



The Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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www.wallingfordvt.com

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for all content for the March newsletter is due by February 18th. Send articles to townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

The Standard's mission is to provide information on town news and to be proactive for local businesses 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.

A full color copy of each monthly newsletter is available to view on our website.



Otterknoll Animal Care Dog Neuter Clinic

February 9, 2026

Price is by Weight

40 lbs and under \$50, 41 to 60 lbs \$75

61 lbs and over \$100

818 Waldo Lane, Wallingford

Cash or Check ONLY

Sign Up: 818 Waldo Lane now thru 2/1

Sign up sheet & \$25 MUST be submitted during this time.

Questions?

Please Call (802) 353-9910



The Town Hall will be closed on February 16th in observance of President's Day. The transfer station WILL be open.

Important Town Phone Numbers & Contacts

Delinquent Tax Collector .. Julie Sharon .. (802) 855-1058
Deputy Fire Warden Marty Rabtoy (802) 345-5550
Dog Warden Joe Elwell (802) 342-2272
E. Wall. Delinquent Fire Dist. #2 Karen Smith (802) 446-2022
E. Wallingford Fire District #2..Deb Frohloff..(802) 259-2259
Fire Warden Roger Sheehan (802) 548-6298
Post Office (East Wallingford) (802) 245-6403
Post Office (Wallingford) (802) 245-6281
Road Commissioner Phil Baker (802) 446-2131
Town Hall (802) 446-2336
Transfer Station (802) 446-2524
Wallingford Fire Dist. #1 Marianne McClure (802) 446-2964





Dog & Cat Rabies Clinic

Saturday, March 7th ~ 12:30 to 2:30

All Dogs MUST Be On Leashes

All Cats MUST Be In Carriers

\$15 per shot, Cash or Check ONLY

Grace Ma-Steenbergen, DVM

Open to the Public

Wallingford Town Hall

75 School Street

Wallingford (802) 446-2336

2026 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE

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 your dog within 30 days.



The fee to purchase dog licenses are as follows:
\$12.00 for all dogs that have been spayed or neutered; otherwise, the fee is \$16.00

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A current rabies certificate and payment is required. You may register your dog(s) in person, by mail, online or drop your payment through the front door mail slot at the 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 townclerk@wallingfordvt.com to see if we have an updated rabies certificate on file. We are happy to mail you the 2026 license and tag.

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

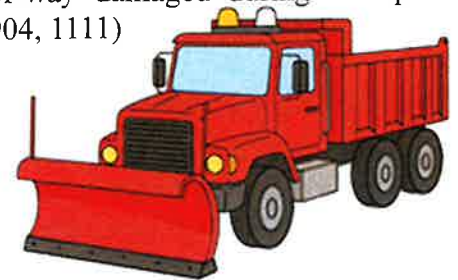
****Snowplowing Reminders****

Winter Parking Ban is in effect now until March 31st. No parking allowed on Wallingford roads, **this includes Route 7 and School Street**, between the hours of 11pm and 7am.

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 fine plus the actual cost of repairing any damage resulting from such obstruction of the roadway. (Title 19V.S.A. 1105)

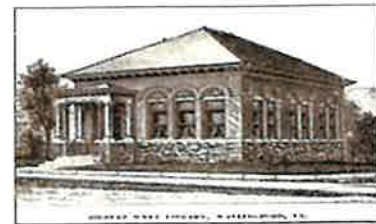
It is unlawful to cause water or ice to run onto a town highway or street in such a way that causes damage to the highway or street, obstructs traffic or creates unsafe conditions. (Title 19 V.S.A. 1111)

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)



**Please call the Town Garage at
(802) 446-2472**

For any and all road concerns



GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

Show the library a little love this month~attend the discussion of *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton on Feb 4th at 6pm or bring a young friend to a children's story time event on Monday mornings at 10:30am. You might also check out a pair of snowshoes and take to the woods, perhaps even the book path, to enjoy all winter has to offer. At 10am on Saturday morning February 14th, come learn how to navigate the on-line catalog, check out books using Libby & The Palace Project, access periodicals and articles with Gale Databases, and use your library card number to stream a vast collection of material on the Biblio+ catalog. The library is open all month long for our regular days and hours, including 1-7pm on Wednesdays. Make a point to visit, as the library is here for you and loves this community right back!

Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

The Selectboard has proposed a fiscal year 2027 budget that will balance the needs of the community with the pocketbooks of taxpayers. Part of this process includes long overdue Capital planning to replace the sand shed this summer and several older Highway Department vehicles requiring costly repairs in the coming years. The total proposed municipal budget of \$1,609,903 is up 8 percent or \$120,234. The amount to be raised in taxes is \$1,184,804. The proposed budget is available online at www.wallingfordvt.com under the Government heading on the Home page then Town Meeting in the drop down menu. Annual Town Reports will be distributed in mid-February.

For a closer look at budget numbers, the Administration section of the budget is \$599,375. This represents a 3 percent or \$19,125 increase. Three percent cost of living raises were given to employees and there's an anticipated \$5,650 increase on line 5025 for all insurances - unemployment, liability, health, dental, etc. - from \$107,550 to \$113,200.

The Town Government section of the proposed budget is \$257,114, up \$67,194 from the current \$189,920. The increase is due to Grant Expenses line 5027 in the amount of \$68,670. These funds will be used for required local matches for two grants: the Town was awarded \$800,000 to replace School Street sidewalks and after setting aside Asset Fund (formerly ARPA) for the local match, the Town needed to budget \$57,350 for the balance. Sidewalk construction will begin this spring. The Town was also awarded \$13,187 to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by FEMA. FEMA cut funding for this program last April, so the Town obtained a grant for this \$13,000 expense requiring a 10 percent local match.

The Appropriations' budget of \$84,764 is up \$189. Nearly every line was level funded. Unfortunately, that means the Town had to turn down Gilbert Hart Library's request for a \$5,000 increase.

The Highway Budget of \$435,915 increased just \$1,355 from the current \$434,560. Most lines were level funded.

The Public Safety budget of \$84,535 is up slightly. The Board hoped to increase weekly police patrols. However, with unavoidable adjustments in other areas of the budget, the decision was made to increase line 5406 Special Police Officer Contract to reflect the anticipated 5 percent increase in Rutland County Sheriff services.

The Capital Budget of \$101,500 is up \$20,000 from the current \$81,500. The Board has diligently worked on a multiyear Capital plan to replace the dilapidated sand shed as well as outdated Highway Department equipment—including the 2016 Kenworth dump truck and the 2011 Caterpillar backhoe—both of which are costing the Town significant dollars in ongoing repairs. For this year, the

Board opted not to put the usual \$40,000 into the Bridge Fund line 5712 in order to increase the Highway Reserve Fund line 5716 from \$20,000 to \$80,000. The plan is to use the reserve fund in this next fiscal year to help pay for the cost to replace the sand shed and in future years to replace the 2016 Kenworth dump truck and eventually replace the 2011 Backhoe.

The Recreation budget of \$46,700 is up \$8,400 from the current \$38,300. We need to resurface and repair the tennis court at a cost of \$8,328, so line 5805 Maintenance was increased from \$4,000 to \$12,400. Resurfacing is needed every five years or so.

As you review the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget, you will see many line items were level funded or reduced. Of the \$120,234 increase - \$68,670 will be used for local matches for important grants; \$5,650 for insurance increases; cost of living adjustments of \$12,000 for employees; \$8,400 for needed tennis court resurfacing and repairs; \$2,900 added for three elections in the fiscal year; and we've increased the overall Capital budget by \$20,000 for much needed future planning.

Finally, Capital Planning for the Town of Wallingford is overdue. By comparison, here is what some of our neighbors set aside annually in their budgets:

Annual appropriations to highway equipment reserve funds

- Plymouth - \$130K
- Clarendon - \$100K
- Shrewsbury - \$85K
- West Rutland - \$80K
- Danby - \$70K (50 for equipment, 20 for highway structures)
- Ira - \$60K
- Wells - \$50K
- Pawlet - \$50K
- Middletown Springs - \$40K (20 for equipment, 20 for highway buildings)
- Proctor - \$30K
- Wallingford - \$20K (fiscal year 2026).
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The Selectboard urges voters to attend any upcoming Selectboard meeting (first and third Mondays of each month) and/or the Monday, March 2, 2026 annual Informational Meeting at Wallingford Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. to review the budget or ask questions.

Hi, this is Sumio Seo of South Wallingford letting you know that the next community song circle will be February 19th (Thursday) from 7-9pm at the Wallingford Town Hall. Come on out and join us with or without an acoustic instrument. If you happen to have a copy of the book 'Rise Up Singing' please bring your copy along with you.

Thanks, Sumio



Community Health News



Everyone Deserves Affordable Quality Healthcare. Healthcare is Affordable at Community Health

Community Health serves all patients regardless of income or insurance status, so we have developed several services to help you create an affordable healthcare plan that works for you and your family.

Community Health provides discounts, payment plans and sliding fee scales for those who don't have health or dental insurance. They include:

- If you don't have medical insurance, you will automatically receive a 20% discount on your primary care services. And, if you pay your bill at the time of service, you will receive an additional 15% discount, giving you a total 35% discount.
- Dental self-pay is 20% discount if paid on date of service.
- Payment plans are set up as a monthly amount deducted automatically from a credit or debit card.
- Sliding fee program adjusts fees by family income and size and are discounts for essential services, including pharmacy.

In addition to Medicare and Medicaid, Community Health accepts over 15 different health insurance plans. For the complete list, check our website: <https://www.chcrr.org/insurances-accepted/>. If you need insurance, Community Health has certified counselors who can help you review the options. To make an appointment with a Patient Navigator, call 802-342-4224.

If you need assistance applying for any of these plans call our Patient Access Center at (802) 779-9169 and ask for the Patient Outreach Coordinator. Everyone deserves affordable quality healthcare.

Get Portal Power at Community Health

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The **Patient Portal** helps you manage your healthcare, message your provider, renew a prescription, request an appointment, pay your bill or update your health record.

For more information, ask your primary care provider or call the Patient Access Center at 802-779-9169 or visit our website <https://www.chcrr.org/patient-portal/>.

Community Health News, Continued



Eye Care for Your Whole Family

Community Health Eye Care provides everything from routine and age- and illness-related screenings and treatments to prescriptions for glasses and contact lenses for adults and children ages 5 and up.

As a part of your overall primary care, Community Health Eye Care is a full-service provider of comprehensive eye care services including:

- Routine eye examinations
- Emergency eyecare
- Fitting and selection of affordable lenses and frames
- Contact lens prescriptions
- Diabetic eye disease referrals
- Evaluation for cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration

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From: Cuttingsville: Just 2.1 miles up Town Hill Rd,
right on Lincoln Hill Red Barn on right

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club Annual Roast Pork Dinner

When: Saturday February 7, 2026
Where: Wallingford Rotary Building,
96 North Main Street, Wallingford
Serving Time: 4:30-6:00pm



Join us for a delightful meal and enjoy the warmth of the community in the midst of winter! The meal will include roast pork, mashed potato with gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, and assorted desserts. The price is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6 and under. Take-out will be available.

We look forward to seeing you there!



~ Homestead Declaration ~

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April filing deadline-April 15, 2026.

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, the property is categorized as either nonhomestead or homestead. All property is considered nonhomestead unless it is declared as a homestead. The education property tax rate levied on nonhomestead property differs from the rate levied on homestead property.

It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements: 1) You are a Vermont resident and 2) You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of 4/1/2026.

How to File: Online - Taxpayers may file returns using myVTax at myVTax.vermont.gov, the state's free, secure online filing site. Paper Returns - If you cannot file and pay through myVTax, you may still use the paper forms. The Homestead Declaration is filed using Form HS-122, the Homestead Declaration, and Property Tax Credit Claim.

Most file the Homestead Declaration with the VT income tax return. However, if you apply to extend the time to file your income tax return, *the Homestead Declaration must still be filed by the April filing deadline*. Even if you are not required to file a Vermont Income Tax Return, the declaration must STILL be filed by the deadline.

Filing Deadline ~ April 15th

Congratulations Wallingford Residents



Thanks to your recycling efforts, in 2025, you have diverted over 2½ tons of plastic from landfills! Since the Wallingford Conservation Commission implemented the program in 2023 you have saved over 14,000 pounds of plastic from entering landfills.

The W.C.C. sends a "thank you" Art and Jerry at the Transfer Station for the great job they do managing the plastic we recycle. We also thank Dennis and Tom for transporting the collected plastic to the drop off station in Rutland.

We especially thank YOU for your continued support and remind you to separate out your clean, stretchable plastic, (think baggies, pellet bags, cling wrap, bread bags, produce bags, etc) and deposit them in the specially marked bins at the Transfer Station. They will be recycled and turned into decking material and outdoor furniture by the Trex company.

As we start this new year, let's commit to diverting even more plastic away from landfills. Maybe we can reach a goal of 4 tons for the year 2026!

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~Family BINGO Night~

February 13th 7pm-9pm
Upstairs of Wallingford Town Hall
\$20 a book (10 games) **Cash Prizes**
Refreshments available
Questions please call Heather at 802-345-3484

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

~Property Transfers~

Seller(s): Trout Cook & Brigitte Pinard; Buyer(s):
James & Erin Stump; 347 Vermont Route 103 East;
Price: \$266,000;
Assessed Value: \$154,000

Seller(s): Scott & Lynn Holt; Buyer(s): Keith & Lauren
Herrera; 520 Vermont Route 140 West; Price: \$270,000;
Assessed Value: \$181,500



Issues with sidewalks?
Contact Marianne McClure
at (802) 446-2964



Town of Wallingford *Important Dates*



- March 2nd – Informational Meeting 7pm
@ Wallingford Elementary School
- March 3rd – Polls Open from 10am to 7pm
@ the Town Hall
- March 7th – Rabies Clinic 12:30 to 2:30
@ the Town Hall
- April 15th – Deadline for Filing Homestead
Declaration
- April 20th – Property Taxes Due, 2nd installment
- April 30th – Deadline for Filing Property Tax
Exemption for Disabled Veterans



GREEN MOUNTAIN ~NEIGHBORS~

Mount Holly ~ Shrewsbury ~ Wallingford

Update on Green Mountain Neighbors:

Now that we have all turned the page on 2025, GMN would like to update you on what we have accomplished this past year. We provided over 175 services to our members in Wallingford, Shrewsbury, and Mount Holly, including transporting them to appointments, attending educational events, and hosting monthly luncheons and wine-and-cheese events.

We now have over 60 members and 50 volunteers! As our membership grows each year, so does our need for more volunteers! If you would be interested in becoming a member or exploring the idea of volunteering for GMN, please check out our website: greenmountainneighbors.org You can also call 802-417-2292 and listen to the prompts. We are an A501-C3 organization, run entirely by volunteers. We would love to have you participate in our efforts to help our seniors stay in the homes and towns they love, as long as they are able.

GMN Leadership Update:

One of our original Neighbors, Sally Deinzer, though still healthy, has made the decision to leave her long-time home in Shrewsbury for the relative ease of living at The Gables in Rutland: No shoveling, weeding, or worries about navigating her driveway or whether that washing machine will last through the year– etc. etc. It is very hard for her to leave her community of friends, the trails in her own woodland and other places in town that she has enjoyed daily for 25 years, the gardens she watched bloom in reward for her labors the prior year – until 2025 when her legs and knees wouldn't let her move about as she needed. Sally expects to put her house on the market by March and hopes to be able to move before this year's spring ephemerals and bulbs bloom, when it will be much harder to leave. She knows she leaves Green Mountain Neighbors in good hands. The Gables is less than a half hour away, and she plans to come to check out those Shrewsbury roads and trails, maybe even go to GMN luncheons as a guest.

Questions?

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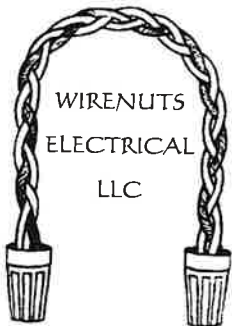
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