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Property taxes are due on Monday, April 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Thank you to the poll workers on Election Day — Gary Fredette, Barb & Tom Truex, Sue Thayer, Ruth Anne Barker, Lynn and Judy Edmunds, Jim and Rose Regula, Nelson Tift, and Sandy Eddy.

The NEW Mill River Unified Union School District seeks officers for appointment to one year positions

If you are interested in the roles of: District Moderator, District Clerk, and District Treasurer please express that interest by contacting studycommittee@rssu.org. Information on the district's organizational meeting and future obligations/schedule will be forthcoming.

ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED BY APRIL 1ST.



Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic

Saturday, March 26th

10 a.m.—Noon

\$12 per shot

All dogs must be on leashes.

All cats must be in carriers.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Wallingford Town Hall-75 School Street



Second Tuesday Open Mic will be Tuesday, April 12. Sound system available. Contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com for more information. If your non profit group would like to raise some funds, contact Sandi at 446-2872.

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STICKERS (4") FOR SALE

\$3.50 EACH—AT TOWN HALL

Put it on your car window, your home window, your school book, etc.

NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT "2016 WALLINGFORD RECREATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS"



April 2016

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(Please note that these meeting minutes are a brief summary and are not the final approved version.)

SELECTBOARD

3/07/16. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, G. Fredette, and M. Tessier

B. Brooks was appointed Chair; N. Tift Vice Chair.

Jay White requested the town enter into an agreement with Chipman Lodge (Masons) to establish a scholarship fund through VT Community Foundation. He provided an overview of the fund and the proposed agreement, which was accepted by the Board.

Lister Dave Ballou discussed the schedule for the lister grievance & BCA hearings as he'll be away for many weeks this summer. The Abstract and Change of Assessments Notices will be mailed by May 27 and lister grievances scheduled the week of June 13. Mr. Ballou suggested the board consider at some point in the future whether the town should eliminate lister positions in favor of professional assessors.

Mr. Ballou recommended the board reconsider the decision not to pay for Current Use and NEMRC workshops for the town's assessor. The Board approved splitting the cost with West Rutland.

The board adopted VLCT's boiler plate Conflict of Interest Policy.

Annual officer appointments were made.

The board reviewed estimates and anticipated funding to repair/rehabilitate the tennis courts and fencing. The matter was tabled until the Board can meet with the Recreation Committee members to discuss the estimates and options.

The board approved use of the upstairs by a local yoga class each week, charging \$1 per person.

There was brief discussion regarding the agreement between WFD #1 and the volunteer fire department as noted in the Prudential Committee minutes of 02/24. M. Tessier asked Sandi to research the district's charters related to fire protection services.

The board approved S. Switzer's request to attend FEMA procurement workshop and the TOEC gathering featuring Municipal Road General Permit and municipal composting workshops.

3/21/16. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, G. Fredette, and M. Tessier

Road Commissioner Phil Baker met with VTrans official Brian Sanderson, S. Lanfear and S. Switzer to review the Annual Financial Plan (later approved by the Board) and to discuss paving and culvert grants. Phil also looked at the Creek Road Bridge with Mr. Sanderson. The bridge footings and deck are deteriorating and the town should watch it closely. Phil, Lanfear and Switzer also visited Dugway Road with ANR to discuss stream alteration permits. Mr. Baker would like to install an electric pressure wash for municipal vehicles at the town garage if there were funds available at year end. The state will be paving Route 140E this summer from Route 7 to Route 103. Mr. Baker will notify WFD #1 the state wants the manhole covers raised. Mr. Baker will arrange a meeting with Don Godette and Joe Tyminski regarding water issues on Homer Stone Road. VTrans received a petition to rename Route 103 to Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway.

The board reviewed estimates with Rec Committee Chair Trisha Nash for the tennis courts ranging from \$22,800 to resurface one court to \$69,800 for a complete rebuild of both courts. She felt the committee and voters want both courts resurfaced. Although the Committee asked for a special article of \$22,300 to fund this, there aren't enough funds available. The Board discussed whether the town ought to consider rebuilding one court rather than resurfacing two courts, repairing the fence, and the removal of vegetation. Ms. Nash agreed to discuss options with the Recreation Committee and revisit the matter at the next meeting.

The Pavilion dedication will be held at Elfin Lake on June 18. Community groups will be contacted to participate with booths, displays, refreshments or other ideas.

Marc Pramuk reported the Conservation Commission assisted by Rotary Club members and MRU Key Club members would be installing a split rail fence at Stone Meadow this weekend. He requested assistance from the road crew to relocate boulders prior to the installation.

The Board gave approval for use of the town's bulk mail permit to the Gilbert Hart Library and WFD #1.

Elfin Lake Season Pass and Daily Rates will remain the same

2016 Liquor License renewals were approved.

No action was taken on re-enacting the Child Safety Ordinance that was adopted for a short time in 2009.

G. Fredette noted a truck on Florence Avenue had a drip pan beneath the gas tank to catch leaks. The state fire marshal will be contacted. G. Fredette discussed hearing rapid gunfire at the Carrara pit on Route 140E. New Safety Programs and

Hazardous Communication Programs were adopted.

There was discussion regarding Dean McGee's request to upgrade Mears Meadow Trail. M. Tessier agreed to meet with him at the trail to find out what he intended to do.

There was a discussion regarding Fire District #1 charters relating to fire protection services. The town received a final and unexpected FEMA payment for Tropical Storm Irene.

The junk vehicles at 1123 Route 7 South will be moved to the rear of the property.

Following Executive Session, the Board approved directing town attorney Gary Kupferer to respond to the Green Mountain Bureau complaint.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

3/14/16 Present: E. Berner, J. Biasuzzi, C. Martin, and J. Burkett

T. Wheeler asked for an update on the issue of the Industrial zoning in So. Wallingford. J. Biasuzzi reported that our insurer, VLCT, recommended the Town hire an attorney for a legal opinion. RRPC Director Ed Bove believes that the last update would be effective and replace any zoning inconsistencies.

Mr. Bove spoke on updating the Town Plan, which would mostly involve adding language on Act 59, Downtown District designation in all three villages, Flood resiliency, and Act 239 (solar). A discussion ensued on the adoption process, consultants available, grant availability, etc.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Wallingford is accepting applications for lifeguards, camp counselors and concession stand workers. You can download an employment application on the Documents Page at www.wallingfordvt.com. Submit applications by May 9, 2016 to Town Administrator, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT 05773.



2016 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Town of Wallingford is happy to announce Lisa Cotrupi and Jenn Rocque-Tiffit will return as co-directors of the

five-week Summer Recreation Program.

Program Details:

Offered to children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

The program will run during the following weeks: June 20-24, June 27 – July 1, July 25-29, August 1-5, August 8-12. Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:15 pm (actual rec. program hours will be 8:45 am to about 4:15 pm).

For questions or more information, please call 446-2872.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

2/24/16. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and C. Gauthier

Maureen researched purchasing a new computer for the Fire Station and found a few with Windows 7. Scott mentioned that he upgraded to Windows 10 and is having problems. The Board gave Maureen authority to choose the new computer.

Kandie has not reached the Fire Chief yet to review the current agreement with the Fire Department. At the request of the Board, Maureen will ask him to attend the next meeting.

Maureen reported that the flow meter at the Sewer Plant is not working. The Board reviewed the quotes that were given to her to either try to fix it or to replace it with a new more efficient one. The board decided to purchase a new meter for \$1,400 in case the "fix" didn't last.

The board reviewed the Caretaker's agreement prepared by their attorney and made changes to tailor it to what our caretaker does/doesn't do. They also reviewed the Occupancy agreement for the Caretaker's Cabin and made some small changes. The Lodge Contract was altered some to protect the district from any legal action that may arise. Maureen will type up the revisions and forward them to the attorney for final approval.

Baseball Softball Sign Ups

Okay so the weather isn't looking spring-like for this weekend, but baseball and softball is right around the corner! We are still accepting registrations for ages 5 up to 6th grade and would love to help your son or daughter develop a love of the game. Focus is on fundamentals, fun and teamwork!

If there are any questions, please call me at 446-2893 or mail bastian@auerplanet.com.

Thanks and PLAY BALL!!!!

3/09/16. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and C. Gauthier

Michael Hughes and John Thomson discussed the fire department agreement. Michael asked if he could review the qualifications for Chief and Deputy Chief's positions and then come back at a later time to go through the rest of it. He suggested Firefighter II should state "Firefighter II or 15 years of experience and equivalent to". After some discussion, the Board approved this change. Michael will clarify what "in good standing" means.

All of quotes for the new sewer line camera were not in so this issue was tabled until next meeting.

The issue of the Fire District paying rent to the town for the office was brought up at the General Budget Meeting. Scott researched rental costs and feels we're paying too much and Charlie questioned why we even pay rent. After some calculations, Scott agreed to compose a letter for the Selectboard that beginning in the first quarter of FY17, the Town will be charged for the water and sewer used at the Town Hall, Town Garage, and Elfin Lake.

The board reviewed the monthly financials and signed off on them. The board signed the annual meeting warning after reviewing it. The board reviewed the annual report draft for errors before it goes to the printer.

Scott commented that all of the sewer manholes along River Street had been covered with asphalt and asked Maureen to speak to Sandi about getting that removed. If risers are needed, we will get them and place them on the manholes.

The sewer plant had a major rotor break this week, and we are in the process of trying to find the best way to get things fixed. The State inspected the situation and is satisfied with our temporary fix. The board will need to make the final decision on its resolution as soon as all quotes and alternatives are ready. This is a very expensive part, and it is not easy to get someone to weld it because of the size and age of the rotor.

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Wallingford Fire District #1 Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School
Street—to vote on three budgets,
elect officers, borrow money, etc.

WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

3/03/16. Present: K. Fredette, P. Rondinone, J. Rodgers, S. Pytlik, and B. Behrendt

Board reorganization took place. K. Fredette is Chair, P. Rondinone is V. Chair, and S. Pytlik is Clerk. Various committee assignments were made as well.

Board Chair K. Fredette was given approval to sign individual teacher contracts.

The positive outcome of Town Meeting was discussed. Stefane Taylor was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Mill River Board.

Principal H. Richards-Peele spoke on the interviews being done for the school nurse position, guidance, and library/tech positions as well. The upcoming PD collaboration with the Addison Rutland SU was discussed.

Status of the building project was done. Heat issues have improved; however, there is some leaks in the roof and bids are being obtained to fix areas of the roof not included in the building project.

D. Younce spoke on the new board and study committee.

Grievances and Change of Appraisal Notices

The Listers' Office is busy working on the 2016 Grand List. They are now out inspecting new additions, sheds, garages, etc. Change of appraisal notices will be mailed in late May and grievance hearings will be held in mid June. Only properties where changes have occurred will be notified of the grievance period. However, every property owner can appeal their "assessment" during the "listers" grievance hearings. A notice for the grievance hearings will be posted around Town.

WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 RESIDENTS

The Prudential Committee is offering to issue quarterly bills by email. Not only will this save paper, postage, reduce land fill waste and associated resources, it will also offer increased security as only you will see your bill. No need to tear your bill into tiny pieces or shred your bill for secure recycling! Simply send the office an email to wallfired1@vermontel.net and just say you'd like to join!

In addition, the clerk/ treasurer will send out reminders to all participants before the due date who may have forgotten the due date, misplaced their printed bill or deleted the original email.

Either email or call the office (802-446-2964) and Maureen will send you another email with your bill attached. This is totally a voluntary service.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2/29/16. Present: M. Pramuk, R. Nimtz, D. Scranton, J. Burkett, D. Klock

Stone Meadow: -Parking Area: Proceed on split rail project with help from Rotary. We can contribute \$405 and they contribute \$1,000 plus labor. We will pay for stone carving with new money in July with help from the Carving Studio.

Winter party will be postponed for lack of winter.

Trails: Try to get high school kids to help and do all trails in one day. Move duck houses and clean out bird houses. Could use more houses. Need bat houses, too.

Beavers: Doing considerable damage along Otter Creek. Try to get someone to live trap them and move to Wallingford Pond.

Contact Ed Safford about operating 3 or 4 Bee hives.

Other: -Pipes across Otter Creek is very difficult and expensive to solve. Installing a lock to raise water level might be easier and cheaper. Marc submitted for a Grant of \$2,800, but unclear on how to solve the problem.

Bottle Redemption at Transfer Station could be a source of income, but someone would have to take bottles to Rutland for refund.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Read them online at www.wallingfordvt.com.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2/26/16. Present: N. Astin, B. Brooks, J. Burkett, C. Martin, and D. Farmer

The Board entered into Deliberative Session, to decide on Application #16-01 from Cumberland Farms Inc.

The Board came out of Deliberative Session, and Approve or Adopt DRAFT versions of both Meeting Minutes and the DRB's Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (the Decision), as a regular procedure, as follows:

1. The ZA is to prepare a draft Decision and transmit to each DRB member for review.
2. Each DRB member to send corrections, additions, revisions, etc. to the ZA for editing. The ZA will send each edited version to every DRB member.
3. When each DRB member is satisfied with a final Draft of the Decision, the member is to notify the Chairman, with a copy to the ZA and authorizes the Chairman to sign the final Decision on behalf of that member and the quorum of the DRB.
4. When the Chairman receives a quorum of vote from the members, he will instruct the ZA To prepare a final Decision, for the Chairman's signature, on behalf of the DRB.

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS

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Spring in your step? Or not as of yet? Stop by the library and check out the stacks for books about finding new inspiration, making changes, and getting happy! We've had many new purchases and donations in March. Children's programs continue on Fridays through April 15, at 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to come by the library on Monday April 11th at 3:30 p.m. for a presentation about using our online catalog, downloading audibles and e-books, and taking classes (for free!) using Universal Class. Be sure to stock up on reading and other materials for the time period between April 16 and 27, when the building will be closed in order to have our wooden floors sanded and refinished.

After reopening, our first spring book discussion will be of *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. This NY Times Bestseller for many months recounts how the University of Washington's crew team made it to the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Copies are available now and the discussion, open to all readers in the community, will take place on Friday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the library. If you've already read the book, please mark your calendar and join us to talk about the events of the story as well as other great newer non-fiction reads...bring your list of favorites if you have them!

Library Hours

Sun: Closed

Mon: 10 – 5:00

Tues: Closed

Wed: 10 – 8:00

Thurs & Fri: 10 – 5:00

Saturday: 9 – 12:00

Librarian – Wendy Savery

Telephone: 446-2685

HART LINES

Happy Spring from the Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library! We will be holding our annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will be selling seedlings, bulbs, cuttings, house plants, divisions, and gardening books and magazines. If you have any plants to share, or gardening books you no longer use, you can bring them to

the library anytime during the week of May 9th. A bake sale will be held along with the plant sale, so plan to come and enjoy a homemade treat while choosing new additions for your garden!

Whist parties will be held on April 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. Please call Carol Pratt at 446-2843 for more information.

The next Friends meeting will be held on April 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. All are welcome!

7th Annual YOGA Sampler ~ Class #7 of 7 Sunday

~ April 3rd. ~ "Bikram Yoga" BONUS FIELD TRIP

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To register, call the Thrive Center at: 802.446.2499, or Email: uthrive@vermontel.net. Please make checks payable to: Miriam Davis. Payments can be brought with, dropped off or mailed to: Thrive Center, c/o: Lisa Donohue, P.O. Box 539, Wallingford, VT .

Dress for movement. Bring: mat, towel, water and an open mind. For further IMPORTANT information go to: <http://www.bikramyogamanchestervt.com/first-timers/http://www.bikramyogamanchestervt.com/faq>. To read more, see: <https://www.facebook.com/hotyogamanchestervt>. A portion of the proceeds from the Yoga Workshops & Classes will go to the WES Winter Sports Program & Wallingford's Gilbert Hart Library.

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- Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration (Sect. A) & Property Tax Adjustment Claim (Sect. B) **AND**

- Schedule HI-144 Household Income

This includes all persons living with you.

MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE #318 31 Dugway Road, South Wallingford



~ Bingo-Saturday, April 2nd.

Doors open at noon; play starts at 1 p.m.

~ Chicken Bar-B-Q-Saturday, April 16th.
4-7 p.m.

\$10: Chicken, beans, mac salad, roll, brownie & drink

For more information, call Dennis at 353-4651.

WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE #446-2295

Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 – Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? *We will train.* Volunteers needed

Age 16- seniors for work details, etc. Call 446-2295 for details.

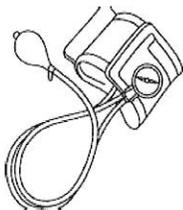
Seniors are certainly welcome to join.



CONSTABLE JERRY TIFT – ON FACEBOOK AT "WALLINGFORD CONSTABLES OFFICE"

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.

WALLINGFORD SENIORS



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

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



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Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 392 Members from 880 Households have posted 2,072 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

Check it out at <http://FrontPorchForum.com>.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Gary Dubeau; Buyer: OPM Investors LLC; 33 VT 155, East Wallingford; Assessed value: \$123,000; Purchase price: \$10,000.

Seller: Michael & Mary Grabowski; Buyer: Lyudmyla Marshovska-Herenchak; 271 Nash Drive; Assessed value: \$178,800; Purchase price: \$177,000.

Seller: Ingrid Heyrman; Buyer: Warren Young, III, 1041 Dawson Hill Road; Assessed value: \$79,300 Purchase price: \$42,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Francis Burdick, 283 Cook Drive; new shed.

WALLINGFORD WRESTLING CLUB

34 Maple Street, Wallingford
802-558-2024

Email: thomasjones2010@hotmail.com

This is a new USAW wrestling club located next to Family Dollar. The doors will open for the first time on April 1st from 5-8 p.m. for any and all persons interested in seeing the space, sign up, and obtain information. This is it, finally, a place to train and improve. A space to work on technical skills through repetition and practice. Open to all ages—no more off season. Visit our Facebook page at Wallingford Wrestling Club. A yearly fee of \$26 for a USAW membership card that covers secondary accidental sports injuries. One-month club fee=\$25 (practice 2x week) and Sundays.



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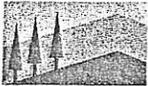
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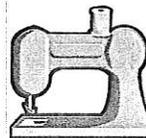
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446-2290



**Important
DATE!**

EAST WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #2 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Fire District #2, will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. at the East

Wallingford firehouse.

ROTARY CLUB SPRING DINNER

The Wallingford Rotary Club will be holding its' annual Spring fundraising dinner on Saturday, April 9th at the Rotary Building from 5 – 7 pm. The picnic menu will feature our pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, pickles, with assorted beverages and a choice of homemade pies and desserts. The suggested donation for the meal is \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children under 12. Take-outs will also be available We thank all of you in the community for joining us by supporting this benefit dinner which helps fund our local projects and Mill River scholarship contributions.

**Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day:
Rides Again On Saturday, May 14th, 2016**

Contact Persons/Co-Chairs: Wallingford Rotary:
Adrian Eisler adrancisler1@gmail.com
Rodney Ward Rodney.Ward@ge.com

On Saturday, May 14th, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM, The Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its' **18th Annual** event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle/law enforcement interactions, Etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project. To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New EnglandMedicalCenter, Boston, MA.

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Wallingford Canned Food Drive



Mill River students (and Wallingford residents) Ella Lowkes, Amelia Jones, and Emma Steever are conducting a canned food drive for a class-assigned "Community Project." Donation boxes are at the Town Hall, Gilbert Hart Library, Transfer Station, Post Office, and the Wallingford Country Store. All food will be donated to the Wallingford Cupboard at St. Patrick's Church. They will be collecting the donations on April 10th, so hurry up and please donate!



The Town of Wallingford is in the preliminary stages of organizing a community day at Elfin Lake on Saturday, June 18 to coincide with the dedication of the recently constructed pavilion. The pavilion was built with funds donated to the town from the David N. Baxter Fund in memory of Phyllis Bouley Baxter.

The Wallingford Selectboard would like to invite community groups to participate and would be open to any suggestions. For example, the Conservation Commission will provide guided walks on Stone Meadow trails and set up a scavenger hunt for youngsters. You may wish to be involved with a booth, display, refreshments or providing entertainment.

If you have any ideas or would like to be involved, please contact me at townadmin@wallingfordvt.com or call 446-2872—Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator

Green Mountain Conservation Camp

Green Mountain Conservation Camp is turning 50 this year! Their mission is to educate youth about Vermont's natural resources. Campers participate in hands-on activities that teach them about wildlife, safe use of firearms, fishing, and other related outdoor activities. Our camps are for children 12-14, with advanced sessions for children up to age 16.

Enrollment can be done online at <http://tinyurl.com/GMCCcampinfo-EPR>, or by contacting Jan Finn, the Education Programs Registrar at (802) 828-1460 to request a paper application. Tuition is \$250 per youth. A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need. For scholarship information, visit the above website.

2016 Work Weekend-May 14 & 15, Edward F. Kehoe Camp, 636 Point of Pines Road, Castleton. For more information, call 802-461-6487 or email FWGMCC@vermont.gov.

Ralph H. Pickett Post #52, Wallingford

American Legion Post #52 meets the first Tuesday of every month (except January) in Fellowship Hall at the First Congregational Church at 08:00 a.m. for breakfast, followed by a business meeting at 08:30 a.m. On the third Tuesday of every month at Noon, we host a "picnic" for veterans to socialize, share their experiences and enjoy each other's company. We alternate locations during the warmer months, but during the winter, we meet at Sal's Restaurant.

Post #52 currently has 65 members, the largest number since receiving its Charter in 1946; and, we are growing. Although membership is restricted to veterans who served in the U.S. military during an official period of conflict, Post #52 welcomes any and all veterans to join us at our events.

Following election of officers at our March 1st meeting, our guest speaker will be Gerald Carr. Gerry served in the Marine Corp and was a Naval Aviator from 1954 to 1975. In addition to his military service, Gerry was a NASA Astronaut and Commander of Sky-Lab 4.

The American Legion is the largest Veteran's Service Organization in the Nation. We are committed to helping all veterans receive the benefits they deserve for the sacrifices they made in service to our country. Aside from serving veterans, the American Legion sponsors many programs in support of our youth.

For a list of programs offered go to www.legion.org. For more information contact Tom Truex, Post Commander at 446-3891.

When the News is Bad -Pastor Dave Bentley

Recently I got some bad news. One of my family members has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. While the news was not unexpected, this would be the third battle with the disease, it still brought sorrow and grief. It didn't help that, at the time the news came, I was hundreds of miles from home and alone. (I recommend that if you are going to get bad news you try to arrange that it comes when you are home and with family and friends.) However, we rarely get to plan ahead when and how we are going to get bad news. So, what does one do when the news is bad, and it comes at a difficult time? Perhaps we can take a lesson from the story of Nehemiah found in the Bible.

Nehemiah was far from home and virtually alone when news came from back home, and the news was very bad. His beloved homeland was in shambles, and the walls surrounding the city were knocked down, leaving the city exposed and vulnerable. Similar to the news I received, there was nothing he could really do at that moment about the news. The Bible story tells us that Nehemiah's response was that, when he heard the news, he sat down and wept and mourned for days. Clearly he was overwhelmed with grief and sorrow with regard to the news he had received. Then, the story continues, he fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. That is the key to enduring bad news. Taking time to pray, seeking the God of heaven, and finding peace in His presence.

We all have times when we are caught off guard by bad news. The death of a family member, a shattered relationship, a financial crisis, or the loss of a job. All of these can leave us feeling lost and alone, even if we are near home and with family. When the news is bad, take time to think, take time to weep, take time to be broken, but be sure you take time to pray to the God of heaven, even though you may not have a clue what to say.

One final piece of advice. Don't give in to the lie that you are alone, there are people who will help you, even if that help is simply to hold your hand and weep with you. This is part of the joy and privilege of being a part of the human family. In addition, there are churches with people who have faced the bad news before too, and those church families would be honored to bear with you in those difficult times.

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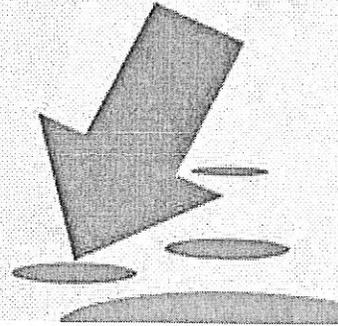
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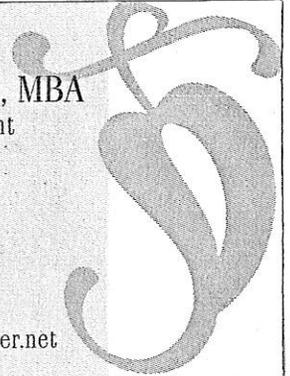
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