

The Circle



Rutland Town's Link between School and Community

June 2019

TOWN NEWS

By Carol Bam

Rutland Town's third annual Celebration Day at Northwood Park commences Saturday, July 6 at 11:00 am and continues into the evening, finishing with an 8 pm movie. There is free swimming all day, a cook out, bounce houses for the kids, and a chance to view town police and fire vehicles and talk to personnel. Select board chair Josh Terenzini lists highlights new this year including: the DHART medical transport helicopter landing at 12:30; a chili cook-off at 5:00 to kick off an exciting evening. (See town website for rules to enter the chili contest.) Free swimming will continue into the evening with Rick Redington delivering musical accompaniment from 6-8 pm. The cap off to a jam packed day will be a family movie at the pool and night swimming.

The festivities have been largely organized by Terenzini and town administrative Assistant, Bill Sweet. They hope to top last year's best guess attendance of 400-600 visitors and have upped the food orders anticipating as many as 750 people. The rain date is Sunday, July 7.

As usual, July 4th (Thursday) fireworks will be at Northwood at dusk, rain date July 5.

Rutland Town Fire Chief, Frank Cioffi, retired from the department in mid- April reports Terenzini. "He has 45 years of fire service in the greater Rutland community and joined the town department after retiring from the Rutland City

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RTS UPDATE From Co-Principals Deborah Rodolfy and Sarah Tetzlaff

We have had a wonderful spring at RTS. We are proud of the progress our students have made in the classroom as they look forward to meeting their new teachers on Step-up Day!

We will be saying good-bye to some of our staff as welcoming new folks to our school. We wish Mr. Hirten, Mr. Connors and Mr. Hurlburt well at their new schools. Mrs. Theis and Ms. Patterson are moving to new positions as well. We know that their talents will be appreciated in their new positions. We also wish Mrs. Howland well in her retirement. It is well deserved and we will miss her in the office.

Please welcome our new staff:

- Ms. Kathryn Scandozza, 7 & 8 Mathematics
- Ms. Amanda Carmichael, 7 & 8 English & Language Arts
- Mr. Shawn Lenihan, 7 & 8 Science
- Ms. Tegan Waite, Grade 3

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My View from House Seat 101 By Thomas Terenzini, State Representative

On May 24, the first year of the 2019-2020 legislative biennium came to a sudden and confusing end when House and Senate leadership failed to negotiate a deal on the minimum wage and paid family leave bills. As for me, I voted in favor of the budget and revenue bill to support state government services and programs.

Some of these programs which were in the new budget that I voted for include, efforts to clean-up our lakes and streams, a ban on plastic bags, a lead testing program for drinking water in our schools, childcare facility assistance funding and additional home weatherization money.

I was also the lead sponsor on a bill, which Governor Scott has signed, that dissolved fire district #10 in Rutland Town. Several families from this neighborhood reached out to me

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Rutland Town Celebration Day at Northwood 11:00am Saturday July 6, Rain date July 7

Just some of the family friendly fun to include:

- Free swim all day, bounce houses, hayrides
- Fire and Police demos 11-2:00
- Free BBQ 11-1:00
- Chili cook-off 5-6:00
- Evening swimming
- DHART Helicopter 12:30 pm
- Happy Cow Cones 1-2 pm
- Rick Redington Band at 6
- Family movie at dusk



RTS Retiring Staff: Cecile Howland

On November 11, 2018 I wrote a letter to the Rutland Town School Board stating that after 22 years I was retiring my tenure as Bookkeeper. I wrote that I loved working with Administration, Teachers, Staff, and mostly the students and parents. I continued my letter stating that I would truly miss the smiles, small little hugs, high fives, good morning(s), and see ya' tomorrows. These words were so true and continue to be so as I get closer to new adventures.

My hopes and wishes are that all, new and old, who walk through the halls and enter classrooms at Rutland Town School will enjoy their days as I have. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be so blessed by so many. I thank each and every one of you that have touched me in so many ways. You will never be forgotten.

How PTO Fundraising Benefits Our Kids By Melissa Knox Box Tops for Education Coordinator

PTO proudly announces some of the beneficiaries supported by PTO fundraising, including the funds raised by the Box Tops For Education program. Again this year, the *Girls on the Run* program benefited with monies towards registration fees. Books were bought and donated to the incoming Kindergarten class. The 8th grade class spent time learning, and enjoying the sights of Washington DC with some extra financial assistance from the PTO.

Did you have the opportunity to take in Seussical Jr. presented by the RTS Drama Club? PTO aided in that production. A classroom rug was purchased, and some money went towards the new climbing wall. Math Counts and other teachers' requests all felt the impact of our fundraising.

Thank you to everyone who supports the RTS PTO in their fundraising efforts! It's for a great cause ... the children of Rutland Town!

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

2019 Rutland Town College Scholarship Winners

This year at Town Meeting, the voters of Rutland Town generously appropriated \$15,000 for scholarships for deserving students in the current high school graduating class. This year 10 students received scholarship awards.

Applications were reviewed by Select Board Scholarship Committee members Mary Ashcroft and Sharon Russell. Their recommendations were approved by the full Select Board. Scholarships were awarded based on financial need, academic achievement and community service. The recipients and their awards are:

\$2000 each:

Rachel Denise Lee	RHS
Madison Jayne Kingley	RHS

\$1000 each:

Ethan Joseph Notte	RHS
Kaylee H. Svitak	WRHS
Carol Lilly Krupp	RHS
Taylor Mary Krupp	RHS

\$ 500 each:

William Blaise Goulette	RHS
James Connor Heaton	RHS
Jensen W. Kelley	RHS
Alexa Michele McPhee	RHS

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

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**New Stormwater Ordinance
For Moon and Mussey Brook Areas
Public Meeting July 11, 6:00 pm
By Barbara Noyes Pulling, Chair
Rutland Town Planning Commission**

As of June 1, 2019, Rutland Town has a Stormwater Ordinance which includes new regulations for properties along Moon and Mussey Brooks. How will this affect your property if you are in this area?

The town's Stormwater Ordinance requires property owners to obtain permits for certain building and clearing activities within 50 feet of the top of the banks of Moon and Mussey Brooks. Recently the Select Board notified all property owners whose land abuts or straddles these brooks of these new standards and limitations that help the town comply with Vermont and federal requirements for its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit.

One section of the new ordinance affects even more property owners – the entire Moon Brook watershed - which encompasses the eastern and some of the southern parts of the town. This section of the ordinance prohibits illegal discharges or wastes from getting into surface waters of the watershed.

The town is obligated to take these additional steps

to protect and improve the buffer areas along the two brooks. That's because pollution from fertilizer, pesticides, and outdoor storage areas eventually reaches Otter Creek and Lake Champlain, contributing to problems such as algae blooms.

The Rutland Town Select Board and Planning Commission take your property rights very seriously. We also have a shared obligation to prevent flooding and pollution in this part of our town, to protect our environment, and to comply with our MS4 permit.

To ensure that you have the information you need about the new regulations and how the new standards affect your property, please note the following:

- ◆ **An informational meeting will be held July 11 at 6:00pm at the Town Office to help you understand these new regulations and to answer your questions.** Please check the town website www.rutlandtown.com for all updated information about the ordinance and the upcoming town meeting with the Select Board and Planning Commission.
- ◆ In the meantime, please contact the Select Board or its Administrative Assistant, Bill Sweet, if you have questions or comments. You can reach them at 802-773-2528 x13.

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Ms. Kathryn Beach, Special Educator
Ms. Aurelie Swasey, Guidance Counselor
Ms. Sheri Bathalon, Bookkeeper & Administrative Assistant
Ms. Leah Martin, Paraeducator

We are preparing for our last few weeks of school with assessments, Field Day, Field Trips and 8th grade graduation. We are also preparing for summer school and our amazing Tapestry Program. Thank you to all of our students, teachers, faculty, staff, parents and community members for your continued support. We have had another successful school year and are already excited for the 2019-2020 school year to begin!



**RTS PRESCHOOL NEWS
By Teacher Shawn Dubois**

We want to stay in preschool forever! Preschool is so much FUN! We have been studying the ocean, the jungle and things that grow. We have been planting seeds and doing some experiments with plants. Did you know that humans grow?

We have recently put some plants that we started from seeds in our preschool garden. We planted some peppers, straw flowers, ground cherries and petunias. We can't wait for August when we can eat our ground cherries.

From Mrs. DuBois's preschool class, have a happy summer!



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Rutland Town Senior Corner

By James B. Hall, VP and Treasurer

For their monthly meeting in May, the seniors visited RTS for lunch in the cafeteria serenaded by the Middle School "T Jazz" band led by director Aaron Audet. The photos are from the event. Jim Hall writes:

The Seniors are having a great spring, even though our schedule is different than most years. We have been doing all local lunches and get together because funding for the Elders on the Go trips, such as to Woodstock is held up until July. So we are hoping by August we can get to do a Woodstock event .

Our last lunch on May 31 was at RTS, a very nice program by the kids in the band. The interaction with them was a great event. We had a large turnout and the school staff did a great job in making that a very enjoyable time. Lunch (lasagna, salad fruit and dessert) was super as always. Thank you RTS!

Thursday July 11 is the cookout at Northwood. The meeting starts at 11:30 with lunch served immediately afterward. This has become an annual event sponsored by Rutland Town Recreation Dept.

Near term, **the June lunch will be at Sugar and Spice on June 18.** Please call 773-5913 for reservations. I will need that info by the 15th.



From the Rutland Town Fire Department By BJ Hathaway

Hello all! As we make our way into the summer months there have been a couple of changes at the Fire Department. Our Chief, Frank Chioffi, retired from his post in late April. The department held an election and longtime member and Assistant Chief Chris Clark was selected unanimously as the next Chief. Larry Dellveneri was selected to fill the vacated assistant chief position at McKinley Station and Jared Rau was selected as Lieutenant at McKinley Station.

The Department members have also been busy helping out around town. We spent one evening doing some pump practice by draining the town pool in preparation for its opening this summer. We have also spent a few evenings maintaining the dry hydrants located around the community to ensure their proper function in the event of an emergency.

Once again the department will be participating in the Townwide Celebration planned for Saturday, July 6 at the Northwood Park. We will be there with fire prevention planning, numerous pieces of equipment on display and some other fun activities as well. We look forward to seeing you there! In closing the Fire department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



**Vermont 211's CARE Program
Apply for Help Before a Crisis
From Martin Wasserman
Rutland Town Emergency Manager**

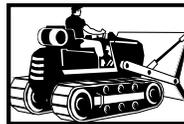
The following is a reprint from the Vermont 211 web page:

Emergencies can take many forms, from natural disasters to human-caused events such as a major traffic accident that closes a road or takes out the power for hours at a time. For elders or people with physical or mental disabilities, such events can become life-threatening if they are prolonged and no one is available to help. The CARE Program (Citizen Assistance Registry for Emergencies), administered by the United Way of Vermont, Vermont 211 and E-911, are working together to identify Vermont residents who would require special assistance in an emergency.

We need the community's help to identify who these people are. If you, or someone you know, would need special help in a crisis, please complete the form online at <https://e911.vermont.gov/care>, or print and return it to Vermont 211. Your information will be entered into a database linked to the E-911 system, and the records will be updated each year. All records are confidential and will only be shared with groups involved in helping keep people safe in an emergency.

You must send a new form each year to keep your registration up-to-date. This form may be completed, printed and mailed to: Vermont 211, PO Box 111, Essex Junction, VT 05453

CARE registration forms can be picked up at the Rutland Town Clerk's office. If I can be of help, please contact me at martin.wasserman@comcast.net or at 236-4182. Thank You.



Road Notes
from Byron Hathaway,
Road Commissioner

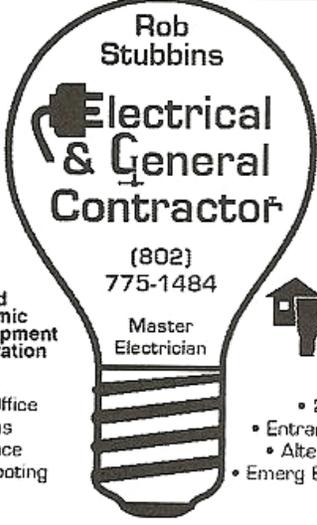
Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in Green Up Day this spring, with a special thanks to the Velco Employees who covered the North Grove Street area. Your help this spring is greatly appreciated. A total of 1,100 lbs. of paper, trash and 10 tires were picked up by all the volunteers. Let's get more participation for next year.

By this writing, this year's paving will be done and most of the clean up will also be done. Paving at the school will happen once school lets out. The rest of the parking lot in front of the school and the sidewalks will be paved.

The rest of the summer will be spent on maintenance projects such as drainage improvements, painting stop bars and crosswalks, mowing road-sides, cutting back new growth around street signs and guardrails. Plans will be made for next year's paving and those streets on the list will receive any ditch or shoulder improvements needed.

The big rain storm last April left us with some washouts. One on Mckinley Avenue Hill was repaired prior to paving this year. The cost of repairs may be covered partially by FEMA. I have not received a notice yet when that process will start. The other damage was incurred on the Class 4 portion of Quarterline Road. Those repairs will be made soon. FEMA does not pay for damages to Class 4 roads. The ditches will have to be restored and some gravel replaced in the roadway.

A VTrans paving project along US 7 from the city line north to Pittsford will start soon. Watch for slower travel along US 7 and give yourself more time or seek other routes.



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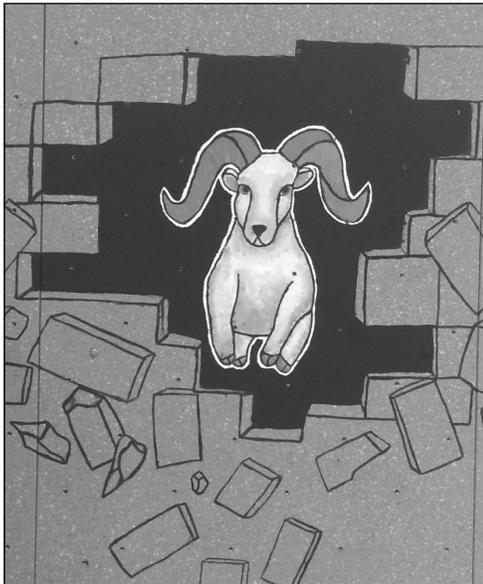
"We Return Your Call"

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about this because they had wells dug on their property and there was no need to continue as a fire district. I was happy to help.

I am also proud to have been a co-sponsor on a bill that would charge an individual with aggravated homicide if a firefighter on duty is murdered. Governor Scott has also signed this bill into law. We must always look out for our first responders and protect those who protect us!

It was once again a pleasure to be your representative in Montpelier this past five months. I enjoy this challenging work and appreciate the support of so many of you. I wish you all a safe and happy summer and hope to see you at the Rutland Town Celebration on Saturday, July 6!



Art as a Tool to Improve Our School

By Beth McReynolds, Art Teacher

Seventh and 8th grade art students were asked:

How can you create a work of art that will improve a public space at Rutland Town School? They have spent the past month working collaboratively on Public Art projects. They were tasked with selecting a space at RTS that they felt needed improvement. They created proposals and presented them to me, other staff members and our co-principals for approval. They took feedback, revised their ideas and created a variety of artworks that will be enjoyed by our school community for years to come. See their work here and on pages 8 and 9.

← This painting by Katelyn Velde, Kallista Tyler, Olivia Williams, Olivia Gillespie, and Chloe Clemons is in the RTS gym

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force. He served as chief for 5 ½ of his 8 years with the town.” He leaves a team of well - trained fire fighters, particularly in the area of chemical and hazardous material emergencies which Chief Cioffi knew extensively. “His vast fire fighting knowledge and experience will be missed, and the town wishes him the best in retirement.”

In May, town firefighters elected Chris Clark with overwhelming support to succeed Cioffi as chief. Clark has 22 years in the department. He joined following the lead of his father Bruce Egan and older brother. Larry Dellveneri, who also is assistant at the Transfer Station, assumes Clark’s former position as one of two assistant chiefs, the other being Mike Carlson. Dellveneri’s background includes 38 years as a Rutland City firefighter prior to joining the town department..

A new full time certified law enforcement officer has been hired to start with the town on July 1. Voters by a large margin approved the addition of an officer and new police vehicle at Town Meeting in March. The expanded police force will now have 7 day coverage including some night patrolling as well.

The Select Board has approved purchase of a Dodge Ram pickup truck for the new police vehicle, the truck adding versatility to the town fleet of cruisers. Delivery will be at the end of July. Terenzini credits Rutland Dodge for giving them a good deal on the order. The Fire Department will also replace a 20 year old truck with a new Ford pickup from Formula Ford. The Board thanks the local Ford dealer for honoring a great price reached through the State of Vermont’s bid pricing program.

The town is in negotiations with Green Lantern Solar of Waterbury to forge an agreement to construct a solar array on top of the capped landfill at Northwood Park. The extent of the project, its cost and potential benefits are still to be formalized, but the Board is pleased with early discussions. A former landfill is a preferred solar site, since the land cannot be used for much else. Screening of the project is a priority for the Select Board, and “the project will be built with little impact on the natural beauty and recreational appeal of the park.”

Green Lantern was one of four solar companies submitting proposals. According to Bill Sweet, “the town can expect an estimated

\$3500 in annual lease payments and approximately \$3800 in annual savings on our utility bill. If the town were to purchase the array, then the lease goes away but the savings go way up, to potentially over \$30,000 annually.”

The Town Clerk’s office renovation has moved forward. Requests for proposals went out to contractors with bids expected in July after site visits. The objectives are modernization of the office space, greater utility for those needing access to records and up to date security features to protect personnel. The board did not hire an engineer to draw up plans, so the contractor will be chosen based on the best combination of cost and design.

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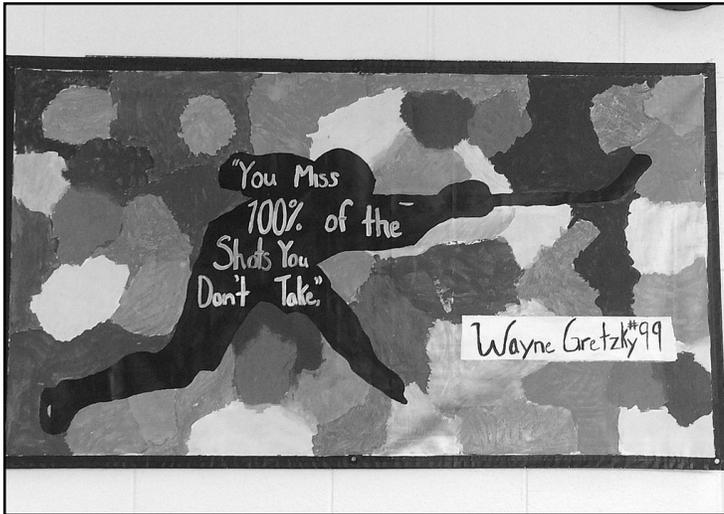
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This public space artwork of a hockey player was created for the gym lobby wall at Rutland Town School
By Loretta Cooley and Anna Gallipo

From Kirsten Hathaway Town Clerk/Treasurer

The Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office is gearing up for a new tax year. Thank you to everyone that came out for the March election to vote on the new budget. Tax bills will look slightly different this year due to new regulations that will go into effect on July 1. We are happy to assist anyone with questions they may have regarding the new layout.

Just a reminder that we now offer both credit card and Echeck options for property tax payments. Credit card transactions include a fee of 2.65% with a minimum fee of \$3. Echecks cost a \$1.50 flat fee for each check. You can access the payment portal via our town website www.rutlandtown.com.

Feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Rutland Free Library Update Summer Happenings at RFL From Randal Smathers, Director

Moon Rocks! Saturday, July 20, will be the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon, and Rutland Free Library is lucky enough to be hosting a display of genuine moon rocks from NASA to celebrate. The rocks will be on display in the children's area from July 15-19 (see our website for times). On the actual anniversary, we'll set up the Fox Room with displays and activities to educate and entertain the whole family, from 10am to 4 pm. Don't miss this chance to see a world-class exhibit right here in Rutland!

The Summer Reading Club kicks off on June 21 and continues through the summer. "A Universe of Stories" is the national theme for 2019, so it's a great tie-in to the moon rocks. The book club encourages kids to read through the summer. Studies have shown that closing the summer reading gap is the best, easiest way to improve your child's grades. Kids get free books and the chance to win prizes simply by reading books of their choice at their own pace. And like all programs at RFL, the Summer Reading Club is free, thanks to the support of taxpayers in our contributing towns, and to generous donors.

For younger readers, we have the **Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program. Like the Reading Club, it rewards children for reading or having books read to them. Signup is free, with a sticker and a reading log. Kids get a book of their own every time they reach another 100. (And yes, you can count every time you re-read their favorites!) Go at your own speed and introduce your little ones to a lifelong habit of reading.

Did you know you can check out park and museum passes through the Library? We have a wide range of passes available, including state parks, Wonderfoot Kids' Museum, American Precision Museum in Windsor, Hildene, ECHO in Burlington & more. They are issued for three days at a time and can be reserved in advance, the same as any library materials. Discounts vary from reduced prices to completely free admission. See the circulation desk at the Library for details.

Looking for an inexpensive beach read (or stack of beach reads)? Be sure to check out the Friends of Rutland Free Library's book sales all summer long! Thousands of carefully curated and sorted titles at great values.

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NEWS FROM THE REC

By Director Mike Rowe

The Rec Department wishes you a relaxing, enjoyable summer; so get out and have fun! There are many events at Northwood: July 4th fireworks, townwide Celebration Day July 6 and of course, the pool. We will be working during the summer on our trail system and disc golf course that we are putting in the park.

Check out the Recreation page on the town website at www.rutlandtown.com. If you have questions or wish to help out, please contact me, Michael Rowe, at 779-2518.

Also, a reminder that fall soccer sign ups will start August 1 at the pool or Town Hall.

Torin Kibbey's Art Room wall painting



High Notes from The Year in Music

By Aaron Audet, Instrumental Music

This year was full of success in music at RTS. We have 96 students in grades 4-8 in the instrumental music program. A large number, and hopefully growing more and more. The Halloween Parade was a huge success. Our theme was Star Wars. We received the runner up trophy in "Best Costumed Marching Band."

The District Music Festival was attended by 7 students who had to audition in order to be accepted. This year Maria Hogenkamp was accepted to the District Jazz Band on the trumpet. The District Band had Erin Geisler on trumpet, Teegan Duffy on alto saxophone, Kirk Smith and Tristan Stute on euphonium, Jacob Walker on percussion, and Lane Shelton on cello in the orchestra. They did a great job representing RTS and the performances were excellent.

The Jazz Bistro was well attended this year. The students prepared and performed lots of great music. Our potluck featured so much great food!

For the Loyalty Day Parade, we were missing nine students due to other important obligations. The remaining students still wanted to march and they sounded fantastic! They really held their own and I was very proud of them.

Our trip to NYC featured a day trip to see the Broadway musical "Wicked." The students were so fortunate to see such a great performance. We were also able to walk around Times Square and find a nice place for lunch. Thanks to all the parents who were able to take time from work and chaperone the trip. I hope to continue to go to NYC every year.

The Spring Concert was filled with pop songs and show tunes. We played music from "The Greatest Showman", the musical "Wicked", and music by Queen, Imagine Dragons and much more. The students did an outstanding job.

The jazz band played many performances. In the fall we played the Gables and Loretto Home for the elderly, and visited the Pines and Genesis senior living this spring. We entertained Rutland Town Seniors at Christmas time and a week ago at RTS. June 6 we headed to Burlington to perform on Church St. during Discover Jazz.

Awards were given to two 8th graders. The John Philip Sousa Director's Award went to Jacob Walker. The Woody Herman Jazz Award went to Jarrett Kelley. You will find their names on the plaques outside of the band room. These two students are outstanding, hard working musicians.

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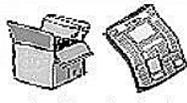
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OTHER BANNED OR DANGEROUS ITEMS: Contact your local solid waste entity for guidance—at 802recycles.com.



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SVCOA Seeks Support for Home Modification Projects

By Ellen Green, Communications & Volunteer Coordinator, SVCOA

Southwestern Vermont Council (SVCOA) on Aging is “ramping up” for the construction season to meet a significant area of need that exists for some of the older Vermonters the agency serves.

Home modifications, including projects such as building ramps, installing railings and grab bars, altering bathrooms and improving lighting, are critical to ensuring that our clients are able to remain living independently in their own homes. While such projects can often be overshadowed by core needs such as nutrition and transportation, they can be equally as important to a client’s health and safety as they can play a key role in preventing at-home falls or other safety-related challenges.

“Whether it be improving means of entrance and exit, or making in-home navigation a little easier, home modifications can play a significant role in enabling older Vermonters to remain living independently in their own homes, and doing so safely,” said Chris Adams, Development and Communications Director. “Without public support, we wouldn’t be able to complete as many of these key home modification projects for our clients.”

SVCOA stresses the importance of these projects in preventing fall-related injuries, which can lead to care facility admissions, as well as in supporting the overall health of clients. SVCOA strives to complete as many home modification projects as possible each year with the limited funding and volunteer resources to which the

organization has access.

SVCOA thanks Community Bank N.A. of Rutland which recently provided a generous donation toward the agency’s home modification work. SVCOA challenges YOU, as an individual or in collaboration with your workplace, faith community, neighborhood etc., to contribute time, skills and/or financial support for these life-changing projects. All monetary donations will go directly to purchasing materials for the projects, and construction will be completed cost-free by skilled SVCOA volunteers.

For questions about volunteering or help with fundraising ideas, please contact Chris Adams at SVCOA at 772-7824 or email cadams@svcoa.net.



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THE GABLES Residents Visit 77 Gallery Art Exhibit

In May, residents of The Gables gathered at 77 Gallery in Rutland to attend the impressive art show featuring 67 artists all 70 years of age and older. Of particular interest was viewing the works of fellow residents **Bill Ramage**, the exhibit's curator whose panoramic artwork can be seen behind the group, and **Lowell Klock**, a professional photographer with several submissions.

WONDERFEET MUSEUM

Summer on the Go

Danielle Monroe, Executive Director

Wonderfeet would like to thank the residents of Rutland City, Rutland Town, West Rutland, Chittenden and Mendon for supporting the museum on Town Meeting Day. We invite you all to visit us at the museum this summer on "Thank You Thursdays". Residents of these towns will receive FREE ADMISSION on Thursdays in July and August with proof of address. Thank you for being such a supportive community - we can't wait to see you!

Wonderfeet will also be out on Center Street every Friday night in July for Downtown Rutland's Friday Night Live series. We'll see you there with games, art, and experiments!

All of the Wonderfeet staff and board would like to thank the teams, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make the Lip Sync Battle such a great success this

year. And thank you to everyone who joined us at the Paramount Theatre for an evening of fun, music, and laughter and participation in our intermission fund drive. The energy and enthusiasm for this event continues to inspire and humble us. We are very thankful to everyone who took part.

Register online for the following camps at Wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org.

Tinker Camp: Play with your FOOD

Kids between ages 6 – 8. August 5-9, 2019
9 - 2pm at the Vermont Farmers Food Center

Dig into your food. Campers will learn about botany, microbiology, and chemistry all while exploring where our food comes from. The camp will take place at the Food Center with a field trip mid-week. The challenge of the week? To create and execute a recipe in time for Friday's Feast.

Little Explorer's Had A Farm (e-i-e-i-o!)

Ages 3-5, caregiver welcome but not required. August 5-9 from 9-11am.

This hands on camp will have our little explorers getting down and dirty with where our food comes from. No moo-in' around, we'll dig right in with plants and what they need to grow. The week will include a variety of experiences, including a field trip and a feast with our friends.

Robot Camp for Kids between ages 9-12.

July 22-26. 9– 3pm @ Stafford Technical Center's STEM Center

Kids will explore the world of robots by designing solutions to real world challenges. This camp will give young people the opportunity to build, test and see how effective their models work on a playing field. Students will work cooperatively in teams to complete their challenges. Participants will have fun exploring a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities that develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



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Happy Summer Break! The Circle will resume with the October issue
Town and School Websites: RUTLANDTOWN.COM and RTS.GRCSU.ORG

2019 - 2020 RTS Calendar Highlights

- 1st Day of School – August 28
- Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27 - 29
- Holiday Break – December 23 - January 3
- 2020 Winter Break - February 17-21
- 2020 Spring Break – April 13-17

Rutland Town Community Calendar

June

25 Select Board meets – Town Hall – 6pm

July

- 4 Town Hall closed
Fireworks – Northwood Park at dusk
Rain date 7/5
- 6 Rutland Town Celebration – Northwood
11am – 9 pm. Rain date Sunday 7/7
- 8 School Board meets - RTS Library, 5:30 pm
- 9&23 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6 pm
- 11 Senior BBQ Lunch at Northwood Park - 11:30
Planning Commission meets - Town Hall, 7pm
New Stormwater Ordinance information
Town Hall, 6pm (see page 3)

August

- 1&22 Planning Commission meets - Town Hall, 7pm
- 6&20 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6 pm
- 12 School Board meets - RTS Library, 5:30 pm
- 28 First Day of School at RTS

September

- 2 Town Hall Closed – Labor Day**
No school
- 3&17 Select Board meets - Town Hall, 6 pm
- 9 School Board meets - RTS Library, 5:30 pm
- 10 1st Property Tax payment due**

The VERMONT DEPT of HEALTH Says:



The best way to prevent tick-borne diseases is to prevent tick bites. In Vermont, tick-borne illnesses are most often transmitted between early spring and late fall since ticks are most active during warm months.

Take action to decrease your risk of infection. Wear a repellent containing up to 30% DEET, check your body daily for ticks, and limit your exposure to ticks and tick habitats.

PROTECT

Avoid areas where ticks live. Use EPA-registered tick repellent. Cover up to keep ticks off your body.

CHECK

Don't let ticks hitchhike inside on your clothing. Check your whole body for ticks.

REMOVE

Remove the tick as soon as you can. Stick with the removal method that is proven to work.

WATCH

Keep an eye out for symptoms of tickborne illness. Tell your health care provider if you get symptoms.

See more at HEALTHVERMONT.GOV/BETICKSMART

2019 NORTHWOOD POOL
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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

Daily Fees

Resident Adult/Child \$2.00/ \$1.00
Non-resident Adult \$7.00/ \$6.00
Resident Senior (55+) Free

Pool Hours

Monday - Friday

10:00 - 12:00 Swim Lessons every half hour
 12:00 - 1:00 Adult Swim
 1:00 - 7:00 Open Swim

Weekends

11:00 - 7:00 Open Swim

Swim Lessons - Two 2 week sessions, Mon.- Fri.

First Session 6/24 - 7/5
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Rutland Town School . . . Where Futures Begin!

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Christopher Michael Alexander	James Julio Karpinsky, III	Lindsey Elizabeth Taylor
Nickolas Dylan Beane	Jarrett W. Kelley	Caroline Jade Thomas
Karsyn Glenn Bellomo	Torin Riley Kibbey	Thomas Joseph Transue
Levi Dakota Billings	Kate Elizabeth Labate	Kallista Jade Tyler
Hunter Ryan Bryant	Mia Katharine Marsh	Katelyn Rose Velde
Anthony Eric Cavaliere	Kyle Jeffrey McGinnis	Jacob Woodrow Walker
Nathan William Choiniere	Kelsey Erin McNeil	Jason Michael Welch
Chloe Jo Saide Clemons	Austin Douglas Moran	Katelyn Ann Welch
Grace Quinn Fothergill	Eli Tiberio Rosi	Olivia Ellrena Williams
Joseph Robert Freda	Michael Carrigan Schillinger	Vera Wu
Olivia Ruth Gillespie	Gabriella Jean Sicard	
Adriana Bianca Grabach	Kirk Austin Smith	
Brianna Logan Greene	Lauren Brooke Solimano	
Maria Grace Hogenkamp	Tristan Fritz-Hermann Stute	

