

# United Church of Underhill



## announces 2022 honorees

Each year the Old-Fashioned Harvest Market Steering Committee votes on two honorees to be recognized during the Parade. The Community Citizen honor is for a person(s) who have contributed to the Jericho and Underhill communities, making a difference in people's lives. The Parade Marshal is awarded to a United Church of Underhill member who has contributed to the church by reaching out to the wider community.

Congratulations to Lynn Wagner for being honored as Harvest Market 2022 Community Citizen! Lynn has been the Director of the Jericho Recreation Camp for 30 years! Lynn relates in her 2022 camp newsletter, "This will be my 30<sup>th</sup> summer directing Jericho Recreation. I continue to return because I absolutely enjoy watching the campers engage in healthy activities, making new friends, taking social risks, and hearing laughter from having fun." Early on in her summer camp career, she was instrumental in establishing a scholarship program to broaden the reach of the camp experience to many new faces. Lynn never backs down from a challenge and welcomes and nurtures all who come to camp. Old Fashioned Harvest Market Steering Committee and nominator Janet Grant recognizes Lynn's contribution to the kids in the Town of Jericho, and is proud to name her the 2022 Community Citizen.

Congratulations to Tracie Wright for being honored as Harvest Market 2022 Parade Marshal! Tracie has played an active role in our church for many years. She and her family joined the church following Vacation Bible School her young daughters attended. Tracie is a strong spiritual leader in our church community and beyond. Her dedication to a weekly woman's group has provided a sense of community and deep learning and understanding for those who participate. She provides leadership in worship, caring for church finances, and educational programs for adults and children of all ages. She is passionate about social justice and seeking understanding using the lens of "what would Jesus do?" Tracie leads with strength and courage. We are so grateful for all she gives to our church and community.

Please join us in congratulating Lynn and Tracie, and be sure to give them a "shout out" as they pass you in the parade on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 AM.

More stories and schedule on pages 6 and 7



## UJFD Honorary Chief David Tillotson passes

David Wayne Tillotson, 76, of Jericho, VT passed away on Friday, August 26, 2022 while camping in Braintree, VT. David was the son of Norman and Ruth (Bond) Tillotson and born on May 24, 1946, in Barre, VT. He was raised in Jericho, moving there when he was 4 years old and lived there all his life until four years ago, when he moved to Flagler Beach, FL. He graduated from Jericho High School in 1964. David married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Fortune, in 1965. This past July they celebrated 57 years of marriage. David began his working career at General Electric. He started his own trucking company in 1972, Tillotson Trucking. David remained in construction most of his career, working at R J Colton, S. D. Ireland, and Pike Industries. David's passion, however, was serving on the Underhill Jericho Fire Department. He joined the Underhill Jericho Fire Department in February of 1972. David proudly served the communities of Underhill and Jericho as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief. David received his final promotion to the rank of Honorary Chief in 2001. David also served the department as its moderator and treasurer. David obtained his life membership status in 1997 while he was serving as the Chief of the Department. David also served as the Fire Warden for the Town of Jericho for many years. David enjoyed spending

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Helpful voting information on the CSWD New MRF ballot

By Alise Certa

Marketing & Communications Manager, CSWD

The Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) has a ballot initiative in this year's General Election, and we're asking for your support. CSWD's current Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), which processes all of Chittenden County's recycling, is outdated, inefficient, and too small. If approved, this bond will enable CSWD to build a new MRF, allowing Vermonters to recycle more.

The Secretary of State's office will be mailing the General Election ballot to all active registered voters for the Tuesday, November 8 General Election. The General Election ballot will include the State races and local questions, but not ballots for "Special Elections."

*There is a SEPARATE ballot for CSWD's bond vote. This ballot cannot be mailed to voters with the General Election ballot, so you will need to request it if you would like it mailed to you.* All ballots will be available at the polling places on Election Day.

Bottom line: CSWD ballots will be available if you walk-in to vote; however, if you want it mailed to you in advance, you can request it now either online at <http://mvp.vermont.gov> (Vermont's My Voter Page) or by calling your Town Clerk's office. We recommend making your request now before the rush and to allow for mail delays.

If you would like to learn more about the proposed new MRF, please come to CSWD's Community Forum on Monday, September 19 at the Contois Auditorium in Burlington. This community forum will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please visit <http://cswd.net/mrf-bond> for more information.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [acerta@cswd.net](mailto:acerta@cswd.net).

### Join the Cambridge Finance Committee

By Jonathan DeLaBruere

Cambridge Town Administrator, Cambridge

The Town of Cambridge is seeking interested residents to fill one vacancy on the Finance Committee, lasting until 2025.

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to receive requests for appropriations and then make recommendations to the Selectboard from various town boards, commissions, committees, working groups, nonprofit organizations, and social service organizations. Anyone that is interested in being considered should submit a letter of interest to Town Administrator Jonathan DeLaBruere ([townadmin@cambridgevt.org](mailto:townadmin@cambridgevt.org)) by 1:00 PM on Friday, September 30. The Finance Committee will hold their next meeting at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 5 to hear from those interested persons.

### Reminder: Jericho taxes due September 15

By John Abbott, Jericho Town Administrator

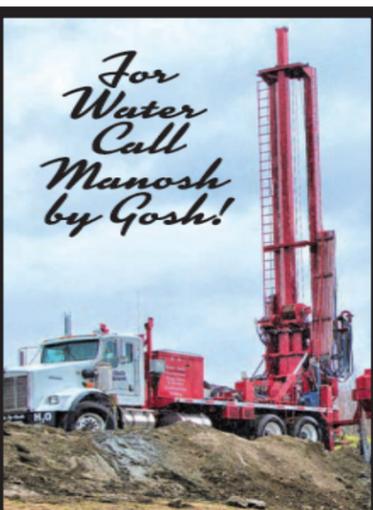
Town of Jericho property taxes are due by midnight on Thursday, September 15. Property owners can pay in person at

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## 4-H NEWS

## Vermont 4-H'ers excel at Champlain Valley Fair

The Champlain Valley Fair's claim to be "the 10 best days of summer" rang true for many Vermont 4-H'ers who entered exhibits and competed in 4-H competitions from a judging jamboree to poultry and horse shows, earning ribbons and premiums.

The fair, which ran from Friday, August 26-Sunday, September 4 in Essex Junction, featured 4-H Day on Sunday, August 28, with a variety of activities for 4-H'ers, including an opportunity to take part in the evening parade. Tabletop displays, posters, photos, and scrapbooks were on display throughout the fair in the 4-H Hall, where one 4-H club also presented an action exhibit.

The first 4-H event was the dairy show, Saturday, August 27, which was judged by Elizabeth Menard of Fairfield, a former 4-H member who showed at this fair. Results were as follows: Fitting and Showmanship Champion, Ayrshire Grand Champion, and Supreme Heifer Champion: Whitney Dunklee, Vernon; Brown

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the Town Hall, online through the Town website <http://jerichovt.org> (additional fees apply), or via the outside drop box at Town Hall. Payment can be made until midnight on the date due, or by mail to the Town of Jericho at P.O. Box 39, Jericho, VT 05465. Postmarks are accepted.

## Volunteers needed for Westford clothing drive

It's time to start cleaning closets and sorting out winter coats we no longer need. Westford's Winter Wear Share needs a couple dependable volunteers to help this year. This only requires a couple of hours a week until the days of distribution, traditionally the third Saturdays of November and December, which require several hours each; then cleanup after needs several more hours.

Email Carol Winfield, [carol@vtwildlife.com](mailto:carol@vtwildlife.com), for details if you can help!

## Cambridge Community Food Shelf needs volunteers

The Cambridge Community Food Shelf has lost two important volunteers as the end of summer has shifted back to school. We are looking for people to volunteer from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. (It may only be once a month or twice a month, depending on your availability.) The job consists of helping our clients choose food items their family needs from the shelves of food we have available. Please consider volunteering if you have a spare two hours.

Please contact [cambridgevtfs@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgevtfs@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Also, you can check out our website at <https://cambridgevtfs.wixsite.com/my-site>.

## Richmond-Bolton U.S. Rt. 2 rehabilitation schedule

September 8

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. Motorists are urged to slow down while driving on the unpaved roadway.

The following is the anticipated work schedule for the week beginning Monday, September 12:

Tuesday and Wednesday, daytime: paving base course between the Long Trail Parking Lot and Boys Club Road.

Monday-Friday, daytime: continue full-depth roadway excavation and slab removal between Cochran Road and Snipe Ireland Roads; ditching and turf establishment between Cochran Road to the eastern end of the project in Bolton.

Please use caution and follow the posted speed limits!

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

## Essex/Colchester, VT Rts. 2A, 289 resurfacing

September 8

Paving the leveling course continued on the milled area of VT-289. Traffic impact: VT Rt. 2A: none; VT Rt. 289: two-way traffic will be maintained with lane shifts.

The following is an anticipated work schedule for the week Sunday-Thursday, September 11-15, 7:00 PM – 6:00 AM: complete milling on VT Rt. 289 from the "jug handle" to the end at VT Rt. 117; begin berm removal, shoulder cleanup on VT Rt. 289. Please follow the posted speed limits!

Projected completion date: October 14, 2022

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

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time with his friends and family and seeing his grandchildren, especially, his great-grandson Carson. He loved his two bulldogs, Clark and Winston. The last four years he enjoyed living in Flagler Beach, FL on the intercoastal waters, watching the boats, dolphins, and beautiful sunsets. David touched so many lives and will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife Sandra Tillotson; his daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Alan Howell of Ormond Beach, FL; his son and daughter-in-law Scott and Joey Tillotson of Auburn, WA; by grandchildren Austin Howell and his wife Wynter, and Andrea Howell; and by his great-grandson Carson; his sister Norma Atherton (Kenneth) of Jericho; brother-in-law Max Fortune (Sandy) of Moretown, VT; and brother-in-law Jeffrey Fortune (Sharon) of Huntington, VT. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends. A memorial service was held at the Underhill-Jericho Fire Station at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Underhill-Jericho Fire Department, P.O. Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489. Online condolences may be made at [www.dayfunerals.com](http://www.dayfunerals.com). The Day Funeral Home in Randolph, VT is assisting the family with arrangements.

Swiss Grand Champion: Emma Edenfield, Shelburne; Holstein Grand Champion and Supreme Cow Champion: Cassidy Dunphy, Franklin; Jersey Grand Champion and Herdsmanship Award: Isabella Wilbur, Orwell; Milking Shorthorn Grand Champion: Caroline Allen, Ferrisburgh; Best Club Display Award: Mount Independence 4-H Club, Orwell.

On 4-H Day, several 4-H members participated in the annual 4-H Judging Jamboree, which each year includes one livestock species and one Vermont product, with instruction on what to look for when judging these classes.

Mark Podgwaite, Northfield, was the official presenter and judge for the chicken class. Martha Manning, University of Vermont (UVM) Extension 4-H educator for Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, presented the apple judging class. The top three scorers, who all received a high score of 96 out of 100, were Nick Raley, Fairfax; Noa Soave, Colchester; and Morgan White, Whiting.

The 4-H Poultry Show also was held on 4-H Day and judged by Podgwaite. Participating 4-H'ers were Josephina Kascha-Hare, Milton; Samuel Luis, Whiting; as well as Claire, James, and Lucas Niggle, Nora and Nick Raley, Claire and Isabelle Romano, and Gabrielle Senecal, all from Fairfax. All earned blue ribbons in both fitting and showmanship and general knowledge. The show concluded with a just-for-fun chicken agility course.

The Best of Show winner for both posters and photos was Sydney Gorton of Milton, with a poster about Poitou donkeys and a photo of Chloe, her former 4-H project horse. Liam Palmer, Williston, took Best of Show for his tabletop exhibit *L'Anse aux Meadows* about the first Viking settlement in North America. The Whispering Pines 4-H Club of Westford captured Best of Show for their club scrapbook, highlighting activities, awards, and news clippings from the current 4-H year.



Show judge Mark Podgwaite, Northfield, evaluates Fairfax 4-H'er James Niggle's chicken as Claire Romano, Fairfax, and Josie Kascha-Hare, Milton, get their entries ready to be judged at the 4-H poultry show on Sunday, August 28 at the Champlain Valley Fair.

Club members also presented "Corky Creations," their action exhibit on how to make cork trivets, and will be heading the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA later this month with this same presentation.

The 4-H Horse Show on Saturday, September 3 concluded the 4-H activities at the fair. Earning championships were: Senior Champion: Haileigh Demers, Westford; Reserve Senior Champion: Renee Payton, Danville. Junior Champion: Emma



Two members of the Whispering Pines 4-H Club of Westford were selected to represent 4-H at the opening ceremony of the Champlain Valley Fair Friday, August 26 in Essex Junction. Posing with Governor Phil Scott (right) and Mary Fay, 4-H fair superintendent (left), are Chloe Barewicz, Jericho, and Alessandra Hoffman, Milton.



Mark Podgwaite, Northfield, speaks with Gabrielle Senecal (front) as he judges her entry in the 4-H poultry show on Sunday, August 28, at the Champlain Valley Fair, as Nora Raley and Claire Niggle observe. The girls, all from Fairfax, are members of the High Hopes 4-H Club.

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Sibley, Milton; Reserve Junior Champion: Autumn Dailey, East Hardwick. Advanced Beginner Champion: Karson Cook, Shelburne; Reserve Advance Beginner Champion: Logan Claypool, Milton. Beginner Champion: Lillian Kascha-Hare, Milton; Reserve Beginner Champion: Kinzi Grindle, St. Albans.

For information about the UVM Extension 4-H program, contact the State 4-H Office, 802-651-8343 or 800-571-0668 (toll-free in Vermont).

## COMING EVENTS

### Reproductive Rights bake sale seeks bakers for September 24

At the first Reproductive Rights bake sale in July, thanks to 25 local bakers and 150+ customers we raised over \$5700 for the National Network of Abortion Funds. We are looking for more bakers who are interested for the next sale in Underhill Flats on Saturday, September 24 (Harvest Market Weekend). Reach out to [heiditorrance@gmail.com](mailto:heiditorrance@gmail.com) if you are interested in contributing your baked goods.

#### Wednesday, September 14

**Low Emission and Electric Vehicle Rulemaking**, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Burlington Old North End (O.N.E.) Community Center, first floor, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Join the Agency of Natural Resources to discuss how transportation choices in Vermont are related to air quality and climate change impacts and solutions. Food and resources about electric vehicles will be available. To learn more: <https://anr.vermont.gov/content/low-emission-and-electric-vehicle-rulemaking-public-events>. Contact [anr.dec.levzev@vermont.gov](mailto:anr.dec.levzev@vermont.gov) to request language access services, ask questions, or get more information.

#### Thursday, September 15

**Chicken Pie Supper**, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Binghamville United Methodist Church, 35 School Rd., Fletcher. Who's ready for Chicken Pie Supper? Just drive up to the door from the circular drives, order and pay, and we will deliver food to your car. The dining room will be open if you wish to sit and eat, but there will be no wait service, you will be given a takeout meal. Please RSVP to Charles Tinker, 802-849-2120, or Tara Sweet, 802-355-0768. We want to be sure we have enough for everyone, so please RSVP. Adults \$12, kids 5-12 \$6, children under 5 are free. Hope to see you there!

#### Saturday, September 17

**Next Steps in Organizing**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, on Zoom. Presenter Suzanne Blanchard. All classes at the VT Genealogy Library will be Zoom webinars; cost is \$10. Please visit our website [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) for additional details and for registration.

**Community Charity Flea Market/Bake Sale**, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (set up, 8:00 AM), Cambridge Community Center, Cambridge. Brown & Jenkins Coffee Roaster will be there with a free hot cup of coffee to those setting up. We will be selling bags of coffee in addition to the amazing, world famous Cupboard Deli doughnuts. We would love a baked goods table set up next to us. Any bakers out there want to set up? Bring your table or two, your talents, wares, products, and great stuff from your attic, basement, or barn. Your space is free and we only ask for a heartfelt donation at the end, with those proceeds going to our local heroes at the Cambridge Fire Department and the Cambridge Rescue Squad. Let's show support, meet neighbors, have some fun, make some \$\$ and support a good cause. More details on our contact page, <http://Communitycharity2022.blogspot.com>, or contact Sandy Riggen, 802-644-8300 with questions.

**Vermont Women and the Civil War**, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Brick Meeting House, 1685 VT Rt. 128, Westford. The Westford Historical Society will host Vermont's own Howard Coffin, who will draw from diaries and letters and talk about what Vermont's women were doing to keep the home fires burning while their men (nearly 35,000 of them) were off fighting in the Civil War. He will describe what life was like in the Green Mountain State during the war years of 1861-1865. The Meeting House has a ramp for easy access. Free and open to the public; donations appreciated. Sponsored by the VT Humanities program and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information contact Caroline Brown, 802-878-8890 or [carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net](mailto:carolinebrown802@myfairpoint.net), or Glenn Rogers, [glenn.rogers@uvm.edu](mailto:glenn.rogers@uvm.edu).

#### Sunday, September 18

**Annual Chicken BBQ**, 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM, St. Mary's Church, Cambridge. Hosted by St. Mary's Church; \$15 per person. For more information, please call 802-644-5073.

**Women Owning Woodlands Forestry Walk and Talk: Improving the woods through a Crop Tree Release Project**, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Bolton. Have you ever wondered what a crop tree release means? Join the WOW (Women Owning

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## COMMUNITY COLUMNS

## The JOiNPC August winners are...

By Bernie Paquette

There were 139 photo entries for August in the Jericho Observing Life in Nature Photo Contest. See a list of winners and a link to their photos below.

There are four benefits of Jericho's Observations in Nature Photo Contest:

1. build community through friendly competition. August entries: Underhill, 89; Jericho, 47; Cambridge, 3;
2. insect observation, and the contest, can be fun family activities;
3. participants can contribute data to the iNaturalist database;
4. JOiNPC competition can raise awareness about issues that affect our natural environment/wildlife and raise awareness of the biodiversity of life in our own backyards.

The observers and photos chosen for a August Creemee award are: [Sandywilmot\(userid\)](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/128980208) / Underhill: Sharptail bee (Genus *Coelioxys*), possibly a cuckoo leafcutter bee. A queen ant kidnapper bee (*Aphilanthops frigidus*). [Wesleymiles\(userid\)](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129868140) / Underhill: Common Stonefly (Family *Perlidae*). [Jeanrimbaud\(userid\)](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129705442) / Underhill: Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma maculatum*), Deekay's Brownsnake (*Storeria dekayi*). [Stalemary\(userid\)](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129830212) / Jericho: Silver-bordered Fritillary (*Boloria selene*), Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*), and Scudder's Bush Katydid (Genus *Scudderia*). All of these folks can contact me ([bernie.paquette@yahoo.com](mailto:bernie.paquette@yahoo.com)) to make arrangements to pick up their award (Creemee gift certificate from either Jericho Country Store or Palmer Lane Maple).

View Sandy's photos at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/128980208> and <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129868140>.

View Wesley's photo at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129705442>.

View Jean's photos at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129830212> and <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129962094>.

View Mary's photos at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129962094>.

[observations/130444529](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/130444529), <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/130443641>, and <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/129279172>.

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

Thanks to all participating in the contest, helping us recognize our bond with all living things! The next award winner will be chosen on October 1 from photos entered during September. At the end of the contest, there will be a pizza certificate prize (from Mountain High Pizza). View the instructions on how to participate in the contest at <https://jerichovermont.blogspot.com/2022/04/joinpc-jericho-observing-life-in-nature.html>.

## Philanthropy: the dark side of giving... getting

By Bill Schubart

We like to think of philanthropy as pure altruism... making a gift, and it often is, but philanthropy also has its dark side.

*Criminal theft and deception*

Among the darkest is that there are charities legally registered as non-profits that are merely scams collecting money for owners and sponsors.

Charity Watch, the charity rating service of the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP), is as close to an independent charity-rating service as donors will find. They do most of their own analytical research (as opposed to charity-supplied data) on non-profits seeking your charitable dollars. Charities are rated on the percent of their overall income they spend on program, on fundraising, and on management — i.e., how much they spend on executive compensation and overhead, how much they spend to raise \$100, as well as the size of their unspent reserves. But even then, Charity Watch's analyses are limited somewhat by their use of comparative financial ratios derived mostly from 990 and tax filings. There's little or no direct research on factors

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Insect Comic #24: August 23

*She loves me, she loves me not. Is it my densely covered long lemon-yellow hairs, my wider than long face, or perhaps my short and pointed tongue? Is she impressed with the 11 segments in my antennae compared to her 10 or that I have 7 abdominal segments compared to her 6? I sure do dig her sideways eyebrows (pale facial foveae) on the edges of her compound eyes.*

*Hairy-banded Mining Bee (Andrena hirticincta) This is a common and distinctive fall bee. Most often associated with goldenrod, it is occasionally found on related flowers (and even sometimes plants in the mint family) — VT Center for Ecostudies.*

PHOTO BERNIE PAQUETTE

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Woodlands) Network for a walk in one of our new forestry demonstration projects in Bolton. The walk will be hosted by landowner Alyssa Bennet. We will be looking at a planned crop tree release project, a silvicultural treatment that promotes the growth of individually selected trees, in order to improve the overall health of the forest. The project will be implemented by the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps Forestry Crew. Chittenden Country Forester Ethan Tapper will join us to talk about the goals of a crop tree release and how this treatment will improve the ecological and economic value of the forest into the future. WOW VT programs are tailored towards those who identify as female, but all are welcome to participate. Sign up to let us know you are coming and to receive directions by email: <https://mailchi.mp/d44bbd0b2620/women-owning-woodlands-working-group-16546496?e=d4f0712e40>.

## Monday, September 19

**American Legion Meeting**, 6:00 PM, Eagles Club, Jeffersonville. The monthly meeting of Mount Mansfield Post #35 of the American Legion. Social hour starts at 6pm, with the meeting starting at 6:30 PM. This month we will be welcoming candidates for Vermont House of Representatives Lamoille District 3, Cambridge and Waterville. Democrat candidate Lucy Boyden and Republican candidate Rebecca Pitre will both be in attendance to introduce themselves and discuss veterans' issues with our Legionnaires. Regular Post business will follow after the discussion with the candidates. Open to Veterans and members of Post 35 only.

**CSWD's Community Forum on the proposed new Materials Recovery Facility**, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, Burlington. Come to this community forum to learn more about the proposed new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please visit <http://cswd.net/mrf-bond> for more information; if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact [acerta@cswd.net](mailto:acerta@cswd.net).

## Wednesday, September 21

**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).

**Women, Wills, and Estate Planning: estate planning for now and the next generation**, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne. The Vermont Land Trust (VLT) and Shelburne Farms present a panel including Christa Kemp, VLT; Sue Dixon, Shelburne Farms; and Jeanne Blackmore and Susan Fowler, Trust Company of Vermont. Whether your plan is complete or you're just getting started, this expert panel will give examples, share stories, and answer questions. Free; donations welcome. Register online at <https://join.vlt.org/event/women-wills-and-a-way-forward-estate-planning-for-now-and-the-next-generation/425095/register/new/select-tickets>.

## Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

**4th annual VT Climbing Festival**, Richmond. All climbers are welcome to join for a weekend of camping, climbing, workshops, clinics, competitions, music, and more! This year's keynote speaker is NorthFace athlete Cedar Wright. Proceeds support the work of CRAG-VT to protect and preserve Vermont climbing. Pre-register online at <http://www.cragvt.org/festival>.

## Saturday, September 24

**Pedals for Progress 24th annual bike and sewing machine collection**, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Burton factory, Queen City Park Rd., Burlington. The Green Mountain Returned Peace Corps Volunteers ask you to check your closet or garage to help struggling families in communities around the world build a more secure life. Bring your unused bike or sewing machine, plus \$15 per item to help with international shipping costs. Still looking for volunteers to help out! For questions, to volunteer, or to donate, contact [P4Pvermont@gmail.com](mailto:P4Pvermont@gmail.com) or visit Facebook @P4P.

**Basket weaving class**, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Catalyst Church, Jericho. Hosted by the Jericho Ladies Ministry: Beauty Within.

Join Tracie Quirion, Pastor Gilles' aunt, and learn a new skill! Maximum class size of 10; cost is \$68, which includes all material and Tracie's expertise in basket weaving. The basket is called *Plain 'n Simple*. For more information, go online to <https://facebook.com/events/s/weave-n-achieve/746260316528747/> or contact [segentley@gmail.com](mailto:segentley@gmail.com).

**An Introduction to DNA Testing**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, on Zoom. Deciding if DNA evidence can help you solve genealogical mysteries can be perplexing. Can DNA even address your specific question? Which type of test will work for your problem? Which testing company should you choose? Ed McGuire will address each question. He will explain how the tests work, how DNA results complement traditional evidence, and how to choose the best option to fit your situation. Ed will also address the time and costs involved, as well as security issues and ethical considerations. A handout will be provided with key background information, as well as the best online and print resources. All classes at the VT Genealogy Library will be Zoom webinars; cost is \$10. Please visit our website [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) for additional details and for registration.

## Sunday, September 25

**Bethuel Chittenden: Ordained for Vermont During Tense Political Times**, 2:00 PM, Shelburne Town Hall at Pierson Library, 5376 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne. A talk by Lori Wilson, educator and author of *God With Us, a History of Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, VT, 1790-1990*. Trinity Episcopal Church was established by Bethuel Chittenden, brother of Gov. Thomas Chittenden who presided over the Republic of Vermont. Bethuel's connection to the Anglican Church put him in an awkward position during the Revolutionary War. The matter of glebe lands and trying to get a bishop for Vermont were other issues he attempted to influence. Bethuel Chittenden and some members of his family are buried in the old Shelburne Cemetery on Spear Street. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to this free event.

## Wednesday, September 28

**35th MMU Academic Boosters Lasagna Takeout Dinner fundraiser**, 3:00 – 6:30 PM, takeout only. This is the only fundraiser to support activities for the school year. Open to all in our community. Servers will bring your dinner directly to your vehicle. Menu: lasagna (meat, veggie, GF), green salad, roll or bread, and delicious pie (apple, pumpkin, or chocolate) for dessert. Tickets \$12. Orders must be placed online at <https://forms.gle/YWv7mxKFCNypAaEe8> by Friday, September 23. Please see our MMU Booster webpage <https://mmu.mmuusd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=476094&pageid=539140> for further information.

## Saturday, October 1

**VT Research in the 18th Century**, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, on Zoom. This class presents a brief pre-settlement history of New England. It then uses maps to illustrate the issues around border disputes in western New England. From that outline, Drew Bartley will discuss the records that survive, chronologically, through those border changes. The focus at the end is on the records created since the Republic of Vermont was formed in 1777. All classes at the VT Genealogy Library will be Zoom webinars; cost is \$10. Please visit our website [www.vtgenlib.org](http://www.vtgenlib.org) for additional details and for registration.

## Wednesday, October 5

**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 8

**Writing with Spirit one-day retreat**, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Old Schoolhouse, Underhill. Come join a day of quiet, meditation, and creative writing. Leaders Janet McKeenan-Medina, poet, psychotherapist, and life coach; and Nancy Kilgore, novelist, pastoral psychotherapist. Nancy is the author of three novels. Her latest, BITTER MAGIC, an international bestseller, is based on the true story of a 17th century confessed

witch. Cost: \$75. For more information and to register, contact [nancy.hayes.kilgore@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.hayes.kilgore@gmail.com).

**CAR Rail Trail Ramble**, 8:30 AM check-in, 9:00 AM rambles begin, Cambridge Community Center, Cambridge. The host for this fully in-person event is Cambridge Area Rotary (CAR). You choose a walk/run/bike distance on the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Start/finish and post-Rail Trail Ramble activities will all take place at the Cambridge Community Center: 8:30 AM check-in; 9:00 AM bike riders depart, 9:10 AM runners depart, 9:15 AM walkers depart; 11:30 AM Rotarians fire up the grills for an October Fest with BBQs, brats, sausages, dogs, and a vegi option; 12:30 – 1:00 PM prizes awarded to top fundraisers in categories individual/group/family. Raise \$60 or more and collect very cool swag! Your Fundraising will support many of CAR's local and global efforts!

## Friday, October 14

**Star Wars Lego Build & Paint Night**, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Red Brick Meeting House, Westford. Come join the Rebel Alliance and build your own LEGO X-wing fighter to defeat the Imperial Army and restore balance to the galaxy! If building an X-wing does not make you roar like a Wookiee, get inspired with a movie and paint your favorite character! Popcorn and cotton candy are available to refuel the young Padawans and avoid them turning to the Dark Side from hanger! For adventurers age 5 and up; \$25. Drop-offs are okay. Hosted by Westford Recreation. Registration is required; open to anyone, including neighboring towns. Space may be vast, but slots for this event are not, so reserve a spot early! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/M9F05pixF3oC9Ef48>.

## Wednesday, October 19

**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).

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## HEALTH NEWS

## Lions blood drive October 12

The Jericho-Underhill Lions Club will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday October 12, 1:00 – 6:00 PM at the Covenant Community Church, 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane, Essex Junction.

The Red Cross is still experiencing a severe shortage of blood, so please consider donating. You can schedule an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>.

## Free medical equipment, donated or loaned, from UCC

The United Church of Underhill has a durable medical equipment donation and lending closet that is available throughout the year. To donate to the closet or to borrow medical equipment at a later time, please call the Church, 802-899-1722.

## Bone Builders comes to Underhill

Would you like to improve your balance or strength? Have you fallen recently and want to prevent another? *RSVP Bone Builders*, a program of United Way of Northwest Vermont, is a free no-impact weight training program designed to prevent and even reverse the effects of osteoporosis in older men and women. Twice-weekly hourly classes have been proven to increase balance, strength, and bone density!

The class began Monday, September 12; classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM at the Underhill Town Hall, 12 Pleasant Valley Rd., Underhill Center. This gentle but empowering program could be perfect for you!

Questions? Contact Danielle Schwer, 802-861-7821 or [danielle@unitedwaynwvt.org](mailto:danielle@unitedwaynwvt.org).

## Help prioritize NMC's community health needs

From Northwestern Medical Center, St. Albans

A recent collaborative process to assess the health needs of our community identified four areas needing urgent attention:

- access to care;
- personal safety and belonging;
- affordability of care and cost of living; and
- community gathering and connectedness.

We'd like your help in prioritizing those areas for action. Learn more and take a short survey online at <https://www.northwesternmedicalcenter.org/chna2022/>.

## Pregnancy and oral health

Expectant mothers have been asking me what they can do to ensure the health of their new baby. They are surprised when I deliver the news that they need to keep their teeth healthy. So, what do healthy teeth in a mom-to-be have to do with a newborn baby? I'll bite into this topic and provide more information.

*Why pregnancy can negatively affect teeth*

Pregnancy results in hormonal changes that can make a pregnant mother more prone to gum disease or gingivitis. This can lead to a bacterial film deposit on the teeth (called plaque) that leads to tooth decay. About 40% of pregnant women have some form of gum disease or tooth decay.

Being pregnant can also make you hungry, which means more frequent snacking. With that snacking, more sugary and starchy food particles can be left on the teeth that can be converted by

bacteria in the mouth into acids that break down the teeth — another set-up for tooth decay.

Finally, morning sickness and vomiting during pregnancy can also result in stomach acid coming up into the mouth, weakening tooth enamel and putting a pregnant mother at risk for cavities.

*Your dental hygiene can affect your baby*

Gingivitis and tooth decay are not only a problem for a pregnant mother. Excessive bacteria that can grow and multiply in the mouth of a pregnant mother can get into the bloodstream through raw bleeding gums and head for the uterus, stimulating chemicals that can trigger premature labor.

*Preventing dental problems*

See your dentist at the start of your pregnancy to make sure teeth are in great shape.

Revisit the dentist in the second trimester to make sure a pregnant mother's oral hygiene routine is effective. This routine needs to include adequate brushing time with a fluoride toothpaste and daily flossing, especially after meals.

Remember that you are really brushing for you and your baby!

If you are taking a prenatal vitamin, avoid the ones that are chewy or gummy. These types contain sugar, which can stick on the teeth due to the stickiness of this kind of vitamin product. If you do eat them, avoid doing so after brushing your teeth or before bed.

Hopefully, tips like these will brush away any concerns pregnant mothers have when it comes to keeping their teeth in great shape — before, during, and after they give birth.

*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.*

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## Senate update: working Vermonters, violence prevention

By Kesha Ram Hinsdale, State Senator, Chittenden District  
September 6

Wishing you a restful, reflective Labor Day weekend. Please take the time this week and beyond to thank and honor our educators, health care workers, farm workers, and those who build and maintain our infrastructure. To strengthen our workforce, we must remain committed to advancing paid family leave, universal child care access, collective bargaining, and a strong safety net.

For employers and employees, I was proud to help champion a COVID Paid Leave Program that will soon be coming online. Employees are eligible for 40 hours of COVID paid leave at 100% wage replacement up to \$21.25 per hour from July 1,

2022-June 30, 2023. It is a quarterly application, and the first application will be October 1. The COVID Paid Leave grant can be used for personal exposure to COVID-19, need to care for a family member who has been exposed, or loss of child care or school due to COVID.

It is recommended that, while we await formal guidance, employers should be tracking when an employee is out for COVID-related reasons. This will make the application process much simpler in October. If you are an employer and want to receive updates on this program, I recommend signing up for Main Street Alliance's newsletter at <https://secure.everyaction.com/MhJeYMDTUCx0-Q-PGlnBQ2>.

Many of you have also reached out to express concern about the recent spike in violence, particularly gun-related violence. While the Legislature has limited tools outside of the legislative session, we hear you and are building an inclusive public safety agenda. It is important to note that the recent deaths are related to

domestic violence and gun and drug trafficking. In both instances, it is helpful to limit and remove access to guns. Additionally, Governor Phil Scott has appointed Vermont's first director of violence prevention and has reconstituted a Violence Prevention Taskforce that prioritizes early interventions.

As the director of violence prevention, Dee Barbic will work closely with the Agency of Education and school safety teams to expand the use of behavioral risk assessments, develop a plan to ensure every school is using and updating assessment tools, and create a streamlined response and reporting system for threats. She will work with the attorney general, states' attorneys, sheriffs, and the departments of health and mental health to maximize the use of extreme risk protection order laws statewide, among other responsibilities.

Please continue to be in touch ([kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:kramhinsdale@leg.state.vt.us)). It is a privilege to serve you.

## 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 (September 25; October 9, 23). 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, [umccho@gmail.com](mailto:umccho@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.

## COLLEGE HONORS

**Tyler Baker** of Underhill, VT has been named to the Summer 2022 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May-August.

**Marie E Haviland** of Waterbury, VT received a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**Katherine Julian** of Jericho, VT has been named to the Summer 2022 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May-August.

**Aurora Lamoureux** of Jericho, VT has been named to the Summer 2022 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May-August.

**Morgan Muzzy** of Jericho, VT has enrolled at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA for the fall 2022 semester. Muzzy's selected major is general psychology.

**Emily Tanski** of Waterbury, VT has been named to the Summer 2022 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May-August.

**Christi Tassie** of Cambridge, VT has been named to the Summer 2022 President's List at Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH. The summer terms run from May-August.

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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 through 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**

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**

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.

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.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram ([@jerichotownlibrary](https://www.facebook.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.

Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:00 PM: Dungeons and Dragons. If you've ever been curious to give this amazing game a try, come by our event for an introduction. But be warned, once you start

adventuring it can be difficult to stop... This is an introductory campaign for anyone interested. Recommended for ages 10-110. Feel free to come and see what it's all about. Any level of experience is welcome. This is intended to be a fun and welcoming learning experience for all involved. This event is led by an advanced player whose love of the game and of sharing learning with others makes for an extra-special introduction. First date is Wednesday, October 5. This group will meet every other week on Wednesdays at the same time. Check our website calendar for more details: <http://varnumlibrary.org>.

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.

**Children's events**

Thursdays, 11:15 AM: Storytime. Ms. Bree presents fun stories, crafts, songs, and movement. (No Storytime September 15.)

**Events for everyone**

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 PM: Harvest Bingo. Players of all ages welcome! Bring in something you made, grew, or picked for each round's bingo "buy in." This is a great way to share your bounty and get some variety. Try to bring a few extras for those who might run out or not have brought much. Our final overall round winner will win a \$25 Sweet Clover Market Gift Card.

The Westford Food Shelf is now open twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month (October 5), 4:30 – 5:30 PM, on the third Saturday (September 17, October 15), 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.

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).

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.fairfaxvlibrary.org](http://www.fairfaxvlibrary.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.

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

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.

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Monthly — First Thursdays, October 6: 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)

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such as effective delivery-on-mission, a more difficult process to quantify.

Then there are the real scam charities, the lion's share of which are associated with causes that elicit deep and immediate human empathy. Breast cancer leads the pack. Professor Mara Einstein's book *Compassion, Inc.* explains why "breast cancer," aimed at women 26-55, is the most lucrative of all the fundraising calls-to-action.

According to Charity Watch's last annual report, the Cancer Recovery Fund reported \$14 million in contributions in 2017, but only \$17,485 was spent helping 70 women with cancer pay overdue rent and utilities. The United Breast Cancer Foundation spent \$163,520 of its \$24 million in 2018 donations helping 14 women with breast reconstruction and providing cancer screenings. The United Cancer Support Foundation spent \$67,783 of its \$2.5 million in 2018 contributions on "cancer detection."

Veterans, pets and animals, fire and police, the homeless, and indigenous Americans are also high on the list of fraudulent fundraising categories.

Volunteer Firefighters Alliance (one we hear from at home annually) spent none of the \$4.6 million they raised in 2018 contributions assisting firefighters with new equipment. The Organ and Transplant Association spent no money supporting or helping transplant patients. Kids Wish Network spent less than 5% of its donations of \$43 million raised from 2016-2018, and Foundation for American Veterans spent only 0.0008% of the \$13.7 million in donations per its 2016 tax filing providing direct financial aid to 15 veterans. Charity Watch also has a lot to say about Crisis Relief Network.

Having said all this, I've chaired a number of Vermont nonprofits including Vermont Journalism Trust, the parent organization of *VTDigger*. As we watch the steady decline of for-profit journalism, it's revealing to watch the powerful emergence of nonprofit journalistic enterprises like *VTDigger.org*.

I know the Vermont nonprofit community quite well. In my 50 years doing nonprofit work I've run into few, if any, overtly fraudulent Vermont charities and only a few I would characterize as ego-driven rather than mission-driven.

Although I am agnostic on the subject of an afterlife, I believe there is a special circle in hell for the outbound telemarketers and spammers who prey on the elderly, especially those who design their pitches based on elderly people's empathy, loneliness, and lack of tech-savvy.

Over \$1.7 billion dollars is stolen from the elderly (over 60) annually. Not all of this is "philanthropic," some are get-rich-quick scams. There's been a 74% increase over the last year of such scams and the average dollar loss per person is over \$18,000, some 3100 losing over \$100,000.

**Donor-advised funds**

Another questionable side of philanthropy is the donor-

advised fund (DAF). According to Alan Cantor, a nationally known consultant with deep expertise in philanthropy and DAF abuse, there are \$142 billion "philanthropic" dollars parked in DAFs.

A DAF's funder can claim the full tax benefits of a philanthropic donation at the time of creation of the DAF, but then has no subsequent obligation to make any charitable donations from that fund. Were that donor to set up a foundation, they would be required to actually donate a minimum of 5% of the full amount annually.

The lion's share of donor-advised funds are managed and held by Vanguard, Schwab, Fidelity, and other financial services firms, not by community foundations like Vermont's own Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) which manages a significant number of Vermonters' DAFs and educates and encourages funders to actually help nonprofits by making grants.

Cantor goes into well-researched and documented detail about the significant abuse in the donor-advised fund industry, detailing how little it actually supports philanthropy.

According to Giving USA, charitable giving has remained remarkably consistent for the last four decades. Two percent of American's disposable income is contributed annually to charity. One can infer from this that the rise in giving to donor-advised funds has significantly reduced the charitable giving going directly to working charities.

As for overall giving to charity? There's been virtually no movement relative to our economic capacity over the last five years.

**Religious donations**

The issue is further complicated by religious donations, some of which are social-service oriented and some of which are used only to support religious institutions.

According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, About 41% of American charity is religious. This explains Vermont's apparently low rate of charitable giving, as Vermont has the lowest rate of religiously affiliated people in the country at 21%. That does not necessarily mean Vermonters are less generous in supporting social mission-driven nonprofits, only that they are less likely to support churches. Churches are also not required to file 990 forms, with the result that there's no regulatory oversight over how churches spend their donations.

**"Dark money" philanthropy**

The abuse of the federal 501c(3), c(4), and DAF donation tax-deductibility statutes demands serious legislative review.

The IRS defines nonprofit donations as tax-exempt if recipients are not organized for profit and are operated "exclusively to promote social welfare."

Where politics is involved — in the c(4) category — it's becoming more evident that abuse is widespread with the infusion of "dark money" into politics and lobbying, something that is significantly altering the face of American democracy. This is

especially so now that corporations have achieved "personhood" legally with the *Citizens United* decision.

Argued in 2009 and decided in 2010, the Supreme Court held 5-4 that the free speech clause of the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting independent expenditures for political campaigns by corporations, including nonprofit corporations, labor unions, and other associations.

To further endanger democracy, conservatives have lobbied hard for a "starve-the-beast" strategy whereby Congressional funding is reduced, inhibiting, for example, the enforcement effectiveness of the IRS, and the capacity of the U.S. Postal System, and exhibiting a preference for a business-operated U.S. transportation system and infrastructure rather than one supported by tax dollars. Of course, if you "starve the beast" its operations deteriorate and can then be unfavorably compared with for-profit management.

The beacon of philanthropy dims when it is touted as an alternative to federal funding, as many wealthy philanthropists have suggested it should be. The problem here is that the one bearing gifts usually has an agenda that comes with the gift, so the philanthropist, in essence, is buying strategy and outcome. This has happened on many college campuses where ideologically driven donors on both left and right seek to influence curriculum.

Given all these issues, the integrity of a philanthropic gift can be hard to assess. It's either altruistic or self-serving, depending on the hearts and minds of the givers. Most worthy nonprofits make clear that gifts must be the former and will not be accepted if they carry a donor's agenda. But this can be a difficult decision, especially for a worthy but struggling nonprofit.

One should ask oneself these questions each time one considers a donation: Do I understand the true mission of the non-profit, and is it effective? Is my giving for the benefit of others or for myself? Am I truly giving because I care about individual and community wellbeing?

**Missing (Vermont) Bees**

By Bernie Paquette

New to this week's edition of Insect Comics is an In Memoriam (Memorial) section. We honor and perhaps mourn the loss of these Vermont legacies that are no longer with us — whole species that we can no longer enjoy and benefit from in Vermont.

I start this week with a Memorial to the Rusty Patched Bumblebee, once common throughout Vermont, now not seen in Vermont for over twenty years.

You can help by protecting and promoting native habitats, and by not using pesticides. Also by observing what bee species we still do have in Vermont.

Hope this week's Sunday comics give you a tickle: <https://vtbugeyed.blogspot.com/2022/07/insect-comics-by-bernie-nature.html>.

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Every year 100 apple pies are made for Harvest Market weekend. We are in need of volunteers to help us make that happen! Apple pie making comes in several stages: making pie crusts, peeling/slicing apples, and baking pies.

- Pie crusts are made Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the United Church of Underhill kitchen, 7 Park St. We need eight volunteers.
- Peeling/slicing apples will be Thursday, September 22, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the United Church of Underhill kitchen, 7 Park St. We need 12 volunteers.
- Apple pie baking on Friday, September 23, 3:00 – 5:30 PM at Browns River Middle School kitchen, 20 River Rd.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544adaa22a4ff2-piemaking2> or contact Dave, [daclift59@yahoo.com](mailto:daclift59@yahoo.com), with questions.

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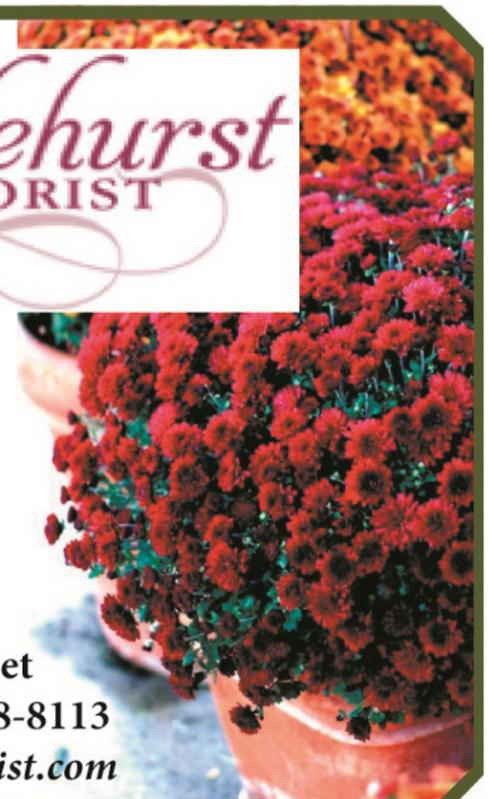
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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



**Mobbs Farm conserved with strong community support, partnerships**

The Town of Jericho, VLT, and the Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) worked together to conserve 232 acres of Mobbs Farm, a recreation area owned by the Town of Jericho. There are nearly ten miles of trails that wind through fields, woods, and along Mill Brook.

Long a hillside farm, the land belonged to the Mobbs family in the mid-1900s. The town of Jericho bought the land in 1968 and maintains its fields, woods, trails, and a community orchard.

Over its long history, the property has been threatened multiple times by development proposals. In recent years, community members became focused on protecting it as a natural and recreational asset. At the 2021 Town Meeting, Jericho voters supported the conservation of the Mobbs property by more than a ten-to-one margin.

“As residents of Jericho and members of the Mobbs Farm Committee, we couldn’t be more thrilled with the establishment of the Conservation Easement for Mobbs Farm,” said Pete Davis, chair of the town’s Mobbs Farm Committee. “Working together on the project for the past three years with the Vermont Land Trust has been a very rewarding experience, especially considering the overwhelming support from the voters in Jericho to protect this unique property.”

“I am glad to see this is going through,” said Paula Carrier, Jericho assistant town administrator. “It was my grandfather’s land, and it’s amazing to see all of this. It is exactly what he wanted.”

The property has important natural features, with forestland, open land, frontage on Mill Brook, and a wetland area of a type uncommon in Vermont. Over 368 species of plants, animals, and fungi have been documented here, in citizen-science ‘Bio-blitzes’ coordinated by the Jericho Conservation Commission in 2020 and 2021. The land is part of a larger stretch of forestland and abuts the University of Vermont’s 476-acre Jericho Research Forest.

Funds to cover the costs of conservation were raised by JULT, VLT, and the Town of Jericho’s Conservation Reserve Fund.

“The Jericho Underhill Land Trust is very pleased to assist with the conservation of Mobbs Farm,” said Livy Strong of JULT. “This scenic, town-owned land offers many recreational opportunities along with diverse wildlife habitats. It is a sincere pleasure to know that future generations will continue to enjoy Mobbs Farm.”

**ARPA funding in Cambridge**

Cambridge ARPA Fund application now available  
By Sally May, Cambridge ARPA Advisory Committee member

As one of five members of the town’s ARPA Advisory Committee approved by the Selectboard, and with the addition of a Selectboard member, I want to encourage anyone, board, committee, profit and non-profit entity that has any interest and meets the minimal criteria outlined below to apply for ARPA funds. This committee has worked thoughtfully and diligently to create guidelines for Phase I of application to be simple and in keeping with the federal guidelines of how the funds may be used by the town. Please visit the town website (see below for link) for the ARPA funds federal guidelines and the application to begin the application process. All those chosen to meet the qualifications of Phase I will be reviewed and likely contacted to provide the ARPA committee more detailed information and conversation pertaining to your planned use of the funds.

- ARPA Committees guidelines in reviewing applications:
- comply with all eligible use categories;
  - consider long-term financial impacts;
  - benefit the population that has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic;
  - benefit the population that was underserved prior to the pandemic;
  - positive impact on mitigating the effects of climate change.

These guidelines follow the federal guidelines, which can be found, along with the application on the Town website: <https://cambridgetownvt.documents-on-demand.com/?l=aafl1ca0ec643ec11a357000c29a59557&d=1dd2e803581eed11a389000c29a59557> (if you go directly to the town website, the application is found under “document center/Agendas,minutes; ARPA Advisory Committee”).

The Phase I application requires a general description of the project, approximate cost, and the applicant’s understanding of how it fits the criteria for use of ARPA funds.

Please note that there is approximately \$700,000 available to the Town of Cambridge. The ARPA Advisory Committee would like to provide to the Selectboard, for final decision on distribution of the funds, the best and most comprehensive ways in which the ARPA funds will be used in ways that benefit the systems and the residents of Cambridge for years to come. Please contact [sallymay613@gmail.com](mailto:sallymay613@gmail.com), or others on the ARPA Advisory Committee, if you have questions.

**ARPA funding opportunity: Cambridge**

In January 2022, the U.S. Department of Treasury issued an Overview of the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local

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| <p><b>Electronics</b></p> <p>Ask your trash drop-off if they collect electronics or see a list of collection locations at <a href="http://www.vermontrecycle.org">www.vermontrecycle.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Televisions</li> <li>• Computers &amp; Tablets</li> <li>• Monitors</li> <li>• Desktop Printers</li> <li>• Computer Peripherals (mouse, keyboard, scanner, computer speakers, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Vermont e-cycles</b></p> | <p><b>Paint</b></p> <p>Ask your hardware store or trash drop-off if they collect paint or find a collection location at <a href="http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont">www.call2recycle.org/vermont</a></p> <p>Containers larger than a half pint and up to five gallons accepted</p> <p>In original can with label and lid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil-Based</li> <li>• Acrylic</li> <li>• Latex</li> <li>• Enamel</li> <li>• Stains</li> <li>• Shellac</li> <li>• Lacquer</li> <li>• Varnish</li> </ul> <p>NO aerosol paint cans<br/>NO empty paint cans<br/>NO unsealed cans<br/>NO leaking or damaged cans</p> <p><b>pointcare</b></p> | <p><b>Batteries</b></p> <p>Ask your hardware store or trash drop-off if they collect batteries or find a collection location at <a href="http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont">www.call2recycle.org/vermont</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single-Use Batteries:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AA, AAA, C, D</li> <li>- 9-Volt</li> <li>- Button Cell</li> <li>- Hearing Aid</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rechargeables (up to 11 lbs.)</li> <li>• Cell Phones (all types, entire phone)</li> </ul> <p><b>call2recycle</b></p> | <p><b>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b></p> <p>These contain mercury.</p> <p>Ask your hardware store or trash drop-off if they collect fluorescent bulbs or find a collection location at <a href="http://www.call2recycle.org">www.call2recycle.org</a></p> <p>Collection locations accept unlimited compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).</p> <p>Each day, they accept up to 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluorescent Tubes</li> <li>• Circulines</li> <li>• High Intensity Discharge (HID)</li> <li>• Mercury Vapor</li> <li>• U-Tube</li> </ul> <p><b>NEMA</b></p> | <p><b>Thermostats</b></p> <p>Many older thermostats contain mercury.</p> <p><b>Get \$5 for every mercury thermostat dropped off!</b></p> <p>Ask your hardware store or trash drop-off if they collect mercury thermostats or find a collection location at <a href="http://www.thermostatrecycling.com">www.thermostatrecycling.com</a></p> <p>Drop off the entire mercury thermostat. You will receive either a \$5 in-store credit or a rebate.</p> <p><b>Thermostat Recycling Corporation</b></p> | <p><b>FREE COLLECTION</b></p> <p>Fluorescent light bulbs, mercury-containing thermostats, paint, certain electronics, and certain batteries are banned from disposal in the trash.</p> <p>These items should be brought to free collection sites, including at many transfer stations and hardware stores.</p> <p>For further assistance, call: 1-855-632-9253 (English Only)</p> <p><b>VERMONT</b><br/>BUREAU OF WASTE MANAGEMENT</p> |
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Vermont has special recycling programs for some items that can be recycled, but NOT in the blue bin. To find the nearest Special Recycling Program drop-off location for batteries, electronics, paint, fluorescent lightbulbs, or mercury thermostats, go online to <https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship>. Contact Karen Knaebel, [karen.knaebel@vermont.gov](mailto:karen.knaebel@vermont.gov), to request a printed copy of the brochure. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act. These federal funds were extended to state and local municipalities to address impacts of the pandemic with substantial flexibility on how the funds can be allocated based on the local need. The four eligible use categories are:

- replacing lost public sector revenue;
- support the COVID-19 public health and economic response;
- provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work;
- invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

The Final rule provides extensive information about allowable spending, and the emphasis on spending to address impacts on those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

For more information, please see the Final Rule at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf>.

Frequently asked questions are available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-FAQ.pdf>.

The Town of Cambridge ARPA Advisory Committee is a five-member committee appointed by the Town Selectboard, to review requests for use of the funding that has been allocated to the Town of Cambridge and make recommendations to the Selectboard. The ARPA Advisory Committee has outlined the following process to collect input from the community. This process is intended to be simple and allow for those requesting funds to do so without providing extensive information or investing significant time. Additional information may be requested by the Committee as part of Phase II. Please note that all funds need to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

- Complete the Phase I application form for each project or funding request and submit it to the ARPA Committee by 9/30/2022. Completed applications may be submitted in person to the Town Administrator or via email to [townadmin@cambridgevt.org](mailto:townadmin@cambridgevt.org).
- The ARPA Committee will review Phase I applications and respond within 30 days.
- All Phase I applications will be shared with the Selectboard when final recommendations for funding are made.
- A Phase II application may be required if your request is selected for further Consideration.

The Phase I application is available on the Cambridge Town website, at <https://cambridgetownvt.documents-on-demand.com/?l=aafl1ca0ec643ec11a357000c29a59557&d=1dd2e803581eed11a389000c29a59557>.

**LVRT construction update**

By Laird MacDowell, Chair, Cambridge Trails Committee

The section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) from Cambridge to Sheldon, a distance of 18.4 miles, is currently under construction by Dirt Tech Company with a completion date of November 2022. Project foreman Dan Decker has provided an update on the current status of trail building:

- A. Rail bed brush cutting is taking place south of Pollander Road heading toward the terminus at VT Rt. 109.
- B. The two former railroad bridges before Wilson Road have had the degraded decking removed, to be replaced with new wood decking.
- C. Two work crews are ditching the sides of the rail bed in Fairfield for drainage.
- D. A box culvert will replace the VAST-built bridge located north of the VT Rt. 108 road crossing.
- E. The railbed will be raised on the section between VT Rt. 108 and Wilson Road to prevent future flooding from the adjacent beaver ponds.
- F. The final step will be application of a layer of Sure Pack gravel to provide a firm surface.

Dan did express a safety concern that people are using the rail bed while heavy equipment is in operation. We ask that people please stay off the unfinished LVRT north of VT Rt. 109 while it is under active construction, for both safety reasons and not to slow down progress on completing the project in November. Please use the completed 18 miles of rail trail (Cambridge to Morrisville) and the Cambridge Greenway for recreating or exercise.

- The other two LVRT sections under active construction are:
1. Morrisville to Hardwick Village, SD Ireland, contractor: 12.5 miles;
  2. Hardwick Village to West Danville (Joes Pond), GW Tatro, contractor: 17.85 miles.

Both projects are also to be completed in November, 2022.

**Greenway Riverbank Stabilization project update**

By Laird MacDowell, Chair, Cambridge Trails Committee

At a recent special meeting of the Cambridge Selectboard, GW Tatro Construction of Jeffersonville was awarded the contract for

the Greenway Riverbank Stabilization project. There were a total of six bids and GW Tatro’s bid was the lowest at \$195,825, with the next lowest bid from Kings Trucking and Excavating at \$215,502. The highest bid was \$311,800.

GW Tatro also committed to complete the project in 2022, with the riverbank armoring (rip rap rock placement) completed by Saturday, October 1 as required by the Stream Alteration Permit, and then rebuild the Greenway Path and tree planting in November, if not sooner. The Selectboard, with Cody Marsh abstaining, voted unanimously to approve GW Tatro as the project contractor. The project engineer, Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering, will oversee the project to completion.

The project is expected to start soon and the section of the Greenway Path from the VT Rt. 108 bridge underpass to behind Aubuchon Hardware will be closed during construction. The Greenway will be open from the Brewster River Bridge to the connection to the LVRT near the Cambridge Jct. trailhead.

At the 2022 Cambridge Town Meeting, voters approved Article 8 allocating up to \$275,000 for the project, and once completed, FEMA will cover 75% of the cost, with the State of Vermont and Town of Cambridge splitting the remaining 25%. With the GW Tatro bid of \$195,825, the numbers work out to \$146,868 (FEMA), \$24,478 (State) and \$24,478 (Cambridge).

**Cambridge Master Naturalist Program begins September 24**

There are a few openings left for the Vermont Master Naturalist program starting in Cambridge on Saturday, September 24 (and continuing across five total field sessions on November 5, February 18, April 8, and May 13). Participants will learn to read the local landscape through a series of place-based field trips, from geology and glacial history to plants and wildlife, human land use history, and more. The training will focus in and around Cambridge, but residents of surrounding towns are welcome to join, too. Program cost is \$550, with scholarships and VSAC grants available.

For more information and application, go online to <http://www.vermontmasternaturalist.org/cambridge>.

**Request for information: Jeffersonville Granary building**

By Peter Opstrup, Director, Cambridge Historical Society

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) is evaluating whether or not the former Jeffersonville Granary building, located at 4968 VT Rt. 15, Jeffersonville, meets the evaluation criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. The final determination of eligibility will be made by VDHP staff on September 21, 2022.

To ensure that their decision is based on the most current and available information, the CHS is reaching out to ask if anyone has any pertinent information about the history and/or significance of this property.

Please reply to [cambridgehistoricalsociety.vt@gmail.com](mailto:cambridgehistoricalsociety.vt@gmail.com) with your information.

**Jericho 2023 calendar for sale**

The Annual Jericho wall calendar is now ready for sale in local stores! This is a wonderful fundraiser for the Community Center in Jericho. You and your gift recipients get a lovely, professionally produced wall calendar, and the Community Center raises needed funds.

The 2023 calendar is A Year of Nature in Jericho, and is beautifully illustrated with birds, mammals, insects, plants, fungi, and other things, photographed by generous and talented members of our community.

Calendars are now available for sale at Emile Gruppe Gallery, which has a lovely exhibit; at Jericho Center Country Store, where you can also get a mid-day burger and a creemee; at Jeri-Hill, go-to place for all your hardware needs; and at the Old Mill Craft Shop, where you can find all kinds of beautiful gift items. The calendar is \$20. Please support these local businesses while also supporting the Community Center.

For bulk orders, contact Liz Thompson, [chthomps@uvm.edu](mailto:chthomps@uvm.edu).

**Volunteer Opportunities with United Way**

LEND A HAND. VOLUNTEER — United Way’s Volunteer Connection site is set up to help connect agencies and volunteers. Agencies are working hard to navigate volunteering during this time, but opportunities are increasing. To learn more about these and other opportunities, go online to Volunteer Connection at <https://unitedwaynvt.galaxydigital.com/>.

ORGANIZE! — Shalom Shuk Synagogue Thrift Store serves the Burlington community and helps new Americans and those in Miscellaneous continued on page 9

## ART / MUSIC / THEATER



It's back! Applications for the 2022 Bright Ideas Project are open, and the countdown to Highlight is on! Are you an artist, musician, creator, designer, chef, maker, or organizer with a big idea? Take part in this year's Bright Ideas Project, where your event, performance, installation, or idea could be featured at Highlight, Burlington's citywide New Year's Eve festival. Selected ideas will be supported with funding to bring your dream to life. This year's Highlight is back to in-person festivities, so build your ideas around having a blast in-person in BTV. Start your brainstorming now! For more information: <https://www.burlingtoncityarts.org>.

The Westford Music Series will feature the compelling and captivating *Michele Fay Band* featuring original and Americana music with Michele's heartfelt lyrics woven seamlessly together as she delivers songs with a crystal clear, authentic voice. Her "crack backing band" is a perfect match for Michele's talent as a singer-songwriter. Their repertoire provides an energetic and unpretentious appeal to a wide range of audiences. Kalev Freeman on fiddle, Tim Price on both mandolin and guitar, with Michael Santosusso on upright bass provide tenor harmonies while driving a dynamic beat to Michele's smooth and entrancing voice. Concert will be Sunday, September 18, 4:00 PM at the Westford Common Hall top of the Westford village green. Free will donation. Call 802-363-0930 for more information.

Join the Idea Exchange for Teaching Artists. The Vermont Arts Council and Teaching Artists Connect have launched *Idea Exchanged for teaching artists*, a series of five virtual, bi-monthly meetings through May 2023, with goals to build community, provide support, share skills, and offer networking. Topics vary. The first session takes place from 4:00 – 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 28 and covers teaching residencies. Other sessions are:

- November 30, 2022: Teaching strategies and best practices;
- January 25, 2023: Nuts and bolts: The business of being a teaching artist;
- March 29, 2023: Marketing and communications;

• May 31, 2023: Successful collaborations.

Learn more and register at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/schools/teaching-artists>.

**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. Learn more at <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/schools/artists-in-schools>.

**Dirk Powell and Rainy Eyes perform Saturday, September 17, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** at the Richmond Free Library in Richmond. Dirk Powell is a musician with deep roots in several rural American styles, particularly Appalachian and Cajun music. Rainy Eyes (Irena Eide) is a Norwegian-born singer-songwriter whose unique, soulful sound can best be described as Dreamy Folk Americana. Please wear a mask while inside. Masks will be available at the door if you need one. Presented by Young Tradition Vermont; tickets are available at <https://dirkpowell-rainyeyes.eventbrite.com>.

**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



The BCA Elevation Grant is a new funding opportunity designed to support Vermont artists working in mediums that are often overlooked by existing grant opportunities. While underfunding is an across-the-board problem in the arts, the BCA Elevation Grant will hone in on specific projects and ideas that face the steepest challenges in acquiring funding. The grant will provide up to \$5000 to Vermont artists. Applications are open now and through Tuesday, November 15. For more information, contact Public Art and Grants Program Manager Colin Storrs, [costorrs@burlingtoncityarts.org](mailto:costorrs@burlingtoncityarts.org). PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

information for the artist. The art will remain on display through September. The library loves hosting local artists; feel free to leave your name if you are interested in displaying any time after September.

**Jericho through the Eyes of an Artist: Present, Past and Future** at the Jericho Town Hall, presents an exhibit of established and emerging artists scheduled to run through Saturday, December 31, 2022. For more information see 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.

**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.

**Milton Artists Guild's upcoming workshops:** Cartoons, caricatures, and book illustrations: 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

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need. They are seeking volunteers who will enjoy keeping their displays, shelves, and racks neat and organized, and also enjoy pleasant company and the satisfaction of helping to do good. Weekdays except Wednesdays, any time between 11:00 AM – 3:45 PM. Background check required. Contact Andie Lower, 802-864-0218 or [office@ohavizedek.org](mailto:office@ohavizedek.org).

**IF WE BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME** —Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to join their Community Builds on the second Friday of the month throughout the year. Upcoming dates are October 14, November 11, and December 9. Community Builds are for everyone, and no experience is needed. All tools are provided. Contact Bridget Mientka, 802-598-0355 or [bmientka@vermonthabitat.org](mailto:bmientka@vermonthabitat.org).

**ADULT MENTORING** — Mercy Connections invites women who wish to make a lasting impact on the lives of other women to become a mentor in their Vermont Women's Mentoring Program. The program matches trained women volunteers with women who are in prison, under supervision in the community, or participating in pre-trial services. Mentors can come from all walks of life and function as healthy companions to trauma-affected women facing the stigma of incarceration, isolation from their families, addiction, mental illness, loss of employment, and safe housing. A five-week training program will be held from September 22-October 20, 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Ongoing support and social events are provided. A one-year commitment is requested. Contact Joanne Nelson, 802-846-7164 or [jnelson@mercyvconnections.org](mailto:jnelson@mercyvconnections.org).

**YOUTH MENTORING** — Sadly, many young people in the community lack the ongoing attention and support of adult role models in their lives. Fortunately, many schools and local organizations provide mentoring programs that match young people, one-on-one, with caring adults who provide both academic support and the opportunity to share mutually enjoyable interests. Consider becoming a mentor in one of the following programs and gain the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the life of a child:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters VT, <https://www.bbbsvt.org/>
- Essex CHIPS, <https://www.essexchips.org/>
- Franklin County Caring Communities, <https://fcccp.org/>
- Grand Isle Mentoring, <https://www.mentorvt.org/agency/grand-isle-county-mentoring>

## Free training with stipend and placement support

Want to learn more about the Hospitality Industry? Join ReSOURCE and King Street Laundry for a free six-week hospitality training program. Earn a weekly stipend and gain connections with local employers like Hotel Vermont, Hilton

Garden Inn, and The Maids.

**HOSPITALITY 101 TRAINING** runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from October 11-November 17 in Burlington. You'll develop skills needed in Housekeeping, Laundry, Room Inspection, Front Desk, Host, Server, Prep Cook, Dishwashing, and more. Tuition is free for qualifying Vermonters.

For more information, visit <https://resourcevt.org/training-programs/hospitality-101-training/>.

## Jericho Farmers Market to continue into October

School may have started, but the Jericho Farmers Market continues! Hang on to a bit of summer and revel in the first of the fall crops. Enjoy local music, have a picnic with friends, and see your neighbors at Mills Riverside Park, 3:00 — 6:30 PM every Thursday afternoon!

Plus, did you know that for those who qualify for 3SquaresVT your money can be tripled at the market? For each dollar in EBT spent at the market, shoppers get \$2 in Crop Cash, extra money that can be used to buy fresh fruits and veggies! You can even buy now and freeze or can for winter! Up to \$10 per week may be doubled for a total of \$30 in groceries.

Find out more at <http://JerichoFarmersMarket.com> or visit us on Thursday afternoons at Mills Riverside Park (338 VT Rt. 15).

## Email marketing techniques for growing a business

By Pat Ripley, Executive Director  
Lamoille Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)

Did you know email marketing gives the best return on investment of all online marketing techniques? That's why we hope you will join us on Wednesday, September 21, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, for an in-depth, in-person, discussion on how to reach your customers through better email marketing techniques and best practices.

Known as one of the most affordable and effective ways to grow your business and brand, email marketing is often overlooked or underutilized. But when done correctly, it can require fewer resources and less time than other marketing platforms, including social media.

Register for the event using this link: <https://emailmarketing-forvermontbusinesses.eventbrite.com>.

Email marketing has the power to help your business create brand awareness, acquire new customers, retain customers and convert interest into sales.

We will compare popular email service providers, such as MailChimp and Constant Contact, and evaluate them for their

strengths and weaknesses.

Attendees will learn how to create and grow your email contact list from online and offline sources, create timely email campaigns that get opened and work for you.

You will learn how to develop your own email content planning calendar that is relevant, consistent and creative.

You will also learn how to analyze the your email performance results by tracking and interpreting your data.

Most importantly, there will be plenty of time for Q&A, which is why our in-person, workshop format is so popular.

## Lynne's story: the system works when people care

From the VT Dept. For Children And Families

In 2013, Lynne got her nursing license. She believed it would eventually help her to leave an abusive marriage.

In 2015, her life took a turn — for the worse. She started using pills because of pain. She turned to heroin because she had lost hope. She spiraled downward because of despair.

She stole medications from a nursing home. An arrest warrant was issued. A car chase ensued. She and her abusive husband ended up in prison.

DCF got involved after receiving a report alleging that both parents were drug addicts who had abandoned their children. After an investigation, the children were taken into custody and placed in a foster home.

Lynne had no family or friends who could care for them. Her now ex-husband had worked long and hard to isolate her. He was successful. She had no one to turn to.

When she got out of prison, she began the hard work necessary to get her life and her children back. She did everything DCF asked of her: Rehab. Consistent visits with her children. Safe housing. Stable job. Family therapy.

"To be honest, my first DCF worker was not that supportive," said Lynne. "It made it difficult to get traction. Luckily, Easter Seals got involved and I got a new DCF worker. They were a BIG part of my success. They helped me get my children home. I believe in the system. It's there to keep kids safe. If you want your children home, you need to be ready to do the work. To communicate. To be honest. But it works both ways. Workers also need to do their part. They need to be supportive. Help you get the services you need. Return your calls. Be available. Care. Most truly do care. And that makes all the difference."

DCF's Family Services Division is responsible for making sure children are safe and their basic needs are met. We help families develop plans to make their homes safe, keep their children home, and strengthen their families. And we help them put these plans into action.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**MMU Academic Boosters lasagna takeout dinner fundraiser**

Join us at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Lasagna Takeout Dinner at Mount Mansfield Union High School (MMU)!

The Mount Mansfield Academic Boosters have been serving lasagna every fall for 35 years as its only fundraiser to support activities for the school year. The meal is open to all in our community and will be takeout only.

This year the event will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 3:00 – 6:30 PM. Pick up will take place at the front entrance of MMU. Servers will bring your dinner directly to your vehicle. It includes lasagna (meat, veggie, GF), green salad, roll or bread, and delicious pie (apple, pumpkin, or chocolate) for dessert. Tickets are \$12.

Orders must be placed online at <https://forms.gle/YWv7mxKFCNypAaEe8> by Friday, September 23.

The MMU Academic Boosters is a group of parents whose goal is to promote, recognize, and reward the achievements of all students, and each year sponsors MMU activities and events that encourage a positive focus on students and appreciation of staff. Past activities include purchasing panini presses for the cafeteria, serving Ben and Jerry's ice cream, and handing out snacks and notes of encouragement for all students, and hosting staff appreciation meals. For more information, please see our MMU Booster webpage <https://mmu.mmuusd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalid=476094&pageid=539140>.

If you want to donate or volunteer for the event please sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4ba4ac2ba75-2019>.

We love alumni parents' help at this event. Have experience volunteering in years past? Please consider helping out: contact Leah Rowe, [brvyd2016@gmail.com](mailto:brvyd2016@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to seeing you on September 28!

**Underhill/Jericho playgroup restarting**

The Underhill/Jericho playgroup will be starting up again this fall! This open playgroup will be held in the UID Building multipurpose room at 10 River Rd., Jericho, every Wednesday from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. We will begin on Wednesday, September 14 and follow the MMUUSD calendar.

Geared toward children birth-5, this is a great opportunity for kiddos and caregivers to socialize and create connections within our community. There is no registration required, masks are optional, bring your own snack. We will also play outside on the playground when possible, so please dress for the weather.

Email [underhillplaygroup@gmail.com](mailto:underhillplaygroup@gmail.com) to sign up for reminders and updates. Hope to see you there!

**Visit NVU this fall**

We're excited to welcome you to Northern Vermont University (NVU). Learn about our outstanding academic programs at special information sessions for transfer and online students this fall — or schedule one just for you!

Transfer to NVU — Virtual Information Sessions  
• Tuesday, September 13, 5:30 – 6:30 PM; register at <https://www.NorthernVermont.edu/VirtualInfoSessionSept>.

• Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 – 6:30 PM; register at <https://www.NorthernVermont.edu/VirtualInfoSessionNov>.

NVU Online Info Session — Virtual Session Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 – 6:30 PM; register at <https://www.NorthernVermont.edu/VirtualInfoSessionOct>.

Schedule an information session just for you! Contact [Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto:Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu) or schedule directly at <https://www.NorthernVermont.edu/Visit>.

Virtual Campus Tours always available. See <https://NorthernVermont.edu/Visit>.

Questions? Contact [Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu](mailto:Admissions@NorthernVermont.edu).

**Vermont Science Olympiad: get a team started**

UVM will be hosting the Vermont Science Olympiad on Saturday, April 1, 2023, and we are looking for teams to join us for this exciting day of science competition!

While April is a long way off, you need to start building your team now and start practicing.

Talk to your teachers at school or a club leader to see if they will step up to serve as the team coach — and have them attend the upcoming coaches' meetings (see photo).

*What is Science Olympiad?*

Science Olympiad functions much like a sports team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching, and practice. Each team is allowed to bring up to 15 students in grades 9-12 who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set. (Schools may have more than one team.) The culmination of nearly 300 Regional and State Tournaments is the Science Olympiad National Tournament, held at a different university each year. Learn more online at <https://www.soinc.org/>.

# GET A TEAM STARTED!

## Vermont Science Olympiad 2023

Science Olympiad is designed to help youth build STEM skills and understanding through inquiry-based challenges. It touches every letter in STEM and aligns with Next Generation Science Standards, allowing educators to extend their science curriculum with engaged learners.

This year's event is slated for Saturday, April 1.

**NEW COACHES MEETINGS**

**September 14 @ 5:30 pm, Online**

Join the national Science Olympiad for its 2023 Kickoff Workshop to learn about SO events & resources. Register at:

<https://www.soinc.org/join/workshops>

**September 20 @ 3:30 pm, Online**

Meet with Vermont tournament officials and experienced coaches to learn how to get started, create your team, and more! To get the Zoom link, email [Lauren Traister@uvm.edu](mailto:Lauren.Traister@uvm.edu).

UVM Extension helps individuals and communities put research-based knowledge to work, issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension work, Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, University of Vermont Extension, Burlington, Vermont, University of Vermont Extension, and U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating, offering education and employment to everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

**TOWN OF JERICHO- DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Jericho Development Review Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on WEDNESDAY October 12, 2022 at the Jericho Town Hall to consider the following.

- A request to the DRB by C&M Custom Homes review for a 9 unit PUD. This property is located at 177 Browns Trace which is in the Low-Density Residential Zoning District.

All interested persons may appear and be heard. Additional information related to this application may be viewed at the Jericho Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

Chris Flinn  
Zoning Administrator  
[cflinn@jerichovt.gov](mailto:cflinn@jerichovt.gov)

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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.

**Creative Aging Grants** support skill-based instruction alongside opportunities for social engagement and community building in and through the arts for older adults. Applicants to the Creative Aging grant program are non-profits with 501(c)(3) status, such as arts organizations, area agencies on aging, or social service organizations for example. Organizations may apply for up to \$4000 to support activities designed for older adults aged 60+ led by experienced teaching artists. Priority is given to projects led by Vermont artists. Applicants may engage artists on the Council's Creative Aging Teaching Artist Roster. These are experienced teaching artists who have trained with Lifetime Arts to design creative aging programs that include skill-based instructional lessons and intentional social engagement opportunities. Applicants may submit proposals for projects led by teaching artists not on the roster. Teaching artist fees vary from artist to artist.

Example projects may include: hiring a teaching artist to lead a series of photography workshops in an assisted living facility; hiring a teaching artist to lead remote workshops for older adults in their homes, supplying materials, providing opportunities for social engagement, and giving support to caregivers; and hiring teaching artists or mentors to work with older adults to capture and/or create a series stories or poems through a partnership with an agency serving older adults.

The grants are part of the Vermont Arts Council's Creative Aging Initiative, launched in 2021. For more information: <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/grants/organizations/creative-aging>.

**Watercolor Classes:** Kathleen Berry Bergeron of Jericho is hoping to start watercolor classes in mid September, beginner and intermediate levels offered over six weeks, at Holy Rosary Hall, Richmond, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM. Please contact [paint78@hotmail.com](mailto:paint78@hotmail.com); <http://www.kathleenberrybergeron.com>.

**SENIOR NEWS**

**Current spam report**

By Bill April AARP/FraudWatch

(shared from Neighboring FPF hiker@gmavt.net)

Have you ever heard of the National Association of Police and Troopers? This is a legitimate "charity" that is soliciting donations in Vermont and elsewhere (another similar charity is The New England Sheriff's Association). As a charity, these organizations are not blocked by *Do Not Call*.

Money collection is handled by professional fundraisers who exact a steep toll for their services. When any charity call for a donation is received, the caller should be asked two questions:

1. Are you a professional fundraiser? (They will attempt to deflect the question with a response like "I proudly work with our law enforcement professionals.") Be persistent by repeating the question;

2. What percentage of the money raised is actually distributed to the beneficiaries of the fundraising (once again, the caller will try to deflect the question, in this case, by saying that the information is on the website. Again, be persistent saying that fundraisers are required by law to respond truthfully to these questions).

Note any details from the call: phone number, time of day, name of charity, name of caller, any responses — and report the call to the FTC. The caller who reached me from the Sheriff's Association was a professional fundraiser and when pressed, admitted to being a professional and that the percentage of raised funds going to the organization purpose was 16%. Terrible!

I am also seeing emails from several sources that have a person's name: <name>@truehomeguide.com or <name>@rate.emortgagewatch.com or <name>@mail.dailymortgagereport.com. The person's name changes each time and the subject changes frequently. The ones I have been seeing are "New 15YR Rate Adjustment" or "Update Needed (name View Your Account)" or "Customer Number: 393-8724 | (1) Days Remaining" or "New Window Assessment Pending Review At" or "name Please Review [Time Sensitive]" or "SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PURCHASED FOR #399.99 USD )" or "Re: Transfer of Funds to your nominated account" or "Read Your Account Notice Here."

These ARE ALL SCAMS. They want your personal information. Do NOT respond to them.

**Age Well volunteers needed**

By Jillian Brady, Associate Director of Volunteer Services, Age Well

Age Well is seeking volunteers to provide regular social interaction and assistance to seniors in their homes. Help older Vermonters by delivering Meals on Wheels, providing friendly visits, grocery shopping, errands, assistance with medical appointments, organizing, bill paying, respite, minor home repairs, veterans visiting other veterans, and more. Volunteers

feel an incredible sense of satisfaction and reward seeing the impact they have on those they support. Time commitment is based on your availability; it can vary from one day a week to two days a month (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM).

Contact our Volunteer Department at 802-662-5249 or [volunteer@agewellvt.org](mailto:volunteer@agewellvt.org) for information. We are always looking for Friendly Visitors, Senior Companions, Meals on Wheels Drivers, and Respite Volunteers!

**Jeri Hill XYZ Seniors back to gathering in-person**

The Jeri Hill XYZ Seniors group is planning on getting back together once again. We've waited long enough for the virus to run its course and this long pandemic to be over with.

So its time to get social and meet your neighbors in the community. All Jericho and Underhill seniors, age 50 and up, are welcome to attend for a nutritious lunch with some local folks — and maybe bring along a friend, and make new friends!

We will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at the Catalyst Church on Raceway Rd., Jericho. Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM; doors open around 10:00 AM. Come early! Reservations are not required but are encouraged so that we can plan on having enough for everyone.

If you are new to Jeri Hill XYZ Seniors, please give us a call (numbers below) so we know you are coming or if you have and further questions. Please ask a friend to come with you!

Rides to the luncheon are available through SSTA (Special Services Transportation Assoc.) by calling 802-878-1527. Call them directly a few days ahead of time to reserve your ride. Hope to see you all you there!

For information or to RSVP call Doug Keith, 802-899-2582; Murray Hunt, 802-324-9641; or Loreen Teer, 802-899-1363.

**CVCOA volunteer opportunities**

Make an impact in your community; volunteer with Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA)!

Meals on Wheels nutrition sites across Central Vermont have an *URGENT* need for volunteer drivers. In just a couple of hours per week, you can make a tremendous difference in your neighbors' lives by delivering a nutritious meal and a welcoming smile.

Or, maybe you are looking for a way to stay active? The next Fall Prevention Tai Chi level one class leader training is being offered in October in Barre and on Zoom. Contact Anne Greshin, RSVP Program Coordinator, at 802-241-4840 or [agreshin@cvcoa.org](mailto:agreshin@cvcoa.org), to learn more about becoming a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels or taking the Fall Prevention Tai Chi class leader training.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Support Essex HS football with Essex football Gold Cards**

By Peter Armata III, Westford  
Offensive and Defensive Line, #77

2021 Division 1 Football State Champions

I am a Senior at Essex High School this year and have been a part of the Essex football program since second grade. We are selling our annual Gold Cards, which support fundraising efforts for our football team. Proceeds help to cover our equipment and other program items, like our homecoming jerseys.

If you would like to support our cause, the cost is \$25 per card and it will get you great discounts at places like Grazers, Vespa's Pizza, Mark BBQ, McDonald's, Jericho Tavern, Cody's Irish Pub, Black Flannel, and more!

To buy a card online, go online to <https://supporter.goldathletics.net/campaigns/116/users/8607>.

My goal is to sell more than 30 cards this year, so I appreciate any support you can give! If you have questions, or would like me to stop by to sell you a card in person, contact me at [parmata@VT.ewsd.org](mailto:parmata@VT.ewsd.org).

Thank you so much!

**Weekly fun and fitness classes at JCC**

Your Best Body Movement Class at the Jericho Community Center — Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, six-week session for \$48, September 15-November 3.

Join your friends and neighbors for an hour of movement, fun, and laughter as you discover your best body and calm mind. Whether you are an elite athlete or just beginning, we are all the same when it comes to having fun and learning to find our best personal fitness practices.

This class melds core concentrations for stability and safe movement with muscular strength and endurance gains that ease joint pain and enhance all your indoor and outdoor fun and games.

To cap off the session, we will introduce and practice Pilates and Yoga techniques that stretch your muscles and soothe your mind. Offered by Trish Densham, long time fitness professional, certified personal trainer and advocate of all things in motion. To sign up or to find out more, contact Trish, [tdmover@gmail.com](mailto:tdmover@gmail.com) or 802-999-1265.

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