

**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. After-hours mail slot is in the left-side door.

**The Town Office will be closed October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.**

**PROPERTY TAXES DUE**

Town of Wallingford  
1st Payment Property Tax Due  
Monday, October 20, 2014

Payments can be made in person at the Town Office  
or by mailing to: Town of Wallingford  
75 School Street  
Wallingford, VT 05773  
Post-marked dates are not accepted.



Stop in to buy your hunting and fishing licenses at the Wallingford Town Office.

Wallingford News is online at the town website at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com).

Check out our new website!!

**WALLINGFORD PRIMARY VOTING RESULTS**

As predicted, Vermont had a low voter turnout for the August primary. In Wallingford, 83 voters turned out to vote (5.6%), out of a total of 1,486 registered voters.

I'd like to thank the poll workers and appreciate the commitment they made to conduct the election as part of their (or their spouse's) duties as Justice of the Peace. Many thanks to **Ruth Anne Barker, Barbara Truex, Charlie Gauthier, Sue Thayer, Sandy Eddy, and Ann Buffum.**

**FRONT PORCH FORUM**

Have you signed up yet with Front Porch Forum? Wallingford neighbors are joining daily. This is an online

forum that corresponds to the neighborhood where you live. People use their real names. Front Porch Forum 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. 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!

**FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

**Reminder!** The last Hazardous Waste Collection day in 2014 will be Saturday, October 11th from 8:00-10:30 a.m. at the Transfer Station. Visit [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com) for a list of acceptable materials.

**MORE VANDALISM IN WALLINGFORD REPORTED**

On 9/23, it was discovered that all of the work done at the new canoe launch site on Waldo Lane by the Conservation Commission was ruined. The retaining wall for the river bank was kicked in, and the logs were pushed in the water. The stakes, string and flags that marked the site were uprooted and tossed in Otter Creek. And the Green Up Day bag that had been used to keep the site clean and all the litter in it also had been chucked in the creek and was trapped against the bank downstream. If there are any witnesses, please contact the Town Administrator at 446-2872.

**COPIER FOR SALE**

Copystar Model CS-2560, two-drawer copier for sale that was purchased from Vermont Digital in 2010. Works great! Make an offer! Call Sandi at the Wallingford Town Hall at 446-2872 or email: townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

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

**VACANCY**

The Wallingford Fire District #1 is currently seeking someone to fill a position on the Prudential Committee.

Anyone who resides in WFD #1 interested is urged to send a letter of interest/intent either by email or mail to: Wallingford Fire District, PO Box 87, Wallingford, VT 05773 or wallfired1@vermontel.net.

**VACANCIES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are vacancies on the Development Review Board, Rec Committee, Planning Commission, Energy Committee, and Conservation Commission. For more information, contact Sandi at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com. Please send a letter of interest to the Selectboard at 75 School Street.

Welcome to Trisha Nash for agreeing to serve on the Recreation Committee. Trisha is also the Town's Health Officer. And thanks to Dana Jones for her service on the Recreation Committee. Welcome also to Nathan Astin for his willingness to serve on the Planning Commission.

**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 or call: (802) 775-3264 for more information.

**NEWLY APPOINTED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

The Wallingford Board of Civil Authority would like to welcome Tom Truex who was duly appointed and commissioned by Governor Shumlin to complete the term of Justice of the Peace, resulting from the passing of JP Stanley "Bill" Seward in June.

Originally from Middletown, NY, Tom and his wife, Barbara, a native of St. Johnsbury, moved to Wallingford in 2006. Following his military service, including a tour in Vietnam, Tom graduated college and received an appointment to the Vermont State Police. During his 26-year career, he served as a major crime investigator for 21 years, retiring in 1998.

Together, he and Barbara started a consulting business for insurance companies specializing in fire investigations. After 10 years they both decided to retire.

As a Wallingford resident, he previously was a member of both the volunteer fire department and Rotary continuing to help as needed. Currently he serves as Commander of American Legion Post #52 in town. As a couple, Tom and Barbara have worked with foresters to improve their properties and now operate a Certified Tree Farm. They are extremely involved with the First Congregational Church in Wallingford, each serving in many capacities. They are both dedicated to giving back to a community that is so gracious and welcoming. Any spare time for Tom is devoted to restoring antique fire trucks. They have both assisted in town elections in the past as well.

The Board of Civil Authority certainly has an excellent addition to its ranks and the voters of Wallingford should be grateful for Tom's tireless energy and dedication to community. Tom has placed his name on the November ballot for JP with hope that you will return him in that capacity.

**THE SALVATION ARMY**

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

If you know of people or families with temporary or emergency needs in the towns of Wallingford, Cuttingsville, Healdville, Shrewsbury, Belmont, Danby or Mt. Holly, please contact Town Clerk Julie Sharon at 802-446-2336.

**PROPERTY TRANSFERS**

Seller: Heritage Family Federal Credit Union, Buyer: 48 Church St Wallingford LLC, 48 Church Street, Assessed value: \$148,500; Purchase price: \$75,000 (foreclosure).

Seller: John Picyk, Buyer: James Vartanian, 173 Wallingford Pond Road, Assessed value: \$249,400, Purchase Price: \$195,000.

Seller: H. Vaughan Griffin, Buyer: Lane Tift & Jennifer Rocque-Tift, 1064 Church Street, Assessed value: \$173,200, Purchase Price: \$100,000.

**ZONING PERMITS ISSUED**

Stanford Taylor, 4234 West Hill Road, replace mobile home.

Peter & Pamela Pinto, 1051 Dawson Hill Road, new single-family residence.

Justin Filskov, 4880 Rt. 140W, new driveway.

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

**SELECTBOARD**

**09/08/14.** Present: N. Tift, M. Tessier, T. Phillips, R. Regula, and G. Fredette

The Selectboard discussed whether to file an insurance claim for the vandalism done at the rec field. Possible security measures were discussed.

The Board accepted the price for Cargill winter salt at \$76.02 a ton, a significant increase over last year.

The board discussed the recommended placement of the above ground fuel storage tank at the town garage.

S. Switzer and R. Regula volunteered to attend the annual business meeting and VLCT Fair October 9 in Essex Junction.

Trish Nash was reappointed as Health Officer for a three-year term.

The board acknowledged Dana Jones' resignation from the recreation committee. Trisha Nash was appointed to the recreation committee.

Road Commissioner P. Baker reported on sand hauling, replacement culverts for Haven Hill and Sugar Hill Roads, the status of the reconstruction of Hartsboro Road and the upcoming paving, the removal of the contaminated soil at the underground fuel storage tank, the repaired catch basin project near the fire station.

Amy Gilbert was given approval to move the snow plowing turnaround on Van Wyck Road.

There was discussion about the size of a culvert to be installed on a Maranville Road property.

Delinquent Tax Collector Lee Perry reported on the upcoming tax sales for six properties. The Town will bid on two properties if necessary.

The board reviewed a document provided by VLCT outlining insurance requirements for anyone who does work for the town.

Kate McClallen was appointed to the conservation commission.

The board considered options for increasing late fees rather than issuing municipal tickets on dog registrations.

New street signs, to meet federal requirements that have been purchased recently will be installed as soon as possible.

The board took no action on Unison's request to purchase the cell tower lease.

There was a discussion regarding the recent vandalism at the transfer station and the theft of redeemable bottles as well as copper from air conditioners.

The board was informed town auditors had reviewed FY'14 finances and reported all was in order.

The board had no response to Frank Chapman's concerns regarding Mitchell Road and being able to remove timber from his property.

The board was made aware of flag football games and practices at the recreation field.

G. Fredette mentioned wood chips were used at the pavilion in Fair Haven and thought the town should consider for the Elfin Lake pavilion.

**09/22/14.** Present: N. Tift, R. Regula, T. Phillips, and G. Fredette

The Wallingford Fire Dept. was given approval for a coin drop to be held October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Board approved the designation of a physician for non-emergency workers' compensation injuries at the recommendation of VLCT.

The Board declared October 3<sup>rd</sup> as Bethany Bosch Day, a Wallingford resident who recently swam the English Channel.

Dog licensing fees will be \$10 (fixed) and \$14 (not fixed) by 4/1, and \$15/\$21 afterwards in an attempt to get more dogs licensed by 4/1 and avoid issuing municipal tickets.

Bus Stop Ahead signs will be installed on Route 140W.

Due to the recent cost of the vandalism done at the Transfer Station (\$500) in order to steal the returnable bottles collected for the Four Winds Program at the elementary school, the Board discussed other options/locations to collect these bottles.

#### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

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



### **Help your community – Help yourself**

Volunteer to Work at Stone Meadow Recreation Area. Contact a Conservation Commission member for details.

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**08/25/14.** Present: C. Macleod, M. Pramuk, D. Klock and R. Nimitz

John and Kate McClallen attended the meeting, as well as, volunteered for our last work day. Kate has volunteered to be on the Commission and John will be a faithful worker.

Work performed in August at Stone Meadow was discussed. Repairs needed were also discussed.

The new Canoe/Kayak launch will continue to be worked on.

No progress has been made on a proposed dog park.

Marc attended the last Selectboard meeting for discussion on the recent vandalism.

Plants and trees are growing vigorously in the meadow; therefore, John McClallen will mow it.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

**09/15/14.** Present: A. Tiplady D. Farmer & J. Burkett

Ed Bove presented an updated draft of suggested changes to present zoning, reflecting Planning Commission discussions in the July and August meetings. Review continued; addressing uses and setbacks for the Multiple Residential, Neighborhood Commercial and Industrial zoning districts.

Initial discussion on sign regulation followed. There was some consensus that Sign Rules would be included in the Article for General Requirements; and that further details of permitted sign size and design for EACH ZONING DISTRICT would be clarified in the Article for Specific District Regulations.

Ed Bove presented a draft zoning map of the Township, which depicted certain discrepancies identified by RRPC between present and official zoning maps, and the narrative description of zoning district boundaries. This situation could result in future zoning regulation and enforcement problems, and should be reconciled.

#### **PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

**08/27/14.** Present: S. Sendra, A. Sharp, and K. Stocker

Some of the firemen came to ask how the Board felt about disbanding the Wallingford Volunteer Fire Dept. Stephane explained that it would relieve them from conducting fundraisers so they could devote more time to training. Scott said that this decision would have to come from the fire dept. but the Prudential Committee would be behind them.

The work on the Ordinances was tabled until the next meeting.

Maureen reported that a fire hydrant was installed at the school with a valve so just the school could be shut down if needed. Alicia stated she was not happy to find that they had dug up her lawn without her knowledge. Scott apologized and said he would contact Chris to have the lawn repaired over the weekend.

Maureen asked if the two September meetings should be changed as she will be on vacation the second meeting. The board agreed to hold just one meeting in September.

**09/10/14.** Present: S. Sendra and A. Sharp

The board worked on updating the ordinances and will continue at each meeting until they are completed.

The board extended the application deadline to October 8th for Prudential Committee candidates, at which time they will decide on someone and send it to the Selectboard for final appointment. Alicia will be leaving at the end of October.

The monthly Financial Statements were reviewed and signed off on.

Maureen informed the board that the Mobile gas cards used for mowing at the lodge and sewer plant no longer work as the station has switched to Citgo gas. Since it is end of mowing season, she will purchase a gas card for use to finish the year.

**No meeting held 9/24/14.**

#### **WALLINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**8/18/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, J. Rodgers, and P. Rondinone

Ken advised that he had signed the contract with Wright Construction.

The board discussed the contents of the LRS. The toys will be sold and/or donated Samantha Spoth's name to either the Winter Sports Committee or the Girls on the Run. They also agreed to offer the All Star Daycare the

playset that is in the yard. The playset was donated for use by the community children, and it being at the daycare will continue to fulfill the intent of the donation.

Current enrollment (as of 8-15-14) is: 139. Preschool= 21 (9- 3/4 and 12 -4/5), K= 21, 1<sup>st</sup> = 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 24, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 16, 4<sup>th</sup> = 16, 5<sup>th</sup> =15, 6<sup>th</sup> = 16.

A second letter was received from the Barrows about the Little Red School House.

The board considered a request by a Wallingford parent to send their child to the Mount Holly preschool. David will look into it further.

The board discussed sending out the facilities information letter to all mail recipients in Wallingford, in addition to posting it to Facebook and Front Porch Forum.

**9/16/14.** Present: K. Fredette, S. Pytlik, T. Lidstone, and P. Rondinone

Gary met with Jay, Ralph and Wright Construction to develop a plan for the work which could occur during the school year. The roof is scheduled for Sept. 17-19. Some classrooms will be moved temporarily. The plumbers have also started working on the gym ventilation.

The principal's report was received. The current enrollment is 143. Preschool=21 (9-3/4and12-4/5), K=21,1<sup>st</sup>=12, 2<sup>nd</sup>=25, 3<sup>rd</sup>=16,4<sup>th</sup>=16,5<sup>th</sup>=16,6<sup>th</sup>=16.

A meeting will be held soon for the Winter Sports Program Committee to make plans.

D. Younce will continue to work with the prospective buyer to come to an agreement for board approval of the Little Red Schoolhouse.

The Board discussed setting up a Food Program Committee, hopefully with parental involvement.

The board looked over the financial report with RSSU Business Manager Stan Pawlaczyk. The board asked for a simplified report.

Transportation: There was a brief discussion about riding times on buses.

#### **WALLINGFORD SENIORS**

Foot and blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, October 1st 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.



### **RSVP Bone Builders**

**at the Gilbert Hart Library Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m.**

#### **THE GILBERT HART LIBRARY**

Beautiful autumn days, chilly autumn nights...perfect for snuggling up with a great book! The library celebrates the month of mystery, suspense and thrillers by offering lots of titles to chill your spine and increase your heart rate. For the kiddos, there are plenty of picture books highlighting the change in seasons and ways we celebrate in New England (think apples and pumpkins AND woodpiles!).

This month the Friends of the Library are your hosts for a dinner fundraiser on the 18th. Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m., our book discussion will focus on the title, Suite Française. Copies of the book are currently available and everyone is welcome to join us even if you have read the book some time ago.

And at the end of the month, we will be holding a special storytelling event afterschool in honor of the spooky season. Watch for details. The event will be either 10/28 or 10/29, beginning at 3:30 p.m. and appropriate for elementary ages.

More and more folks are turning to their e-readers and i-pads and the library participates in Listen UP Vermont!, a site where you can download books, including audiobooks to your devices...should you require any assistance getting started with this do not

hesitate to contact Wendy. Individual tutorials are even available by appointment. Reach her by phone or at the library e-mail: ghlib@comcast.net.

#### **Library Hours**

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

#### **HART LINES**

As fall arrives, so do our expectations for our annual fund-raising dinner at the Rotary Building continuing with our ethnic emphasis, this year's offering is from Eastern Europe. Beef Stroganoff and Noodles is the main event, paired with broccoli and carrots, dill pickles, pickled beets, dark bread, apple cider, and apple cake for dessert. A vegetarian entrée will also be available. Do put the date on your calendar: October 18, 5-7 p.m., a Saturday. Cost of the dinner will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for those 12 years and under.

At our recent meeting, we also set some dates for our whist parties, which are set for Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. from now through spring. October 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are the latest dates on the calendar.

We also plan to show the Vermont Movies: Freedom and Unity this fall. It comes in six parts, and we plan to show the first part at the Town Hall on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. It is a Sunday afternoon showing, and we will find out at this first showing what future times and dates may be the best for those interested.

Also arriving this fall is the series of lectures called First Wednesdays. These are all held at the Rutland Library at 7:00 p.m. The October 1<sup>st</sup> lecture will be by Jule Emerson on The Costumes of Downton Abby. If you have watched this series, you have seen a parade of interesting fashions to be curious about. More programs in this lecture series are listed in the Vermont Humanities booklet on the Library bulletin board.

I have also been asked to remind you that we collect the coupons for education from assorted grocery items. Bring in what you save and we will find a place for them.

Meetings of the Friends are still on the second Wednesday of the month. But we now meet at 1:00 p.m. which works better for most members. Hope to see you on October 8<sup>th</sup> when we consider the holidays, among other events.



**WALLINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., please join us at the museum. Local author Gary Shattuck will talk about Lt. Alexander Miller of Wallingford and his wife Lucretia. Gary has done a lot of research on this family and will share his information. Please join us upstairs at the Wallingford Town Hall.

For more information on upcoming programs, membership opportunities, publications and photo galleries, visit our website at: <http://wallingfordhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com> or contact President Joyce Barbieri at 446-2614.

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**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 Sheehe 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.

**THRIVE CENTER OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS**

Sunday, 9/28 ~ Energy / Reiki Share, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

For more information, contact Thrive Center of the Green Mountain at 68 South Main Street, Wallingford, VT 05773, 802.446.2499 - [www.thriveinvermont.com](http://www.thriveinvermont.com).

**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.

**BURIAL LOTS FOR SALE**  
By Time Sale; Interest Free  
GREEN HILL CEMETERY  
South Main Street ~ Wallingford, VT  
Call Charles Gauthier at 802-353-0996.

Terms: 20% down; balance paid in 10 monthly payments. Deed will be written when last payment is made. If APPLICANT FAILS TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT AS AGREED, APPLICANT WILL FORFEIT 20% DOWN PAYMENT. ANY ADDITIONAL MONEY PAID WILL BE RETURNED TO APPLICANT.

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

**GMP ALERTS CUSTOMERS TO PHONE SCAM**

Green Mountain Power reported today that several of its customers have received phone calls from persons claiming to be associated with GMP threatening immediate disconnection of service and it urged customers to be very cautious.

“GMP follows a very clear process when working with customers regarding paying past due bills,” said Dorothy Schnure, GMP spokesperson. “We work closely with customers to help them find ways to pay their bills. Calls demanding immediate payment and threatening disconnection are clearly a phone scam.”

Scams have been reported from residential and commercial customers. The caller claims to be representing GMP or GMP Credit Department and threatens immediate disconnection of service if the customer does not pay their past due account balance by releasing credit card information to the caller or paying their bill by means of a money card, most often a Green Dot MoneyPak Card, or other alternate payment mechanism.

Customers should not provide any caller with personal information, including account and credit card numbers. If a call is questionable, they should report to the police and the Vermont Attorney General’s office the incident



and any information such as the phone number called from in order to track the caller.

“We’ve heard about this and similar scams from utilities across the country, and it seems to be increasing. We urge our customers not to give their information to anyone who claims to be GMP and threatens immediate disconnection. If they have a question to be resolved, they can initiate a call to us to ensure their information remains safe,” said Schnure.

### **PHONES DOWN, HEADS UP!**

By: Tammy Heffernan, Esq.

Chances are that as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, you will hear and see this phrase a lot. October 1<sup>st</sup>, Vermont joins fourteen other states around the country in banning the use of handheld cellphones, laptops, music players and other portable electronic devices while driving. Gone will be the days of grabbing your phone to make a call while you are driving to work, the grocery store or to pick up kids from school. While many of us may think that this “multitasking” is a productive use of our time and be annoyed or downright angry about the new law, there are some hard facts that may make you think twice.

Distracted driving by talking on a cell phone makes a driver four times as likely to crash and texting while driving can increase that risk even more, making a driver 23 times as likely to crash. We often forget what we were taught in driver’s education, that driving a motor vehicle is a very big responsibility. As drivers, we have our lives, the lives of our passengers and the lives of the other folks driving around us on the road and pedestrians at stake when we turn the key in the ignition. Driving deserves our full and complete attention. It is important that we remember that the phone call can really wait and if it can’t pull over to the side of the road and take or make the call... and then continue on to your destination.

The new law does not prevent you from talking on the phone in your car while you are driving as long as you follow the requirements of the new law. The only exception to the law is making a call in an emergency to police or emergency personnel, such as 911.

What you need to know:

1. Your phone must be secured in the vehicle as of October 1st. It can be secured in a mount which can be placed anywhere in the vehicle with the exception of

the windshield, it can be in your purse or your pocket or in the glove compartment. It just cannot be in your hands.

2. You are allowed to use your hand to activate or deactivate the speakerphone feature on your phone but you have to use a hands-free method of talking – such as using speakerphone, a headset or the Bluetooth feature of your phone, which allows your call to be taken over the internal speakers of your vehicle.

3. You are still allowed to use the GPS feature of your phone under the new law.

4. If your vehicle or your phone is not equipped with Bluetooth capability, you can still talk hands-free by buying and using a simple headset with a microphone. These are relatively inexpensive and can range from the traditional headset that goes over your head to the earbud headsets that are secured in your ear canal.

5. Fines for violating the new law are quite steep. A first offense can range from \$100 to \$200. Fines for a second or additional violation during any two year period ranges between \$250-\$500.

6. If you are caught using your cellphone in a work zone where workers are present, in addition to the fines mentioned above, you also face two points on your license for a first offense and five points for any subsequent offense. There are no points for offenses that do not occur in a work zone.

Regardless of using hands-free technology, it is important to remember that junior operators in Vermont are never allowed to use a cellphone while driving unless they are calling the police or emergency personnel.

### **FLU SHOT CLINICS – RAVNA**

The 2014 Flu Clinic Schedule is set. Call their Flu Hotline at 770-1574 for clinics and information, or visit [www.vavnah.org](http://www.vavnah.org). A clinic will be held in **Wallingford** on October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick’s Church on North Main Street from 9 a.m. to Noon.

### **WHAT LIES UNDER YOUR HOME?**

What is radon gas?

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. Radon has no color, odor or taste and results from the decay of uranium, which is a radioactive element found naturally in the earth’s crust. Over billions of years, uranium decays into radium, and eventually, radon.



What are the health effects of exposure to radon in a home?

There are no known health effects connected with brief exposure to radon. However, over a lifetime, breathing air with too much radon increases a person's risk of getting lung cancer. The risk is increased even more for a smoker exposed to radon.

According to a report by the National Academy of Sciences, radon is estimated to cause between 15,000 and 22,000 lung cancer deaths per year. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.

One in 8 homes in Vermont has elevated levels of radon. Request a free kit today. By phone: 1-800-439-8550; or email: radon@state.vt.us. Sponsored by the Vermont Department of Health.

#### **RENTAL SOUGHT**

I'm inquiring for a Federal Judicial employee who lives in Williston but works in Rutland. She is looking for a place to stay three nights a week -- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. She is 57, married (but will be staying here alone), very neat and clean, does not drink or smoke, exercises a lot and will soon be training to be a certified yoga instructor. Do you know of anyone who goes away for the winter that would entertain the idea of her house sitting for them over the snowy months? Please email me at townclerk@wallingfordvt.com. Thanks. *Julie Sharon, Town Clerk & Treasurer*

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL REGULATION CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION**

"Hello! Do you know what the Consumer Services Division does for Vermont consumers?"

The Consumer Services Division is here to assist consumers with a variety of insurance problems such as claims or coverage issues. Insurance is often misunderstood and confusing; we are here to help sort these problems and to help resolve or to create an understanding of what can or cannot be done.

A complaint can be filed through our Insurance Complaint Portal which is user friendly. Following is the link to the Complaint Portal:

<http://www.dfr.vermont.gov/insurance/insurance-consumer/file-insurance-complaint> )

If the internet is not an option, Complaint forms can be obtained from us and can be either mailed or faxed to us. For help, we can be reached by phone, fax, US mail or internet:

1-800-964-1784 Toll Free  
1-802-828-3302 Local  
1-802-828-1446 Fax  
DFR.insuranceinfo@state.vt.us email

Our address is: Department of Financial Regulation  
Consumer Services Division, 89 Main Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620

#### **ENERGY AUDITS ARE STILL ONLY \$100**

Weatherize your home now since the energy audits are still \$100 and there is an extra \$500 bonus in addition to the other incentives you may be eligible for if you weatherize this year.

Efficiency Vermont is pleased to be offering an extra \$500 bonus incentive to Home Performance with ENERGY STAR and Building Performance participants, for a limited time only. The bonus is available for projects completed between July 15th and December 15th, 2014. Customers will need to complete all work and receive a "test-out" audit from their contractor by December 15th. Participants will have until December 31st to return their incentive claim documents to Efficiency Vermont.

Call NeighborWorks today and find out more and join your neighbors so that you will have a warmer house and save money! If you would like to schedule a home energy audit, call 802-438-2303 ext. 227 or visit [www.heatsquad.org](http://www.heatsquad.org). If you receive a loan from NW, there is a new program. Green Mountain Power customers can now choose to repay home energy efficiency loans on their monthly GMP electric bill, thanks to a partnership with NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. This partnership leverages GMP's billing system with nonprofit NeighborWorks' revolving loan fund. The on-bill service allows GMP customers to make energy improvements to their homes with the help of a loan from NeighborWorks and make their monthly payments when they pay their GMP bill. The program is

available to all GMP customers. Loans may be for thermal and electric efficiency measures, renewable energy and other services that advance the energy plan of the State of Vermont.

**OCTOBER 15 MEETING: COMMUNITY NET METERING 101**

The Wallingford Energy Committee has invited Els van Woert of Suncommon ([www.suncommon.com](http://www.suncommon.com) [1]) to explain how GMP customers can benefit from solar electricity even if they are renters or if there is no good place to put a solar array on their property. With community net metering (also known as group net metering), a medium-sized solar installation on land that has not better purpose (for example, unproductive agricultural land) can be shared by electricity users anywhere in GMP's service area.

Wednesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium.

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