



# WALLINGFORD NEWS

MARCH 2019

## TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

**Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:00-11:30 a.m.  
802-446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

**The front door has an  
after-hours mail slot.**

(Please do not leave cash)

Stop in to purchase the above sticker for  
\$3.50 each

### Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic

Saturday, March 23rd  
10 a.m.—Noon

All dogs must be on leashes.  
All cats must be in carriers.  
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\$14 per shot

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Wallingford Town Hall  
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*The Highway Department would like to remind residents they are welcome to take a bucket of sand from the municipal sand pile at the Town Garage on River Street for use on their own driveways and walkways. However, the municipal sand pile is not for commercial use or resale.*



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.  
Wallingford Elementary School  
View the town warning at  
<http://www.wallingfordvt.com/town-meeting>

## VOTING

Polls Open—Tuesday, March 5  
10 a.m.—7 p.m.  
Wallingford Town Hall



At the annual Town Meeting on Monday, March 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Wallingford Elementary School, there will be a discussion related to changing to the Australian ballot voting system for the budget and special articles under other business - Article XII of the Town Meeting Warning.



## It's Time to Register Your Dog for 2019

All dogs, six months of age or older, must be registered annually at the Town Clerk's Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate must be submitted, and we're happy to issue licenses through the mail. Fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered; otherwise, it's \$14.

Cut off date for submissions will be the 23rd of each month.

Editor: Julie Sharon  
Town Clerk & Treasurer  
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Wallingford VT 05773

Conservation Commission	4th Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	2nd & 4th Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Mill River Unified S.D. Board	1st Wednesday 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mill River Union H.S. 7:00 p.m. school rotation
Wallingford Rotary	Every Monday except holidays	7:00 a.m. Rotary
Bone Builders	Every Tuesday & Thursday	8:30 a.m. Library
Wallingford Vol Fire Dept. Training	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Wallingford Fire Station
\$1.00 Community Breakfast	Last Friday of every month	6:30 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Wallingford Food Shelf	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9 a.m.-Noon Town Hall
EW Vol Fire Dept. Training	First Monday of every month	8:00 p.m. EW Fire Station
Bingo	First Sunday of every month	11:00 a.m. open/Bingo @ 1:00 p.m. Maple Valley Grange
Lego Club	Every Saturday	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Library Board	2nd Tuesday	7 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	9:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Foot & BP Clinic	1st Wednesday of every month	10:30 a.m. Wallingford House
Knitting Club	Every Friday	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
<b>Children's Story Time</b>	<b>Every Wednesday-NEW DAY</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library</b>
Free Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of every month	5:30 p.m. The Thrive Center
Seniors Lunch	Every Monday except holidays	12:00 p.m. Wallingford Rotary Club
Yoga-\$12 per session	Every Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library

### MARCH'S GOINGS ON

Annual Town Meeting	Monday	4th	7:00 pm Elementary School
Town Voting	Tuesday	5th	10 am-7 pm Town Hall
Whist	Friday	8th	1 pm Wallingford House
Folk Art Exhibit Reception	Sunday	10th	2-4 pm Gilbert Hart Library
Extra Stout Concert	Wednesday	13th	7 pm Town Hall
Friends Meeting	Thursday	14th	9:30 am Gilbert Hart Library
Whist	Friday	22nd	1 pm Wallingford House
Dog/Cat Rabies Clinic	Saturday	23rd	10 am-Noon Town Hall
Book Discussion	Monday	25th	3:30 pm Gilbert Hart Library



Read Wallingford meeting minutes at [www.wallingfordvt.com](http://www.wallingfordvt.com) for:

- Selectboard
- Development Review Board
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Committee
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Committee
- Board of Civil Authority/Abatement
- Prudential Committee

Would you have any interest in submitting a quarterly article on cooking, gardening, wildlife sightings, outdoor recreational favorites in Wallingford, Wallingford historical facts, fun hobbies, etc.? If so, please submit by the 23rd of each month to [townclerk@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townclerk@wallingfordvt.com). Thank you!



The Planning Commission is in the process of revising the Zoning Regulations including amending the Industrial Zoning Districts, reviewing prescribed setbacks for all Zoning District, reviewing and updating permitted and conditional uses for Zoning Districts, updating and adding to Definitions, correcting miscellaneous typos and adding clarifications to improve understanding of the Regulations. Please join us at our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 13th** – Extra Stout, one of Vermont’s finest traditional Irish band. They have been playing together for upwards of 20 years. Second Wednesday of the month.

*All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. with suggested donations of \$10 to \$15/person with all proceeds going to musicians less 10 percent to the Town. For concert schedule updates, visit [www.wallingfordvt.com/community-events/](http://www.wallingfordvt.com/community-events/) or call (802) 446-2872 or check the monthly newsletter.*



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#### Homestead Declaration

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration Form HS-122 by April 15, regardless if you file for an extension!

#### Property Tax Adjustment

You may be eligible for a property tax adjustment on your 18/19 property taxes if your property qualifies as a homestead and you meet the eligibility requirements. The Property Tax Adjustment Claim Form HS-122 is due April 15. Late filers are charged a late fee.

Don't forget to file your 2018 Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and Their Survivors, if needed, by May 1st.

Rutland County Sheriff Stephen Benard urges citizens with non-emergency concerns, such as motorists speeding, to call or email his office detailing those concerns.

His email is [Stephen.benard@vermont.gov](mailto:Stephen.benard@vermont.gov) and the Rutland County Sheriff's Department non-emergency telephone is (802)775-8002. Reminder, for emergency calls dial 911.

TOWN & SCHOOL WEBSITES: [wallingfordvt.com](http://wallingfordvt.com) [millriverschools.org](http://millriverschools.org)

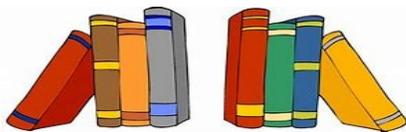
## GILBERT HART LIBRARY NEWS by Wendy Savery

We welcome the month of March and embrace the move towards longer days and springtime! It has been a year since the VT Department of Health donated snowshoes for patrons to borrow and this season they have seen a fair amount of use. As the spring snows continue, keep in mind that Wallingford has some beautiful areas you can access and explore with the help of this equipment.

Our book discussion group will meet March 25 at 3:30 p.m.; the title this month is *His Right Hand* by Mettie Ivie Harrison. In Draper, Utah, a tight-knit Mormon community is thrown into upheaval when the ward's second counselor -- one of the bishop's right-hand men -- is found dead in an elaborately staged murder on church property. Read to find out whodunnit and come out to discuss the story. Gilbert Hart has received a set of the books through the VT Department of Libraries, and once our March discussion is finished 8 copies will be available for other groups to use as well.

During this month Angela French, assistant librarian, plans to offer introductory technology classes for those wanting to access e-mails, surf the internet, check out ebooks and audiobooks on their devices, and more. If you are interested, please be sure to let us know and inform us of days and times that work best for you. When the dates are set, you'll be notified. Thanks!

Mon, Thurs & Fri: 10 – 5:00  
Wed: 10 – 8:00  
Saturday: 9 – 12:00  
Librarian Wendy Savery  
Asst. Librarian Angela French  
Telephone: 446-2685



## HART LINES by Nan Dubin

The Friends of Gilbert Hart Library would like to thank all those who joined us at the Rotary building for dinner and a movie on Saturday night. The food was delicious, the movie a lot of fun, and the company was delightful! Thank you for your support of our local library.

Whist parties will be held on March 8 and 22 at 1:00 p.m., and are taking place at the Wallingford House. For more information, please contact Carol Pratt at 446-2843.

Come check out our ongoing book sale, and browse our large selection of hardcover and paperback books ranging from mysteries to travel books to lots of titles for children!

The next meeting of the Friends will be held on Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Klock Room. All are welcome!



Dear Wallingford resident,

The Vermont Council on Rural Development was invited by the Town of Wallingford in April of 2018 to facilitate a Community Visit in order to bring residents together to review issues and develop strategies. From that meeting, the "Communications and Events" committee was formed. It is the committee's goal to make Wallingford residents aware of happenings around town through a Facebook page, on the town website, bulletin boards and this newsletter. We are going to conduct a town wide mailing of the newsletter over the next three months to determine whether it is an important means of distributing information. We also posted a large calendar at Town Hall that shows upcoming events. You are welcome to add your organization's events to the calendar by contacting Julie or Sandi at Town Hall. Once it's on the calendar, Julie and Sandi will incorporate it into our town newsletter and on the website. Please send us your suggestions for other ways we can communicate with you.

The Communication and Events Committee will be organizing various events throughout the year. One major event we are working on is the revival of "Wallingford Day" scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2019. We will incorporate events from past Wallingford Days and introduce some new ones. We have a large committee working very hard to put the day together for more than just Wallingford residents to enjoy. A list of the day's possibilities include: Demonstrations, Crafters, Food vendors, Children's activities, Artist's displays, Local clubs and organizations, Dance, and Fireworks. Your suggestions or ideas to make this a successful day would be appreciated. We also need volunteers and donations. See the list of contacts at the end of this article.

To be sure our residents know what is going on in Town, we are planning to erect a bulletin board on the corner of Route 7 & 140 in front of Sal's Restaurant. If you know of anyone willing to help with construction or donate the wood, please contact a member of the Communications Committee.

Finally, we need assistance with producing this newsletter so if you can make a donation or if you have an idea for articles, please let us know. Thank you for your kind assistance, and we look forward to working with you to achieve our goals.

Contacts: Barb Kaminski ([newfacefurniture@aol.com](mailto:newfacefurniture@aol.com)) Maria French ([french.maria@gmail.com](mailto:french.maria@gmail.com)) Barb Boucher ([barbjwb47@aol.com](mailto:barbjwb47@aol.com)) Jennifer Galusha ([j.galusha@live.com](mailto:j.galusha@live.com)) Sandi Switzer ([townadmin@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townadmin@wallingfordvt.com)) Julie Sharon ([townclerk@wallingfordvt.com](mailto:townclerk@wallingfordvt.com))

## ATTENTION!

We are bringing back Wallingford Day to our town! It will be a community celebration with activities and entertainment for the town of Wallingford and our neighbors. There will be musical acts, local vendors, games, demonstrations from local organizations and more, ending with a fireworks display. It will take place on July 20, 2019 and hopefully will remain an annual event for years to come.

We are looking for sponsors to help us pay for our musicians and fireworks, donations of equipment and services, as well as activity leaders, non-profits, vendors (food and craft), and musicians. The possibilities and talents are endless!

We would love to hear from you as soon as possible, ideally by the middle of March, if you would like to take part in any way. After we hear from you, we will send out supporting material and information you may need.

If you have any further questions about Wallingford Day 2019, please contact us at [wallingfordday@gmail.com](mailto:wallingfordday@gmail.com) or Jenn Galusha at 802-558-9629.

Best wishes, Maria French, Jenn Galusha, and the Wallingford Events, Communications, and Engagement task force in cooperation with the Recreation Committee.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Great Elfin Lake 5K  
Sunday, May 26th 9 a.m.

Kick off summer with a run to the lake! Join us for a scenic 5K run/walk along a country road past Otter Creek through Stone Meadow conservation trails to beautiful Elfin lake! The race will begin and end at the Wallingford recreational area on Meadow Street, Wallingford. Proceeds from this event will benefit Wallingford Recreation. Sign up begins March 1 at [www.RunSignup.com](http://www.RunSignup.com). Look for us on Facebook at Great Elfin Lake 5k. This run/walk is designed for all levels. Whether it's your first 5K or your 100th, you will be sure to love this gorgeous course. This event is being sponsored by the Wallingford Recreation Committee. For more information, contact Kelly Dilonno at [kelly5krace@gmail.com](mailto:kelly5krace@gmail.com).



### VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS

3 easy ways to get your forms from the  
VT Dept of Taxes

Online—Print forms from the Vermont  
Department of Taxes website at [https://  
tax.vermont.gov/tax-forms-and-publications](https://tax.vermont.gov/tax-forms-and-publications)

Telephone—Order forms by calling the  
department's direct line, toll-free (855) 297-  
5600

Email—Order forms by  
emailing [taxforms@state.vt.us](mailto:taxforms@state.vt.us). When ordering,  
taxpayers should include full name, daytime  
phone number, mailing address, form number(s)  
and quantity needed. The average turnaround  
time for delivery of forms is about 7 to 10  
business days.

## ATTENTION WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 RESIDENTS

This notification is for all property owners who are on the Wallingford Water & Sewer system (through Wallingford Fire District #1).

For the last 6-8 months, there has been a trend of flushing unapproved foreign matter through the sewer system. These items include diapers, medical grade waste, tampons, pet litter, rags, motor oil, towels and even household garbage. These items plug up the village sewer pipes and circulation pumps.

This has led to unbudgeted expenditures that are continually costing the Fire District thousands of dollars in repair and maintenance costs. Additionally, this problem has led to the discharge of untreated sewer in our waterway.

Several generalized letters and internet notices have been posted to minimize this activity without success. The Prudential Committee once again urges you to not flush anything else other than human waste and toilet paper down your toilets. If you are a business with public restrooms, we would appreciate if you would post a notice in your bathrooms of what can be flushed down a toilet.

This is of the gravest importance because if the disposal of unapproved items doesn't stop, the Committee may be forced to dramatically increase your water and sewer rates to cover this ongoing maintenance problem. Your cooperation and attention to this matter are greatly appreciated.

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use it to 'help get by' and limit  
visits to once per month.

**Join Front Porch Forum ...** see what you've been missing. Wallingford's Forum started September 10, 2013. Since then, 568 Members from 880 Households have posted 4,208 Postings. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

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## WALLINGFORD SENIORS

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

The Wallingford Senior's lunch are held weekly on Mondays at noon. Meals are served at the Wallingford Memorial Rotary building at 96 North Main Street. Reservations are required each week. Suggested donation is \$3.50. Contact Arlene Santor at 345-0993 (*new number*) to reserve your meal each week. She needs to hear from you by Wednesday of the preceding week. Come out and socialize with your Wallingford neighbors.

<http://www.wallingfordvt.com/wallingford-merchant-map>

## Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department

Non-emergency phone #446-2295

### **\*\*Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and their Survivors\*\***

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension (also called Improved Pension); Veterans collecting permanent military retirement pay for a medical military retirement; and Surviving spouses of veterans who had received the exemption (surviving spouses may also be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation or Death Pension).

The exemption is \$40,000 in Wallingford. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to homes that are owned by the veteran or survivor and is the primary residence.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs every year before May 1st. \*Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). They also must provide proof of eligibility by May 1st.

Proof of eligibility is provided to the Town by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. **Our recommendation is to call the VA at 800-827-1000 no later than April 1st to request this documentation. The proof of eligibility may also be obtained through ebenefits.**

### Coconut Cream Pie

(submitted by Jeannie Haley)

Combine in saucepan: 2 c milk; 3 tbsp corn starch;  $\frac{3}{4}$  c sugar; 2 tbsp butter & 2 beaten eggs. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring often. Remove from heat and stir in 1 tsp. vanilla and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  c sweetened coconut.

Pour into cooled piecrust and chill for a few hours. Top with whipped cream and toasted coconut.



### Nacho Dip

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, 1 lb. fried & drained hamburger, 1-16 oz. jar of salsa, 2 tbsp. sour cream, 1 envelope taco seasoning and 1 pkg. shredded cheese.

In a 9"x13" baking pan, layer cream cheese, spread sour cream over cream cheese, spoon hamburger over cheese layers, spread salsa over hamburger and cover with shredded cheese. Heat in microwave until cheese melts. Serve with chips.

Jr. Firefighters – Age 13-18 –

Senior Firefighters – Age 18 - ? **NEEDED.**

*We will train. Volunteers needed!*

Age 16- seniors needed for work details, etc.

Call 446-2295 for details.

Seniors are certainly welcome to join.

### Property Transfers

Seller: Green Mountain Bureau, 260 Westview Road, Buyers: Justin & Courtney Forrest, Purchase Price: \$29,500, Assessed Value: \$50,000.

### Zoning Permits

Kevin Brown, 30 Haven Hill Road, 2-lot subdivision.

### 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.

## HOME FOR SALE-SHREWSBURY

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*RSVP & The Volunteer Center is seeking volunteers: to lead Bone Builders exercise classes, One-2-One drivers, Meals on Wheels, Bulk Mailing preparation, RSVP TeleCare, Community Cupboard staffing, cooking, library help and other opportunities at Rutland County schools, etc. Call Maryesa at 775-8220, Ext. 103 to talk about volunteering!*

Girl Scout Troop 30330, based out of Wallingford, is collecting items to donate to the Rutland County Humane Society as part of their Animal Care badge. They will have a box in the Town Clerk's office so as you go to register your dog for the year, please consider donating.

Some needed items are:

- Baby food (turkey and chicken)
- Animal bedding (cotton or wool blankets, twin size quilts or comforters, flat sheets, non-feather bed pillows - used or new)
- Bath sized towels and wash cloths
- Toilet paper
- Dog toys
- Cat toys
- Canned kitten food (any brand)
- Soft chewy dog treats
- 33 and 15 gallon trash bags

### Congratulations to:

Thomas and Stephanie Bride who welcomed Byron Arthur on February 9th.



A special exhibit of the **Folk Art of Barbara McKenna** will be on display at the Gilbert Hart Library Klock Room from March 10th through the 17th, with an **Opening Reception Sunday, March 10th from 2 to 4 pm**. Please join us as we celebrate the unique work of this local artist and friend.

## Wallingford Happenings

We're seeking fun articles, photos of your favorite place in town, neighbor's flower gardens, family events, weddings, reunions, daycare, etc. for the Wallingford news (if space allows). No advertising or political issues will be allowed

Have you ever wondered what the blue, grey, or green lines are that thread through some of the woods as you drive by? Those colored lines are allowing sugar water to flow from the maple tree to a holding tank so that a maple producer can pick up the sap to be taken to the sugar house to boil the sugar water down to Maple Syrup.

Photo 1 shows the tubing gathering the sap; #2 shows a mainline flowing into the sugar house; #3 is Steve Berger and grandson, Tressan, checking the progress of the maple syrup; and # 4 is maple syrup.



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