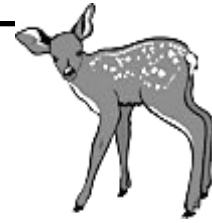


# The Circle



**Rutland Town's Link between School and Community**

**June 2016**

## **TOWN NEWS**

**By Carol Bam**

Select Board Chariman, Josh Terenzini reports that the board has been busy in the few months since the election. Town Hall renovations are complete and "residents are invited to stop by to view the beautiful and functional changes that their hard earned tax dollars paid for." The pool opened for the summer the first weekend in June. Construction of the highway garage is nearing completion, with occupancy slated for late June or July (see Highway report page 5).

As the fiscal year concludes at the end of June, "municipal budgets are in really good shape." The mild winter generated savings in the Highway budget with decreased expenditures on salt and road maintenance. All departments expect surpluses.

The Board this year will begin the budget process a few months earlier than has been the tradition. The process of drafting what next year's budgets might look like will start in September instead of December. Fire, Highway, Recreation, Police and General department heads will be asked to produce a 5 year plan. The goal is to facilitate long range planning by identifying future needs in advance, especially for large ticket expenditures.

The Select Board recently approved the first credit card for town use. Terenzini said the policies adopted will eliminate the need for key personnel to make purchases out of pocket and then seek reimbursement from the Town Treasurer. Use of the card is limited to the Town Administrator, head Lister, Town Clerk/Treasurer and department heads. The card has a \$1500 limit.

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## **FROM PRINCIPAL AARON BOYNTON**

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class of 2016. We are extremely proud of all of your accomplishments and we know you will be successful in your future endeavors. Over the years we have watched you grow into young men and women who are all talented in many ways. Many of you participate in so many things from athletics, music, school clubs and student government, and community service. Of course, we see the strong academic skills that you have and carried that strength into all of your subject studies; math, science, social studies, language arts, visual art, physical education, Spanish, health and technology education. We know you will go on to make Rutland Town proud!

Rutland Town School has had a successful year. The implementation of our new math program, Bridges Math, showed significantly positive results in our students' demonstration of their math skills. Our reading programs and intervention have allowed students to progress and improve on their reading skills and abilities. In Middle School, a number of teachers implemented strategies of a Learner Centered instruction model where student ownership of

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## **MY VIEW FROM HOUSE SEAT 101**

**By Tom Terenzini, State Representative**

The recent legislation session ended at midnight on May 6, 2016. For me, the highlight of the session was the defeat of the marijuana bill. It was rewarding for me to vote against this bill! I also kept my pledge to you and your children that I would do all I could to help prevent another drug from becoming legal in Vermont. I have recently filed for re-election as I feel there is still a lot of unfinished work for me to do in Montpelier.

The solar siting bill that was passed this session does not meet the standards of Rutland Town. Local select boards should have the final say when it comes to renewable energy generation. When it comes to education, Act 46 should be either scrapped or greatly improved. School choice should always be available to parents and their children. I also believe the health connect system should be ended. The Shumlin administration has wasted millions of our hard earned money for a system that does not work. New Hampshire has a federal health care system that is a lot cheaper than ours and it works.

I sit on the Fish, Wildlife and Water Resource Commit-

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**Wendy Lozyniak, Tina Ronn and Sue Tall**

## **Retiring RTS Staff Say Goodbye**

### ***From Principal, Aaron Boynton:***

We would like to recognize and celebrate our retiring teachers. I'm confident that all three of them have changed the lives of children. Each holds a special place in our hearts. Each teacher will receive a nameplate to be placed on our years of service plaque which is displayed in our main entrance.

Wendy Lozyniak is not only a wonderful person but has been an excellent teacher and coach. Over the last few years, Wendy has worked with teachers to create solid, standard aligned, and engaging units for grades K-5.

Sue Tall, quite simply, is a master music teacher at RTS. If you spent time in her classroom you would observe a caring, yet strong teacher, with high expectations and a comfortable atmosphere for learning music.

Tina Ronn has been at RTS for 34 years, more recently as our reading interventionist and coach, she has provided a high level of support for students in literacy, and helped close the gap with student's reading ability.

### **Tina Ronn**

I feel so fortunate to have taught at RTS for the past 32 years. After completing my student teaching experience in Bev Browe's second grade classroom here at RTS,

teaching became my passion. I was offered a kindergarten position and the rest is history. I have had the good fortune of teaching many grades throughout the school, including 12 years in middle school. For the past 8 years, I have served as the school's reading interventionist and more recently as literacy coach. When I began my journey in education, I had no idea that it would lead to such a rich and rewarding experience, learning more about children with each child I teach. Being part of your children's learning has given me a sense of satisfaction that will forever be a part of me. I've certainly been blessed to be a part of the Rutland Town Community.

### **Suzanne Tall**

I have been one lucky lady to work in a school such as RTS for 22 years. I have seen families grow, taught with top-notch teachers and made many friends. I came to this job as a newly divorced single mom and lived in the town so that my daughter could go to school here. When I arrived I was immediately accepted and lifted up by my colleagues. Dutch Redman put up my daughter's swing set. Mike Kinsler loaned me his truck for moving purposes. Reeta Coughenour gave me strength and encouragement. I'm amazed to think that I have worked with 6 different band teachers while here at RTS. They are: Reeta Coughenour, Bill Comstock, Katherine Fogg, Bear Irwin, Glendon Ingalls and Aaron Audet. All excellent and caring educators.

The students have been of high caliber, which reflects on their families and upbringing. I have fond memories of plays, talent shows, concerts, NYC trips, Schenectady trips, Great Escape trips and parades. Likewise, classroom music has been a joy to teach. There is an incredible amount of talent and creativity in our children here. On a personal level, students have shown acceptance, caring and responsibility for themselves and others. I am honored to receive a plaque of appreciation that will be installed at my classroom door. It is also an honor to know that I have been chosen as "Music Teacher of the Year" by Green Mountain District V.

My plans for after retirement involve part-time teaching, spending time with family and lots of performing and artwork. I wish the best for all of you and will not say "Good-bye," but rather, "See you again." Mr. Crane, our Science teacher for the last 3 years was a student in my class on the first day of my teaching career. He is now my colleague and here again on my last teaching day. You never know when paths will cross again. Until then, take care and much love!

### **Wendy Lozyniak**

I have been here at RTS since August of 2000. I started my journey here as a member of the seventh grade team, after a few years became the Middle School science teacher, and am leaving after serving three years as the K - 5 Science Coach. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years here at RTS.

Rutland Town is a wonderful community that truly cares about its children and their success. The RTS faculty is a group of dedicated professionals, each with a "pure heart", honestly doing their best to meet all the needs of every student, every day, to ensure that they receive the best education possible. It was an honor to work with each and every one of them. Although I am excited to start on my next, new chapter in life, I will cherish my memories here at RTS and miss everyone.

## **WHAT'S THE CIRCLE ?**

**The Circle** is a publication of Rutland Town and Rutland Town School, informing the community about issues of local interest. **The Circle** is not a public forum.

The school administration has the right to exercise editorial control over style and content in keeping with a proper educational environment.

**The Circle** staff includes Principal Aaron Boynton as Editor in Chief, Carol Bam, Theresa Kulig, and Marie Pennington. Five issues are published during the school year, in October, December, February, April and June.

For more information, mailing list changes, to advertise or to contribute articles, call the RTS office at 775-0566, or email [carolbam@aol.com](mailto:carolbam@aol.com).

**The Circle, c/o Rutland Town School,  
1612 Post Road, Rutland, VT 05701.**



**Former RTS teachers Bev Browe and Randy Dewey help maintain the Iris Ferraro Memorial Garden**

### **RTS GARDEN GROUP**

**By Marcia Barron**

The Garden Group is made up of interested Rutland town citizens and school personnel whose mission is to maintain the Iris Ferraro Perennial Garden located in front of the RTS cafeteria. Anyone who would like to join this group is welcome. If you are interested, contact Marcia Barron at [barron55@comcast.net](mailto:barron55@comcast.net) or at 775-2166. Your name will be added to the email list and you will be informed of work get-togethers. No pressure, just join in if you are available. Weeding can happen any time!

So far this spring, Patti Westburg and Melissa Sicard helped weed and trim. Melissa and Marcia placed more rocks in the walkway. Al Roberge mulched, Bev Browe and Randy Dewey helped plant annuals and Marilyn Garrow stopped by to say the Tapestry students will continue to water the garden throughout the summer weeks of their program.

This year's irises have been gorgeous! The garden is a continual 'work of the heart' for the whole community to enjoy. Stop by Rutland Town School at the flagpole and enjoy the beauty.

#### **(Principal Boynton ~ Continued from Page 1)**

learning is very high. It was challenging for both teachers to design and students to get used to, but in the end there were benefits across the board. I'd like to thank students and teachers for taking risks, trying new things, and sticking with changes that, in the end, show benefits to learning.

As we look to next year, we will continue to not only further implement the Learner Centered model, but implement Proficiency Based grading. This legislative mandate will ask us to no longer grade students with a letter grade, but to base their performance on demonstrating standards-based skills. It will be reported in a way that shows whether they can demonstrate the skill with proficiency or still need to work towards proficiency. Additionally, we will be implementing a school-wide character education initiative that will reinforce positive student character traits and expectations such as responsibility, fairness, generosity, and perseverance, to name a few. We plan to regularly recognize and celebrate all of these traits throughout the year to create an even better and more positive culture at Rutland Town School.

I wish faculty, students, and families a safe, happy summer.

### **RUTLAND TOWN**

## **College Scholarship Winners**

In March, Rutland Town voters approved a generous \$10,000 for scholarships for graduating high school seniors in our town. Awards were made to college-bound students on the basis of their community service, financial need and scholastic achievement. Your Select Board is proud of our young citizens and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

#### **Winners of \$1,500 Scholarships:**

Grace Schillinger  
Nathan Cozzens  
Jarrod Lee

#### **Winners of \$900 Scholarships:**

Matthew Burd  
Jordan DelBianco

#### **Winners of \$625 Scholarships:**

Trajan McGee  
Lucas Heald  
Kailie Matteson  
Melissa Garrow  
Karine Bombardier  
Chloe Levins

## **RUTLAND TOWN TEACHERS College Scholarship Winners**

The winners of Rutland Town Teachers Association (RTEA) Scholarships are as follows:

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Jordan DelBianco  
Tanner Heath  
Trajan McGee

**Congratulations to all 2016 graduates!**



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## Harvest of the Month - HERBS

By Lisa Lones RN BSN

Herbs can add a huge amount of flavor with a small application. Herbs are unique in that they derive from all parts of a plant: roots, stems, bark, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds. Fresh or dried, they are guaranteed to liven up your meal. Find recipes using herbs at [Vermontharvestofthemonth.org](http://Vermontharvestofthemonth.org).

### Storage Tips:

**Fresh:** Store in the fridge, wrapped in a slightly damp paper towel in a plastic bag; leave bag partially open or poke holes to allow herbs to breathe.

**To dry:** Wash, dry, then bunch together freshly clipped herbs with a rubber band. Do not bunch too tightly, as exposure to air is important. Next, hang bunches upside down in a dry, cool, dark space; herbs can also be dried lying on a rack or mesh screen. Drying times will vary.

**Dried:** Keep in a sealed container in a dry, cool, dark space.

**To freeze:** Put in freezer grade bag, whole or chopped; do not blanch. You can also fill ice cubes trays with leaves and cover in olive oil, stock or water. Put cubes in a freezer grade plastic bag.

### Benefits:

**Basil:** The volatile oil of basil helps to relieve digestive issues, headaches, and poor circulation; some varieties contain anti-bacterial properties.

**Mint:** Peppermint (*Mentha piperata*), contains the organic compound menthol, which is known for aiding in digestion, muscular pain and headaches.

**Oregano:** The volatile oil of oregano contains the phenols (aromatic organic compounds) thymol and carvacrol, which are strong antimicrobial agents; it is also rich in antioxidants.



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## Under the Golden Dome: Report from State Senator Kevin Mullin

On June 9, the Legislature went back to Montpelier to determine the fate of two bills that Gov. Shumlin vetoed. One was the addition of new members to the Water Resources Board. The House did vote to override the veto, however, the Senate sustained the veto and the bill did not become law.

The second bill was S.230 dealing with renewable energy siting standards. This is a bill that I have been interested in for some time. Communities like Rutland Town should have a say in projects proposed for their municipality. This has not been the case and towns have often felt powerless in their efforts to determine where projects should or shouldn't be sited. We should all want to move to a cleaner, renewable source of local power instead of our dependence on fossil fuels or power from outside sources. However, we shouldn't be forced to sacrifice our environmental aesthetics to do so.

After years of struggling to find consensus, the Legislature finally passed S.230 this year. The bill did not have everything that your Rutland legislators had hoped for, but it was a step in the right direction. This bill integrates land use planning and energy generation planning. Currently, nearly all energy generation planning takes place at the state level, and nearly all land use planning takes place at the town and regional levels. As we move to renewables — solar, hydro and wind projects that are broadly distributed across the landscape — it is essential that we have a productive, respectful dialog between all the participants. Bill S.230 creates a more balanced, two-way communication.

The governor vetoed the bill because of four concerns:

1) He feared the bill would have created a standard where wind projects could be declared a public health emergency; 2) That it could create problems for homeowners seeking to do small projects; 3) Planning funds weren't precisely appropriated in the bill; and 4) The state would face litigation over its implementation.

Legislative counsel did not agree with the governor's concerns except for the planning monies which would have been handled in budget adjustment. Many legislators felt the governor had wasted over \$40,000 of taxpayer monies by forcing the Legislature to come back into session. Some legislators worked to craft a new bill similar to S.230 that would meet the governor's concerns. To override a veto you need two thirds of both the House and Senate to vote to do so. This would have been a tough hurdle and it was thought that a new bill that kept the goals of S.230 intact and at the same time met approval with the governor was a better alternative. Bill S.260 was drafted and quickly passed the Senate on the day of the override.

In the House, it had a tougher journey. Many wanted to override the veto and have no part of a new bill. It was clear to me that there were not enough votes in the Senate to override and the end result would be the status quo with no new siting standards. This was not acceptable because towns deserve to have more say. S.260 was a meaningful first step to achieve this. In the end, the House agreed to pass S.260. The governor publicly committed to signing the new bill. Only time will tell, but it is my hope that S.260 will be looked at as the first step towards creating a more thoughtful approach to how we site energy projects to meet our future energy needs.



## Road Notes

from Byron Hathaway,  
Road Commissioner

I am very pleased with the turn out this year for Green Up Day. Nearly 40 volunteers helped clean up town roadsides this year, collecting more than 60 bags of litter. Thank you very much to all who participated.

The Highway Garage project is moving closer to completion with a target of late June or early July. Since the last Circle article, all of the concrete has been poured, the water main installed, windows all installed and trimmed, interior partitions erected, plumbing roughed in, most of the electrical roughed in, and most of the required inspections completed. Sheet rock and the rest of the interior wall coverings will be installed soon.

A cooperative effort between our School Board, Select Board, and the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District has resulted in Rutland Town receiving a 100% grant for engineering of storm water improvements at the elementary school. A reconfiguration of the parking area involved with the pickup and drop off of students by parents will be studied as part of this grant. (See Pg. 4)

Paving will start sometime after the July 4 holiday.

**Watch for announcements on Front Porch Forum** and an ad in the paper. Even though one lane of traffic will be kept open, motorists using West Proctor Road and East Pittsford Road from the Vet Clinic to the East Creek Bridge are urged to use other routes during grinding and paving operations. Traffic delays during these operations will occur. Remember to slow down in work zones.



## FROM TOWN CLERK, DONNA ZELLER

Thank you everyone for your patience while the Clerk's and Treasurer's office transitioned to the new NEMRC computer system for accounting, payroll and land records. All the systems are up and running smoothly, and so the office is now back to full hours of Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**The Vermont State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 9.** Please review voter information below.

We look forward to meeting and helping you whenever stop in at Town Hall! **Happy Summer to all!**

## VOTER INFORMATION

### For Vermont State Primary Election Tuesday, August 9

**Last day to register to vote is Wed., August 3 until 5 pm at Town Hall**

New voters are required by the "Help America Vote Act" to show a driver's license or provide the last four digits of their social security number.

**Voters must be 18 years old** on or before August 9 to vote.

**Absentee Ballots are available.** Voters may request an absentee ballot for several elections by filling out an official "REQUEST FOR EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT (FOR ONE YEAR ONLY)" form available at the Town Office. Ballots can be picked up in person (by the voter only) or mailed to you.

To count, completed ballots must be dropped off at the Town Office by the close of the office **Monday, August 8**, or they can be delivered to the poll site on Election Day by 7 pm closing.

**Vote Tuesday, August 9, 7 am - 7 pm**

Residents living on the east side of Route 7 vote at Rutland Town School; west side residents vote at the Town Office.

**Call the Town Office at 773-2528** if you need more information.



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## 60 Plus Crop Cash Incentive Program

By Heather Baker, SVCOA



Over 13,000 Vermonters age 60 and over get 3SquaresVT, a federal USDA program (called SNAP nationally) that can help you put healthy, nutritious foods on your table every day. It is like social security; your tax dollars helped pay for it so now let it help you.

In 2015, 3SquaresVT started a new currency for farmers markets in Vermont. This currency, called Crop Cash, is the double value coupon incentive program promoting the purchase of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs at farmers markets that accept 3SquaresVT benefits via EBT cards. Here are some ways you can use your Crop Cash:

- Double the purchasing power of your 3SquaresVT benefits (turn \$10 in 3SquaresVT into \$20 total) every time you visit a participating farmers market.
- Maximize the impact of your 3SquareVT benefits by using them at multiple markets during the week and getting Crop Cash from each.
- Use Crop Cash to stock up on your favorite fruits and vegetables while they are in season and more affordable than the grocery store.
- Spend your Crop Cash how and when you want. Like tomatoes or other fruits or vegetables and want to enjoy them while they're bountiful? Collect your Crop Cash leading up to when they're in season and enjoy the produce that you like best.
- Keep your federal food assistance dollars local by purchasing food from your area's farmers and food producers at the farmers market.
- Use Crop Cash to try new varieties of produce.
- Use your Crop Cash first to buy fruits and vegetables. Save your market tokens for all other food products (e.g. meats, cheese, bread) and/or to buy additional fruits and vegetables

For help filling out a 3SquaresVT applications call the Council on Aging Senior HelpLine 1-800-642-5119.



**Town Administrator Joe Zingale and Assistant Patty Carbine in their new office**

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The "Smart Growth, Better Connections" study committee, a joint committee with West Rutland, is focusing on improving the Route 4 corridor. Mary Ashcroft and Byron Hathaway represent the town in coordinating efforts to promote development, traffic safety, and recreational opportunities. A draft final report was presented at a joint session of the two Select Boards with the final report to be presented at the end of this month. The report gives recommendations for improvements to transportation infrastructure, possibilities for economic development, and suggestions for land uses along the corridor. The committee held four public work sessions where input was gathered from area residents and business owners.

The Select Board has authorized the \$17,000 purchase of body camera units for all town police officers. The cameras will replace the in-car video units used now. Says Deputy chief John Sly, "The Legislature and the judicial system now want to see video documentation of an event involving any police activity to ensure that action(s) of the Police were appropriate, professional and within the scope of their authority. Documentation also protects officers from false allegations and aids in event investigation and reporting."

Rutland Town welcomes two new businesses: **Ashley Furniture**, located in the former Bare Bones store, and the **The Draught Room and Clubhouse Grille** which was opened at the Diamond Run Mall by Jeff Cassarino and Kevin Mee.



## CIRCLE FOLDING at the FIRE STATION

The RSVP volunteers folded the April issue of The Circle in the conference area of the new Joseph J. Denardo Center Rutland Fire station. Town Hall renovations necessitated the move. Volunteers loved the space and appreciated the easy access to the kitchen.

The Select Board is developing a policy to allow use of the space by other community groups.

# MUSIC at RTS

By Aaron Audet  
Director, Instrumental Music

The music department at Rutland Town had a very successful school year. The students worked really hard and grew a lot as musicians. It all started with an excellent vocal recital in October. So much young talent was displayed at the beginning of the year. The band worked really hard to get ready for the Halloween Parade. With the help of parent volunteers, we received a second place award for "Best Costumed Marching Band". Our theme was the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams, and the band dressed up as minions from the movie "Despicable Me".

The middle school chorus and jazz band did a little community service this year by performing for the senior living homes The Meadows, The Gables and the Loretto Home. Both groups were well received and had a little press in the Rutland Herald.

The "Really Big Show" happened in November. Two of our students won awards that evening. Lucy Gallo won the entire show with her hula hoop routine, and Gianna Pezzetti won for best vocal performance.

The talent show was a huge hit. So many talented students danced, did gymnastics, played guitar, hula hooped, sang, and even debuted the new rock band Aqua Skunk. The community should be so proud of their talented students.

We had a good number of students accepted to the district music festival this winter. Students were well represented in the jazz ensemble, wind ensemble, and chorus.

The Bistro Fusion was well attended and a lot of fun. The audience heard a lot of new music from M Jazz, T Jazz, Alumni Jazz, and the rock ensemble Aqua Skunk.

The end of the year performances were a huge success. A very well attended spring concert, the jazz ensembles played a Sunday brunch at The Foundry in Killington, front lobby performances were a lot of fun, and the jazz ensemble took a trip to Mr. Audet's hometown of Orwell to play for the 60 Plus Club.

Many students (grade 3-8) were involved in the music for our Memorial Day ceremony Middle School Chorus performed at the graduation in honor of our

graduates.

There is one sad part of the year. Ms. Sue Tall announced her retirement. Ms. Tall dedicated 22 years of her music teaching career at RTS. She has taught so many students and will be greatly missed. Her hard work and dedication to the school and students is very appreciated.



## Summer is HOT at Rutland Free Library

By Randal Smathers, Assistant Director

Kids work hard to learn all school year, and if they read during the summer, they retain much more of that hard-earned knowledge. Rutland Free Library can help! Our Summer Reading Club kicks off on June 17 at 3 pm with a Tic-Tac-Toe Relay. Reading Club members track their reading to earn free books and chances at great prizes! Kids can sign up for free anytime they come in.

Also in June we have our regular Lego Challenge (June 21) and the Chocolate Olympics (June 28); then there are events all summer long (check out the Calendar and Kids Zone pages at [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org) for details).

### Passport to Vt. Libraries

The Passport program is back for a second year! Pick up a free passport at RFL, then get it stamped at as many participating libraries as possible to win prizes in both the youth and adult categories.

### Park & Museum passes

Rutland Free Library has park and museum passes that provide free or reduced price admission to sites around the state. For 2016 we are offering Billings Farm & Museum in Woodstock; ECHO science center in Burlington; Hildene (Manchester); Mass MoCA in North Adams, Mass.; Shelburne Farms & Shelburne Museum; Vermont History Museum in Montpelier; Wonderfeet Kids' Museum right here in Rutland; VINS in Quechee; and Vermont State Parks and Historic Sites.

Passes can be reserved ahead of time and borrowed just like a book. For details, see the Museum & park passes page on our website.

Our Annual Appeal is winding down for the 2015-16 fiscal year. It's not too late to help us reach our fund-raising goal for the year. Please contact Director Abby Noland or drop in or mail your donation to 10 Court St., Rutland VT 05701. Thank you!

All services of the Library are provided free to residents of Rutland Town in good standing. Please pay any overdue fines to keep your library card up-to-date and happy summer reading.

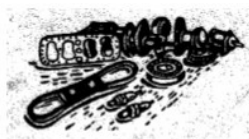
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## From the Rutland Town Fire Department By BJ Hathaway



Happy June! With the coming of longer days and nicer weather members have begun doing more outside training including flushing out our numerous dry hydrants, and practicing with various pieces of equipment. Our newer members have been diligently learning the equipment and preparing themselves for future emergencies.

The Select Board has also awarded the bid for the new replacement of Engine 1. It will be manufactured by Toyne Fire apparatus and is expected to arrive sometime in March 2017. The new truck will have many new features that should enhance our firefighting capabilities. It should serve us well into the future and we look forward to its arrival!

With the coming of the summer months and good weather also comes grilling season. The Fire department would like to offer the following outdoor grilling safety tips to keep everyone safe this summer:

- Always grill a safe distance from the home or other buildings.
- Do not use grills on second story porches or balconies
- Keep grills clean and free of excess grease that could catch fire
- Inspect gas grills for worn or frayed hoses and properly working valves and regulator
- Inspect charcoal grills for any holes or other damage that could allow hot embers to escape
- Always allow charcoal to burn completely out and cool before disposing of ashes
- Keep young children a safe distance from hot surfaces

In closing the Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

**As always, to report an emergency Dial 911!**

(Rep. Tom Terenzini ~ Continued from Page 1)

tee in Montpelier. Most of the bills I work on are so called clean water initiatives. They deal with storm water treatment and sewage treatment plants. I vote against most of these water bills as they would cost the town millions of dollars for decades to come.

One of my most joyous days in Montpelier was the arrival of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from Rutland Town School. I had the pleasure of ushering the students and their teachers into the Senate chambers where they were met by Lt. Governor Phil Scott and State Senator Brian Collamore. The children asked some tough questions of all three of us.

In closing, I will be asking for your vote on August 9, 2016 and again in the general election in November, 2016. I do not take this lightly. If re-elected, I will always vote against bills that will raise your taxes. It has been a pleasure to have served you in Montpelier these past four years. Thank you.

## Ecosystem Restoration Grant Will Benefit RTS

By Nanci McGuire, District Manager  
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District

RNRCD has been awarded a Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), Ecosystem Restoration Program Grant to hire an Engineering Contractor to design green storm-water best management practices at Rutland Town School (located in the East Creek Watershed), in an effort to treat and infiltrate stormwater runoff onsite, and to reduce the total volume and peak flow rates of stormwater runoff.

Runoff at RTS presently drains through catch basins and pipes without any formal treatment. The practices that are likely to be designed are a rain garden and vegetated/grass swales.

The Rutland Town School Board are looking forward to implementing these practices as a demonstration site, to improve water quality and aesthetics, and to provide a resource for learning at the school.

Ecosystem Restoration grants are made available to Vermont municipalities, local or regional governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and citizens groups as part of the Ecosystem Restoration Program's on-going efforts to reduce surface water pollution from phosphorus and sediment. Funded projects typically involve efforts to improve stream stability, protect against flood hazards, improve in-stream and riparian habitat, lessen the effects of stormwater runoff, protect and restore riparian wetlands, re-establish lake shoreline native vegetation, and enhance the environmental and economic sustainability of agricultural lands.

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## FROM THE GABLES AT EAST MOUNTAIN

### Gables Dining Services has New Chef/Manager

By Randi Cohn, Associate Director

When The Gables set out to find a new dining services manager late last year, the staff and residents were hoping that a skillful chef with managerial experience would emerge as a candidate. The Gables is one of very few independent living senior communities that offers a full dining program—breakfast, lunch and dinner Mondays through Saturdays, and a brunch buffet on Sundays—so it was imperative to find the right person for the position.

In January, after several months of searching, Richard LaPierre walked through our welcoming doors. He brought with him not only a wealth of experience, but a vision for enhancements to The Gables dining services. For 30 years, Rick had worked on Martha's Vineyard in the hospitality field. In addition to holding chef and managerial positions at various island restaurants, Rick was the owner/operator of The Captains Table in Oaks Bluff. When his kids were grown, he and his wife decided to move to Vermont. "Our five kids were all grown and we became empty nesters. It was time to start something new," states Rick.

Rick's first job in Vermont was that of kitchen manager at the Reluctant Panther in Manchester. Working for another restaurant, however, was no longer fulfilling. "I needed a bigger change," explains Rick. "I always felt a strong connection to seniors and working for a retirement community was a way to use my skills while making a difference. It is gratifying to be able to provide meals that are flavorful, fresh and nutritious to the residents of The Gables."



**Gables new chef/manager Rick LaPierre (left) with resident Thelma Ellerin**

**A light lunch option (below):** Grilled peach salad with pecans, Vermont Gorgonzola cheese and a Vermont honey drizzle



**Mr. Audet, Ms. Tetzlaff and Mr. Boynton lead the parade**

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF RED CLOVER

By Theresa Czachor, Librarian

Excitement and anticipation were evident at Rutland Town School where students in Grades K-4 learned the winning title of this year's Red Clover Award. The Red Clover Award is a children's choice book award and students in grades K-4 in the State of Vermont participate in the program.

Ten nominees vie against each other to be the favorite book of the children! The winning title is announced at Rutland Town School on Red Clover Day! Each class represents a Red Clover nominee in the "book parade" and an award ceremony is held to announce the winner. This year is a BIG year as Rutland Town School celebrates 20 years of the Red Clover Award in the State of Vermont.

A commemorative T-shirt was designed and screen printed and close to seventy t-shirts were sold! Proceeds from the t-shirt sales will benefit the school library. Our Red Clover Day parade took place June 7 at 9:00 am at Rutland Town School! As a special treat for the students, BIG LENNY served up his tasty hot dogs on the school grounds that day.

The winning title of the 2016 Red Clover Award is ***Shhh! We Have a Plan*** by Chris Haughton. It received over five thousand votes statewide.

### FRONT PORCH FORUM

The Rutland Town Front Porch Forum now has 145 members. The forum is exclusive to our town.

Posting is limited to residents and public officials. Members can post on many topics: lost dogs, service recommendations, local events, helping neighbors in need, and much more. This summer, check FPF for the town paving schedule. To join, visit [www.frontporchforum.com](http://www.frontporchforum.com).



**Senior Group President Pat Tucker and Tom Seward at the December luncheon at Seward's**

## **RUTLAND TOWN SENIORS**

**From James B. Hall, Treasurer**

The Seniors are looking for new participants for the lunch program. Contact Pat Tucker, 776-1066 if you have questions concerning sign-up.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for lunch. This month it happens to be at Sugar and Spice., June 21. July's meeting will be a cookout at Northwood Pool (July 19). Open to all Rutland Town Seniors; for this program, over age 55 gets you in free.!

Our thanks to Mike Rowe and his folks at Northwood for recognizing the Seniors by sponsoring this event. Thank you all for supporting the senior group.

These photos were taken at the holiday luncheon in December where seniors and their guests were treated to a turkey dinner at Seward's Family Restaurant courtesy of the Town Recreation Department.



## **4<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL Middle School Grades 6-8**

### **HIGH HONORS**

#### **Eighth Grade**

Ashleah Adams  
Leah Allen  
Miles Allen  
John Foley  
Amy McGee  
Luke Ragosta  
Dylan Roussel  
Ethan Schmitt  
Megan Smith  
Alexander Stute

#### **Seventh Grade**

Joseph Anderson  
Sarah Chase  
Abigail Churchill  
Isabelle Decandio  
Lucienne Horrocks  
Jaden Kelley  
Brady Kenosh  
Maxfield Lovko  
Samuel Macpherson  
Emma Notte  
Gianna Pezzetti  
Hannah Solimano  
Mary Sutton

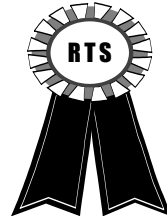
#### **Sixth Grade**

Molly Abatiell  
Regan Bird  
Emanuel Bowie-Reimers  
Brady Geisler  
Isabelle Ladabouche  
Samantha Merrow  
Zachary Nelson  
Jonah Neri

### **HONORS**

#### **Eighth Grade**

Jamie Ashcroft-Billings  
Tommy Baker  
Charlotte Chamberland



Kyle DelBianco  
Julian Downey  
William Hemenway  
Laura Macpherson  
Aiden McDonnell  
Sean Olsen  
Kathleen Sunderland  
Jade Weinberg  
Christopher Wilk

#### **Seventh Grade**

Arianna Billings  
Mariah Crossman  
Jaden Derosia-Rosenzweig  
Cory Drinwater  
Lucia Gallo  
Matthew Goulette  
Cameron Greene  
Toby Jakubowski  
Maya Marcy  
Justine Peters  
Michael O'Neill  
Izabella Racine  
Jenna Sunderland

#### **Sixth Grade**

Abed Alawi  
Laurel Baker  
Maci Celentano  
Colin Joyce  
Deidre Lillie  
Tessa McLaughlin  
Bryce Preseau  
Katelynn Regula

## **REC Dept. Soccer Sign ups**

Registration for the fall soccer program starts the first week of August at the pool. Please stop by Town Hall or the pool to sign up for grades K-6 soccer.

## Check Out the Rutland Town Website!

Town Administrator Joe Zingale has been updating the look and scope of the town website. Of course it is still a repository of current information including Select Board and Planning Commission meeting dates and minutes, staff personnel and contact info, the town plan, permits and forms, town regulations, property maps and notices on current topics.

You can also glimpse Rutland Town as it was 100 years ago from written memories and photos of the old days. There are histories of covered bridges, the 1947 flood, Cheney Hill sand pit, and several other landmarks.

There are gorgeous photos of the town plus a trivia challenge! Here are the first 3 of 5 questions:

1. What was the last name of the family that sold what is now Northwood Park to the Town?
2. Name a road in Rutland Town that does not have any homes on it?
3. What year did the Select Board change from a three to five member Board?

Email your answers to [rutlandtown@comcast.net](mailto:rutlandtown@comcast.net).

## Mrs. Czachor's

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Once again Mrs. Czachor challenges RTS students to read over the summer and see if we can reach a total of 1000 books! Mr. Boynton and Mrs. Tetzlaff will take on a special "water challenge" if 1000 books are read. Information and a reading log will be sent home with your child the last week of school.

NEW FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL - Mrs. Czachor invites all Middle School students to a Google Classroom for the summer reading challenge. Students can post comments and recommendations to other students about the books they are reading. Middle School titles that have been read will also be counted towards the 1000 books for the school's Summer Reading Challenge. Plus, Middle School students who participate will be involved in the planning of a reading celebration in September!



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## Rutland Town Community Calendar

### JUNE

28 School Board meets – 6:30 pm, RTS Library

### JULY

4 **Town Hall Closed for Independence Day**  
**Fireworks at dusk, Northwood Park**

5 Raindate for fireworks

7&21 Planning Commission meets - 7 pm, Town Hall

12&26 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall

19 Senior lunch at Northwood (see pg. 10)

### AUGUST

3 **Deadline to register to vote for VT Primary**

4&18 Planning Commission meets - 7 pm, Town Hall

8 School Board meets – 6:30 pm, RTS Library

9 **VOTE – Vermont Primary - 7 am - 7 pm**  
**Rutland Town School & Town Hall**

9&23 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall

16 Senior lunch - noon at Seward's Restaurant

31 First day of school

### SEPTEMBER

1&15 Planning Commission meets - 7 pm, Town Hall

5 Town Hall Closed for Labor Day

6&20 Select Board meets - 6:30 pm, Town Hall

10 **1st Property Tax payment due**

12 School Board meets - 6:30 pm, RTS Library

20 Senior lunch - noon at Seward's Restaurant

24 **Hazardous Waste collection - 8-11:30 am**

## 2016 NORTHWOOD POOL SCHEDULE & FEES

### The Pool is open for the season

#### SEASON PASS FEES

Resident Single \$ 35

Resident Family \$ 60

Non-resident Single \$ 65

Non-resident Family \$120

Lessons are included in the family pass. If there is room, each level will be capped at 10 swimmers

#### POOL HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 10 - 12 Swim Lessons every ½ hour  
6 - 6:30 Night Lessons

12 - 1 Adult Swim (Mon - .Fri.)

1 - 7 Open Swim

Sat. & Sun. 11 - 7 Open Swim

#### DAILY FEES

Resident Adult/Child \$2 / \$1.25

Non-resident Adult/Child \$4 / \$3

Resident Senior (55+) Free

#### SWIM LESSON SESSIONS

Session #1: Mon. - Fri. 6/20 - 7/1

Session #2: Mon. - Fri. 7/11 - 7/22

**Northwood Pool Phone 775 - 7301**

**TOWN AND SCHOOL WEBSITES: [rutlandtown.com](http://rutlandtown.com) and [rutlandtownschool.org](http://rutlandtownschool.org)**

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Leah Jesse Allen  
Philip Miles Allen  
Jamie Ceres Ashcroft-Billings  
Tommy Dockum Baker  
Eriq Martin Bowie  
Charlotte Marie Chamberland  
Ethan Anthony Coarse  
William C. Corcoran  
Kyle Andrew Cyrul  
Taylor Mackenzie Davis  
Kyle Richard DelBianco  
Julian Leonard Downey  
Jagger William Drake  
John Christopher Foley  
Damien Maleik Glasby  
William Edward Hemenway

Anna Marie Hubbard  
Laura Kathryn Macpherson  
Aiden John McDonnell  
Amy Aileen McGee  
Sean Richard Olsen  
Nicholas Michael Poczobut  
Luke Michael Ragosta  
Joshua Kingdon Ray  
Tyler James Regula  
Dylan Tyler Roussel  
Ethan David Schmitt  
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