

# Wallingford Standard

### OCTOBER 2023

#### TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office 802-446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-4:30 pm www.wallingfordvt.com

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. The Transfer Station will be open.



Your Property Tax payment for the first half of FY24 is due on Monday, October 16th by 4:30 p.m.

Please remit your payment as follows:
1) in person; 2) MAIL to 75 School
Street, Wallingford VT 05773 before
10/16; or, 3) place through the mail slot
in the front door of the Town Hall by
October 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Please note: For those of you who have still not received credit or notification of your homestead rebate, please pay the first half of your taxes as listed on your Property Tax Bill. Once we have been notified of your rebate by the State of Vermont, your taxes will be adjusted accordingly. You will be sent an updated property tax bill that will show a reduction for the second half payment.

# WALLINGFORD FIRE DISTRICT #1 WARNING September 27, 2023

The legal voters of Fire District No. 1, Wallingford, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Wallingford Town Hall (75 School Street) on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to vote by Australian Ballot on the following

**Article 01.** Shall the voters authorize the purchase of air packs for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$119,785.00 plus interest to be financed over a period not to exceed 5 years.

### DMV REGISTRATION RENEWALS

Did you know that you can process your vehicle/trailer/snowmobile registration at the Town Clerk's office? Bring in the preprinted renewal notice from the VT DMV, along with a check for the registration fee, and we can issue a temporary registration. We cannot accept cash for the registration fee. Our fee is \$3, and we accept cash or check for our fee. Excluding snowmobiles, we cannot accept a renewal notice that has been expired for more than two months.



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### FLOOD VICTIMS CASELLA RELIEF FUND

Here's the link to apply for flood relief funds through Casella's Relief Fund: https://www.uwrutlandcounty.org.

Vermont Resident affected by the flooding in the July or August flooding qualify to apply.



#### **Registering Posted Land**

Putting up posted signs conveys a message to ask first or keep out. For extra assurance, you can choose to register your posted land. Often referred to 'legally posted', it means hunting, fishing and/or trapping is prohibited without written permission.

The landowner may maintain signs that: Prohibit hunting, fishing or trapping; Prohibit any combination of the three; or State all or any combination of the three are allowed by Permission Only. To meet the full requirements of the law (10 V.S.A, § 5201 to 5206), the posting must be recorded annually with the Town Clerk for a fee of \$5.

#### NOTICE

Cut off date for submissions is the 23rd of each month. Send articles to:
 Julie Sharon at
 townclerk@wallingfordvt.com.
 The Standard's mission is to provide information on Town news and to be pro active for local business and events. We hereby reserve the right to refuse articles that express opinions of political nature in order to give our readership a format of information with out prejudice.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Conservation Commission	4th Monday of every month	4:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday of each month	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Development Review Board	3rd Wednesday of each month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Thursday of every month	5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Mill River Unified School District	1st Wednesday	7:00 p.m. MRUHS
Board	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. school rotation
Wallingford Rotary	Every Monday except holidays	7:00 a.m. Rotary
Bone Builders	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. Library
Wallingford Vol Fire Dept. Training	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Wallingford Fire Station
Wallingford Food Shelf	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.mNoon Town Hall
EW Vol Fire Dept. Training	First Monday of every month	8:00 p.m. EW Fire Station
Library Board	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Foot & BP Clinic	1st Wednesday of every month	10:30 a.m. Wallingford House
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of every month	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive 802-446-2499



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#### **GILBERT HART LIBRARY** by Wendy Savery

The community is informed that the Gilbert Hart Library Trustees have set the date and time for the annual meeting of the Gilbert Hart Library Association: Wednesday, October 25th at 7 p.m. in the Klock Room. At the annual meeting, new trustees are officially brought on to the board, the budget for 23-24 will be offered for review and acceptance, and a comprehensive report of the year's activities and accomplishments will be shared. The meeting is open to the public.

On the following afternoon, community members are invited to a VT READS event, a discussion of *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo. Copies are available now at the library for you to read, enjoy, and pass along. Take part in reading a book that many others around our great state are also reading this year.

And by mid-month, expect to see new titles on the book path which you can access at Stone Meadow on Waldo Lane. It's hard to fathom, but three years have passed since the first selections made it onto panels for all to enjoy. No matter the weather, Read Together!

Hours: Monday & Thursday 10 am-4 pm; Wednesday & Friday 10 am-3 pm; and Saturday 9 am-1 pm 802-446-2685

John Squier sends his heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers, assistance, fund raising, condolences for the passing of his wife Shannon, trips to Boston (brother Mo), recuperation care given (brother Hollis and Alice), donations, and kindnesses, during his recent adventure of getting a new heart! It is now working great, and he is well on his way to recovery – he has started driving his car! Thank you all for caring.

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#### **Selectboard Meeting Highlights**

9/5. Road Commissioner Baker reported the new grader will be here this week; the State and Army Corps of Engineers measured Waldo Lane to create a barrier along the river to lessen flood impacts on the road instead of removing trees; the Sugar Hill Road grant project is nearly completed; the road crew is preparing roads for summer paving; will visit Dawson Hill Road with the road foreman to address a culvert matter near the Holden property; and will discuss VTrans ditching and culvert work by T. Traverse Route 7 property.

The Selectboard: 1) approved moving forward on the VT Emergency Mgt. Buyout Program for two properties; 2) tabled the Town Hall Weatherization and Painting Bids; 3) deferred the RFP on the TH boiler until next spring; 4) approved sending the recent Floodplain/Floodway decisions by the DRB, as pointed out by a citizen, to the town attorney for review; 5) reappointed Trisha Nash as Town Health Officer; 6) approved the Elfin Lake Public Beach Erosion Reduction Design Schedule; 7) announced the Fire District #1's special meeting on 9/27 to vote to purchase air packs for the fire department; 8) agreed waiting until spring on the water project at the rec field; 9) discussed the rec field garbage and climbing wall footholds; and 9) congratulated Wallingford Day on the fireworks display.

**9/18.** Road Commissioner Baker reported that the grader has arrived; the road crew is preparing road sections for paving; and Charlie replaced a culvert on Dawson Hill Rd.

The Selectboard: 1) accepted Cargill's winter salt price at \$86.50/ton; 2) approved the signing of the loan documents for the new grader; 3) heard a request from the FD to hold a coin drop (this will be acted on at the next meeting); 4) discussed the two property requests through the buyout program; 5) heard a report from Conservation Committee member T. Fort about their activities; 6) held a discussion about activity logs with Sheriff Fox; 7) again discussed and approved the water installation project at the ballfield; 8) discussed the PC's request to send the proposed zoning regulations to VLCT and agreed to table until a cost estimate is received; 9) accepted S. Seo's resignation from the Rec Committee; 10) accepted K. McNally painting bid for the Town Hall (does not include the clock tower); 11) accepted Solsaa Building & Energy Solutions' bid for the Town Hall weatherization project on the recommendation of Energy Committee member K. Welch; 12) approved a building use request; and 13) agreed to post the 2014 International Truck for sale.

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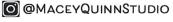


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#### **HOURS**

Wallingford Community Thrift Shop 218 North Main Street Wallingford, VT 05773

Hours: Thursday 10:00—5:00 Friday & Saturday 10:00-2:00

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#### PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Kenneth Woods; Buyer: Cairns Property Management; 170 Hawkins Road; Purchase Price: \$15,000; Assessed Value: \$19,900.

#### **ZONING PERMITS**

4236 West Hill Road Realty LLC, 4236 West Hill Road, 2-lot subdivision.

Kevin & Kristen Boudreau, 90 Nash Drive, front porch. Robert & Lois Cook, 367 Ice Bed Road, storage shed.



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### Wallingford House Decorating Competition!

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

It's that time of the year again! This competition has been a huge success with tons of votes coming in. Please help spread the news to your fellow neighbors who totally rock the house decorating and should be on the map this year. The more the merrier!

The details: Show off your mad? Halloween decorating skills this? Halloween and win bragging rights for the rest of the year. Your neighbors will be judging on 3 categories: Scariest House, Most Welcoming House, and People's Choice. Want to get in on the action and be added to the map? Contact Jenn

at <u>jgalushabrothers@gmail.com</u> (add Halloween to the subject line please) or Michael at 802-446-3219/ <u>kmluzader@vermontel.net</u> by October 15th.

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#### Ingredients

1 1/2 pounds chicken breasts, cut into 1" cubes

5 potatoes, cut into 1/2" cubes

3 tbsp olive oil

1 1/2 tsp smoked paprika

1 tbsp garlic powder

1 tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1/2 cup cooked crumbled bacon

2 green onions, sliced

#### Instructions

Place cubed chicken and potatoes in a large bowl.

Whisk together oil and seasonings and add to chicken mixture. Stir till well combined.

Pour into a greased 9x13" pan. Bake uncovered at 400° for 50-55 minutes or till potatoes are tender.

Sprinkle cheese, bacon, and green onion on top. Bake 5 more minutes.

Serve with sour cream or ranch dressing.



Baby congratulations to: Bethany and Leon Oprendek on the birth of their son, Atlas Zedd, on September 8th.

Beginning September 25th, every U.S. household can again place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to their home. Orders can be placed at https://www.covid.gov.



The Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series will feature The Survivors with Wallingford's own Bruce Duchesne performing music thru the decades from the 60s up to the current day on Wednesday, October 11th; a special holiday concert with Bells of Joy will take place on Wednesday, December 13th; and in a great Irish tradition, Extra Stout, just in

time for St. Patrick's celebrations on Wednesday, March 13th. All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. with suggested donations of \$15 per person with proceeds going to performers. Please support local live music.

♦ Rutland County Free Clinic: A free Health Clinic for Uninsured and Underinsured adults living in Rutland County. Our services include Medical & Dental Care, Women's Clinics, Nutrition & Mental Health Counseling, Insurance enrollment assistance and access to free and discounted medications and health related supplies. There are no emergency services. Patients are seen by appointment only. 802-775-1360, Ext. 1; ask@rutlandcountyfreeclinic.org; 145 State Street, Rutland.

♦ The Annual Weston Craft Show will be held October 6-8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will be held at the Theater at Walker Farm, 705 Main Street, Weston. Again there are new and returning exhibitors displaying contemporary crafts of Vermont, including: pottery, woodworking, leather goods, jewelry, glass, folk art, photography, quilting, weaving, rug braiding, hand dyed garments, and more. This is certain to be a very exciting collection to visit and your \$10 admission (good for all three days), goes to help repair the Weston Playhouse and supports the preservation of Weston's other historic buildings. Check out the fine Vermont craftsmanship you will find at <a href="https://www.westoncraftshow.com">www.westoncraftshow.com</a>. Come see all these uniquely created objects of beauty, especially our own Wallingford business, "Braided in Vermont".



Mill River used the town's rec field and Stone Meadow for their 5k cross country meet on 9/23.

#### **APRONS**

- $\sim$ The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- ~It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning dirty ears.
- $\sim\!$  From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.
- ~When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- $\sim$ When the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.
- ~Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- $\sim$ In the fall, the apron was used to bring in the apples or pecans that had fallen from the trees.
- ~When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- ~When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.
- ~It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.
- $\sim$ Today's generation would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron, but I never heard about anyone catching anything from an "Apron".

#### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Saturday October 14th 7 p.m.-Midnight Wallingford Lodge (Boys Camp) 360 Boys Camp Road Wallingford



12 years and older 10; 6-11 years old 5; 5 and under Free

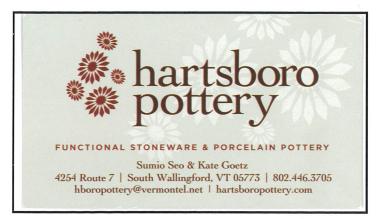
Refreshments available for purchase. Costume contest for both kids and adults: funniest & scariest. BYOB.

Come Support the Wallingford Rescue Squad and have a spooky and fun time.

♦ Community Health Diabetes Support Group: The second Wednesday of every month from 1-2 p.m., there's a place where you are welcome to talk about diabetes, ask questions of diabetes educators and give your ideas, thoughts and support to anyone who is affected by diabetes. It's held at RRMC's <u>Diabetes & Endocrinology Center</u>. For more information, contact Donna Hunt at 802-775-7844.







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