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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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The Town Hall will be closed Thursday, January 2nd and Monday, January 20th.

A message from the Wallingford Fire District #1.....

For those residences and businesses in Wallingford Fire District #1 (the village of Wallingford), PLEASE NEVER FLUSH, paper towels, disposable diapers, tampons & applicators, sanitary napkins, hair, rags, dryer lint, cleaning/disinfectant wipes, cigarette butts, Q-tips, dental floss, bandages, condoms, cotton balls, facial tissues, flush-able wipes, candy wrappers. NEVER POUR Fats, Oils or Grease into the sink, toilet or storm drain!

The Sewer Plant has seen a huge increase in the amount of rags and garbage that has been found in the pumps.

Please call the Town Garage at 802-446-2472 for road concerns.

2025 DOG LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE 1/01

In the 2024 session, the Vermont Legislature increased the fee to be collected for the State of Vermont Rabies Control Program from \$1 to \$3, for each license sold, effective January 1, 2025. (Act 167) <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2024/H.626>

The purpose of this increase was to create a new division under the Department of Public Safety called the Division of Animal Welfare. This division was sought in response to the number of animal cruelty complaint cases reaching a crisis point. This new animal welfare division will be the point of contact for citizens to report animal abuse.

This new bill also created an animal welfare fund to, among other things, compensate rescue organizations for some expenses. Therefore, Wallingford dog licenses will increase \$2 effective January 1st.

Fees will be \$12 for spayed/neutered dogs; otherwise, it's \$16.

Vermont state law requires all dogs, aged 6-months and older, to be registered by April 1st each year. If you become a dog owner after April 1st, you will need to license the animal within 30 days.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A current rabies certificate and payment is

required. You may register in person, by mail, online, or drop your payment through the front door mail slot at Town Hall. Please provide the following: A copy of the most current Rabies Certificate and Payment. Online payments can be made at: <https://www.wallingfordvt.com>. Give us a call at 802-446-2336 or send us an email to: townclerk@wallingfordvt.com to see if we have an updated rabies certificate. We're happy to mail you the license and tag.

Love your dog? License your dog. It's the law.



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.

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	5:30 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 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. MRUHS
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.m.-Noon 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	6:30 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of most months	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive Ctr 802-446-2499

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

We are ringing in the New Year with the Vermont Humanities 2024 VT reads selection, *Gather* by Kenneth M. Cadow. Now in its 22nd year, VT Reads provides an opportunity for communities around the state to read and discuss the same book. Cadow is a VT author, and this book with its themes of rural life, resilience, class differences, addiction and recovery, and the power of community will resonate with Wallingford readers. Our discussion will take place on Friday, February 7th, at 3:30 p.m. in Klock Room downstairs at the library, and copies of the book are available now so come in and get yours today!

Out on the book path are two wintery titles to enjoy: *Share Some Kindness*, *Bring the Light* by Apryl Stott and *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper. In the library we have cozy mysteries, a selection of puzzles, and a way to connect you to the Biblio+ streaming service that will deliver a great selection of movies and documentaries to your device all winter long. Hope to see you soon.

Regular hours this month except on Monday, January 20th to honor Martin Luther King...and in the event of severe weather or school cancellations, the library is generally closed so call ahead before you venture out.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 802-446-2685



Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club Annual Roast Pork Dinner

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025
Where: Wallingford Rotary Building, 96 North Main Street, Wallingford
Serving Time: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a delightful meal and enjoy the warmth of community in the midst of winter! The meal will include roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans with shallots, apple sauce, dinner rolls, and a choice of homemade desserts. For those so inclined, there will be vegetarian lasagna and all the fixings. The price is \$18.00 per person, \$8.00 for children age 6 and under. Take-out will be available.

Reservations will begin on **January 6, 2025**. The website link is <https://wallingfordvtrotary.com/> or you may call 802-259-3490.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christopher J. Book

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Do you need a Notary Public? The Town Clerk's office offers this **FREE** service. It's available any time the office is open.

The Gardens at Boy with a Boot and Wallingford House

We hope you've noticed the gardens in the center of the village. Our team has been working for the last few years to rejuvenate the gardens that are around the Boy with the Boot fountain (he'll be back!) and at the Wallingford House and The Cottage. At the Boy with the Boot garden, all plantings are native perennials or shrubs. This project is a University of Vermont approved garden, designed to be educational and to promote native planting for pollinators. It is a challenging site with poor soil and a large, shaded area, but we are slowly amending the soils and trying different shade-loving plants under that big tree. Wallingford House, which includes the Cottage, has allowed us to clean out their perennial beds and to plant shrubs and flowers to fill out those historic gardens. We are not restricted to native plants in these gardens so we've also put in some old favorites. Working in all these gardens has been satisfying. We could use a few more volunteers next season. Contact Anne Awad if you'd like to be part of this project. Anne's email is: anneawad@comcast.net.



Merry Mulch: Drop off trees at the (Rutland) Gleason Road Regional Transfer Station — Free tree drop-off for Permit Holders!

The program runs from 12/26 to 1/11. Call (802) 775-7209 for more information.



2025 Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Permits are now Available

If you ever use RCSWD's Gleason Road Transfer Station in Rutland, their 2025 annual transfer station permits are available online at <https://www.rcswd.com/gleason-transfer-station-permit>. Permits are required when you visit there. There are many benefits to having an annual permit.

- It allow you to dispose of recyclables at no cost anytime they are open.
- It allows access to their household hazardous waste drop off.
- It allows access to their backyard composers, and to dispose of everything else at a lower cost.
- Free disposal of Christmas trees, disposal of yard Leaves & Brush, and so much more!

If you have questions or need assistance, please call (802) 775-7209 between 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

12/02. The Selectboard: 1) reviewed the proposed FY26 Public Safety, Town Government, and Capital Budgets; 2) was told that Lohsen P&H would be installing heat pumps at the Town Hall next week; 3) discussed the engineer's structural assessments of the town garage and sand shed that were grim as far as adding solar panels for a net metering system to lower municipal utility rates at the garage, town hall and transfer station. Because the net metering is being phased out and a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) has to be obtained for the chosen location by year end, the Board approved securing up to three CPGs at a cost of \$250 each of the year; 4) Gave an extension for the Highland Water Supply Assn. to spend the ARPA funds to complete a curb stop replacement project; 5) approved the submission of a preapplication grant request to the Land & Water Conservation Fund for upgrades to the Elfin Lake concession stand; 6) approved purchasing holiday gift certificates for the employees; and 7) approved Vermont Forging/K. Mulholland's offer to restore the Boy With the Boot statue.



NOTICE POST OFFICE New Phone Numbers

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12/16. The Selectboard: 1) heard an update from ZA E. Berner (via a VLCT attorney) that VT legislation invalidated all previous townwide votes requiring Australian ballot voting on zoning bylaws. The Selectboard approved the adoption; 2) reviewed the proposed FY26 Appropriations, Recreation and Highway Budgets; 3) discussed solar options with Energy Committee Chair T. Fort; 4) approved payments for the heat pump installation project to come from ARPA funds; 5) authorized the Chair to sign the WUV Implementation Agreement for erosion reduction measures at Elfin Lake; 6) discussed updating the municipal website; and 7) approved R. Barker applying for a tree planting grant.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORS

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Yes, Green Mountain Neighbors is alive and kicking. In October, GMN hosted two interesting events:

~ A session on “Assistive Technologies” sponsored by the Vermont Assistive Technology Program. See their website at <https://atp.vermont.gov/>. A dozen or so folks attended the session at the Wallingford Town Hall. We learned that through this program (which is a federally sponsored organization), individuals of all ages can find accessible solutions to overcome barriers at home, work and in the community that are associated with disability and aging. This includes things to assist with hearing, speech, vision, mobility, learning, technology and much more. There is an incredible assortment of equipment that’s available to try out. If you decide you would like to purchase an item, the folks at ATP can help with funding. It is a valuable resource.

~ The other event was a demonstration of Reiki, which is a Japanese healing technique that uses gentle touch to promote relaxation and well-being. The event described the Reiki philosophy and health benefits. Then the attendees experienced a hands-on demonstration.

If one or both of our October events sounds like something you would have enjoyed, keep an eye either on our website at the address below, or watch Front Porch Forum where we post what’s going on. We have no events scheduled at this point during the Holiday month. We will promote public events through Front Porch Forum and our website.

Finally, please contact us to learn more as we need members.

See our website at <https://greenmountainneighbors.org> or call us at 802-417-2292 Wallingford: Sandy Eddy
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BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Patti Panebianco hosts a series of Ballroom Dance Classes at Wallingford Town Hall. For more information, see the Community Events page at www.wallingfordvt.com. Or call 516-909-1686 (pattidance@gmail.com).



OPEN HOUSE: January 7th-Free class to new students!

6:00-6:50 p.m.-Waltz

7:00-7:50 p.m.-West Coast Swing

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January classes- Tuesdays: 1/7; 1/14; 1/21 & 1/28.

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Petitioned Articles (public questions) for the Town Meeting ballot, signed by at least 5% of registered voters (80), are due in the Town Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 16th.

2025 Officers to be Elected

Town Moderator—1-year term
2-Selectboard—2 & 3-year term
Auditor—3-year term
Auditor—2 years to complete a 3-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector—3-year term
Trustee of Public Funds—3-year term
MRUSD Director—3-year term

The informational meeting to review the proposed FY'26 budget and Town Meeting Warning articles will be held at the Wallingford Elementary School, 126 School Street, on Monday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

All articles will be voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 4th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street.

