December 17th at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Museum.

For more information on upcoming programs from May through October, membership opportunities, publications and photo galleries, visit our website at

<http://wallingfordhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com> or contact President Joyce Barbieri at 446-2614.

#### **EVENTS FOR THE MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE # 318 ON ROUTE 7 IN SOUTH WALLINGFORD**

Every Thursday Martial Arts at 6:30 p.m.

Hall Rental -- \$150 plus \$50 deposit. Contact Beth Sheehee at 342-6070.



Bingo on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; games start at 5:45 p.m. Come and support your local grange. Any questions, please call 802-342-6070.

#### **Sponsor a Wallingford Child for the WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM!**

The Wallingford Elementary School has established a Winter Sports Program with the intent of incorporating winter activities into our curriculum and physical education program. Last year was the first year of the program and it was a great success!

The students choose between the following two winter sports programs:

- A 6-week Alpine learn to ski or snowboard package at Pico Mountain at the greatly reduced rate of \$60 per student for the entire program inclusive of a lesson, lift tickets and rentals, or
- A 6-week Nordic (cross country) learn to ski and/or snowshoe program at Mountain Meadows at a cost of \$30 per student inclusive of rental equipment and groomed trails

We have worked with both Killington/Pico Resort and Mountain Meadows to keep the cost of these programs down. We recognize that, even with this reduced rate, some families will not be able to afford this program. We are looking for community members to "Sponsor a Child" to make this program available to every student! If you are willing and able please send your tax deductible donation for \$30 (Nordic) or \$60 (Alpine) per

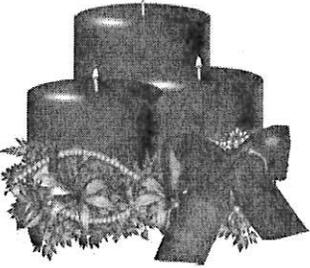
student sponsored to WES at Attention: Winter Sports Program P.O. Box 309 Wallingford, VT 05773.

We would like to thank the community for the support; we could not have established this program without it! Go to <http://youtu.be/wHJH2YIzF2w> to view the WSP video from last year.

#### WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 – Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? *We will train.* Volunteers needed -- Age 13-seniors for work details, etc. Contact John Thomson at 353-0996 for details.

Seniors are certainly welcome to join. Contact Charlie Gauthier at 353-0996.



**CONSTABLE NEWS — ON FACEBOOK AT "Wallingford Constables Office."** *Jerry Tift, Constable 802-353-2378*

Wallingford's Animal Control Officer is Constable Jerry Tift. You can reach him at 802-353-2378. The ACO handles calls concerning domesticated animals, and farm animals, to include animals running at large, animal cruelty, aggressive dogs, dog bites, etc. Wallingford's Animal Control Ordinance can be viewed at [wallingfordvt.com](http://wallingfordvt.com).

#### SOUTH WALLINGFORD UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

South Wallingford Union Congregational Church started collecting items for Operation Christmas Child in January, and on November 16th we packed them. Every year we do not know how many we will pack because when we collect the items, we just take donations for those items for a particular month. This year we were again blessed and packed 60 shoe boxes. In the past, our shoeboxes have gone to children in Madagascar and the war-torn Ukraine, although OCC delivers boxes all over the world. We are patiently waiting to hear where they will go this year.

Every box has school supplies, (pencils, pencil sharpener, pen, notebook, and crayons) hygiene items, (wash cloths, soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste) socks, a hat, over half of which were hand made by our hard working elves, a pair of mittens, toys, a stuffed animal, a bag of candy, no chocolate as it might melt and a picture of our church family which is now there church family. Besides the items listed there are two more items that one cannot see that are place in each box--love and prayers. We are sowing seeds in countries that we would or could never visit, bringing smiles to many children's faces that have never experienced the true joy of Christmas.

November 30th is the first Sunday in Advent. Every Sunday in Advent we will have a special candle-lighting and Bible reading. Please join us for this special time, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and 12/21. Christmas Eve service is another special event held at 7 p.m. We will have special music, candle lighting, an inspirational message and end with Silent Night sung by candle light. Please join us for this celebration.

If you are in need of transportation to/from church, please call us at 446-7888. Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. sharp.

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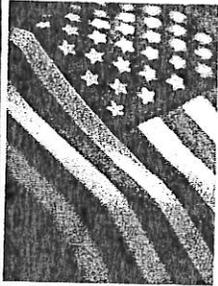
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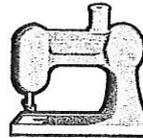
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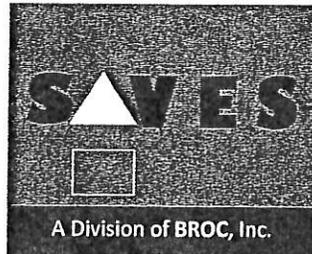
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