

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Economic Recovery Grant Program expanded

**By John Mandeville • Executive Director  
Lamoille Economic Development Corporation**

The grant program for small businesses has been expanded to include businesses with the owner as the sole W-2 recipient. More information is available at <https://accd.vermont.gov/press-releases/economic-recovery-grant-program-expands-eligibility-more-vermont-businesses>.

### August live fire training dates at the Range

The following dates have been compiled in order to provide advance notice of live fire training events at the Camp Ethan Allen Training Site (CEATS) in Jericho.

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns that might arise at [ng.VT.vtarnng.mbx.vtng-statepao@mail.mil](mailto:ng.VT.vtarnng.mbx.vtng-statepao@mail.mil) or 802-338-3000 option 3.

MAJ Duby Thompson, Range Operations  
Camp Ethan Allen Training Site  
VT Army National Guard

Range Usage:  
*Week of Aug 17-23*  
17-23 Aug Small Arms 1600  
17-21 Aug UVM ROTC Small Arms 1600  
18-20 Aug Small Arms 1600/.50 CAL1700  
18-21 Aug Small Arms 1600/Artillery 1600  
20-21 Aug Burlington Rifle Pistol 1200  
20-21 Aug Vermont State Rifle Pistol Assoc. 1600  
*Week of Aug 24-31*  
28-31 Aug Small Arms 2200/.50 CAL1700  
25-27 Aug Burlington Police Dept. 1600  
26 Aug Vermont Fish and Game 1600  
31 Aug Vermont Fish and Game 1600

### Bolton FY 20-21 tax bills

**By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer**

The FY 20-21 tax bills were mailed on Friday, August 7, with the first installment due date of Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The FY 20-21 municipal tax rate set by the Select Board was .6861, which when added to the voter-approved .0025 (quarter cent) for the Conservation Fund, totals .6886. The State set the homestead education tax rate at 1.5698, and the non-homestead education tax rate at 1.7369.

This brings the TOTAL FY 20-21 tax rates to \$2.2584 for homestead and \$2.4255 for non-homestead. This means that per every \$100K of assessed value, taxpayers will pay \$2,258.40 and \$2,425.50 per year respectively. Compared to last year, FY 19-20, this is an increase of \$52.50 per year/per 100K assessed value for homestead, and \$106.70 per year/per \$100K of assessed value for non-homestead. Proportionally, approximately 70% - 72% (homestead/non homestead) of your taxes are education, the remainder, 28% - 30%, municipal.

Please note, as the Town Office is still closed due to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we encourage taxpayers to use checks or money orders when leaving tax payments in the drop box or mailing payments. We are happy to provide a receipt, given you provide the SASE per the Town's Tax Payment Policy. Thank you.

### Thank You Cambridge Voters!

**By Mark Schilling, Cambridge Town Clerk/Treasurer and Presiding Officer of Elections**

Thank you voters for making our statewide primary a big success. We had 689 mail-in votes pre-processed, and 304 people voted in-person or dropped off ballots on the day of election. This was the largest primary turnout in recent memory.

A special thanks goes out to our hard-working election workers who made a special effort to maintain a safe environment for everyone. Once again, Sally Reynolds and Bonnie Hitchcock worked a 12-hour shift, and refused to take a break while greeting and checking-in every voter on the floor.

We are already working on plans for the November general election. This year the Vermont Secretary of State's Election Division plans to send an early ballot to every active voter in Vermont. You will still have the option to vote in person. We will share details as they are announced, but in the meantime do not hesitate to contact us in the Town Office with any questions or concerns. Call us at 802-644-2251 or email [clerk@cambridgevt.org](mailto:clerk@cambridgevt.org).

To see the official election results, go to [www.cambridgevt.org/electionresults](http://www.cambridgevt.org/electionresults).

### Meals available in Cambridge, Wednesdays in August

Cambridge Area Rotary will again be distributing prepared, from

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## Please help repair the Old Red Mill riverbank

**By Louise Miglionico, Jericho**

Please contribute to the Go Fund Me project hoping to repair the Old Red Mill Riverbank damage in Jericho. The mill houses the nonprofit Snowflake Bentley Museum and the Old Mill Craft Shop.

In October of 2019 the almost 200 year old retaining wall was partially washed away due to an unusual amount of rain, causing flooding. The mortar between the stones of the building is crumbling as well; while many hours and dollars have been put into

the mill, many more are needed. The mill is the flagship building of Jericho and possibly all of Chittenden County. The Old Red Mill is the most photographed building in the state and one of the top ten mills in the country. We would like to ensure the mill will stand for many, many more generations.

To contribute, go to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and then type in "Old Red Mill Jericho Vermont Restoration."

## Peregrine falcons in Bolton



**By Phyl Newbeck  
Special to the  
Mountain Gazette**

There isn't a lot of good news in the world these days but there is some coming from Bolton, where two different pairs of peregrine falcons have produced chicks this summer. One pair is on a remote ledge at Bone Mountain and the other is at Bolton Notch near the climbing areas known as Upper Upper West.

Margaret Fowle, a conservation biologist with Audubon Ver-

mont, is in charge of the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Program, as well as the Champlain Valley Bird Initiative. Fowle said peregrine falcons have used five different nesting sites in Bolton, but never more than three at one time. The nesting progress of the birds is monitored by a team of volunteer community scientists. Since the birds don't pick the exact same spot every year it's impossible to set up cameras in advance, and to do so after they have started nesting would be intrusive. Fowle credited the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department with providing funds for the monitoring efforts. She is personally in charge of the Bone Mountain site, and Jeff Hullstrung of Jericho is charged with viewing the Bolton Notch site.

Hullstrung, the president of the Green Mountain Audubon Board of Directors (Audubon Vermont is a state program, while Green Mountain Audubon is a chapter of the national organization), has been monitoring falcons for the last three years. "I got into photography five years ago," he said, "and I went on some bird walks and learned that I could volunteer." Hullstrung said monitors are asked to visit their sites at least once a month during the nesting season for as much as four hours at a time. "Falcons are quite vocal," he said, "so sometimes you know what's going on right away, but sometimes you have to wait the full four hours." He praised Audubon Vermont for the extensive training materials provided, and enjoys the opportunity to report back to Fowle with his observations and photos.

Audubon Vermont works closely with the town of Bolton, as well as with CRAG-VT, the Vermont climbers group, to make

sure nesting birds are not disturbed. Both the town and CRAG let people know they shouldn't climb near the nests from April to July. "CRAG has been really good at getting the word out," Fowle said. This year, the prohibition on climbing has been extended later than usual. "We heard that climbers were getting dive-bombed by the birds," she said, "so we temporarily closed the Bolton Notch cliff even though the chicks should have already fledged."

Travis Peckham, former president and current board member of CRAG-VT, has been working to help peregrine falcons in Vermont for 20 years. "There is a long history of Vermont climbers volunteering with the National Wildlife Federation, Audubon Vermont, and VINS to help support the reintroduction and now sustaining program for peregrine falcons," he said. Peckham started out banding the birds and is pleased to be able to partner his organization with Audubon Vermont. "CRAG-VT respects the natural environment," he said, "so it's only natural that we would want to support closing routes for the falcons and communicating that to the climbers." Hullstrung noted that when he monitors the Bolton Notch site, climbers frequently approach him to let him know what they've been seeing and hearing.

Peckham is pleased at how the climbing community has respected the closures, although he notes that not climbing near nesting birds is also a smart thing to do. "The reality is that falcons are known to be aggressive," he said. "It doesn't matter how much you want to climb, you don't want to be attacked by a falcon. It can be frustrating, but closing the areas is the right thing to do and the safe thing for both climbers and birds." Peckham noted that Audubon Vermont has been very good about allowing climbing in the vicinity of nesting birds, as long as climbers are not visible to the birds and do not disturb them. Although the current closure of Bolton Notch due to the aggressive behavior of the falcons is cutting into the climbing season, Peckham is hopeful that the birds will tone down their behavior and climbing will once again be allowed.

The Bolton Notch site has been the more successful of the two most frequently used sites in Bolton. It was first used by falcons in 2000, but it was thought that for the first few years the female was not mature enough to breed. The pair successfully raised two chicks in 2005 and there have only been three years between 2005 and this year when they did not have nest or have chicks. They have raised 33 chicks at the site, which makes for an average of 1.5 chicks per year. By contrast, the Bone Mountain site has been used by falcons since 1989 but has produced only 32 chicks, for an average of 1.23. "That pair hasn't produced any young for four years," Fowle said. "The nest is higher and may be more susceptible to bad weather." The Bolton Notch falcons are near the state average for producing chicks. "They are an important part of contributing to the state's population," she said.



## COMMUNITY COLUMNS

### Underhanded employee mutiny

By Douglas Boardman

Robots can be good and bad. We didn't have many robots years ago. The good part about robots was not having a brain and the bad part was not having a brain. The American dream is to own your own business but unfortunately, the dream often turns into a nightmare. My dream was not to own my own business, my dream was to go to college. In my day, you had to pay to go to college, and I needed some financial help to start. Unfortunately, my parents could not help, so I enlisted in the Navy after graduating from high school. Because my birthday was in July, my father had to (reluctantly) sign for me since I was still 17.

I didn't want to go into the service, but I knew I couldn't go to college unless I got help from the G.I. Bill. After getting recruited in my last year of college, I ended up working for the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp. in Poughkeepsie, NY. By then we had two children and I realized I had to take on more jobs after work. I started doing bookkeeping, income tax, and accounting on the side to bring more money in. For six years at Central Hudson I was a cost accountant. Even after getting promoted to an engineer, I still had to take on other jobs. I didn't especially want to work three or four jobs. But I had no choice if I wanted to feed and clothe my kids. I had four other business accounts along with personal tax work. When a chance came along for me to buy a business, I took it.

Owning a business with employees is not for most people. Owning a business by yourself with no employees is not for most people. It is easy to print up some business cards, get a few tools, and declare you are ready for business! Unfortunately, you didn't sign up to be a non-profit organization. You can't collect unemployment unless you commit fraud. Most start-ups fizzle out in the first year. I see many on *Shark Tank* that get told that they don't have a business, they have a hobby.

It was easy for me to make the decision to buy a business because, since I was 12 years old, I worked for the farm adjoining our small farm in East Montpelier. My father instilled the "work ethic" in me. Your brain is the most important asset you have. For instance, a few years ago, I had a bout of vertigo. That proved to me that "will power" doesn't always do any good. One morning I went to get up and fell back on the bed. I couldn't get up and I didn't know what was happening. The only way I could get to the bathroom was by crawling on all fours. My head took over my body and made me crawl to the right. I had to push myself from the right-hand wall to get to the toilet. This lasted for three days. Even after I could stand upright, my head (inner ear) kept making me walk to the right. I am telling you this so you know how powerful your brain is — that it can control your every thought and movement.

When you own a small plumbing business, you have to hire at least two people who know the different fittings: 90 degrees, 45 degrees, unions, couplings, etc., in different metals, and hopefully how to use them. I usually had employees (two full-time and one part-time) who knew basic plumbing and heating. I always had one or two guys out of high school, and later on, I had my son working there. When you own a small business, you don't have the luxury of that many guys or gals to choose from. A lot of people used to come in every week and ask if I was hiring. I would say, "Maybe." But most of them just needed my signature so they could collect their unemployment check. I knew a lot of the high school kids and knew which ones that probably weren't the best college material.

Basically, I would look for someone healthy and honest, with a driver's license, no police record, and a good work ethic. Everyone hired had a probation period. Most of them aren't worth what you are paying them, and when they learn something, they cast around seeking more money. My two full-time employees were good workers and knew what they were doing. They had worked on oil, gas, and electric water heaters, heating units, and plumbing items. You have to have a couple guys in the business that want the operation to succeed and hopefully prosper, otherwise I wouldn't have even been able to cross the street and get a coffee and a donut.

I have been called a pessimist for years, but I admit to being suspicious of everyone's motives, after all of the things that others have tried to "feather their nests." One of my employees was having a lot of trouble at home, which I tried to stay out of. I got vibes he was trying to influence the other guys to find fault with the way I was operating the business. Eventually I found out, it was a typical power play: trying to get me to sell the business to him and his father. His father had worked for a rival company for years, and he asked me if I would give his father a part time job pricing, so I said sure. I found out later that he and his father planned to try to get the business away from me.

I would say that they were "underhandedly" trying to get the business because they didn't have any money to buy me out, as the father worked for me part time after he retired from his other job. I hired a friend's son after high school, and it wasn't long before this employee had his ear, filling it full of the way he would do things. So, this kid comes to me and says we need to stock more of everything, so we never run out of anything. Of course, I explained that since I have to pay for material by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, I couldn't overstock some items because I would risk losing my credit. I told him that before he complains about my operation, he should understand all the facets of the business. First of all, you have to pay for what you buy on time. You try to sell most items within 30 days. If you sell one item every once in a

while, you only stock one. Sometimes items are cheaper by the box, so we stock accordingly. I have to keep track of payroll, inventory, accounts received, accounts payable, deliveries, etc. Until you have all that data, you can't run a company. I told him, "You can either do it my way or the highway." He chose the highway. A few months later he wanted to come back because his new employer not giving him sick and personal time. Don't judge somebody until you have walked in their shoes!

Next column: Esopus Fun Club, Poughkeepsie Rotary, Lagrange Little League, Arlington H.S.

### Habits

By Sue Kusserow

Special to the Mountain Gazette

I am just back from a trip to Boston. At Mass General Hospital, I had a revision of an artificial hip that sloughed off chemicals due to a defective prosthesis. With the coronavirus, it has taken a year to get this corrective procedure completed. Now I am ready for physical therapy to get the hip moving again without risking a dislocation.

So, how does this major surgery fit into a small essay for casual quick reading with no challenges in grammar or syntax? Can I write something helpful for me and for you as a wider readership? How does one get from the specific to the general? What are the habits that need to be identified, changed, amplified, eliminated entirely?

First, one needs to define the word, as the writer sees it. We all need to be on the same page. The dictionary says: "a thing done often and hence, usually done easily; a tendency to perform a certain action in a certain way... therefore done without thought or hesitation" and, as most of us know, how difficult it is, therefore, to change that action or behavior. Habit is a sneaky thing, which, when combined with some physiological traps, can become firmly established quite quickly. Smoking, over-eating, meds from supposedly harmless start ups that are quickly routinized and "needed" by the body. But that's heavy stuff and good heavens, all I have to do is face a very pleasant physical therapist two or three times a week! How hard can that be? And she will tell me why crossing my legs is NOT hip-helpful, and why I can't pick up that piece of Kleenex on the floor. Despite now knowing how this twisting of a hip, viewing the proper 90 degree angle of hip and femur, feeling how muscles pop in and out when lounging in a comfy chair, rather than a 90 degree angle straight chair... will this increased knowledge break my habit of crossed legs? What form of knowledge, physical strength, mental will, or rebellion is going to change a habit of many years... Of course, there is always threat. As a nurse, I have known people with dislocated shoulders, knees, and hips. And morphine or fentanyl are about the only drugs that will kill that pain.

It seems to me we are getting into a very common argument regarding habit: which is better: education or experience? Here is a quick historical example: safety belts. Since this name was threatening in its beginning (the implication that cars can be dangerous), the name was changed to seat belts. Did this action, as one piece of the puzzle, start to persuade people to use them? Or did seeing a photo of a major crash convince some people? There was a "car" used in high school courses to illustrate the amount of "jolt power" and killing force, per speed of the "car." Or was it the data collection of scientists? Or finally, the wisdom of others to protect us... and their power to legislate... that turned this protection into a law... with fines to give added clout? How much of each: (didactic education, TV, newspapers, radio, personal experiences over many years, expense, social fashion, experts' advice, lay people's support) do we allot to a problem which, in the case of seat belts, was brought into the public view after the idea of mass distribution was broached. At what point did a wise group feel it had enough data and enough power to create a law? But a law always runs the risk of bothering, annoying, entrapping, people who believe their American-bred personal idea of freedom has been violated. It took years to break an old habit and start a new one, which now seems "old."

So, besides the many variables that go into forming a habit and then changing it, there is another avenue of help to reach a better habit. Here is a current personal example: all I have to do is start bowing at the waist, headed for the floor, one hand ready to do the forbidden: pick up that Kleenex from the carpet, which... as I should know... puts a vicious strain on the newly-operated hip. I get a chorus of STOP! NO! YOU know better, Sue! DROP IT! yelled by family, visiting friends, and my conscience. And the Kleenex stays there until surreptitiously picked up by one of the choristers.

I am now sitting in a straight chair, feet on the floor, hands clutching the chair arms... even though there is a pen that rolled off the counter... and would only take a small movement...

STOP! DON'T YOU DARE!

### What to expect after calling 9-1-1

a step by step guide to EMS emergency response

By Tessa Roy

If you or someone you are with is experiencing a medical emergency, it is important to understand the key steps in getting the help you need in an efficient manner. The first step is to call 9-1-1. When you are on the phone with the dispatcher do your best to stay calm and speak clearly. Three key pieces of information the dispatcher will need from you are your *location*, the *nature of the emergency*, and your *phone number*.

Once the dispatcher has your location and the nature of your emergency they will alert the ambulance and it will start heading your way. This is not the only information the dispatcher will likely need from you, so make sure you *don't hang up* before the dispatcher tells you it is ok to do so. Staying on the line with them and

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Friday  
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday  
11:00 AM - 8:30 PM  
Sunday  
4:00 - 8:30 PM  
899-3718  
Route 15,  
Jeri-Hill Plaza, Jericho

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Bell Ringing at United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill has been ringing their church bell each morning to let everyone know that they are being thought of during these extraordinary times. We have changed the time to 10:00 AM because we have changed the Sunday worship time to 10:00 AM.

As you hear the ringing let it be a time to pause, reflect, and be thankful for all we have.

### Weekly Peace Vigil welcomes Black Lives Matter too

The Peace Vigil is back from 5:30 - 6:00 PM on Thursdays at Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond.

Our church would like to extend a hearty welcome to the community to share signs and waves of positivity, peace, diversity, justice, and inclusion such as "Black Lives Matter" and "Love Your Neighbor."

Please bring a sign, wear a mask, and stand physically distanced on our front lawn as we share the message of the type of community and world we all hope to live in. I hope to see you there! Peace, Rev. Katelyn Macrae

### Online church services in Jeffersonville, Waterville

By Rev. Devon Thomas

Hey all, the folks at the Second Congo Church in Jeff and the Waterville Union Church would like to invite all who feel called to join us for our online church services Sunday at 10:30 AM. We are now having weekly Zoom services and any who would like to watch can do so via our Facebook pages. You can find those linked below.

So, as we like to say at the church: know that no matter who you are or where you are in life's journey, you are welcome at our church; or in this case, our web-space!

Peace

<https://www.facebook.com/watervilleunionchurch>

<https://www.facebook.com/SecondCongregationalUCC>

### Jericho Congregational Church is here to help

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our lives in numerous ways that we never could have imagined. Many of us are now working from home, home schooling, and in some cases, separated from those we care deeply about. We at Jericho Congregational Church want you to know that we are here for you during this unsettling time. If you need a listening ear or someone to pray with about any of the impacts of this crisis, please contact us at 858-5452 or [jcchelps@gmail.com](mailto:jcchelps@gmail.com). You are not alone, and we are here to help.

### Online worship service at Good Shepherd

Please consider joining us for online worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church starting 9:00 AM every Sunday morning. You can connect with each podcast/video service from Sunday morning through Wednesday of every week.

Centering Prayer Meditation Practice is now available on Fridays. Thanks to Alan's leadership and Zoom-genius, you can now take part in Centering Prayer Practice from your own home every Friday at 8:30 AM. Everything you need to know is at [GoodShepherdJericho.org](http://GoodShepherdJericho.org). Click on *Menu* and then *Weekly Centering Prayer Meditation*. It is easy to join in. The Practice is geared for beginners through established meditators.

We are an open-minded Christian community where people from different faith traditions, along with those who aren't sure where they belong or what they believe, seek the support of a non-judgmental, all-embracing spiritual home. Join us at [goodshepherdjericho.org](http://goodshepherdjericho.org). No matter who you are, how you are physically or spiritually, or where you are on life's journey, we welcome you in the name and love of Christ.

Please contact Rev. Dr. Arnold Isidore Thomas, Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for more information or with any questions, at 802-503-9666 or [pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org](mailto:pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org).

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## HEALTH INFORMATION

### Vermont's prescription drug disposal system

Medications that are not properly stored in your home can be a risk to kids and pets, who might accidentally ingest them. And flushing medications or tossing them in the trash is a danger to our waterways and wildlife. Also, more than half of people who misuse prescription medication get it from a friend or relative, often straight out of the medicine cabinet.

That's why Vermont asks that we follow these three easy steps to properly store and get rid of medications:

- **LOCK:** Store your medications in a lock box or locked medicine cabinet; then,
- **DROP:** Drop off unused medication at a kiosk at your local pharmacy or police station; or
- **MAIL:** Or mail unused medication in a pre-paid envelope.

Medication mail-back envelopes are a safe, secure and easy way to get rid of unwanted or unused medication. Medication in its original container or in a sealed bag is placed inside the pre-addressed envelope and mailed off to be destroyed. Envelopes are not opened before they are destroyed.

Home healthcare professionals providing services to homebound residents may request a mail-back envelope on the resident's behalf.

Each 8x11" envelope holds up to 8 ounces, no more than 4 ounces of liquid (sealed separately) of unwanted or unused medicine. Be sure to mark out your name and any personally identifiable information on any labeling. If you are sending back more than 8 ounces of medication, submit a new order form for each additional envelope you need. Please allow for up to two weeks to receive envelopes in the mail.

Medications in any dosage form are allowed in the envelope, including prescription patches and ointments, pet medications, and vitamins.

But: do not mail syringes or sharps in this envelope. Do not include aerosols, including inhalers. Do not include illegal drugs. To receive a free, pre-paid envelope in the mail in which to return your unused prescriptions, go online to the State of Vermont website <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/1545c40385eb>, fill out the form, and click "submit."

### Cold truths about hot cars

With summer here, things are heating up, especially cars left out in the sun on a hot day. Let me share some chilling information with you about the dangers of young children being left locked inside them, even for a few minutes.

Believe it or not, a car left in the sun can heat up inside by more than 20°F in about 10 minutes if the windows are closed and the air conditioning is off. This can start to happen when the outside temperature is as low as 57°F.

It is also important to know that a child's body can heat up three to five times faster than an adult's, and if the temperature inside a car reaches 104°F, a child's major organs may start to shut down. At 107°F, death can occur from heat stroke.

Of course, parents always want to be attentive to their children, but they sometimes still forget their child is in the back seat, especially if the child is sleeping quietly when they stop to run an errand while focused on something other than their child.

#### Prevention tactics

Start by always checking the back seat and making sure all children are out of the car before you lock it and walk away.

A great idea is to put a cell phone, bag or purse — or even your left shoe — in the back seat every time you load your child in the car, so you are forced to check the back seat when you get to your destination.

A great expression to keep in your head is *Look before you lock!*

It is also possible a child may climb into your car when it is parked but not locked, and then lock themselves inside. So please keep your car locked when it's parked and make sure children do not have easy access to your car keys, which should always be stored out of reach of your children. Better yet, just teach your children that cars are off-limits for play at all times.

If you should come upon a child alone in a car and you are concerned, please call 911 for help whether it is hot out or not. Hopefully tips like these will drive home the importance of never leaving a child locked in a parked car especially on a hot summer's day.

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### 6 tips for keeping children safe by the water

With summer here, parents are frequently pooling their thoughts and asking me for tips on keeping their children safe when they are around pools and other bodies of water. Let me dive right in and provide some information on water safety and kids.

Remember, while dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, adults and children at the pool or beach need to maintain physical distancing and have everyone wear masks until it's time to go in the water, when masks are not to be worn.

Teach your children how to swim. Studies suggest that swimming lessons can lower but not eliminate the risk of drowning in children between the ages of 1-4, although they do not lower the risk in children under 1. By age 4, all children who are going to be in and about a body of water or pool should certainly be taught how to swim, but again, swim lessons do not make children "drown proof" at any age.

Never leave a child unobserved around any body of water. A child can drown in under 20 seconds, the same time it takes to go inside and preheat the oven for dinner. Older children should always swim with a buddy who can swim if an adult is not around to supervise.

Children who cannot swim should wear proper-fitting, Coast Guard-approved floatation devices when in the water. Water wings and inner tubes are not effective protection against drowning.

Pools need to be completely enclosed with a self-locking, self-closing gated fence at least 4' high with slats less than 4" wide that children cannot crawl through or reach up to open. Pool toys should not be left out when not in use, since these can attract children into the pool area when supervision may not be present.

Finally, it is a good idea to have a cell phone with you when your children are in the water so that 911 can be dialed immediately if there is a water emergency.

Hopefully tips like these will make a big splash when it comes to knowing more about how to protect your child in the water this summer.

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### Beginner Tai Chi for Falls Prevention

By Joann Osborne

Looking for 10 committed people who want a way to improve their health and balance, plus learn ways to reduce anxiety and control tension in their daily life. Beginners would start under a tent canopy next week behind the United Church of Underhill on VT Rt. 15 Jericho and continue outdoors until the end of September-ish. We would then switch to Zoom Classes through winter until late May 2021. Adults 60+ would meet twice a week for an hour session per time. Social distancing and wearing a mask properly while on church grounds is mandated by the sponsoring institution, as well as State Law (since August 1) by Gov. Scott. Small donations to the UCU Church or Age Well are greatly encouraged per session. We began Tuesday, August 11. We meet two times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Registration required. Email Jo Osborne, [joannosborne2@gmail.com](mailto:joannosborne2@gmail.com). Tai Chi Vermont Certified Instructor.

### A COVID-19 update from your community hospital – Copley

Copley Hospital continues to have a low prevalence of COVID-19 through our testing clinic, even with our increase in testing we perform every day. We have not had any positive COVID-19 test results in July and have not had a positive COVID-19 patient admitted to our hospital.

Copley Hospital's COVID-19 Response Team would like to thank everyone in our community who continues to follow the effective masking and social distancing guidelines from the VT Department of Health. These actions continue to have a significant impact on reducing transmission of COVID-19, and help keep our community safe.

Our team at Copley remains ready to provide the care our community needs. We've incorporated effective COVID-19 prevention and management processes into all aspects of our day-to-day operations. Our top priority is to keep our patients, visitors, staff, and community safe while continuing to deliver exceptional care to all. In order to accomplish this, we've taken significant steps to ensure the safety of our patients, visitors, and staff.

Examples of these steps include:

- all staff are screened before reporting to work;
- all staff wear a mask while in public areas at the hospital;
- all patients and visitors are screened before entering the hospital;
- all patients and visitors wear a mask while in the hospital;
- cleaning and sanitizing occurs regularly throughout the day;
- we've put in place temporary changes to our visitor policy, following guidance from the VT Agency of Human Services, in order to minimize the risk of exposure.

Implementing these steps helps ensure that Copley is safe for all patients, visitors, and staff. We remain dedicated to quality and safety, and are here to support your current and future health care needs.

### Lions thank blood donors

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club would like to thank all of you that participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 12. A total of 55 pints of much needed blood was donated.

The club would also like to thank the Covenant Church in Jericho for generously allowing us to use their facility for our blood drives for the past several years.

Be kind, stay safe, be well.

### Love Vermont?

#### Don't forget your mask

Love Vermont? We do too! The VT Agency of Transportation (AOT)'s *Go! Vermont* program offers this advice:

To keep Vermont safe, healthy, and thriving, please wear a face covering or mask when you're out and about — whether it's running errands, around people you don't live with, or in a busy area. Doing so helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 and allows Vermont to continue to reopen. We all need to do our part to get Vermont back in business.

Get more masks tips at <http://HealthVermont.gov/MasksOnVT>.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

### Hazard pay, food security, restaurants, and farmers

By Christopher Pearson, State Senator, Chittenden District

If you or someone you know worked throughout the *Stay at Home* order as a front-line worker at a nursing home, assisted living facility, medical or dental clinic, homeless shelter, morgue, and more, you may be eligible for grants of up to \$2000 if you worked during the March 13-May 15 window.

In the Senate, we passed a bill in April that covered all "essential workers" earning under \$25/hour. By the end though it became clear the Federal rules only allowed hazard pay for a narrower set of people.

Starting August 4 at 9am the portal has been live and businesses can sign up so their workers get a grant. Details at: <https://dvha.vermont.gov/front-line-employees-hazard-pay-grant-program>.

Also, WCAX did a good job covering a program the legislature funded to help with food security, restaurants that are struggling, and farmers.

Whenever possible I and others were pushing to have our relief money do double duty. In this case we hit triple duty! The money goes to restaurants to help prepare meals using local foods. The food is then given out to those experiencing food insecurity. See the story at <https://t.co/Bvp9tupDHv?amp=1>.

### U.S. Census reminder!

By Thomas Stevens, State Representative Washington-Chittenden

Update on the 2020 Census: This is important! An accurate census count will allow for federal dollars to be allocated to Vermont over the next ten years, so filling out the census form is especially important this year!

*But!* The U.S. Government is shortening the collection of Census, from October 31 to September 30. Our district is doing well compared to the state average, which is only 56%. Waterbury has a 67% response rate, Bolton has a 64% response rate and Huntington/Buel's Gore has a 72% response rate.

To be counted in the 2020 Census, please make sure you visit <https://2020census.gov/> [?cid=23746&us%20census:sem&ip:dm:en:&utm\\_source=sem&utm\\_medium=p&utm\\_campaign=dm:en&utm\\_content=23746&utm\\_term=us%20census](https://2020census.gov/?cid=23746&us%20census:sem&ip:dm:en:&utm_source=sem&utm_medium=p&utm_campaign=dm:en&utm_content=23746&utm_term=us%20census).

### Economic Recovery Grant Program expands eligibility

By Robert Bancroft, State Representative, Chittenden-8-3

Governor Phil Scott, the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD), and the Department of Taxes today announced expanded eligibility for Economic Recovery Grants for Vermont businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the original eligibility criteria, a business was required to have at least one W-2 employee who was not an owner of that business. Starting August 3, businesses with at least one W-2 employee — now including those who are an owner — are also eligible and encouraged to apply.

More than \$78 million has already been awarded to Vermont businesses but there are still funds available. Businesses are encouraged to apply if they have experienced losses of at least 50% in the month of July 2020 (compared to July 2019) and have not already received a grant. Businesses that may not have been eligible earlier in the year are encouraged to re-evaluate their losses for the month of July as they may now be eligible.

Businesses who chose not to apply, or already applied and were deemed ineligible and believe they may be eligible under these new criteria, are encouraged to contact the Department of Taxes at 802-828-6611 or ACCD at 802-828-1200 to learn more. Those who have not yet submitted an application are encouraged to do so and can learn more at [accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-grants](http://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/economic-recovery-grants).

### Help expand broadband access

By Lucy Rogers, State Representative, Lamoille-3

Lamoille County friends: please fill out this quick (three-minute max) survey on Internet availability at your address. The survey is hosted by the Lamoille County Planning Commission and funded from a Broadband Innovation Grant; it will be used in developing a plan for improving broadband infrastructure in the underserved regions of Lamoille County. Please share with your friends and neighbors, thank you! <https://lamoille.tilsontech.com/>

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## PEOPLE - OBITUARIES



**John Garrett French** of Underhill, VT passed away on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 with his loving family by his side and his beautiful view of Mount Mansfield. John was born in 1939 in Burlington, VT. He attended Burlington High School and Burlington Trade School, graduating in 1958. John married Christine Vincent on March 1, 1963. He was happily married for 57 years. John started his trucking career in 1958. He started hauling fish from Maine for Ray's Seafood, and bought his first truck in 1963 and started his own business. His sons all started with the family business and he enjoyed every moment. In 1965 he incorporated snowplowing services to the business. One of John's favorite pastimes was camping, traveling to numerous campgrounds and finally a permanent site at Lakeview Campground for the past 30 years. John was grateful for his many years work with Frank W. Whitcomb, his second family. His family will continue on his legacy of the family business of John G. French and Sons Trucking Inc. He leaves behind his wife Christine French of Underhill; son John B. French and wife Susan of Fletcher, VT; his son Scott of Cambridge, VT; son Steve of Underhill; and his son Mikey and wife Clarissa of Jeffersonville, VT. He leaves behind three special grandchildren who brought much joy and happiness to him: Kamrin, Charlie, and Millie; his sister Alvera "Pat" Minkle of California; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by both parents, Bert French and Isabell McClinton French. He leaves behind many special friends — you all know who you are. The family would like to thank Dr. Don Miller, Dr. Robert Labelle, and the Hospice Care team. There will be a private family service at a later date per John's request. Any donations should be to the animal rescue of your choice. The family also invites you to share your memories by visiting [www.awrflh.com](http://www.awrflh.com).



It is with heavy hearts that the Hunt family announces that **Brian Carlyle Hunt**, 66, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2020, with his wife and children by his side. Brian was raised in Jericho, where he spent his childhood active in scouting, youth sports, working on the family farms, and exploring Vermont's outdoors. He graduated from Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, VT where he was a standout multi-sport athlete. Brian graduated in 1976 from the University of Vermont, Burlington, VT,

where he was a proud member of the UVM Men's Soccer team. A coach and educator at heart, Brian enjoyed a 39-year career as a respected physical education teacher at Malletts Bay School in Colchester, VT. He brought the joy of physical activity to thousands of children while also serving as a positive role model and mentor to many. His desire was to encourage students and athletes to reach their full potential while feeling good about themselves in the process. His work ethic was unequalled. He set the bar high for what teaching and coaching needs to look like and should be. Brian's inspiration and dedication to teaching and coaching was matched by his kind, caring, compassionate, and gentle interaction with others, always with an easy smile. MBS alumni will remember Mr. Hunt's color-coordinated athletic attire, humor, and his enthusiastic Paper Shake Dance. He made MBS a special place. Brian was a loving husband and proud, supportive father. Family was of utmost importance to him. Precious memories were made together on soccer fields, ski trails, and tennis courts, as well as camping, biking, fishing, hunting, and family gatherings. The Hunt family enjoyed summers at their camp on Georgia Shore. Brian's happy place was out fishing on the lake. He would come back with an entertaining tale — always larger than the catch! He leaves memories to be cherished by his wife of 41 years, Brenda Hunt of Colchester, VT. Brian also leaves behind his daughter Erica Hutchins (Ethan) of Williston, VT, and his son Ryan Hunt (Elizabeth) of Jericho; sisters Sandi Menard of Winooski, VT, Jill Hunt of Winooski, and Lori Cook (Tom) of Florence, AZ; aunts Gert Hunt of Jericho and Celia Perge of Lewes, DE; brothers-in-law James Burke (Stephanie) of Miller Place, NY and Terrence Burke (Lynn) of Port Jefferson, NY; sisters-in-law Maureen Burns (Michael) of Shoreham, NY, Barbara Gans of Murrells Inlet, SC, Patricia Przybylinski (Richard) of West Charleston, VT, and Catherine Noel (James) of Columbia, MO. He is also survived by his two beloved grandchildren Emery and Emmett Hutchins of Williston, VT, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents Carlyle and Ruth Hunt, his in-laws James and Genevieve Burke, brothers-in-law Ray Menard and Gary Gans, and sister-in-law Carol Klebanoff. A drive-by celebration of life was held on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Malletts Bay School, Colchester. For the safety of all, we ask that you remain in your vehicle while paying respects to Brian's family. A private burial will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Jericho, VT. In honoring Brian's commitment to physical activity, memorial contributions may be made to Colchester Parks and Recreation and mailed to: Colchester Parks and Recreation, Brian Hunt Memorial, 781 Blakely Rd., Colchester, VT 05446. We also invite you to take memories of Brian on your next outdoor adventure — his spirit will be great company!



**Andrew Robert Czeck**, age 47, passed away, Saturday, August 1, 2020 at his home in Jeffersonville, VT. Andrew was born November 4, 1972 in Bryn Mawr, PA to Jean Marie Cantrill and Peter Czeck. Andrew attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia, PA and upon graduation from high school, traveled and lived in Colorado, Rhode Island, settling in Vermont. Andrew was a man of great passion and poured soul into his work. In the kitchen, Andrew surprised his guests with such delights as foie gras, salpicón, poached chicken with champagne grapefruit vinaigrette, baked bread, and pastries; he took no shortcuts. He attended New England Culinary Institute and worked as a chef at restaurants such as Leunigs, The Mist Grill, and Edson Hill Manor. After helping local food producers at Vermont Food Venture Center with cooking and copacking, he discovered his ability to fix anything including the kitchen appliances. That led him to pursue his electrical license and he joined the IBEW, finishing their program as Apprentice of the Year. As an electrician he worked for Sherwin, Peck, and Copley Hospital. He loved to solve puzzles and work with his hands. One of his civic pleasures was climbing the clock tower in Fletcher, VT at the Binghamville United Methodist Church and winding the clock. His hand-carved, solid body maple guitar with walnut inlay was his prized possession. He sanded and smoothed it to perfection in the style of Jerry Garcia's guitars. He loved the night and listening to music by a fire. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, opening up the throttle on curving Vermont roads, and taking in the scenery. Above all, Andrew adored his family. His children, Olivia and Jonah, were everything to him. He always found ways to laugh and have fun with them, sharing and passing along his creativity and passions. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by spouse Heather Pilkington, mother Jean Marie Cantrill, father Peter Czeck (stepmother Paula Wagner, stepfather John Cantrill), grandfather Frank Grandizio, godmother Francis Crippen, son Jonah Czeck, daughter Olivia Czeck, brother Stephen Czeck and his spouse Michael Reibling, sisters Emily Cantrill, Kate Cantrill, and Christina Cantrill, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. A private graveside service and inurnment took place Friday, August 14, 2020, in the family lot in Binghamville Cemetery. The family invites you to share your memories and condolences by visiting [www.awrflh.com](http://www.awrflh.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## It's about food and smells for bears

## To the Editor,

There have been a number of postings and follow-ups regarding various bear sightings and neighborhood "visits." We're in the Foothills and many of us have seen, heard of, or been visited by bears as they've motored about over the years. With the uptick in chatter and sightings this year, it's important to learn and understand as much as we can about our black bears so that we can live in harmony with them; after all, they were here first. I decided to contact a friend who's perhaps the world's most renowned expert on black bears. Since the mid-90's Ben Kilham, Kilham Bear Center of Lyme, NH has been rehabilitating black bear cubs and reintroducing them back into the wild. To date, he's reintroduced nearly 300 bears, and currently has 28 cubs at his facility (the majority coming from Vermont).

I asked Ben for some advice on protecting "our" bears and how best to do our part in keeping them safe. He said: "It's all about food and smells for bears. Put bird feeders away, deodorize/smell proof and fasten/enclose rubbish, and don't leave scraps or feed bears." For those of us who compost, "regularly turn over compost so that most recent deposits are mixed with more aged, less odorous material. Mix in lime, grasses, leaves."

We had a large boar visit us in the Foothills late May... that's mating time, so he was probably looking for a sow. One of the coolest aspects of living in northern Vermont is that we do so amidst a wonderful array of wildlife. We owe it to our co-tenants to do all that we can to keep their populations strong. For some amazing insights into the lives of black bears, here's a link to Kilham Bear Center... check out the YouTube vids... pretty cool stuff: <https://kilhambearcenter.org/>.

Jeff Kolok  
Jericho

## Resource guide for anti-racist teaching

## To the Editor,

Earlier this summer, I started a project of collecting resources in a Google Doc for fellow educators, parents, and community members wanting to begin reflecting on their work with children around anti-racism. The Google Doc turned into a website providing an Anti-Racist Teacher planner that will guide teachers on a path of reflection, conversation, and planning for the upcoming school year using the resources from the guide. I invite you to access the website and join us in discussions, at [www.hannahassefa.com](http://www.hannahassefa.com). Description from website:

"The Anti-Racist Resource Guide for Educators has been created to provide resources to educators who want to think and learn more about how their teaching can perpetuate misinformation, stereotypes, and educational inequities; ways in which they may celebrate, teach, and provide diversity in their classroom; and begin to plan ways in which they will inspire their students to not only be aware of historic and/or current events but be active citizens by using this information to make the change they want to see. This initially began as a series of Facebook posts shared with close friends and family. However, requests for more public sharing of resources prompted the creation of this guide."

Please share widely with friends, family, students, and colleagues. You may also use this guide as a reflection tool or discussion starter with your professional learning community (PLC) and/or school community.

Hannah Assefa, Westford

## BLM and the Select Board

## To the Editor,

The Jericho Select Board has made the decision to allow the painting of a Black Lives Matter mural on River Road between Park Street and Dickenson Road. While that section of road will be closed, the detour is extremely short. If you are coming south on River Road, you will turn right on Park Street, left on VT Rt. 15, and be back on route in two minutes or so. Certainly, showing support for equal treatment of all of our citizens is worth two minutes.

However, I believe this decision was short sighted. I did not attend the virtual Select Board meeting, and that's my fault. If I

had, I would have let them know this: On July 9, the Women for America First, a pro-Trump organization, requested permission to paint a mural on a street in NYC. The mural was to state, "Engaging, Inspiring and Empowering Women to Make a Difference!" Ignored by the de Blasio administration, they filed a lawsuit on July 24 claiming that the streets had become a public forum and that their access to that forum was being illegally blocked.

The Washington D.C. conservative group Judicial Watch made a similar request. "Because no one is above the law" is their motto and that's what they wanted to paint on a street in D.C. where other streets had been painted with "Defund the Police" and "Black Lives Matter." This request was also ignored, and unsurprisingly, a lawsuit quickly followed.

In Tulsa, OK, a Black Lives Matter mural had been painted, without permission, on a roadway. Back the Blue Tulsa, a pro-law enforcement group, requested that they, too, be allowed to paint their own mural. The Tulsa City Council removed the BLM mural.

Much the same happened in Redwood City, CA, when city officials, having allowed and aided in the painting of a BLM mural, faced a request by another citizen to paint "MAGA 2020." The BLM mural was removed.

Closer to home, Republican gubernatorial candidate John Klar's request for permission to paint "Liberty and Justice for All" on State Street for July 4th was denied.

Having made the decision that our streets are a public forum, the Select Board will find it now has three choices: either reverse its decision and remove a mural; allow murals for any number of organizations to bloom across our roadways like mushrooms after the rain; or, worst of all, attempt to control what speech is allowed in this newly created public forum contrary to the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article 13 of the Vermont Constitution.

David Workman, Underhill

## At this point, not a farthing!

## To the Editor,

In order to better determine my level of contribution to the Jericho Historical Society's Go Fund Me campaign toward restoration of the riverside wall at Jericho's Old Red Mill, I should like to see an independent audit of the Society's financial affairs.

Stuart A. Alexander, Jericho

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answering further questions will not delay the arrival of the ambulance. The dispatcher can often gain valuable information from you if you remain on the phone, and they can relay that information to the ambulance crew as the crew is en route to your location. Here at Essex Rescue, it takes an average of 2.6 minutes from the time the crew receives the emergency tones to the time the truck is pulling out of the station. It takes on average another 7.1 minutes for the crew to arrive on scene.

As you are waiting for the ambulance to arrive, follow any instructions the dispatcher gives you. If they have told you it is okay to hang up, there are a few other tasks you can do to help the crews if you are safely able to do so.

If you have any pets that might get loose or pose a danger to the crew, try to close them into a room where they won't be in the way.

If you have a list of your medications, have it out and ready for the crew to look at.

Make sure your door is unlocked or that there is someone there

to open it for the crew if possible. If it is nighttime, turning on a porch light makes it easier for the crew to read your house number, or recognize that you are the house in need of their services. If your house does not have numbers on its siding or mailbox you may want to think about adding some.

Once on scene the crew will divide up tasks, with one person taking vital signs, another asking questions about the nature of the emergency, any allergies you may have, current medications, pertinent medical history, etc. Another crew member may work on figuring out the best extrication strategy should you chose to go to the hospital. On average, our crews spend about 22.3 minutes on scene.

If you chose to go the hospital in the ambulance, the crew will get you situated as comfortably as possible on the stretcher and loaded into the ambulance. On the way to the hospital the crew will continue to monitor your vital signs. For some patients, where protocol dictates, they will place an IV and potentially administer medication. They will also call the hospital to give them a brief

report on your condition as well as an E.T.A. Essex Rescue's average time from the scene to the hospital is 21.9 minutes.

At the hospital we will take you to where the Emergency Department (ED) staff directs us, which may be a bed but in some cases could be the triage station. We will give a report to the nurse detailing your vitals and condition. After the report is given, we will leave you in the hands of ED staff while we go to clean and re-dress the stretcher with fresh linens. One crew member will typically clean the back of the truck while the others are in the hospital delivering the patient. Essex Rescue is typically at the hospital for 21.6 minutes cleaning up from a call and preparing for the next one.

At Essex Rescue we strive to provide excellent patient care on every call. We are a volunteer service and we are always looking for individuals who are interested in serving their community! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Essex Rescue or would like more information, please contact us at 802-878-4859 ext 3.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## OIDEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appointments for browsing are available Thursdays 12:00 – 6:45 PM, Fridays 10:45 AM – 4:45 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Appointments for computer use are available Thursdays, 12:15 – 7:00 PM, Fridays 10:15 AM – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:15 AM – 1:15 PM. Please call 899-4962 to arrange services.

DRML offers curbside pick-up Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 – 7:30 PM, Wednesdays and Fridays 1:00 – 5:30 PM, and Saturdays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please contact us, 899-4962 or [rawsonlibrary@drml.org](mailto:rawsonlibrary@drml.org), to arrange a pick-up. Our catalog is available at <https://drml.bywatersolutions.com/> to check for items that the library owns. For the full guidelines on how curbside pickup works, please go online to [https://mailchi.mp/a2b65877d439/curbside-returns-to-drml?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/a2b65877d439/curbside-returns-to-drml?e=[UNIQID]).

Anyone who has a DRML library card can place a hold from home. When your hold is ready, staff will contact you to confirm a pick-up date. Sign in on the catalog website <https://drml.bywatersolutions.com/> and start browsing! Be sure to click the “confirm hold” button at the bottom of your screen once you have selected an item to place on hold. Any questions, please call 899-4962.

As we move forward into the autumn, we are seeking your input on what our programming should look like. Would you be comfortable with socially-distanced outdoor programs? Is there a virtual program idea that you would like to see as part of our lineup? Are you an artist, performer, or presenter that would like to partner with us? Go to [tinyurl.com/drmlprogramsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/drmlprogramsurvey) to help shape our fall programming!

Have you visited our gardens lately? The library has been designated as an Extension Master Garden site, and twice a week an enthusiastic group of volunteers gather to plant and maintain a variety of gardens. They include winterberries near the front of the library, yellow daylilies that extend along the side of the building, and Miss Kim lilacs and a butterfly garden at the back of the building, which feature a lush variety of native plants. We also have a vegetable garden that is harvested and delivered to local community members — to the Food Shelf on the third Saturday of the month, and to Jeri Hill Senior Housing on the alternating weeks. Finally, a beautiful Theme Garden has been created to honor author Thornton W. Burgess, so please do step outside and enjoy!

The Third Annual Poetry Walk is now up at Mills Riverside Park! A collaboration between DRML and Mills Riverside Park, the Poetry Walk promote literacy, learning, and a deeper connection and appreciation of the natural world. This year’s featured poet is William Wordsworth (1770-1850), a central figure of English Romanticism. He was chiefly concerned with humanity’s relationship with nature, as well as using a more vernacular vocabulary to connect with the common reader. The eight poems featured exhibit Wordsworth’s characteristic fascination with nature, and his compositions are simple yet effusive with wonder. No registration required; just stop by Mills Riverside Park, which is open dawn to dusk, and keep an eye out for the eight poems located on the Lower Trails. For more information about Mills Riverside Park, please visit <https://www.millsriversidepark.org/>.

### Adult programs

Please register for all programs you are interested in attending by going to [tinyurl.com/program820](https://tinyurl.com/program820). You will then be sent all of the information you need to participate. Registration required; in case of inclement weather, we will contact you with a Zoom meeting link at the email address you provided.

Vermont Reads: The Hate U Give — Thursday, August 27, 7:00 PM. All are invited to join a discussion of the Vermont Reads 2020 selection by Angie Thomas. The VT Humanities Council has provided us with a number of copies to distribute in order to facilitate conversations about this important work. Adult and teen readers are both invited to participate. To request a copy, please contact [rawsonlibrary@drml.org](mailto:rawsonlibrary@drml.org). Registration required; in case of inclement weather, we will contact you with a Zoom meeting link at the email address you provided.

Mystery Book Club: Iron Lake — Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 PM. All are invited to join a discussion of Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger. We will meet outside (weather permitting) so please bring a mask, a chair, and bug spray! In the event of inclement weather, we will distribute a Zoom meeting link. Registration required; in case of inclement weather, we will contact you with a Zoom meeting link at the email address you provided.

### Youth Programs

Tea and Talk with Youth Librarian Abbey — Friday, August 28, 11:00 AM. Caregivers and kids are invited to join a Zoom call with our Youth Librarian Abbey for tea (or coffee, or juice) and talk. Drop in any time during the hour to tell her about your favorite books, shows, or movies, get or give book suggestions, and just digitally hang out with each other. Looking forward to seeing you in cyberspace! Please register for all programs you are interested in attending by going to [tinyurl.com/program820](https://tinyurl.com/program820). You will then be sent all of the information you need to participate.

Storytime returns on Zoom, Tuesday, August 18, 10:30 – 11:00 AM with Ms. Abbey! Pre-register at <https://forms.gle/Hgdv8aInDHbdMdP89>. See you in cyberspace!

The Story Walk® is still up! Bring your family, sun protection, water bottles, and a snack and enjoy The Listening Walk by Paul Showers and illustrated by Alikei.

Stopping by to pick up books curbside or do the Story Walk®? Consider trying out our Sidewalk Chalk Challenges! Measure, rhyme, leap, and solve problems! Starts in front of the building and down the left side.

All our online services are up and running on our webpage, [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org). As we find new and exciting things we will post them on the webpage and on our Facebook page.

Our WiFi will remain active and is accessible from the parking lot or other areas adjacent to the building. WiFi is available 24/7. A password is not needed to connect. Please be aware that our WiFi does not offer a secure connection.

For a full list of online resources, including digital e-book and audio book services, classes including language courses, and compilations of filmed programs, please visit <https://www.drml.org/how-to-use-a-closed-library/>.

Contact information: email [rawsonlibrary@drml.org](mailto:rawsonlibrary@drml.org); website [www.drml.org](http://www.drml.org); phone 802-899-4962.

## JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

This summer we are asking patrons not to use the Drop Box to return books. We have scheduled Bulk Return Days to manage returned books. Please check the website for details, or call the

library, 802-899-4686.

Curbside Pickup days and hours are Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, and Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. If you cannot pick up items during either of these times, or do not have access to pick up your request on your own, please email [curbside@jerichotownlibraryvt.org](mailto:curbside@jerichotownlibraryvt.org) or call 802-899-4686 to set up individual options.

You will arrive to find your bundled bags on JTL’s front stoop. If the weather is inclement, pick up your requests in the library foyer. No one may enter the main library at this time. Please do your best to touch only the bags with your name on them.

Curbside Pickup details are always available at <https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/>. Each individual in a household may check out up to five items at a time, including DVDs — either request five specific titles, or select a bundle (see below) that our library staff will choose for you: Librarian’s Choice! If you do not currently have a library card, fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/JeNZNUlxjFomnzJ4A>. You can also browse our online library catalog!

To submit a Curbside Pickup request, please use this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/PHo1GRPLdsrK6URi6>; the library website also has the Curbside Pickup Request Form. If you are unable to place your request digitally, you may also call us at 802-899-4686. Please do not email your requests. If a specific title isn’t available, you can indicate on the form if you’d like us to replace the unavailable title(s) with another choice. You can also choose a Book Bundle:

- Picture Book Bundle: Five picture books selected just for your little one!
- Early Reader Bundle: Five early readers to keep your little one learning and reading!
- Grade 3-5 Book Bundle: Five titles combining fiction (and possibly nonfiction) for your school-age reader!
- Grade 6-8 Book Bundle: Five titles that span middle grade and YA tastes!
- YA Bundle: Trust me, if Lisa puts this together, you’ll like it. p.s.: You don’t need to be a young adult to read YA!
- Custom Bundle: If you’re thirsting for a particular genre or subject, we’ll do our best to meet your needs!

We will fill your requests as readily as possible, and will call or email you when your titles are ready for pick up. Titles will then be packaged in paper bags and labeled just for you.

If you have more Curbside Pickup questions, please email [curbside@jerichotownlibraryvt.org](mailto:curbside@jerichotownlibraryvt.org) or call 802-899-4686.

For more information on programs and library services, please visit our website [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org) or call 899-4686.

## VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

The Varnum has been inundated with book donations and until further notice will not be taking any more donations. Also, the library has discontinued the online book sale for the foreseeable future due to low interest.

Please let us know if you have any questions; we are still figuring out new ways to assist the community, so we appreciate your patience.

The Varnum is offering kids’ *Get Crafty Kits*, a bag filled with crafty treasures to inspire your imagination! They are available upon request by emailing [varnumrequests@gmail.com](mailto:varnumrequests@gmail.com) and will be available at our curbside pick-up hours. We wanted to share with you all the great materials we have to help you refresh your stash. Supplies are limited so request one today!

Clay Challenge! Designed especially for our adult patrons. The Varnum knows you are bursting with as much creativity, imagination, and love to get your hands dirty as our little ones. The Clay Challenge kit includes one pound of air drying clay, Artea gouache paints, a palette, and paint brushes. This should be all you need to create a sculpture of your own, perhaps reflecting our beautiful green mountains in the summer, the movement for social justice, or hope for the future in the face of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. We would love to see your creations, so please upload photographs to Facebook and Instagram (@thevarnum), or email them to us at [varnumrequests@gmail.com](mailto:varnumrequests@gmail.com) with permission to share. Be sure to include a title for your work and your name so we can give you credit for your creativity. We have limited supplies, so don’t wait to let us know that you would like a kit and we will put it outside for curbside pickup, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

The library offers curbside pickup of books, audios, and movies; please, no requests for guest passes at this time. Pickups are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, and on Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. You can select specific titles or ask us to put together a selection of books and titles that you might like based on your past choices. You can begin searching for books in our catalog: <https://varnum.kohavt.org>. We are currently not processing interlibrary loans. When you find what books you’re interested in, you can email us a request at [varnumrequests@gmail.com](mailto:varnumrequests@gmail.com) and we will answer them in the order that they are received. Once your book is pulled, we will respond to your email and let you know the next day you can pick it up.

Before you request any materials from us, please read the next section:

- If you or anyone in your household has been ill, please hold off on returning or picking up materials.
- We are practicing social distancing, so materials will be on the table outside on the deck. Please wear a mask in case there are other patrons nearby during pickup.
- We are requesting that one person per family be on the deck at a time. Due to the current health situation, we can only provide this service if people practice social distancing.

If you have books to return to the library, please put them in the book drop so they can be quarantined and then made available to other people.

If you are wondering what your Overdrive/Libby information is, your login is your library card number and your pin is your last name all lowercase. If you do not know your library card number, we can look it up for you, but it may take us a while. Please be patient; we are overwhelmed with emails and messages.

We miss all of you so much! Not being able to see your faces and interact with our community is very sad for our staff. We hope you are all safe and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

The Varnum Library, P.O. Box 198, 194 Main St., Jeffersonville, 802-644-2117; [thevarnum@gmail.com](mailto:thevarnum@gmail.com); [www.varnumlibrary.org](http://www.varnumlibrary.org).

## WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Westford Public Library opened for limited in person services starting Saturday, August 1 in Phase 4 of our reopening plan. We will be open Wednesdays, 1:00 – 7:00 PM, and Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The first hour of each day is reserved for senior and immuno-compromised patrons. *Curbside service is still the preferred option.* Please see our detailed plan at <https://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/visiting-during-covid/>. Visits are limited to 30 minutes or less. The children’s area will be closed — browsing in main area only. Masks and social distancing are required for patrons ages 2 and up; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

The State Parks passes and the State Historic Sites pass are here! Passes are good for your entire vehicle, up to eight people. You can check out these passes via curbside pickup. Use the curbside pickup form on our website or pinned to the top of our Facebook page. Passes picked up Wednesday must be back by Saturday at 9:00 AM, Saturday picked up passes must be back by Wednesday at 9:00 AM. All passes will be sanitized before circulation. The program has been jointly sponsored the Department of Libraries, the VT Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, and the VT Division for Historic Preservation. An additional park pass was purchased by the Westford Public Library for your enjoyment.

The book drop to return library items is open and ready to accept your Westford Library books and other items.

NOT WANTED IN THE BOOK DROP: books from the school, items from other libraries, book donations. The book drop was never really closed, but now that the governor has “loosened the spigot,” we are asking for materials back. With the library providing a great deal of curbside service, our shelves are getting a bit bare. If you still are using your items, by all means keep reading or watching!

Please note that email reminders will resume for overdue books. All Zoom links will be on FPF and FaceBook, or contact Bree to email them to you.

Curbside Crafts and Storytime: Storytimes will be on Thursdays, either digitally or outside on the Common (weather permitting, and if gatherings of 25 or more are permitted). If on the Common, they will be at 11:00 AM and social distancing rules will be each family’s responsibility.

Each week will have a craft/theme. The craft can be picked up as part of your curbside order (Wednesday/Saturday, request in your order form) or on Thursdays after storytime. These crafts are kits that you will do at home, suitable for all ages, but may contain small parts. Pick up one craft per child.

MONDAYS: Magic Mondays with a new magic trick from magician Ed Popielarczyk, on the library’s FaceBook page.

WEDNESDAYS: Curbside pickup, 3:00 – 5:00 PM; get your orders in by 7:00 PM the night before. Form on our website and FaceBook page.

Adult Book Group, meets the third Wednesday of the month (via Zoom), 7:00 – 8:00 PM. August 19: The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro. The audiobook and ebook are available on Libby. Physical copies of the book can be requested for curbside pickup. For information, contact Bree ([westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com) or 878-5639). Zoom link information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82662784843?pwd=YlhmbHphY3FJamI3M2RDOWFPU2I2QT09>; meeting ID: 826 6278 4843; password: library.

SATURDAYS: Curbside pickup 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; get your orders in by 7:00 PM the night before. Form on our website and FaceBook page.

THURSDAYS: Storytime! We now have in-person, outside, and socially distant storytime at 11:30 AM at the Westford School. Feel free to watch a “re-run” at <https://westfordpubliclibrary.wordpress.com/story-time/>.

The library’s WiFi will remain on 24 hours a day. It can be accessed via the parking lot, around the building, or across the street on the Common. Please use social distancing.

Library cards can be renewed or created via email or the phone.

Free Downloadable Ebooks and Audiobooks: Libby/Overdrive, free with your library card. Don’t know your number, card expired, don’t have a card? No problem! Can all be done over email. Here are two helpful links:

- <https://help.libbyapp.com/6144.htm>
- <https://help.overdrive.com/en-us/categories/getting-started.htm>

878-5639; <http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>; [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

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## RICHMOND LIBRARY

StoryWalk® — A StoryWalk is an outdoor reading experience that reveals a story page by page as the reader follows the StoryWalk route. There will be a new StoryWalk set up around the library grounds each week. So come take a walk, read a book!

Guessing Jars — While you’re picking up your books, craft bag and getting your reading club charm in the foyer, don’t forget to make a guess. A new jar will appear on the foyer table each week along with a poster of winners from the week before. Winners go home with a book from the prize box.

Storytime Bags — We’ve made storytime at your house easier than ever. We have put together eight themed Storytime Bags. Each Storytime Bag contains books, songs, rhymes and a craft/activity. Themes include: Pets; Gardens; Counting; Things that Go; Friends; Seasons; Silly Books and Camping. Request one of the bags today by calling or emailing.

Online Resources — Visit the Richmond Free Library Youth Services page to connect with TumbleBooks for a fun, gently animated picture book storytime and Storyline Online to hear great children’s authors and other celebrities reading aloud from fabulous picture books. Here you will find links to other great youth sites as well including resources for elementary-aged and older youth.

Remember to browse our catalog at [rfl.kohavt.org](http://rfl.kohavt.org)! We have more than books to lend — request audiobooks on CD, Playaways, Magazines, and Movies! Log in to your account with your library card barcode and your last name as the password to reserve items, or call or email the Library. Not sure what to read next? Let us help!

While Vermont libraries were permitted to begin phased openings on June 1 per the Governor’s orders, any opening must be

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Our Community Cares Camp concludes successful season

In January 2020, supporters for Our Community Cares Camp said camp would be “a little different this year.” We all know now what an understatement that was.

Here’s what wasn’t different: campers came to us with enthusiasm and left the four-week season healthy, happy, and with tremendous respect for their responsibility to care for others while having fun. And fun they had: a Medieval Week of making shields, castles, and a live Fencing demonstration — WOW! They had a week of all things ooey and gooey. Campers made potions and slime, conducted experiments with yeast, and explored ooblec. They were architects and builders with cardboard to make everything from castles to arcade games. They created papier mâché masks and many other art projects (thank you, Brian Letizia, our new Art Director) as well as beautiful music (hats off to our long time Music Director, Buddy DuBay). All this while maintaining appropriate social distancing, wearing masks, and washing hands like pros — every camper understood this expectation and met it, every day.

There were, of course, many changes: the MMUU School District provided breakfasts and lunches for all children who requested them and therefore provided for our campers too. We provided healthy snacks (thank you VYCC and other local producers!) while we taught all staff, counselors, and campers about the guidance for safe behaviors from the Vermont Department of Health, the Agency of Education, and the Department of Children and Families. We supplied everyone with hand soap and correctly sized masks, reinforced with ample supplies of hand sanitizer, face shields, infrared touch-free thermometers, personal protective equipment for the health screener, and an adequate supply of cleaning agents.

We also lengthened the camp day, moving from a half-day model to a full seven-hour (school) day to help essential workers and working families. We added an entirely new component of Virtual Camp — OCCCTV to support children and families not able to attend in-person camp through a free and public zoom link for art, music, games, and reading. Inclusion was our goal.

In short, with the direct support of our communities, we gave 55 kids (almost half from Richmond, a third from Bolton, a fifth from Huntington, and the rest from Jericho) an outstanding summer camp experience. We want to thank their families for their dedicated support to our requests for safety compliance, the school district’s leaders (especially John Alberghini and Mark Carbone!) for access to buildings, grounds, and their guidance, staff and counselors from every single town in the district, volunteers, and, most of all, the community for your trust and support. We could not have done this without you. It takes a culture of love and willingness to invest resources in an uncertain time. You did it — thank you so much.

### Enhanced rebates end August 31

Green Mountain Power has new incentives and programs to help customers save money and help small businesses get back on their feet following the COVID-19 economic shutdown. In May, GMP increased rebates on heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, electric mowers and electric bikes — and that increased amount will end soon, as it only lasts through the end of August.

The enhanced rebates help you save money while you reduce your carbon footprint and reduce costs for all GMP customers at the same time. And when you get a heat pump, or an electric bike or mower, you’re also helping local Vermont businesses.

Enhanced rebates good through August 31, 2020 (After August it will return to the original amount):

- Heat pump, now \$800 (was \$400): <https://greenmountainpower.com/product/ductless-heat-pump/>
- Heat pump water heater, new \$200 (can combine with up to \$600 from Efficiency Vermont): <https://greenmountainpower.com/product/heat-pump-water-heater/>
- Electric bike, now \$300 (was \$200): <https://greenmountainpower.com/product/ebike-rebate/>
- Electric mower, \$75 (was \$50): <https://greenmountainpower.com/product/green-up-your-mowing/>

You can also raise money for the Vermont Foodbank without spending a dime! Through GMP’s new Save and Share program, you can save energy and money. When you sign up, you receive notifications about peak energy use times, and then you can take steps to lower your own energy usage during the peak. For every 1MWh of energy saved through this program, \$5000 will go to the Vermont Foodbank. Enrollment form and program details here: <https://greenmountainpower.com/product/save-and-share/>.

Learn more about GMP’s Go, Save & Share Green rebates and programs online at <https://greenmountainpower.com/news/go-save-share-green-with-gmp-launches/> or call 888-835-4672.

### United Way volunteer opportunities

United Way’s Volunteer Connection site is set up to help connect agencies and volunteers. Agencies are working hard to navigate volunteering in this new time, so the opportunities are still limited, but we are starting to see more. Go online to <https://unitedwaynwvt.galaxydigital.com/> to see these and other opportunities.

URGENT NEED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY — Age Well Meals on Wheels is looking for delivery volunteers to help their neighbors by providing a friendly face and a comforting meal. Immediate openings in Georgia, Swanton, Highgate, Richford, Enosburg and Montgomery. Contact Laura Need, 662-5254 or [lneed@agewellvt.org](mailto:lneed@agewellvt.org).

ON THE FARM — Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) needs your help more than ever this year to grow food for our Health Care Share program. Typically, our farm is filled with youth crews, but given precautions around COVID-19, things look different this year. They currently have a small team working on the farm and are in need of extra hands to keep production going for the Health Care Share distributions, which started in July. Contact Kyle, [volunteer@vycc.org](mailto:volunteer@vycc.org), to sign up for a shift.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (COSA) — Franklin Grand Isle Restorative Justice Center is in search of community members to support individuals to successfully re-enter the community after release from prison. Through positive connections and encouragement, trained COSA volunteers work in teams of three to five and meet weekly with the individual to support returning to the community and everyday living. Application, training, and a background check are required. To learn more, contact Lee King, [lee@fgirc.org](mailto:lee@fgirc.org).

SHARE A MEAL — Buell Street Dismas House is seeking an

individual, family, or civic group who will purchase and prepare dinner for up to 10 residents and one staff member once a month. You have to option to drop off the meal or join them for dinner. Total volunteer time is about two to three hours, including shopping, cooking, and eating. Contact Kimberly Parsons, 658-0381 or [kim@dismasofvt.org](mailto:kim@dismasofvt.org).

YOUTH MENTOR/INTERN POSITIONS — Sara Holbrook Community Center is in search of adults to be youth mentors. They are looking for mentors with good listening skills and who are responsible, dependable, considerate, and optimistic. Mentors create a personal and optimistic relationship with the child, act as a role model, help establish personal goals, motivate and inspire youth, and much more. Contact Donna Diaz, [ddiaz@saraholbrookcc.org](mailto:ddiaz@saraholbrookcc.org) to learn more.

### Seeking bike, sewing machine donations for Pedals for Progress

Cleaning out your attic, basement or garage? The Fairfax Knights of Columbus are again collecting used and unwanted bikes and sewing machines for Pedals for Progress ([www.p4p.org](http://www.p4p.org)). The bikes and sewing machines will be shipped to poor people in third world countries to provide vitally need transportation and income.

If you have bikes and/or sewing machines you would like to donate, you can arrange for a pick up or drop off by calling Bob Thompson, 802-503-7969. We generally ask for a \$10 donation per item to help defray the tremendous expense of transportation. Social distancing and all other COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Your donation can go a long way to improve the quality of life of people who otherwise have nothing. Thanks!

### VYCC Farm Stand offers

#### 3SquaresVT users 50% off

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps operates a roadside farm stand in Richmond that is now one of three in Vermont to accept 3SquaresVT benefits and offer a 50% discount on vegetables to 3SquaresVT customers.

The farm stand, open daily 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, is stocked with fresh produce, flowers, herbs, pasture-raised chickens, and eggs. Products are grown on site by youth and young adult Corps Members.

As of June 2020, VYCC accepts 3SquaresVT benefits on all eligible products. And, 3SquaresVT customers can receive a 50% discount on produce, thanks to NOFA-VT’s Farm Stand Match Program.

NOFA-VT’s program aims to support the efforts of 3SquaresVT customers to purchase more locally grown fresh produce while keeping federal food assistance dollars local and building stronger relationships between farmers and eaters.

“3SquaresVT is here for all of us when we need a little help buying food,” says Phil Morin, Food Security and Advocacy Manager at Hunger Free Vermont. “Having the option to use those benefits at the VYCC Farm Stand not only allows Vermonters to access fresh and local food, it also helps support the great work of VYCC.”

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able to comply with recommended safety guidelines. Because of the difficulty of meeting those guidelines, until further notice, the Richmond Free Library will limit its operations to curbside pick-up and summer program activities via the foyer, as well as digital services accessed via our webpage: [richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://richmondfreelibraryvt.org).

Please note, there is lots of new information on our website, <https://richmondfreelibraryvt.org>.

We are again able to offer library patrons access to the physical collection. This includes books, audiobooks, magazines, and DVDs. We cannot allow visitors beyond the outer foyer but you will find that this space has been adapted to serve as a safe and convenient place to pick up your item requests. Book bins in the foyer have been labeled alphabetically. Requested items will be bagged, labeled and placed in the bins according to patron’s last name. The door will be left open so visitors need not touch anything except their own bag. Please be mindful of others and wait your turn to enter the space if there is already someone there.

There are three ways to request materials:

• Place a hold on whatever you like through your library account at [rfl.kohavt.org](http://rfl.kohavt.org). You will need your library barcode number to log in to your account. Your password is your own last name (capital first letter). Please note that the maximum number of holds allowed per account is five.

• Call us at 434-3036. Leave a message if it is after hours.

• Email us at [rfl@gmavt.net](mailto:rfl@gmavt.net).

Pick up times are: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:00 – 4:00 PM; Saturday, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. All items can be returned to the outdoor book return bin anytime.

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 434-3036; fax 434-3223; [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org).

#### DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY WILLISTON

We don’t want technology to be a barrier for anyone. If you would like to join us but need some assistance connecting via Zoom, we are here to help. Please email us at [programs@damlvt.org](mailto:programs@damlvt.org) or call us at 878-4918, and we will be happy to help walk you through it.

Dottie the Bookmobile will be making the rounds this summer, with materials for kids and adults! We are introducing themed book bags for easy pickup, and staff will be on hand to help you make selections. We will also have weekly “to go” craft kits, Watershed Explorers activity booklets, and information about our Summer Reading Challenges and other library programs and services.

Patrons may arrange to pick up reserved library materials at any of our stops by calling 878-4918 or emailing [daml@damlvt.org](mailto:daml@damlvt.org). Here is the schedule through Thursday, August 27:

• Tuesdays: 5:00 PM, Williston Community Park; 5:40 PM,

Wildflower Circle; 6:05 PM, Pleasant Acres; 6:40 PM, St. George Villa.

• Wednesdays: 5:00 PM, South Ridge Pool; 5:30 PM, Brennan Woods Pool; 5:55 PM, Indian Ridge Pool; 6:20 PM, Finney Crossing Pool; 6:40 PM, Maple Tree Place.

• Thursdays: 5:00 PM, Stirrup Circle; 5:35 PM, Golf Links; 5:55 PM, Lefebvre Lane; 6:25 PM, Porterwood Lane.

#### FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library Curbside Pickup Hours: Wednesdays, 1:00 – 5:00 PM; Thursdays, 3:00 – 7:00 PM.

In light of COVID-19, all of our programs will be virtual. Keep an eye on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fairfax-Community-Library/160431583972368> and website <http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org> for any updates.

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration required; contact 849-2420 or [libraryprograms@fwsu.org](mailto:libraryprograms@fwsu.org).

#### Youth Events

Wednesday-Thursday, August 19-20: DIY Dragon Eggs. Create your own magical dragon eggs! Pick up your materials at the library on Wednesday, August 19, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, and watch the Facebook livestream on Thursday, August 20, 10:00 AM. The video will remain available afterwards, so don’t worry if you miss it! Please register! Ages 6+

Thursday and Saturday, August 20 and 22: Fairy Garden. Learn the basics of making a fairy garden or gnome home (for those who are not fairy inclined). Pick up your materials at the library on Thursday, August 20, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, and watch the Facebook livestream on Saturday, August 22, 11:00 AM. The video will remain available afterwards, so don’t worry if you miss it! Please register! Ages 6+

Thursday and Friday, August 27-28: Fizzy Potions. Mix up batches of colorful fizzing potions, with Miss Elizabeth your resident witch! Pick up your materials at the library on Thursday, August 27, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, and watch the Facebook livestream on Friday, August 28, 11:00 AM. The video will remain available afterwards, so don’t worry if you miss it! Please register! Ages 6+

#### Adult Events

Thursday and Friday/Saturday, August 20-22: Fairy Gardens. Fairy houses aren’t just for kids! These whimsical little homes make wonderful decorations, both indoors and outdoors. Learn the basics of making a fairy garden or gnome home (for those who are not fairy inclined). Pick up your materials at the library on Thursday, August 20, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, and watch the Facebook livestream on Saturday, August 22, 11:00 AM. The video will remain available afterwards, so don’t worry if you miss it! Please register!

For up-to-date info about programs, visit our website: [www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org), where you can also find a link to the interactive Google calendar.

Fairfax Community Library, 75 Hunt St., Fairfax, VT 05454; [www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvtlibrary.org), 802-849-2420. Call or email [libraryprograms@fwsu.org](mailto:libraryprograms@fwsu.org).

#### BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

We are not be hosting in-person gatherings for now; this could change. We will keep you informed of any additional program offerings or program changes on Facebook and our program calendar at <https://brownelllibrary.org/events/calendar>.

The library offers curbside service, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

Place books, DVDs, etc. on hold at <https://brownell.kohavt.org/> by calling us at 802-878-6955, or emailing [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org). Holds and email requests received by 5:00 PM will be available for same-day pick-up. Phone-in requests received by 5:30 PM will also be available for same-day pick-up. We will call you when your request is ready.

Our book drop is open for returns. Because we are still encouraged to stay safe and stay home, all materials will be checked out to you for three weeks.

Downloadable audio books and ebooks are available through Libby or Overdrive: <https://gmlc.overdrive.com/>. For Village residents, we can even offer a temporary virtual card that will provide access to these online services. For a virtual card, contact the library by phone or email.

You can catch our digital programming on our website program calendar: just select the event for details and the meeting link to log on: <https://brownelllibrary.org/events/calendar>.

If you need help using any of these services, email us at [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org). We will also be checking voicemail periodically, and you can leave us a message at 878-6955.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Contact Main Desk 878-6955, Youth Desk 878-6956, Reference Desk 878-6957, or [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org).

#### ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

The Essex Free Library is currently closed to the public, but offers curbside pickup, Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For more curbside details, please visit <https://www.essexvt.org/753/Curbside-Services>.

We are accepting book returns in the book drop only. Please do not return books inside the vestibule.

While the building is closed, our online resources and services are always open. All you need is your library card. Don’t have a library card? Request a virtual library e-card today to access our ebook and audiobook collections. ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH6EF1cpRRmOhjQ\\_O1GTNOzZ1\\_eJS3WJtR4BQeIaT6mYMT0A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH6EF1cpRRmOhjQ_O1GTNOzZ1_eJS3WJtR4BQeIaT6mYMT0A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1))

Essex Free Library, 1 Browns River Rd., Essex. 802-879-0313; [essexfreelibrary.com](http://essexfreelibrary.com).

## Westford Rec youth fall soccer registration open until August 26

Westford Rec's fall soccer registration is open, with registrations due by Wednesday, August 26. The season runs from the week of Tuesday, September 1 through Saturday, October 24. The days and times of practices are yet to be determined, but they will be held at the Westford School.

Registration fees are as follows: preK and K \$35; grades 1 and 2 \$45; grade 3 and 4 \$45; girls 5 and 6 \$45.

Players in grades 3-6 will need to have shin guards, cleats, and masks. For players in PreK, K, and grades 1-2, cleats and shin guards are recommended, and a mask is required.

COVID-19 release: The registration form has been updated with a COVID-19 Agreement to ensure the safety of our program participants and our community. Additionally, all participants will be signed-in at the start of each program to ensure the safety checklist has been completed.

Sign up via the registration form online at <https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/WESTFORD-RECREATION-DEPARTMENT-REGISTRATION-FORM-July-2020.pdf>.

## Register for Westford Rec adult soccer

Westford Rec's adult soccer registration is now open. The plan is to have both a women's and men's program if we have the numbers; 12-16 participants needed for both programs. A point person will be needed for each group. Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested.

Both programs are set to run Sundays, 4:00 PM at the Westford School. Registration fee: \$45.

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## VSAC: appealing your financial aid

Has your financial situation changed, especially due to COVID-19? Vermont residents may be able to receive additional grant money for education or training. Take our one-minute survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSACappeal> to see if you may qualify. Then follow these steps:

STEP 1: APPEAL YOUR VERMONT GRANT THROUGH VSAC. Log into MyVSAC if:

- you have high medical expenses; or
- your income has decreased.

Complete an estimated income worksheet on your Grants To Do list. If you don't see this worksheet, contact VSAC's Grants Program, [grants@vsac.org](mailto:grants@vsac.org), or call 800-882-4166 or 802-654-3750.

Contact VSAC's Grants Program, [grants@vsac.org](mailto:grants@vsac.org), or call 800-882-4166 or 802-654-3750 to appeal your state grant award if:

- you have additional or unexpected expenses due to COVID-19;
- your family size has increased; or
- your assets have decreased.

STEP 2: REACH OUT TO YOUR SCHOOL TO APPEAL OTHER FINANCIAL AID. Call or email your school's financial aid office. Need help with an appeal letter? See one of the template letters at <https://formswift.com/swift-student>.

STEP 3: STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? Check out our FAQs at <https://www.vsac.org/faqs/appealing-your-financial-aid-offer>.

For more information, contact VSAC's Grants Program, [grants@vsac.org](mailto:grants@vsac.org), or call 800-882-4166 or 802-654-3750.



## Find your way to DRML's Thornton Burgess Garden!

Are you looking for something special to do on an August afternoon? Take advantage of the beautiful weather and take a walk behind the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho. This year's lovely garden is dedicated to the literary contributions of Thornton Burgess (1874-1965). Mr. Burgess was a conservationist and author of children's books. His books feature Peter Rabbit going to Mother Nature and asking questions about himself and his Rabbit relatives. The garden is full of vegetables and flowers. In time Peter revisited Mother Nature with a variety of animal friends so they could also learn all about themselves and their families. After your walk, call the library to check out one of his delightful books.

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Hannah Franchimont is one of the four VYCC Corps Members who built VYCC's charming roadside farm stand this spring, right before the pandemic hit. "I remember seeing the trailer platform and asking, how is this going to end up being a farmstand? I had no idea how we were going to make this happen," Hannah recalls. Jacob Mushlin, Yestermorrow Instructor, guided the crew through the project. Hannah loved the experience. "Every day we got a lot done and learned a lot from Jacob at the same time. We built a pretty cool looking structure in a week."

Now, under the red roof Hannah picked out, the farm stand is filled with cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, eggplant, fresh herbs, and flowers. In the cooler and freezer attached to the outside, customers can find lettuce, Swiss chard, kale, beets,

green beans, eggs, whole chickens, and soups.

The farm stand accepts cash, check, credit/debit, 3SquaresVT, and VYCC sells gift cards online (<http://vycc.org/>) that can be redeemed at the stand.

To use 3SquaresVT benefits and receive the discount, please call 802-310-2087 when you arrive and a team member will be happy to assist you.

Get the latest news on what is available at the farm stand on Instagram [@thefarmatvycc](https://www.instagram.com/thefarmatvycc).

Purchases at the VYCC farm stand directly support youth and young adults' effort to increase food security for Vermont families through the Health Care Share project (<https://www.vycc.org/farm/health-care-share/>) and to educate and empower local youth through farming.



Hill Senior Housing on Raceway Road in Jericho.

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