

Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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May peace be your gift at Christmas and your treasure through all the new year.

The Town Hall will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th. The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, December 25th.



Christmas in Wallingford Saturday, December 2nd 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

St. Patrick's Church Craft Fair at 238 North Main Street will offer Homemade crafts, a silent basket auction, raffles, and a bake sale to include take-out of homemade soups, baked beans, chili, and mac & cheese.

First Congregational Church at 189 South Main Street will have local crafters, holiday greens, a cookie sale, raffle, and a light lunch fare available.

Wallingford Elementary School at 126 School Street will have Christmas décor, jewelry, baked goods, maple products, gifts, door prizes, basket raffle, cake walk, etc. and lunch available. *This event will last until 2:30 p.m.



The Wallingford Town Hall Concert Series will feature a special holiday concert with Bells of Joy 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.



Budget Work ~ The Selectboard and the MRUUSD School Board are working on budgets for the coming year. If you would like to have input, please attend one of their upcoming meetings.

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 without prejudice.

Wallingford Rotary Club & Mill River Interact Club Baby Diaper Drive

The Wallingford Rotary Club and the Mill River Interact Club will sponsor a Baby Diaper Drive to supply the Wallingford Food Shelf at Town Hall with diapers of all sizes for families in need. The Drive will run from December 2nd to January 2nd. Bins will be located at the Town Hall in Wallingford, Mill River Union High School, Wallingford Elementary School and the Sweet Birch Bakery. Diapers of any size will be appreciated.

Please help Wallingford Rotary Club and the Mill River Interact Club to help those in need during the holiday season.

Drew Elwood, President, Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

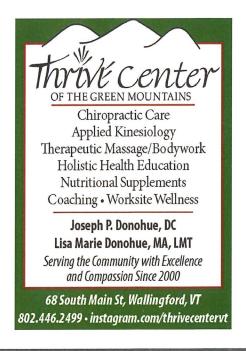


Want to try something new in 2024? How about ballroom dancing! See posting on Page 6.

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
Library Story Hour	Every Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church





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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

A busy month at the library is on the horizon. The fun begins on December 1st as the friends host the 110th annual Christmas tree lighting. You read that correctly, the first tree lighting in Wallingford took place in 1913! Come take part for songs around the tree at 6:30 p.m. and cookies and cocoa immediately following in the Klock Room downstairs.

Our Wednesday children's time, organized by Brittney Holmes, continues throughout the month at 10:30 a.m..

Saturday December 16th at 10 a.m., another tradition, candy house decorating and a staged reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, is happening in downstairs. We welcome donations of candy for this effort in the weeks leading up to the event.

For the adults, a presentation by author Reinolt Tonis Tofer and book discussion will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22nd. Copies of *The Estonian Spy: A True Story of Resistance to Russian Oppression* are available at the circulation desk now. Published earlier this year, this is a slim volume that readers have described as impossible to put down! Mark your calendar and plan to attend whether or not you get to reading the book or not, more copies will be available at the event.

Coming up in the New Year, the library is pleased to be holding auditions for a community production of Murder by the Book: A Comedy, written by Laura Teasdale and Louise Penny! The cast needs adults of varying ages, so come out to the Klock Room January 7th, 4-6 p.m. or Monday January 8th from 6-8 p.m. The play will be performed in March here in Wallingford. For more information, reach out to director Saskia Hagen Groom at 802-558-4177.

Finally, holiday closures this year are back-to back Mondays, December 25th and New Years Day 2024. And as the trustees are considering an expansion of hours in the future, watch for this google form link: <u>Library Hours Survey</u> on Front Porch Forum, the library webpage, and paper forms in house to gather some information!

Hours: Monday & Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 802-446-2685

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

11/6. The Selectboard: 1) discussed the town garage flood repairs that can be done by the Town vs. a contractor; 2) heard a report that S. Switzer and C. Wood certified 11 Sugar Hill Road, road segment upgrades as part of the Grants in Aid project; 3) reappointed Jim Bagnall and Michael Hughes as reps to the Rutland Emergency Management Committee; 4) approved Anne Awad's request to begin a project to eradicate Japanese Knotweed on Town property at the corner of Route 140W and Waldo Lane in order to reclaim that corner; 5) authorized the signing of coverage for Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists \$250,000 per occurrence through VLCT; 6) approved coverage through BCBS insurance; 7) adopted a resolution in response to the state's Division of Historic Preservation request to participate in Vermont's 250th anniversary celebration. Michael and Joyce Barbieri agreed to assist and distribute information as needed; 8) reviewed the Elfin Lake Erosion Reduction Final Design for the project; 9) agreed that all municipal groups submit proposed budgets by the end of November in order to give board members ample time for review; 10) discussed VT Emergency Management's two Buyout Program applications; 11) noted VLCT's recommendations for improvements to the ballfield playground; 12) agreed the road crew should relocate the smaller homemade skateboard park ramps to the town garage to give citizens time to collect them; 13) announced the Sidewalk public hearing for this Thursday; and 14) appointed Mark Noble to the Recreation Committee.

The Selectboard: 1) heard that the town garage 11/20. flood damage repairs will be performed by the road crew per P. Baker; 2) discussed E. Davenport's annual request for roadside mowing along East Street; 3) approved the Energy Committee's Mission Statement; 4) approved the lighting upgrade for the Town Garage; 5) discussed a Town Hall use request for line dancing; 6) heard an update on ARPA funding/financing for the new E. Wallingford Fire Dept. truck and approved ARPA funds not to exceed \$100,000 towards the purchase of a used low mileage fire truck; 7) directed the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing for the proposed zoning regulations; 8) discussed the weatherization project done in the basement of Town Hall; and 9) approved DRB Chair L. Thayer's request to seek legal advice from the town's attorney on a permit condition.

Tammy Ann Heffernan Esq.

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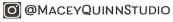


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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Seller: Diane Baker; Buyer: Fahoury Family Trust; 375 Haven Hill Road; Purchase Price: \$360,000; Assessed Value: \$236,600.

Seller: Derk Beardmore; Buyer: Carolyn & Francesco Parillo; 46 School Street; Purchase Price: \$300,000; Assessed Value: \$98,900.

Seller: Dorothy Pikkrainen; Buyer: Sara & Scott Merenda; 1458 Beaver Meadow Road; Purchase Price: \$30,000; Assessed Value: \$62,600.

Seller: Cheryl Hadden; Buyers: Jeffrey & Janice Patch and Keegan Petrossi; Purchase Price: \$56,000; Assessed Value: \$55,900.

Sellers: Jeffrey & Janice Patch; Buyers: Anthony & Amber White; 222 Creek Road; Purchase Price: \$325,000; Assessed Value: \$176,200.

Seller: Arvo Prima; Buyers: Curtis & Jill Vanepps; 3259 W. Hill Road; Purchase Price: \$780,000; Assessed Value: \$440,300.

Seller: Christine Hagopian; Buyer: Derk Beardmore, Sr.; 50 Wickham Lane; Purchase Price: \$135,000; Assessed Value: \$151,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Richard & Ilia McCormick; 492 Centerville Road; front porch. Mark McLellan; 198 Church Street; front porch.

Dennis Duhaime & Carol Tashie; 242 Creek Road; enclose front porch.

Chris Dunigan; 118 Depot Street; rework existing structure.



Snowplowing Reminders

Reminder – Winter Parking Ban in effect November 15th through March 31st. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

It is unlawful to plow snow across a town highway or street in a way that leaves snow in the roadway. Violation of this law may result in a \$100.00 fine plus the actual costs of repairing any damage resulting from such obstruction of the highway. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1105)

It is unlawful to cause water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that it causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic, or creates unsafe conditions. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1111)

The Town of Wallingford is not responsible for vegetation, structures, fences, or mailboxes within town highway rights-of-way damaged during snowplowing. (Title 19 V.S.A. 904, 1111).



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The Wallingford Recreation Committee is seeking new members.

Currently, we have four members on the board and are looking for a couple more. If you're someone who cares about Wallingford and is passionate about maintaining, developing, and improving recreational opportunities in town, we'd love to have you as part of our board.

Some of our responsibilities include facilitating workdays for Elfin Lake and the Rec. Park in town, exploring how to improve these facilities, working to facilitate summer camp opportunities for Wallingford kids, and working with the Wallingford Select Board to make larger strategic decisions to invest in and develop our recreational resources at both Elfin Lake and the Wallingford Rec. Park. We'd also like to begin offering more opportunities for all members of our town community.

We generally meet once a month (at least) on the second Thursday of each month.

If you'd like to get involved or have any questions, please email me. Thanks so much!

David Cornwell, Wallingford Recreation Committee Vice Chair, davidacornwell@hotmail.com



Ballroom Dance Classes

Ballroom Dance Classes will be offered by Wallingford Recreation Committee in conjunction with New York Dancesport Centre. Classes will be on Tuesdays at Town Hall on the following dates: Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Mar. 12, 19, and 26 with kids/youth fox trot and rumba at 5 p.m.; Adults waltz at 6 p.m.; Adults E.C. Swing at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Patti Panebianco at 516-909-1686 or email pattipdance@gmail.com.

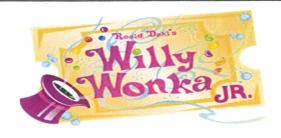
The Vermont Attorney's General Office has issued a statement about a recently enacted Vermont statute that require contractors that perform residential construction where the estimated value is \$10,000 or more, inclusive of labor and materials, must register with the Vermont Secretary of State. Consumer should be looking to verify registration before making contractual agreements.

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Oompa Loompa Doompadee Doo There's a Performance...a Performance for You! Oompa Loompa Doompadee Dee Starring the Youth from Rutland County!

Rutland Youth Theatre to Present Magical Musical Based on the Award-Winning Book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

In Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR., a world-famous reclusive candy man named Willy Wonka announces that he will offer the tour of the lifetime through his secret chocolate factory to five children who find a golden ticket in one of his world-famous candy bars. One ticket-holder will also win a lifetime supply of chocolate. Against all odds, an impoverished but sweetnatured boy named Charlie Bucket wins a golden ticket. He and his fellow tour members — the spoiled-rotten Veruca Salt, gluttonous Augustus Gloop, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde and television junkie Mike Teavee spend a day traveling with the mysterious and marvelous Willy Wonka and his crew of Oompa Loompas through the fantastical factory. The children encounter marvelous sights and tastes along the way, including giant nut-selecting squirrels, fizzy lifting drinks, Everlasting Gobstoppers, and a chocolate river. But each stop proves to be a test, as only one can go on to win the Wonka prize.

Three shows performed at the Paramount Theatre at 30 Center Street, Rutland.

Friday, December 8th - 7 p.m. Saturday, December 9th -2 & 7 p.m.

Golden tickets are \$15 + tax/fees for Adults and \$10 + tax/fees for children under 18 and Seniors 65+.

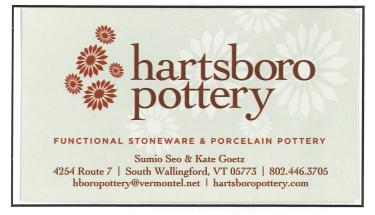
For more information please call the Box Office at (802) 775-0570 or visit https://www.paramountvt.org/event/rutland-youth-theatre-presents-willy-wonka-jr.



Did you know that the Library has snowshoes to borrow for one week rental, with the following sizes: 2 Adult Men, 2 Adult Women, and 6 Children.







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