



The Wallingford Standard

March 2026

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm

www.wallingfordvt.com

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for all content for the April newsletter is due by March 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.



Dog & Cat

Rabies Clinic

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

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Neighbors**

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 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

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

Otterknoll Animal Care Dog Neuter Clinic

May 4, 2026

Price is by Weight

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

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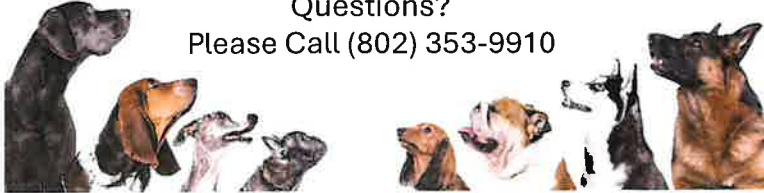
Cash or Check **ONLY**

Sign Up: Between March 30th to April 27th

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

Questions?

Please Call (802) 353-9910



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**



~ 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



WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Wallingford High School Alumni has scholarships available for students that qualify for them. They can be obtained at Mill River High School or through the Town of Wallingford website. Deadline for applying is May 1, 2026.

~Family **BINGO** Night~

March 27th 7pm-9pm

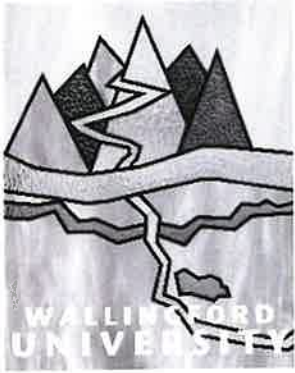
Upstairs of Wallingford Town Hall

\$20 a book (10 games) **Cash Prizes**

Refreshments available

Questions please call Heather at 802-345-3484

Wallingford University



Free Classes Taught by Wallingford Residents

With a shout-out to the towns of Bethel and Middletown Springs, this March will be the start of Wallingford University. There will be 15+ classes offered over three days – all taught by people who live in our wonderful little town of Wallingford and free to attend!

Have you ever wonder how Stone Meadow was created? What about how to paint a barn, quilt or repair your own bicycle? Imagine learning about the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from the longest serving EPA Director, (yes, she lives in Wallingford!) or the ins and outs of serving in the US Congress during the 1970s, 80s and 90s, (yes, he also lives in Wallingford!) Or maybe you want to join a sing-a-long or get started bee-keeping or researching your family tree.

These are just some of the classes that Wallingford University will be offering March 27 – 29, 2026. Sessions will be Friday at 7:00pm; Saturday at 9:30am, 1:30pm & 4:00pm; and Sunday at 13:30pm & 3:00pm.

All classes are free for anyone from Wallingford or surrounding towns. Registration is required as class sizes are limited. Our website with all of the with all of the classes listed will be live soon. Watch Front Porch Forum for updates. Questions? Email us at info@WallingfordVTUniversity.org.



The South Wallingford Union Congregational Church is looking for community input regarding possible closure. A meeting will be held at the Church on Sunday, March 15, 2026 @ 10 AM to discuss

this decision. All are invited to attend or send input via text message to Heather Cleveland @ (802) 770-2222 by March 15, 2026. Coffee and snacks will be served.



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****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**

~Property Transfers~

Seller(s): Steven George & Connie Landon-George;
Buyer(s): John & Cristine Schroeder; 167 Wicker Lane;
Price: \$729,000; Assessed Value: \$433,800

Seller(s): Jeffrey & Janice Patch;
Buyer(s): Keegan Petrossi; 936 Hartsboro Road;
Price: \$25,000; Assessed Value: \$22,900

Seller(s): Timothy & Heather Page; Buyer(s): Michael & Katherine Delp; 333 Creek Road; Price: \$936,268;
Assessed Value: \$636,800

Seller(s): Patrick & Anita Rice; Buyer(s): Thomas & Betsy Landon; Green Hill Lane; Price: \$55,000;
Assessed Value: \$34,300

Community Health News

Are you a student seeking a preceptorship, rotation, or clinical experience?

Community Health welcomes students from a variety of healthcare disciplines, providing a range of hands-on clinical experiences, including:

- Clinical rotations
- Preceptorships
- Practicum placements
- Externships

These experiences vary by discipline and program requirements but all emphasize integrated, patient-centered care in a team-based setting.

Students at Community Health are paired with experienced providers and interdisciplinary care teams who are committed to mentorship, professional growth, and skill development. Our clinical training opportunities help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world practice—giving you the confidence, skills, and support to succeed in your field.

If you are interested, or know of student who might be interested in our training programs, fill out our Clinical Placement Request Form, and we'll follow up as soon as possible to discuss next steps <https://www.chcrr.org/clinical-preceptorship-at-community-health/>

"My rotation at Community Health was one of the most valuable parts of my education. The providers were supportive and truly invested in helping me grow as a clinician. I gained confidence, hands-on experience, and a deeper understanding of patient-centered care." —2025 PA Student

Have you scheduled your free Medicare Annual Wellness Visit?

Free Annual Wellness Visits at **Community Health** focus on prevention and are designed to keep you healthy, lower your risk of illness and injury and support a healthy quality of life.

The annual wellness visit includes:

- meeting with a nurse or other care team member working with your provider
- blood pressure, height and weight taken
- questions about your medications, vaccines, mood, memory, mobility, family and living situation
- a wellness plan

Take advantage of this Medicare benefit. Medicare patients who have been enrolled in Medicare Part B for at least 12 months are eligible.

Schedule your wellness visit today at Community Health <https://chcrr.org> or call (802) 779-9169 for more information.



Community Health News Continued

Beating the Winter Blues

Here it is March and we are so looking ahead to spring. But it's still winter, and we are in the final stretch. Here are a few tips to help you over the finish line:

- Stay active - short walks prevent depression
- Sleep - aim for 7-9 hours a night
- Eat your veggies and fruit - eat a balanced diet, don't skip
- Get some sun - even small amounts can energize you
- Set aside time to relax
- Socialize - volunteer or be with family

The days are getting longer and the "winter blues" will fade. If you feel as if you cannot cope, contact your Community Health primary care or behavioral health provider. Call our Patient Access Center at (802) 779-9169.

Our mission is to be the foremost integrated community health center providing quality and collaborative care that is accessible to all people, in order to live their best lives and build stronger communities.



Veterans & Property Taxes What You Should Know

Don't forget to file your application to receive the 2026 Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans and their Survivors before May 1st.

The following are eligible for the exemption: Veterans receiving Disability Compensation at a rating of 50% or higher; Veterans receiving Non-Service Connected Pension, aka V.A. Pension or Widower's Pension; or Military retirement pay for a permanent medical military retirement.

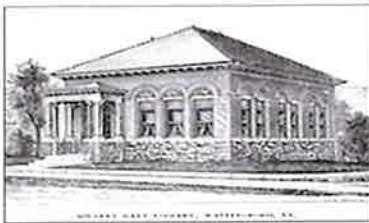
The exemption is \$40,000 in Wallingford. The exemption reduces the appraised value of the home prior to the assessment of taxes. The exemption only applies to Primary Residences that are owned by the veteran or survivor.

To receive the exemption, the veteran must provide proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs every year. Veterans who are determined to be totally and permanently disabled only have to provide proof of eligibility the first year they use the benefit for a home (if they move to a new home in a different town, they will have to provide proof of eligibility again). Proof of eligibility is provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Need Help? Call the Vermont office of Veterans Affairs at (802) 828-3379.

Filing Deadline ~ April 30th



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



GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

This month Children's Story Time continues at 10:30am on Mondays, Rug Braiding classes continue on Saturday mornings in the Klock Room, and another book discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th, at 6pm in the Vermont Room. The title is *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart, and copies are available now at the circulation desk. This novel is based on the forgotten true story of one of the nation's first female deputy sheriffs, and promises to be fun and informative. Stop by for a copy, then return on the 25th to share your reactions with other readers in a relaxed atmosphere. More titles are on the way for discussions in April and May; stay tuned!

Gilbert Hart Library board members provide governance, financial oversight, and long-range planning in support of the Library's mission, ensuring that the library remains a vital, accessible, and enriching resource for the Wallingford community. At their regular February meeting, the board welcomed new members Mark Sheffer, Tammy Durgin, Sandra Hochberg and Micah Azzano. Additionally, at the October Annual meeting Kristin Cassidy was elected as the Chair of the Board. Michael Luzader, who has given oversight to library doings for over a dozen years, has taken the role of Vice Chair. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Klock Room downstairs at the library. These are open meetings, and all are welcome to attend. Read more at ghlib.wordpress.com



We're running a 50/50 **Ice-Out** raffle to help raise money for the July 18th Wallingford Day festivities!

WHAT IS AN ICE-OUT RAFFLE? You buy an entry with your name,

phone number and guess the date and time when the ice will melt on Elfin Lake and the cinderblock we've placed there will sink. Half the proceeds will go to the winner and half to the Wallingford Day fund. Tickets (guesses) are \$5 each. Stop by Town Hall to purchase (Mon-Thurs 8:00 - 4:30) Buy as many guesses as you'd like

Tell your family and friends and get a little competition going. Who will guess the closest? Only time will tell.

WHO DECIDES WHEN THE ICE HAS MELTED? Michael Luzader will monitor the lake, and once the cinder block falls through the ice, the clock it's attached to will stop and a winner will be determined.

****THE FINE PRINT**** If there's more than one correct guess (same date AND time), a single winner will be selected by random drawing. If no one selects the winning date/time, the winner will be the ticket with the closest date/time to Ice-Out. The winner will be notified by phone.

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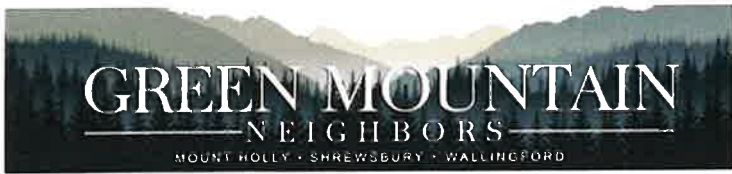
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From: Cuttingsville: Just 2.1 miles up Town Hill Rd,
right on Lincoln Hill Red Barn on right



Mount Holly ~ Shrewsbury ~ Wallingford

Green Mountain Neighbors Monthly Update

Green Mountain Neighbors would like to update you on what we have accomplished this past month. We have provided over 28 services to our members in Wallingford, Shrewsbury, and Mount Holly, including transporting them to appointments, attending educational events, hosting the monthly luncheon, performing small household tasks and offering our gentle chair yoga class. Our chair yoga classes are held each Wednesday at 9:30 at the Mount Holly Community Center. We have increased in numbers each week—come and join in! The cost is \$5 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

We also arranged a lovely snowshoeing event on one of the warmer days! We have already scheduled several informative talks for March and April, one on scams and another on financial management & creation of wills.

As our membership grows each year, so does our need for more volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a member, a supporting 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 a 501-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.

“The volunteers from GMN are on time, polite, kind, and super helpful. What a wonderful service to have in our community. Lucky us!” —Cathy & Carl Mitchell



Members of Green Mountain Neighbors Snowshoeing in Belmont.

Hi, this is Sumio Seo of South Wallingford letting you know that the next community song circle will be March 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

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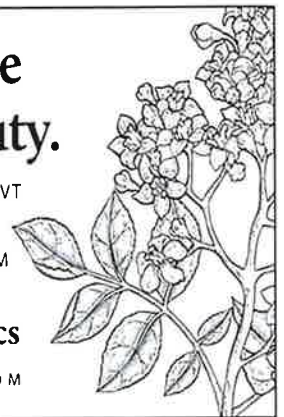
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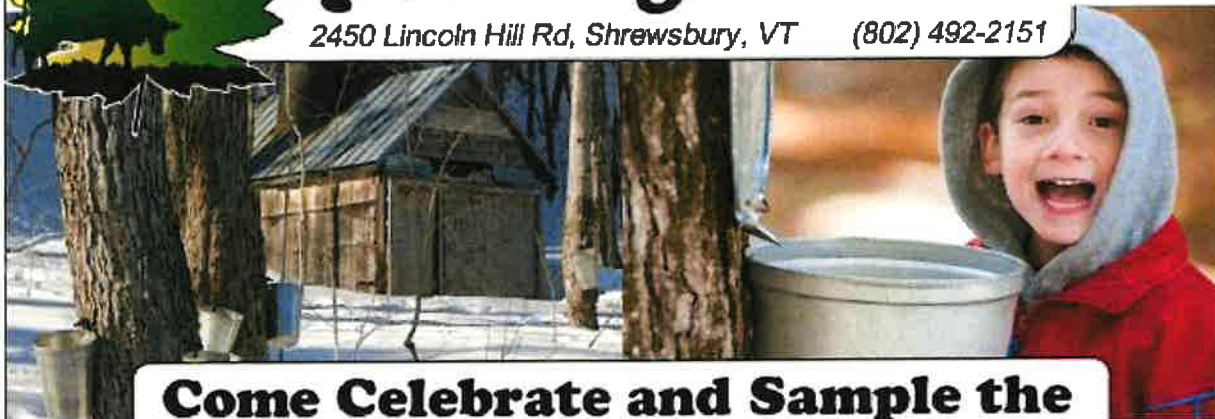
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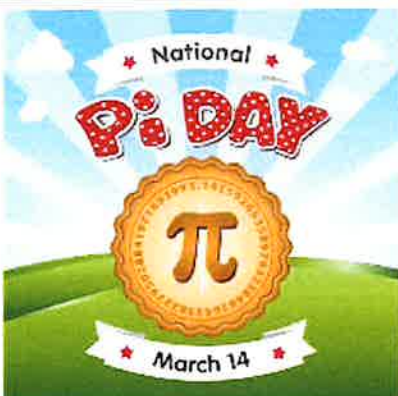
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