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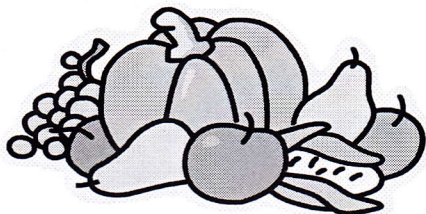
SEASONS GREETINGS!

Annual Harvest Dinner

GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE It's that time of the year again, not for turkey but for the Windham Community Organization's spectacular Ham Dinner on November 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. As usual there will be lots of good food and fun for all. Bring your happy feet with you as there will be Square Dancing after the meal. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 per child and \$25.00 per family. Square dancing only is \$5.00 per person.

Also our famous picture contest is going on for our 2009 calendar. If you are interested in entering, we are accepting pictures now and they will be displayed as we receive them. Up to three entries are allowed per person and all pictures must be of Windham. Judging will take place at the time of the dinner or if you happen to be in the meeting house prior to the dinner you may vote. There will be a first, second and third prize.

COME ON OUT AND JOIN THE FESTIVITIES



WCO TO PROVIDE RIDES ON ELECTION DAY

Rides will be provided to the Election Polls at the Windham Town Office all day on November 4th!

The polls are open from 10 am to 7 pm. Every vote counts and if you are a registered voter and unable to get to the polls please call in advance Jim Scott @ 874-7064 or Mary Boyer at 875-5242. Someone will be happy to pick you up and bring you home.

High Speed Internet Comes to 874 Exchange

by Mary McCoy

On September 31, FairPoint Communication announced that *everyone* with an 874 telephone exchange will be offered broadband access before the end of 2010. Despite the ongoing wait, this is terrific news. Every other possible internet provider contacted by the Windham Broadband Project claimed that high speed access for everyone here was impossible due to our terrain and sparse population.

FairPoint is required by the state to provide 100% broadband coverage for half of Vermont's 99 phone exchanges by December 31, 2010. The 874 exchange is the only one in Windham County to be included. Most of the other designated exchanges are located in Chittenden and Franklin Counties.

According to inside sources, FairPoint's decision for 874 was a direct result of the constant pressure from our town to bring high speed internet here. Many thanks to all of you who contacted FairPoint requesting service and to the Windham select board which advocated officially on our behalf.

Many Windham residents on Windham Hill, Burbee Pond Abbott, and Woodburn Roads recently joined the internet superhighway with FairPoint's services and report great satisfaction. The Windham Broadband Project will continue to push for access for the rest of us sooner than 2010. You can help now by calling 800-585-4466 to request service.



Good luck and thanks in advance to our Road Crew for the upcoming winter!

Select Board Report

The new Town Plan was finally adopted on September 8th and is now under review by the Windham Regional Commission (WRC). We are assured this review is a formality and presume our plan will be accepted. In Vermont all town plans have to comply with regional plans.

The next step for the Windham Planning Commission is to begin developing zoning ordinances that will enable us to implement the new plan.

In response to residents letting us know of their concern about cars and trucks driving fast on our paved road we have installed several speed signs along Windham Hill Road. Please take them seriously especially in the areas of the two hamlets where houses tend to be close to the road, driveways short and visibility limited.

The Golding Road Bridge is complete and 90% of the cost will be paid for by a grant from the VT Department of Transportation. The Windham Conservation Committee is doing follow up work at the bridge. Their efforts to replace trees and ground cover in order to mitigate increased water temperatures, runoff and erosion are appreciated. Cobb Brook is one of the few Class A waterways in the state and is considered a valuable resource. As stewards of the upper reaches of the brook we will do what we can to protect its pristine state.

The Select Board and Secretary spent a day in September driving all our roads inspecting their general condition and examining culverts and bridges. Windham has 35.16 miles of roads falling within the four classes established by the state. A few minor problems were brought to the attention of the road crew. During the summer months ditches were restored, roads graded, trees were removed where they were in the right of way and in a few places dirt roads were widened to allow for free passage of snow plows and emergency vehicles during the winter months. Side growth has been mowed and new lines painted on Windham Hill Road. We think we are prepared for whatever the winter brings. You remember last year the entire Northeast experienced shortages of sand and salt at the end of a long snow filled winter. Our road foreman, Rodney Watkins, has pre-bought road salt at a very favorable price and we are well stocked. Of course this supply is not enough for the entire season but it gives us a good head start.

Beginning in November Select Board meetings will shift to the first and third Mondays of the month. This change is made to accommodate the holidays. We begin promptly at 6:30 at the Town Office. We welcome your participation and ask if you would like to be on the agenda please phone Carol Merritt by Monday afternoon to let us know.

We would be remiss to not acknowledge the breathtaking events happening to the nation's economy. We are all concerned for the future and our ability to pay our bills. Presently our budget is the product of careful planning and cautious spending. Consequently we feel confident of Windham's economic health. We have no debts, have a solid reserve fund and foresee no major expenditures beyond the normal operating budget. That said, this is a time of great uncertainty for all of us. We hope that each of you is relatively free from economic trouble in this tumultuous time. All we can say is that we are all in this challenge together.

Your Select Board,

Margaret Dwyer, Walter Woodruff and Mary Boyer

Kudos for Steve Amsden

by John C. Lingley, Sr.

Each day as we leave the village in the direction of Route 121, we enjoy and admire the park-like area that has been created by Steve Amsden. As we drive by, we always comment on how nice the area that was a field and wet lands, had been altered to a "park-like" area. The pond, American flag, graded and grassed area and the mowed grass looks as if somebody cares.

We have many carefully manicured areas in Windham that enhance the beauty of the town. But kudos should go to Steve Amsden for his talent, time, and use of his equipment to develop such an area. See the pond on the next page.

Job well done, Steve!



Who (or What) is WCO?

By Edith Serke

If you are fairly new to Windham, or have not been paying attention, you may be wondering about who (or what) is WCO. Well, WCO is the Windham Community Organization Inc., a private, not-for profit grassroots organization, open to all Windham residents (there are no dues to pay!) which is here to help our neighbors in difficult times, and seeks to keep our residents informed about what is going on in town. We do that through our *Windham News and Notes*, a bi-monthly publication, written and produced entirely by volunteers. Judging from your feedback, it is very well received, and generously supported by both full-time and part-time residents.

WCO derives its financial support from readers of the *Windham News and Notes* and from the few fundraisers we sponsor each year: the Annual Chicken BBQ during the summer, the Annual Harvest Dinner in the fall (see the notice elsewhere in this issue) and most recently our town-wide tag sale during the summer.

Where does the money go? We support our Windham Elementary School in their extra-curricular activities; the local food banks; and our neighbors who may be having difficulty paying for fuel and utilities. If you need temporary assistance, please call Peter or Bonnie Chamberlain, our Good Neighbor Committee Chairs, or any of the WCO officers: Mary Boyer, Gina Noel, Edith Serke, or Dawn Bower. All requests are kept strictly confidential.

WCO meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Meeting House (Congregational Church). The meetings are open to the public, and we sincerely hope that you will attend one of our meetings and become actively involved in our organization. We need more helping hands, whether with our fundraisers or with the production of the newsletter. We are a friendly bunch, and always have good fun. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Amsden Pond

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Herbert Dutton – An Extraordinary Ordinary Man

by Mary McCoy

On September 13, Herbert Dutton passed away in the same house where he was born. A former Windham select board member and town auditor, Herbert spent all but three of his 88 years in his home on West Windham Road. One of eight children, Herbert lost his mother when he



Herb and Ida Dutton

was 12 and was raised by his father, George, a farmer and state legislator. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, Herbert enlisted and was stationed in the Pacific. That was enough of the rest of the world for him. He returned to Windham, initially working as a logger and carpenter.

He met Ida Chase, his wife of 60 years, at church in 1945. She was 15 and he was 25, so she was surprised when he asked her to go to a movie and her parents agreed. "I thought he was too old and I'd never marry, but gradually I changed my mind," she said. For two years, they courted -- they'd have dinner at each other's home, then sit outside, talk, and smooch.

When they married in 1947, Ida moved in with Herbert and his father, whom she liked very much, and began helping with their farm. Her own father had registered Holsteins, and she was determined to have a herd. Eventually, Herbert fulfilled her wish.

The couple had six children – Paul, Clara, Abigail, Steven, Rebecca, and Ruth – which kept Ida busy, while Herbert tended the farm. Although their relationship divided primary responsibilities along traditional male-female lines, Herbert always had time for the kids, and Ida worked in the barn, taking the kids with her. A typical workday for both began at 5:00 AM and ended at 8:00 PM.

Ida describes her husband as "a hard worker who loved to talk." Her sister, Margaret Woodruff, says, "He was a good farmer and a very nice person." In nut shells, that says it, yet Herbert Dutton was also a complex man.

Sarah Peck knew him all of her life, growing up just down the road from the Duttons. She says he had a scientific mind, was self-educated and well read. He was a great story teller too, as well as a good neighbor. "We couldn't have survived without Herbert," she said. He plowed the family out on many occasions, helped fix things for them, and the like. He and Ida were examples Sarah admired. "They were true partners, much closer than most."

Sarah also loved his sense of humor, which is something others also recall. Carol Merritt remembers when his health finally required him to stop working the farm. He came to the town office to transfer land to his kids. When she asked him how he was, he demonstrated his quick wit, saying "Well, it appears I'm losing ground."

Dave Crittenden is another who grew up always knowing Herbert. When Dave was 8, Herbert gave him a job plowing the fields. Herbert showed him how to guide the horse to make the first row perfectly straight and then to use that row as the guide for the rest of the field. Starting things right and building on them was a valuable lesson to learn.

Ruth Dutton said her parents gave her a childhood that could have been no better. The kids had the run of the house and the land, good food to eat, and plenty of experience in the value of work. "Dad didn't have time to socialize, but when people stopped by, he loved to talk. He was a reader and well informed. Mom kept us out of trouble." Yet the life of the Dutton family would seem "disadvantaged" to many. They had no TV, did not go to movies or restaurants, had no vacations, and traveled only twice a year to Brattleboro. Yet another Dutton, Rebecca, agrees that their childhood was in no way lacking. She said her parents stressed the importance of education, and her father taught them invaluable lessons that gave them a sense of confidence and independence. "He taught us how to survive in the woods, what to eat, how to build a shelter. When I decided to build a house by myself, he encouraged me and taught me what I needed to know. My parents were feminists in their own way, because they taught us girls we could do anything."

A retired psychologist, Rebecca says her father knew more about people by instinct than she knew through her training. "He said what people really need is plenty of sunlight and exercise. He said, 'When you've got troubles, put your feet on the ground and take a step and then another, and before you know it, you'll be where you want to go.'" She describes her father as a tender man. "As a kid, I could tell him anything, and he would listen. Later when I had problems at work, he helped me through it. He just knew things. As he got older, he listened a long time before he spoke, then he cut to the quick with a wise reply."

Rebecca says her parents were practical people with good morals, even though they didn't always attend church. "Dad turned to Nature and its harmony for spiritual strength. He encouraged us kids to love and explore Nature. I remember how he stopped work to have all of us kids come and pick berries. He loved animals. He loved the sunrise. Greed made him crazy. He came back to Windham after the war and had a great impact on many people. Others like him also have come here to find their peace."

Ida Dutton describes herself and Herbert as "ordinary people living normal lives." While there is something fundamental about them, most of us would call them anything but ordinary, because they have lived fundamental truths in a way the rest of us have not. Herbert Dutton will be greatly missed, yet for many in our town, his example will endure to inspire us.

HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF WINDHAM

In 1853 James Upham produced a hand written history of Windham. This was later followed by two historical papers read by Asahel Upham in the Windham Congregational Church in 1902 and 1903. A pamphlet was organized in 1946 by the Windham School Club it was beautifully illustrated by Jane Newton.

The Windham Community Organization will reproduce the booklet in its original wording, spelling and punctuation. Below is a preview. We hope to make this available to readers soon.

"The Town of Londonderry which embraced Windham was chartered by the State of New York Feb. 13, 1770 to James Rogers by the name of Kent. It contained 284590 acres. In 1778 Mr. Rogers the principal proprietor became a TORY and fled to Canada. By this act his lands were confiscated. The town was again chartered by the government of Vermont April 20, 1780 to Edward Aikin, Samuel Fletcher and Joseph Tyler, a committee appointed by the Legislature to carry out a resolve passed March 16, 1780 regranteeing the town. In this charter the town is called Londonderry. Deriving the name from the town of the same name in New Hampshire whence the first settlers came. The first settlers came in the year 1774.

They were James Rogers, James Patterson, Samuel Thompson, Edward Aikin, James McCormick and John Woodburn. The three last were the first settlers of Windham. They were influenced to emigrate from Londonderry by Col. Rogers upon whose land they settled. They purchased their lands for three or four English shillings per acre. They came it is supposed in the spring and selected their situations. During the summer they cleared a small spot and made preparations to remove their families the next spring. They returned to Londonderry and spent the winter. Edward Aikin built the first log house in Windham and it is probable the first frame house built within the boundaries of this town was a little north of the dwelling house owned by widow Aikin and was erected by the same individual. Edward Aikin and his relative of the same name who settled in Londonderry, erected a saw mill near Derry Pond soon after they came here. They had sawed their lumber for two houses one for each. A fire broke out near by and destroyed the mill and all of their lumber. In consequence of this the erection of their houses was retarded, hence it is not known what year the first frame house was built. The records of the town from its first settlement to 1793 are nearly all lost. Robert McCormick was the town clerk in 1780. In 1793 Rufus Thayer was constable. Peter Aikin, James Mack and Abel Whitman were selectmen, Mr. Demming says in "Appendix." It is not to be supposed that these were the first officers appointed but the early records have gone a journey and forgotten to return. Col. James Rogers and Edward Aikin were members of that memorable convention which met at Dorset Sept. 25, 1776. There were only fifty-one members in the convention representing thirty-five different [districts] Townships.. At this time the members of the convention voted, to take suitable measures as soon as may be to declare the Vt. Grants a free and separate district. This was the Birthday of Vermont. Edward Aikin was the first representative from the town and a member of the first Legislature which assembled March 12, 1778. He represented the town from this [excepting one year] to 1795 when John Burnap was chosen representative."

Hope you have enjoyed your trip back to 1853.

Margaret Woodruff



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FROM THE NEWS & NOTES TEAM



Genealogists Working in Town

by Heath Boyer

"Family history is like popcorn," says Elizabeth Stevens. "A little bit is just never enough."

Visitors to the Town Office on any given Friday are likely to encounter Elizabeth and her son, John, bent over the volumes of Town Records, deeds and other documents tracing family histories, cemetery records and the long narratives associated with individual parcels of land.

What began as a casual personal interest for Elizabeth years ago as she tried to learn more about her families' long histories in North America, later seemed to strike a flame in son John. "From the time he was nine or ten," Elizabeth says, "he was just so interested in the history. Now he is Vice President of the Vermont Genealogical Society."

About ten years ago their hobby began to evolve into their livelihood. Their clients are all over the country as well as from the neighborhood. They also count several towns in the area as clients. In Windham, for example, they began several years ago with a project for the Howard family to document all the graves in the North Windham Cemetery. That project then was extended by the Town of Windham to include West Windham and Woodburn cemeteries. With those projects now complete, they are working on the big cemetery in Windham Center. When asked how they document the names on gravestones where the inscriptions are no longer legible they patiently explained that the towns have Record books that noted marriages, births, deaths and burials. Usually the books are not indexed so a thorough search means literally "reading everything."

Recently a client from Colorado arrived to walk the ground where his family had originated many generations ago. When they were able to take him to a cellar hole deep in the woods that was a relic from his family's time in Windham, it seemed to mean as much or more to him than all the facts and figures they had managed to accumulate. "He said to us, 'If only I could see where they actually lived.'" "When we walked up to the cellar hole, he was pretty close to speechless."

Their work mostly focuses on Windham, Windsor, Bennington and Rutland Counties. They pour over town records, school records, church records, deeds, probate records, Bibles, cemetery transcriptions, diaries, account books, newspapers and publications of all kinds. Their biggest project to date is to edit the 1791 VT Census for the Vermont Families Project. This undertaking involves reviewing in detail submissions by families with old Vermont histories, verifying the information in the submittal and rewriting it for eventual publication in the first of what is expected to be a multi-volume set. Their goal is to provide three confirming references for each statement of fact in the submission. Where possible they confine themselves only to primary sources such as contemporaneous records. Secondary sources are those based on research done by other, usually amateur, historians, and are therefore suspect until proved valid.

Although Elizabeth and John now live in Chester, their families were early settlers in Windham. As early as the 1770s Captain Edward Aikin lived near Lowell Lake while his cousin, Deacon Edward Aikin lived on what is now Tater Hill Golf Course. "Although Londonderry is officially the 'mother town' of Windham, the first settlements were actually in Windham," says Elizabeth. John went on, "These lands were part of a patent of the Church of England. The land owned by a church in this fashion was called a glebe, and parcels were sold or rented on behalf of the Church and the proceeds went to it. That all changed, of course, after the Revolution, because we ended the state-sponsored religion. The land had been in the charge of John Rogers, (whose brother was the famous Robert Rogers of Rogers Rangers). John Rogers was a Tory and he fled to Canada. The lands then fell under the control of the 'Committee of Trust' who sold the parcels on behalf of the State of Vermont. Glebe Mountain takes its name from the fact that all the unsold or unusable parcels were up on the mountain." According to John, all of the land sold in Windham between about 1797 and 1800 was traceable either to James Rogers or to the Committee.

"The Aikins arrived in North America around 1720 from Londonderry, Ireland," according to John. "They settled in Londonderry, NH and finally in Londonderry, VT. Maybe that reflects a lack of imagination."

Anyone interested in undertaking a family history research project can contact Elizabeth and John most easily by dropping by the Town Office any Friday morning.

Reflections on a Wet Summer

by Elizabeth Robinson

Arriving in Vermont in late July, we were witness to several spectacular thunderstorms and the torrential rain which had been a feature of the early part of the summer. The grass and trees appeared very green and lush and flowers such as orange day lilies, which are normally finished, were still flowering. Beebalm and yellow flowering artichoke were over five feet high. Hummingbirds which normally alight on our red plastic feeder were seen in the garden, but rarely used it, due to the large amount of nectar available. Blue jays, usually noisy and attacking the blueberry bushes hardly appeared despite a bumper crop from our ancient bushes. A blue heron was spotted on our pond at night. Dead silence was followed by a squeak and a splash. It may be my imagination but the Monarch butterflies seemed to be larger than usual. Could this be? Our pond was full this year and home to a large colony of bright green frogs. I was the only one swimming this summer and often came face to face with one of these staring creatures during my swim. The rest of the family refused because of "leeches, snakes, snapping turtles and fish biting their feet", or becoming entrapped in the pond weed. It is due to the increase in the price of gas that farmers' markets are springing up, such as the one in Townshend on Thursdays? It certainly seems that more people around Windham are growing their own vegetables, and we are the lucky recipients of this bounty. My husband finished building a stone wall at the front of our house after many hours of selecting the right rock pieces for the project. The new grass seed planted there sprung up almost overnight. Many of our neighbors stopped by to offer their advice and even one or two cars pulled up to ask if he was in the business. The answer was a resounding "No."

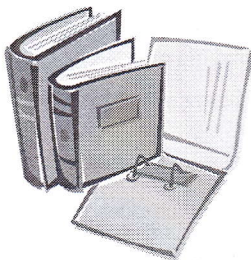
MORE MONEY NEEDED FOR LELAND AND GRAY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS by Mary Boyer

The Leland and Gray school board has been trying to get its member towns to support investment in the school for years.

After stripping its building proposal down two times the board was finally able to get a \$2.6 million bond passed. Several important projects were put off and now need to be addressed. Residents of the six participating towns, of which Windham is one, are going to be asked to approve another \$449,714. The School Board plans to take \$450,000 from the 2007 surplus but must obtain voter approval to move that amount from the general fund into a capital improvement reserve fund.

Among the projects needed are improvement to the roof on the main building, a full upgrade of the elevator and improvements to the ventilation and sprinkler systems and upgrading some doors and windows.

The board has called for a vote on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 at the school to approve using the surplus for its projects.



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 Shimmering and prancing upon fields of hay, quick shadows so bright.
 A crystalline blanket now covers fall leaves which have fallen at last,
 And those children not of winter often time think of summers past.
 Would perhaps the wandering poet Frost now seek the quiet snow covered road,
 Or choose to pick the wintry sleep of a since sleepy buried toad.
 Life as we now know is said to be dormant within the ground,
 Awaiting sweet spring to shoot upward when the season comes around.
 Frozen ice crystals emitting bright scattered moonlight,
 Brilliant, multicolored, astounding mother nature's sight.
 Woodstove smoke stands nearly still as if meant for cold noses to smell,
 Tantalizing, whose perfume life fragrance is nearly good enough to sell.
 Skater blades carve ice-ened paths, diamond like scratches as if etched in glass,
 Children flying and laughing, not thinking that this day too will soon pass.
 Winter woman's home now awaits her with its warm and frosty windows aglow,
 Like sleeping curled kittens in contentment hidden away from the snow.
 Woodstove's sharp snapping sounds resounding from deep inside,
 As winter woman now sits and listens, knowing her favored old man winter doth reside.

for Leila by Roger Martin

More than you ever wanted to know.....

by Mary Boyer

Until moving to Windham I'd always been a city girl. Growing up in Rochester, NY, I remember Tuesdays as the mornings my mother did not have to call the five of us out of bed. We were awakened by the loud sound of a straining motor closing the huge compactor door on our city garbage truck. That sound and the unique noise of items being cracked, crushed and mutilated down to size electrified the quiet night air. In those days everything from sofas to newspapers was fair game for the jowls of the garbage truck. Add to this the banging and clanging of our metal cans, routinely put out the night before, being beaten to death against a bar to loosen the wet yuck lodged in their bottoms. My mother loved Tuesdays.

Many years later I lived in Philadelphia. I was barely there a year when the disabling trash men's (by then "Sanitary Engineers") strike of 1983 buried Philly. After six weeks with no end in sight, Ed Rendell, then mayor now governor, put his foot down. But not before the city was paralyzed with mountains of fermenting black trash bags clogging sidewalks and tumbling into the streets in front of EVERY home, business and restaurant.

As with all city dwellers, unless there is some interruption in service, trash and garbage is "Not my job".

My relationship to my own garbage changed when I left city life and moved aboard a sail boat. It wasn't the back end of the process that was so time consuming. After all we had very little space and accumulation was not an issue. It was the front end. Almost every item we purchased had to be freed from wrapping, wrapping around the wrapping and plastic ties that hold it all in place. On a day when mariners were provisioning to leave for a voyage there would be two piles on the dock outside their boats. One massive and one small and well organized. The big one? Wrappings. The small one? The staples to be stowed crammed together in square or rectangular plastic containers. (Round containers have no place on a boat!) One of my dear friends made an unpopular political statement every time she went to the grocery store. As the cashier checked her out my friend stood and unwrapped every item leaving the scraps for the store to deal with and complaining the entire time about all this unnecessary stuff. Store managers were called over, customers rolled their eyes, cashiers got flummoxed, I ran for cover. Then everyone just got cranky as her line slowed to a stop and adjacent ones slowed with the rubber-neckers. My friend simply didn't care. (continued next page)



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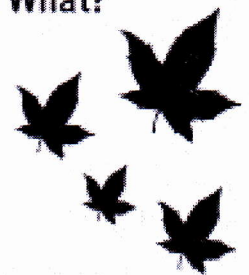
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More than you ever wanted to know.....(continued)

A forty page report caught my eye recently. I guess it is a testimony to our times that you can fill 40 pages with information about waste disposal for 5 small Vermont towns. The report is The Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for the Londonderry Group Solid Waste District. Windham joined that co-operative in 2000.

The figures in the report are not totally up to date. They stop at '06. They are still telling. In 2006 the total annual disposal for the transfer station was 1,239.16 tons. Since the seasonally adjusted population of the five towns (Peru, Londonderry, Landgrove, Weston and Windham) in 2000 was about 4,135 the estimated daily per capita disposal was 1.64 pounds a day. It takes a lot of wrapping, cardboard, cellophane and plastic to make one and a half pounds of trash a day.

Since our trash doesn't evaporate and builds up at a stunningly fast rate, here are some of the costs to get rid of it.

It costs \$91.00 per ton to have bagged garbage carted away to one of four landfills: Arlington, VT; Coventry, VT; Plattsburg, NY; or Bethel, NH. It costs \$91.00 to haul construction/demolition waste to Arlington, VT; it costs 2,4,12, or 60 dollars per tire to have them hauled away to Don Stevens Tire Company, Southington, CT. Mixed glass is sent to Keene at a cost of \$25.00 per ton.

Several items generate revenue for the station. #1 and #2 plastics generate .04 and .05 cents a pound respectively. Aluminum cans generate 60 cents per pound, and corrugated board \$58 per ton. Mixed paper sells for \$55.00 per ton.

Newspapers generate no revenue since they are sent to three local farms for animal bedding. Hard cover books are sent to the Rutland Materials Recovery Facility for the "Got Books" Program.

I warned you at the beginning this is probably more that you'll ever want to know. It seems obvious that my days of being awakened by the loud but benign sound of our city garbage truck are over as well as my ability to neglect the amount of garbage I personally generate. The SWIP report is essentially a warning that the costs are going up and it is meant to justify that increase. At this point in time recycling is not yet a profitable venture but that could change in the future if we got really serious about it. In addition to the \$10.00 resident sticker the transfer station has been charging \$1.50 per 30 gallon bag to dispose of household trash and various amounts for taking hazardous materials. These fees have not changed in the last four years.

Who knows why this report intrigued me. I have no expectations about your interest level. If you so choose, wrap your table scraps in it and use it for compost. It will make the world a better place.

Reminder from Michael J. Obuchowski

Please vote in the Tuesday, November 4th general election; our future depends on it.

Vote early at your Town Clerk's office or request your Town Clerk (just call or write) to send you or others an early vote ballot and vote at your convenience, returning the voted ballot or vote at your polling place in person on the 4th.

Important choices will be made this general election day and your vote will contribute to and might even decide the collective results. Democracy thrives when we participate in its decision-making processes.

Every vote, especially yours, counts! See you at the polls!

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Windham Congregational Church News by Nancy Dyke

INTERNATIONAL PEACE SUNDAY ACTIVITIES IN WINDHAM

Have you noticed the new Peace Pole beside the evergreen tree at the Meeting House? If you are entering the building, it is difficult to miss. On September 21, International Peace Sunday, the congregation welcomed Rev. Paul and Dorothy Alberti, area advocates for peace, who led the worship service. Congregants also participated in a skit directed by Dorothy. The Alberti's emphasized the critical need for peace in our world and gave examples of peace activities in our own community in which each of us can take part. They reminded the congregation of peace efforts it already has undertaken, such as the prison ministry to residents of Dismas House in Rutland. The service concluded with the "planting" of the pole outside the building. Inscribed on the pole is the word "peace" in fourteen different languages. If you are curious about the languages represented, ask either Dave Crittenden or Jerry Dyke.



ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SING

The place to be on Friday, November 28 at 4:30 PM is the Windham Meeting House. If you miss this, you miss one of the highlights of the year! Bring your family and guests to join with neighbors in a fun rendition of your favorite Christmas songs and carols. An added attraction is hot chocolate and Jean Coburn's famous snickerdoodles. Christine Dyke has agreed, once again, to lead the songs. See you there!

PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual Christmas pageant is scheduled for Sunday, December 21st at 6:00 PM. There will be great music and community participation as always. An offering will be taken to support local needs in the form of the Londonderry Food Pantry as well as needy orphans in Rowanda. Since this date is scheduled well ahead of Christmas Eve activities, we hope to see you there!

Windham Congregational Church (continued)

WINDHAM COOKS ARE A HIT AT DISMAS HOUSE

In October Margaret Woodruff, Leila Erhardt and Jerry and Nancy Dyke provided the meal for residents of Dismas House, a residence for recently released prisoners. Thanks to the concentration of outstanding cooks in Windham, the residents always anticipate our arrival on the second Monday of each month. Anyone who would like to be a part of this effort, is cordially welcome to do so. It is also possible to cook food without going to Dismas House on the appointed evening. For more information contact Dave Crittenden.

REMINDER ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY

Please help to keep the shelves stocked at the Londonderry Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable foods, paper products and cleaning products to the Meeting House. A box in the entryway has been provided for this purpose.

PORK DINNER TO BENEFIT LONDONDERRY FOOD PANTRY AND FUEL FUND

Weston's Old Parish Church will host a benefit pork dinner for the Londonderry-based Food Pantry and Fuel Fund. The dinner is in the Weston Rod and Gun Club (a mile north of the town square) on route 100 on October 30 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM Tickets are available at the door or at the Village Green Gallery in Weston (\$10 adults and \$5 children ages 6-12).

The Windham Congregational Church has designated the second Sunday of the month as Brown Bag Sunday, but items can be dropped off anytime the building is open. For more information, contact Ian Bailes.

Valley Bible Church News

Unfortunately e-mail and phone have been disrupted for the church leaving this issue a little short of news. Please see the calendar of events or contact the church below with any questions.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Sunday - **Windham Congregational Church (UCC)** has worship services at 9:30 AM; everyone invited.

Every Sunday and Thursday - **Valley Bible Church** has services: *Sunday* - 9:45 AM Sunday School, 11 AM Worship followed by lunch and 1 PM Bible Study; *Thursday* - 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.

Every Wednesday - **Windham Town Library** open at Meeting House from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Also at that time: reading group on first Wednesday of the month.

Wednesdays, 9:00 to 12:00 - **Town Listers Office hours- no hours in December**

Monday, Nov 3 and Nov 17 - Dec 1 and Dec 15 **Select Board** meets at 6:30 PM at the Town Office; Public Invited.

Wednesday, Nov 19 and Dec 17 - **Brown Bag Chat Group** at noon at the Meeting House.

Thursday, Nov 13 - **Windham Planning Commission** at 7:15 PM at the Town Office

Saturday, Nov 1 **Deadline for Submissions to Library Photo Contest! (See Insert)**

Saturday, Nov 8 - **Annual Harvest Supper** 5:00 PM at the Meeting House —**Save the date!**

Wednesday, Nov 26 - **Valley Bible Church—Thanksgiving Service—7 pm**

Wednesday, Dec 10 - **Windham Community Organization** meets at 7:00 PM at the Meeting House

Town Office Hours - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 to 3:00