



The Wallingford Standard

July 2026

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

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Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:30pm

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PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for all content for the August newsletter is due by July 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.



Important Town Phone Numbers & Contacts

- Delinquent Tax Collector ... Julie Sharon ... (802) 855-1058
- 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



Sending a sincere "Thank You" to the 5th grade students from Wallingford Elementary School and to their teacher, Karen Castle, for the generous donation of non-perishable food items to stock the Wallingford Community Cupboard.

They chose "Acts of Kindness" as their class project. They had a food drive and collected many bags of food (and delivered them to the Town Hall), that are now available to those in need.

We are deeply touched and grateful for their hard work.

You all ROCK!!

~The Wallingford Town Hall Community Cupboard~



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Visitors to Elfin Lake public beach are encouraged to enjoy the new walkway and rock wall, but please do not disturb the plants in the rain garden or along the shoreline. Kayakers and paddle boarders please use extra care around the plantings.

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Dear Neighbors,

We are reaching out to our community to encourage you to support the Silent Auction, being held July 3<sup>rd</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is the only fundraiser we have. ALL proceeds help pay for the monthly newsletter. Luckily, the many ads also help pay for the newsletter. In 2019, the Communication Committee made the decision to mail our newsletter to residents, which is 1,035 households. The cost of doing this is \$400 per month.

We invite you or your business to contribute a gift card, a service or a themed basket. We would very much appreciate items such as maple syrup, honey, a craft item or a certificate you purchase from one of our Local businesses, supporting them and the Auction. Contact Barb Boucher (802) 282-9647 with questions or donations



## ~Property Transfers~



Seller(s): TNM, LLC;  
Buyer(s): Howard & Geryl Lear;  
66 Hawkins Road;  
Price: \$100,000;  
Assessed Value: \$104,300

Seller(s): Gilbert Roberts Trust  
Buyer(s): Harvey Farm Collective, LLC; 580 Sugar Hill Road;  
Price: \$775,000; Assessed Value: \$679,300

Seller(s): Seth Woodman & Danielle Beliveau  
Buyer(s): Lauren Townsend; 60 Circular Avenue;  
Price: \$260,000; Assessed Value: \$189,800

Seller(s): Estate of Julia White;  
Buyer(s): Danielle Hauser & Kenneth Abbott;  
242 Clarendon Road;  
Price: \$270,000; Assessed Value: \$300,400

Seller(s): Lindsley Kennedy;  
Buyer(s): Travis Kennedy;  
310 Nash Drive;  
Price: \$80,000; Assessed Value: \$113,800

Seller(s): Lynan McLaughlin;  
Buyer(s): Jim & Tammy Lake;  
958 Church Street;  
Price: \$151,500; Assessed Value: \$186,000

Seller(s): James Redfield Trust;  
Buyer(s): Ethan Gutmann;  
1688 West Hill Road;  
Price: \$73,000; Assessed Value: \$156,200

Seller(s): Priscilla Fagginger-Auer, ETAL;  
Buyer(s): Pamela McIver;  
299 South Main Street;  
Price: \$495,000; Assessed Value: \$536,500

Seller(s): David & Lisa Wade;  
Buyer(s): Jack & Mary Ford; 62 Hull Avenue  
Price: \$299,000; Assessed Value: \$244,000

Seller(s): Aden & Keri Parker;  
Buyer(s): Cesar Magsino & Jodi Elizabeth Hollingdrake; 860 Sugar Hill Road;  
Price: \$650,000; Assessed Value: \$591,200

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## School Street Sidewalk Replacement Project Update

The new sidewalk on the south side of School Street is in and looks great!



Restoration of driveways, walkways, and disturbed areas along the new sidewalk on the south side is underway. As work on the south side wraps up, Waters Excavation will move operations to the north side of School Street.

Construction is estimated to be completed in July 2026. Waters Excavation's construction schedule and other progress updates are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/schoolstreetsidewalk2026>

To submit feedback, ask questions, or report concerns, contact either the Onsite Construction Inspector, Randy Merrill, or the Municipal Project Manager, Steffanie Bourque, by email or phone.

Onsite Construction Inspector, Randy Merrill  
Email: [rmerrill@gpinet.com](mailto:rmerrill@gpinet.com)  
Phone: (856)-534-5435

Municipal Project Manager, Steffanie Bourque  
Email: [sbourque@rutlandrpc.org](mailto:sbourque@rutlandrpc.org)  
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## ~Zoning Permits~

Town of Wallingford  
170 River Street  
Proposed Work:  
Replace Current Sand  
Shed with New  
Building on Same Footprint



Patrick Johnson & Martha Kelehan, Bixby Road, East Wallingford; Proposed Work: Replacement and Expansion of Camp Deck

Isaac & Kim Pitts, Homer Stone Road, Proposed Work: New Home Construction

Stacy Harschmann, US Route 7 South  
Proposed Work: Construct Sunroom and a Free Standing Deck

Michaela & Nicholas Greene, Green Hill Lane,  
Proposed Work: New Home Construction

Thank You for Supporting  
**Wallingford Bike Safety Day!**

This year's Wallingford Bike Safety Day was a tremendous success, with more than 40 local children receiving properly fitted new bike helmets to help keep them safe while riding.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the partners, sponsors, and donors who made this event possible:

GE Aerospace  
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Your generosity and commitment to our community helped provide children with essential safety equipment and promote healthy, active lifestyles. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of local families.

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# PRESENTATION & PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The draft Risk Assessment of the Wallingford **Local Hazard Mitigation Plan** will be presented to the Selectboard and available for public review on July 20, 2026.

## PRESENTATION

 **MONDAY**  
July 20

 **TIME**  
6:30 PM

 **PLACE**  
Town Hall  
75 School Street

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Accepting comments from July 20 to Aug 3, 2026.  
Email: [maggie@rutlandrpc.org](mailto:maggie@rutlandrpc.org)

## LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Beginning 7/21, view the draft Plan at: [tinyurl.com/wallingford-lhmp26](http://tinyurl.com/wallingford-lhmp26)



## GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

There is a lot happening at the library this month, with something for everyone from the small to the tall. Programming connected to summer reading and this year's theme "Unearth a Story" will take place Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> & July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Game On! Meet-ups will occur July 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, and the adult book discussion group meets at 6pm on July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup>.

A home organizing workshop will be held Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and will surely inspire and direct participants. Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> the Tamarack Music Festival presents a special musical story time for young listeners (all are welcome) at 11:00am in the Klock Room. Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, we welcome Fizzical Fairytales of Bennington for "Finding Rhymes as Diggy Digs," a performance sponsored by a grant from the VT Department of Libraries'.

Copies of this year's VT Reads selection *Charity and Sylvia* by Tillie Walden, have arrived from Vermont Humanities Council and will be distributed throughout the month with eyes on a discussion in early fall. In connection with the book, a VT Speaker's Bureau presentation by Howard Coffin is coming to Wallingford. **1800 and Froze to Death: The Cold Year of 1816** includes scores of anecdotes about the dark year of failed crops, scarce food, and religious revival. The plan is to hold this VHC event at noon on Wallingford Day at the Town Hall.

In addition to all these offerings, the library continues to have a VT State park day use pass and VT Historic Sites passes available for check-out. Also available is access to ebooks and audios through both Listen UP! Vermont and Palace Project. Make the library your spot to refresh, research, and read this summer; the a/c is on and other than being closed July 4<sup>th</sup>, we are here to welcome you!



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## Live Music at Wallingford Rotary!



Join us on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm for an evening of creative music by Lizzie No and Friends! Lizzie will be joined by fellow musicians Kimaya Diggs, Kapali Long and Tray Wellington to play music from their new album, *Outlaws' Almanac*.



"*Outlaws' Almanac* is a compilation album that melds folk, Americana, roots, and more to respond to the occasion of this nation's anniversary, and to be of use to the American people. The album finds its roots in slave rebellion, in protest songs, and in traditional tunes. It roars into the present with full-throated visions for a better future."

There will be refreshments following the concert, and the opportunity to talk with the musicians.

See you there!



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Dogs, Popcorn and Snack Mix  
There will also be Kids' Games,  
Crafts and Surprises



**Come Visit With Us!**



Wallingford Day is July 18<sup>th</sup>! The day begins with a town-wide tag sale. This is not directly organized by the Wallingford Day committee but it's been a tradition for Wallingford residents to hold tag sales in the morning, a great time to clear out unwanted possessions and reconnect with neighbors.

There will be activities in town until 2 p.m. including around the library, at the Rotary building, the dentist's parking lot, and the First Congregational Church. Follow Wallingford Day on Facebook and look for announcements there and on Front Porch Forum to see details about the schedule for the day and any necessary changes in plans due to unforeseen circumstances.

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**August 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**

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**Wallingford 2026 Reappraisal**

**How will it affect my property taxes?**

Most of us have seen big increases in the value of our properties assessed, and many are worried that this will result in proportionately big increases in our local taxes. However, the rise in property values does not necessarily lead to a rise in local taxes.

The town's budget was approved by voters on town meeting day, and this represents, with minor adjustments, the amount the town will have to collect in taxes. At the end of the fiscal year, the town will calculate a tax rate that allows us to fund that budget. The amount each of us pays is based on the assessed value of our property multiplied by that tax rate. If the values assessed go up, it doesn't change the amount we need to collect, so the town will then use a lower tax rate in order to collect the same amount of money.

Reminder, we don't control State Education taxes. The amount paid by each individual household/property will change depending on how much your assessment has changed. A doubling of your assessed value does not mean your taxes will double!

More information on the Town's website!





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The Wallingford Historical Society's Book Peddler is back with a few new surprises. Now that the nicer weather is upon us, it gives way to grabbing good reading material, sitting down in a comfortable chair outside, and enjoying an interesting Wallingford pictorial of the past. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Wallingford Pictorial published in 1975 by Alice Rist, it will be available for sale for \$10 at the Town Hall. Come take a look at all the photos of the past. You may be amazed at all the people you recognize. This pictorial has not been available for sale so take advantage of it while it lasts. A piece of history from our village! You will not be sorry you purchased a copy.

Also for sale is a beautiful print by Tom Kaye of the Wallingford Parade featuring the Mill River Band. Since this is the 50th Anniversary of Mill River Union High School, this would be a perfect gift for someone. This print is printed on heavy stock and could be beautifully framed. The print is \$25 right now during the anniversary. Stop by the Town Hall and take a look at it. No heavy pressuring by the Book Peddler!! Limited quantity.

~ Community Health Tip ~

**Know How to Do a Tick Check  
Because Tick Season is HERE!**



The best way to prevent tickborne diseases is to avoid places where ticks hang out, wear an effective repellent and do a body check after being outdoors.

In Vermont, the most tickborne illnesses occur between early spring and late fall, when blacklegged ticks are active.

Protect yourself. Do a body check. Carefully remove any ticks. Watch for symptoms of tickborne illnesses and contact your Community Health provider if you develop any symptoms. Tell your provider about a recent tick bite, when it occurred, and your outdoor activities. Some tick bite illnesses can be treated with a short course of antibiotics. Most people who begin treatment early on fully recover.

For more information, call Community Health Patient Access at (802) 779-9169.



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