

Wallingford Standard

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TOWN CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE NEWS

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office 802-446-2336

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The Town Hall & Transfer Station will be closed May 27th in observance of Memorial Day!

$\frac{\text{SUMMER RECREATION}}{\text{PROGRAM}}$

The Town of Wallingford, under the guidance of Director Lawrie Roundy, will offer a wonderful five -week program of swimming, sports, crafts, cooking and more. Dates of camp weeks: June 24-28; July 1-5 (no camp on July 4th); July 8-12; Aug 5-9; and Aug 12-16. Camp Hours 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

More information and forms available at: https://www.wallingfordvt.com/summer-recreation-program. Sign up today!



Mill River Union—June 5th Wallingford Elementary-June 10th



Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27th with lineup at Family Dollar at 9:45 a.m. and parade kickoff at 10:00 a.m.

Following the parade, the American Legion and Mill River Band will lead a ceremony at the Green Hill Cemetery in remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. As always, Route 7 & 140 traffic will be stopped so please avoid this area from 10-11:30 a.m.

We look forward to a fun, safe Memorial Day parade and ceremony — see you there.

~<u>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</u>~

The Wallingford Selectboard has scheduled a public hearing for Monday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall to hear comments and questions regarding proposed zoning regulations.

To review the document, visit the Planning Commission page of the town's website or email zoning@wallingfordvt.com or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

Elfin Lake

Opening day is SATURDAY, JUNE 15th at 11 a.m. Until then, you can walk in and enjoy the lake. The gate and building will be locked until June 15th.

2024 Elfin Lake passes are now available for sale, at a discount, at the Town Clerk's office through June 13th. Residents: \$55 - Non Residents: \$65 - NO REFUNDS

You can buy one at the lake starting on Saturday, June 15th. Residents: \$65 - Non Residents: \$75 - NO REFUNDS Cash or Check only.

Reminder: Only immediate family are allowed on one pass. Immediate family means people living in the same household. It does not include extended family or relatives.

No lifeguards will be on duty!

NOTICE

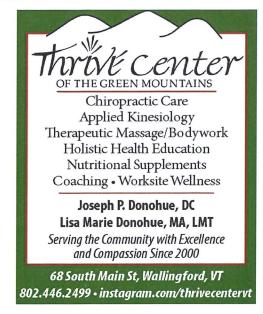
Cut off date for submissions is the 23rd of each month. Send articles to: Julie Sharon at townclerk@wallingfordvt.com.

The Standard's mission is to provide information on Town news and to be pro active for local business and events. We hereby reserve the right to refuse articles that express opinions of political nature in order to give our readership a format of information without prejudice.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Conservation Commission	4th Monday of every month	4:30 p.m. Town Hall
Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday of every month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Prudential Committee	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Town Hall
Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	6:30 p.m. Town Hall
Energy Committee	1st Tuesday of each month	5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Development Review Board	3rd Wednesday of each month	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Recreation Committee	2nd Thursday of every month	5:30 p.m. Town Hall
Mill River Unified School District Board	1st Wednesday 3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m. MRUHS 7:00 p.m. school rotation
Wallingford Rotary	Every Monday except holidays	7:00 a.m. Rotary
Bone Builders	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.m. Library
Wallingford Vol Fire Dept. Training	Every Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Wallingford Fire Station
Wallingford Food Shelf	Every Tuesday & Thursday	9:00 a.mNoon Town Hall
EW Vol Fire Dept. Training	First Monday of every month	8:00 p.m. EW Fire Station
Library Board	2nd Tuesday of every month	6:30 p.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Friends Meeting	2nd Thursday of every month	10:00 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Library Story Hour	Every Wednesday	10:30 a.m. Gilbert Hart Library
Legion Breakfast Meeting	1st Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Wallingford Cong. Church
Community Acupuncture	4th Tuesday of most months	6:30 p.m. RSVP Thrive Ctr 802-446-2499





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GILBERT HART LIBRARY by Wendy Savery

Adventure Begins at Your Library! That's the summer reading program theme and we have incentives for readers, starting with reading records for logging titles of the reading adventures you take. Kids can read three books and complete a voucher by August 10th to earn a ribbon worth free admission to the Champlain Valley Fair August 23-September 1. Once at the fair, they'll also get a coupon for a free ice cream at the dairy bar, a \$5 ride coupon book, and a FREE book of your choosing!

The GHL Trustees have a local delicious opportunity for school-aged readers. For up to three times this summer, every five books read equals a ticket for a complimentary kid's cone at Kelly's. Adult readers don't get as many treats, but they are invited to share in the adventures of Molly, the star of Nita Prose's book *The Maid*. Copies are available at the library now and we'll discuss on Friday, June 21st, at 3:30 p.m. in the Vermont Room. Children's Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m., and some other special summer adventures are in the works. Read On!

Hours: Monday, Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 802-446-2685





Textile Collection! A clothing bin has been installed at the Transfer Station for the collection of clean textiles. What is accepted? Men's, women's and children's clothing; coats and jackets; winter gear; purses, ties, scarfs and hats; sneakers, dress shoes, shoes, boots, sandals and

flip flops; linens such as sheets, towels, small throw pillows and blankets. All items must be dry and contain NO odor or mold. No garbage or recyclables allowed.



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Message from the Assessor's Office

This is a reminder to contact the Assessor if you have removed a structure. Your support is appreciated. Changes of assessment were mailed May 16th. Grievances will be held on Monday, June 4th.

Call for an appointment: 802-446-2336

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Zoning Permits

Lee Houghton, 408 East Street; open pole shed. Thomas Downey, 1298 Bixby Road; carport.

Richard & Ilia McCormick, 492 Centerville Road; horse barn.

Keith & Tara Lidstone, demolish & replace outbuilding.

Stacy Harshman, 1774 Route 7S; new deck on cottage.

The Vermont Foodbank Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is available for Vermonters 60 years or older. You can receive both CSFP and 3SquaresVT (see Page 4) benefits at the same time. Food boxes must be picked up once a month at a site in Rutland.



Income eligibility is 1-person \$1,632; 2-people \$2,215, etc. Call 1-800-214-4648 with questions. Applications available at Town Hall or on their website below.

VT Foodbank distributes FREE fresh food at the Diamond Run Mall, Route 7, Rutland, on the 1st Friday and the 4th Thursday of each month from 10-11 a.m. No sign up is necessary. For more information, visit www.vtfoodbank.org/share-food/veggievango or call their helpline at 855-855-6181.

Saye the Date! Wallingford Day is Saturday, July 20th

The Wallingford Day Committee has been busy planning the shape of this year's town-wide celebration with music, food, and activities for all ages in the works. Beginning with a morning of town-wide yard sales (start gathering your no-longer-wanted treasures!) and ending with a bang in the annual Lawrence Kaminski Fireworks show, neighbors and groups all over town are planning all sorts of fun, and we hope everyone will join in the shenanigans.

Heather Johnson has generously agreed to be the general activities point person. Do you have an activity you'd like to put on? Or will you be playing music for the public in your backyard? Whatever it is, we'd love to publicize it. Please share your details with Heather (heather.photography2@gmail.com) and she'll make sure it gets into the day's schedule. Please note, Heather can't plan or coordinate your proposed activity for you. She and the rest of the committee will promote the heck out of it, though.

This time of year, the Committee also starts to meet every couple of weeks, and anyone is welcome to attend meetings. Meetings are warned on the town website and Front Porch Forum, or email wallingfordday@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

If you're on social media, you can follow @WallingfordDay on Facebook and Instagram, where we'll be adding news and activities later and right up to the big day!



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3SQUARESVT IN A SNAP! An easier way for older and disabled Vermonters to buy food. It may also help with Fuel Assistance. You must be at least 60 years old or getting disability benefits AND not receive income from a job or self employment. Call 1-800-479-6151 with questions or if you need help applying.

Household Mo. Gross Income Limit: 1-person (\$2,248; 2-people \$3,041, etc. Applications available at the Wallingford Town Hall.





HOURS

Wallingford Community Thrift Shop 218 North Main Street Wallingford, VT 05773

Hours: Thursday 10:00—5:00 Friday & Saturday 10:00-2:00

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Owner jamiecollins31@icloud.com

James Collins



~Green Mountain Passport ~

Have you heard about the Vermont State Park Visitor's Pass Discount Program for Seniors and Veterans?

To be eligible for a life-long State Parks Passport, a person must be a legal resident of Vermont and either 62 years of age or older or a Veteran of the uniformed services. (Proof required for Veterans under the age of 62.)

Use your Green Mountain Passport for: admission to Vermont State Parks (overnight camping and other park fees are excluded); Vermont State Historic Sites; and Events which are fully State sponsored. The Vermont State Fair in Rutland honors the passport for free admittance on one of their fair days.

To receive a Green Mountain Passport card, stop in to the Town Clerk's office in the town/city in which you are a resident. The cost is \$2.00.





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Selectboard Meeting Highlights

5/06. The Selectboard: 1) heard a report from the Road Commissioner regarding the remaining paving projects for FY24, and possible roads for FY25; a report of graded roads: discussed tree removals: the 2014 International truck; and unused highway budget monies; 2) approved A. Awad's request for the road crew to haul mulch for the Japanese Knotweed eradication project; 3) discussed the heat pump proposals; 4) approved hiring Engineering Services of VT for the Town Hall boiler replacement; 5) approved the annual Rotary coin drop; 6) discussed establishing a reserve fund for the income raised through the Communications group for the newsletter publications; 7) approved new hires for Elfin Lake; 8) approved FH middle school using Elfin Lake on 6/10; 9) approved asking the Constable to patrol the recreation fields for rule breakers; 10) heard a request for a second portable toilet for the south recreation field; 11) approved the purchase of a new copier for the Town Clerk's office; 12) approved Apparel Impact placing a clothing collection bin at the Transfer Station; 13) approved appointing Heather Johnson and Naomi Bombardi-Wilson to the Wallingford Day Committee; and 14) discussed lifeguards for the summer rec program.

5/20 Meeting Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

. wine & craft beers • local produce, meats & dairy products • bulk spices & staples • groceries vers and producers • convenient hours and village location • follow us on Facebook/Instagram • See you soon!



Introducing the Founder's Club!

After a few years in the planning, the Wallingford Village Market will be opening this summer in the former Sal's Pizza space at the Block, and friends and neighbors have told us how excited they are to finally have a local market—and asked us how they can help or get

What's the deal?

The Founder's Club is a \$1,000 investment that earns you \$1,200 in groceries and store products over the course of two years. In a nutshell, your \$1,000 gets you \$50 per month of store credit for 24 months,. That's about a 10% annual return and a lot of groceries!



How do I sign up?

For all the details, contact Monica, the market's owner, at 802-770-9730 or wallingfordvillagemarket@gmail.com and she'll fill you in. You can also get the nitty-gritty at our website, wallingfordvillagemarket.com.

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Japanese Knotweed Control Project

There is an ever-expanding patch of Japanese Knotweed on the corner of Route 140 and Waldo Lane. You look at it every time you turn to go to Stone Meadow or the Transfer Station. Japanese Knotweed can be found all over town but this is a highly visible spot as you enter or leave the village and it lies next to Otter creek, a primary way for seeds to be carried so more Knotweed sprouts downstream. The Selectboard approved our access to the property, Town-owned land, to do a control project to limit the spread of this invasive plant.

On Saturday, June 8th from 9-12, we plan to gather at the site and work quickly together to reclaim this corner. The process has been used successfully in New Hampshire and involves cutting back, tarping, and mulching the patch for FIVE years. After the five years pass, the site should be clean and we'll celebrate by planting a native sugar maple (donated) on that corner. While one of us will monitor the site over that time, the team intervention is this one day for 3 hours in June. Come and join us! We could use any old ratty tarps you have.

information: Email Awad for Anne more anneawad@comcast.net.

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"Help Us Now, So We Can Help You Later!"

We provide our members (primarily aged 60+) with a range of nonmedical, volunteer-delivered support that will help them stay in their homes and communities as their needs change.

We've grown so much since our start in 2023 and we hope to continue expanding our base of members, volunteers, and services! Now is the time to get involved with our volunteer-led organization! Join today to ensure the quality of your tomorrows!

Wellness Calls - Local Transportation for appointments and errands - Grocery pickup - Community social and educational events

We've held more than 10 social and educational events since the Fall of 2023 that include talks about "Safety in the Home," "E Safety: Staying Safe in the Modern World," along with regularly scheduled Gaming Afternoons and Bingo Afternoons across our

We're open and ready to serve you! Contact Us Today!

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Vermont's Spring Open Studio this Memorial Day Weekend

Spring Open Studio is an exciting statewide event scheduled annually for Memorial Day weekend and organized by The Vermont Crafts Council.

This year there are 147 artists and artisans at 136 sites showcasing their work and welcoming the public to visit their workspaces and galleries. Kathy and I would be happy to show you our traditional braiding with wool projects and answer any questions you may have. Please stop in and visit us at 1206 Church Street. We encourage everyone to explore and celebrate the great variety of artwork in our Vermont communities. For more information go online to www.vermontcrafts.com/ visit-open-studio/

Thank you and hope to see you soon, Lois and Kathy

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club held its annual Bike Safety Day on May 11, and as usual it was a great success! Over 50 brand new bicycle helmets were given away, bikes were checked for safety by bike repair specialists from Tygart Mountain Sports in Ludlow, VT, and an obstacle course helped children learn to navigate the town through crosswalks, over railroad tracks, and the occasional dog crossing the road! Six brand new bicycles, purchased with the support of GE, were raffled off in a free drawing that included all participating children. Other prizes included tire pumps, bike locks, and gift certificates. Rutland's Come Alive Outside joined in the fun, providing games and prizes while encouraging outdoor activities. Everyone enjoyed face painting, and checked out the fire truck, ambulance, and police cruiser, courtesy of Wallingford Rescue Squad and Fire Department, as well as the Rutland Sheriff's Department. Free hot dogs and ice cream were available to all! There were lots of happy children by the end of the day, and parents, too, knowing their children can ride their bikes safely!



~Wallingford **Rotary Annual** Fishing Clinic & **Derby~**

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On June 1st, the Wallingford Rotary will hold its Annual Fishing Clinic and Derby! The Derby will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the West Hill Road pond in Wallingford. Free to all!

There will be a fishing clinic, free hot dogs, and prizes for our young fishing folk! Plan to join us for a morning of fishing and fun!

Wallingford Day (July 20th) will be here before you know it. That day will mark the end of the newsletter auction.

This is our main fundraiser for the Wallingford newsletter—the paper that every residence receives every month FREE. All profits from the Auction are used for postage, paper, and the copying of the newsletter.

Our community has been so generous in regards to donating and bidding on items. The Auction will be held again at the Gilbert Hart Library starting July 5th and ending on July 20th.

We, the communications group, would be happy to receive any new items, or gift certificates you have and never used, or perhaps you want to purchase one from our local businesses and support them too.

Contact Barb Boucher at 802-282-9647 with questions.

ATTENTION

Please do NOT throw garbage or household waste into the portable restroom at the recreational area. Also. do not deposit bags of household trash in the recreational area garbage cans.



without a license.

All **Vermont** State Park dayuse areas and all state-owned Historic Sites will be open at no charge on Saturday, June 8th. Saturday is also a free fishing day, the one day of the summer when anyone can fish in Vermont

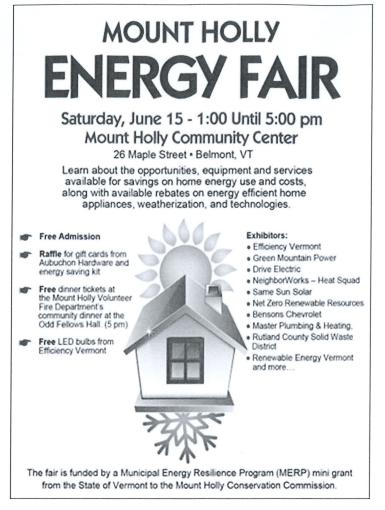


~Wallingford Green Up Thank You ~

The Conservation Commission extends a hearty thank you to all who participated in helping clean up Wallingford roads!



ELFIN LAKE OPENS ON JUNE 15TH. BUY YOUR LAKE PASS TODAY!



Did you know?

- ✓ Community Food Cupboard The food cupboard at the Wallingford Town Hall is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. Contact the Town Clerk's Office at (802) 446-2336 with any questions. Thank you for our residents who make donations to this worthy cause.
- ✓ American Legion Breakfast is at the First Congregational Church, 189 South Main Street, on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m.
- **√Rutland County Solid Waste District** will sponsor free Household Hazardous Waste collection days at the Transfer Station on: July 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and September 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

In order to use this program, residents must adhere to the following requirements:

Proof of residency (Driver's License); Must be a resident in the town only; and have a Detailed material list and quantity.

Limit 10 gallons or 30 items per household. All participants must remain in vehicle with a mask on until notified. All materials to dispose of must be organized such that it can be placed upon a table in little time. Do not use garbage bags. A staff member will process paperwork to include contact information. Before arriving to drop off, participants must have a completed, materials drop-off list. This materials list should be legible with each material and volume on it.

When this is completed, participants will be asked to exit the vehicle and place materials on table, and maintain social distancing. Excessive materials will not be accepted and will be referred to the Gleason Road facility. Nothing will be returned (gas cans etc.). Please leave your pets at home.

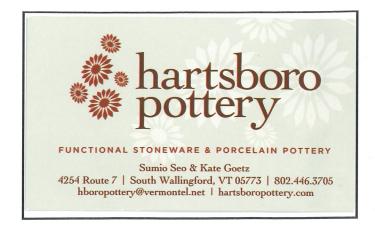
Material Limits: no more than, 10 gallons of paint, 10 bulbs, no E-Waste, and 5 gallons of used oil. (Used oil has a small fee.)

















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