



The Wallingford Standard

April 2026

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office
(802) 446-2336

townclerk@wallingfordvt.com

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm

www.wallingfordvt.com

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for all content for the May newsletter is due by April 22nd. 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.

~2026 DOG LICENSES DUE~

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

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

****Reminder****

Taxes Due

2nd Installment of
Property Taxes are due
in the office by April
20th at 4:30pm.



The Importance of Paying Your Property Taxes on Time

An article appearing in the Rutland Herald in January highlighted the recent mail processing changes made at the United State Post Office. Vermont is now among other states where the collection of evening mail has ended, which means delivery times may be slower.

A one-day delay in getting your property tax payment to the Town Office by Monday, April 20th at 4:30 p.m., would mean that you will be assessed a one-time penalty of 8% plus interest on the principal amount due. As approved by the voters, payments are physically due in the Town Office; post-marked dates **WILL NOT** be accepted. A delay in mail processing does not meet the statutory criteria for abatement.

PLEASE plan ahead and mail in your payment early or pay in person. Thank you.



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



Town-Wide Reappraisal Notice

~Wallingford~

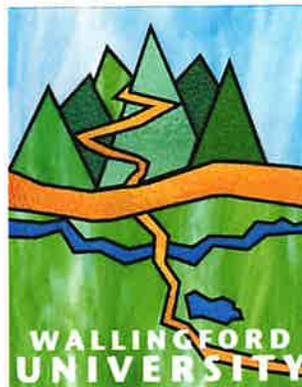
Booklets with old and new property values will be mailed out to property owners the first week of May.

Informational meetings will be held on May 18th, 19th and 20th.

Grievance hearing will be held on June 18th.

All details about the reappraisal process will be included in the mailed booklet. Property values are based on valid sales in Wallingford over the past three years.

WALLINGFORD UNIVERSITY



APRIL 10th, 11th and 12th

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FREE CLASSES

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Have you heard about Wallingford University?

We're offering 19 classes on a wide range of subjects over three days: April 10, 11, 12. All the teachers are people who live in our wonderful little town. The classes are free and will be held at the Town Hall, Gilbert Hart Library, Rotary, and The Sparkle Barn.

Everyone is welcome! We invite residents of Wallingford and our neighboring towns to attend.

Are you interested in foraging or learning to identify invasive species in your yard? Want to get your bicycle ready for spring, or polish your resume? Would you like to join a community sing-along, learn how to play bridge, or research your family tree? Do you have a question you've **been wanting to ask** someone from the rescue squad, board of education, or Selectboard? These are just a few of the classes we have planned.

To see the full list of classes and register, visit www.WallingfordVTUniversity.org or use the sign up sheets at Gilbert Hart Library. If you have questions, email us at info@WallingfordVTUniversity.org

Choose your classes, register, and invite a friend to join you. We look forward to learning with you!



~ 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

~THANK YOU~

Dr. Grace Ma-Steenbergen, DVM
Owner of Clarendon Animal Clinic



For running the March Rabies Clinic. 30 Dogs & Cats were vaccinated

The South Wallingford Union Congregational Church, located on Route 7 in South Wallingford, is looking for a pastor to grow our congregation. Please submit a letter of interest to:

Heather Cleveland
264 South Main Street
Wallingford, VT 05773
or email:
brierclleveland@yahoo.com



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.

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

For any and all road concerns

~Family BINGO Night~

April 17th 7pm-9pm

Upstairs of Wallingford Town Hall

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

Refreshments available

Questions please call Heather at (802) 345-3484

~Property Transfers~

Seller(s): Ricky Carroll;

Buyer(s): Lisa & Andrea Johnson; 583 N. Main Street;

Price: \$194,500; Assessed Value: \$133,600

Seller(s): Gary & Diana Pelikan;

Buyer(s): Daniel & Christine Kimball; 154 Circular Ave

Price: \$252,000; Assessed Value: \$104,500

Seller(s): Fred & Jane Campbell; Buyer(s): Daniel

Campbell & Jacqueline Ojala; 866 Waldo Lane;

Price: \$185,000; Assessed Value: \$384,400

Seller(s): Raymond & Nancy Murphy;

Buyer(s): Marcel Denis & Christy Beauchamp;

37 Cootey Lane; Price: \$345,000; Assessed Value:

\$202,700



GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

April is Poetry month! Anyone, from the tall to the small, who has a favorite poem to share with the community is invited to email or stop by the library with a paper submission by Friday, April 10th. This could be an original work or a treasured favorite; be sure to include the poet's name. The flowering crabapple on the library lawn will then blossom with the submissions, creating a poetry tree for everyone's reading pleasure. Story time for families continues on Mondays at 10:30, and you can also expect different titles on the book path including *North Country Spring* by Reeve Lindburgh. This month's book discussion title is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, a coming-of-age novel by Robert Dugoni about Samuel "Sam" Hill, a man with ocular albinism (red eyes) who faces bullying and discrimination, leading him to question his faith and identity. Reader copies are available to lend at the library circulation desk, and the group will meet Wednesday April 29th at 6pm. Read and return to share your reactions with others. Also, starting Wednesday, April 15th, the library will be having twice monthly game night. The first and third Wednesdays each month from 4:00-5:00 we'll have board games, card games, chess, and more. All ages are welcome. Meanwhile, a reminder that the library has many resources for gardeners as well as a birding backpack for lending, complete with binoculars and an identification guide. Spring is coming to Wallingford!



**Preschool & Pre-K
Registration
2026-2027 School Year**

Registration is open for families that reside in the Mill River School District towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford with a child 3 - 4 years of age. Our Registration Day is a chance for you and your child to visit our program and begin the registration process. Enrollment is available on a limited basis

Registration Days (By Appointment Only)

- Clarendon Elementary** - May 8, 2026,
- Shrewsbury Mountain** - May 15, 2026
- Tinmouth Mountain** - May 4, 2026
- Wallingford Elementary** - May 11, 2026

- Preschool child must turn three years old on or before August 31, 2026
- Pre-K child must turn four years old on or before August 31, 2026

For more information and to schedule an appointment

Sarah Bolster, Pre-K Coordinator
sbolster@millriverschools.org
 802.786.3998 ext 218

School Street Sidewalk Replacement Project

The Town of Wallingford received a grant from the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) to help fund the replacement of sidewalks on both sides of School Street, from the intersection with US Route 7 and extending eastward to 412 School Street.

The design work was completed by VHB in December 2025, and construction bids were opened on February 18, 2026. The Town received six (6) bids from the following VTrans pre-qualified General Contractors:

Bidder	Bid Total
Waters Excavation, Inc	\$556,120.00
Hunter Excavating	\$604,170.00
Belden Construction	\$825,630.00
Markowski Excavating	\$849,444.11
Neil H Daniels	\$899,485.00
Weaver Excavating	\$904,085.00



The design engineering firm, VHB, has reviewed all bids for reasonable conformance with the engineer's estimated prices and recommends that the Town accept the low bid from Waters Excavation, Inc. The Selectboard accepted VHB's recommendation at its meeting on March 16, 2026, and is awaiting approval from VTrans to award the contract.

Construction is planned to begin in the spring and run through October 2026. The Town hired Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) to oversee the construction. Randy Merrill is the Onsite Construction Inspector assigned to this project.

During construction, the Town will regularly update the public. These updates will be shared through The Wallingford Standard monthly newsletter, Front Porch Forum, and a dedicated project website: tinyurl.com/SchoolStreetSidewalk2026. Throughout the project, you can find this link on the Town of Wallingford website homepage: www.wallingfordvt.com.

Questions about the project can be directed to the Municipal Project Manager, Steffanie Bourque, via email at sbourque@rutlandrpc.org or by phone at 802-775-0871 x202.



TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

The Town of Wallingford is Accepting Applications for Elfin Lake Concession stand workers.



Applications Accepted Until Positions Filled
 Call TOWN HALL AT (802) 446-2872
 OR Email TOWNADMIN@WALLINGFORDVT.COM
 To request and application
 Or visit www.wallingfordvt.com/documents/ and find the application under the FORMS heading

Food Shelf



We are stocked with nonperishable food, paper goods, cleaning supplies, etc. Any Wallingford resident in need may visit once a month. The food shelf is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00 to Noon and is located at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street. Please call (802) 446-2336 if you have any questions



02/04/2026
 Julietah Arannie Yanez Mondragon

02/28/2026
 Louis Waldo Ruppel

~Zoning Permit~

Doug & Kim Blodgett,
 Sugar Hill Road
 Proposed Work: 26' x 20' addition



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Burn Permits

Any and all residential burning **requires** a burn permit. Contact fire wardens by calling:
 Roger Sheehan
 (802) 548-6298 and
 Marty Rabtoy (E. Wallingford) (802) 345-5550.



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Hi this is Sumio Seo of South Wallingford letting you know that the next community song circle will be April 16th (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, Sumo



Town of Wallingford *Important Dates*



- April 1st – Dog Licenses Due
- 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

Community Health News

Register for 2026 Farmacy Project's Summer of Free Produce



Now is the time to ask your Community Health primary care provider or care manager about the 2026 Farmacy Project, a summer of free Vermont grown produce for at risk individuals and families.

The referral period has opened and Community Health is again partnering with the Vermont Farmers Food Center's Farmacy Project, which provides 10-12 pounds of fresh locally grown produce for 15 weeks months starting in June.

Healthcare providers at Community Health provide referrals to the Farmacy Project, incorporating the "Food as Medicine" theme for those with health issues impacted by diet. Individuals and families can pick up their weekly share at convenient locations including Community Health offices.

Contact your Community Health primary care provider or care manager for more information about the Farmacy Project. Call Patient Access at 802-779-9169 or read more about the Farmacy Project on VFFC's website at https://www.vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org/farmacy_project

Community Health Wins Gold

Did you know that Community Health is a recipient of the Gold Level Governor's Excellence in Worksite Wellness Award? The recognition celebrates the highest commitment to creating a workplace that supports the health and well-being of every employee.

If you are passionate about healthcare, our team of healthcare professionals is looking for you! We bring quality health, dental, vision and behavioral health care to thousands of your neighbors in Rutland and Addison counties. Join our team and help us shape a healthier tomorrow!

For more information call Patient Access at 802-779-9169 or visit our career section at <https://www.chcrr.org/join-our-team/>

Full Service Dentistry For Everyone at Community Health

Prevention is the key when it comes to your teeth and oral health. That's why Community Health offers dental care to everyone in our community. You don't need to be a Community Health medical patient to become a dental patient.

Community Dental is a general dental practice serving all patients regardless of income or insurance status. We accept commercial insurances, Medicaid and offer sliding fees and discounts for same-day payments.

Everyone deserves a beautiful smile, so for more information or to schedule an appointment, call 802-774-5050.

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.

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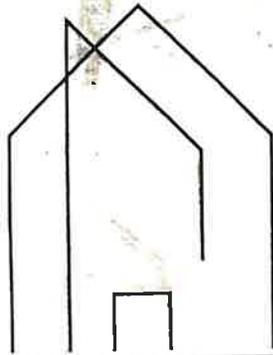
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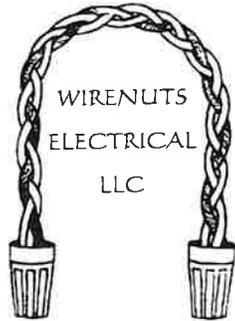


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