WALLINGFORD NEWS

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The Town Hall, Transfer Station and Gilbert Hart Library will be closed on Monday, May 30th-Memorial Day.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. Line up will be near the True Temper parking lot on Maple Street by 9:45 a.m. All organizations are welcome to participate. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School on School Street.

The NEW Mill River Unified Union School District's Organizational Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Mill River Union High School.

2016 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Town of Wallingford is happy to announce Lisa Cotrupi and Jenn Rocque-Tifft will return as co-directors of the five-week Summer Recreation Program. It is offered to children who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade. The program will run 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 Sandi Switzer at 446-2872.

Second Tuesday Open Mic

will be Tuesday, May 10. 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.

Deadline for submission to the Wallingford News is the 23rd of each month.

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NET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT "2016 WALLINGFORD RECREATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS"

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12:00pm Maple Valley Grange #318 Bingo	**2** 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Selectboard 8:00pm EW Fire Dept.	**3** 8:00am Legion Breakfast & Meeting 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Jr/Sr Training 6:30pm Energy Comm	**4** 6:30am 1st Cong Church May Breakfast 10:30am BP & Foot Clinic 7:00pm MRU Board	**5** 8:30am Bone Builders 6:30pm WES School Board	**6** 10:30am Children's Story Time 1:00pm Whist	**7** 8:00am Tinmouth Plant Sale 8:30am GREEN UP DAY
8	**9** 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm WFD Officers 7:00pm Planning Commission	**10** 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Bus. Meeting 7:00pm Open Mic Night	**11** 1:00pm Library Friends Meeting 6:00pm Prudential Committee	**12** 8:30am Bone Builders 5:30pm MRUUHS Organizational Meeting	**13** 10:30am Children's Story Time	**14** 9:00am Gilbert Hart Library Plant Sale 10:00am Bicycle Safety Day 1:00pm WVFD Chicken BBQ 3:00pm Performance by Limbo Lounge
15	**16** 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Selectboard	**17** 8:30am Bone Bldrs 12:00pm Legion Lunch 6:30pm WFD Training	**18** 7:00pm MRU Board	**19** 8:30am Bone Builders 6:30pm WES School Board	**20** 10:30am Children's Story Time 1:00pm Whist	**21**
22	**23** 7:00am Rotary 12:00pm Seniors Meal 6:30pm Conservation Commission	**24** 8:30am Bone Bldrs 6:30pm WFD Work Detail	**25** 6:00pm Prudential Committee 6:30pm "Desert Dream" film	**26** 8:30am Bone Builders	**27** 10:30am Children's Story Time	**28**
29	**30** 10:00am Memorial Day Parade MEMORIAL DAY Town Hall Closed	**31** 8:30am Bone Bldrs				

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

SELECTBOARD

4/04/16. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, G. Fredette, and M. Tessier

There was a discussion regarding the shortage of lifeguard applications for Elfin Lake and talk of staffing for the summer recreation program.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported the new truck was ready. He is working with S. Switzer on Better Roads culvert grants for Sugar Hill Road and Earl Wade Road. He's also working with Don Godette and Joe Tyminski regarding water issues on Homer Stone Road.

The Board signed the revised Annual Financial Plan.

B. Brooks stated that the town's attorney came to the same conclusion as the Planning Commission that maps in the zoning ordinance adopted in 2015 were the current regulations. The only option to modify the district is for the Planning Commission to revise the regulations concerning the South Wallingford industrial district.

Recreation Committee Chair Trisha Nash indicated the committee recommended the Advantage Tennis proposal of $36,865 to revitalize one tennis court and retrofit the existing fence around that single court. There was discussion on what the finished product would be and if this latest proposal would extend the life of the court beyond three years. The town could budget to repair the second court down the road if that was the committee's desire. The Board approved their recommendation.

The Board approved Julie Sharon's request to attend a property tax appeals workshop, and the assessor's request to buy a smaller-sized set of property maps; W. Savery's request to use the upstairs. M. Tessier reported on graffiti on the pedestrian bridge and that water was accumulating on the bridge. There was discussion concerning a new sign for the lake, violations of the safety program, and old guns stored in the vault.

M. Tessier met with Dean McGee at Mears Meadow Trail to discuss discontinuing the trail, making road improvements and the installation of a gate on his land. There is a process involving public hearings and newspaper notifications to be paid by the landowner in order to discontinue a road. The Board requested Mr. McGee to provide a written agreement signed by all adjoining property owners requesting the municipality pursue the process of discontinuing the road.

4/18/16. Present: B. Brooks, N. Tift, R. Regula, and M. Tessier

The board approved submitting grant application for highway department equipment through VLCT's PACIF program.

J. Sharon provided an overview of FY'16 third quarter financials. A few revenue accounts have already exceeded budget, plus the town received an unexpected (final) FEMA payment for Tropical Storm Irene. A few highway expense accounts are way under budget due to the mild winter. Property tax payments were due today, and she estimates turning over approximately $170,000 to the DTC, down from $211,000 last year.

Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported on water and drainage issues on Meacham Street and Nash Drive that will require some ditching work. He will respond to a collapsed driveway culvert on Olde Pine Lane. Gilly Turgeon was given approval to connect a drain into the town's storm water drainage system when he paves his driveway on Depot Street. The board reviewed documents from the state recommending the town create a storm water master plan for the village and a road erosion assessment plan for municipal roads without collection systems. Sandi Switzer will apply for an in-street sign for the school crosswalk as a result of a complaint of motorists not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk.

The Board appointed Erika Berner to Development Review Board; approved of the annual Local Emergency Operational Plan; approved the purchase of a new Elfin Lake sign; signed the settlement documents for the court tax appeals; and authorized the two TS employees to replace one of the roofs at the TS at their convenience.

Sandi will attend a free VLCT VOSHA risk management workshop next month.

The board reviewed an email response from Advantage Tennis regarding the tennis court rehabilitation project. The board briefly discussed assessor Lisa Wright Garcia's recommendation the town start planning for a reappraisal next summer and a request to add screening to the fence around the TS dumpsters.

M. Tessier spoke again with Dean McGee about Mears Meadow Trail. The Board agreed that he would need to pay a $500 road discontinuance fee per the policy established years ago.

The Energy Committee is drafting solar siting language for the Town Plan and recommended the Selectboard not sign the Rutland Town Solar Resolution.

PLANNING COMMITTEE
No meeting held in April due to the lack of a quorum.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
No meeting held in April due to the lack of a quorum.

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.

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 should 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.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your Town! This year, the **Planning Commission** is assigned the task to update the Town Plan and revise the Zoning Ordinance. This effort has long term impact on the residents of the Town, and it would be ideal if all Villages were represented. The Commission seeks someone from both East and South Wallingford to volunteer a few hours each month. Please send your letter of interest to Sandi Switzer, care of Selectboard by mail or to townadmin@wallingfordvt.com . The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is at 7:00 pm Monday May 9th, at the Town Office. All are welcome to attend!

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE
3/23/16. Present: S. Sendra, K. Stocker, and C. Gauthier

The board went through the final draft of the Caretaker's Agreement as well as the Lodge Contract from the attorney. The Board will review it with Gary Wells at the next meeting.

The Board approved the quote from Associated Electro-Mechanics for repairing the Rotor at the Sewer Plant for $5,970.

The board reviewed the quotes again for the sewer camera and still needed a little more information from Chris Hayes as to which one would work better for the district. Maureen will apply for an equipment grant from VLCT towards the purchase.

The board reviewed the water/sewer budget numbers to decide if any rate changes were necessary for the upcoming 4th quarter billing. The Board approved increasing the water rate 10 cents to $5.60 and leaving the sewer rate at $7.50.

The Board approved a quote from Jeff Patch of Proctor for electrical work needed at the fire house at a cost of $810.

4/13/16. Present: S. Sendra and K. Stocker

The Board reviewed the Caretaker Agreement with Gary Wells. He was given approval to take it with him to read and get back to the Board. He stated the lawn mower and tractor have been serviced. The gas range will be checked before the lodge is opened for the season.

The board reviewed the quotes for the sewer camera again with the additional information that Chris Hayes furnished. The Board agreed to apply for an equipment

Burn Permits

Fire Warden Dave Gilman 446-3100

Deputy Fire Warden Art Seward 259-2277

By State statute, a permit from the Fire Warden is needed for all open fires. Burning of garbage is prohibited by law. For general questions about open burning, please contact Dave Shepard at (802) 272-4088.

grant from VLCT to help defray the cost. In the long run, this purchase will save money as we will not have to hire someone to run the camera through the sewer lines.

The Rotor repair has been completed and it is back in the ditch and working beautifully. Chris plans to ask the Town of Waterbury about the pontoon they're selling as it would be a great investment to have as a backup. He felt that we could probably get them for around $1,500 each. The Board approved this request. The Board asked Maureen to send the crew, in Waterbury, a small thank-you gift for letting them use the pontoon at no charge.

The new lodge contract prepared by the district's attorney will be put into use immediately.

Maureen reported that Dennis Stocker would fill in as the moderator for the upcoming annual meeting.

ENERGY COMMITTEE
Read them online at www.wallingfordvt.com.

WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4/07/16. Not available yet.

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WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Plans are being made for the Wallingford High School Association annual reunion banquet. About 800 newsletters will be sent out in late April to students who graduated from Wallingford High School. The school, which was located in Wallingford for 110 years, was closed and torn down in 1975. Mill River Union High School was built in North Clarendon for high school students from Wallingford, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury.

There is a school wide reunion banquet held every year for a time to reminisce, reflect and remember. About 150 alumni and guests attend. Scholarship award winners are recognized as well that evening.

The photo below was taken at the 2015 banquet. Seated is the oldest alumni there: Ada Brown Torrey, Class of 1933, age 100; Class of 1945 graduate Pauline Reginbald Munson, and from the Class of 1940, Claire Benjamin Dana.

This year's banquet will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at the Holiday Inn in Rutland.

Gilbert Hart Library News

GILBERT HART LIBRARY

After our closure for renovations, this month things are really blooming at the GHL! The community is invited to a free, family-friendly performance by local band LIMBO LOUNGE at the Wallingford Town Hall on Saturday, May 14, at 3pm. This promises to be a very rhythmic hour of world beat music featuring drums, guitar, violin, keyboard, and vocals. The group has performed in the Rutland, Brandon, Mount Holly, and Stockbridge and the library is pleased to bring them to Wallingford. Grab a friend and some kiddos and enjoy the concert with light refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

Copies of our June book discussion selection, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah will be available in early May. Many have already read this NY Times bestselling novel about events in France during WWII. Our discussion will center on the historical period as treated over the years in fiction, as well as a little more about this well-known author.

Children's story time will resume on Friday May 13 at 10:30am and continue through June 10. By then we'll have lots of great information about plans for this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme is Ready, Set...Read!

At the end of the month, join the Friends the evening of May 25 at 6:30 for a family night in the Klock Room. We hope to see you at many of these fun events, and please continue to make the library a regular place to visit. To all who have already responded to the annual appeal letter sent by the Trustees, your contributions are greatly appreciated and help to keep the library open for readers, computer and copier users, and the youth of the community 34 hours a week.

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

Warm weather has finally arrived, just in time for the Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library's annual Plant Sale! Come to the library on Saturday, May 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, to purchase your garden needs including seedlings, bulbs, cuttings, house plants, divisions, and gardening books and magazines. There will also be a bake sale with lots of homemade treats, including cookies, brownies, breads, and Carol Pratt's famous baked beans! And if you have donations from your own garden to contribute, you may drop them off at the library beginning on Saturday, May 7.

The award-winning 2013 film, "Desert Dreams," a 52-minute documentary celebrating the five seasons of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, will be shown on Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 PM at the library. This DVD is on loan from Marlene Dawson, who received it as a gift from her daughter, Val. It's appropriate for all ages and we encourage families to attend this free showing in the Klock Room. Refreshments will be provided and served by the Friends of the Library.

Whist parties will be held on May 6 and 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the Klock Room. Call Carol Pratt for additional information: 446-2843.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Gilbert Hart Library will be held May 11 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE

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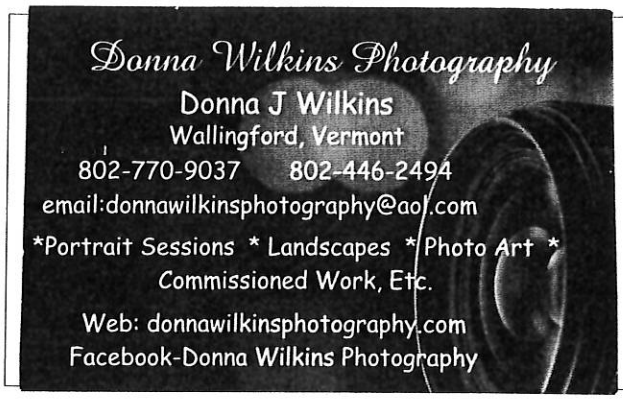

MAPLE VALLEY GRANGE #318
31 Dugway Road, South Wallingford

~ Bingo-Saturday, May 1st.
Doors open at noon; play starts at 12:45 p.m.
Bring a canned good for the food shelf and get an extra strip for end coverall.

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.

Join Front Porch Forum ... see what you've been missing.

Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 394 Members from 880 Households have posted 2,117 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

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

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Doris Cheney; Buyer: Jonathan Miller & Maria French; 82 School Street; Assessed value: $337,400; Purchase price: $195,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Cumberland Farms, North Main Street, new convenience store and gas station.

Building & Garage Sale Season is finally here! Please check on if you need a Town Permit. Sheds, storage containers, and other structures larger than 120 sq. ft. will now need a permit regardless of their construction value. "Casual Sales" and new businesses that will be operated for more than 15 days a year will need a Town Permit, and you may be obligated to collect VT taxes. The same applies to short term rentals, such as Air B&B's. Contact the Zoning Administrator with your questions at Zoning@Wallingfordvt.com, or 446-2974, Thursday mornings.

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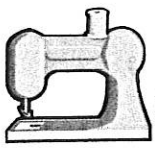

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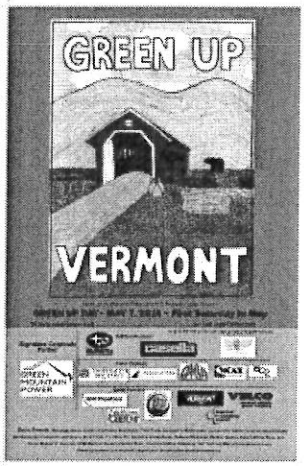
32nd Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale

Mark your calendar! The 32nd annual Tinmouth Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 7th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Viewing will be from 7:30-7:55 a.m. No sales before 8:00 a.m. Come early for the best selection. There is a big rush when we say "go" right at 8. Please plan on coming to buy locally grown and dug perennials and shrubs from Tinmouth gardens. Local master gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. This sale supports the Tinmouth Scholarship Fund for continuing education of Tinmouth students. There will also be a bake sale and other fun ways to support the elementary school. So plan on coming to this event and kick off the growing season!



GREEN UP DAY – SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

The Wallingford Conservation Commission will be at Rotary Building on Main Street, from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. to hand out Green-up day trash bags. You can also pick them up at the Transfer Station.

Chicken BBQ—to benefit the Wallingford Fire Dept.—Saturday, May 14th, at the fire station—Railroad Street 1 til 7 p.m. or sold out. (Rain date: May 15)

$12 for a full meal; $6 kid's meal and $6 half chicken. Full meal includes half chicken, mac salad, baked beans, dessert and drink. Dine in or take out. For more information, call 446-2295.

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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.

Why the Church is Like a Burrito

-Dave Bentley, Wallingford Baptist Church

Recently, as I enjoyed a burrito, I began thinking about the similarities between a burrito and the church. First, a burrito is what it is because of the variety of things that fill it. For instance, the ingredients in my burrito included: beef, refried beans, onions, rice, cheese, salsa, sour cream, the tortilla wrap, and a wide range of spices.

Second, I can get a variety of different flavors in my burrito. If I am in the mood for something spicy I can add jalapeno peppers. I can choose to make my burrito a little plainer, if that's what I want. The choice is up to me. I will get out of it what I have put into it.

Finally, the burrito is something that you can find almost everywhere. There is bound to be at least one Taco Bell, or other Mexican restaurant near wherever you find yourself.

Now, with the church, it is what it is because of the variety that God has brought together to fill it. We know that the church is not merely the building or location, the church is the people. We are the ingredients, and we are as varied as the inner parts of the burrito. Our backgrounds, experiences, and ages make for a great variety of flavors that all add to the overall savor of the church. Like the blend of flavors in a burrito work together to compliment one another, so too the differences among the people in the church should also serve to blend together and bring out the best in each other.

All of this variety and flavor is then held together in the wrap of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The mingling of flavors and ingredients, blended in the fellowship of the church family and seasoned with Word of God under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit provide a satisfying and savory experience.

At Wallingford Baptist there is a place waiting for you and your unique, God infused, flavor. Come get wrapped up in the Burrito.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT

The Green Mountain Passport Program was established in 1973 for seniors and disabled veterans.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A PASSPORT YOU MUST BE:

1. A resident of Vermont and 62 years or older
2. or 100% disabled as a result of disease of injury suffered while serving in the armed forces
3. or a resident of the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington.

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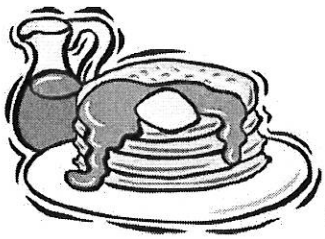
- You may note on the back any medical information, which may be helpful in an emergency.
- The card also notes who should be contacted in case of emergency, which could be extremely helpful with a phone number written.

The cost of this card is $2.00 - which is a one-time fee. If the card is lost at any time, just go back to your Town Clerk and they will issue a duplicate free of charge. Your card never expires!



MAY BREAKFAST

The Ladies Aid of First Congregational Church is hosting their 95th Annual May Breakfast on May 4th. We cordially invite all of you to an "all you can eat" buffet of eggs, strata, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, waffles, pancakes, yogurt, fruit, toast, offered with coffee, milk, juices, and tea. We will be serving from 6:30 to 9:30 for the price of $8 for adults, $4 for children (4-12), with younger than 4 free. Please join us for a delicious morning community event. Thanks for your support.

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