

# The Circle



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

**June 2017**

## **TOWN NEWS**

**By Carol Bam**

Rutland Town Celebration Day will be held Saturday, July 1. Chairman of the Select Board Josh Terenzini says the event is designed for fun, to foster community spirit and to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rutland Town Fire Department. The eight member committee has worked hard to put on a number of events for residents of all ages throughout the day at various town buildings and at Northwood Park. Rain date for the town wide party is Sunday July 2, with events happening rain or shine. (see Page 5 for more)

Mid June puts us within sight of the end of the fiscal year on June 30. "Preliminary review indicates the Town is in great shape, with many budgets ending in surplus," Chairman Terenzini said. New property tax bills will be mailed out late July or early August with the first payment due Sept. 10.

A meeting was held in May at the Holiday Inn to "discuss the concept of a service road running from Holiday Drive south of Green Mountain Plaza west of the Plaza exiting back onto Route 7 at Aldi's Market." Terenzini said, "30-35 people representing area businesses attended and were enthusiastic about the project." A service road would alleviate traffic in the Randbury Rd. area and at the Plaza by providing an alternative access to area businesses without patrons having to get back on Route 7. The new road may also incentivize

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## **FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AARON BOYNTON**

It is hard to imagine that we are at the end of another great school year here at Rutland Town School. I would especially like to congratulate our graduating eighth grade class. Many of them have spent their K-8 educational experience here and are now ready to spread their wings and begin new adventures. I would like to thank all the parents who have worked with us over the years in supporting kids and to all the faculty and staff for the hard work that they do to provide a great educational experience for students. As always, I thank the community of Rutland Town in supporting the school and keeping current with the great things we are doing.

We have much to celebrate at Rutland Town School this year. We conducted a wonderful character program in which students learned a different character trait each month and were recognized when they demonstrated these traits. These character traits included citizenship, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance. The character traits will help shape productive, caring, and hard-working young adults.

We also saw much success in our math and reading

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## **UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME**

### **A Final Report By Senator Kevin Mullin**

It is with great sadness that I sit down to write my final report as a legislator representing the great people of Rutland Town. However, I look forward to the many challenges that lie ahead for me as Chair of the Green Mountain Care Board. Health care is approaching 20% of our state domestic product and we need to do everything that we can to bend this trajectory. In short, we all should receive the right care at the right time and at the right price.

We finished the session later than we had hoped for as no compromise could be found between the governor and the legislature. I am very proud of the budget we passed which prioritized our inadequate mental health system, economic development, higher education and early child care. I can easily say that it was a budget that I was more than willing to support. Unfortunately, here comes the rub. Your Rutland senatorial delegation made it very clear that we wouldn't raise property taxes or artificially prop them up so that an even higher increase would be in the future. The revenue bill didn't get to where it needed to be as the governor, pro tem, and speaker wrangled over how they would accomplish this. I offered, what I believed was a good solution, to the governor's chief of staff and to the president pro tem. Neither jumped on board but maybe it will still be a part of the final

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**Retiring Teachers Tedda Drake, Karen Pezzetti, Sandy Howe and Lynn Book**

### **Rutland Town School Retiring Staff**

*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.

Karen Pezzetti is not only a wonderful person but has been an excellent special educator at RTS. She has held teacher leadership positions and has been influential in many positive school-wide changes over the years.

Lynn Book, has been one of our kindergarten teachers for a number of years. She has given many students a solid foundation that has helped them be successful students at RTS.

Tedda Drake has been at RTS for 41 years. She has touched the lives of many children as a third grade teacher. We will miss her professionalism, her hard work, and her dedication to kids and to RTS.

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We will greatly miss Sandi Howe as a wonderful para educator here at RTS. She has worked with many students helping them reach their potential and succeed as students and young adults. She has always gone above and beyond.

### **Karen Pezzetti**

I moved to Vermont from Massachusetts after graduating college, as I wanted to spend a year in Rutland to be closer to my family. That was 32 years ago, and I've never looked back, as I fell in love with Rutland Town School and my life in Vermont. I was fortunate to be offered a position as a Special Educator and have worked in the K-8 setting at RTS for all these years. In addition to my teaching position, I was the Local Education Agent for Rutland Town students in the high schools, and have been the leader in developing our Crisis Team in the school and district, which has put protocols and procedures in place so that we provide a safe and secure environment for all who are part of RTS. I also coached field hockey and softball, was the athletic director for our students, and became actively involved in the Relay for Life, supporting our school team, for many years.

The experiences that I have had at RTS have been monumental over these years. I have shared a lot of laughs, shed a lot of tears, and built lifelong friendships with colleagues, administrators, families and students. Many folks have supported me and carried me when I lost my beloved Lyn to cancer, and have embraced and honored me when I was blessed to have a second chance in life with my loving husband, David, and my precious daughter, Gianna. I realized that it really does take a community to raise a child, and I have been so fortunate to be part of so many children's lives, as well as having so many individuals part of my life. I will desperately miss my interactions with students and colleagues at RTS. This journey has left me with a lifetime of memories that I will cherish forever. It's been an honor to be part of such a caring community.

### **Tedda Drake**

What type of career can the world be seen through the eyes of children and their words and actions just make you laugh? **TEACHING!** For 42 years, I have worked at a job full of students' accomplishments, challenges, and close bonds with families. I loved teaching!

My students, their families, and all my friends have filled my career with so many memories. I will cherish all

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*(Principal Boynton ~ Continued from Page 1)*

initiatives this year. Our students are becoming strong readers, writers, and mathematicians as teachers implement learning that align with the Common Core standards.

We wish all students and families a safe and fun summer. Make sure you spend time outdoors and reading good books.

To our Rutland Town community members, I would love to give you a personal tour of the school to see all the great things we are doing. Feel free to give me a call anytime. Have a wonderful summer!

the relationships that I have formed at RTS.

Retirement plans for me can be summed up in the words of a retired colleague, "Doing anything I want to do!" Thank you RTS for being such a huge part of my life. You will be missed!

### **Sandy Howe**

Leaving RTS is bittersweet. My students have begged me to stay one more year to see them through 8th grade. They accidentally heard that I was retiring a few months back. When I stop to think about it, this is the "ultimate" compliment to me. I am torn, but I know it is my time to leave.

Originally, I wanted to help kids through what I consider the most difficult years of life---middle school. There have been many challenges over the last 17 years, as a para-educator for my students and me. However, the rewards and accomplishments far outshine the tough times. Being able to help boost confidence and self-esteem in each student has been heartwarming. It has been a privilege to help these students learn and grow each day. It has been a privilege to get to know them. Middle School was the perfect place for me. I will truly miss those halls, students and teachers.

Our faculty and staff at RTS is a group of amazing, caring, hardworking people. We have been through so many changes in keeping up with the digital age. They have stepped up to make RTS all it can be. I will truly miss my friends at RTS. These memories of good times will last me a lifetime.

### **From some of Sandy's students:**

**Tyler Terrien** (7th Grade): "When I first came here I was shy and nervous, and a little bit excited because I didn't really like my old school. But I didn't have as much good help as I do with Mrs. Howe. When I didn't understand something she would always be there to help me out."

**Anthony Downey** (7th Grade): "She's always there for us when we need the help."

**Kelli Miner** (7th Grade): "She's the best teacher I've ever worked with."

**Nick Snide** (7th grade): "She was wonderful to be with and she put her time and effort into working with us."

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commercial development on currently "landlocked" properties.

The Highway Budget for the new fiscal year includes \$140,000 for engineering to plan and design the road. A rigorous paving schedule of the last few years, and the overall good shape of town roads allowed the department to lighten this summer's paving list and pay for road engineering.

The Town is now on Facebook! This is another way to stay in touch with town news and notices. Check out the Rutland Town Facebook page and "like" us.

## **RTS Path to Maintain Secondary School Choice**

Congratulations Rutland Town School Class of 2017! Our best to you as you begin your high school careers. Rutland Town School is an important part of our heritage and serves our community well.

Our school district participated in a two year governance study as required by Act 46. The conclusion of the study was that no like district merger partners were available in the region. This spring new legislation, Act 49, established a path for Rutland Town School District. The new legislation enables Rutland Town to remain as an existing district, PK-8 while maintaining secondary school choice.

### **What are our next steps?**

On June 12, the School Board voted to present a proposal to the State Board of Education to remain as an existing district with secondary school choice and remain a member of the supervisory union. The School Board will present their proposal to the State Board in August. Following approval, the Board will sign a warning to seek voter approval to remain as an existing district, and a "side" in the region's Supervisory Union. We will hold an informational meeting and vote in early fall. If approved, the new assignment will go into effect on July 1, 2018.

### **What are the advantages?**

Rutland Town will remain as an existing district with the same grade configuration and will maintain full secondary school choice. The Rutland Town School District will determine its own future, rather than being assigned to a different region which would be more costly to taxpayers. The School District will maintain a local School Board. The District will share central administration with a Supervisory Union region of over 1800 students including the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (Proctor, Poultney, West Rutland), Wells Springs Unified Union School District (Middletown Springs and Wells) and Ira School District.

### **How can I learn more about this?**

For more information, please contact Board Chair Lyn Gallipo or Superintendent Dr. Debra Taylor. Also please visit the Rutland Town School District website throughout the summer for updates <http://rts.rcsu.org/>.

Thank you for your support. Have an enjoyable summer!

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## NEW PLAYGROUND AT NORTHWOOD PARK

By Mary Ashcroft

**Q: What's new and blue and lot of fun?**

**A: The new playground at Northwood Park!**

Teamwork built the new playground at Northwood Park. Town Rec Director Mike Rowe realized that a new play area could be affordable if the town invested in a "community build" project. In this type of project, the town purchases the parts for playground structures and local volunteers put the playground together under the leadership of an experienced project director sent by the playground company.

RT's new playground was constructed in two days in April. On Friday, April 21, Mike Rowe teamed up with Byron Hathaway to dig holes and set support posts in concrete. This formed the sturdy framework for the play structures themselves.

The next day, Saturday, April 22, volunteers gathered at Northwood Park at 8 am and went to work. First, they unloaded and unwrapped the metal bars, tubes and posts, and laid them out along with the nuts, bolts, hardware and tools needed for construction. Under the watchful eye of Mike Parody, project manager, the volunteers drilled,

screwed, hoisted, clipped and braced their new playground into place. Volunteers snacked on coffee and donuts in the morning and gobbled a hasty pizza lunch at noon but kept working even through a brief rain shower.

By mid-afternoon Saturday, the playground structure was completely put together and bolted securely in place. Then came the mulching. Byron Hathaway and Mike Rowe used their heavy equipment to dump dozens of yards of mulch around the playground which volunteers raked into place. At 2:30 the new community build playground was completed.

Rutland Town is grateful to those who helped with this excellent project. Our sincere thanks go to Mike Rowe and Byron Hathaway, as well as Mike Parody our construction guru. Special thanks to those who gave up their Saturday to volunteer: Rutland South Rotarians Marty Wasserman, Mary Ashcroft, Len Semp, Dick Bailey and Carolyn Meub, as well as community members Julie and Rob McKenna, Gordon Ashcroft-Billings, Select Board Member Chris Kiefer Cioffi, Lanie Sinclair, and the Coughlin family members Beth, Chris, and Casey.

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## Rutland Town Seniors

By Jim Hall and Sue Colomb

**From Jim Hall:** The Seniors started the lunch program in March, at Seward's as usual. The May lunch was at Sugar and Spice. On June 13 our group went to Woodstock Senior Center under the EOG program providing transportation, via bus. We had a great lunch and a very enjoyable ride over and back.

Discussions are taking place to plan for the rest of the summer and fall activities. We are also beginning to think about budgets and reports. The fiscal year for the Town and our reporting ends on June 30, 2017. Our budget submitted a year ago covers us starting on July 1, 2017.

Anyone 55 years of age and up is eligible to participate in the lunch program. Please let us know if you are interested. Email contact for senior group is [jimhall1940@gmail.com](mailto:jimhall1940@gmail.com)

**Sue Colomb writes:** I was on the search committee to find people willing to fill some officer positions. Unfortunately, I did not have any luck. Pat Tucker, who was the long time senior contact person, is no longer able to help due to health reasons. She truly was the "glue" that held that little group together.

The group could use a larger membership with people interested in taking on a leadership role. The group really was a great source of local town history. Sadly with the passing of so many of that era we lose that first hand resource and the great stories they told.

## **Rutland Town Celebration July 1 at Northwood Park**

**Save the date! You're invited to  
Rutland Town's Best Party of the Year!**

The day will include an exciting list of activities for kids and families. Starting at 8 am, festivities kick off with a 5K fun run / walk. From there, the pool opens for a day of free swimming, with a barbecue planned, and a DJ for music and dancing by the pool. There will also be fire trucks on hand for kids to marvel at and climb into.

The day is a celebration of Rutland Town and marks the 50th anniversary of the Rutland Town Fire Department. The festivities will culminate with an evening swim and a free movie by the pool. Hope to see you there!

**Patricia Minichiello,  
Celebration Committee member**



### **5th Grade Sculpture**

**By Sam Arnold, Patrick Cooley,  
Jacob Down, and Kaden Todd**

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compromise. My proposal had two parts. First, to tax the highest spending school districts by lowering the excess spending threshold and second to create another excess spending threshold that would kick in when districts gave employees greater than 125% of the average actuarial value of Vermonters in private insurance. Legislators are due back in the Capitol for a June 21 – 22 veto session. I am hopeful that Rutland will have a new senator appointed by then so that we are fully represented. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with my colleagues, Brian Collamore and Peg Flory, representing you in Montpelier.

In this final report, I wanted to focus on a few bills that I played a role in this year. The first is the education bill that includes changes to make it easier for districts to comply with Act 46. As I indicated earlier this year, I had major concerns that we would not be controlling our own destiny. In the conference committee I successfully placed in language that should allow our local education officials to be in the supervisory union that they believe will best benefit Rutland Town students.

My biggest accomplishment this year was passing the most promising economic development agenda in my time in Montpelier. We opened the door for six new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. We passed a \$35 million housing bond that will leverage private investment and should result in new housing approaching \$100 million. We made it easier to permit priority housing projects. We expanded our small business and microbusiness development efforts. We increased the downtown tax credits that helped the Foley family build Castleton University dorm rooms in downtown Rutland. We made tweaks to the Vermont Economic Growth

Incentives program. Phil Scott has kept true to his word on having a laser focus on our economy.

Looking back it is hard to believe that 19 years has passed since I was elected to serve Rutland Town in the statehouse. I have enjoyed every minute of it despite the continual frustration of not accomplishing everything that I would have desired. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you.

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## **Road Notes**

from Byron Hathaway,  
Road Commissioner

The weather this year for Green Up Day was less than pleasant. We did not have as many volunteers as we have had in the past. Velco employees did pick up the North Grove Street/McKinley Ave. area but waited until the next week. Thank you to Velco for their participation. Does anyone have a suggestion how we can encourage more volunteers for Green Up Day? Send ideas to me at [rthighway@rutlandtown.com](mailto:rthighway@rutlandtown.com). Thanks.

The week after school lets out the Highway Department and subcontractors will be digging up the parking lot in front of the school gym. All the old asphalt and unsuitable base materials will be removed and replaced in preparation for new asphalt. In addition, Post Road in front of the school will be widened. New striping on Post Road will create a left turn lane for east bound vehicles wishing to enter the school. A right turn/stacking lane will be created for west bound vehicles. The school parking lot will be striped for two stacking lanes for pickup and drop off by the gym. This should help alleviate the congestion in front of the school while parents pickup or drop off students in the morning and in the afternoon. Parents will have to take turns merging from two lanes to one lane in front of the gym. This will be safer than having cars backed up on Post Road.

Another project the Highway Department will be constructing in late July or August is a sidewalk extending from U-Haul to the Adele Stanley apartments. A grant from VTrans will help cover construction costs.

Have a good, safe summer. This fall I will report on the progress being made toward construction of a new road connecting Holiday Drive to Cold River Road.



**RTS Students Visit Rutland Free Library**

## **RFL Gears Up for Summer Readers**

By Randall Smathers, Assistant Director

### **The 2017 Summer Reading Club.**

Reading during the summer is lots of fun and helps keep skills sharp. Membership is easy. Just let us know you wish to join. You'll receive a colorful membership packet. Record the books you read during the summer. Bring your reading record in throughout the summer and receive stickers, books, and fun prizes. Visit the library for craft programs, performances, and great books. Add your name to our readers' display.

Children of all ages may participate because the reader's record can be used for children who are reading independently or being read to. See the online calendar for events. Signups begin June 17.

### **New hours at Rutland Free Library**

RFL will reduce its hours of operation beginning July 1. The library will close at 7 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The library, like many nonprofits in the area, has been tightening its belt for many years in order to cope with the rising costs of materials, technology and health insurance. The reduction in hours will enable us to better manage finances due to the level funding we received from taxes.

Rutland City originally offered a 5 percent increase in tax funding for 2017-2018 but instead the Board of Alderman level funded the budget, so the Library chose to ask for level funding from all of our member towns. In an effort to rely less on tax support, we have received grants to defray some costs. For example, the subflooring in the circulation area had rotted, causing floor tiles to curl and trip patrons. Also the lobby restroom plumbing did not function for the number of patrons using the facilities and we got a grant to help pay for that.

Additionally, the trustees have stepped up our fundraising efforts and outreach. Staff has found creative and intelligent ways to cut our overhead costs. And the Friends of the Library have been terrifically supportive with their book sales and sponsorship. Many patrons have shown a great deal of support with their time and generosity. But the bottom line is your library cannot function as it does currently without consistent financial municipal support and the cut in hours was needed following the cut in funding.

### **Discover Tips to Eliminate Snoring**

From Dr. Don Mc Laughlin, DDS

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## 60 Plus Elder Abuse Awareness Day From Heather Baker, SVCOA



Wednesday, June 15, 2017 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On that day, communities in the USA and all over the world will sponsor events to highlight the growing tragic issue of elder abuse.

The U.S. Administration on Aging estimates that as many as 1 in 10 older Americans are abused or neglected each year. Older adults are vital, contributing members of American society and their abuse or neglect diminishes all of us. America has confronted and addressed the issues of child abuse and domestic violence, but as a society, we have for too long looked away from the issue of elder abuse.

Elder abuse can be financial, emotional, physical and sexual. It also includes people who are neglected and those who neglect themselves (self-neglect).

**The consequences of elder abuse are grave: older adults who are abused are twice as likely to be hospitalized, four times as likely to go into nursing homes and three times as likely to die.** While studies show that most abusers are family members, trusted professionals may also target older adults.

Abuse can happen in any setting: in the older adult's own home, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

There are many ways to prevent elder abuse from occurring. Here are a few steps that you and others can take:

- Don't make fun of older adults (don't tolerate ageism!)
- Educate yourself and others about the warning signs of abuse, neglect and self-neglect
- If you see something, say something: if the older adult lives in the community, report your concerns to your local Adult Protective Services program or law enforcement, for residents of long-term care facilities, report to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- Volunteer for the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in your state. Ombudsman programs work to resolve problems related to the health,

## RUTLAND TOWN College Scholarship Winners

Each year at Town Meeting, the voters of Rutland Town generously appropriate \$10,000 to provide scholarships for deserving students in the current year's high school graduating class. This year 19 students received scholarship awards ranging from \$400 to \$1000. Applications were reviewed by the Select Board Scholarship Committee members Mary Ashcroft and Chris Kiefer-Cioffi whose recommendations were approved by the full Select Board. Scholarships are awarded based upon financial need, academic achievement, and community service.

### Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Amy Nichols	\$500
Clay Drinwater	\$400
Bethany Garrow	\$400
John Whitaker	\$400
Joseph Whitaker	\$400

### Rutland High School

Kyle Cassarino	\$1,000
Lauren Cozzens	\$1,000
Hilary Kamyk	\$1,000
Elizabeth Anderson	\$500
Jamie Keith	\$500
Nathaniel Kingsley	\$500
Avery Provin	\$500
Lillian Schillinger	\$500
Briana Arduca	\$400
Jillian Ladabouche	\$400
Zachary Coarse	\$400
Jonathan Cozzens	\$400
Abigail Hogenkamp	\$400
Patrick Heaton	\$400

The Rutland Town Select Board congratulates all of our graduating seniors!



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- Advocate for increased funding for elder abuse prevention and intervention programs

To get more information on how you can make a difference, visit the website of the National Center on Elder Abuse <https://ncea.acl.gov> or by calling the Senior HelpLine 1-800-642-5119.

## Green Stormwater Infrastructure in the East Creek Watershed

The Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) has received funding through an Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) Grant to hire an engineering firm to design green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) for Rutland Town School. Four locations and practices were identified and carried through to final design. These practices are designed to capture, detain and/or treat a portion of the water quality storm volume from existing impervious surfaces on the south side of the school.

Selected practices include rain gardens, tree plantings, bio-retention, and an infiltration trench. Greenspaces were targeted for the siting of these GSI practices. These locations allow for lower cost GSI practices to be implemented while maintaining existing vehicle access and parking.

Not only will the project be highly functional for improving water quality, it will also be an attractive community asset that will beautify the area and be a demonstration site for green infrastructure.

The next step in this project is to write for funding to construct these practices.



## Plant Sale Pick Up Finds New Home

The Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) held its annual plant sale pick up at the Town Highway Garage in May. District Manager Nanci McGuire (seated) extolled the large, accessible space as ideally suited to the task of distributing pre-ordered bare root trees and shrubs.

## NEWS FROM THE REC

By Director Mike Rowe

Summer has arrived. Please check out the pool schedule on Page 11 for schedule and price info. The new playground is in at Northwood and looks great. Many thanks to the people who helped make it happen, Byron, Walt, Tommy and Chuck from the Highway crew, the McKenna Family, Coughlin Family, Gordon Ashcroft, Rutland Rotary South Club and many others who gave their time. (More on Page 4)

Baseball is in full swing; there is a game just about each weeknight at Northwood for you to enjoy. Town fireworks will launch on the 4th of July at dusk at Northwood park. The pool will be open for the day and selling concession during the fireworks. We are exploring a Disc Golf course at Northwood. If you would like to be part of it or have any programing ideas, please contact Michael Rowe at 779-2518. Thanks and have a great summer.

## Fundraisers **EVERYONE** Can Support

By Melissa Sicard, RTS PTO

I invite you to support Rutland Town School through four very simple fundraisers:

- **Box Tops for Education,**
- **Labels for Education,**
- Price Chopper Supermarket's **Tools for Schools,** and
- Hannaford Supermarket's **Hannaford Helps Schools.**

Clipping box tops and labels for education, registering your Price Chopper advantage card and/or dropping off your Hannaford school dollars is an easy way for you to help our school buy what it needs. So far this school year, PTO has supported busing for field trips, Girls on the Run, the Tanya Lee Stone author visit, brand new books for incoming kindergartners, and our Scholastic Book Fairs with the monies earned from the above fundraisers.

To help our school, just look for Box Tops and/or Labels for Education on products, *clip them along the dotted line*, and send them to school. You can, also, register your Price Chopper advantage card for RTS to earn points. And, lastly, you can drop off you school dollars in the RTS slot of the Hannaford Tower.

If you have any questions or want more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at [sicards.rutland@yahoo.com](mailto:sicards.rutland@yahoo.com). Join me to make Rutland Town School's fundraising a continual success. I thank all of you who have already joined this successful fundraiser!



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## Real-World LEARNING in Kindergarten

From Linda Mullin's Kindergarten

The Kindergarten curriculum includes lessons on plants, specifically "What Plants Need to Grow." As an extension of this lesson, the class participated in Tomatosphere. This is a program from the University of Guelph in Canada that uses real-world experiences to engage students in their learning.

The class was given two packets of seeds marked G and H. One packet was made from seeds of tomato plants grown on Earth. The other packet was made from seeds of tomato plants grown in space on the International Space Station. The students do not know which seeds are which until the results are submitted to the University.

The long range goal of Tomatosphere is for the Space Station to produce its own food for a 2 year trip to Mars. These students are among the many students across the United States and Canada who are helping with the investigation of how well tomato plants can support the trip.



### Plants grown in Kindergarten

Some seeds were from tomato plants grown on Earth and some seeds were from tomato plants grown on the International Space Station.

The table below shows our results.

Seed Packet	G	H
# of Seeds Planted	60	60
# of Sprouts	30	30
% of Seeds that Sprouted	50 %	50%

For more information go to:

<https://www.firsttheseedfoundation.org/tomatosphere>



## Summer Reading Challenge RACE TO READ!

By Theresa Czachor, Librarian

This year RTS students will partner with Vermont's Race to Read, an organization that has been encouraging kids to read through their love of racing. Two teenage race car drivers who attend Harwood Union High School visited Rutland Town School to promote the Race to Read Program.

The Lanphear sisters, Peyton and Reilly, shared their message to the students: never give up, never stop dreaming, and never underestimate the power of reading. Before leaving, the two girls had high fives for all students who attended the assembly and encouraged them to get started on the summer reading challenge!

Students will need to read a certain number of books this summer and in September, those who meet the reading challenge, will be able to autograph a race car! Pretty exciting!



**New Corn Maze Opens Sat. July 29<sup>th</sup>**

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**Happy kids at work and play in the Tapestry Program**

## **From the Rutland Town Fire Department By BJ Hathaway**



Happy June! The Fire Department is happy to announce the arrival of the new Engine 1. It was delivered in late May and members have been working hard to get it put into service. As of the writing of this article the new truck is in use and is getting the final touches put on it. Many members spent much time writing specifications, researching new equipment, and a whole host of other tasks to get this piece of apparatus put together for the town. The new truck has numerous state of the art technologies included in its design and should serve us well for many years to come.

We are excited to announce that the Fire department will be fielding a muster team this year for the annual fireman's convention. Rutland will be hosting the convention and the muster games will be played at the Diamond Run Mall on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please come down and support our team!

The department will also be participating in the town wide celebration planned for this July. 2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year that the Fire Department has been in operation since it was formed by the Select Board in 1967. We will participate in the town wide celebration with fire prevention planning, we will have numerous pieces of equipment on display and some other demonstrations as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

In closing the Fire department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

## **RTS Summer Tapestry Presents: A Vermont Life! By Lori McNeil, Director**

Summer Tapestry program will run for 7 weekdays from June 26 - August 11. There will be no Tapestry on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be from 7:45 until 5:30 for the convenience of working parents. We are very excited to have most of our past summer staff returning for another summer of fun in the sun.

This summer our theme will be "RT Tapestry: A Vermont Life." The staff is very excited about this theme and the different possibilities for creative and educational activities. We will be exploring all things having to do with Vermont. Our field trips will be geared toward learning about the things that make our state so special. Also, our Vermont State Parks will be a great place to explore all the beauty our state has to offer. We also hope to visit a working farm to see how they run, what they produce, and learn how important they are to the state of Vermont. We hope to inspire your children to have a love for and curiosity about this beautiful state we live in.

Our schedule will be a little different than other years with Wednesday being our all day field trip day instead of Tuesday. Some of the field trips this summer will be Great Escape Water Park, Movie day at Flagship Cinemas, and days at Vermont State Parks and lakes. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays will be mornings at school and afternoons at Northwood Pool. Thursday will be spent doing a variety of activities at school. Also on Thursday we will have Courtney Chadburn join us. Courtney is a gym teacher and she will be planning lots of games and fun things for us to do. It is going to be a spectacular summer! If you would like your child to join in the fun this summer please contact Lori McNeil at 779-6102. Hope to see you all there as we explore Vermont.



## SENIOR COOKOUT At Northwood, July 11

The Rutland Town Rec Department will again host Rutland Town Seniors for a cookout at Northwood Pool on Tuesday, July 11 at noon. Local celebrity chefs will grill hamburgers and hotdogs, and Mike Rowe and his crew of lifeguards will serve the meal, including salads, beverages and dessert. All town senior citizens are welcome, no registration needed.



## Food Scrap Collection at Transfer Station Begins July 1

To learn about how to compost at home and what food waste to take to the Transfer Station visit the Rutland County Solid Waste District website [rcswd.com](http://rcswd.com).

## Tick Protection and Prevention Info

School Nurse, Lisa Lones recommends these 3 websites for tick bite prevention:

[www.cdc.gov/lyme/](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/) - Center for Disease Control

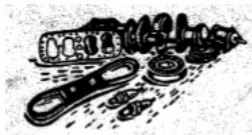
[healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme](http://healthvermont.gov/prevent/lyme) - Vermont Health Department

[mvboh.org](http://mvboh.org) - Martha's Vineyard Board of Health

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## Rutland Town Community Calendar

### JUNE

26-8/11 Summer Tapestry Program - RTS  
8-5:30 pm weekdays

27 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6:30 pm

### JULY

1 **Town Celebration Day** ~ See page 5  
**Food waste collection begins at Transfer Station**

4 **Town Hall Closed for Independence Day**  
**Fireworks – Northwood Park at Dusk**

5 Rain date for fireworks

6&27 Planning Commission meets - Town Hall, 7pm

11 Rec Dept. hosts senior cookout - Northwood Park at noon

11&25 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6:30 pm

### AUGUST

8&22 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6:30 pm

14 School Board meets RTS - 5:30 pm

17 Planning Commission meets - Town Hall, 7pm

30 First day of school - RTS

### SEPTEMBER

4 **Labor Day –Town Offices closed**

10 1st Property Tax Payment Due

14 Article Deadline for the October **Circle** issue

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

## 2017 NORTHWOOD POOL

### SCHEDULE & FEES

**The Pool opens June 18 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

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Mariah Ann Crossman  
Isabella Guadelo'pe DeCandio  
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Dylan Michael DiPietro  
Cory William Drinwater  
Lucia Assunta Gallo

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