

THE WALLINGFORD STANDARD



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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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DEADLINE: The deadline for all content is usually the 23rd of each month for the following month's newsletter. Send articles to Julie Sharon at townclerk@wallingfordvt.com.

The Standard's mission is to provide information on Town news and to be proactive 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.

The Town Hall & Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day. The first Selectboard meeting in September has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.



~Property Tax Bills~

Property tax bills were mailed on August 11th. The first half payment is due by 10/20/25 and the second half payment is due by 4/20/26.

Wallingford's municipal rate was approved by the Selectboard on August 4th at \$.4005, down 5 cents, or an 11.25% decrease from the previous fiscal year. The town finished its year end with a surplus of \$137,239. At Town Meeting, the voters approved a general fund operating budget for FY26 of \$1,489,669 with \$1,081,721 to be raised by taxes. The carryover reduced the amount to be raised by taxes to \$943,659.29. The VT Dept. of Taxes set the education tax rate for residents at \$1.6996 and non-residents at \$1.8328.

~Letter from the Editor~

I am happy to announce, in my final newsletter, that I am retiring at the end of August. Part of me wants to keep working; I have really enjoyed my time here. The job has been fun, challenging at times and different from day to day. But the other part of me knows it's time to retire. I'm looking forward to some travel, some volunteer work and some home projects. Plus, my husband recently retired and needs some guidance. 😊



The Selectboard recently appointed my assistant, Jill Stone-Teer, as my replacement. This has been my long-term plan as it takes many years to train for these two positions. Jill was born and raised in Wallingford and graduated from Mill River Union High School. Jill is a qualified individual, who is committed to this town, and will serve it well. She is married to Walter and has two children, Damon and Karlie, plus her faithful four-legged friend, Reba.

I would also like to announce that Kim Sharp has been hired as the new Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. Some of you may know Kim as she has worked in the kitchen at the Wallingford Elementary School for the past 12 years. Kim lives in East Wallingford with her husband, Chuck and daughter, Kaitlyn.

I will forever be grateful to Joyce Barbieri for the opportunity she gave me back in 2002 when she hired me as her part-time assistant. I'd also like to thank the many Selectboard members that I have worked with over the years and the voters for giving me the best job ever. I'll definitely miss working with Jill and Sandi – we have had lots of laughs over the years for sure!

Julie



GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery


September starts with the library shuttered for three days: Labor Day 9/1, Tuesday 9/2, and Wednesday 9/3 for continued work on lighting upgrades at the circulation desk. Make your first visit to the library this month beginning Thursday 9/4 when regular hours resume.

Mid-month we welcome author Julie Howard Parker for a reading and book signing. *Journey Beyond Despair: A Memoir of Love, Psychosis and the Healing Power of Insight* is a gripping life story and this nonagenarian and her husband of 70 years are touring Vermont together to "share how our journey began while we are still alive to tell it." The event at Gilbert Hart is slated for Friday, September 19, at 3:30 downstairs in the Klock Room. For those who would like to read the book in advance, there are limited copies available at the library. Please plan to attend and bring a friend whether or not you have read the book. It promises to be an informative and rewarding afternoon.

Meanwhile, the book path continues to display two colorful picture books against the backdrop of the changing seasons. Be sure to stop by on Waldo Lane and take in a story with the scenery!

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The Town's Reappraisal process is still ongoing. Our contractor, New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC), is continuing to do exterior inspections.

Postcards are mailed regularly by street. If you received one and wish to make an appointment for an interior inspection, please call 802-446-2336.

This process will be completed for the 2026 Grand List.

POST OFFICE NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Wallingford 802-245-6281
East Wallingford 802-245-6403

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sellers: David Parrish & Janelle Cook; Buyer: The Joshua Massover Revocable Trust; 653 Maranville Road; Purchase Price: \$848,500; Assessed Value: \$487,800.

Sellers: Phillip & Stacy Smith; Buyers: Charles Kapitan & Barbara Fitzgerald; 126 Westview Road (.05A); Purchase Price: \$2,500; Assessed Value: \$1,700.

Sellers: Michael & Melissa McKibben; Buyers: Joseph & Rachel Higgins; 2210 Sugar Hill Road; Purchase Price: \$2,450,000; Assessed Value: \$986,800.

Seller: Rodney Stork; Buyers: Terri Harrington & Ralph Holloway; 202 Earl Wade Road; Purchase Price: \$160,000; Assessed Value: \$203,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Chloe Gellenthien, 41 Creek Road; Food Truck.

Konstantin Schonbachler, 55 North Main Street; home occupation: firearms repair.

Jim Conley, 2788 US Route 7S, farmstand.

Prince Fode, peddler permit to sell resource books.



The second Selectboard meeting in September will take place on Monday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in East Wallingford at the East Wallingford Fire Station, 5988 Route 140E.



Congratulations to the Newlyweds:

Lance Billings & Rachel Patch, May 24th
Ryan Rampolla & Marissa Schaffer, June 19th
Nathan Frohloff & Amy Davenport, June 20th
Nathaniel Hance & Sunshine Hance, June 21st
Eric Dias & Rebecca Day, June 28th
Zachary Farnham & Natalie Shaw, July 12th

WALLINGFORD DOG WARDEN

The Wallingford Dog Warden is Joe Elwell. He can be reached by calling 802-342-2272.

~Back To School~

Wednesday, August 27th, is the first day of school. School days bring congestion. School buses are picking up children, kids walking are hurrying to get to school, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. And parents, once your kids are safely dropped off at school, please slow down! Vehicles speed down School Street; however, there are still children walking to school. Thank you.



~Household Hazardous Waste Day~

The Rutland County Solid Waste District will sponsor a free Household Hazardous Waste collection day at the Wallingford Transfer Station on Saturday, September 20th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Please read the rules and requirements on the Transfer Station page at www.wallingfordvt.com.

~Do you live in the Wallingford Fire District #1?~

If yes, do you know who to call if you have an emergency with water or sewer? Call Marianne McClure, Clerk & Treasurer at the Fire District Office at 802-446-2964.

If she is unreachable, call Wallingford Fire District #1's contractor, Simon Operations Service, at 802-793-9429.

Wallingford Lodge aka The Boys Camp is owned by the Wallingford Fire District, not the Town. Call Marianne to ask about renting the Lodge.



Congratulations to:

Morgan Nemeth & Bryce Little on the birth of their daughter, Vivienne Louise, on 7/27.

Nicholas & Hailey Delauri on the birth of their son, Oliver Raymond on 8/12.

~Monthly Wallingford Song Circle~

Hi, my name is Sumio Seo. I will be leading a community song circle monthly at the Wallingford Town Hall on the 2nd floor. There is an elevator available using the side entrance on Taft Terrace for people - not freight.

The first song circle will be held Thursday, September 18th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and subsequently every 3rd Thursday of the month until April. Bring an acoustic instrument or just a voice. If you'd just like to come and listen, that would be fine too.



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Here's the latest on the progress of the Boy's restoration. Wallingford's iconic symbol is sorely missed but is looking better and better.

~Town Meetings~

Regular Meetings & Events can be found on the Town's website at wallingfordvt.com, along with agendas, minutes, etc. There are always a need for volunteers to serve on committees. If you have any interest, municipal vacancies can be found at: <https://www.wallingfordvt.com/municipal-vacancies>

~American Legion Breakfast~

Held at the First Congregational Church, 189 North Main Street, Wallingford, on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m.

~Highway Rights-of-Way~

Vermont roadways are laid out to certain specifications. There is a buffer zone on each side of the road that is public. It allows those maintaining the highway to also control vegetation on the roadside. Depending on the location, plant growth can be beneficial or detrimental. Routes 7 and 140 West are maintained by the Vermont Department of Transportation. They have guidelines on tree cutting. All other roads are municipal. Town rights-of-way extend 25 feet from the center of the road. If you have questions about trees near the road where you live, please call me at 802-446-2932.

Rob Barker
Wallingford Tree Warden

~Community Pharmacy Now Open in Rutland~

Community Health's network of healthcare services just keeps growing. We've opened a pharmacy in the heart of Rutland at 62 Woodstock Avenue, open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday.

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<https://www.chcrr.org/location/community-pharmacy-rutland/>

For more information, check our website chcrr.org or call 802-775-4321.

~No Burn Permits Issued~

The state has notified the Town that NO BURN PERMITS may be issued for the foreseeable future. Check with the Town's fire wardens for updates.

Fire Warden Roger Sheehan, Jr. 802-548-6298
(Wallingford areas)

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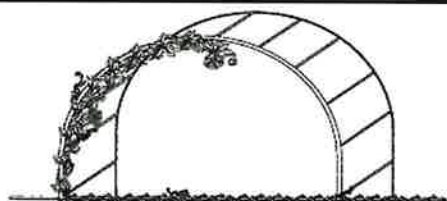


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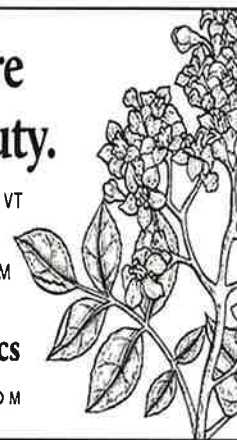
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OPEN HOUSE – Sept. 2nd - FREE CLASS TO NEW STUDENTS!

6pm - 6:50pm - Foxtrot
7pm - 7:50pm – Rumba
7:50pm – 8:20pm – Free guided practice session!

Session 2 - Tuesday's – Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21

OPEN HOUSE – Sept. 30th - FREE CLASS TO NEW STUDENTS

6pm - 6:50pm - Foxtrot
7pm - 7:50pm – Rumba
7:50pm – 8:20pm – Free guided practice session!

Session 3 - Tuesday's – Oct. 28, (No Class Nov. 4th), Nov. 11, 18, (No class Nov. 25th)

OPEN HOUSE – Oct. 28th - FREE CLASS TO NEW STUDENTS

6pm - 6:50pm - Tango
7pm - 7:50pm – Cha-Cha
7:50pm – 8:20pm – Free guided practice session!

Session 4 - Tuesday's – Dec. 2, 9, 16

OPEN HOUSE – Dec. 2nd - FREE CLASS TO NEW STUDENTS

6pm - 6:50pm - Tango
7pm - 7:50pm – Cha-Cha
7:50pm – 8:20pm – Free guided practice session!

Class may be rescheduled or cancelled if less than 4 students attend.

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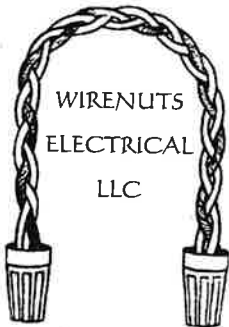
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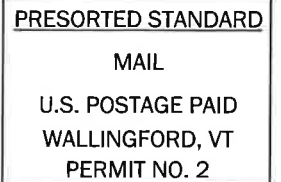
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Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Selectboard*location may change occasionally	1st & 3rd Monday of every month	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday of every month	5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Development Review Board	3rd Wednesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Thursday of every month	5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Shade Tree Preservation Committee	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Mill River Unified School District Board	1st Wednesday of every month	7:00 p.m. MRUHS
	3rd Wednesday of every month	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.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 of every month	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of most months	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive Ctr 802-446-2499