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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, October 13th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.



Your Property Tax payment for the first half of FY26 is due on or before Monday, October 20th.

Please remit your payment as follows: 1) in person; 2) MAIL to 75 School Street, Wallingford VT 05773 before October 20th or, 3) place through the mail slot in the front door of the Town Hall by October 20th.

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 and you will be sent an updated property tax bill that will show a reduction for the second half payment.

~BOY WITH THE BOOT UPDATE~

The Boy with the Boot will soon be home. Wayne Jones, a welding master with an artist's flair, devoted 192 hours to painstakingly restore Wallingford's favorite son. The iconic statue will be moved to its permanent home in the Town Clerk and Treasurer's office at Town Hall in the coming weeks. The Boy with the Boot is currently visiting Wallingford Elementary School as he was vandalized on the first day of school in 2024 and completely restored by the first day of school in 2025. He will be transported to Town Hall by the road crew by early October. The Wallingford Selectboard is exploring options for creating a 3D replica of the Boy with the Boot for the fountain on Main Street. The Board will keep townspeople posted on fundraising efforts for the replica.



~Meeting~

For the month of October, there will be one Selectboard meeting. It will take place on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall

****COMPLETE BURN BAN****
~NO BURN PERMITS ISSUED~

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

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

Deputy Fire Warden Marty Rabtoy (802)-345-5550
(East Wallingford areas)

FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT:

Vermonters Asked to Report Dry Wells, Water Shortages, and Other Impacts of Drought

Montpelier, Vt. – With drought conditions existing throughout Vermont, state officials are asking Vermonters to report drought impacts. This includes wells or water supplies running out or tasting different, damage to crops and other farm losses, low water levels in lakes, rivers, or recreational areas, and any health issues related to water quality or availability. Vermonters should also consider voluntary water conservation efforts at home.

<https://anr.vermont.gov/disaster/drought>

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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

October means spooky titles on the book path, and a chance to check out some creepy reads from the stacks. The library will be closed on Monday October 13th for Indigenous People's Day. On Tuesday, October 14th the Board of Trustees will gather for the Gilbert Hart Library Association's annual meeting. Statistics and highlights of the previous year will be shared and the budget for 2025-26 presented for review. It has been a busy and productive year all around, so there is much to celebrate as well as new goals to set and going forward! As usual, library patrons and community members are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Klock Room at 6:30pm. Additionally, the trustees are planning a silent auction fundraiser for December and welcome donations of items from area businesses and individuals. Recent lighting upgrades have led to more necessary repairs inside the building, and we appreciate your patience and understanding during this phase. The library continues to be open during regular hours and we will provide notification of any future necessary closures. In the coming weeks, the annual appeal letter will be mailed and we value your consideration. All donations, large and small, make a difference and we truly appreciate your support. Thank you in advance.
Happy Reading!!!

Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm
and Saturday 9am-1pm (802) 446-2685

An Unsolved Mystery in Wallingford

Where is Martha M Maranville

By Lynn J. Edmunds

In 2017 while working at Green Hill Cemetery I came across a burial marker that had been stored under the maintenance shed. The marker reads as follows, Martha M. Maranville, wife of L. S. Maranville, died September 13, 1896 at 47 years old. I surmised since it had been stored under the building, surely Martha must be buried somewhere in Green Hill Cemetery along with her husband. But, upon investigating cemetery records, I found no evidence to support this assumption. Nor could I find a record for a L.S. Maranville.

So next I turned my attention to a genealogical search that yielded much more information about the Maranville family, yet the mystery remained unresolved.

Martha Maria Round was born in Clarendon Vermont, March 23, 1847. She married her husband Lewis Stephen Maranville on, December 25, 1865, following his discharge from the service. The couple were wed in Irasburg, Vermont, then settled in Castleton with their son George.

Lewis was a Civil War Veteran, serving with Company C 10th INF, from August 4, 1862, until July 1, 1863. He was then transferred into the Veteran Reserve Corps as a Corporal with the 13th Regiment in Company F, until his discharge on November 16, 1865. His pension records indicate he had sustained an injury to his abdomen at some point during his service.

In 1890 a Census of Civil War Soldiers shows Lewis still living in Castleton Vermont with no mention of other family members. But later we find the entire family living in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts Death & Burial records show Martha died September 17, 1896, in Lynn Massachusetts of Consumption. Her burial site was listed as Springfield Massachusetts.

On August 11, 1888, Queenie Alinda Maranville was born to George & Frances E. Gould Maranville of Springfield, this leads one to think Lewis & Martha were living near or with their son's family at the time of Martha's death. Sadly, there was no indication on any records found, telling us which cemetery Martha was laid to rest in.

Some years later Lewis passed on April 17, 1910, at the City Hotel, located at 267 Main Street in Springfield. However, his body was removed to Wallingford Vermont for burial on April 19, 1910, without acknowledgement, as far as Green Hill Cemetery records indicate.

On July 30, 1937, R.J. Maranville of East Wallingford applied for a Veterans Head Stone for Lewis.

This request was granted, and the stone was received December 24, 1937.

A picture of his marker can be seen on the Find-a-Grave site for Green Hill Cemetery and is identified as Memorial #39459560.

The stone is located in section 1 of Lot 3, just west of the Cannon on Patriots Mound.

However, cemetery maps show Lot 3 was purchased by Mrs. Charles A. Merrell on July 28, 1917, seven years after Lewis was supposedly buried. Only two burials are indicated on the map for Lot 3. One is for Charles Merrell and the other is for Mattie Merrell. And yes, Lewis Maranville's marker is physically present on Lot 3. It was put there some 20 years after Lot 3 was purchased by the Merrell's. Adjacent Lots 2 & 4 have a combined total of 13 burials in them and are virtually the same size as Lot 3, so there is definitely room enough for Martha in Lot 3.

All that remains now is to solve this unsolved mystery so we can place Marth's marker where she is buried.

Is Martha buried in an unknown cemetery in Springfield Massachusetts?

If so, why do we have a marker for her in Wallingford? What did, or did not happen to create this mystery in Wallingford's Green Hill Cemetery?

Is Martha M. Maranville buried in Springfield, or Wallingford?

If you have information or would like to help find Martha's true resting place. Please contact the author of this accounting at 802-446-3995.

Also consider attending a presentation & discussion on the History of Green Hill Cemetery. Presented by the Wallingford Historical Society on November 11th at 1:00pm at the Wallingford Town Hall, featuring guest speaker Don Emery, who has spent countless hours in recent years creating a coherent database for Green Hill Cemetery.



Dear Mill River Unified Union School District Residents,

September 2025

On July 1st, Governor Scott signed into law Act 73, *An Act Relating to Transforming Vermont's Education Governance, Quality, and Finance Systems*. The law is fundamentally changing the state's education system by restructuring funding and governance. We're providing this summary of the law so that interested residents can stay informed.

Chronological summary of Act 73 by effective date:

- **School Choice & Independent Schools:** Tuition to approved independent schools will be limited to those located in Vermont, among other new requirements. This section requires districts to continue to pay tuition on behalf of resident students enrolled for the 2024–2025 school year and those who have been accepted by approved independent schools for the 2025–2026 school year, until they graduate from those schools. This took effect on July 1, 2025.
- **Class Size Minimums:** The law creates minimum class size requirements (starting with the 2026-2027 school year) that vary by grade level. For grades 1-8, class size minimums are 10-15 students. Currently, class sizes in grades 1-8 range from 3 to 24.. For grades 9-12 class size minimum is 18 students. Currently, class sizes in MRUHS range from 2 to 25
- **School District Consolidation:** A significant reduction in the number of school districts from the current 100+ school districts and 50+ supervisory unions/districts will occur. A task force will suggest up to three new district maps by December 1, 2025 for lawmakers to review in January 2026. Each new district will serve 4,000–8,000 PreK–12 students. The MRUUSD currently has 779 students enrolled. Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford and Tinmouth residents will no longer vote for school directors for the MRUSD once it's been dissolved. New district operations will start on July 1, 2028.
- **Property Tax Reform:** Act 73 replaces the current statewide education property tax credit with a homestead property tax exemption based on income. Homeowners with an annual household income of \$115,000 or less will be allowed to exempt a portion, 90% to 10%, of their housesite value—up to \$425,000—from their property taxes. A new property tax classification, “non-homestead residential”, is meant to ensure that second homes are taxed at a higher rate than businesses and apartment rentals. The section takes effect on July 1, 2028.
- **Education Funding:** The law transitions education funding to a foundation formula. The state will provide districts a base amount per student, adjusted annually for inflation, with additional weights for special education, English language learners, economically disadvantaged, etc. Town Meeting Day 2027 will be the last time Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Wallingford and Tinmouth residents will vote on a school budget. This section takes effect on July 1, 2028, provided that new school districts approved by the legislature in 2026 have begun operating.

We know these changes are big, and we've highlighted above only a few of the major ones. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'll continue to share updates as they become available. Staying informed helps all of us navigate these changes together.

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Wallingford Halloween House Decoration Contest

Free to enter the contest, Call Heather at 802-345-3484 to register Decorations must be up by October 15 Voting starts on the 16th. To vote for your favorite decorated houses find the sign with the QR code in front of any of the houses in the contest or by going to the town hall, library, or front porch forum to vote! Voting ends Halloween night and the winners will be contacted the next day and winners will be posted in front porch forum after that!

Happy Decorating



Congratulations to the Newlyweds:

Susanna Petrossi & Arturo Gaona, August 31, 2025
Paige Gainey & Lloyd Potter, September 6, 2025
Makayla Stone & Justin Carter, September 19, 2025

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Sellers: Thomas & Lisa Ovitt; Buyer: Joshua Munukka;
3000 Hartsboro Rd.; Purchase Price: \$240,000; Assessed
Value: \$146,000.

ZONING PERMITS

Leo & Bonnie Wood, Gilbert Hart Lane, Lot Line
Adjustment.

Christopher Dunigan, 380 North Main Street, Extension to back of
the house.

Amy & Wojciech Wierzbicki, 5 North Main Street, Restaurant



Friends of Angela Hinchey Benefit

Saturday, October 18, 2025

The public is invited to contribute to our goodwill benefit sale in Angela's memory. Funds collected will go to area high school students with an interest in the arts. We believe Angela would be pleased to have her collection of fine woolen yarns, cashmere scarves, Pendleton shirts, hand knit sweaters, mitts and more, shared among appreciative friends. Some of Angela's artwork will be on display but not for sale and light refreshments will be provided in The Klock Room at The Gilbert Hart Library from 9 to 2.

Please drop by and support our young artists scholarship fund.

Thanks for your generosity,

Kathy Detko and Lois Johnstone

WALLINGFORD DOG WARDEN

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





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Monthly Wallingford Song Circle

Hi, this is Sumio Seo of South Wallingford letting you know that the next community song circle will be Thursday October 16th from 7-9pm at the Wallingford Town Hall. Come on out and join us with or without an acoustic instrument. The first ever song circle was held on September 18th and it was a lot of fun. If you happen to have a copy of the book 'Rise Up Singing', please bring your copy along with you. The song circle will be held 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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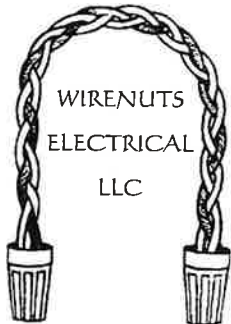
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