



WINDHAM NEWS & NOTES



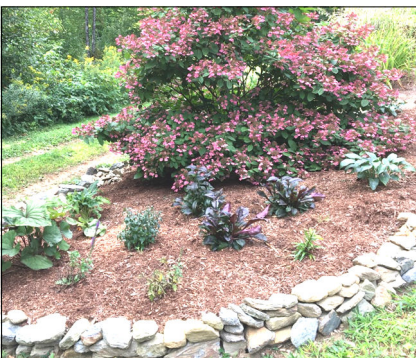
How Have You Been Spending Your Time in COVID-19 Self-Isolation?

by Ellen McDuffie

We know how some of our neighbors have been spending their time since the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed its wrath upon us. Many residents who are handy with a sewing machine have made more face masks than you can imagine. Jo-Jo and Jim Chlebogiannis have been organizing and distributing fresh produce for Chester and Windham residents every weekend since mid-March. Imme and Steve Maurath have been assisting with these distributions. And now Imme has taken on the additional task of taking orders and organizing the pick-up of free meals provided every Wednesday through Chester Helping Hands and the state initiative called Everyone Eats. Barbara Jean Quinn is also involved with this project. Pat Cherry and Carolyn Partridge have continued their work for our community through Neighborhood Connections.

Many of us have tackled home projects and yard work that had been on the back burner for years. Some have taken up learning to play a musical instrument. I have been reclaiming some wild, weedy areas around our home, and attempting to turn them into small perineal flower beds. That has been quite a challenge due to the amount of rock and ridge I have encountered. Even digging a hole for planting can be a test of my resolve. Often it's easier to just build a low rock wall (rock is something we have plenty of) and add soil to the area before planting.

The following story is how Mary and Heath Boyer's son, Geoffrey Boyer, turned to a Japanese custom of folding paper cranes to bring some serenity to this time of craziness. We would love to have your input as to how you have been spending your time in self-isolation. Please send your story to *Windham News & Notes* at windhamnews@hotmail.com.



Above; One of Ellen's garden reclamation projects
Right; Geoffrey's 1000 cranes

by Geoffrey Boyer

In Japanese culture, the crane is a symbol of good fortune and longevity because of its fabled lifespan of a thousand years. Folding paper cranes is considered good luck, and folding one thousand of them is believed to be auspicious. "Senbazuru" is the name given to a set of 1,000 origami paper cranes, and it is believed that anyone who completes a senbazuru will be granted a wish by the gods. Some stories say that the act will bring you happiness and good luck.

After everything locked down, I sought something to bring mindfulness and meditation to my days, and turned to making paper cranes. My initial inspiration was to seek serenity on behalf of medical personnel, front line workers, and those families affected by this global crisis. Written on and under the wings of many of the cranes are the names of special people: medical personnel whom I know and love, and people whom I have read about who are making a difference in the world. Since I started, the world has become even more turbulent, though, so I broadened my focus. Study the pictures and you will see what I mean. One more thing--some of the strings are purely decorative, but many have themes. One string is the 1,000 name list of victims of COVID published in the NYT; there are maps from all 50 states and maps of the globe; there is a statement that Black Lives Matter; there are the four seasons and the four elementals; there is the land, the sea, the sky and the universe; there is the rainbow (in and out of order), primary colors and secondary colors; and there are tributes to literature, art and music. And there may be some hidden messages...

I installed the senbazuru in my front yard this morning, and as I hung the last string I sent a wish into the universe for serenity in a time of uncertainty. If you need it—and even if you don't think you do—I hope it reaches you!



From the Selectboard

Hello again! As always, but particularly during these trying times, we hope that you remain healthy and safe from COVID-19. As we're finding out, we all have different ways of dealing with this. We hope that you are tolerant of your friends and neighbors, and are doing what you need to do to protect yourself and your family.



The Selectboard continues to meet on Zoom where it is not only safe, but convenient. We've had some lively discussions with lots of participants. With a lot of help from our Clerk, Joyce, The Nuisance Animal Ordinance has been signed and will be available at the Town Office and also on the town website during the public comment period. You are urged to review it and return your comments to the Selectboard.

We've been working with Jamaica, the Windham County Sheriff's Office, the State Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation as well as VTrans to address the overcrowding issues at the Hamilton Falls area. We are trying to figure out how to eliminate much of the non-local traffic. For now, you will notice "No Parking" signs on private property as well as an increased presence of law enforcement. They will be there to remind visitors of the State's current COVID-19 restrictions, carry-in/carry-out policy, discourage parking along town highways and private property and remind folks to be respectful, both at the Falls and on the narrow town highways leading to the site.

When you read this, we will probably have just gotten the final Property Tax figures from the State, enabling the Town to get tax bills out. Do not forget the payment deadline of October 31.

The Road Crew continues to be super productive. They have been working on several culvert replacements. Boy, there were a couple of biggies in there. The project continues; it's really a never-ending job to keep our roads in tip-top shape. They have also attended to roadside mowing, tree trimming/cutting, ditching, grading, maintaining/repairing equipment, hanging street signs – you name it. They're the best!

If you have anything to bring to our attention, please do not hesitate to contact us. Until we (literally) meet again, stay safe.

Maureen, Kord and Peter

To Join A Zoom Selectboard Meeting:

Selectboard meeting information is available from the printed agendas that are posted throughout town on Saturdays before meetings and on the town website, or email Maureen for an invite at mbellselectboard@gmail.com.

School Reopens and Election for School Board Member to be Held

The Windham Elementary School opened on Tuesday, September 8th. While we missed the traditional potluck community breakfast, the children were happy to be back at school. Our bus driver, Kord Scott, confirmed that the children were happy and excited despite the regimen of temperature checks, hand sanitizer, and mask wearing.

We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to offer our school families four days of school in the building. Principal Mickey Parker-Jennings and the Windham Central office have worked throughout the summer to ensure a safe return to the classroom. Many schools were only able to start the school year offering online classes. Being small has its advantages during this pandemic. The children are meeting in outdoor classrooms until the weather becomes inclement. Tents were donated and we are thankful to those generous donors.

We want to thank Antje Ruppert for her years of service to the Windham School Board. Antje resigned at our August 10th meeting, and to replace her we will be holding an Australian Ballot election, hopefully coinciding with the November 3rd General Election. We currently have two candidates who are interested, Carolyn Partridge and Erin Kehoe. If anyone else is interested, please contact Town Clerk, Mike McLaine (874-4211), **before** September 28th to have your name placed on the ballot. The School Board has requested the Town Clerk prepare a paper ballot for this town election and that it be sent to all registered voters. This paper ballot will also be available on November 3 at the Meeting House polling station. We are planning to organize a Candidate's Forum in the near future that will be held via Zoom, so stay tuned for more information.

The Windham School Board continues to meet the first Monday of the month at 4 PM unless otherwise scheduled. If you would like more information and/or the Zoom link for these meetings, please contact School Board members Beth McDonald at 874-4015 or Russ Cumming at 874-7011.

Kindly, Beth McDonald, Windham School Board

Do You Love Writing and Doing Research?

Are you willing to help the Town save money on municipal projects – from road building/maintenance to office archives and many things in between? The Selectboard is looking to form a grant-writing committee and would like you to be a part of it. If you have some time to spare and this interests you, please contact a Selectboard member or Maureen at mbellselectboard@gmail.com for more details.

Vote from Home - It's Safe and Secure

by Kathy Jungermann and Mike McLaine



Many things have changed since the COVID-19 crisis hit our country and state. As Vermonters try to avoid contact with others, especially in crowded places, many of our regular activities can now pose a risk. There is a very important General Election coming up this November 3rd. Going to a busy polling location has a lot of voters concerned, but fortunately there is an easy way to avoid that trip.

The Vermont Legislature has passed a bill this summer enabling the Secretary of State to send ballots to every registered voter in Vermont in late September. You should receive your ballot for the General Election by October 1. This will make it easy for you to cast your vote and return your voted ballot in a postage paid envelope, without ever leaving the house. Even if you have not made a request for a ballot, all registered voters will receive a ballot for the General Election in the mail. In Windham, we will be voting in the General Election, and will also be receiving a town ballot (in mid-October) for election of one School Board member to replace Antje Ruppert **in a separate mailing**. (See article on page 2.)

Once you receive each of your ballots, **follow the directions carefully and mail each back promptly**. The U.S. Postal Service advises that you mail your return ballot, as directed, at least 7 to 10 days before Election Day. Or you may return it to the Town Office by November 2, or drop it by the polling place (Meeting House) on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

If you are not registered to vote in Windham, please go online at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters> to register, or for more voting information. There is no deadline to register in Vermont. You may register to vote up to and including the day of the election. However, **if you register online the day before the election or on Election Day, your application may not be processed and your name may not appear on the voter checklist**, and you may be asked to fill out another application at the polls. To be sure your name appears on the checklist, **please register by the Friday before the election**.

In-person voting will be at the Meeting House (26 Harrington Road), with polls open from 10 AM to 7 PM. Due to the size of the building, only one voter will be allowed into the building at a time. **Face masks will be required and social distancing rules will be enforced**. Each voter will be given a golf pencil with which to vote; voters will keep the golf pencil. There will be signs directing you where to go, and election workers can answer any questions you may have.

Please contact the Town Clerk at (802)874-4211 with any specific questions or concerns you may have about the process.

If this is your first time voting by mail, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- 1) Please use **black or blue ink** when marking your ballot. Remove stray marks and only vote for one candidate, unless otherwise noted on the ballot. Review your ballot to be sure there will be no question as to your vote by the person counting the votes.
- 2) **Follow all directions carefully**. You don't want to have your vote "spoiled" or invalidated.
- 3) Every state requires a voter to **sign an affidavit on the outside of the sealed envelope** containing their ballot, affirming their identity and eligibility to vote. So make sure you sign in every place that requires a signature. **The most common reason for rejection of a ballot is that people forget to sign their ballot envelope, or do not enclose their ballot in the signed and sealed envelope.**



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Many thanks to all who contribute. Send articles of around 300 words to the address on the last page or email to: windhamnews@hotmail.com.

Next deadline: October 20, 2020

New Town Office Hours during Covid-19

FACE MASK MUST BE WORN

Monday 4- 8 PM
Tuesday 6 AM - 10 AM
Fourth Saturday of the Month
8 AM - Noon
September 26
October 24
CLOSED Wed., Thurs., Fri.
& ALL Federal Holidays

Open by Appointment
for records research
802-874-4211 or 802-875-1550
or email
windham.town@gmail.com

Windham Has Zoning Regulations

Key Points about Windham's Zoning Regulations

by Bill Dunkel

The Planning Commission has developed a one page summary of the main highlights of the town's zoning regulations, and a map which shows the main zoning districts in town. We are hoping that this will be helpful to residents who do not have the time to read the zoning regulations in detail.

Zoning Regulations implement the Town Plan, provide for orderly community growth, and protect Windham's natural resources, aesthetic beauty and its public health.

There are **four main zoning districts**: Recreational/Commercial, Hamlet, Forest, and Rural Residential, with **three overlay districts**: Resource Protection, Historic District, and High Elevation Resource Protection, that protect special historical and natural resources, and land above 2000 feet in Forest Districts.

In each district there are **permitted uses** and **conditional uses**. **Conditional uses must be approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment**. There are some **prohibited uses** (such as the dumping of refuse and storage of explosives), and separate **standards for special uses** (such as timber harvesting and the extraction of earth resources). We urge you to **familiarize yourself with the permitted and conditional uses in the district(s) where you own property**. (See Article II, pages 5-23)

Most uses, with some exceptions, **require a site plan**, approved by the Planning Commission. **All land development**, with a few exceptions, **requires a zoning permit before work begins** and **a certificate of conformance** when work is completed. **Both are issued by the Zoning Administrator**. (See Article III, pages 20-23)

Wind and solar energy systems for onsite electricity consumption **are allowed as a conditional use** in most zoning districts. (See Article V,

Sections 505 & 506, pages 3-34)

Parts of Windham have been identified as flood hazard areas by state and federal agencies. In order for Windham to qualify for federal flood insurance and disaster recovery funds, development in flood hazard areas must be strictly regulated. **Applications for development in a Regulated Flood Hazard Area must be made to the Floodplain Administrator on forms available in the Town Office**. (See Article VII, pages 35-60 and https://floodready.vermont.gov/assessment/vt_floodready_atlas.)

A complete copy of the zoning regulations is available at the Town Office or online at <https://www.townofwindhamvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Zoning-Regulations-2-26-2019.pdf>.

[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The **Zoning Permit Application Form** is available in the Town Office or online at <https://www.townofwindhamvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Zoning-Application-Info.pdf>. Some examples for which you must have a permit are: accessory buildings, additions, decks, porches, barns, garages, fences, walls, new construction, manufactured homes, ponds, trailers, storage trailers or containers, modifications, restorations, etc. When in doubt, please contact Alison Cummings, Zoning Administrator at the Town Office.

An **Access Permit** is required for a driveway access and is available in the Town Office or online at <https://www.townofwindhamvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Access-Permit-Application-8-4-2020.pdf>. The actual form to be submitted is on the last page and there is a \$15 filing fee payable to the Town of Windham.

For more information, please contact the Town Office, Bill Dunkel or Alison Cummings.]

Property Tax Information - Taxes Are Due Saturday, October 31

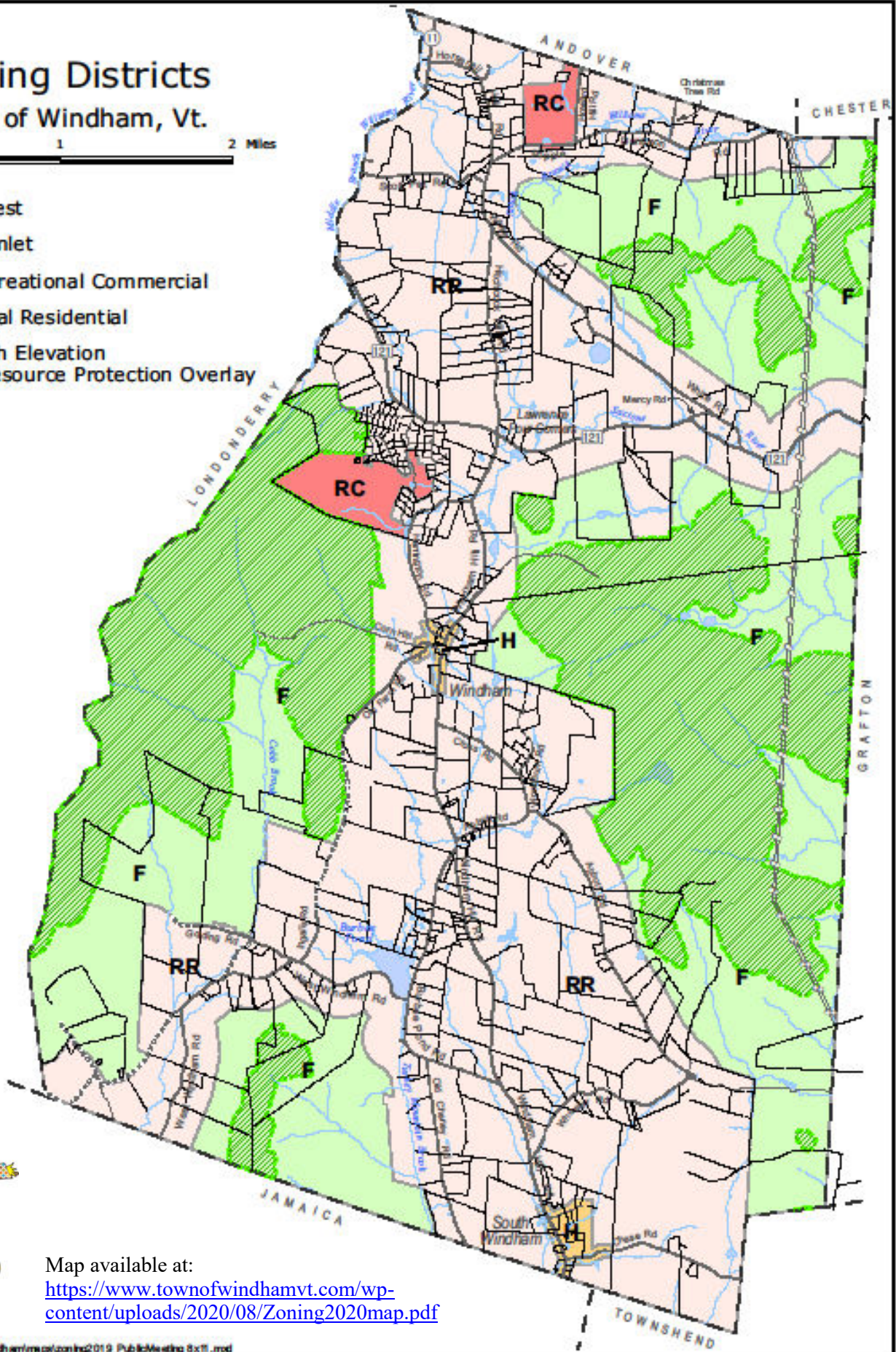
Property tax bills have been mailed out. Please contact the Town Office at 874-4211 if you have not received your bill. Taxes are due on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Payment will be considered delinquent on November 1. Interest will be assessed at 1% per month on the first of every month, beginning on November 1, with a 3% penalty added on January 1, 2021. A **postmark of October 31 will be accepted as on-time payment**. **The Town Office will be open on October 31 from 9 AM - 5 PM for tax payments only**.

If you have any questions about your Homestead Declaration and State Exemption or Current Use, please contact the State of Vermont at 802-828-2505 or 866-828-2865. If you have questions about the assessed value of your property or believe there may be an error on your bill, please contact the Windham Listers on Wednesdays from 9 AM - Noon at the Town Office.

Zoning Districts Town of Windham, Vt.

0 1 2 Miles

- Forest
- Hamlet
- Recreational Commercial
- Rural Residential
- High Elevation
Resource Protection Overlay



Map available at:
<https://www.townofwindhamvt.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Zoning2020map.pdf>

WOW! Windham Has the Greatest Supporters!

by News & Notes Staff

We asked for your support during this COVID-19 pandemic, and you really came through! Windham Community Organization (WCO) and *Windham News & Notes (N&N)* are so appreciative of your generosity. During our recent annual subscription drive, you opened your hearts and your checkbooks to help support our organization and your Windham neighbors. We can't thank you enough! All donations that are not spent on producing and mailing *N&N* become part of WCO's general funds

As we begin our 18th year, we want to remind you that *N&N* is published under the umbrella of the Windham Community Organization which is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Our mission is to: 1) assist Windham residents in time of need and vulnerability by providing financial and other

assistance; 2) provide the community with information and education about local government, available resources, and activities; 3) foster involvement in community affairs; and 4) hold events that promote connections and a spirit of community among Windham residents. Please know it has been extremely difficult for us to give up our community interactions and events during this time of self-isolation.

Our team is all-volunteer and it is truly a community effort. We encourage you to submit ideas, articles and photos to include in our publication. We also appreciate all the positive comments we have received from you, and we hope you will support our advertisers as well. If you would like to join our team please contact Ellen McDuffie (874-8183) or Kathy Jungermann (874-4604).

News and Notes by the Numbers

by Kathy Jungermann & Ellen McDuffie

As a result of the precautions needed during the Covid-19 pandemic, many changes were made to the procedure for publishing the large subscription issue of *News & Notes*. The newsletter is usually assembled by a jolly group of volunteers at the Windham Meeting House. The issue always contains a subscription form and a return envelope which need to be labeled and inserted into the issue. It is then folded, stapled and an address label is applied.

This year the components were dropped off at the home of each of our eight volunteers. Curbside delivery and pickup of the finished product assured that safety guidelines were followed. Each volunteer assembled 70 issues for a total of 560 newsletters distributed.

We certainly missed the camaraderie of our familiar, boisterous assembly line and we look forward to being able to meet as a group again.

A sincere thank you to our crew, Kathy Jungermann, Ellen McDuffie, Maureen Bell, Chris Dunkel, Mary Boyer, Imme Maurath, Pat Cherry and Barbara Jean Quinn for a job well done. And a shout-out to Phil McDuffie for combing through the combined WCO address database and the listing of all Windham property owners, deleting all the duplicates.

We mailed out well over 500 issues with subscription donation requests this year to property owners, residents and other subscribers. To date, approximately 20% (106) have responded with a kind donation, and of those responses 41 have been from residents and 64 from non-residents and others.

Once again, we thank you for your support!

Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions



The Londonderry Tri-Mountain Lions are sewing and donating facemasks to the local schools and to people in our Tri-Mountain communities.

On Wednesday morning, Lions members Gail Wyman, Kathy Scott, Deb Wade, Randee Keith and District Governor Pam Nichols participated in our first sewing bee. Gail & Kathy cut out the patterns in many festive prints for children's sizes. Deb and Pam cut elastic bands, pinned the patterns together and turned them right side out after sewing. Randee sewed the seams. Once we got started, we realized we will need another sewing machine next time. With what Randee had already made at home, the total number of kid's facemasks we have is now 60! We will keep making facemasks during this pandemic. We are funding this project individually. Any donation of cotton fabric or \$\$ is appreciated.

Theodore Is A Big Brother!

Theodore Eliastam, who just turned two, has a new baby brother named Oliver. Congratulations to Becky, Jordan and Theo Eliastam!

Oliver, we welcome you to Windham!

Photo: Oliver Eliastam



Windham Source for Metal Recycling

If you have scrap metal to recycle, please contact Gerry Amsden at 875-2837. No cans or garbage! Gerry will be keeping the proceeds, in an effort to defray ongoing family medical expenses, while providing you with an easy way to get rid of your scrap metal!

And if you don't want to drive out of Windham with your **refundable bottles and cans**, his son, Evan, is doing his part by collecting clean bottles and cans for the refundable deposit. Secured bags with refundable items can be left at the bottom of their driveway at 7995 Windham Hill Road.



What is the Wantastiquet Rotary Doing during the Pandemic?



Submitted by Tom Widger

The members wanted you to be aware, during this pandemic, of what we have been doing and what some of the plans for the future might be.

Over the last year the amount of awarded scholarships has increased to an all time high of seven \$1,000 awards which were given out this past May. This is due to an increase in fundraising activities prior to the pandemic. Recipients of these scholarship awards were: Emma Tobin, Abigail Dryden, Carina Crane, Tyler Dawley, all of Londonderry, and Autumn Lavalee of Weston, Sloan Pirie of Bondville, and William Fox of Peru. Students from Green Mountain High School, Leland & Grey High School, Stratton Mountain School, and Burr & Burton School are eligible to apply, as long as they reside in one of the mountain towns (Windham, Weston, Londonderry, Peru, Landgrove, Bondville or Jamaica) served by the Wantastiquet Rotary. We all understand how important the awards are to assist local students to continue their education.

Due to the pandemic, most projects and activities planned for 2020 have been cancelled. Outdoor activities completed during the summer included flower boxes and flags in Londonderry. We will be expanding the number of 240 Club raffles, and plan to offer the "No Show Dinner Dance" in February. We hope people will respond in an even more generous fashion than last year.

Wantastiquet Rotary is truly grateful for all the past support it has received from the community. We sincerely hope that this will continue, as together we work through Covid-19, and come out stronger and with the ability to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

The Rotary meets at 8 AM. the first and third Tuesdays. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tom Widger at twidger@sbcglobal.net.

Everyone Eats - Free Meals

by Imme Maurath

Vermont is tapping federal Covid-19 funds, as part of the CARES Act, to

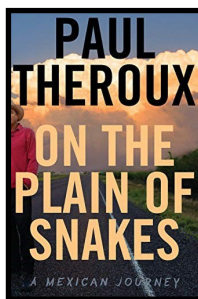


assist cash-strapped restaurants in preparing locally sourced food (minimum of 10% from local sources) for struggling residents. Chester Helping Hands and Springfield Family, Inc. have received a grant from Vermont to provide free meals to our surrounding communities. The state initiative is "Everyone Eats". In our area, meals are prepared at The New American Grill in Londonderry and the Blue Gentian Lodge at Magic Mountain.

If you would like a meal, a gluten free meal, or a vegetarian meal, please e mail Imme Maurath at immemaurath@gmail.com each week by Tuesday at 3 PM, for pick up at the Windham Meeting House on Wednesday at 9:30 AM. In your e mail please include how many of each type of meal you would like, how many households these meals will feed, and your phone number.

Barbara Jean Quinn is helping with pick-up. We got off to a wonderful start, providing 33 meals our first week, 46 the second week; and we hope to continue growing that number!

Windham Library Book Club Wednesday, October 7, 2020 - 3:30 PM



On the Plain of Snakes

by Paul Theroux

Paul Theroux has spent his life crisscrossing the globe in search of the histories and peoples that give life to the places they call home. Now, as immigration debates boil around the world, Theroux has set out to explore a country key to understanding our current discourse: Mexico. Just south of the Arizona border, in the desert region of Sonora, he finds a place brimming with vitality, yet visibly marked by both the US Border Patrol looming to the north and mounting discord from within. With the same humanizing sensibility he employed in *Deep South*, Theroux stops to talk with residents, visits Zapotec mill workers in the highlands, and attends a Zapatista party meeting, communing with people of all stripes who remain south of the border, even as their families brave the journey north.

Contact Maureen Bell, 875-1024, for more info.

Windham Fire Company News

Submitted by Marcia Clinton

FIRE CALLS:

June 10 - Mutual aid to Londonderry for structure fire. Engine responded with 3 firefighters

August 1 - Route 121 at Four Corners, motor vehicle accident. Engine responded with 6 firefighters.

September 3 - Abbott Road, report of structure fire which was a false alarm. Engine and tanker responded with 10 firefighters.

On Saturday, August 8th, the winning 50/50 Raffle ticket was drawn, and Larry Wyman of Londonderry was the winner of \$1256.00!! Besides selling many 50/50 raffle tickets, the Fire Company received an overwhelming number of donations from residents and second homeowners. A heartfelt "thank you" from all the members of the Fire Company to everyone who participated in this (hopefully) one-time event. We are all looking forward to August 2021 for the gathering of all our friends at our Auction and BBQ.



Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Halloween party for the kids (and adults who are kids at heart) this year due to pandemic restrictions. But, Fire Prevention Week is October 4th to 10th, and the firefighters hope to bring the fire engine and tanker to the school for an outdoor presentation of firefighting equipment, and to discuss fire safety with the school children. All homeschooled children are invited to come also. Please call Jan Wyman at 875-3373 for date and time information.

REMINDER: IT IS TIME TO CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY before the colder weather sets in and the wood stoves and fireplaces get fired up. Be sure to have a certified chimney sweep clean the chimney for your wood stove or fireplace. At the same time, he will also do a safety inspection of the chimney for cracks or any other problems that need repair, before you can safely heat your home.



Guarding Against Ticks

by Marcia Clinton

In Vermont, blacklegged-tick peak activity typically occurs in May and June when nymphal ticks are looking for a host. **Tick activity increases again in October and November** when adult female ticks are looking for another host before winter.

There are **three key steps to prevent ticks from biting you.**

1) Repel, repel, repel

Applying a repellent whenever you are going to be outside for a while. DEET is still the first pick of experts. Go for products with a 20 to 30-percent concentration. Another good choice is picaridin, which works nearly as well, and lasts longer. A 20 percent solution is effective for 8-14 hours after application.

2) Dress right

Ticks can't fly or jump, but they do crawl right onto you. For brief excursions, wear long pants tucked into socks and a long-sleeve shirt with shirt tail tucked into your pants. Take off your clothes as soon as you come home and run them in a hot dryer for 10 minutes. It's wise to shower within two hours and do a thorough body check. Spraying the repellent permethrin on shoes, socks, and clothing both keeps the ticks away, and kills them.

3) Create a hostile environment

Make your yard and surroundings unattractive to ticks and the animals, especially deer and mice, who carry them. Keep your grass no more than 3 inches tall, trim shrubs and clear out brush piles.



To remove a tick, use fine-tip tweezers to grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible. Pull up firmly and steadily. Once the tick is out, clean the area with rubbing alcohol. Preserve the intact tick in alcohol or in a sealed bag or container, in case you need to have it tested for any diseases. There are many diseases ticks can spread, not just Lyme's disease, so it is important to prevent all tick bites.

In the event you are bitten, contact your doctor.



Important: Get Your Flu Shot This Year

by Marcia Clinton, Windham Health Officer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Vermont Department of Health are strongly encouraging everyone over the age of 6 months to get the annual flu vaccine.

Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis.

Common symptoms that COVID-19 and flu share include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle pain or body aches, headache and possibly vomiting and diarrhea. Another symptom of COVID-19, different from flu, may include change in or loss of taste or smell.

Both COVID-19 and flu can spread from person-to-person, between people who are in close contact with one another (especially within 6 feet). Both are spread mainly by droplets made when people with the illness (COVID-19 or flu) cough, sneeze, or talk. These droplets can land in the mouth or noses of people who are nearby, or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It may be possible that a person can get infected by physical human contact (e.g. shaking hands) or by touching a surface or object that has virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. COVID-

19 has been observed to have more “super-spreading” events than flu, which means COVID-19 can quickly and easily spread to many people from one contagious (and often asymptomatic) individual, and result in continuous spreading among people as time progresses.

Both COVID-19 and flu illness can result in severe illness and complications. Those at highest risk include: older adults, people with certain underlying medical conditions and pregnant women.

Why should you get vaccinated against flu? It is potentially a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and, sometimes, even death. Millions of people get flu every year, hundreds of thousands of people are hospitalized and thousands to tens of thousands of people die from flu-related causes every year. Vaccination has been shown to have many benefits, including reducing the risk of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and even the risk of flu-related death, in children and adults.

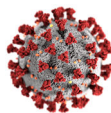
September and October are good times to get vaccinated. A record number of flu vaccine doses are being manufactured this year for the 2020-2021 season. Manufacturers have projected they will provide as many as 194-198 million doses of flu vaccine, which is more than the 175 million dose record set during the 2019-2020 flu season. So don't procrastinate, there is a shot waiting for you!

[Check with your primary care provider or your local pharmacy for information on obtaining your flu shot. A prescription is not necessary.]



Rate of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases in the United States as of September 18, 2020, by State

by News & Notes Staff



As of September 18, Louisiana was leading the United States with the highest rate of COVID-19 cases (3,427 per 100,000), followed by Florida, Mississippi, Arizona, Alabama and Georgia. Vermont remains at the bottom of the list with the least number of cases (273 per 100,000). Please check the latest statistics at <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109004/coronavirus-covid19-cases-rate-us-americans-by-state/>.

During a press briefing with Governor Phil Scott, Dr. Anthony Fauci praised Vermont for setting an example for the rest of the country. His two messages for us were 1) Great work so far, and 2) Don't let up. Fauci warned, "...that this virus is a formidable foe. If you give it an opportunity to reemerge its ugly head, whether you are in the beautiful rural area of Vermont

or in the middle of Manhattan or the Bronx, [the] virus is going to take advantage...". He also stated that best way to prepare for leaf peepers and winter athletes {coming into the state} is to continue following the public health guidelines that have proven to be successful in combating the virus: **wearing a mask, keeping a 6-foot distance from others, avoid crowds, and washing hands frequently.**

When a vaccine is available, he is confident it will be safe and effective and Fauci said he would not hesitate to take it.

New guidelines were announced that will allow bars and restaurants with counter seating to serve customers, as long as barriers are in place between servers and customers, and a six-foot separation is maintained between all. Lodging facilities can now open at 100% capacity, but visitors who enter the state from areas with high COVID infection rates will still need to quarantine for 14 days. Also, the number of counties surrounding Vermont from which outsiders may visit without quarantining has been expanded.

News from the State House

by Carolyn Partridge, Representative

This has been a groundbreaking year in the Legislature. Typically, we would have wrapped up the Session in mid- to late-May but that was not to be. After just returning to Montpelier from Town Meeting week, the governor declared a State of Emergency due to the coronavirus and we headed home on March 13, not knowing when we'd be back.

I have to give great credit to the Speaker of the House, Mitzi Johnson; multi-partisan House leadership; the House Clerk's staff; and the Capitol Police for setting up a system with which we have been able to meet on the virtual Floor and in our committees to continue our work on behalf of Vermonters. It was our Capitol Police Chief, Matt Romei, who devised a way for us to securely vote on the Everbridge app. All in all, it has been pretty amazing to get things up and running in a relatively short period of time.

After six weeks, we were back at it at the end of April, meeting via Zoom. One of the most important tasks at hand was to craft a first quarter budget so that the state could continue to function on July 1st. At that point, it was unclear what might be happening on the national level so we thought it prudent to determine the first quarter budget with the intent of coming back in July to do a restated, full-year FY21 budget in September.

One area that required a lot of constituent service was unemployment. We went from a state with a very low unemployment rate, just over 2%, and an appropriately staffed Department of Labor to a situation with 75,000 unemployment claims a week. Needless to say, the Unemployment Division was overwhelmed, and it took an incredible effort, including a Legislative Action Team of legislators who were trained and helped intervene, to resolve the problem. Just this week I heard from a constituent for whom things have not been resolved. I was gratified to see that staff from the Department of Labor

responded immediately to my inquiries.

Another important job was to determine how the \$1.25 billion in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) would be distributed. Millions have been allocated for grant programs for businesses, farms, dairy processors, non-dairy agriculture, health care, Food Bank, correctional services, connectivity, housing, and forestry sector stabilization. This is by no means an exhaustive list but gives you an idea of the range of areas where money has been deployed.

We achieved our goal of constructing and passing the first quarter budget and adjourned on June 26th until August 25th when we reconvened to finalize the FY21 budget. On September 11th, the House passed the restated FY 21 budget. We are now waiting for the Senate to work on it, and for the Committee of Conference to reach a conclusion. It is hoped that we will be able to adjourn this biennium by September 25th, but the jury is still out on that.

As many of you know, I am running for my twelfth term in the Legislature and would appreciate your support on November 3rd, or before, in the General Election. It has been an honor to serve the Windham-3 District and I'd very much like to continue to do so.

The Vermont Secretary of State will be mailing the ballot to your home, and you may return it in several ways. You may mail it, but it has been suggested that you get it in the mail to the Town Clerk **early**. I don't anticipate a problem because we are so local, but if you are away and mailing your ballot from a distance, you may want to get it in the mail by October 20. You may also hand deliver your completed ballot to the Town Clerk early, or you may vote in person, but remember to bring your ballot, completed or not, to the polls on November 3. [If you have lost or misplaced your ballot, or never received it, you will need to sign an affidavit to that fact.]

In any case, please vote, and remember, together we govern!

Meeting House Update

by Eileen and Tom Widger

The Meeting House Committee has met and has decided to remove the "communal key" from the outside cabinet. This is because the Meeting House is not being used at present due to Covid-19, and is not being cleaned. There has been concern about increased activity by out of state cars in the parking lot, presumably using the WiFi. This is fine, but there was uneasiness that more people might be accessing the area than should be. If you need access to the Meeting House, it can be opened by appointment. Please contact one of the Meeting House Committee members (Eileen or Tom Widger,

co-chairs; Louise Johnson; Chris Dunkel; Dawn Bower or Maureen Bell) or a Library Trustee (Maureen Bell; Chris Dunkel; John Hoover; Eileen Widger or Cindy Kehoe) to open the building. For use of the building please contact Eileen or Tom Widger at 875-4604.

Meeting House is a Wi-Fi Hotspot!

Thanks to a generous donation from Microsoft, the Windham Meeting House is now a Wi-Fi hotspot! At no cost to the Town, the outdoor range extender has been installed and tested. You can access it from your vehicle for such things as telehealth appointments, remote learning, downloading movies and general internet connectivity. The network name is **Windham Hotspot** and it is open. **No password is necessary.**

Lowell Lake Loons

by Jane MacKugler, Londonderry
Nature Photographer/Naturalist

The year 2020 was the second year for the loons at Lowell Lake in Londonderry to nest successfully. Last year (2019), the loon pair found the perfect spot for a nest; we put up signs to help keep people far enough away as to not disturb the nest sitter, and about 28 days later two chicks hatched. The new parents brought little fish to feed to the little chicks and let the chicks ride on their backs to keep them safe and warm. The fuzzy little ones swam on their first day, but they didn't last more than one week. Perhaps it was a snapping turtle that took a chick or two; perhaps it was a windy day when the waves were much bigger than the tiny chicks. The new parents were devastated, swimming around the lake hoping to find their chicks. The rest of the summer the pair stayed on the lake, enjoying the fish and clean water. They migrated in the fall, going back to spend the winter in the ocean off the New England coast.



Photo by Jane MacKugler

Last April (2020), one loon arrived at Lowell Lake and about one week later the mate flew in. Time to try again. They mated, laid two eggs in the same nesting site as last year, and 28 days later they hatched two little fuzzy chicks. They must have learned from their actions last year, and were very attentive parents this year. The two chicks grew and grew, as the parents took turns feeding their young. It was fun to watch the little fuzzy chicks grow their feathers as they lost their fuzz. They definitely went through some awkward teenage looks! Unfortunately, at their seventh week, one of the intruder loons (loons from other lakes trying to take over the beautiful Lowell Lake territory) killed one of the chicks. It's not easy being a loon. The surviving chick is now twelve weeks old and should be around until the lake starts freezing over. The parents will leave first, one then the other, and the chick will fledge later. It will fly to the ocean and stay there for a couple of years before returning to the area. We should see the parents again next spring. You can learn more about the Lowell Lake loons by watching my talk I created this summer for the Londonderry Conservation Commission on YouTube at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=/ajSrbcCHsz0> or [The Loons At Lowell Lake](#). Find more photos on my Facebook page: Jane MacKugler Nature Photography at <https://www.facebook.com/Jane-MacKugler-Nature-Photography-582867315722241/>.

What Is Torpor?

by Frank Seawright and Staff

According to Wikipedia, torpor is a state of decreased physiological activity in an animal, usually exhibited by a reduced body temperature and metabolic rate. Torpor enables animals to survive periods of reduced food availability or to conserve energy. It can refer to the time a hibernator spends at low body temperature, lasting days to weeks or months, or it can refer to a period of low body temperature and metabolism lasting less than 24 hours, as in "daily torpor".



In relation to hummingbirds, torpor is vital to their survival. In a study by Andrew McKechnie, this phenomenon helps these small birds conserve energy overnight. Hummers would not be able to store up enough fat at the end of the day to provide sufficient fuel to last them for the entire night. Their body temperature can fall from a daytime high of about 104°F to 38°F at night. For article go to <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/sep/09/hummingbirds-temperature-can-fall-to-33c-at-night-to-preserve-energy>.

An amazing little creature! I love seeing them but most have left Vermont until the first of May 2021..



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In-School Learning Returns to Windham Elementary School

submitted by Sara Wunderle

On March 16, 2020, we said good-bye to our in-person school year. Exactly 5 months and 22 days later, Windham Elementary School reopened again for live in-person instruction to the students of Windham. As of September 2020, things look a bit different from a normal school year, but the enthusiasm and eagerness to learn are there in each of our students.

The start of the school year began with a one-week summer school week in August. This week allowed staff and students to begin the “new” normal at school, before the school opened officially on September 8th. Thanks to Kord Scott (bus driver) and Lisa Beshay (bus monitor) for being available for that week for students/families to get used to the new screening process before boarding the bus. The week was filled with lots of fun, laughter, and learning as we all celebrated being back together again.

Finally, on Tuesday, September 8th, Windham Elementary started the official 2020-2021 school year with in-person learning! We finished the week off with our traditional all-school hike. This year, Windham students and staff traveled to Putney Mountain. As part of the hike, we took the time to start our nature notebooks for the year. Things that

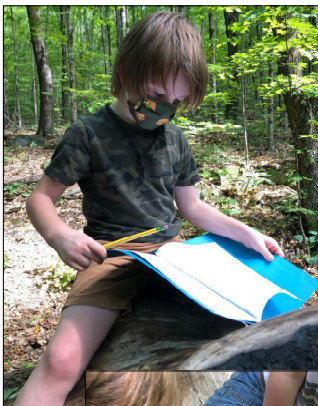
were noticed along the hike were holes in trees created by a Pileated Woodpecker, flowers growing along the path (Aster and Jewelweed), leaves changing colors and falling to the forest floor, a little frog, a tree downed by lightning, and sheep at the top of the mountain. After a wonderful lunch together, the Windham students chose to spend their remaining time playing hide and seek as a group, before we started hiking back down the trail to the bus.

We look forward to sharing our future adventures with our Windham community in the months ahead .

For more information, please check out our website at www.windhamschool.org .



P.S. Thank you to the Mialkowski family and Rob Packard for the donation and use of the tents shown below. These two tents have made a wonderful outdoor classroom for us to be able to use during these unpredictable times.



The Green Cone Solar Digester

by Pat Cherry and News and Notes Staff

As you know, as of July 1, 2020, all food scraps have been banned from Vermont's landfills. Food scraps must now be composted or digested. The Green Cone is a unique food waste digester system which disposes of all cooked and uncooked food waste safely, and does not attract animals. It is simple to set up, and makes recycling household waste easy. The advantages are that it is an ecological system that digests meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit, and it doesn't smell! It requires a sunny spot and can be placed directly in your garden. The Green Cone is not a compost bin. The waste is digested rather than composted, and is primarily reduced to water and carbon dioxide. This nutrient rich water enters the soil under the base of the digestion unit. It is recommended not to put in cooking oil, hard shells of nuts or shellfish, paper or bulk garden bi-products like clippings or grass cuttings. Use a composter for yard waste, in addition to a Green Cone, if you like to produce rich organic soil for your garden.



Green Cone Solar Digester

How the Green Cone works:

The Green Cone Solar Digester is a completely natural system that reduces food waste to its natural components of water and CO₂. It is "not" a garden composter!

Over 90% of the waste will be absorbed as water by the soil

Removable Lid

This is where food scraps are placed to enter the digestion chamber

Double-walled solar cone

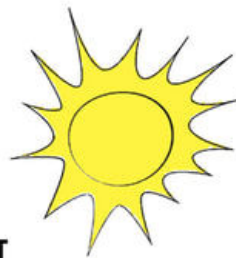
Creates a heat trap of circulating air to encourage bacteria growth and insulates in the winter

Water evaporates and percolates into ground

Soil filters out odors and prevents access by flies

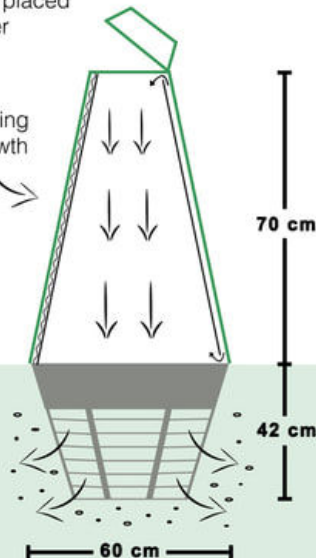
Natural microorganisms and worms

Migrate freely in and out of the basket and break down the waste.



Sunlight

Provides energy source for the cone



Nutrient-rich soil conditioner
seeps into the surrounding ground

Digestion Chamber
Aerobic conditions reduce methane production

I installed a Green Cone in my garden in a sunny spot. The most difficult part was digging a hole 22" inches deep and 28" wide, a challenge in Windham! The assembly was simple, and the 4-step instructions were clear. I ordered it from Amazon for \$139.00. The Green Cone works 365 days a year and can accept 1-2 pounds of food waste per day, which is the estimated amount for a family of four. It slows during cold weather, so a natural accelerator is supplied to help recharge the microbial activity. If there is any waste residue, it only needs to be removed every few years. Just put all of your food waste in and forget about it!

See You Tube link

<https://youtu.be/IeIV06YZU3E> for addition information.

[P.S. Esther Fishman, Recycling Coordinator, Londonderry, is offering various compost containers for sale, including countertop buckets (\$5); Soil Saver Backyard Compost Bins (\$55); and the Green Cone Digester (\$135). Check or cash only. Contact Esther at 824-3356 or by email at recycle@londonderryvt.org.]

Grace Cottage News*Submitted by C. J. King***Free Food – VeggieVanGo****Thursdays, September 24 and October 22, Noon-1 PM
Lower parking lot, Leland & Gray High School**

Grace Cottage Hospital hosts the Vermont Foodbank's "VeggieVanGo" free-food distribution program in Townshend at least once a month. The purpose of the program is to help people obtain fresh fruits and vegetables to sustain a healthy lifestyle. All are welcome and no proof of eligibility is required. Sometimes a second food distribution in a month is organized with little advance notice, and it is possible that the October location could change, so check the Grace Cottage website or call (802) 365-9109 for information.

Grace Cottage Family Health Welcomes Pediatric Nurse Practitioner*Cynthia Howes*

Grace Cottage Family Health welcomes Cynthia Howes, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, who began seeing pediatric patients (babies - age 21) at Grace Cottage in mid-August. Howes most recently was employed at Just So Pediatrics in Brattleboro.

Howes earned her Pediatric Nurse Practitioner degree at State University of New York - Syracuse, and her RN degree

from New England Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Boston.

"I'm excited to join the team at Grace Cottage, where their focus is on promoting a healthy community," said Howes. "I look forward to being part of the Grace Cottage team."

Cynthia and her husband, Jim Guerra, live in Chester. They enjoy bicycling, kayaking, fishing, and gardening and, in the winter months, skiing and designing stained glass.

Call (802) 365-4331 for an appointment for your child with Pediatrician, Dr. Elizabeth Linder, or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Cynthia Howes.

Tee It Up For Health - Saturday, October 3

This year's physically-distanced *Tee It Up for Health* golf tournament is on Saturday, October 3 at the Brattleboro Country Club. Leaderboard of Boston's Air Cannon will be at the 18th Hole, and Brattleboro Subaru will sponsor a hole-in-one-contest for a 2020 Subaru. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, but due to physical-distancing requirements, we are at our limit with 25 golf teams. Please call if you'd like to be added to our waiting list or if you'd like to be a sponsor, 365-9109 or email info@gracecottage.org.

**West River Community Project**

Our **Annual Harvest Festival** will be held on Sunday October 11, 2020. We will be having food, activities and music. We are putting a call out to the community for volunteers to help organize and set-up, so that we can put this on in the safest, most fun way possible. Please reach out to Stacie Beach by email at tunesosweet@gmail.com or contact the West Townshend Country Store at 874-4800 or email info@westtownshend.org if you feel the call to commit, and would like to help with this community driven event. We really look forward to hearing from you and creating something really special, that we all will enjoy

Hunting Season has Begun

Early bear season is in full swing. Archery season for deer begins October 1 and Youth Weekend is October 24-25, with regular deer-season opening on November 14 along with bear late season. **Be sure to wear orange (you and your pets)** when in the woods! See <https://vtfishandwild-life.com/hunt/hunting-and-trapping-seasons> for dates, and for all Vermont regulations go to: <http://www.eregulations.com/vermont/hunting/>

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WHAT NOT TO BRING:

Electronics - These have a special collection date of their own.
Empty Aerosol cans can be recycled with scrap metal at the Londonderry Transfer Station (LTS)
Rechargeable and Primary Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D etc.) - Bring to Londonderry Hardware, Londonderry Town Office, or Londonderry Transfer Station
Automotive Batteries can be exchanged at or given to local garages and auto parts stores
Used Clean Motor Oil can be brought to West River Auto or Hunter Excavating
Fluorescent Light Tubes/Bulbs can be taken to Londonderry Hardware Store
Ammunition & Explosives - contact your local police department
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
Propane Tanks can be exchanged or refilled at propane distributors or Londonderry Hardware
Medical sharps (needles) must be placed in a rigid, puncture-resistant container such as a detergent bottle with cap sealed with duct tape. **Label container "Do Not Recycle, Sharps"**. Dispose of in trash.
Asbestos in any form, contact an asbestos abatement company.
Prescription Drugs can be brought to Derry Pharmacy, Manchester, Ludlow or Winhall Police Departments.
For more information call Esther Fishman at 824-3306.

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Town Treasurer: Kathy Scott, phone: 874-4211; email: windham.towntreasurer@gmail.com

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Health Officer: Marcia Clinton, phone: 875-3531; email: mclinton@vermontel.net

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED WINDHAM MEETINGS CALL CONTACT TO CONFIRM

**Citizens Advisory
Committee**, Second
Tuesday of Nov. at
6:30 PM. Contact Marcia
Clinton at 875-3531.

Energy Committee:
3rd Thursday of the month, at
4:30 PM on Zoom,
Contact Bill Dunkel 874-4131.

**Windham Community
Organization:**
Last Wednesday of the month
at the Meeting House. Please
join us! Contact Ellen
McDuffie at 874-8183.

Town Clerk: 874-4211
Monday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday: 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Closed all Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays, and
Federal Holidays. Open every
fourth Saturday, 8 AM- Noon.

Planning and Zoning:
Second Wednesday of the
month at 6:30 PM usually at
the Town Office. Open
meetings. Agenda posted.
Contact Bill Dunkel at
874-4131.

Conservation Committee:
Third Tuesday of the month
usually at 7 PM.
Contact Alison
Trowbridge at
874-7050 for
information.



Select Board:
1st & 3rd Mondays at
5:30 PM on Zoom. Open
meetings. Agenda posted.
Check website:
townofwindhamvt.com

Library:
Wednesday, 3-5 PM
Book Group at 3:30 PM,
1st Wednesdays on Zoom or
at the Meeting House.
Contact Maureen Bell at
875-1024.

Valley Bible Church:
Sundays: Sunday School,
10 AM; Morning Worship,
11 AM; Potluck following.
Sunday Afternoon Service,
1:15 PM; Wednesdays, Bible
Study/ Prayer, 7 PM.

School Board:
First Mondays of the
month, Contact Beth
McDonald 874-4015 or
Russ Cumming 874-7011 for
information.

Volunteer Fire Company:
First Thursday
of the month at
6 PM. Contact
Jan Wyman at
875-3373 for
information.



Listers: Every Wednesday,
9 AM- Noon at the Town
Office.

**West River Education Dis-
trict:** Third Mondays at 7 PM
at Leland & Gray. Call Leland &
Gray 365-7355 for info.

SAVE THESE DATES! ALL DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED at Town Office

September 27 - Deadline to petition town clerk to be on School Board Ballot

October 4-10 - Fire Prevention Week

October 11 - West Townshend Annual Fall Festival

October 17 - Hazardous Waste Collection, Flood Brook School, 9AM-1PM

October 21 - Recommended deadline to mail in your ballots

October 31 - Halloween & Deadline to pay Property Taxes. Town Office open 9AM-5PM

NOVEMBER 3 - ELECTION DAY, Meeting House, 10AM-7PM, May register at polling place



Windham News & Notes Annual Subscription Drive



This issue of the *Windham News & Notes* begins our **18th** year of bi-monthly publication. We have an all-volunteer staff, and depend on your annual support to cover the cost of production and mailing. Like public radio and public TV, we ask you to contribute whatever you can, with the average contribution being \$15. Your support will ensure that you and others receive Windham's own news source for another year. This year, due to COVID-19, the Windham Community Organization needs your support more than ever, as we have had to cancel our Chicken BBQ fundraiser. Please be as generous as you can. Additional contributions, over and above what are needed to produce and mail the newsletter, will go toward helping neighbors in times of need.

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