

# The Circle

Rutland Town's Link between School and Community



October 2024

## TOWN NEWS

By Mary Ashcroft  
Select Board Chair

By now town property owners will have received their tax bills for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The first installment (of three) was due on September 10. Thank you to everyone who made their first payment.

Taxes went up significantly. The homestead school rate increased by 12.35% while the overall combined homestead tax rate (to fund school and town spending) increased by 10.58%. Similarly, the non-residential school rate went up 11.89% and the total rate increased by 10.41%.

Why was the total tax rate lower than the school rate alone? That's because on the town side, we were able to pay for much of our spending with other sources of revenue.

For example, if you look at your tax bill, there is no general budget line, even though voters at Town Meeting approved nearly \$400,000 for support of our Town Clerk and Treasurer's offices, Listers, Town Administrator, Transfer Station and other town general services.

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## RTS UPDATE

From Principal Sarah Tetzlaff

We hope everyone had a fun and restful summer! We are happy to welcome 357 students to the 2024-2025 school year at Rutland Town School. Along with our students, we are excited to welcome new teachers and staff to our team:

**Michele Bradley**- Pre-K Paraeducator in Erin Bourne's classroom

**Caitlin Downs**- Pre-K Teacher

**Amanda Jones**- GRCSU Paraeducator

**Skylar LeFerriere**- Kindergarten Paraeducator

**Julianna Menoskey**- GRCSU Paraeducator

**Jenn Tiff**- 6th Grade Math and Science Teacher

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## From the Rutland Town Planning Commission

By Barbara Noyes Pulling

The last legislative session in Montpelier has led to an array of new assignments for the Town Planning Commission. That's OK by us, but it is going to take us some time to get on top of the new laws.

The Flood Safety Act (Act 121) will give the state jurisdiction and permitting authority for new development in mapped river corridors by 2027. River corridors would increase the town's flood resilience by restricting new development in these corridors. By giving rivers room to move over time (meander), when there is flooding, rivers will use these slower, less erosive paths.

The Planning Commission got a head start on Act 121 by accident and we are in the process of proposing a river corridor ordinance for the town. Having such an ordinance will also reduce the amount of municipal funds needed to pay for infrastructure repairs in the wake of any flooding or other disasters in the future.

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**Rutland Town School Washington DC 8th Grade Trip Fundraiser**  
 Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at Mountain Top Resort Event Barn from 6 - 8 PM

**Student-Served Surf and Turf 3-Course Dinner**  
**\$50 - Adult / \$30 - Child / Cash Bar**

Tax, Soft Drinks, Coffee Included. Grains and Alcohol Not Included.  
 \*Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request\*

Reservations are Required. Please call 802.483.2311 to Reserve Your Table!

**MOUNTAIN TOP  
 RESORT**

*RTS Update continued from pg. 1*

Our Summer Academy, Extended School Year, and Boys and Girls Club programs were well-attended by our students. Our maintenance staff was extremely busy deep cleaning and completing projects, so we were ready for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 30.

A few special shoutouts: Lori Elliott, Rutland Town School special education teacher was recognized as Teacher of the Year at GRCSU in-service on August 23. Lori along with other Vermont educators will be recognized at UVM on November 7. Congratulations, Lori! Keith Schneider, one of our physical education and health teachers received a \$1,800 grant from the American Heart Association. The money will be used to replenish our jump rope equipment supply and provide appropriate equipment for students in every grade level, pre-K through 8th grade. Congratulations, Lori and Keith!

Our 7th grade students just returned from Camp Chingachgook. Thank you to the Rutland Town School Board and community for supporting this trip. The Boys and Girls Club after school program started on Tuesday, September 3 and our middle school sports teams are well underway.

The school year is off to a great start! Teachers and students are getting to know each other, establishing routines that will be used throughout the year, and already jumping into academics. We are actively looking for substitutes and volunteers. If you are interested in being a substitute, please contact GRCSU Substitute Coordinator, Cindy Ondria, [cindy.ondria@grcsu.org](mailto:cindy.ondria@grcsu.org), (802) 775-0566 ext. 2126.

We want to thank all of the community members for their continued support of our amazing school! Please check out our Facebook page, [Rutland Town School - Facebook](#), and our website, <https://rts.grcsu.org>, for school-related updates, student events, and general school news.



*Photos by Sheri Bathalon*

**Above:** Mrs. Chappy's 4th grade class works hard using manipulatives to solve division problems.  
**Below:** 7th Grade at Camp Chingachgook



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## 5th Grade Team Building

Submitted by RTS Staff Keith Schneider



Pictured above and below are team-building activities the 5th grade did to start the school year. The person in the back is the only one who can use their sense of vision and must communicate to the rest of the group where to go in order to retrieve and return an item successfully. Students then switched roles and groups and tried again. The culminating challenge was to achieve the task without anyone speaking. Activities like these build trust and a sense of teamwork among the students.



## From The Listers Office

By Marcia Chioffi

Happy Fall! We are excited to welcome our new Lister, Cathy Kapitanski. She began working with us on September 10. She was appointed by unanimous vote of the Selectboard, but will need to run in the next annual meeting, which in this case, is the Town Meeting in March of 2025. Many of you will remember that Cathy worked for the US Postal Service until her retirement in 2019.

There are still a number of town residents that have not filed their Homestead (HS-122 Form). The late late homestead filing date is October 16.

By Vermont law, property owners whose homes meet the definition of a Vermont homestead must file a Homestead Declaration annually by the April filing deadline. If eligible, it is important that you file so that you are correctly assessed the homestead tax rate on your property. Here is the information you, as the property owner, need to know about the Vermont Homestead Declaration:

In Vermont, all property is subject to education property tax to pay for the state's schools. For this purpose, the property is categorized as either nonhomestead or homestead. A homestead is the principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling, owned and occupied by the resident as the person's domicile.

All property is considered nonhomestead unless it is declared as a homestead. The education property tax rate levied on nonhomestead property differs from the rate levied on homestead property. It is your responsibility as the property owner to claim the property as a homestead if you meet, or expect to meet, the following requirements:

You are a Vermont resident. You own and occupy a homestead as your domicile as of April 1, 2024.

Enjoy this beautiful fall time in Vermont.

*Listers: Marcia Chioffi, Marie Faignant, and Cathy Kapitanski*

## A MESSAGE ABOUT DELINQUENT TAXES

From Don Chioffi  
Delinquent Tax Collector

First, thank you to those townspeople who have met their obligations and corrected past delinquencies. For those of you who have received your **second notice**, if you have not as yet responded with a payment, please do not be surprised if you receive a notice of delinquency from our town attorney as I am preparing a list for submission to the board for tax sale procedures.

Those with two, three, or four years of back obligations cannot long be tolerated in our town.

This is not a part of my responsibility that I relish, but, unfortunately, a necessary and statutory obligation. Please, I implore you, make an effort to clear up your delinquencies or make a specific arrangement with me for scheduled payments.

Thank you.

## Rutland Town Emergency Management

By Director Martin Wasserman

Rutland Town has entered into an agreement with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to work with the town to have our Local Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This was last done in 2019 and that agreement will soon expire.

The most obvious reason for this is our ERAF - Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund. There are three levels that deal with the town's reimbursement from the federal government. The first level is 7.5%, the second is 12.5%, and the third is 17.5%. As of the document signed and approved in 2019 we were at the 12.5% level, but with the new agreement coming up we are striving for the 17.5% level.

We will be sending out information to help you understand what is happening at different points through the process. Input from the town residents will be important!

If you have any questions please email me at [martin.wasserman@comcast.net](mailto:martin.wasserman@comcast.net), or you can call me at 802-236-4182.

## University of Vermont Master Gardener Program

From Sheri Bathalon

Students in 7th grade science with Mrs. McDougall have been working on a truly unique project. They are working with the University of Vermont Master Gardener program to improve the garden in front of Rutland Town School.

Within this unit, students have identified the plants in the garden, creating a chart from their research to determine which plants to keep, which to remove, and which plants to add to the garden. Both groups of students worked to clean up all the weeds and invasive species, and worked together to plant new ones. They will continue their research throughout the year, tying in this unit to following units that will include bird watching and animal/plant reproduction. It will be so great to see a beautiful garden in the spring and for all the seasons to come! Thank you to the UVM Master Gardeners and our amazing students for heading this awesome project!



**From the  
Rutland Town  
School Board**

By Chair Tina Keshava

Greetings Rutland Town residents! The board has been busy this summer, forming their annual goals and getting ready to work on the budget for next year. Our goals for this year are:

- To ensure its annual budget aligns with its stated priorities and provide an equitable distribution of resources to help meet the needs and goals of every student.
- To continue to look for ways to increase community engagement and trust, and continue to annually evaluate the effectiveness of community engagement and public communication.
- To increase continuous learning and development and provide members with opportunities for ongoing training and support to maintain and increase their skills and understanding.
- To try to average two-hour (or less) meetings.
- To look at ways to make the fields safer, weighing the options against how they would affect the budget.

If you have any concerns or thoughts, please join us at our meetings. They are held the second Tuesday of every month in the RTS library at 6 p.m., except for November's meeting which will be held at 6 p.m. at Town Hall in Center Rutland, November 6 (the day after Election Day).

The first draft of the budget will be unveiled and discussed at this special meeting at Town Hall. Your input is desired and welcomed. If you cannot attend our meeting in person, feel free to join virtually by using the link found on the monthly agendas, which are posted on Front Porch Forum, the school's Facebook page, as well as the school's website.

Recordings from the meetings are usually on YouTube from PegTV, as well as the school's website for your viewing pleasure. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Highway Happenings**  
By Road Commissioner Dave Sears



How did September get here so quickly? It seems the summers fly by faster than ever before.

The Highway Department has been quite busy since our last submission to The Circle. You may have noticed that a lot of paving happened this season. Along with our annual paving budget, we have been utilizing any State of Vermont grant reimbursements for paving also. This has been a great benefit to keeping extra paving out of the budget and not needing to be supported by tax dollars.

We paved approximately 12,330 feet of streets this summer. That is the equivalent of 2.34 miles of new pavement.

In addition to the streets, we completed the new sidewalk on Post Road. The sidewalk now connects the existing sidewalk that ended at Rutland Town School to Chasanna Drive. That project resulted in approximately 1300 feet of paved sidewalk.

An engineering firm has been contracted to design a new sidewalk along Chasanna Drive to connect Post Road with the Shared Use Path at Northwood Park. The Shared Use Path is currently under construction.

Late last year, we inspected and inventoried the vast majority of culverts in the town. In May we scheduled a contractor to help us clean 71 of the worst culverts. This is the beginning of a culvert program that we have developed to clean and maintain culverts. We have some catching up to do, but we will eventually get to them all.

We are currently working on a VTRANS Grants In Aid project to repair and upgrade culvert inlets and outfalls that the state has determined need attention. This grant is an 80/20 split with reimbursement coming from our labor and materials costs.

By the next Circle article, we should be gearing up for winter. UGH!

Follow us on our Facebook page. Look for us at **Town of Rutland, Vermont Highway Department.** We post road closures and project progress.

Be Safe!

## From the Town Clerk

By Kari Clark

### VOTER INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's office would like to welcome you back from summer with a few pieces of information. First, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest assistant, Deborah Hall. She is a delightful individual with a wealth of knowledge about our community. If you haven't had the chance to meet her yet, I encourage you to come by the office. You won't be disappointed!

Second, we are nearing the November General Election as I write this and wanted to remind residents that all active voters in our system will be receiving an absentee ballot sent to them from the State of Vermont. The Election Division pulled our town's mailing addresses the evening of September 2.

This is important to know because you may log in to My Voter Page and see that you requested an absentee ballot on September 3, 2024. Just know that all active voters have this date in their profile. Additionally, this information becomes important for anyone moving or transferring in or out of Rutland Town during this time.

The address on file as of September 2 will be the address that your ballot goes to. If you no longer live at the address that the state had on file, then you could do one of two things. You could call our office at (802) 773-2528 to request another one providing us with a new address OR you could vote in person at either one of our polling places. Either way, you will need to sign an affidavit acknowledging that you never received the first ballot sent out by the state.

Remember to follow all instructions on the ballot so that we can assure you that your vote counts. Samples of our ballots will be posted to our town website for your viewing. I look forward to seeing you all in the office, at the polls and around town!

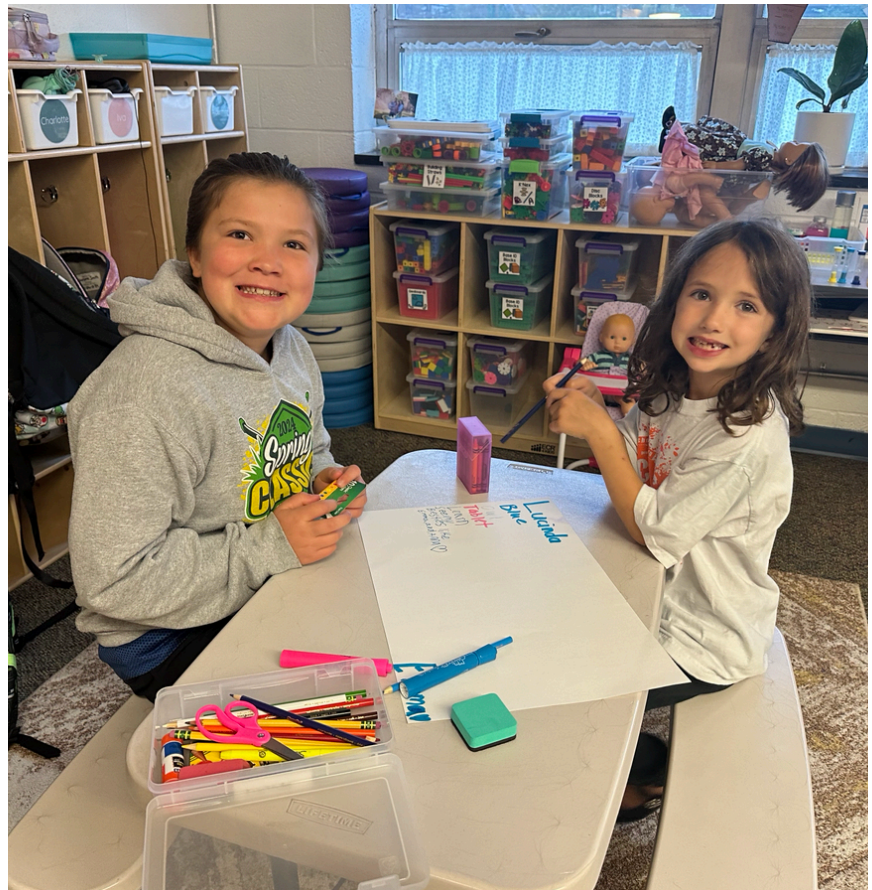
## RTS BIG BUDDIES

Pictured below, Ms. Turner's 5th and 6th grade TA Big Buddies work with Mrs. Alderman's 1st graders.



*Photos submitted by Jill Alderman*

**Top:** Joseph Dazzi with Big Buddy Wes Hammond. **Below:** Lucinda Ullman with Big Buddy Emma Weideman. More photos on page 8.



# Wonderfeet Kids' Museum

From Executive Director Danielle Monroe

Great things are happening at Wonderfeet Kids' Museum! This summer, we hosted eight weeks of preschool and big kid camp, several field trips, and community outreach events. We welcomed a record-breaking 8,500 visitors to the museum this summer, and we're ready for more! Autumn brings the opportunity to book field trips and birthday parties at Wonderfeet, and in December, we're available for booking holiday parties and festive field trips. If you are interested in booking a field trip, birthday party, or holiday gathering, reach out to [guestservices@wkmvt.org](mailto:guestservices@wkmvt.org) for more information.

Last October, we hosted the first ever Truck or Treat, and we are so excited to be gearing up for this year's event on Sunday, October 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. This family-focused event combines elements of Touch-a-Truck and Trunk or Treat. Kids will be able to check out all kinds of cool vehicles and collect Halloween treats from the trucks and downtown businesses. Food trucks will be on hand to keep everyone fed and happy! If your business is interested in participating, email [WonderfeetEvents@gmail.com](mailto:WonderfeetEvents@gmail.com) for more information.

Truck or Treat is a free event - but we are inviting families to participate in a coin drop that day. All of the change collected will be matched by our business partners! Families who bring their change will receive a free raffle ticket and additional tickets will be available for purchase. Follow the event on social media to see more details and all of the great prizes up for grabs!

Another exciting addition to the Wonderfeet family of offerings is our Have a Wonderfeet Year program. Residents of Rutland County with a 1-2 year old are eligible for a free one-year membership to Wonderfeet Kids' Museum when they complete a developmental screening with their child. Members of the program will also receive invites to unique workshops and classes, meet-ups and support groups throughout the year hosted by Wonderfeet in collaboration with other local organizations. Join us on Monday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a free screening and immediate enrollment. Visit [www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org/development](http://www.wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org/development) for information about how to join and upcoming events and screening dates.

This holiday season, Wonderfeet will be hosting our Santa's Workshop on Sunday, December 1 and Saturday, December 7. This year, we are very excited to be partnering with Phoenix Books, who will bring their Pop-Up Shop to our Lobby. Tickets will go on sale October 23. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more details and other special events!

Wonderfeet Kids' Museum is located at 66 Merchants Row in the GMP Energy Innovation Center. We are open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It Takes a Village, our free playgroup and support group for babies and toddlers and their caregivers, takes place every Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.



**Above:** Come to Wonderfeet to work, play, and dress up in our gazebo costume shop!

**Below:** Our friends at Come Alive Outside have a goal of getting 200 nominations for Mystery Jack O'Lantern this year. If you have a favorite teacher, coach, instructor, cub scout leader, or whatever - nominate them to receive this special honor in the Rutland Halloween Parade! Pictured below is last year's Mystery Jack O'Lantern, Barbara Spaulding, riding in the Rutland Halloween Parade.





Pictured above and below: RTS 5th and 6th Grade students work with 1st Grade Little Buddies.

## From the RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY

By Director Randal Smathers



The Library is bringing back a refreshed, local speaker series this fall.

Angus Chaney and Ethan Nelson are doing a Halloween-adjacent talk on October 23 about their comic novels set in a dystopian future where mountain bike clans roam Brandon Gap, bartering giant pumpkins and offbeat wisdom. That's at 6:30 in the Fox Room.

Then on December 4, we'll have an afternoon program, with longtime AP Montpelier Bureau chief Chris Graff chronicling "50 years that Transformed Vermont" from a solid-red state to the bluest of the blue. That's a Vermont Humanities program, which will be streamed as well as live. Attendees are asked to sign up online at [www.vermonthumanities.org/event/](http://www.vermonthumanities.org/event/)

And the fall wouldn't be the same without a ton of Halloween-oriented programs for the kids.

There's the Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest, where kids decorate foam pumpkins like their favorite storybook characters, with prizes in a variety of categories. That runs until October 26, when pumpkins are due.

Then there's Pumpkin-Picking Storytime at Hathaway Farm on Thursday, October 17. Kids get stories, a tractor ride and a pumpkin to take home. It's always a big hit ... we had over 200 people out to Mendon Mountain Orchard for apple-picking storytime! Rain date is Thursday, October 24.

And finally, there's a Halloween Bingo and Pizza Party on Wednesday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. Show off your costume and join in for themed bingo with fun prizes and pizza for dinner.

All programs are provided at no charge with support from the estate of Nella Grimm Fox and the Friends of the Rutland Free Library.

The Friends would love to see you at their booksales, typically held the second Friday and Saturday of each month - October 11 and 12, November 8 and 9. Sales are 10 a.m. to 2. p.m. each day and are by donation, so pay what you think is fair!

# RTS SNAPSHOTS



*Photos by Sheri Bathalon*

**Above:** Students in Mrs. Duguay's 4th grade class were challenged to think like an engineer as they built the tallest freestanding structure they could using only 20 marshmallows and 25 toothpicks! Lots of fun in science! **Below:** Kindergarten students learned all about the bus! They learned rules, how to use their seatbelt, how to cross, and how to evacuate.



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This general budget expense was entirely paid with 1% local option tax funds, interest earnings and recaptured delinquent taxes. Similarly, our police budget as passed by voters was just over \$571,000; we used 1% funds and money from the Cortina fund to reduce that to \$352,468 to be funded with taxes. We used money from the capital improvement fund to make the first two interest payments on the new Public Safety Building bond so we didn't need to raise tax money for that expense either. And our Highway Department is funded in part with state aid funding for roads and grants for culvert replacement. We were fortunate to have these other revenue sources on the town side to help buffer the very significant school tax rate hike imposed by state authorities.

In other news, your Select Board appointed Cathy Kapitanski as our new Lister to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jack McCamley. In the Town Clerk's office, Deborah Hall was hired last month, and is busy assisting townfolk with that office's many services. Lausten Stephens was appointed by Governor Scott as a Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Fred Nicholson. We hope to soon be hiring an additional police officer, and we are advertising for a school resource officer. Officer Jimmy Plakas and Canine Officer Rooster will be returning from training next month.

Our Public Safety Building is nearing completion, we hope by the end of 2024. The Selectboard toured the facility in August with fire and police chiefs, and project Clerk of the Works JP Faignant. We prepared a list of items needed to furnish and equip the new building, using what we have on hand and applying for grants when we can to reduce costs.

Thanks to all who planned, set up and ran our Townwide Celebration at Northwood Park on August 24. We had great weather and a wonderful turnout.

I'll close by reminding Rutland Town Seniors that we are reorganizing the group under Mike Rowe and the town's Recreation Department. If you are interested in learning about and joining our senior activities, contact us at [recreation@rutlandtown.com](mailto:recreation@rutlandtown.com).



Students in 7th grade spent a week in September learning about the soil composition and researching the plants in the RTS front garden. Beforehand, students analyzed the soil test results, created a chart from their research to determine which plants to keep, which to remove, and which plants to add to the garden.

They analyzed the soil test results, identified the plants that should remain in the garden using credible sources online, as well as various plant field guides. Additionally, students explored the difference between a native plant and an invasive plant.

On September 9, in collaboration with the Rutland Master Gardeners, students weeded the front garden, planted new donated plants, and started to mulch the garden in preparation for winter.

Students will continue to learn about pollinators in science, as well as use the plants and animals in their ecology unit as examples of Vermont species. Additionally, students will use their FLEX time to calculate the need for remaining mulch and identify other native plants that would improve the ecosystem in the garden.

We would like to thank Mary Ashcroft and Patti Westburg for the time and energy put into planning and implementing this great collaborative experience for our students.

And thank you to Shannon Moriarity for taking photos during class!





RTS students learning American Sign Language. This week's signs included "friend," "play," "share," and "nice."

*Planning Commission continued from pg. 1*

The Planning Commission is also rewriting the town's Subdivision Ordinance. The current ordinance has not been revised for 44 years and, with the help of town counsel, we have been digging in to figure out what still needs to be in the ordinance and what is no longer required by state law. It was a project long overdue.

As it turns out, it may be fortuitous that the Planning Commission is working on both of those ordinances because of another new law, the one that updates Act 250. "An Act Relating to Community Resilience and Biodiversity Protection Through Land Use," (Act 181) has multiple purposes; one is to make it easier to construct housing. To that end, it exempts all Act 250 permitting for new subdivisions and developments or changes to existing housing projects in some cases. To benefit from the Act 250 exemptions however, the Town of Rutland must meet certain requirements. We would need river growth areas and zoning. The Planning Commission is still studying this significant rewrite of Act 250 and is working with the Selectboard on how best to proceed.

At the same time, there has been progress in the town's plan to create a "pocket park" at Center Rutland Falls. Remember this Planning Commission project? As a result of a federal relicensing process that included extensive archaeological study, Green Mountain Power is now able to sell or grant access to the town for the small parcel of land on the west side of Otter Creek just below the falls. The Planning Commission and the Selectboard will be meeting with GMP officials to explore that transfer. Once that is done, we will be reaching out to you to get your input on how best to proceed with turning that parcel into a pocket park. It was worth the wait!

## News from the Rec

By Director Michael Rowe



Well it was a very busy summer at the pool and the park. We had over 9,000 people enjoying the pool this summer. The park was busy with hikers, disc golf, pickleball, tennis and so much more.

I would like to thank the lifeguards and the Highway Department for all the hard work this summer making the park a huge success.

It is now that time of year with fall in the air. Our soccer programs are up and running with a complete schedule on the town's website under recreation, go check out a game.

The annual "Trick or Treat on the Trail" will be held on October 25 from 4:30 6 p.m. right behind the school. Bring your family for a fun walk on the trail with some candy to be had.

The seniors group will be starting back up again, if you are not sure if your name is on the list please email [michael.rowe@grcsu.org](mailto:michael.rowe@grcsu.org) and we will get you signed up.

If you have any programming ideas please just let me know. Have a great fall season!

## Townwide Celebration

By Sharon Garafano Russell  
Selectboard Member

Another great year for our Townwide celebration, a great time was had by all. Special thanks to the Hathaway family for the use of their mini-train with conductor Kurt Hathaway taking folks all around Northwood Park.

Another shout out to the young folks from RTS who helped our cooks Mary Ashcroft, Mat Getty, and myself serve the folks hot dogs, sausage, and hamburgers.

Mike Rowe and his guards put in their time to make this year a success. Our police with their challenge to run the fastest, projected on to a speed cart - young folks really had a great time with this.

Our Rutland Town Fire Department brought the fire trucks and gave out fire hats to the young children. And to end the evening with a great fireworks display was spectacular.

To all the vendors that made the celebration a success we thank you and look forward to next year. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see for next year please let Bill Sweet know at Rutland Town Hall and we will do our best.

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## **Rutland Town Community Calendar**

<b>OCT</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>School Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>Select Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>RTS - No School/GRCSU In-Service</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Town Hall Closed</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>RTS PTO meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Select Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>Planning Commission meeting - 6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>RT Rec Halloween Party - 4:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>Rutland Town Halloween Parade - 4 p.m.</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>Rain Date for Halloween Parade - 4 p.m.</b>
<b>NOV</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Select Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>7, 8</b>	<b>RTS Early Dismissal</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>School Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Planning Commission meeting - 6:30 p.m.</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Select Board meeting - 6 p.m.</b>
	<b>27-29</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>



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