

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Underhill Class 4 Roads Committee seeks members

**By Brad Holden, Underhill Town Administrator**

The Underhill Selectboard has approved the formation of a Class 4 Roads Study Committee. The Town of Underhill has just over a dozen highways that are designated Class 4 on its General Highway Map. The Selectboard recognizes that there are differences among the various Class 4 Highways and therefore would like to consider a more detailed policy in regards to how these highways are overseen by the Town.

If you are interested in joining this committee please email a letter, addressed to the Underhill Selectboard, introducing yourself and give a brief explanation about why you would be interested in participating on the committee.

Please email letters of interest to Brad Holden, [bholden@underhillvt.gov](mailto:bholden@underhillvt.gov), and feel free to call 802-899-4434 Ext 7 if you have any questions. The deadline for letters of interest is Monday, August 22, 2022 by 4:00 PM.

### Jericho road projects: updates

**By John Abbott, Jericho Town Administrator**  
*Friday, August 5*

A note to let residents of Griswold Street know that Munson Earth Moving was sub-contracted by Whitcomb to complete follow-up raking, top soil spreading, and grass hydro-seeding along the edges of the newly laid pavement. The crew began clean up work this morning before an equipment breakdown occurred. They should be back in the neighborhood on Monday (August 8) to continue their work.

*Thursday, August 11*

As reported last week, SD Ireland expected to complete the structural work on the Browns Trace Bridge #15, by the middle of this week. We were informed yesterday that repair to the primary structural beam has taken longer than expected and work will be unable to be completed until next Tuesday, August 16. It is expected that bridge crossing will be open for alternating one-lane passage the following day to accommodate guardrail and roadside work.

We understand these types of projects present considerable inconvenience. We appreciate the flexibility of our neighbors on Fitzsimonds Road and all affected neighbors while work has been underway. In "let's make lemonade from lemons" fashion, it was reported a group of adjacent neighbors took advantage of road closure by gathering an impromptu street party over the weekend. Fun was had by all...

### Jericho Development Review Board vacancy

**By Paula Carrier, Jericho Administrative Assistant**

The Town of Jericho Development Review Board has one vacancy open. The DRB is primarily responsible for reviewing development proposals, which include conditional uses, site plans, subdivisions, appeals of administrative decisions, and requests for waivers and variances. They meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Individuals interested in being considered for a position must notify the town in writing, detailing the reason for their interest and any relevant experience they may have. Notice can be provided through email to [pcarrier@jerichovt.gov](mailto:pcarrier@jerichovt.gov).

### Underhill ARPA Advisory Committee call for members

**By Brad Holden, Underhill Town Administrator**

The Town of Underhill has agreed to form a committee to assist in making recommendations for the uses of federal ARPA/SLFRF Funds, which Underhill has or will have received. The committee will be responsible for soliciting requests and proposals from individuals and organizations, reviewing them, and making a prioritized list of recommendations for the Selectboard to review. If you are interested in being on this committee, please send your letter of interest to Brad Holden at the Town of Underhill, [bholden@underhillvt.gov](mailto:bholden@underhillvt.gov).

The committee's duration is limited as all of the funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and used by December 31, 2026. It is our estimation at this time that the committee will be formed by the end of August and meet throughout the fall of 2022 to make recommendations to the Selectboard by the end of 2022. The hope is that the committee will use the survey that was conducted along with written and detailed proposals to present their recommendations to the board.

If you have questions you can contact Brad, Jennifer, or Sherri and they would be happy to discuss your interest or answer any questions you have. If you are interested please submit a letter of interest no later than Monday, August 15, 2022 at the end of business. The Committee Agreement is on the Town website Homepage, <http://www.underhillvt.gov>.

### Volunteer to help at the Old Red Mill

Have some free time? The Jericho Historical Society is looking for a few volunteers to help out on the sales counter at the Old Red Mill Craft Shop.

Shifts are currently 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and you can fill in based on your availability.

Please contact Cheryl Thomas, 802-899-3196, or leave a message at the Mill, 802-899-3225 and your call will be returned.

### Richmond/Bolton U.S. Rt. 2 rehab

*Thursday, August 04, 2022*

**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** Motorists can expect traffic control to be present, allowing for one-way alternating travel. Motorists can also expect to be traveling on unpaved roadway in the constructed area.

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES:** Roadway excavation/Slab removal on U.S. Rt. 2 in Bolton proceeding west.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The anticipated closure of U.S. Rt. 2 on Friday, August 19 for the installation of a drainage pipe across the roadway just east of the intersection of U.S. Rt. 2 and Jericho Road/Bridge Street has been changed to alternating one-way travel within the work area. **THERE WILL NOT BE A CLOSURE!**

Please email [sbarrett@coibsinc.com](mailto:sbarrett@coibsinc.com), reference "US-2 Richmond," if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

### Governor Peck Rd. to close for road work August 17

**By Paula Carrier, Jericho Administrative Assistant**

The Town of Jericho Highway Department will be closing Governor Peck Road on Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM to replace a cross culvert. Please seek alternate routes during this time.



*Phlox and daisies in the garden at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library in Jericho. The perennials are spectacular this year!*  
PHOTOS BY SUZANNE FREITAS

### Essex/Colchester VT Rts. 2A and 289 schedule

*Thursday, August 4*

**PROJECT TYPE:** Resurfacing  
**PROJECTED COMPLETION:** October 14, 2022  
**TRAFFIC IMPACT:** VT Rt. 2A, none; VT-289, two-way traffic will be maintained with lane shifts between 7:00 PM – 6:00 AM. Motorists need to slow down and use caution while traveling throughout the work area.

**PROJECT UPDATE:** Guardrail replacement is complete and drainage structures have been raised to accommodate final paving on VT Rt. 2A; milling work began VT Rt. 289 on the western end and is proceeding easterly.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS!**

Please email [sbarrett@coibsinc.com](mailto:sbarrett@coibsinc.com), reference "VT Route 2A - Essex," if you would like to receive weekly project updates via email.

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## COMING EVENTS

## Celebrate Westford Farmers' Market, Fire Dept 40<sup>th</sup> August 27

Thanks to everyone who participated and shopped at the first market on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

The next Westford Farmers' Market and Pop-up Shops will be on Saturday, August 27 on the Town Common from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Come support your local farmers and artisans selling fresh, local food and unique, hand-crafted products.

Also, the Westford Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary! There will be a fire truck, handouts, and an ice cream treat for young people to enjoy. This will be a fun way to celebrate our volunteer fire department — an invaluable asset to our community.

Any new vendors who would like to participate, please reach out to [westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com](mailto:westfordfarmersmarketvt@gmail.com).

## UCU Clutter Barn tag sale August 27

The Clutter Barn at United Church of Underhill is having a tag sale on Saturday, August 27, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We have fall and winter clothes for all ages. Thanks to our donors, both floors of the Clutter Barn and three tents are restocked with useful and unique gently used merchandise. In addition to clothing and household items, we have furniture, electronics, CDs, DVDs, LPs, children's toys, books and games, puzzles, linens, fabric, crafts, sewing and knitting supplies, greeting cards, office supplies, sports equipment, canning jars, and tools. This month we have lots of yarn, craft books, x-stitch patterns, quilting books, and patterns.

Mask if you feel more comfortable. We are not limiting numbers of people in the Clutter Barn but ask everyone to enter the front door and exit the back door. Cashiers are outside the back door of the Clutter Barn. Books for adults are for sale in the Damkot barn at 379 VT Rt. 15. That's one and a half blocks from the Clutter Barn on VT Rt. 15, toward Jericho.

In September we will accept donations on Saturdays, September 3 and 10, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. September 10 is our final day to accept donations this year. We are taking fall and winter clothes — no summer clothes please. Our final sale of the season will be Harvest Market on Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25.

We thank you, our community, for your support by donating and we hope you find useful and unique items at our sales at our rock bottom prices.

### Thursday, August 18

**Tour of the Ethan Allen Firing Range**, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Ethan Allen Firing Range, Jericho. Hosted by the VT Army National Guard, the tour will include an overview of the VT Army National Guard organization and capabilities, a visit to firing ranges, and training site locations. Vermont state partners from North Macedonia who specialize in range operations are also scheduled to be taking part in the tour. For more information, including registration details: <https://vt.public.ng.mil/About-Us/Our-Mission/EAFR/>. Due to transportation constraints, the tour is limited to the first 20 registrants. To see the full release please visit <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/426929/vermont-army-national-guard-host-public-tour-range-august-18th>.

### Friday, August 19

**FREE end of summer concert and picnic**, 5:30 PM, Westford Common Hall lawn, Westford. Westford Public Library and Westford Common Hall invite Westford residents to come early to set up and have Bree entertain your children with a special evening story time from 5:30 – 6:00 PM, then dance the night away to rock 'n roll classics from *Slightly Used!* Support the WCH by pre-ordering charcuterie picnic boxes, so all you have to do is BYOB and relax! \$25/box (will feed two) includes meats, cheeses, crackers, and fruit. Contact [Heather@WestfordCommonHall.org](mailto:Heather@WestfordCommonHall.org) by August 17 to place your pre-order. Water, iced tea, and juice will also be for sale. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1150125479047797>.

### Saturday, August 20

**Poker Hill School turns 50!** 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Poker Hill School, Poker Hill Rd., Underhill. Welcoming Poker Hill families, alumni, and the entire Poker Hill community to celebrate 50 years of community and children! Live music, food trucks, fun for all ages. For more information: [@PokerHillSchoolCelebrates50](https://www.instagram.com/PokerHillSchoolCelebrates50) (Instagram); [Poker Hill School Celebrates 50](https://www.facebook.com/PokerHillSchoolCelebrates50) (Facebook event); <https://www.pokerhillschool.org/> (website).

**Win-Win Mastery for Women**, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Cambridge Community Center, 22 Old Main St., Jeffersonville. Come learn how to excel in every area of your life — personally and professionally — and connect with like-minded women to build win-win relationships. Learn and apply new strategies to scale your business, engage directly with experts, begin to experience the power of collaboration. Tickets \$40 (students, \$18); includes lunch. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/win-win-women-mastery-for-women-tickets-373271664597>.

### Sunday, August 21

**Mushroom and fungi identification walk**, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, Peter A Krusch Nature Preserve, 316 North Cambridge Rd.,

Cambridge at 9:00 AM. Join the walk with Silvio Mazzerese for an identification-only walk (non-foraging, due to the “no foraging” policy of the Nature Preserve). Meet at the Preserve parking lot at 9:00 AM. To register contact [events@kruschnaturepreserve.org](mailto:events@kruschnaturepreserve.org).

### Wednesday, August 24

**Craft Group**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, District 5 Schoolhouse, Pleasant Valley Rd. (corner of Stevensville Rd.), Underhill Center. Spend a couple of hours working on your current project while socializing with your neighbors. The group meets every two weeks. Open to everyone. For questions or more information contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or [atowerinvt@gmail.com](mailto:atowerinvt@gmail.com), or Julie Hehir, 802-899-3199 or [juliehhehir@comcast.net](mailto:juliehhehir@comcast.net).

### Friday-Saturday, September 2-3

**Labor Day Tag Sale**, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM both days, Jeffersonville Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville. Lots of goodies to sell: clothing, shoes and boots, rocking chair, while socializing with your neighbors. The group meets every two weeks. Open to everyone. For questions or more information contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or [atowerinvt@gmail.com](mailto:atowerinvt@gmail.com), or Julie Hehir, 802-899-3199 or [juliehhehir@comcast.net](mailto:juliehhehir@comcast.net).

### Tuesday, September 6

**LHH&H Hospice Volunteer Training**, 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Lamoille Home Health & Hospice, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville. Beginning September 6 and continuing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through September 27 (seven sessions). Hospice volunteers provide much-needed comfort to those receiving hospice care, and respite to families and caregivers. Please contact Charlene, 802-888-4651 or [ccamirelha.org](mailto:ccamirelha.org) for more information. Free, but space is limited.

### Wednesday, September 7

**Craft Group**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, District 5 Schoolhouse, Pleasant Valley Rd. (corner of Stevensville Rd.), Underhill Center. Spend a couple of hours working on your current project while socializing with your neighbors. The group meets every two weeks. Open to everyone. For questions or more information contact Amy Tower, 802-355-9671 or [atowerinvt@gmail.com](mailto:atowerinvt@gmail.com), or Julie Hehir, 802-899-3199 or [juliehhehir@comcast.net](mailto:juliehhehir@comcast.net).

### Saturday, October 22

**Craft Fair**, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Jericho Community Center, Browns Trace, Jericho Center. Come see wares offered by 20 local Vermont crafters and vendors for some early holiday gifts.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Virtual services at MMUUF

Sunday services at the Mount Mansfield Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are held at 9:30 AM on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, September-June. Services are led by members of the fellowship and by invited guest speakers, including visiting UU ministers and leaders of other faiths. Each service explores a different topic. Worship, reflect, and sustain one another, within an inclusive spiritual community, built on values of honoring and affirming the worth of every person, striving for justice, participating in the world community, and respecting the natural web of existence. Services will be exclusively held over Zoom; please contact [info@mmuuf.org](mailto:info@mmuuf.org) or 802-899-2558 for how to join. Located at 195 VT Rt. 15, Jericho. Learn more at [www.mmuuf.org](http://www.mmuuf.org) and [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org).

### Jericho United Methodist Church

Jericho United Methodist Church welcomes you to grow in Christ with us. We hold dear the United Methodist Church's motto: “Open doors. Open Hearts. Open Minds.” We recognize that our faith journeys are all unique, just as we as individuals are all unique. Know that whoever you are, whatever you do, you are welcome here. We believe that we grow together or not at all. All are welcome! Join us Sundays at 10:00 AM. There will be music, prayer and message from our pastor, Rev. Taeseob Cho. Please contact Rev. Cho at the church phone number, 802-899-4288, or his email, [umcho@gmail.com](mailto:umcho@gmail.com). Located next to the Jericho Town Hall on VT Rt. 15.

### United Church of Underhill

The United Church of Underhill is an active, vibrant congregation. We are young and old; single, couples, and families; believers, questioners, and questioning believers. All are welcome. Some people think of us as the Harvest Market Church or the Clutter Barn Church. We gather to worship together every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Our service is traditional but lively, with music, a children's sermon, and much more. For instructions on joining worship from home, please see <https://unitedchurchofunderhill.com/joining-worship-from-home/>. We provide many opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, but we also welcome you to come in, be still, and contemplate your faith. Located at 7 Park St., Underhill. Pastor's office (with voicemail) 802-899-1722; church secretary, Tuesday

and Wednesday 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM (no voicemail) 802-899-4583.

### Second Congregational Church, Jeffersonville

The Second Congregational Church in Jeffersonville would like to invite all who feel called to join us for our online church services, Sundays at 10:30 AM. 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! <https://www.facebook.com/SecondCongregationalUCC>

### Jericho Congregational Church is here to help

Jericho Congregational Church — “An Historic Church Proclaiming an Eternal Message” on the Green in Jericho Center, VT. Senior Pastor, David Coons and Youth Pastor, Peter Anderson. Current offerings: Sunday School at 8:30 AM for all ages, Fellowship at 9:30 AM, Worship Service at 10:00 AM; Nursery care provided. Summer schedule: Worship Service at 9:00 AM; Fellowship at 10:30 AM; Youth group 6:15 PM Sundays in our Sunday school building. 899-4911; [officejcc@comcast.net](mailto:officejcc@comcast.net); [www.jccvt.org](http://www.jccvt.org).

### All are welcome at Good Shepherd, Jericho

You are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on VT Rt. 15 at 9:00 AM every Sunday. The building is accessible — all are welcome! There are varied musical styles in worship services, including Folk, Contemporary, Celtic, Latin American, and traditional. Weekday online offerings include Centering Prayer. We are an open-minded Christian community with a focus on social justice issues, 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 spiritual home. We welcome you in the name and love of Christ. More information is at [www.goodshepherdjericho.org](http://www.goodshepherdjericho.org) or contact Pastor Arnold Isidore Thomas at 802-899-3932 or [pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org](mailto:pastorthomas@goodshepherdjericho.org).

### Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Church in Jericho has now resumed worshipping in person on Sundays at 9:30 AM. If you would like worship service information, please contact the parish administrator at [calvarychurchjericho@gmail.com](mailto:calvarychurchjericho@gmail.com), or call 802-899-0453. All are warmly invited!

### St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church in Underhill Center invites you to join us in person for the Holy Mass at 8:30 AM every Sunday. There is also a vigil Mass at 4:00 PM on Saturday evenings. Our priest, Fr. Richard Calapan, also celebrates Mass during the week, on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and Fridays at 8:00 AM. Confessions are available on Tuesdays before Mass. Visit us at [www.stthomasvt.com](http://www.stthomasvt.com) or call 802-899-4632 for more information.

### Waterville Union Church

We meet in person at 9:30 AM at the church; masks recommended. Zoom is only available when there is bad weather or illness of a speaker. We do not post our recorded services to Facebook. But information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/watervilleunionchurch>, [watervilleunionchurchvt@gmail.com](mailto:watervilleunionchurchvt@gmail.com); 32 Church St., Waterville.

## SUMMER CAMPS

**MMU Youth Field Hockey Camp:** Interested in learning the game of Field Hockey or polishing the skills you already have? Come join us for MMU Youth Field Hockey (MMUFH) Youth Camp, Monday-Friday, August 22-26! The camp is open to all 2022/2023 school year K-8 Rockstars, and is coached by MMU Field Hockey's coaching staff, alumni players, and current MMUFH athletes.

For information and our registration form, go online to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q6jDFBIVcCMhCpBLchn7BePcHk7Z3PcD/view>

**YMCA Summer Day Camp in Underhill:** The YMCA's Camp Koda offers one-week sessions for children who have completed kindergarten through age 12. Parents have three- or five-day options and, as a licensed program, eligible families can use state subsidy for this camp. Y financial assistance may also be available. Learn more and register at <https://www.gbymca.org/summer-camps/camp-koda>.

Each week has a different theme, so campers who come for multiple weeks remain engaged and develop skills, gain confidence, and build positive relationships with peers and adults through creative, age-appropriate, and safe activities through recreational play and hands-on activities. Learn more and register at <https://www.gbymca.org/summer-camps/camp-koda>.

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## Bolton Select Board opening

By Amy Grover, Bolton Town Clerk and Treasurer

The Bolton Select Board accepted the resignation of Select Board member Steve Goldfield at their Monday, July 18, 2022 meeting. We thank Steve for his service to our community and wish him well.

The Town of Bolton is seeking to appoint a person (required to be a registered Bolton voter) to fill Steve's vacant seat, to serve until Town Meeting 2023. At that time, that seat will be open for election as two years remaining on a three-year term. Select Board members receive a stipend paid annually of \$30/meeting.

If you are interested in being appointed to serve on the Select Board, please submit a letter outlining your experience and expertise, and your interest in serving, to [selectboard@boltonvt.com](mailto:selectboard@boltonvt.com), or to the Bolton Town Office, 3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway, Bolton, VT 05676.

## Westford property taxes due August 15

By Nanette Rogers, Westford Town Administrator

Reminder: property taxes are due Monday, August 15. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have an August 15 postmark (USPS, FedEx, or UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, August 16.

If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of your tax bill to your mortgage company in a timely manner, while retaining a copy for your records.

Please note: if you pay your taxes using Bill Pay (generating a check online through your financial institution), make sure you allow sufficient time for mailing. These envelopes do not bear a postmark and therefore will be acknowledged by the date received at the Town Office, not by the date on the check.

## Jericho Farmers' Market needs help

By John Koier, JFM Board President

The Jericho Farmers' Market (JFM) has steadily grown over the last few years. We are at our carrying capacity with excellent local vendors, and several weeks ago we counted 487 customers coming through the gate.

Thank you all for helping make the JFM a vibrant community space!

With this growth, we could sure use a few more volunteers. Specifically, we could use another person or two to help with set up from 1:30 – 3:00 PM on Thursdays, as well as someone willing to place the yellow sandwich signs about town on Wednesday mornings and take them down by Friday morning.

If you or someone you know is interested in helping our market, please respond by email or go online to <https://www.jerichofarmersmarket.com/volunteer>, where you will find even more volunteer opportunities.

## COMMUNITY COLUMNS

**The color is green**

By Sue Kusserow

*Special to the Mountain Gazette*

"The sky is blue." Even with the complications of a sudden storm we still know /sense the realism and the truth of that plain statement proven by many sunny patternings of blue. So, can we say the same about the glorious shadings of green, now that summer has opened/exploded the buds which hung on during the winter?

Usually we preface green with an adjective, and the sparkles of summer growth makes it almost mandatory to do so. My vision of a green maple is not the same as a kelly green. There's also lime /grassy /blue-green /deep cerulean /chartreuse /sage /emerald /evergreen /olive. And to complicate matters further, we need to know if we are speaking the same language: a standard by which to judge other trees and their different colorings. Is the kelly green in my mind's eye the kelly green in yours? (I think green has more possible variances than any other descriptor of trees and plants.) A maple, it is agreed, is initially a bright green, taking its time to eventually let the sun show off its standard green for the summer. But wait! Here comes the wind: capricious, unsteady, turning the leaves upside down. It whips through and you find you are looking at the undersides of the maple leaves: not green at all, but a pale, dull silver, almost white.

There must be a reason. I looked over some of my Dad's old books (he was a botanist) and discover a complex water and nutrient system. If anyone invented a machine which would run by the power of sunlight and make good food when combined with water, he /she would be considered a genius. How does this happen? The secret is chlorophyll, which allows trees to absorb energy from light. Chlorophyll is green, and its concentration on the top of leaves make them green, too. Then the tree's circulatory system, which serves a similar purpose as human blood, kicks in: elements of water and the sun's energy (from chlorophyll) flow through the vast mosaic of leaves and are combined into a substance called carbohydrate (carbon from the air; hydrate stands for the element of water.) Fish eat algae; cattle graze the plant grasses; chickens snap up grain and small insects — trees eat light.

The green tops of the leaves put the lighter underside to work. They've done so well that we now have a surplus of energy gathered from light. While the leaf catches the sunlight on its slightly waxed upper surface, the underside draws water from miles of connecting underground veins. Together, the energy from light and the water from the ground are combined to produce food in the form of sugar. A full-grown maple can turn out about 3000 pounds of pure food concentrate. Yet, in a big tree less than 1% of its body consists of living cells; the rest is a "dead" mechanical structure... a huge trunk and thousands of leaves hunting for sunlight to make into food.

How does the water get up there? An acre of grass in a lush meadow will lift six tons of water per day. It takes a good deal of imagination to think of water travelling up a tall tree, and eventually spraying out through the perforations of the leaves as from a fine nozzle. The spray is so fine that it is invisible — the water is evaporating out of the leaf as water vapor. In this way a tree serves as a vital link in the rotation of water.

With all this lifting, obviously an enormous force is somehow exerted. Yet a tree is not equipped with a pump. It is solid and stationary in all its parts. There are three parts of the waterworks system: roots, trunk, and leaves. Each department is different from the other two, not only in looks but also in the way they work. Once I get these groups separated in my mind, I will try and explain them... but it will take longer than I ever thought!

So, be patient, or buy a beginner's book on botany (which I couldn't find in my Dad's library!)

**The miracle of regeneration**

By Ethan Tapper, Chittenden County Forester

The aftermath of a disturbance, whether natural or human-caused, can be a very stressful time for forest stewards and forest lovers; leaving a forest seeming ugly, empty, hopeless. However, if we allow ourselves to look beyond the "mess" and to consider a more holistic understanding of what forests are and how they work, we can see that these moments are opportunities — chances for the forest to showcase the miracle of regeneration, and the many benefits that come with it.

Forests are resilient. When light and space is made available in the forest, it is inevitably filled with regeneration: the growth of new trees and plants. Disturbances are more than something that forests endure — ever since there have been forests there have been fires, windstorms, ice storms, insect and disease outbreaks. Forests, and the thousands of species that comprise them, have adapted to these disturbances for thousands of years. As jarring as they may be to us, forests need disturbances; they are a critical part of how forests change over time, how they become diverse and complex, how they provide habitat for wildlife.

The miracle of regeneration is the evolutionary response of the forest community to a dynamic world. Light — the currency of the forest — is usually controlled by trees, their broad canopies casting the understory in shade. Through the death of trees, a disturbance allows some of this precious light to reach the forest floor, offering an opportunity for new trees to establish and to grow towards the riches of the canopy.

Like wildlife, each tree and plant species occupies a complex ecological niche. One of the ways that trees' niches are defined is by the light levels under which they are most competitive. Shade-intolerant species like white birch and aspen (poplar) require very large openings, such as those caused by a large-scale or catastrophic disturbances, whereas shade-tolerant species like beech, sugar maple, and hemlock can grow in near or complete shade. Mid-tolerant species like white ash, red oak, and yellow birch compete best in mid-sized openings, too small for shade-intolerants and too big for slow-growing shade-tolerants to be competitive in.

Trees are also adapted to a variety of other conditions — different tree species are competitive on different soil types and depths, on different slopes and aspects. Yellow birch and hemlock seedlings often grow on rotting "nurse logs," or on the upturned roots of fallen trees. White pine seedlings colonize scarified (disturbed) soils, whereas sugar maple does best with a deep layer of decomposing leaves. Red oak and white ash establish advance regeneration — seedlings which may wait in the understory for a decade or more, ready to shoot upwards in the event of a disturbance. Cherries, raspberries, and blackberries produce seeds that can remain viable but ungerminated in forest soils for decades, only sprouting following a disturbance.

While it is intuitive to think of regeneration as a means to an end — the process by which dead trees are replaced by living trees — the process itself has tremendous value to the forest community. As a forest regenerates it passes through many different stages, each of which provides unique habitat used by wildlife, from the insectivorous birds that hunt in canopy gaps to the pollinators that visit the diversity of herbaceous plants in flower. Each step in this continuum of change is normal, natural, and important to a wide range of living things.

Understanding the miracle of regeneration, and the benefits it brings, can change the way that we think about disturbances in the forest — whether it's a windstorm or a forest management project. Forests are built on change: every old growth forest was once a young forest and will be one again, and every tree in the woods is the legacy of the death of a tree, the memory of a disturbance.

While it is incredible to witness the resilience of a forest, how it responds to adversity with regeneration and renewal, this resilience isn't limitless. The miracle of regeneration is threatened by invasive plants, pests and pathogens, by deer overpopulations, by climate change, by forest fragmentation, and by deforestation. In this moment it is critical that we take action not just to protect forests but also to protect their ability to regenerate, to adapt, to change, to remake themselves for the world of the future.

*Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. See what he's been up to, check out his YouTube channel, sign up for his eNews, and read articles he's written at <https://linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester>.*

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Wow, it is really hot and I have twenty-eight hundred more flowers to get to today. (Yellow-banded Bumble Bee, *Bombus terricola*; <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/127251691>). More of Bernie's comics may be found at <https://vtbugeyed.blogspot.com/2022/07/insect-comics-by-bernie-nature.html>.

PHOTO BY BERNIE PAQUETTE

**The JOiNPC July winners are...**

By Bernie Paquette

There were 169 photo entries for July in the Jericho Observing Life in Nature Photo Contest (JOiNPC). The observations chosen for a July Creemee award are:

JdionVt (userid), for a photo of a Red-spotted Newt (*Notophthalmus viridescens ssp. viridescens*) taken in Underhill — view the photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/125114130>; and a Virginia Ctenucha Moth (*Ctenucha virginica*) taken in Jericho — view the photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/127567803>.

Kdanjou (userid), for a photo of an American Copper (*Lycæna phlaeas*) — view the photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/127730225>; and a Baltimore Checkerspot (*Euphydryas phaeton*) — view the photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/126529660>. Both were observed in Underhill.

Jmerchant1973 (userid), for a photo of an Eastern Calligrapher (*Taxomerus geminatus*), a species of Syrphid fly observed in Jericho; — view the photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/127361296>.

To learn more about each of these fine species, once you reach the posting, click again on the name of the species at the top of the page.

All three of these folks can contact me to make arrangements to pick up their award (Creemee gift certificate from either Jericho Country Store or Palmer Lane Maple).

View all the photo entries at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/joinpc-jericho-observing-life-in-nature-photo-contest>.

Thanks to all who are participating in the contest, helping us to recognize our bond with all living things!

The next award winner will be chosen on September 1 from photos entered during August. View the instructions on how to participate in the contest at <https://jerichovermont.blogspot.com/2022/04/joinpc-jericho-observing-life-in-nature.html>.

**COLLEGE HONORS**

**Claire Ammirato** of Westford, VT, a member of the class of 2024, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Tufts University, Medford, MA.

**Henry Ammirato** of Westford, VT, a member of the class of 2024, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Tufts University, Medford, MA.

**Zachary Burns** of Jericho, MA has been named to the Spring 2022 President's Honors List at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT. Burns is a member of the Class of 2022 majoring in Music Production & Technology

**Wyatt Cunningham** of Waterbury, VT, a member of the class of 2024 majoring in Interdisciplinary, has been named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Emerson College, Boston, MA.

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The mission of the Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont (FGCV) — fifteen local community clubs — is to promote and aid in the protection and conservation of our natural resources, and to provide educational programs in the fields of horticulture, ecology, forestry, landscape design, environmental studies, and floral design. In addition, the FGCV endeavors to ensure gardening and horticulture continues into the next generation by awarding an annual \$1000 scholarship to a Vermont college student studying in the field.

To support the FGCV community initiative, a Canadian Tulip Festival Tour is available to garden club members, friends, and family on May 16-17, 2023. This is an extraordinary trip to Ottawa for the beautiful Canadian Tulip Festival, so the deadline to register is Friday, September 16.

The trip is via motor coach from Vermont, with several Vermont pick-up stops on the way. Ottawa, in the province of Ontario, is the capital of Canada.

The Canadian Tulip Festival started in 1952, and is continually held in Ottawa. Thousands of tulip flowers are spread everywhere over the city during the festival in conjunction with various kinds of culture events. The festival has an historic background: during WWII the royal Dutch family escaped from Holland and found shelter in Ottawa. When Dutch Queen Juliana returned to Holland in 1945, she decided to thank the Canadian people for hosting the royal family and sent Ottawa 100,000 tulip tubers.

Specific information regarding the tour can be found on the FGCV website, <https://www.vermontfgcv.com>, or by contacting [djvanmullen@gmail.com](mailto:djvanmullen@gmail.com) or 615-390-9965.

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## HEALTH NEWS

## Free first aid and CPR training with Fairfax Rescue

Free first aid and CPR training with Fairfax Rescue will be offered four times this summer and fall. This opportunity is brought to you by Westford Mutual Aid, with funding from the Westford Public Library Community Fund.

Each session provides information and practice in basic first aid and CPR skills with experienced trainers in an interactive, small group session! Prepare yourself to help your neighbors and others in need. You don't need to live in Westford to attend, and youth are welcome as well as adults. There is the option to have a completion certificate mailed to you after the session.

Dates and times (pick one that works best for you, and please list at least one backup):

- Sunday, August 21, 1:00 – 6:00 PM;
- Saturday, September 17, 1:00 – 6:00 PM;
- Sunday, October 16, 1:00 – 6:00 PM;
- Saturday, November 12, 1:00 – 6:00 PM.

All sessions will be held at Fairfax Rescue. Each session has the same content and covers CPR, first aid, and AED use.

To sign up for a session, please contact Carol Winfield, [carol@vtwildlife.com](mailto:carol@vtwildlife.com).

## Cuts and bruises

Parents have been asking for my aid — I guess you could call it “First” aid — in helping them know when to have their child's cuts and bruises seen by a doctor or nurse. Let me help heal any concerns you may have about this topic with some useful information about minor cuts and bruises.

*What is a cut or bruise?*

A cut is a simple scrape or break in the skin. A bruise occurs when soft tissues of the body get bumped and the small blood vessels under the skin break and red blood cells leak out, turning the skin different colors over about a 10-14 day timeframe. This

is why a bruise is often called a black-and-blue mark.

*Recommend treatment*

Most cuts or scrapes to the skin surface can usually be handled safely and well at home. Begin with lots of washing of the cut with soap and water. Water under some pressure is great (such as with a sink hose) to clean debris out of the cut.

Once clean, apply pressure with a gauze pad to stop the bleeding, and then cover the cut with a bandage on top of a gauze pad large enough to cover the cut and the skin that surrounds it.

If a bruise is visible and not just a cut, apply a cold compress or even a bag of frozen vegetables (to act as an ice pack) to the bruise for 15-20 minutes an hour for several hours after the bruise appears, to reduce the degree of swelling.

*When to worry?*

Seek medical assistance if:

- despite the pressure of the gauze bandage, blood is soaking through not one but two gauze pads and doesn't stop in at least 15 minutes;
- the edges of the cut are widely separated;
- the cut seems deep or continues to ooze and bleed despite the pressure.

*Other areas of concern*

• If the cut is on the lip and crosses onto the face, then a doctor should be consulted regarding whether stitches or special adhesives are needed to bring the cut together.

• If it is due to an animal bite or scratch, talk to your child's health care professional to see if antibiotics are warranted.

• If a bruise remains painful after several days or doesn't seem to get better over two weeks, seek medical attention for further evaluation to ensure there is not an underlying medical problem causing the healing process to not function properly.

Of course, the best way to deal with a cut is not let it happen, so make sure your home is appropriately safety-proofed. Your child's health care professional can help with this activity as well. Hopefully tips like these will put you on the cutting edge and

put a Band-Aid on any concerns about knowing when to worry about your child's cuts and bruises.

*Lewis First, MD, is Chief of Pediatrics at UVM Children's Hospital and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the UVM's Larner College of Medicine.*

## Hospice volunteer training offered in September

Are you looking for a rewarding experience? Consider becoming a Hospice Volunteer. This is an opportunity to serve the people within Lamoille County who are receiving hospice care.

Lamoille Home Health & Hospice (LHH&H) will offer free Hospice Volunteer Training, beginning September 6 and continuing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through September 27 (seven sessions). Sessions will run from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at LHH&H, 54 Farr Ave., Morrisville. Hospice volunteers provide much-needed comfort to those receiving hospice care, and respite to families and caregivers. Please contact Charlene, 802-888-4651 or [ccamirelha.org](mailto:ccamirelha.org) for more information. Free, but space is limited.

## Free COVID test kits for Jericho residents

Need an at-home COVID test kit?

The Town of Jericho is offering free test kits to Jericho residents. To reserve your kit(s) and arrange a time for pick-up, please contact Paula Carrier, 802-899-9970 x3, or [pcarrier@jerichovt.gov](mailto:pcarrier@jerichovt.gov) with “Free Covid Test Kits” in the subject.

Let us know whether you'd like one or two kits; each kit contains two tests.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Join Underhill's newly formed ARPA Advisory Committee

**To the Editor,**

We need residents of Underhill to join the ARPA Advisory Committee. I have written a letter to the Selectboard of Underhill requesting to be on the committee and I am hoping we will get several more interested people to join as well. Yes I work for the town, but I am a resident of Underhill for 30 years and I care deeply about our town.

This committee will be responsible for setting up a system and protocol for organizations or groups or businesses or individuals so that they can request use of some of the nearly \$1M dollars that Underhill has been or will be receiving from the federal government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. This is like a grant in that we don't have to pay it back, but whatever is

finally recommended and ultimately chosen and authorized by the Selectboard to spend this money on will remain a legacy from this time in the history of our town for a very long time. We have an incredible opportunity here to spend the money on meaningful purchases that will leave our town in a better position to face the next crisis, become and create a more cohesive community.

Send a letter of interest to [bholden@underhillvt.gov](mailto:bholden@underhillvt.gov) and address it to the Selectboard. Just let them know who you are, where you live, and why you want to be on the ARPA Advisory Committee. I hope you will consider this. Feel free to call me at the office or on my mobile phone if you want to discuss it with me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**Jennifer Silpe  
Underhill**

## What is coming to Jericho?

**To the Editor,**

I haven't seen much in growth of new businesses in Jericho. I'm curious as to a couple areas.

Next to Kate's Food Truck, the area that they have been flattening for a few years, anything going in there?

The Tatro land next to Jericho Market. I can't imagine that no one has investigated the opportunity to put a business in that area. Have there been applications, and have they been denied?

How about a drive-in? Dunkins? Bagel Cafe? How about a “central park” with walking path, hatch shell, plenty o' parking, have an area with charcoal grills, families bring their own charcoal, have a cookout with friends, family (proven concept in Nashua, NH), horseshoe pits, basketball court, tennis court?

Or, do we continue to look at the tumbleweeds rolling across the fields?

Have a great day!

**Michael Meanulty  
Underhill**

## COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Sam Huston** of Waterbury, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester from Champlain College, Burlington, VT after completing their Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics.

**Charlotte Ide** of Jericho, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester from Champlain College, Burlington, VT after completing their Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education.

**Jordi Kulis** of Waterbury, VT, a member of the Class of 2022, has graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY. Kulis, who attended Harwood Union High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in art and history.

**Stephanie Lawrence** of Jericho, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester from Champlain College, Burlington, VT after completing their Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

**Alan Leblanc** of Underhill, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT. Leblanc earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology.

**Timothy McCants** of Waterbury, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT. McCants earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.

**Quinn Munns** of Jericho, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT. Munns earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology.

**Lydia Palker** of Cambridge, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT. Palker earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.

**Christopher Thomas Pendris** of Jeffersonville, VT received a master of business administration and a certificate in

global supply chain management in May 2022 from Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

**Espen Peterson** of Jericho, VT has graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY with a BS/MS in electrical engineering.

**Scott Ploof** of Jericho, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester from Champlain College, Burlington, VT after completing their Master of Business Administration in Business Administration.

**Rachel Olivia Rackliff** of Jericho, VT received a bachelor of science with great distinction in civil engineering in May 2022 from Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY.

**Tonya Savage** of Jeffersonville, VT graduated after the Spring 2022 semester at Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT. Savage earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

## Safety during summer storms

**From Green Mountain Power**

Severe weather can happen year-round. Preparing early is the best way to stay safe.

When the forecast says severe weather is on the way, it's good to prepare with fresh batteries in your flashlights, a charged-up cellphone, and plenty of bottled water.

And, safety first — if you see a downed power line or tree, stay far, far away. That goes for if it's down in a storm or because a car hit a pole. A downed line can energize the ground around it and even stepping near it is dangerous. Always assume all downed lines are energized — stay far away and call Green Mountain Power (GMP) right away at 1-888-835-4672.

For medical emergencies, always call 911.

The GMP app is an easy way to report outages and track restoration times.

For more storm safety tips, visit <http://greenmountainpower.com/safety>.

## Safety training: free SurviVermont program offered

The State of Vermont is offering free safety training programs to help members of the public deal with life-threatening situations such as active shooter events. These programs combine elements of three federal public safety programs: *See Something, Say Something*; *Run, Hide, Fight*; and *Stop the Bleed*. Known as *SurviVermont*, these programs are offered throughout the state during the month of August.

WPTZ Channel 5 has a news clip about a program at the State Police barracks in St. Albans: [https://www.mynbc5.com/article/state-offering-free-training-for-public-on-how-to-respond-in-](https://www.mynbc5.com/article/state-offering-free-training-for-public-on-how-to-respond-in)

[active-shooter-violent-threat-situations/40841532](https://www.mynbc5.com/article/state-offering-free-training-for-public-on-how-to-respond-in-active-shooter-violent-threat-situations/40841532).

For more information about *SurviVermont* including the dates and locations of the remaining programs, see the website for Vermont Emergency Management: <https://vem.vermont.gov/news/new-trainings-related-active-shooter-and-violent-threat-situations>.

## LRSWMD hazardous waste collection August 20

**By Sarah Lillibridge, LRSWMD Outreach and Education Coordinator, LRSWMD**

LRSWMD will conduct a hazardous waste (HHW) collection event on Saturday, August 20, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the LRSWMD Worcester Station at 43 Calais Rd., Worcester.

Please note that starting at this event and for all HHW events after, we will be implementing a \$10 per-household fee for HHW disposal. Unfortunately, the set-up costs from our external vendor for these events have increased by over 400% since 2019. We understand that this change to our long-time practice of offering these collections for free to District residents may come as an unpleasant surprise. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for continuing to keep Vermont clean, and your friends and neighbors safe, by responsibly disposing of your HHW. Cash and local checks made out to LRSWMD will be accepted.

Wondering if it's HHW? Check out <http://www.lrswmd.org/hazardous-waste> or call 802-888-7317.

Are you a business? Business waste will be accepted ONLY from 8:00 – 9:00 AM, and you must pre-register by Friday August

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12 by calling 802-888-7317 or online at <https://lrswwd.org/hazardous-waste/2022-hazwaste-business-registration-form/>.

Got paint? Don't wait to bring it to our HHW events. Visit <http://www.paintcare.org/drop-off-sites> or call 802-888-7317 to find a place near you for free year-round recycling options. Please call before visiting any of these sites to make sure they can accept your paint.

Got used oil? Don't wait to bring it to our HHW events. Visit <https://lrswwd.org/recycling/oil-and-oil-filters> for a list of potential no-cost drop-off locations. Please call before visiting any of these sites to make sure they will accept your oil.

## Do you need help with child support?

### VT Department for Children And Families

In Vermont, the Office of Child Support (OCS) offers FREE services for parents and guardians. There is no income threshold to qualify.

OCS can help you to: establish parentage; establish, modify, and enforce a support order; make child support payments; and find a good paying job so you can pay your child support (*Work4Kids*).

August is Child Support Awareness Month, a time to celebrate 47 years of helping families. Last year, child support programs served one in five children nationwide. This kind of support helps families thrive and sets children up for success.

To learn more, go online to <https://dcf.vermont.gov/services/child-support> or <https://dcf.vermont.gov/ocs/work4kids>.

Sign up for services any time, day or night, from the privacy of your home!

## Draft economic development plan available for comment

### By Emma Vaughn, CCRPC Communications Manager

The draft West Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is available for review and comment through Friday, August 26 at <https://www.westcentralvt.org>.

A CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development. Adopting a CEDS helps set a strategic course for economic development efforts and can also open opportunities

for additional federal funding. The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC), and our partners have developed the draft CEDS for the West Central Vermont region, which includes Addison County, Central Vermont (Washington County and three Orange County towns), Chittenden County, and Rutland County.

The draft CEDS is available for review and comment at <https://www.westcentralvt.org>. Feedback can be provided two ways: via email to [info@westcentralvt.org](mailto:info@westcentralvt.org), or via *Konveio*, an online platform used to collect and aggregate public comment.

A brief video available at <https://www.westcentralvt.org/ceds-draft-material> provides an overview of the intent and purpose of the West Central Vermont CEDS. Other available videos provide a review of our public engagement process, key findings, and review of proposed goals and actions.

The public comment period will be open until August 26, after which comments will be aggregated, reviewed, and responded to by the West Central Vermont Strategy Committee in early September 2022 before a final plan is released. The final CEDS will then be considered for adoption by the four regional development corporations and four regional planning commissions serving the West Central Vermont Region.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit <http://westcentralvt.org> or contact [info@westcentralvt.org](mailto:info@westcentralvt.org).

## CEDAC looking for new volunteer member

### By Tim Humphrey, Chair, CEDAC

Cambridge Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) is seeking the support and participation of the community. If you have ideas for supporting economic development and want to make a difference in our community, consider joining Cambridge Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The purpose of CEDAC is as follows:

- serve as the Town's "broadband committee" and investigate ways to bring universal high speed Internet access to the Town;
- create and maintain a census of businesses in the Town;
- create and maintain the web site [cambridgevt.com](http://cambridgevt.com);
- represent the Town relative to the Green Mountain Byway;

• to the extent desired by the members of CEDAC, make recommendations to the Selectboard for economic development in the Town.

Consideration may include, but is not limited to, the Cambridge Business Park and business opportunities related to recreational, cultural, and tourist activities in the Town. This may include investigating options for paying for economic development initiatives, such as fees, grants, donations, and other tax sources in addition to the property tax.

If creation of a Development Reserve Fund is approved by the voters, make recommendations to the Selectboard as to how the fund should be used.

We are committed to creating a diverse team environment that is welcoming and safe for all. All interested will receive consideration for joining without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.

If you are interested in joining the team, please email [humphrey.timothy@gmail.com](mailto:humphrey.timothy@gmail.com). We meet once a month as a hybrid option. Learn more by joining our next meeting on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 PM.

## Junior League of Champlain Valley invites new members

Are you interested in joining a group of women who are actively making a difference in their local communities? Then come on out and meet some of the amazing women who make up the Junior League of Champlain Valley! We are hosting a New Member Social Activity in August. Come learn more about the League and how we help out our Vermont communities, including but not limited to running the Vermont Diaper Bank! No obligation to join! At the very least, it'll be a fun time with a great group of ladies.

Please RSVP through Eventbrite using the links provided below so we can know to expect you!

Meet and Greet at VT Diaper Bank/JLCV Headquarters: Thursday, August 25, 5:00 PM, 3060 Williston Rd., Suite 4, S. Burlington; RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jlcv-new-member-social-diaper-bank-tour-tickets-380040359947>.

For more information you can also visit the Junior League main website <https://www.jlcv.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/JuniorLeagueofChamplainValley>, or email [info@jlcv.org](mailto:info@jlcv.org).

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Congrats to our first Westford Passport winner!

#### By Bree Drapa, Librarian, Westford Public Library

Congrats to Patrick A. — our first Westford Passport Winner of 2022! Patrick won a \$50 gift card to the Butcher Barn, courtesy of the Westford Public Library Community Fund.

The Westford Public Library, in partnership with the Westford Conservation Commission, has brought back a fun and exciting

way to enjoy our town trails and town common this summer and fall.

It's easy: pick up your Passport at the Library, or Town Office. Then, collect stamps by hiking one of the ten trails or visiting one of the five town landmarks, buildings, or events on the Town Common.

With eight or more stamps, you can redeem your Passport at the library and receive a Westford-themed canvas bag as your prize! You can also keep your Passport as a souvenir of your

adventures in Westford.

There's still plenty of time to participate. The Passport program runs through October with more fabulous prizes: August (redeem by Saturday, September 3) for a \$50 gift card to Steeple Market; September (Redeem by Saturday, October 1) for a \$50 gift card to Sweet Clover Market; October (Redeem by Saturday, October 29) for a \$50 gift card to the Westford Country Market & Café.

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LIMITED TIME

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library is open, no appointment needed: Tuesday and Thursdays 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 PM. All programs meet in person at DRML

#### Adult programs

You are invited to enjoy a lovely art display at DRML. We are currently hosting two artists' displays: three lovely original Tasha Tudor paintings, on lend from Peggy Rodgers; and a lovely display of water color prints and note cards by Lanie Kanat. The Tasha Tudor paintings are not for sale, but Lanie would love to sell her art, both the prints and note cards, and there will be a price list at the circulation desk and contact information for the artist. The art will remain on display for the months of August and September. The library loves hosting local artists - feel free to leave your name if you are interested in displaying any time after September.

Free COVID Test Kits: Need an at home COVID test kit? The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library is offering them only through curbside pick-up for community safety. Kits will not be available inside the building. Contact [rawsonlibrary@drml.org](mailto:rawsonlibrary@drml.org) to arrange a pick-up so we can have them ready. Let us know the number of kits you need up to four kits. Each kit contains two tests. We will let you know what bag number is yours.

#### All programs meet in person at DRML

Thursday August 18, 7:00 PM: the Board of Trustees. This meeting will be held in-person. A virtual meeting is available for those who wish to remain remote. Please contact Holly ([drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com](mailto:drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com)) to receive the link.

Tuesday August 30, 7:00 PM: Mystery Book Group. We will be discussing [The Conspiracy Club](#) by Jonathan Kellerman. If you need a book, please call the library (802-899-4962) to request a copy. Due to delays with our courier you should request soon so that it has time to arrive. We will be meeting in person in the program room. A Zoom meeting will also be available for those who prefer a virtual option. Please contact Holly ([drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com](mailto:drawsonmemlib@yahoo.com)) if you would like to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.

Library Strategic Plan: The Board of Trustees is currently working on the library's strategic plan. Please help us by taking a short survey! Your input is very important to us and helps us plan for the future of the library. Paper copies are available at the library, or you can take the survey on our website ([drml.org](http://drml.org)) or by typing [bit.ly/drmlsurvey](http://bit.ly/drmlsurvey).

#### Youth programs

##### Ongoing

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM: Story Time [PreK-K] Join Ms. Abbey and Freddy for jokes, stories, songs and fun! Hope to see you there.

Story Walk® Enjoy the outdoors and a story! The walk starts on the right side of the building and wraps around the edge of the field toward the river.

Thursdays, 3:30 – 6:00 PM, Farmers' Market: All summer long DRML and JTL are taking turns at the Farmers Market at Mills Riverside Park's front lawn. Visit us to sign up for summer reading and get your goodie bag, peek through some free books, and definitely blow bubbles!

#### Check out these great programs!

##### All programs meet in person at DRML

Thursday, August 18, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Read to Wyatt. Come practice your reading and find some Zen with the goodest good boy, Wyatt the therapy dog. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot by stopping in at the library, calling us at 802-899-4962, or email [youth\\_librarian@drml.org](mailto:youth_librarian@drml.org).

Saturday, August 20, 3:00 PM: Movie Afternoon. [all ages] Join us for a movie on Saturday afternoon! Bring your own chairs if you'd like, but seating will be available. Check [drml.org](http://drml.org) to see what we're watching this month. Masks are optional while inside the library.

Wednesday, August 24, 3:30 – 4:30 PM: Older Kid Craft — Paper Bag Sea Stars. [ages 8+] Design and build big, beautiful paper bag sea stars, then decorate them and take them home.

Friday, August 26, 11:00 AM: Stories and Songs with the Londons. [preschool] Join us on the back patio in the sunshine, or in the fireplace room in case of rain, for songs and stories with Beth and David London.

Please visit [drml.org](http://drml.org) for the most up-to-date information on programs at Deborah Rawson.

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

We are open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM Tuesday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Wednesday-Friday, and 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Saturday.

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM: Storytime takes place in our programming area on the second floor of the library and is intended for children aged 0-5 (though all are welcome!). We usually share a few books together and a related craft or activity. Please note that masks are required indoors for everyone over 2 years old.

Jericho Town Library's Makerspace is exactly what it sounds like: an area for kids and teens to create, tinker, build, code, and explore the world of STEM. With support from the VT Department of Libraries' ARPA grant, we currently have 3D Pens, SPIKE Prime Lego robotics, and a 3D printer. The Makerspace is located on the second floor of Jericho Town Library and is open for kids aged 7-18 whenever the library is open. Come to the library and get started creating! While the Makerspace is free for all children and teens, the 3D printer can also be used by adults who pay for the cost of their materials. Visit our website to read about using the Makerspace and 3D printer! <https://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org/makerspace.html>

Find us on Facebook and Instagram ([@jerichotownlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/jerichotownlibrary)) for regular updates on our programs, services, and collections. 802-899-4686, [library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org](mailto:library@jerichotownlibraryvt.org), [www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org](http://www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org).

### VARNUM MEMORIAL LIBRARY JEFFERSONVILLE

Please let us know how we can assist you by contacting [varnumrequests@gmail.com](mailto:varnumrequests@gmail.com) or 802-644-2117.

Summer is here, and we welcome you to view our website for our complete list of summer events, including the Summer Reading Program! <http://www.varnumlibrary.org/calendar>.

Wednesdays, August 16, 23, 30, 10:00 – 10:30 AM: Two-Book Tuesday Story Time! Come join us and share in a relaxed story time, followed by a craft to make or take. We will aim for the front porch, weather depending. If indoors, masking is requested.

Wednesdays, August 17, 24, 31, 12:00 – 1:00 PM: One-on-One Technology Wednesdays. Join the Varnum staff for individual technology help. Bring your questions and/or device, and we will try to help you figure it out.

Wednesdays, August 17, 24, 31, 3:30 – 5:30 PM: Scavenger Hunt (all ages). A new challenge either around town or in-house. If a clue-sheet is a bit more complicated, we will have a simplified one available for younger participants. All ages and abilities are welcome and encouraged. This is a fun activity that can be done individually or as a group. Sleuths be ready!

Thursdays, 4:00 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. Are you curious about Dungeons and Dragons? Are you an experienced player that needs a party? Come join us — no experience needed; all ages welcome!

Thursdays, August 18, 25, 2:30 – 3:30 PM: Board Games (boredom busters). All ages. Join friends and community members to try different board games. Various selections will be provided to choose from, but if you have a beloved game at home you'd like to share, or just one you've never had enough people to play with, bring it! This time is held in reserve to see what we can get established for weekly gaming. Light snacks will be available.

The Varnum has two open Library Trustee positions. If you love the library and want to make a difference in our community, we invite you to consider a role as a Trustee: <http://www.varnumlibrary.org/trustee-position>.

The Varnum Memorial Library is open for curbside pickup and in-person browsing. Please continue to wear a mask. Our hours are: Tuesdays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Thursdays 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Fridays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; closed Sunday-Monday. (Note, hours at the Varnum can vary week to week; please check the website to be certain.)

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 Fiber Arts Group that normally meets at the Westford Public Library on Thursday evenings will be on break this summer and will start again in the fall.

Do you have a document that needs to be notarized? The Library now offers notary public services: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM; and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We will only be able to offer these services at these specific times; please call ahead to confirm notary public availability.

The library hours of operation (meaning come in and browse the shelves, use the computer, grab a DVD, etc.): Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Wednesdays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, Thursdays 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00 – 7:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, no appointments needed. Patrons of all ages are welcome, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. If you feel you need curbside service, for whatever reason, please email Bree at the library and we can work something out. We want nothing to impede you from using the library.

#### Events for everyone

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month (September 7), 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday (August 20, September 17), 8:00 – 9:00 AM. With increased openings, they need more inventory! The Westford Public Library has food collection bins at all curbside pickups from now on. These bins are for non-perishable food and household items.

"Finding Nemo" Find the hidden clown fish in the library and get a prize! The prize bucket returns after a long couple of years without it. All ages welcome to participate each visit to the library.

Westford's hiking trails and storywalks! Poetry Walk: on Maple Shade Trails. Story Walk: Enjoy [Duck and Goose Go to the Beach](#) on the school trails; see the kiosk for the exact trail. A new story will go up in August. Westford Trail Passport: This exciting program is back and better than ever!

Find us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/westfordpubliclibrary)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/westfordVTpl](https://www.twitter.com/westfordVTpl)). Bree Drapa, Librarian. 802-878-5639; <http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>; [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

### FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We are asking everyone to please wear a face mask in the library. To help meet the needs of all library users, Curbside Pickup Services will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 – 7:00 PM upon request.

All events are free unless noted. Pre-registration required; please sign up at least one week before the program date; call 802-849-2420 or email [libraryfairfax@gmail.com](mailto:libraryfairfax@gmail.com).

Join us for the Summer Reading Finale program with Modern Times Theater on Friday, August 19 at 1:00 PM. We are happy to welcome this group back to Fairfax and their performance will include a puppet show and music. At this event, we will have the Summer Reading Program prize drawing! Hope to see you and, if you are not able to be there in person, we will call you if your raffle ticket is drawn!

#### Youth events

Wednesdays, August 17, 24, 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time. Join us for stories and songs! Children's books will be available to check out as well. Before you leave, pick up an activity to make at home!

Wednesday, August 24, 1:00 PM: Marble Snails. Make a cute little snail out of clay and a marble! Materials provided. Ages 8+ Please email [libraryfairfax@gmail.com](mailto:libraryfairfax@gmail.com) or call 802-849-2420 to register!

#### Adult events

Summer Reading Challenge for Adults! Kids shouldn't be the only ones who get to have fun with the summer reading program! This year, we are doing a summer reading challenge for adults as well. Pick up your summer reading bingo card from the library, and complete the challenges to get a bingo and a prize!

Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM; and Saturdays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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. 75 Hunt Street, Fairfax; 802-849-2420.

### RICHMOND LIBRARY

Library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; and Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Our webpage, Facebook, and email reflect

this information.

Melt away Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, Outdoor Summer Yoga Series: on the Library lawn, a gentle, flowing yoga class that incorporates breathwork and meditation. Open to all. Classes guided by Carrie Mailloux, RYT 200. By donation; proceeds to the Richmond Food Shelf.

Weekly children's programs are taking a break for the summer months. Baby Laptime, Storytime, and Playgroup resume in September.

Secret Message Scavenger Hunt: Pick up your secret message decoding sheet any time you're in the library and hunt for the letters on the walls and amongst the books. Once you know the secret message, deliver it to the youth desk on the second floor and receive a prize.

StoryWalk® outdoor reading experiences reveal 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 month this summer.

Contact us at 802-434-3036 (leave a message after hours) or [rfl@gmavt.net](mailto:rfl@gmavt.net).

Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge St., P.O. Box 997, Richmond, VT 05477; 802-434-3036; fax 802-434-3223; [www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org](http://www.richmondfreelibraryvt.org).

### BROWNELL LIBRARY, ESSEX JUNCTION

Contact us at [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org) or 802-878-6955.

Brownell Library, 6 Lincoln St., Essex Junction. Contact Main Desk 802-878-6955, Youth Desk 802-878-6956, Reference Desk 802-878-6957, or [frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org](mailto:frontdesk@brownelllibrary.org).

### ESSEX FREE LIBRARY

Open Monday-Friday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please check our website <http://essexfreelibrary.org/> for special events, programs, and any holiday hours. Register or renew for an Essex Free Library Homecard in person or on our website <https://essexfreelibrary.org/RegisterForACard>.

Curbside pickup is available during our regular business hours.

We have books and more, with free WiFi services and public access computers, printing, copying, scanning, and faxing assistance as well. We are always happy to help guide you with reference questions, book recommendations, and with technology assistance on personal devices, social media, Zoom, etc. You can make an appointment or come on by!

Check out the dynamic collection of books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, magazines, large prints, book club sets, board games, puzzles, plus more.

With your Essex Free Library Homecard you also have access to museum passes, Interlibrary Loans, and the Library of Things with binoculars, pickleball sets, ukuleles, Playaways (pre-loaded audiobooks), kids' Launchpad tablets, DVD projector, Chromebooks, snowshoes, and more.

For digital resources, check out Overdrive/Libby, *Consumer Reports*, Mango Language, Universal Class, Learning Express, and the research databases with Vermont Online Library.

Monthly — First Thursdays, September 1: Noontime Book Discussion

Thursdays: weekly special events; check event calendar

Fridays: Take and Make Crafts (while supplies last)

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

## SCHOOLS

### UCS Playground Play Dates for incoming kindergarteners

By Andrea Parikh

I hope you're all enjoying summer so far. It goes by so fast here in Vermont. Although, even if I'm not ready for it, my kiddo is so excited for kindergarten!

In addition to the *Meet the UCS Teachers* date on Thursday, August 25, there will be two informal play dates on the playground. This allows us the opportunity to meet some future classmates and help our children get familiar and comfortable with their new school.

The two informal play dates will take place on Tuesday, August 23, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; and Saturday, August 27, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Feel free to bring snacks or even a picnic lunch. This will be rain or shine, so unless there is a thunderstorm or an absolute downpour — hope to see you there!

### Spanish Camp for Beginners August 24

All Day Spanish Camp for Beginners on Wednesday, August 24, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: come prepared for a fun day of cooking, arts and crafts, reading aloud, reviewing vocabulary, songwriting, and singing. \$50/pp.; for ages 7-12.

Contact Brit Bigelow, [britbigelow@gmail.com](mailto:britbigelow@gmail.com), for more details or if you have any questions. See you then!

### Cambridge Afterschool Program opens August 29

By Deb Nevil, Director

The Cambridge Afterschool Program will open this year on Monday, August 29 — the first day of school! Please get your registrations in by Tuesday, August 16. They are accessible on the CES website, at CES, or can be emailed to you.

We offer a dynamic Afterschool Enrichment program for K-6 from 2:15 – 6:00 PM. We will also be offering care on early release days this year as well.

We are already over halfway to our enrollment limit, so please don't delay as this is a first-come, first-served program. Please note we accept financial aid and no one will be turned away for the inability to pay.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [dnevil@cesvt.net](mailto:dnevil@cesvt.net) or 802-521-5622. As always, thanks for your support and we'll see you in a few weeks.

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## ART / MUSIC / THEATER

**Come and enjoy *No Other Lake*, screening at the Bryan Memorial Gallery** on Friday, August 19. Doors open at 6:30 PM; introduction and film starts at 7:00 PM. Motivated by a desire to better understand his home watershed, this adventure-conservation documentary strives to inspire people to better connect with the natural world around them, see issues from a different point of view, and get involved with stewardship efforts happening close to home. Free and open to the public. To learn more: <http://www.bryangallery.org> or contact a Gallery representative at 802-644-5100 or [info@bryangallery.org](mailto:info@bryangallery.org).

**Tasha Tudor and Lanie Kanat:** The Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd., Jericho is currently hosting two artists' displays: three lovely original Tasha Tudor paintings, on lend from Peggy Rodgers; and a lovely display of water color prints and note cards by Lanie Kanat. The Tasha Tudor paintings are not for sale, but Lanie would love to sell her art, both the prints and note cards, and there will be a price list at the circulation desk and contact information for the artist. The art will remain on display for the months of August and September. The library loves hosting local artists; feel free to leave your name if you are interested in displaying any time after September.

**The Jericho Town Hall Art committee Call to Artists:** Established and emerging artists are invited to submit one or two pieces of artwork in any medium, including photography, for the exhibit titled *Jericho through the Eyes of an Artist: Present, Past and Future*. The exhibit is scheduled from Tuesday, September 6-Saturday, December 31, 2022 in the Jericho Town Hall. The main requirement is that the work must be able to be hung on a gallery hanger system and not a picture hanger. Registration forms are due by Friday, August 26. For registration materials and information contact Catherine McMains, [catherine.mcmains@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.mcmains@gmail.com). Registration materials and other information can also be found on the Jericho Town website, <http://jerichovt.org/>. The exhibit is one of an ongoing series of shows that are part of a collaborative effort between the Town of Jericho and a committee of volunteers involved in the arts. Committee members include Catherine McMains, SelectBoard; Emilie Alexander, gallery owner; and artists Dianne Shullenberger and Carla Hochschild.

**Artisan Openings for Harvest Market** — Harvest Market 2022 at the United Church of Underhill is Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25. There are openings for artisans who make their own creations (no food please). You get a space measured 8' long x 6' deep; bring your own table. Spaces are located inside the church, first floor and basement. Leave tables set up for day two. The building is locked overnight and security is included. Cost: \$55 for both days; funds go into United Church missions to help others. For more information and secure a space, contact [artisansmarket@underhillharvestmarket.com](mailto:artisansmarket@underhillharvestmarket.com).

**The Emile A Gruppe Gallery**, 22 Barber Farm Rd., Jericho. Gallery hours: Thursday-Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM or by appointment, 802-899-3211.

**Essex Art League at the Old Red Mill in Jericho:** Ever wonder what your friends and neighbors are up to in the Essex Art League? This summer in August you can see a stunning display of original, local art by members of the Essex Art League. Various two-dimensional mediums will be represented in pieces of all sizes. Not only will you see and enjoy local art, it is available for purchase at reasonable prices. A portion of the proceeds from the sales helps support the Jericho Historical Society. Enjoy the show!

**The Westford Music Series** of concerts all take place on the Common on Sundays at 7:00 PM. Free will donation. For more information: 802-363-0930. The final of Westford's summer concerts is August 21: *Emma Cook*.

**The Social Band**, a Burlington-based chorus performing a cappella choral music, will present a concert on Saturday, August 27, 7:30 PM at the Old Round Church in Richmond. They will make music, revel in some poetry, and encourage everyone to sing along with their mix of early music, shape-noted tunes, and contemporary pieces including new compositions by Don Jamison and Clyde Powers. Suggested donation, \$18 at the door. For more information contact 802-355-4216 or [amity@socialband.org](mailto:amity@socialband.org), or go online to <http://www.socialband.org>.

**Summer Paint-and-Sip series**, by Heather Rodriguez, Westford Recreation Coordinator: Westford Rec presents a Summer Paint-and-Sip series on Fridays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Red Brick Meeting House on Westford Common. Register to guarantee a seat, or drop in; \$20 per session. August 19, adults: a pig with black-eyed Susans; August 26, adults: a garden gnome. Adults BYOB; kids' juice boxes provided! Drop off for ages 6+. Please register at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJog47jBvAT4aqYdvs\\_ainoksKuk\\_nq9Qc2jBz5vO6AcKfYA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJog47jBvAT4aqYdvs_ainoksKuk_nq9Qc2jBz5vO6AcKfYA/viewform).

**Artists in Schools program to open August 15:** Artists in Schools Grants support quality, multiday arts experiences in schools with Vermont teaching artists in residence and encourage collaborations between schools, youth, artists, and arts organizations. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year open Monday, August 15. Guidelines and other resources are already available on the website. For more information: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/schools/artists-in-schools>.

**Trucks, Taps & Tunes at the Essex Experience:** Come on down to The Essex Experience (21 Essex Way, Essex) Wednesdays, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, this summer (through August 24) for Trucks, Taps, & Tunes, our weekly series of free outdoor live music, food trucks, and beer on The Green! Each week we'll have a different band or performer with rotating food trucks in attendance! The weekly music lineup is as follows: August 17: *Al's Pals*; August 24: *Sneezy*. For more information, go online to <http://EssexExperience.com>.

**Tuesday Night Live in Johnson**, every Tuesday through August 30. Tuesday Night Live is free thanks to the support of local businesses. Just bring a blanket or chair! A variety of vendors will be on site each week, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, for Tuesday Night Live Outdoor Stage, Legion Field, School St., Johnson. August 16: the *Seth Yacavone Trio* (Seth, Steve Hadeka, and Alexander Budney) bring original bluesy hard rock and improv power. The Historical Society bakers promise a great selection of homemade pies, plus McKenzie hot dogs. Family friendly. Parking is along School Street, in the Elementary School Parking lot, and at the McClelland Building lot on College Hill. Summer showers may dampen the enthusiasm for a few minutes; but it is lightning and thunder that cancels the event. The multi-week music schedule is available on the Tuesday Night Live Facebook page; for information, 802-730-2943.

**Spruce Peak's Summer Concert Series** on the Spruce Peak Village Green, Stowe has a great lineup of concerts this summer. On concert days — Thursdays — the Green opens at 5:00 PM; music begins at 6:00 PM, with the main show starting at 7:00 PM. Lawn seating (no lawn chairs allowed): \$40 per person, kids 5 and under for \$5. Table seating (maximum 10 persons per table): \$50 per person, kids 5 and under \$10. All tickets are general admission; part of ticket sales goes to Spruce Peak Cares partner charities (VT Foodbank, Meals On Wheels, Clarina Howard Nichols Center, United Way of Lamoille County, The Current, and the North Country Animal League). For more information and for tickets, go online to <https://www.sprucepeak.com/concerts>. August 18: Jamestown Revival with special guest Stephen Kellogg; September 1: The Lone Bellow with special guest Pete Kilpatrick.

**Visions of Vermont Fine Art Galleries** (current hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM). Now showing through Sunday, November 6 at the Carriage Barn: work by Eric Tobin and other local and regional *plein air* painters.

**Essex Art League is turning 50!** The Essex Art League is having its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. We are reaching out to former members to please send us an email ([annettebauerle@gmail.com](mailto:annettebauerle@gmail.com)) — include your memories, stories, or anecdotes from when you were a member. If you are interested in displaying your art at the Champlain Valley Fair, we are the featured artists! Let us know if you'd like to come to our Thursday, September

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## 2022 First Lego League Robotics in Westford

After an amazing 2021 season that saw the creation of two new rookie teams in addition to two returning teams, the FIRST Lego League (FLL) robotics program is prepping for an even better 2022! This year's theme is *Superpowered*, where we'll look at different types of energy to understand how it's generated, distributed, stored, and used. See the teaser trailer online at <https://youtu.be/okR1AMFN3Q>.

We hope to welcome back our returning team members from Panda-monium, Save the Pandas, and the Muddy Pandas, as well as any curious new engineers looking to start. Participation is open to students in grades 4-8, and no previous experience is needed. The season runs from the start of school until January.

FLL, like any other competitive team, requires a commitment from students and families. This includes on-time attendance at team practices (twice weekly), help with snacks/activities, and a growth mindset. Our teams do amazing things and have fun, but they put in the work and are in total control of their own success.

Fill out this form by Monday, August 15 if your student wants to learn more and be included on team formation emails: <https://forms.gle/mqUQVsgnm3iAn8teA>. Have questions? Reach out to Mark Drapa, [madrapa@ewsd.org](mailto:madrapa@ewsd.org) or 802-893-2689.

What to expect next:

- online parent/guardian meeting with more detail about FLL Westford Robotics, including an introduction to the program (what do we actually do?), coaches, practice commitment, and Q&A;
- team sign-up;
- season kick-off.

Friendly competition is at the heart of FLL. Teams of students

## SPORTS NEWS

### Cambridge Youth Soccer fall registration is open

Registration for the fall season is now open. Please register early so we can make sure we have space for your child. A few updates for you to be aware of:

If you are interested in coaching please contact Marcus Holmes, [Marcusholmes1821@yahoo.com](mailto:Marcusholmes1821@yahoo.com).

Uniform shirts and socks are now included in your registration fees. You will need to provide black shorts for games for players in grades 3-6.

Registration fees: free for coaches and board members; \$60 for the first child in a household, \$50 for the additional children in a household.

To register, please go to [https://system.gotsport.com/programs/459516297?reg\\_role=player](https://system.gotsport.com/programs/459516297?reg_role=player).

Coaches will reach out in mid-August with practice schedules, game dates, and more information. The first weekend of games will likely be the weekend after Labor Day.

If you have any questions please contact Sarah Hart, [cysregister@gmail.com](mailto:cysregister@gmail.com).

### Register for Westford fall soccer 2022 by August 31

**By Heather Rodriguez, Westford Recreation Coordinator**  
Westford's fall soccer registration deadline is Wednesday, August 31. Late registration is subject to Rec Coordinator and coach approval, and requires a \$10 late fee.

Register online at <https://westfordvt.us/recreation-dept-line-registration/>.

We are in need of a coach for grade 3/4 boys and girls; if interested please email [recreation@westfordvt.us](mailto:recreation@westfordvt.us).

Season dates: September and October; practice and game times TBD.

What you need: It is recommended that players have cleats, shin guards, and a water bottle. All players in grades 3-4 are required to have cleats and shin guards. We provide balls for practice and games; however, players are welcome to bring their own. Please label all of your player's gear.

### EHS weightlifting club

If you or someone you know is an EHS student and are interested in learning or furthering your olympic weightlifting, come join the EHS weightlifting club. This is also open to EHS students who are interested in strength training for athletic performance or general health. Contact Adam Adorasio, [handlearrow@gmail.com](mailto:handlearrow@gmail.com), for more details.

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1 Reunion/Celebration at the Congregational Church in Essex Junction, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. And, if you know of a former member, please pass this message on.

**Milton Artists Guild has a variety of upcoming workshops!** Cartoons, caricatures, and book illustrations: Sunday, August 14, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Introduction to Acrylic Painting: Sunday, September 18 and 25, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. To sign up for a workshop, go online to <https://www.miltonartistsguildstore.com/workshops>.

**Burlington City Arts:** BCA's exhibitions are open Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Saturdays 12:00 – 8:00 PM. On exhibit from through Saturday, October 8, *More Than an Object: The Contemporary Still Life* on the first floor, and *Sky Hopinka: Fainting Spells* on the second floor. Presenting the creative possibilities, vitality, and inventiveness of the still life tradition, *More Than an Object* features work from nine New England and international artists including Susan Abbott, Christina Erives, Oona Gardner, Ori Gersht, Libby Paloma, Mike Pelletier, William Ransom, Zachary P. Stephens, and Christopher T. Terry. In our second-floor gallery, multimedia artist Sky Hopinka layers memory, language, myth, and longing in two experimental films — *When you're lost in the rain* and *Fainting Spells* — exploring themes of culture and homeland as he reflects on the complexity of Indigenous identity. Summer gallery hours: Wednesday-Friday and Sunday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM; Saturday, 12:00 – 8:00 PM.

engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering — building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. Teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem through invention and rapid prototyping.

The season culminates in the Vermont State Championships, usually held in January at Norwich University. This event is equal parts preparation and adrenaline — a unique, carnival-like experience where students compete and collaborate with teams from around the state.

Totally new to FIRST? Check out my favorite video that captures what we are all about: <https://youtu.be/igr409sJly0>.

Last but not least, coaches and mentors are needed for this season. We must add to our group of volunteers in order to support the number of students we are anticipating. You don't need to be technical — just enthusiastic. Training and support will be provided. Email or call Mark (see above) if curious.

## Advance your career with tuition-free courses

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### Family bike rides, beginner hikes in Cambridge

Join the Cambridge Recreation Board this summer for a series of bi-weekly family bike rides and beginner hikes. We'll explore local trails in Cambridge and in neighboring towns. Please register in advance: [https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/cambridge\\_at\\_a\\_glance/recreation\\_board.php](https://www.cambridge.vermont.gov/cambridge_at_a_glance/recreation_board.php). (Click on "New: Bi-Weekly Family Bike Rides & Beginner Hikes")

Tuesday, August 16, 4:30 PM: Hike, Prospect Rock, Johnson. Park at the trailhead/suspension bridge on Hogback Road. Come ready with proper footwear and water.

### A new trail race: (Valley) Dream Big 10k and 3k

There's a new trail race in Jeffersonville — the inaugural (Valley) Dream Big 10K and 3K on the Brewster River Mountain Bike trails will be held on Saturday, September 10, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This event is a fundraiser for Girls on the Run Vermont, an organization that aims to help young girls gain confidence, independence, self-worth, and more through the sport of a running.

The 10K is the more "competitive" race, but both races are great for beginners! If you want to dip your toes into trail running and racing, then these are the races for you. The organizers hope to see lots of younger runners sign up for the 3K!

All proceeds will go directly to Girls on the Run Vermont, which has a chapter in Lamoille county! If you aren't interested in running but would like to support, you can help by volunteering (there is a form on the website) or by simply spreading the word. The event is capped at 75 people, which includes both races, so help us sell it out and raise a lot of dough for this amazing organization!

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