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## Revisiting tax exempt status for Maple Leaf Farm

By Phyl Newbeck

*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

On Town Meeting Day the voters of Underhill showed their frugal side. By a vote of 393 to 267, they asked the Select Board to revisit the tax exempt status of Maple Leaf Farm, the residential drug and alcohol abuse treatment center off Stevensville Road.

According to Underhill Chief Lister Pam Stover, there are several kinds of properties which are automatically exempt from property tax under state law including religious institutions, municipal buildings used for education, libraries, property used for annual fairs and owned by agricultural societies, and certain non-profits. Many years ago, the voters of Underhill decided to grant tax exempt status to Maple Leaf for their buildings and ten acres (but not the rest of the property), even though the facility did not meet any of the definitions for a statutory tax exemption. "It was just something the people voted on years ago," said Stover "and the only way it can be revisited is by another vote. You can tell by the recent school budget votes that people are looking for money wherever they can."

Select Board member Seth Friedman said the question of Maple Leaf's tax exemption hasn't been discussed since 1999. While other properties such as the land owned by the Underhill Jericho Fire Department are reviewed every five years, there was no such process for the farm which is what prompted Friedman to bring the issue before the residents. "It's not a referendum on what they do," he said. "This was done so the voters would know about their circumstances." The Select Board has yet to meet regarding the issue and Friedman said there are a number of possibilities including putting the farm on a five-year renewal plan like the fire department. He believes Maple Leaf may be able to work with the state in order to meet the requirements for a statutory exemption but to date, they have not done so.

Bill Young, Executive Director of Maple Leaf Farm, said there was some confusion about the exact statutory requirements for tax exemption but noted that the facility will be looking into that possibility. He was philosophical about the vote. "The town has a right to reconsider tax exempt property," he said. "If I was worried about taxes the way a lot of people are and I saw this item, I probably would have checked yes." Young praised the town of Underhill for being welcoming to the center. "You can't be opposed to a town examining its choices under these circumstances," he said. However Young noted that Maple Leaf has also tried to show its appreciation by letting Underhill residents jump to the top of the admission list and allowing residents without sufficient means to attend free of charge. "That's all about being a member of the community," he said.

Maple Leaf Farm was founded as a non-profit substance rehabilitation center in 1956. Its tax exempt status came later. Young said he was unaware the question of tax exemption was going to be on the ballot. "Nobody has talked to me about it in ten years," he said. "I never talked to a Select Board member about it." The facility currently pays \$4,000 in property taxes but Young said that amount would rise to roughly \$25,000 if they were to lose their tax-exempt status. "Money is very tight for residential subsidy programs," he said. "Every program is dealing with a loss of revenue due to changes in state policy." Young stressed that he did not want to personalize the decision of the voters. "It's a difficult time with tax issues," he said "and I understand that."

## Northwestern Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarship – Deadline is April 15, 2014

The NMC Auxiliary is pleased to award scholarships to Franklin County residents who have already graduated from high school and are pursuing an education in the Health Care field. Applicants must have already been accepted at a college/university in the program of his/her choice. This award is not based on financial need, but rather on the individual's motivation, goals, and background. The Auxiliary has targeted their scholarship to this type of student because more traditional scholarships are usually targeted toward graduating seniors. Two scholarship (\$1500 each) are awarded at the Health Professions Scholarship Dinner in conjunction with the Health Professions Scholarship in May. Applications, with further information, may be found on the hospital website at [northwesternmedicalcenter.org](http://northwesternmedicalcenter.org) under the sub-section titled Pursuing Healthcare Careers, or you may contact Katherine Winchester, Supervisor, Volunteer Services at 802-524-1055 to have an application mailed or emailed to you.

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## Snow on the Mountain



Sara Riley and her friend Kaja rest after clearing paths and solar arrays at Wolfden at their home on Mount Mansfield. The March 12-13 storm left 2 and one-half feet of snow plus behind. Sara is the former editor at the Mountain Gazette.

## Lions Club will host Senior Meal

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club is hosting a Senior Meal on April 4 at noon at the Underhill Town Hall. The meal is free to seniors. This is a community service tied into the Lions World Lunch Relay. We will need to know numbers coming so call Loreen Teer at 899-1363 by April 1, no fooling!

## Copley Hospital named one of top 50 hospitals in New England

Copley Hospital is one of New England's top 50 hospitals based on patient satisfaction according to a recent report published by GoLocalProv. Copley was rated #33 of New England's Best Hospitals, recognized for its "stellar communication." For their first annual ranking of New England Hospitals Rated by Patients, GoLocal analyzed results from the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, also known as HCAHPS Survey. The report was based on more than 50,000 patient surveys in 176 hospitals in New England. Highlights of Copley's report include 87% of patients who said their doctors communicated well, and 85% of patients who said their nurses did.

The HCAHPS is a standardized survey instrument and data collection methodology that has been used since 2006 to measure patients' perspective on hospital care. It was created by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Copley has been using patient surveys for many years with surveying and analytic assistance from Press Ganey Associates. These surveys allow patients to communicate their hospital experience, while allowing the hospital to identify areas that need improvement.

## VT French-Canadian Genealogical Society's 1,000<sup>th</sup> Member

The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that they have reached their 1,000<sup>th</sup> member since its formation in 1996.

President, Ed McGuire happily presented membership cards and a gift certificate for free attendance to the Society's 2014 Fall Conference to Jean and James Frei II of Essex Jct., Vermont.

The Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society was started by a small group of area residents who wanted to have a place to meet to share their resources, as well as their excitement and knowledge of genealogy. Over time our library collection has grown to over 4,000 volumes.

While our specialty is French-Canadian research we have many repertoires from Vermont, New England and New York churches. Repertoires are books containing the key information from

## Local authors publish e-books on Amazon

By Ted Tedford

*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

If you love E-books, you will love three books recently published by two local writers.

*Little Israel Pizza*, by Richard Mindell of Jericho, pokes fun at native Vermonters, Jews, the Mafia, retired teachers, cops and pot smokers in this engaging farce of conflicting cultures in a most engaging – and unforgettable – setting.

Richie Percopio, a young Brooklyn mobster masquerading as a Jew moves to a small town in northwestern Vermont. The town is facing bankruptcy and is desperately seeking a savior, a messiah. After settling in, Richie thinks up a scheme to save the town by growing ten acres of marijuana, while enriching his own pockets. Only an ex-cop from the Northeast Kingdom stands in his, and the town's, way.

Mindell brings his flair for non-stop action honed in his *Detective Cotter* mysteries, to this his first venture into humor. The author taught English and Social Studies in New York City before moving to Alaska in 1975. A year later he returned to the lower 48 and settled in Vermont. His first book, *Eden Falls*, a murder mystery that unfolds against the backdrop of the culture clash between native Vermonters and flatlanders, was published in 2004. National Public Radio called it "a compelling page-turner" and WVMT radio referred to it as "the book that all Vermont is talking about." Mindell and his wife Leslie have lived in Jericho since 1986.

Grant Corson of Essex has published two books. *Weed Road Chronicles* is a humorous and heart-warming account of raising a large family in rural Vermont. *The Ratcatcher's Son* is a memoir of the life of his great-grandfather, Jonathan Dalley.

Orphaned at an early age in Dickensian England, young Jonathan crosses the broad Atlantic in 1857 on an aged ship under the spell of two old pirates. On the way to a new life, he encounters a one-legged man, a long-winded preacher, gypsies, a prostitute and runaway slaves. His adventures thrust him into the middle of the Civil War and slavery, with all their horrors. He survives it all and finds what he has been searching for.

Corson grew up in New York City and dreamed of a business career in Manhattan. Instead, he moved to Vermont to attend the University of Vermont in the early 1950s where he fell in love with the state and stayed. As time passed, he learned to cope with bats, pigs, cows, chickens, goats and a houseful of active children from across the world. He tells his Weed Road stories through a collection of anecdotes describing life in rural Vermont "on the prettiest dirt road you ever saw" in this often comical, sometimes touching description of his family life. A must read for anyone who has ever dreamed of coloring outside the lines.

All three books are available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

## CHMS expands after school offerings

By Mark Carbone, Principal, CHMS

The after school program at CHMS is expanding to address the changing needs of children and families. A twenty student pilot effort starts this spring, running from 2:45 to 5:00 or 5:30 PM. Twenty CHMS students will participate providing academic support for remediation and work completion, exploratory learning through creative activities and intramurals, and healthy snacks and dinner. Richmond Elementary School will be running a parallel program for younger students.

Research has shown that robust after school programs improve student grades and test scores as and increase school attendance. Student participants are more engaged in learning and have improved social and emotional behavior (lower truancy, drug use, violence, and teen pregnancy). These youth develop leadership, critical thinking, self-confidence, and teamwork as well as improve their health and wellness through increased activity and nutritious meals.

It is our hope that with success, both the CHMS and RES after school programs will be widely available to all of our students in the future.

The next CHMS/MMU school board meeting will be held on April 10, at 7:00 PM, at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. The public is welcome, and encouraged, to attend.

original baptism, marriage or burial records. The facts have been translated and alphabetized to speed up searches. Members also have free access to Ancestry.com and several other subscription databases on our computers, as well as the complete Vermont Vital Records on microfilm.

In recent years we have become more inclusive with books, classes and focus groups to help you trace ancestors of other nationalities including Irish, Scottish and German ancestors.

To learn more about this fascinating hobby visit our website [www.vt-fcgs.org](http://www.vt-fcgs.org) or call 802-310-9285, to learn more about upcoming activities. You are always welcome to stop by the library any Tuesday, 3:00 to 9:30 PM or Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are located on Hegeman Ave. in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPT.

By Kitty Clark

## EMERGENCY CALLS:

February 28, 9:42 AM, Mutual Aid to Cambridge Fire Dept.  
 February 28, 1:40 PM, Smoke from furnace, 18 Hawk Ridge, Underhill  
 March 2, 8:21 PM, Two vehicle accident, near 337 Vermont RT 15, Jericho  
 March 4, 10:08 AM, EMS, Essex  
 March 4, 11:30 AM, Two vehicle accident near 253 Vermont RT 15, Jericho  
 March 5, 5:40 PM, Strong smell of gas, 27 Moose Run, Underhill  
 March 5, 7:00 PM, Smell of propane in basement, 52 Fields Lane, Jericho  
 March 6, ?, EMS, Underhill  
 March 6, ?, EMS, Jericho  
 March 6, ?, EMS, Underhill  
 March 6, ?, EMS, ?  
 March 6, 3:53 AM, Smoke detectors activated, 48 Sunnyview Drive, Jericho  
 March 7, 8:11 PM, Mutual Aid to Cambridge  
 March 9, 10:29 AM, Smoke investigation 63 Milo White Rd., Jericho  
 March 10, 7:23 PM, Chimney fire, 78 Foothills Road, Jericho  
 March 11, 3:39 PM, EMS, Jericho  
 March 12, ?, EMS, Underhill  
 March 12, ?, EMS, Essex  
 March 4, Tuesday night drill. Seven new members begin their apprentice training tonight, they are: Firefighter positions: Brian Jillson, Troy Jillson, Greg Leech, Chad Letourneau, and Connor Morway and Marcus Stevens, Junior firefighters and Heather Jillson, Auxiliary. Welcome to the UJFD.  
 Chief and officer meet tonight as well any committees, SCBA fit testing, Turnout gear inspections and equipment checks.  
 March 11, Business meeting was held with 34 members present. Recent calls were discussed, Officers gave their monthly reports as well as committee reports  
 Always remember to "Practice Fire Safety Everyday" and if you like to burn candles please be careful as this was a cause of a structure fire in St Johnsbury last week. Also be sure you leave plenty of space between heating systems and combustible materials.

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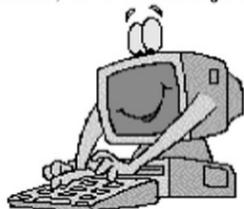
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## COMMUNITY COLUMNS

**A Walk in Winter Time**By Suzanne Kusserow  
Senior Guest Columnist

I would like you to take a walk with me through time: the quantity and quality of it. Of course, we don't even have to ask time to come; it is always with us; it will not wait; it will be both treasured and vilified on our walks through it. Although, truth be told, we can never really walk *through* time... too diaphanous, too strict, too present with no predictable ending. That's why you and I go along...we are the only ones who can look at both quantity and quality. That is one of the mysteries of time: it has both, and only we can decide. Please come.

We walk slowly out to get the paper, to sense the crush and sound of snow, which tells us how cold it is. Our years trekking these roads have given us a good sense of degrees. The dogs come, eager to catch the stray snowball, grab the stick that one entices the other to share in a canine tug of war. The air is crisp, but without a breeze; the sky holds a cold blue, deeper than a Blue Jay's wing. Chickadees are starting their spring song, but when I come along they revert to their winter name: Chick – a – dee, enlarging the coda by a few extra 'dees' to warn others of an intrusion. I am a known character, refilling bird feeders and keeping my silhouette clear of the kitchen window, so I am worth only 3 Extra Alert 'dees', putting me in the not-too-dreaded category. My knees sigh so I slow down, and the cold creeps in underneath our mittens and hats. I know I must belong elsewhere, but I don't really care enough to find out where. Time has let me decide: the quality defeats the quantity. You, of course, with your own definitions of time, make your own choice: worthwhile or a waste of Time.

Quantity is accountable, measured, predictable in its inexorable dogmatic way. It is the calendar on the refrigerator which records such a sobering sense of duty. It is the small stiff cardboard cards with dates and times and numbers to call, if you, God forbid, cannot obey the firmly-written injunction. Time accompanies you to the mirror in the morning; it is the minutes you are late for an appointment; it is the slow counting of the last breaths that death requires of us. It is the simple details that push time into emotion: the mini-second slalom finish that your son didn't win; it is the "I'll just dash in...it won't take a minute." "She needs to talk; surely I can steal a few minutes out of my day." Sometimes though, with clever reframing, time quantification can be felt differently: boredom slows time; grief has no time, no escape into the certainty of a stopping point; joy skips blithely over the hours.

Thus, Time excuses itself, as illustrated by its password: "Where did the time go?" It has been allotted/counted/used or lost depending on where our mind set is. There is only one certainty: it will not come again. Do I regret the choice, the compulsion that drove me to count the time taken for a winter walk, and then the need that slowly pushed me, and you, into dis-counting it? I know that both are needed...one because of practical functioning and loyalty to an upbringing that expected completion. The hurry with which I could accomplish the practical gave me a feeling of accomplishment: the fulfillment of social constructs that blur the mind with lists and do's and don'ts and shoulds. But how else can a society push itself forward, but to pair two powerful driving forces: Time and Guilt.

And so we are back from our walk in the snow. There is a message on the phone; the calendar shows that I have missed a dentist appointment; your high-school student was *late* for the bus. Quantity will always be present with ticking clocks, beepers, timers, chimes, bells and whistles, supported by our minds trying to put the pieces of the puzzle in place for the day, the month, even for the visions of a year and a lifetime. Yet we also refresh our memories box with this whimsical definition:

Time, when spun of spider webs, loses its power.

I'm glad you came on this winter walk with me!

**A few pounds of poison prevention**

By Dr. Lewis First

Chief of Pediatrics at Vermont Children's Hospital

Parents have been overdosing me with questions about accidental poisonings and what can be done to prevent their child from eating or drinking something they shouldn't. Since March is National Poison Prevention Month, I thought I'd get into some poison prevention strategies so your child doesn't get into some dangerous household substances.

More than two million poisonings occur each year. Ninety percent of them happen in the home and more than half the children involved are less than six years of age. While no parent ever intends to give their child something that will make them sick, accidents can and do occur – often right before your eyes. Many poisonous household items are often within their reach, including household cleaners, personal care products or over-the-counter medications.

Step one is to store drugs and medication in a medicine cabinet that is locked and out of reach. In fact even common bathroom products such as toothpaste or shampoo should be locked up, and any medicines in your purse should also be kept off limits or away from small children who are always curious to see what is inside a handbag.

All medications should have child safety caps, even if they are adult medications. Even "child resistant" does not mean child proof—only that it will take your child longer to get into it and by that time you may discover your child trying to open the pill container or medicine bottle.

Don't take medicine in front of your child or say it is like taking candy or your child is apt to imitate you – with undesirable outcomes.

Store hazardous detergents and cleaning products in locked cabinets or where they are also out of your child's reach. That

**"Oh, Mother Country, I Do Love You"**By Scott Funk  
Aging in Place Advocate

That's the title of a song written by John Stewart. In it, he sings about the good old days when life was hard, people struggled together and love of country was universal. In it, he writes, "They were just a lot of people doin' the best they could... and they did it pretty up and walkin' good."

This song came on my iPod as I was reading *The Guns at Last Light* by Rick Atkinson. It is the third volume of his trilogy of the United States' combat in Europe during WWII. Again, it is about young men risking all in impossible situations, for love of country and each other.

The book does not describe a perfect government executing flawless battle plans. Rather it is a tale of self-serving and groping leadership, unimaginable waste and carnage in which individual soldiers act for the collective good of each other and the mission they believed to be more important than their own lives. And, yes, "they did it pretty up and walkin' good."

I am in awe of those young men who ran toward the machinegun nests and into the falling artillery shells, fighting for generations yet unborn and principles that may not even have applied to them.

Consider the obstacles of racial prejudice the Tuskegee Airmen had to overcome, simply to be allowed the privilege of risking their lives for America. Or the Japanese Americans who left internment camps to fight and die for the country that mistreated them so miserably; Native Americans, too, who left reservations to fight and die in the white-man's war.

What remarkable people! Not just their physical courage and personal stamina, but their moral integrity and devotion to our "Mother Country". They did not dwell on the shortcomings that were so apparent. They did not rail against the inconsistencies that surrounded them. They simply set aside their personal issues, accepted the responsibility of citizenship, and marched into battle.

Unlike my own generation, the Boomers, they also had little reason to feel privileged or indebted to the society they grew up in. That generation of heroes came out of the poverty of the Depression. Before the war, many had suffered want and watched the ruin of their families. There was no American Dream for them. It had been a nightmare that eventually required them to pass through hell to protect the homeland.

I struggle with all this when I hear people speak ill of our government. For it is *our* government and has been purchased for us at a tremendous price. No, I am not satisfied with it. Yes, Congress embarrasses me. Without a doubt, I feel we are being poorly served, but it is still our government and that is a remarkable thing. It has been purchased for us at a tremendous price.

How we will be measured by future generations when they look back and ask, "Did they do the best they could?"

One of the great lies of war is that soldiers die for their freedom. They don't. They die for someone else's freedom.

This is why I don't join in with those who deride our government. It is the only one we have and, "Oh, mother country, I do love you."

Aging in Place, we didn't get the opportunity for free.

*Scott Funk is Vermont's leading Aging in Place advocate, writing and speaking around the state on issues of concern to retirees and their families. He works as a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage specialist. You can access previous Aging in Place columns and Scott's blogs at [scottfunk.org](http://scottfunk.org).*

means they should not go under the kitchen or bathroom sink unless these storage areas are locked with a safety latch.

Never put hazardous products in food or beverage containers, especially empty drinking bottles, cans or cups that your child might mistake as being something they might like to eat or drink. Always empty out any glasses after parties or gatherings where alcohol is served, and always lock away your alcoholic beverages in a cabinet.

If you find your child starts to vomit suddenly, has trouble breathing, or is not as alert as they normally are, they may have swallowed a poison. You can get help by calling your child's doctor or the Northern New England Regional Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. They will instruct you on what to do next.

Hopefully tips like these will be easy ones to ingest when it comes to doing all you can to protect your child from an accidental poisoning.

**Shelli Guay joins Maple Leaf**

Shelli Guay joined the staff of Maple Leaf Farm as Business Manager. Her 25 years of broad experience in bookkeeping, marketing and office management includes Union Bank, Acorn Marketing, and Hayes Group. Shelli and her family are active with the Vermont March of Dimes, Scouting, and their local PTA/Booster Clubs.

## COLLEGE NOTES

University of Rhode Island junior **Michael Savage** of Jeffersonville, VT, has been selected for the University's 2014 Energy Fellows Program. The Energy Fellows Program provides URI undergraduate and graduate students with the opportunity to gain invaluable experience addressing real-world energy issues working in interdisciplinary teams with staff, faculty or outside organizations on one or more projects. This year, Savage will work on the Commerce RI- Renewable Energy Fund project.

**Brenden Blair**, a student at Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax, VT, won a \$1,000 scholarship to Paul Smith's College after participating in the Presidential Scholarship Competition on campus. Blair, of Cambridge, VT, was one of 100 competitors at the event.

**Robert "Jake" Devost** of Jericho, VT, made the Dean's List in his first semester this Fall at the University of Cincinnati.

**Erin Devost** of Jericho, VT, graduated from Castleton State College in December with a BS in Communications and a Minor in Business.

Several local students from Castleton College have recently joined the Castleton College Mentoring Program. Among them were **Katherine Hobart** of Underhill, VT; and **Taylor Reynolds** of Westford, VT.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Thursday March 20**  
**Vermont History Museum** for animated talks steeped in Vermont history, 12:00 to 1:00 PM. Our next Third Thursday talk is about Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints. Joseph Mender, manager of The Joseph Smith Birthplace Memorial Historic Site in Sharon, VT, will explore the birth and heritage of Joseph Smith, 19th century founder and leader of the Mormon Church. He will also speak about Brigham Young, who followed Joseph as leader of the church and became a great pioneer of the western frontier. Learn more about the series on the Vermont Historical Society website: <http://vermonthistory.org/visit/events-calendar>.

**Family/Children's Event**, North Branch Nature Center, Newt Night, Phoenix Books Burlington, 191 Bank Street, Burlington, 6:30 PM. Free. **More info:** [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350

**Saturday March 22**  
**Creative Perennial Garden Possibilities: A visual presentation with Richard Dube**, 9:30-11:30 AM, Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge Street, Richmond. Fee: Cash donations to benefit the Richmond Food Shelf which is working to improve the lives of our neighbors. To register call Richard Dube at (802) 434-4834 or e-mail to [richdubegeo@cs.com](mailto:richdubegeo@cs.com). Check-in begins at 9:00 AM.

**Saxon Hill School Artisan Auction**, 5:30-9:30 PM, Catamount Country Club. Hors D'oeuvres, Live Music, Cash Bar, Wine Cellar Raffle & Auction. Tickets are \$25/person and may be purchased here: <http://www.saxonhillschool.org/calendar/artisans-auction>. Questions? Contact Gretchen Bates @ [SHSAuction14@gmail.com](mailto:SHSAuction14@gmail.com). 781-775-2507.

**Saturday & Sunday March 22 & 23**  
**Sugar on Snow Parties**, The Green Mountain Audubon Center is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary making this year's Sugar on Snow parties extra sweet! The parties are being held on March 22, 23 and 30 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, <http://vt.audubon.org/events/sugar-snow-parties>

**Vermont's 2014 Walk/Bike Summit**, the Hilton in Burlington. All bicycling and walking enthusiasts are encouraged to attend. The \$20 registration fee includes a light breakfast, a hot, plated

lunch, morning and afternoon breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and time to check out the information and displays at sponsor tables. You'll find workshop details, info about keynote speaker Caroline Sampanaro (from Transportation Alternatives), an opportunity to register, and much more (including info about the weekend's Bike Expo) on the VBPC home page: [www.vbikeped.org](http://www.vbikeped.org)

**Tuesday March 25**  
**Burlington Garden Club meeting**, Faith United Methodist Church at 899 Dorset St., S. Burlington, 1:15 PM. "Native Meadow Case Study" by Rebecca Lindenmeyer of Lindenlandscaping of West Addison, Vt. The presentation will show the South Hero installation of over 4,000 native plants (meadow varieties and groundcovers). Rebecca is a Vt. Certified Horticulturalist, and received the 2009 Young Nursery Professional of the Year Award. The program is at the, open to the public at no charge, handicap access, refreshments served.

**Monkton Rabies Clinic**, Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Cost- \$15 per animal. Bring a copy of most recent Rabies Vaccination. Please have your pet on a leash or in a container.

**Saturday March 29**  
**Major Improvements to AmericanAncestors.org** - The New England Historic Genealogical Society's website, [AmericanAncestors.org](http://AmericanAncestors.org), has long had the best online resources for early New England. It has just acquired a much broader collection of records. Learn why this subscription site is critical for anyone with early New England roots. They have also added some key collections for New York State where vital records are always an issue.

Classes are held at the Vermont Genealogy Library located on Hegeman Ave, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, across from the State Police Building. Classes are from 10:30 AM to noon and are \$5.00.

Please visit our website [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) or call 802-310-9285 for more info.

**Saturdays April 5, 12, 19 & 26**  
**Children's/Family story time**, Phoenix Books Burlington,

191 Bank Street, downtown Burlington, 11:00 AM. **Free.** More info: [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or 448-3350.

**Sunday April 6**  
 Club Pasta Dinner, Elks Club, 385 No. Ave., Burlington, 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Reservations required, limited space. Call Audrey at 802-922-5005 or visit [www.vermontitalianclub.org](http://www.vermontitalianclub.org).

**Annual Spring Breakfast**, Monkton Volunteer Fire Department from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at the fire station. The menu will consist of egg casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, plain and blueberry pancakes with pure maple syrup, juices, milk, coffee, tea, doughnuts and cookies. Come to enjoy good food and good conversation with family, friends and neighbors. For more information, contact Charlie Huizenga Sr. at 877-2888.

**Greek Pastry Sale & Dinner**, pastry sale starts at 10:00 AM. Includes Baklava, Spinach Pie, Melomakarona, Dinner Starts at 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Includes Chicken Souvlaki & Beef Gyro Dinner. Greek Orthodox Church, Burlington, 862-2155.

**Thursday, April 10**  
**Reading**, McCarthy Arts Center at Saint Michael's College, at 8:30 PM, Edwin Torres and T. Urayoán Noel will read and perform in a free, public event in the recital hall. For further information contact Kristin Dykstra at [kdykstra@smcvt.edu](mailto:kdykstra@smcvt.edu).



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**ONGOING EVENTS**

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**Chittenden County Postage stamps** and post card club meets every first Wed. of the month 6:15 -8:30 PM, A IDX Circle GE Healthcare Building. South Burlington Information email: [Laineyrapp@yahoo.com](mailto:Laineyrapp@yahoo.com) or call me at 802 660-4817

The **Essex Art League** holds monthly meetings at the First Congregational Church, 39 Main St., Essex Jct. For information, 862- 3014.

**Drop in Watercolor Painting**, Every 3rd Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. An opportunity to refine your watercolor skill set or learn new techniques if you're a beginner. Bring your own materials, no registration required, drop in. Suggested donation \$8. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org) for more details. Join us.

**Eagles Auxiliary #3210** holds bingo at the club house on Rt. 109 Friday nights. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM. For more info contact Sally at 644-5377.

**Essex Art League** meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 - 11:00 am, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on Rt. 15. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar, listing featured speakers, is published on the League's website: [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com)

**Essex Art League** meets the first Thursday of the month, from 9:00 - 11:00 am, at the Essex Junction Congregational Church on Main Street. The meeting agenda includes a business and social time, and features a guest artist presentation. A detailed calendar of meetings is published on the League's website: [www.essexartleague.com](http://www.essexartleague.com).

The **Green Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America** will meet on Wednesday March 12 at 9:30 AM in the Living Room/Dinning Room at The Pines, 5 Aspen Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. We will be having a stitch in to work on our Crazy Quilting and Quaker Ball embroidery or bring a project of your own. All abilities welcome. First meeting is complimentary. Bring a bag lunch. Car-pooling is available from many areas. Contact number 372-4255

**Handbell ringers**, Tuesday evenings, United Church of Underhill. All are welcome at rehearsals. Two ensembles; opportunity for small groups/shorter time periods. We ring a variety of music in a variety of settings and look forward to new faces joining us. Beginners welcome. Call Roger, 899-3106, for

information.  
**Mt. Mansfield Scale Modelers** gather on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Modelers encompassing all categories of interest and skill levels are welcome. Brownell Library, Kolvoord Community Room, Lincoln Street, Essex Junction.

The **Women of the United Church of Underhill** meet on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM at the Church located at the park on Rt. 15 in Underhill Flats. Women interested in sharing Christian prayer and discussions are welcome. Contact Julianne Nickerson at 899-3798 for more information.

**Smugglers Notch 55+ Club** meets every Wednesday at Smugglers Notch for a social time then break into groups to ski. We start with a brief organizational meeting, coffee and rolls, and then we head out to the trails in self-selected ability groups, gather informally throughout the summer for a wide variety of outdoor activities. Membership benefits include various discounts at Smuggs. For more information call Deborah at 644-5455 or just attend a meeting at the Morse base lodge starting at 9:00 AM every Wednesday.

The **Underhill Historical Society** meets at the Underhill Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, 6:30 PM. Anyone welcome.

**HEALTH EVENTS & GROUPS**

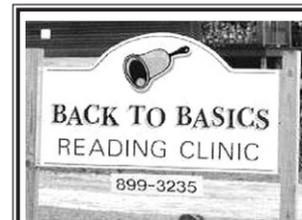
Al-Anon meetings in Jericho to be put in the Gazette. Thursday morning 10:00 a.m. at the Jericho United Methodist Church and Saturday morning 10:00 a.m. at the Jericho United Methodist Church.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Wing It" group meets Sundays - 11:00 AM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker meeting followed by a Brunch (there is a \$10 charge for the brunch)

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Wednesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Step meeting

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "The Firing Line" group meets Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM at Maple Leaf Farm on Stevensville Road, Underhill - it's an Open Speaker Discussion meeting.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** - Free educational support group series for families coping with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. This series gives caregivers the opportunity to better understand and develop strategies for the future. Held monthly at The Arbors at Shelburne. For more **Ongoing events continued on page 4**



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[jerichoumc@jumvt.org](mailto:jerichoumc@jumvt.org) [www.jumvt.org](http://www.jumvt.org)

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information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, Director of Family Services, The Arbors at Shelburne, 985-8600.

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members, caregivers, friends and the community a place to come and receive valuable resources and information about brain injury. The support group is a place to share experiences in a safe, secure and confidential environment. Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the YMCA in Winooski from 11:00 AM-noon, the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Fanny Allen in Colchester from 5:30-7:30 PM, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Saint Albans diner in Saint Albans. Call the BIAVT help line at 877.856.1772.

**International Cesarean Awareness Network** supporting mothers and families recovering from or learning about cesareans and vbac's. ICAN support groups next meeting is October 14 at 4:00 PM at Maitri Health Care in Bouth Burlington with special guest Polly Perez. For more information email [ICANvt@gmail.com](mailto:ICANvt@gmail.com) or call Jessilyn at 644-6700.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets 6:00 - 7:00 PM Wednesdays at the Jericho United Methodist Church, VT Rt. 15, Jericho. TOPS Chapter 145 Jeffersonville meets 6:15 PM on Thursdays at the Eagles Club, Route 109, Jeffersonville, VT. Weigh-in 5:15- 6:00 PM.

**Healing Circle Breast Cancer Network**, support group for women with breast cancer, meets first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM, Northwestern Medical Center, Conference Room #1. RSVP at 524-8479.

**Lamoille Home Health & Hospice:** Offering Hospice Volunteer Training during the month of September. Health care professionals for the area will be sharing their knowledge and passion for hospice, Please contact Charlene at 888-4651 or [ccamire@lhha.org](mailto:ccamire@lhha.org) for more information.

**Franklin County Prostate Cancer Support Group**, first Tuesday of each month, 5:15 - 7:00 PM, Northwestern Medical Center Conference Room #2, St. Albans. This support group offers men opportunities to educate themselves and each other; share and learn from each other's experiences; offer support to each other, a spouse or partner; and advocate early detection of prostate cancer. For more information, Fern Mercure, 524-0719.

**Statewide Quit Line**, Telephone Smoking Cessation Counseling. Call 1-877-YES-QUIT (1-877-937-7848). Free.

**Tobacco Cessation Classes**, Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Cambridge Regional Health Center Conference Rm. This is a free, 4 sessions, ongoing class. Free Nicotine Replacement is available for participants. For more information or to sign up contact Rorie Dunphy at 644-5114 or Shannon Chauvin at 253-4853 x147

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**, "Keep It Simple" group meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM and Saturdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats.

**KIDS**

Playgroups are free of charge and open to all children birth

through age 5 and their caregivers. At playgroup you will find stories, songs, crafts, free play, local events & information, and more. It is a wonderful opportunity to play with the children in your life, meet other playmates, and connect with other parents and caregivers. Playgroups follow the school calendar. Come to any or all groups that fit your schedule. For more information on any of the playgroups, please contact Heather Lebeis at 899-4415 or [underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@yahoo.com).

Mondays: Jericho Community Center, 9:30-11:00 AM

Wednesdays: Richmond Free Library, 8:45-10:15 AM

Thursdays: Bolton's Smilie School, 9:00-11:00 AM the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month

Thursdays: Huntington, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at Huntington Public Library

Fridays: Underhill Central School, 9:30-11:00 AM

**Kids' Yoga**, 3-5 years & 6 years and up. Toddler tumbling and new moms' groups. The Well, 644-6700.

**Early Literacy Storytime**, Thursdays, 11:00 AM at Westford Public Library. Stories and activities utilizing early literacy concepts for age's birth-preschool. Drop-in; no registration needed. We welcome new families. For more info, contact Victoria at 878-5639 or [westford\\_pl@vals.state.vt.us](mailto:westford_pl@vals.state.vt.us), or visit our website [www.westford.lib.vt.us](http://www.westford.lib.vt.us) and click on Events @ Your Library.

**SENIORS/COMMUNITY MEALS**

**Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors** meet at the Town Hall in Underhill Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month. All seniors are welcome. Dinners are served at 11:30 AM. For information, please call Bette Workman, 899-4446, Loreen Teer, 899-1363 or Doug Keith 899-2582.

**Johnson Community Meal** - Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 11:30AM-12:30 PM at the United Church in Johnson. Come for a hot meal and get to know your neighbors. The meal will be followed by a community gathering. For more information, please contact: Ellen Hill: 635-1439, [ellen.hill@jsc.edu](mailto:ellen.hill@jsc.edu).

**Westford Senior lunches** - Join Westford Seniors for lunch at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common the second Monday of each month. The next senior luncheon is on Monday, September 13. There is no lunch in July or August. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon with a short meeting or presentation following. Call 878-7405 or 879-7382 for information or for a ride.

**Bolton Up and Downtown Club** meets the last Thursday of the month at the Bolton Fire station. Meal at 5:00 PM. Open to adults 60 and over. Contact Doris Wheelock at 434-3769.

**Huntington senior meal site** - The Huntington Senior meals are served the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at the Community Baptist Church in Huntington Center.

**St. Jude's Church**, Hinesburg, senior meals held on second and fourth Tuesday of each month with bingo games after the dinners. Everyone is welcome including caregivers. Dinners are \$4.00 per person. For information call Ted Barrette at 453-3087.

**Starksboro First Baptist Church**, Starksboro - senior meals, fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 AM, call Brenda Boutin at 802-453-6354 for more information.

**"Good Food for All"** free dinners, 2nd Thursday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, and on the last Thursday of each month at Calvary Episcopal Church, Rt. 15, Underhill Flats, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Everyone in the communities is invited.

**SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

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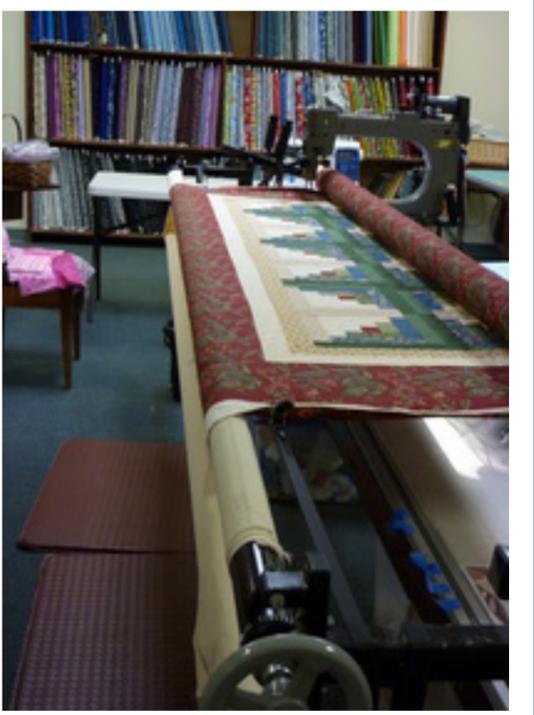
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Lively town meeting and nuisance dogs**

**To the Editor,**  
Hats off to the good citizens of Jericho for the making of a lively Town Meeting! Two very diverse issues still hang in the balance, One with serious long term ramifications and the other far more light in nature and likely could be resolved with a bit of common courtesy and civility.

The large unresolved issue is how the Town of Jericho and our Fire Department will compromise on the large section of land given in trust to the UJFD. (How to tax, will it be developed? Just a few questions hanging in the balance!)

The other issue is one many of either just miss or step in to almost every day: Dog Poop!

The issue is: How bad many of us as dog owners are in Jericho with our pets!

While Jericho has beautiful open spaces and Mills River Park and Mobbs Farm, we as pet owners seem to have developed a selfish attitude: That when it comes to me and my pet, no one else matters!

Case in point is walking on the great trails at Mobbs Farm and at Mills Riiver Park and finding the actual path and trails covered in dog poop!

Yes, death and taxes are far more serious issues, but what about the simple loss of enjoying a walk with your favorite pet!? What about dog owners who lack control of their pets who have their dog or dogs run up in to your face while your dog (often leashed) now faces a sudden likely confrontational situation and likely on the verge of a dog fight!

What about BARKING dogs: In the park and in your neighborhood!!

IF YOU RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOR THEN SHUT YOUR DOG UP IF IT BARKS AND BARKS AND BARKS! MORE THAN 10 MINUTES IS TOO MUCH!!

Don't walk your dog before 6am and have it bark! On a nice

summer evening, let us enjoy the peace and quiet we want here in Jericho! Even if you think you live a 1/4 mile away, SHUT YOUR DOG UP!

Yes, no shortage of bigger and more important issues but what you let your dog "do" says more about YOU!

Jericho added an Amendment at Town Meeting to have us all try to lower our carbon print on this planet. I just hope as pet owners we can change our attitudes and have our pets leave only paw prints behind!

Robert Devost, Jericho

**Thank you to our community**

**To the Editor,**  
I am writing to express my appreciation to the voters of Jericho and Underhill.

I was extremely happy to make it to both town meetings and, as the newest Senator from Chittenden County, to be introduced and given the brief opportunity to speak. My thanks also go out to Reps. Frank and Till who graciously shared their time with me and introduced me to dozens of residents. Overall, I was able to attend 7 town meetings over 2 days, and yours were clearly strongly attended, with spirited debate in our true Vermont town meeting tradition.

Also, for those of you who knew, or knew of, my late wife, Sen. Sally Fox (to whose seat I was appointed, under the saddest of circumstances), you obviously know I have large shoes to fill. Please know that it will help me greatly to hear your questions, concerns, and opinions. I hope you will feel free to contact me at the State House (1 800 322 5616), by email at [michaelsirotkin1@gmail.com](mailto:michaelsirotkin1@gmail.com), or on my cell (999 4360). Thank you again.

Michael Sirotkin  
State Senator  
Chittenden County

**Ongoing events** continued from page 4

Dakini Studio in Underhill. Mon. and Thurs. at 6:00 PM call 899-4191 to register. Find more information and other scheduled classes at [dakinistudio.wordpress.com](http://dakinistudio.wordpress.com).

**Qi Gong**, the ancient Chinese art of movement, classes are as follows: Saturdays 9-10AM--562 Rt. 15, Johnson; Saturdays 11AM-12PM--River Arts, Morrisville; Sundays 11:15AM-12:15PM--Artful Cup, Jeffersonville.

**Zumba**, Fairfax - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00-10:00 AM. Contact Pam Adams 370-4437 or [pamaj68@aol.com](mailto:pamaj68@aol.com).

**Zumba Fitness**, Monday evenings only, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, at the River Arts Center in Morrisville. Zumba Fitness with certified instructor, Karen Machia. No registration required, drop in. Call 888-1261, or visit our website: [www.riverartsvt.org](http://www.riverartsvt.org) for more details.

**Zumba Fitness**, Saturdays 8:30 AM, Jericho Community Center with licensed instructor Lori Preiss. 899-0343 or [lori@greenmountainfitness.com](mailto:lori@greenmountainfitness.com).

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**CFS, Fibromyalgia, Lyme Disease, Chemical Sensitivity and Gulf War Syndrome**, 1:00 to 3:00 PM every third Thursday at: The Bagel Cafe, Ethan Allen Shopping Center Burlington, VT call or visit website [www.vtcfids.org](http://www.vtcfids.org) or Lainey at 802 660-4817 or 800-296-1445 ask for Rik

**Alzheimer's support group**, third Wednesday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, The Arbors, 687 Harbor Rd., Shelburne. Free education for individuals and families in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. For information and to register, contact Nicole Houston, 985-8600.

**Approach Autism With Advocacy, Recovery & Education (AAWARE)** in the Lamoille Valley, third Sunday, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Second Congregational Church of Jeffersonville Community Room, Jeffersonville. Special topics, guest speakers, resource information; playroom for kids, fenced side yard for outdoor play. For information, Terry Holden, 644-2759 (Jeffersonville) or Tina Karl, 888-3430 (Hyde Park.)

**Veterans Job Networking**, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00 AM, VFW Post, Essex Jct.; 1:00 - 2:30 PM, American Legion Post, St. Albans.

**Eating Disorders Parental Support Group**, third Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Covenant Community Church, VT Rt. 15, Essex Center. For parents of children with or at risk of anorexia or bulimia. We focus on being a resource and providing reference points for old and new ED parents. For information, Peter, 899-2554.

**TOWN GOVERNMENT & ORGANIZATIONS**

Cambridge Area Rotary meets on the first Thursday of

the month, rotating to local restaurants, 7:00 - 8:00 AM. For information, call Anita Lotto, 793- 0856, or Chuck Hogan, 644-8134.

**Westford Fire Department**, Mondays, 7:00 PM, at the fire station next to the Town Garage. For information, email John Quinn, [jquinninv@aol.com](mailto:jquinninv@aol.com)

**Jericho-Underhill Water District** meets first Monday of each month at the United Church of Underhill, Underhill Flats, 7:00 PM. For information, call 899-4076 or 899-3810.

**Village of Jericho, Inc.**, Board of Water Commissioners will hold their monthly meeting in April at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Old Red Mill on 4B Red Mill Drive in Jericho. The Commissioners would appreciate your announcement of this meeting.

**Jericho Historical Society**, second Thursday, 7:30 PM, Old Red Mill, Jericho.

**Jericho Underhill Park District Board** meeting, first and third Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, Deborah Rawson Memorial Library project room, Jericho. Residents of Jericho and Underhill always welcome. 899-2693 for information.

**Jericho Energy Task Force** meets the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Jericho Town Hall.

**THRIFT SHOPS & FOOD SHELVES**

The **Heavenly Cents Thrift Shop** located just east of the Five Corners in Essex Jct. on Rte 15, the hours are from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Tues. and Wed., 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Thurs. Please check us out.

**Westford Food Shelf**, open on the third Saturday of every month, 8:00 - 10:30 AM, United Church of Westford. All are welcome. Fresh produce, meat, and non-food items available.

LIBRARY NEWS

**DEBORAH RAWSON LIBRARY, UNDERHILL**

**Adult Programs:**

Calling all Scrabble players. Monday March 24, 6:30-8:30 PM is the next Scrabble night. Come join your neighbors for an evening of challenging word fun and laughter.

The Mystery Book Group of DRML will meet on Tuesday March 25 at 7:00 PM. March's mystery book pick is *Standing in Another Man's Grave* by Ian Rankin. All are welcome.

Parlez-vous francais? On March 27 at 6:30 PM the French Conversation Group will have a cheese tasting in the Program Room. For more information call Henry at 899-3349 or Anne at 899-4265. A bientôt.

The Jericho Energy Task Force will host a movie night on Friday April 4 at 6:30 PM. The Jericho Energy Task Force is a volunteer committee that tackles energy-related projects within the Jericho community, including energy efficiency, transportation and renewable energy. Call 899-4962 for details.

The Music of Poetry, Saturday April 5 at 1:00 PM. Jazz and classical musician Michael Arnowitz explores the musical aspects of poetry, song lyrics and literature in this lecture and demonstration. Mr. Arnowitz will discuss his insights on the elements of sound and time in literary composition and the similarities he hears between the literature of great writers and the music of classical composers, jazz musicians and pop songwriters. Presented by the Vermont Humanities Council.

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Family Movie Night is on Friday March 28 from 6:30-9:00 PM. Plan on a fun family night. Wear your PJs, grab a pillow and bring the whole gang. Arrive a few minutes early to settle in. We will provide the popcorn. Call 899-4962 for details. No registration required.

Story Time. Drop in for stories, songs, a walk (weather permitting,) crafts and snack. No registration required. Wednesday April 2 at 10:30 AM and Thursday April 3 at 10:00 AM.

\*\*Planning has begun for DRML's 2014 Summer Reading Program\*\*

Library hours: Tuesday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Thursday 12:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 PM, closed Monday. For information on any of the library's programs,

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School Year Library Hours: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM - 3:15 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

**JERICHO CENTER LIBRARY ON THE GREEN IN JERICHO CENTER**  
The Jericho Town Library's Writers' Group will meet at the library at 7:00 PM on March 31.  
Children's story time includes music with Derek and readings, crafts and snacks with Elizabeth every Wednesday from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. The themes for March are as follows: March 26

Bilingual Numeros.  
High school students needing to fulfill community service obligations can stop into the library to see Donna personally or call any time the library is open.  
Led by Mary Jane Dickerson, retired UVM English professor, the theme for a celebration of April's National Poetry Month is "The Examined Life." This workshop is sponsored by the Jericho Town Library and the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library; come celebrate with us on the following dates: Working sessions will meet Monday March 31 and Mondays April 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Jericho Town Library. The conclusion, a final evening of sharing, is at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on Monday April 28, from 6:30-8:00 PM. Poets of all ages are encouraged to participate. Attendance in the past has been a mixture of middle and high school students and adults. Registration is required: To sign up, please call the Jericho Town Library at 899-4686.

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**WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WESTFORD**  
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**REVIEWS**

**ART/PHOTOGRAPHY**

**DELICIOUS WORDS 2014**, Sunday April 6, Dianne Shullenberger Gallery, 228 Nashville Rd., Jericho, 4:00 PM. Tickets: A minimum donation of \$25 to benefit C.O.T.S. RSVP 899-4993, [vtidianne@hotmail.com](mailto:vtidianne@hotmail.com).

**Essex Art League** exhibit during the month of April. The Grand Opening and Artist's Reception will be held on April 4 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Union Station, Main Street Landing, Burlington. Refreshments will be provided. Demonstrations and a chance to interact with some of the artists and learn about their work will be held on Saturday April 12 and Saturday April 19 from 11:00 to 3:00 PM. The exhibit will be on display until April 26.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Town of Underhill  
Development Review Board (DRB) Hearing  
Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM  
At the Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Rd. Underhill, VT

The DRB will hold a Final Subdivision Plan hearing at 6:35PM on the application (DRB 13-14) of C. Armstrong for a 2-Lot Subdivision on property he owns at 41 Sam Ward Road (SW041T) in Underhill, VT. This property is located in the Soil & Water Conservation and the Rural Residential zoning districts.

Additional information for this hearing may be obtained at the Underhill Town Hall. The hearings are open to the public. Pursuant to 24 VSA §§4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding by written or oral comment is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you cannot attend the hearing, comments may be made in writing prior to the meeting and mailed to: Zoning & Planning Administrator, P.O. Box 32 Underhill Center, VT 05490 or to [underhillzoning@comcast.net](mailto:underhillzoning@comcast.net).

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**Tuesday March 25, Teen Art Studio with Illustrator Helen Mask.** Ages 11-18 get inspired and make art with professional artists in this free open studio. 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. Free. For more information contact: [education@helenday.com](mailto:education@helenday.com), 802-253-8358, [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com).

**Helen Day Art Center** presents the 2014 Spring Gala; *Tinseltown*, an evening celebrating the Golden Age of Hollywood. Get dolled up, and take a trip back to the 1940s & 1950s, when Hollywood was seen as the capital of sophistication, glitter, and glamour. Saturday, April 5, 5:00 PM, Stowe Mountain Lodge. For more information contact: 802-253-8358, [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com).

**Tuesday April 8, Teen Art Studio with Painter Amber DeVoss.** Ages 11-18 get inspired and make art with professional artists in this free open studio. 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond St., Stowe. Free. For more information contact: [education@helenday.com](mailto:education@helenday.com), 802-253-8358, [www.helenday.com](http://www.helenday.com).

**Call to Artists for Spring Open Studio** - Artists wishing to participate in the Jericho Underhill Open Studio Tour held on Memorial Day Weekend are invited to contact Dianne

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**4th Annual Jericho Plein Air Festival.** Purpose: To Celebrate, Nurture and Enhance the Visibility of Our Art Community. Call to Artists: Saturday July 19, festival headquarters: the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery, 22 Barber Farm Rd, Jericho Center, VT. Painting sites to be announced. Registration: \$20.00. The work created on Saturday will be exhibited at the Emile A. Gruppe Gallery from July 20 to August 10, 2014, with an opening reception on Sunday, July 20, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

For information and registration materials contact Barbara Greene at [blgreene@myfairpoint.net](mailto:blgreene@myfairpoint.net) or (802) 899-2974.

Landscape Perspectives, a new exhibition at the **Emile A Gruppe Gallery** in Jericho, encompasses the works of three Vermont oil painters, Julie A. Davis, Fiona Cooper Fenwick and Jane Neroni. The show will hang now through April 20.

On Sunday April 6 from 2:00 -3:00 PM, the artists will present a talk at the gallery about "The Informed Palette: Three Personal Journeys with color". In this presentation each artist will discuss their individual palette and how these palettes have evolved over time. For more info [www.emilegruppegallery.com](http://www.emilegruppegallery.com), 899-3211.

**MUSIC**

**Queen City Contras** will hold its regular dance on Friday, April 11, at 8:00 PM at Edmunds School, 299 Main Street, Burlington. Music will be provided by Sarah Blair and Colin McCaffrey. The caller will be Sarah VanNorstrand. All are welcome, all dances taught, no partner or experience necessary. Beginners' session at 7:45 PM. Admission is \$8.00 adults. Under 12 free. Please bring clean, soft-soled shoes for dancing. Dance Info: 802-371-9492 or 802-343-7165. Website: [www.queencitycontras.org](http://www.queencitycontras.org)

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 PM, **Poetic Fusion**, Michael Arnowitz

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**Annual Roland Pigeon** country music concert will be held on Sunday April 27 at the United Church Westford, white church in Westford from 4:00-5:00 PM. All are invited to join Roland, family, friends and fellow musicians for an afternoon of a wide variety of country, folk and old time fiddle music. Both young and older talent will be participating and offer a broad appeal to audiences of any age group. Concert is free. Refreshments will follow the entertainment. For more information call: 802-879-4028.

**THEATER/FILM**

"**Scheherazade and The Arabian Nights**" is an original musical being debuted by the Browns River Middle School drama club. The show opens at 7:00 PM with an additional performances on March 21 at 7:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The story was adapted by David Tisdell, BRMS music and choral teacher and the original music was composed by BRMS alumnus Hailey Ward.

**Shelburne Players'** spring comedy "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare comes to Shelburne Town Center, 5420 Shelburne Road, April 4-12. Described by reviewers as "the most nearly perfect happy comedy ever written" and "one of Shakespeare's finest and most inventive works, filled with music, mistakes, love, disguises and practical jokes throughout..." the Players' version will be presented in a contemporary setting. Performance dates at the town center are April 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 PM and April 6 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 general audience and \$12 for seniors and students, and can be purchased in advance at Shelburne Supermarket. Call 343-2602 for more informatin and to reserve tickets, or go to [www.ShelburnePlayers.com](http://www.ShelburnePlayers.com).

Friday, April 4, **Lyric Theatre Company**, opens an ambitious nine-performance run of "Les Misérables" on the MainStage of Burlington's Flynn Center for the Performing Arts.

The volunteers involved in Lyric's production hail from 16 Vermont communities and two communities across the lake. Seventeen cast members are making their Lyric debut with this production. Leading players are Ian Ferris of Burlington as the charismatic Jean Valjean and Mark Cranmer as the menacing Inspector Javert.

Tickets for "Les Misérables" are on sale now. Purchase tickets in person through the Flynn Center Regional Box Office in Burlington, VT; by telephone: 802/86FLYNN; or online: [www.flynncenter.org](http://www.flynncenter.org). Enjoy matinees at 1:00 PM on April 5, 6, 12, and 13, and evening performances at 7:30 PM on April 4, 5, 10, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12. The Sunday April 13, matinee will be audio-described for patrons who are blind or visually impaired. The show features mature themes.

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