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Overwhelming Community Support Expands and Protects Town Forest

Conservation organizations team up to grow Town Forest to over 1,100 acres within large swath of priority forestland

BY ANDREA MORGANTE

The town of Hinesburg worked with the Hinesburg Land Trust, the Vermont Land Trust, and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board, to purchase 291 acres from the Carse Land Company to expand the existing 834-acre Hinesburg Town Forest.

The resulting 1,125 acres are permanently protected for the enjoyment of community members and visitors.

"So many people love this land and enjoy it as a place to get out into the forest," said Bob Heiser, VLT's Champlain Valley regional director. "It is so great to know that this forestland will always be

there for wildlife and people to enjoy."

The Hinesburg Town Forest, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, hosts over 15 miles of trails and serves as a popular destination for hiking, biking, hunting, birding and more.

"A big thank you to all who supported and worked on this project," said Pat Mainer, chair of the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee. "The generosity of so many individuals and organizations is a testament to the importance of adding to and conserving the Hinesburg Town Forest. People proved that they value forever protecting wildlife habitat, water quality, and places to recreate in a natural setting."

The HLT, VLT and local community volunteers led a successful fundraising campaign, raising over \$238,000 from grants and gifts. These funds, along with a grant of \$225,000 from VHCB and a \$20,000 contribution from the town of Hinesburg, covered the cost of the 291 acres that were added to the HTF, permanent conservation of the

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The Hinesburg Town Forest has been expanded. Photo by Caleb Kenna.

Puppetry Arts at Hinesburg School

FROM PUPPETKABOB PRESS RELEASE

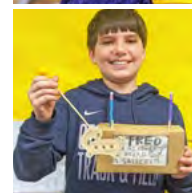
From Friday, March 4 through Friday, March 11, Vermont Arts Council teaching artist and founder of the touring puppet company PuppetKabob, Sarah Frechette, conducted a residency for the Hinesburg Community School's fifth grade. The program, titled Moving Panoramas, gave students an engaging, enriching and fun activity to elevate this year's literacy unit, fairy tales, with fine arts. Chosen for both its visual and theatrical focus, moving panoramas were sources of entertainment in the mid-19th century.

This program showed students how to transform this historic art form into unique contemporary desktop theaters.

Prior to this residency the students worked with the writing teacher, Ms. Galyean, to rewrite fairy tales from one character's point of view. The students then took their creative writings, and together with PuppetKabob, designed storyboards from this new perspective. Together with step-by-step instructions, the students created technical scrolling picture "crankie" boxes, and used their adapted fairy tales as guides to produce original illustrations and paper rod puppets. The culminating event was 2,254 inches of scrolling performances seen by all three fifth-grade classrooms!

The fifth grade reading teacher, Alyssa Wieland, hosted the program and brought an additional level of excitement, engagement and support to this unique creative process. This six-day residency was supported by a 2022 Teaching Artist Grant from the Vermont Arts Council. Ms. Wieland was instrumental in receiving this funding to secure the success of this program.

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Fifth graders hold up their moving panorama and puppets.

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BY MISSY ROSS

Town Meeting Day

Town Meeting Day was March 1 and it was the first official town meeting that Hinesburg voted its budget and public questions, along with the usual election of officers, by Australian ballot. The town also conducted its voting by ballot in 2021, but that was in response to legislation enabling a temporary

change due to the COVID-19 precautions in effect at that time. In December of 2021, the town held a vote on whether to permanently switch to Australian ballot for the budget and public questions and it passed overwhelmingly in the affirmative. This new method of voting for the budget has increased participation significantly from an average of 175 people voting on the budget at a floor vote meeting to over 900 for each of the last two years. This is approximately a five-fold increase in participation on the budget vote!

An informational meeting was held via

Zoom on Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. We had a fairly good turnout for a remote meeting with roughly 75 households logged in. There was robust discussion about many topics, including all budget articles. The meeting lasted until 10 p.m. and was then adjourned.

The polls were open on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as usual, but the polling location was changed to the downstairs conference room due to structural issues with the Town Hall roof. Luckily, the majority of voters requested early ballots, which helped to mitigate crowding in the smaller space. We had 533 early voters and 405 people who chose to vote in person. There were no contested seats for any elected positions including two selectboard seats. Incumbents Mike Loner and Phil Pouech were elected to a three-year and two-year term respectively. Frank Twarog will be the moderator again for the coming year. The full results are on the town webpage at hinesburg.org.

The budget articles were also voted by ballot and all of the articles passed with the exception of Article V, the proposed police budget. There was a lot of discussion at the informational meeting regarding the police department with some people questioning staffing levels. There will be a vote on a revised police budget at some point this spring, so keep an eye out for updates to ensure you are able to participate.

Finally, I would like to give a shout out to Jiffy Mart for once again sending a platter of sandwiches to the election location for the poll workers. Their thoughtfulness and consideration are an example of what I love about this community. Thank you so much!

Dog Licenses Due April 1

The annual licensing of all dogs in Vermont has begun! You must renew your license by April 1, though we typically have a grace period of a couple of weeks after that before we start imposing late fees. The fee is \$10.00 per dog and all we need to issue the license is a copy of your dog's current rabies certificate. If your pet was licensed in Hinesburg last year, we most likely have the rabies information on file, and as long as it is still current, you are all set. We are conducting business through our transaction window on the back porch Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., so please stop by to obtain your 2022 dog license. You may also renew by mailing a check for \$10, along with a copy of the current rabies certificate and a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or by depositing the same in the drop box outside the clerk's office and we will mail you your pet's new license. You may call 802-482-2281, ext. 1 or email either Heather or Missy to find out if we have a current rabies certificate on file. Thanks for following through with this important public health requirement.

Green Mountain Passports

As usual, we will be issuing Green Mountain Passports again this year. One of the perks of reaching the age of 62 is qualifying for this card, which costs \$2.00 and is good for life. This

card grants access to all Vermont State Parks for day use. The passport is also available to veterans of the uniformed services. It really is a wonderful way to take advantage of our beautiful state parks. The form that you must fill out is on the town website on the town clerk page. We also have the forms here at Town Hall. Summer is just around the corner!

As always, feel free to call us at 802-482-2281, ext. 1 with any questions or concerns you may have. We are here to offer assistance in any way we can.

March 16 Selectboard Highlights

BY MERRILY LOVELL, SELECTBOARD MEMBER

Conservation Commission Appointment: The selectboard unanimously approved the appointment of Kathy Beyer to the commission.

Dugout Construction Proposal: The selectboard approved the proposal from the Recreation Committee to have White's Fence install dugout fencing at the Bissonnette Recreation Fields for the estimated amount of \$18,736.

The selectboard reviewed the changes the Planning Commission made to the Home Occupation Contractor Yards, Vehicle Repair Service. The selectboard will hold a public hearing on these revised regulations at our April 20, 2022 selectboard meeting. If no further changes are needed, the selectboard plans to adopt these revised regulations after the public hearing.

The selectboard also went over the revised Village Design Standards proposed by the Planning Commission. A public hearing for the revised Village Design Standards will also be held on April 20, 2022.

The police department budget: There was much discussion on the police department budget. A public hearing on the proposed changes will be held on April 6. Please see below for more details on this important topic.

The Local Emergency Management Plan update was reviewed and approved.

Acting as the Board of Liquor Control, the selectboard approved all the liquor licenses that had been applied for.

Revised Police Department Explanation

Following the narrow defeat of the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget on March 1, the selectboard spent time at two subsequent meetings discussing what revisions might be made to the original budget. There were a number of factors that made it difficult to discern exactly why the budget was defeated. The first of those was the fact that the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget was nearly identical to the FY 2022 budget that passed 67.5% to 32.5%. Both budgets contained funding for a sixth full-time officer position supported by a Community Oriented Policing Services (aka COPS) grant, moreover, salaries for FY 2023 remained exactly the same as FY 2022. Modest increases in the rest of the FY

2023 budget amounted to a total increase of 1% compared to FY 2022.

Compounding the confusion were the myriad of concerns that were raised after the selectboard finalized the budget. Those issues included: defunding the police; disarming the police; too many officers; reallocating funds/positions; and including a social worker-type position in the department. While all of these issues and others are worthy of a community-wide discussion, the selectboard reached the conclusion that there simply isn't time to have those discussions in a meaningful way when an approved budget is needed by July 1.

On top of these current issues is the potential of 381 more housing units in Hinesburg in the not-too-distant future. What additional impacts and demands will those units have on the police department as well as the fire department? Will we need more officers? Will we need non-sworn staff? What about the ambulance? What will trigger the consideration of or need for any of those?

In the late 2000s Hinesburg had the same questions about the police department. To get answers and develop a roadmap for the future, the town developed a Hinesburg Community Police Strategic Plan. Specifically, the plan was developed to establish benchmarks in the area of personnel that would result in action. We the selectboard, believe it is time to do a similar study of the police department and the fire department before taking any drastic action.

It is for that reason we are recommending a revised budget that is modestly lower than the original proposal but retains funding for six full-time officers. The goal of this approach is to "do no harm" to department personnel and morale while we embark on a strategic planning process. We will do that with the help of objective consultants and make sure it involves significant community input in order to develop department values, services, performance objectives and staffing needs.

The selectboard will take public input on the revised police department budget at our April 6 meeting. To see the revised budget and related information, visit hinesburg.org and look for "Revised Police Department Budget."

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Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center: 51 Ballards Corner Road. Rachel Kring, Executive Director, kring@hinesburgresource.org, 482-4946. Alex Koncewicz is the contact for **Friends of Families**, and she can be reached at the same number or at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org. Hours for **Hinesburg Food Shelf** are Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m. HINESBURGRESOURCE.ORG

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Hinesburg Community School: 10888 Route 116, 482-2106, CVSDVT.ORG/DOMAIN/9 for cafeteria menu, staff directory, department and team info, calendar, etc.

Champlain Valley Union High School: 369 CVU Road, 482-7100, VSDVT.ORG/CVUHS for calendar, cafe, staff directory, student portal, etc.

Carpenter-Carse Library: 69 Ballards Corner, 482-2878, CARPENTERCARSE.ORG for library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Business & Professional Association: business directory, membership, news and events. HBPAVT.COM

Connecting Youth: Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people. SEEWHY.INFO

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Blinded by the Light?

BY JIM JARVIS, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

It’s a Springsteen song from the ’70s, but a recent post on Front Porch Forum revealed that it’s a hot topic for discussion today. We get email and phone calls concerning neighbors’ lights, and asking for guidance. For those of you curious about the song, you’ll find a few tidbits at the end of this article.

First, why is zoning involved with this? For decades, our regulations required that new development ensure that outdoor lights were installed or shielded to reduce glare and night sky illumination. On July 12, 2018, the regulations were updated with greater specificity and certain exemptions. Section 5.29 of the zoning regulations specifically try to minimize lighting impact on nearby properties and roads, reduce energy use and protect the visibility of the night sky.

Be a good neighbor: New lighting installed after 2018 is subject to the regulations, even on existing homes and businesses. We’re plenty busy dealing

with town development, and would rather not become the lighting police; so please think about your neighbors when installing new outdoor lights or changing out existing lights with new fixtures.

If you increase the number of exterior lights, or increase their brightness, you **do** have to meet current standards. Similarly, if you change the aiming of the lights so they impact neighbors, or blind drivers on your road, you may be subject to the lighting regs.

The general residential use exemption permits up to four lights per building, each with light output no greater than 1,200 lumens. Such lights need not be shielded, nor meet any of the other provisions in section 5.29, so long as they’re not more than 1,200 lumens, as marked on the product. Low-level decorative lighting, like holiday lights, are exempt, as is lighting of the U.S. flag. The regulations suggest this be done from the top of the flagpole, looking down, rather than up, which contributes to sky glow.

LED lamps can appear brighter than an equivalent incandescent bulb. LEDs tend to be bluer than incandescent bulbs, which makes them seem brighter and increases scattered light. For reference, a 100-watt lightbulb yields 1,600 lumens. While 75 W is equivalent to 1,100 lumens.

Color temperature matters for nonexempt lighting. The regulations discuss color temperature and color rendering index, requiring a CRI of 60 or above. This means white LEDs or metal-halide lamps are preferred over mercury vapor (blue-green) or sodium vapor (yellow). If you’re buying LEDs, 5,500 Kelvin is equivalent to bright sunlight, while 2,700 K is a warm room light.

For nonexempt lighting, the rules require full-cutoff light fixtures. That is, shielded such that no light is emitted upward or horizontally, and only the desired area to be illuminated gets the light. The intent is to protect neighboring properties or roadways from intrusive lighting.

Lights on poles can’t be more than 20 feet in the air, while lights on buildings may be no more than 15 feet up. Lighting of public buildings and architectural features, like church steeples and bell towers, don’t require a permit, but are required to position and shield the lighting so that direct light is confined to the building to be illuminated. Similarly, temporary lighting for special events and emergencies are exempt from the regulations.

For nonexempt lighting, levels should be the minimum necessary to accomplish nighttime use of a property. Fixtures, light intensity and placement have to ensure that only areas needing light are illuminated. Lights must be downcast, and shielded to protect the night sky from sky glow.

Did you know **we have an observatory?** Yes, we do. The Vermont Astronomical Society has a really neat installation on **Observatory Road**. Not only that, but our town library has a telescope that can be checked out by star-inspired youngsters and oldsters alike.

So, there are two good reasons to keep the sky glow to a minimum, not to mention not blinding your neighbors or drivers on nearby roads with unshielded or mis-aimed lighting.

Now for the fun part: If you’ve heard Manfred Mann’s slurred hit rendition of Springsteen’s song the words are “Blinded by the light ... revved up like a Deuce ... another runner in the night.”

A classic “Deuce” was a 1932 Ford, equipped with a double barrel carbure-

tor (deuce). Picture a cherry-red convertible coupe, with chromed headers, and a removable hood that made for easy viewing. They used to race ’em along the main drag in Asbury Park, New Jersey back in the day, when Springsteen and the E Street Band were performing at The Stone Pony.

The zoning regulations are detailed, so if you have questions, we’d be glad to help you find the answers. There’s a really handy graphic showing acceptable lighting fixtures in the lighting regulations. It’s found on page 106 of the lighting regulations. You can get to it from the town website, or contact me at town offices: 802-482-4213, jjarvis@hinesburg.org.

Friends of Families Spring Kids’ Clothing & Book Swap

BY ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ, COORDINATOR, HINESBURG FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

This popular free event is for anyone seeking children’s clothing and books. The swap will be in our new location this year, The United Church of Hinesburg’s Parish Hall, on Saturday, April 30, from 9-10:30 a.m.

To ensure another successful swap, please note that we accept all gently used children’s clothing, sizes infant to 14, and children’s books, toddler to middle-school level. Drop off clothing and books at the Parish Hall on Friday, April 29 from noon-8 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at Carpenter-Carse Library from April 25 to 28. No toys, and no drop-offs on the day of the swap, please.

This is a great way to do your spring wardrobe switch, get new sizes for your own kids and pass on some clothing to friends and neighbors. If you just need clothing for your family and do not have anything to donate, you are welcome to just “shop.”

Sponsored by Hinesburg Community Resource Center’s Friends of Families Program. For more information, please call or email Alexandra Koncewicz at 802-482-4946 or koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org.

LEGISLATIVE

Vermont Legislature Ensures the Integrity of Vermont Judiciary

BY HINESBURG REP. BILL LIPPERT

The 2022 session of the Vermont Legislature is now at its midway point, leading up to a likely mid-May adjournment. Many significant policy bills are being voted out of House and Senate committees, and passed to the other legislative body for consideration. The work of the Legislature is most often focused on passage of policy bills and the annual state budget. Crafting and debating these bills occupies much of our legislative time.

However, additional actions of the Legislature also impact our Vermont communities in ways that receive less notice. I want to bring attention to one of these other important legislative activities: selection, confirmation and retention of superior court judges and supreme court justices.

Hinesburg Resident Nancy Waples Nominated to the Vermont Supreme Court

One of our own Hinesburg residents, Superior Court Judge Nancy Waples, has recently been nominated to the Vermont Supreme Court by Governor Scott.

Waples was selected by the governor from a list of highly qualified judicial applicants provided to him by the Judicial Nominating Board. This 11-member board, made up of six legislators from the House and Senate, three members of the Vermont State Bar, and two non-attorney appointees of the governor, interviews all applicants, and after personal interviews and careful deliberation forwards a confidential list of well-qualified applicants to the governor. The governor then must select his nominee from this list of qualified applicants.

We can take this process for granted here in Vermont. Having served previously on the Judicial Nominating Board, I have come to appreciate and understand the process that Vermont uses

to nominate and select our judges and justices. The nominating board process ensures that the governor cannot just appoint anyone whom he pleases, for either political or personal reasons. All potential court nominees must first have been vetted by the nominating board process for their qualifications.

Significantly, many other states do not use this nominating process. Instead, many states have individuals run for election to their state’s judicial positions, “electing” judges in a manner similar to that used for electing legislators and statewide officials. Indeed, half of all states elect members of their state supreme courts. This often involves soliciting donations and raising large sums of campaign funds from fellow lawyers, law firms and corporations — all of which may have conflicts of interest as they subsequently appear in court cases before these very same elected judges and justices to whom they donated campaign funds.

Judge Waples will be subject to confirmation by the Vermont Senate, after a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee. And, Justice Waples, once confirmed by the Vermont Senate, will serve a six-year term of office, followed by a review of her service on the Vermont Supreme Court by a legislative Judicial Retention Committee.

The Judicial Retention Committee surveys all members of the court and Vermont bar to get confidential feedback on their judicial performance, holds a public hearing at which members of the public weigh in, offers feedback to the judge or justice on their performance, and ultimately votes to retain or not retain each judge or justice for another six-year term of office. Vermont judges and justices are not appointed for life as are federal judges. In taking on this important judicial role for Vermont, they also understand that they continue to be subject to performance reviews and reappointments every six years.

Let’s celebrate the nomination of our very own Hinesburg neighbor, Superior Court Judge Nancy Waples, to the Vermont Supreme Court. And let us also celebrate that Judge Waples, along with all of her fellow judicial colleagues, was selected through a Vermont nominating process that guaranteed selec-

tion as a highly qualified judicial applicant, rather than through the often highly conflicted election process used by so many other states.

I believe that we can be proud of this Vermont process to ensure the integrity of our Vermont Judiciary.

Feel free to be in touch throughout the legislative session: Rep. Bill Lippert, wlippert@leg.state.vt.us.

Sanders Announces Winners of 12th Annual State of the Union Essay Contest for Vermont Students

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Sanders has invited the finalists to join him for a roundtable discussion at the Vermont Statehouse on Saturday, March 26. Sanders will also enter the finalists’ essays into the Congressional Record.

Bernie Sanders has announced the winners of his twelfth annual State of the Union Essay Contest, which gives Vermont high school students an opportunity to take on a major issue facing the country and to propose what they would do to solve it. This year, 409 students from 38 Vermont high schools submitted essays. A panel of six Vermont teachers served as volunteer judges, scoring the essays and selecting seven finalists and three winners.

Since Sanders started the contest, over 5,300 students throughout Vermont — representing almost every high school in the state — have written essays about critically important issues, including climate change, racial justice, access to mental health care, the opioid crisis, the state of our democracy and more.

“It is no exaggeration to say that young people hold the future of the nation, and the world, in their hands,” said Sanders. “In these difficult times, what perhaps makes me most hopeful is young people like these Vermont students who are engaged in their communities and on the issues and challenges that face us today. Young people have a beautiful vision of what the future should be, and I see them out every day fighting for that future. And that is no small thing. I want to sincerely thank all the students who participated in this year’s contest. I look forward to hearing your ideas on how best to move our country forward.”

Sanders has invited the finalists to join him for a roundtable discussion, which will be held at the Vermont Statehouse on Saturday, March 26. Sanders will also enter the finalists’ essays into the Congressional Record, the official archive of the U.S. Congress.

Eva Frazier from Champlain Valley Union High School, the second-place winner, wrote on reproductive rights: “The state of reproductive rights in this country is an aggressive violation of human rights. As people turn to illegal abortions, it is crucial that lawmakers work to protect their citizens by

passing federal law and upholding the International Human Rights declaration, giving humans freedom over their bodies and health care choices.”

Luna Wood, a senior from Champlain Valley Union High School, was a finalist in the competition.

To read the essays of the winners and finalists, go to tiny.one/sanders-essay.

CSWD

CSWD Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report Now Available!

Chittenden Solid Waste District’s fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Our FY 2021 Annual Report provides an overview of activities and financials from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The full report is now available for viewing or download on our website at [Kennewick **cswd.net/forms-publications**](https://www.kennewickcswd.net/forms-publications).

We’d love to hear your reactions to this report—especially regarding the information we put in the “How We’re Doing” graphic. Does it make sense? Was it informative? Motivating? Encouraging? Discouraging? Let us know!

Tours, Webinars and Workshops

Our outreach staff is ready to talk recycling right, answer your questions about the new compostable changes, reviewing the three R’s — reduce, reuse & recycle — and more. A few events are listed below, but see them all at [cswd.net/tours-webinars](https://www.kennewickcswd.net/tours-webinars). Please register today to hold your spot!

Tuesday, April 19: Workshop: Worm Composting. 6-7 p.m., South Burlington Public Library

Wednesday, April 20: “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste” film and discussion. 1-3 p.m., Charlotte Senior Center

Friday, April 22: Public Tour: CSWD’s Materials Recovery Facility (recycling center) in Williston. noon-1:30 p.m.

CSWD Report Shows Chittenden County Ranks Among Top Waste-Busting U.S. Communities

Chittenden County households and businesses kept an estimated 57% (by weight) of all their commonly generated “stuff,” including construction and demolition waste, out of the landfill in 2020. That’s according to CSWD’s 2020 Diversion & Disposal Report, which draws on multiple data points to estimate how much solid “waste” is generated within Chittenden County each year, and where it all ends up.

CSWD estimates that by keeping resources out of the landfill-bound trash and diverting them instead to be re-

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used, recycled or composted, district members prevented nearly 5,000 tractor trailers from needing to make the 142-mile round-trip journey from Chittenden County to the landfill in Coventry during 2020.

In addition to the avoided noise, traffic and wear and tear on roads through our communities, that represents more than:

- 125,000 gallons of diesel fuel not used by those tractor trailers
- 164,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions avoided through diversion (the equivalent of taking 35,000 cars off the road, or conserving 18 million gallons of gasoline)

“Everyone who lives, works, and plays in Chittenden County should be proud of their efforts at preventing and reducing the tons of ‘waste’ we send to the landfill each year,” said CSWD Executive Director Sarah Reeves.

Even when heavy construction waste is removed from the equation, households and businesses still reached 50.4% diverted from the landfill, exceeding 50% for the first time since 1993 when CSWD started tracking this data. To put this in perspective, here is how CSWD’s diversion rate compares with those reported by other U.S. communities recognized for high-performing waste reduction and diversion programs:

Seattle (2019): 54%

San Francisco (FY 2021): 51%

Portland, Oregon, metro (2019): 46%

Another remarkable achievement noted in CSWD’s 2020 Diversion & Disposal Report is that the county-wide recovery rate just for blue-bin recyclables climbed to a remarkable 81.5% in 2020, up from an already high 78.7% in 2019. Most communities do not invest in the studies needed to estimate this rate, so it is difficult to make comparisons. However, in their 2020 State of Curbside Recycling Report, the Recycling Partnership estimates that communities with curbside recycling programs average a 61.5% rate of recovery for blue-bin recyclables.

“We’re energized by the opportunities to build on such a solid foundation,” said CSWD’s Reeves. “It will be exciting to see how much more of the remaining 50,000 tons of landfill-bound resources we can capture with CSWD’s commitment to continued education and our anticipated investments in future programs and 21st-century facilities.”

CSWD’s full 2020 Diversion & Disposal Report and the CSWD FY 2021 annual report are available at [cswd.net/forms-publications](https://www.cswd.net/forms-publications).

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POLICE

Feb. 5: 6:30 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Richmond Road was investigated.

2:30 p.m. Officers responded to Pond Brook Road to assist Richmond Rescue with a medical emergency.

Feb. 6: 2:05 p.m. A citizen was assisted with issues stemming from domestic problems.

7:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with an application that required fingerprints.

Feb. 7: 6:30 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Charlotte Road was investigated.

4:18 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 to investigate reported suspicious activity.

5:47 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a disabled vehicle on Silver Street.

Feb. 8: 8:22 a.m. An officer responded to Hollow Road for the report of livestock in the roadway.

1:15 p.m. Officers responded to a citizen dispute on Richmond Road.

7:22 p.m. A 911 hang-up on Hillview Terrace was investigated.

11:48 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen having a mental health crisis.

Feb. 9: 11:30 a.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

11:40 a.m. An officer responded to CVU to assist staff there with a student issue.

12:01 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Route 116 was investigated.

2:10 p.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

3:10 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a landlord/tenant issue.

4:55 p.m. An officer took the report and investigated a theft from a motor vehicle.

5:45 p.m. A welfare check on Mallard Pond Road was conducted.

5:53 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a disabled vehicle on Hollow Road.

Feb. 10: 7:37 a.m. An officer responded to CVU for a burglary alarm activation.

8:14 a.m. Officers investigated a late-reported retail theft.

12:56 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

5:15 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Hillview Terrace.

9:15 p.m. Officers responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

Feb. 11: 10:15 a.m. An officer investigated a motor vehicle complaint on Route 116 involving unsecured freight.

2:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

Feb. 12: 3:30 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

4:15 p.m. A motor vehicle complaint on Baldwin Road was investigated.

7:30 p.m. the report of suspicious activity on Jourdan Street was investigated.

Feb. 14: 9:40 a.m. An officer investigated the report of threats by electronic communication.

Feb. 15: 11:56 a.m. An officer provided traffic control on Silver Street because of a downed power line.

12:07 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a lockout.

4:04 p.m. Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Hillview Terrace.

7:20 p.m. Officers assisted another agency with locating an individual.

7:55 p.m. A welfare check on Richmond Road was conducted.

Feb. 16: 2:09 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a custody issue.

4:40 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a vehicle identification number verification.

10:45 p.m. Officers responded to a residence in Starksboro to assist Richmond Rescue with a medical call.

Feb. 17: 10:54 a.m. Suspicious activity on Orchard Hill Road was investigated.

3:45 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of a loose dog.

7:45 p.m. Officers assisted another agency with locating an individual.

Feb. 18: 5:25 a.m. A residential burglary alarm on High Rock Road was investigated.

9:25 a.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of livestock in the roadway.

10:42 a.m. A report of erratic operation on Silver Street was investigated.

3:25 p.m. Late-reported damage to a motor vehicle was reported and investigated.

8:56 p.m. Suspicious activity on Jourdan Street was investigated.

11:30 p.m. Officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm on Ballard’s Corner Road.

Feb. 20: 10:45 a.m. Officers responded to a two-car motor vehicle crash on Route 116.

5:10 p.m. An officer responded to North Road for a citizen dispute.

Feb. 21: 10:55 a.m. A 911 hang-up on Hollow Road was investigated.

6:30 p.m. An officer attempted to serve paperwork on Friendship Lane.

7 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a motor vehicle issue.

Feb. 22: 9:12 a.m. An officer responded to CVU Road to assist Hinesburg Fire with a fire alarm activation.

1:45 p.m. A citizen was assisted with an application that required fingerprints.

5:54 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a juvenile issue.

7:54 p.m. Officers responded to Shelburne to assist Shelburne P.D. with an intoxicated individual.

Feb. 23: 12:53 a.m. A residential bur-

glary alarm on Richmond Road was investigated.

9:41 a.m. An officer responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on North Road.

1:15 p.m. A parking issue on Lewis Creek Road was investigated.

2:22 p.m. An officer responded to a single-car motor vehicle crash on Silver Street.

5:04 p.m. A burglary from a residence on Jourdan Street was investigated.

Feb. 24: 9:15 a.m. An officer assisted another agency with locating an individual.

10 a.m. Officers responded to Place Road West where two individuals were arrested on active warrants.

7 p.m. An officer responded to Silver Street for the report of livestock in the roadway.

Feb. 25: 10:10 a.m. A parking issue on Mulberry Lane was investigated.

11:35 a.m. A welfare check on Beecher Hill Road was conducted.

4:20 p.m. An officer assisted with a disabled vehicle on Lincoln Hill Road.

Feb. 26: 12:15 a.m. A residential burglary alarm on Lewis Creek Road was investigated.

1:25 p.m. Officers assisted another agency with a death notification.

7:52 p.m. A welfare check on Village Heights was conducted.

Feb. 27: 12:12 a.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for a single-car motor vehicle crash. The operator was arrested and charged with DUI.

7:56 a.m. A burglary alarm activation at CVU was investigated.

2:15 p.m. Suspicious circumstances at Hillview Terrace were investigated.

Feb. 28: 12:45 p.m. A welfare check on Kelley’s Field was conducted.

2:25 p.m. An officer took the report of damage to a motor vehicle.

3:25 p.m. Officers investigated damage to a residence on Bear Lane.

March 1: 1:13 a.m. An officer responded to a domestic dispute on Gillman Road.

9 a.m. Officers served a resident on Major Street with a trespass order for CVU.

2:25 p.m. A citizen was assisted with a custody issue.

March 2: 3:13 a.m. An officer responded to a residence on Hollow Road for the report of suspicious activity. The operator of a disabled vehicle was assisted at that time.

6:50 a.m. A parking issue on Leavensworth Road was investigated.

1 p.m. An officer responded to Hinesburg Community School to assist staff with a student issue.

3:23 p.m. The report of a sexual assault at CVU was investigated.

March 3: 8:30 a.m. A citizen was assisted with a landlord/tenant issue.

4 p.m. A welfare check on Gilman Road was conducted.

March 4: 10:35 a.m. An officer responded to Hayden Hill West to investigate

the report of illegal dumping.

1:10 p.m. A report of lost property was taken.

1:50 p.m. A residential burglary alarm on Hawk Lane was investigated.

2:40 p.m. An officer responded to Charlotte Road to investigate a property dispute.

4:05 p.m. An officer assisted with a traffic hazard on North Road.

March 5: 1:02 p.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street to investigate an attempted residential break-in with property damage resulting.

March 6: 2:10 p.m. The report of a vehicle passing a school bus on Richmond Road was investigated.

8:53 p.m. An officer assisted with a traffic hazard on Shelburne Falls Road.

March 7: 12:21 p.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School to assist with a juvenile issue.

4:50 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Route 116 was investigated.

6:38 p.m. Suspicious circumstances were investigated on Commerce Street.

March 8: 6:43 a.m. An officer responded to CVU Road to assist Richmond Rescue with a medical call.

9:05 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on North Road were investigated.

1:40 p.m. The report of erratic operation on Silver Street was investigated.

1:53 p.m. The report of property damage at a residence on Silver Street was investigated.

5:37 p.m. A commercial burglary alarm was investigated on Commerce Street.

March 9: 9:10 a.m. A welfare check on Pond Brook Road was conducted.

11:15 a.m. Found property was turned in to the police department.

Noon. An officer assisted a citizen with contacting Community Outreach.

3:30 p.m. A fraud case was reported and investigated.

8 p.m. Officers responded to a residence on Route 116 for a domestic dispute.

March 10: 9:50 a.m. An officer responded to CVU to investigate a violation of an abuse prevention order.

March 11: 11:25 a.m. Suspicious circumstances on Birchwood Drive were investigated.

4:30 p.m. Officers investigated the theft from a business on Route 116.

4:55 p.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a juvenile issue.

March 12: 8:50 a.m. A single-car motor vehicle crash on Pond Road was investigated.

12:25 p.m. An officer investigated the report of a disabled vehicle on Richmond Road.

12:58 p.m. Officers responded to Silver Street to assist several disabled vehicles.

4:05 p.m. Officers investigated the report of damage to a motor vehicle on Kelley’s Field Road.

March 13: 9 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a juvenile custody issue.

FIRE

Congratulations

Congratulations to EMT Katie Charbonneau for being named by WOKO-FM as one of Hannaford Supermarkets’ 20 Outstanding Women.

Congratulations to FF/EMT Silas Crawford on his completion of the police academy. Silas has been hired by the Colchester Police Department.

Planning to Burn this Spring?

It is that time of year when we start cleaning the brush, leaves and branches from our yards.

If you are planning to burn, please remember to call Shelburne Dispatch, 802-985-8051, for a burn permit. Please be courteous to the call taker as they are providing a service for Hinesburg and are required to obtain certain information.

Burn permits are issued at the discretion of the town fire warden and is based upon the weather, as well as the state of Vermont.

The state of Vermont allows burning of any natural vegetation (e.g., tree branches/limbs, brush and grass). You may also burn untreated wood products, which is wood that has no paint and is not pressure treated. Burning of household trash is not permitted under the state of Vermont Clean Air Act (Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2201).

Burn piles are to be placed away from roadways, buildings, trees and low hanging branches. An adult must be in the area of the burn pile at all times.

Burning in trailer parks is only permitted in a contained outdoor fireplace or covered burn pit.

Anyone caught burning without a permit will be asked to extinguish the burn. Refusal to do so will result in the fire department responding with an engine to extinguish the pile and may result in future permits being denied.

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Call Log

There were 27 medical calls and 24 persons transported.

Feb. 1: 10:57 a.m. Shelburne Fire requested mutual aid for a possible structure fire in the area of Spear Street and Barstow Road. Mutual aid companies were canceled while en route.

3:25 p.m. From the station, smoke was seen in the area of Barberry Lane. On arrival it was determined to be on Lavigne Hill. Upon investigation, it was a burn pile being used by loggers in the woods.

Feb. 2: 4:55 a.m. Two-car motor vehicle accident in front of 10390 Route 116. There were no injuries.

Feb. 3: 5:27 p.m. Dispatched to a one-car crash with injury on 12718 Route 116. On arrival, there was one car in the ditch. The operator was out of the vehicle stating no injuries and refusing medical evaluation.

Feb. 5: 6:30 a.m. Dispatched to a one-car crash at 3031 Richmond Road. On arrival, the vehicle was located in the ditch off the west side of the road. There was no one with the vehicle, which was covered in snow and had been there for an unknown length of time.

Feb. 6: 8:56 p.m. Huntington Fire requested a mutual aid response from area departments for engines or tankers for a porch fire on Handy Road. HFD responded with our tanker and three personnel. While we were en route, the call was upgraded to a working structure fire. Two HFD members assisted with

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fire attack while the third member drove the tanker for water shuttle. HFD was released and back in quarters at 12:30 a.m.

Feb. 9: 2:11 p.m. Two-car crash with injuries at 13165 Route 116. Responding members located a two-car head-on collision. The injured were treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVM Medical Center by Shelburne and Charlotte ambulances.

Feb. 10: 12:12 p.m. Mutual aid to 6802 Route 116 in Shelburne for a two-car crash. Responders located a two-car,

rear-end collision. One person was complaining of injuries and was transported by Shelburne ambulance

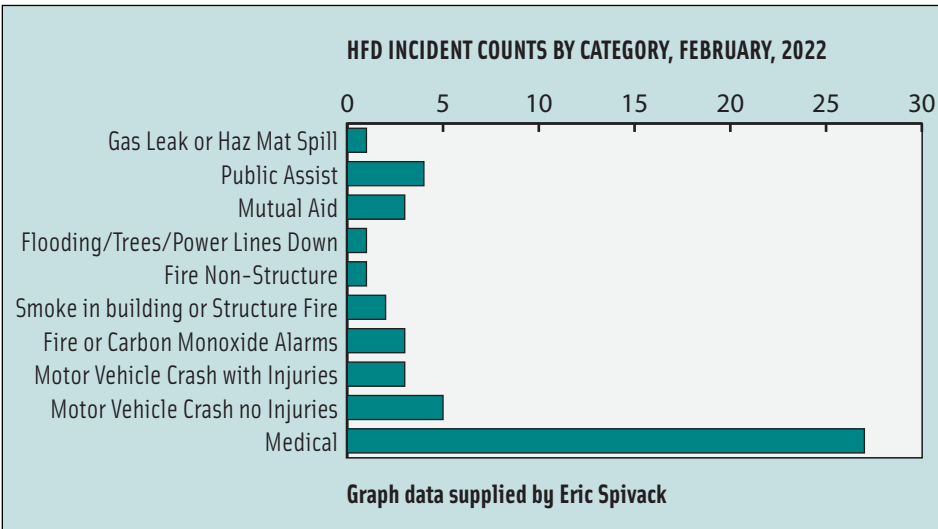
7:56 p.m. Called to Texas Hill Road for a chimney fire. There was no smoke or flames showing when HFD arrived. The resident stated he had closed the flu and stove doors. The logs and embers, which were still burning, were removed from the stove, taken outside and smothered in the snow. The residence was ventilated of any remaining smoke, bringing carbon monoxide levels to zero.

Feb. 14: 12:06 p.m. Called to Texas Hill Road for a report of gas being smelled. On arrival, the propane tank was turned off and crews checked the residence with our CO meter. There were no readings or remaining odors. The resident was advised to contact their propane supplier.

Feb. 15: 11:54 a.m. Report of a power line down at Route 116 and Silver Street. It was determined to be an Xfinity line that had been hit by a box truck. HFD controlled traffic until Xfinity arrived and cut the wire.

Feb. 16: 9:51 a.m. Standby at CVU for an evacuation drill.

11:45 a.m. While returning to the station from CVU, the crew of Engine 4 noticed a dog on the side of Route 116 near the stream. Engine 4 stopped and



HFD responded to 50 calls in February.

**an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.*

the crew checked to make sure no one had gone through the ice. The dog was brought to the Hinesburg Veterinary Hospital on Commerce Street and the owner was contacted.

1:37 p.m. Swamp Road for a CO detector sounding. The cause was a malfunctioning hot water heater in the garage. The propane tank was turned off and the residence ventilated to zero on our CO meter.

Feb. 17: 12:06 p.m. Called to Chestnut Street, St. George, for a broken water pipe. HFD located a leaking water pipe under the trailer with no shut off. The park property maintenance office was contacted.

Feb. 18: 11:13 p.m. Ledgewood Lane for a reported chimney fire. Crews went up to the roof and checked the chimney from inside and outside. Investigation found smoke leaking from joints in the chimney pipe.

Feb. 22: 9:10 a.m. CVU for a fire alarm. No alarms were sounding on arrival. Investigation determined there was a technician on-site doing alarm testing who failed to notify dispatch.

Feb. 23: 9:43 a.m. Dispatched to North and Richmond Roads for power lines down. On arrival, crews located a mo-

bile home that had left the road while being towed, striking a power pole and snapping it about halfway. HFD closed the road while the power company responded and replaced the pole.

2:22 p.m. One-car crash at 1067 Silver Street. A vehicle had left the road, hitting a fence and rock wall. The operator was treated by Hinesburg EMS and transported to UVMHC by Richmond.

Feb. 26: 1 p.m. Mutual aid to Bert White Road, Huntington, for a structure fire. Engine 4 and Tanker 1 responded with full crews. The crew of Engine 4 assisted with fire attack and Tanker 1 helped with water supply. The fire was contained to the garage by responders. Hinesburg was back in quarters and in service about 4:00 p.m.

Feb. 27: 12:17 a.m. One-car crash at Shelburne Falls and Ballard's Corner Roads. One vehicle hit a telephone pole near the corner, snapping the pole about 12-18 inches off the ground. The operator refused medical treatment. GMP was contacted to replace the pole. HFD closed the road pending the arrival of GMP with a new pole and establishing their traffic control.

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Financial Focus: Will Your Money Last?

FROM PRESS RELEASE

We all hope for long, healthy lives. But there's a serious "side effect" of longevity — the possibility of outliving our money. How can you help prevent this?

It's useful to know the seriousness of the threat. Consider this: About 41% of all U.S. homes in which the head of the household is between 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

While this statistic indicates a cause for concern, it certainly doesn't mean that you are necessarily headed for trouble — because there's a lot you can do to help build and manage enough resources to last a lifetime. Here are a few suggestions:

- Consider your estimated longevity. On average, a 65-year-old man can expect to live another 17 years, while a 65-year-old woman can anticipate about 20 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of course, you'll want to take into account your health and family history of longevity to arrive at a reasonable estimate. You can then use this figure to help determine how much money you'll eventually need. To play it safe, you might even want to try to build an income stream that can last beyond your estimated lifespan, possibly up to age 90.
- Don't overlook health care costs. When budgeting for retirement, allow enough for your health care expenses, which can be considerable. Even with Medicare, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person, for traditional medical costs. Also, you may want to prepare for two to three years of long-term care expenses, which currently range from about \$50,000 per year for home health care to over \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home.
- Keep building assets for retirement. While you're working, constantly try to put away as much money as possible for your retirement years. Each year your salary goes up, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also want to contribute to an IRA, depending on your goals. And within your retirement savings, make sure you devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles that align with your goals and risk tolerance.
- Seek out sources of guaranteed income. As a retiree, you will receive Social Security benefits — and the longer you wait before claiming them, the bigger your monthly checks will be. But you might also consider investments that can provide a source of income you can't outlive, such as annuities.
- Revisit your strategy before you retire. As you near retirement, you may

want to review your investment strategy, possibly adjusting your risk level so that your portfolio would be somewhat less susceptible to market volatility. This is also a good time to review your spending needs in retirement.

- Maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate. Once you are retired, you'll likely need to start withdrawing from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To avoid taking out too much money too early in your retirement, you'll need to set a reasonable, sustainable withdrawal rate based on your assets, age and retirement lifestyle. A financial advisor can help you determine an appropriate rate.

It will take dedication and determination to help ensure your money doesn't run out during your lifetime. But you'd probably agree that it's well worth the effort.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Red Wagon Plants Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Mark your calendar for Red Wagon Plants 2022 events. Red Wagon Plants in Hinesburg invites the public to join us virtually and in person for our 2022 spring and summer workshops! Our diverse workshops focus on creating abundance in our gardens, habitats, lives and kitchens.

Unless specified below, all events will be held on-site at Red Wagon this season. Sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media to stay in the loop for all of our events. Scholarships are available.

Red Wagon Plants Open House

Saturday, April 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join us for a sneak peek into our 2022 season. We will have tours and lots of tools, soil and early-season plants available for purchase to give you a jump-start on your garden. Free.

Jacob Holzberg-Pill: Edible Woody Landscape Design

Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m.-noon-
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trees and bushes for turning your yard into a delicious, beautiful landscape. Cost: \$25.

Red Wagon Plants Opening Day!

Friday, April 15 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Julie Rubaud: Make and Take Tuesday: Greens and Herbs in a Wooden Planter

Tuesday, April 19 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Plant a half-bushel wooden crate with a beautiful mixture of herbs and greens that you can harvest and use in the kitchen all season long. Cost: \$45.

Nathan Lake: Backyard Composting 101

Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m.-noon-
In this hands-on workshop we will cover the basics behind the science, technique, upkeep and overall process of backyard composting. Cost: \$25.

Gwen Causer: Bird- and Bee-Friendly Gardening

Thursday, April 28 from 5-6:30 p.m.

Create an ideal habitat for the birds and bees in your garden. Join us for an

early-season gardening workshop and birding outing. Cost: \$15.

Ben Mayock: Basket Weaving Workshop: Harvest Tote

Sunday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

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Grades K-8. Monday to Friday, April 18-22. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. Half-day option is 8 a.m. to noon, and full-day option is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: week of half-days, \$330; week of full-days, \$450. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com.

After-School Horseback Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. In addition, Kim and staff will instruct children on basic horse care, tacking, feeding, watering and all that happens in the horse barn! Take the bus from Hinesburg Community School to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road right after school. Please be sure to send a permission note with your child to ride the bus, pack a snack for your hungry rider, and send boots and barn clothes.

Grades K-8. Tuesdays: Session 1: April

April has arrived and we hope to soon hear the call of the spring peepers! As spring begins its gradual unfurling, we can look forward to new books arriving: Hilary St. John Mandel's latest "Sea of Tranquility," "The Lifeguards" by Amanda Eyre Ward, "Portrait of a Thief" by Grace D. Li, "I'll Be You" by Janelle Brown, "The Candy House" by Jennifer Egan, "City on Fire" by Don Winslow and "The Investigator" by John Sandford. Don't miss some of the titles that arrived later in March, including: "Run, Rose, Run" by Dolly Parton and

James Patterson and Harlan Coben's newest "The Match."

You can celebrate the visions of spring (beautiful birds & flowers) with the photography exhibit in the community room, or celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry walk during the month of April. Join us for a Zoom poetry reading, learn more about using our telescope, bake some bread with your young people, celebrate the return of **Lego Club** or explore nature-based play with an upcoming series of workshops. We'll also be a collection location for the HCRC spring clothing swap from April 25-28. The swap itself happens at the United Church's Parish Hall on April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30

There will be meets with other town's recreation departments. Athletes aged 7-14 are eligible to participate in state meet in person or virtually, unless they are a high school freshman in 2021-22 school year. Aging date is Dec. 21, 2022. Instructors are program director Elise Seraus and CVU athletes.

Ages 6-14 years. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 15 to July 13. 6:15-7:45 p.m. CVU track. Cost: \$50 for residents or \$60 for nonresidents.

Horse Camp

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery Stables for a weeklong horse camp. Enjoy riding lessons, grooming, tacking and general horse duties in the relaxed atmosphere of the barn. There are horse crafts, kittens to play with and an equestrian camaraderie that can't be beat! Please note below that there are two options for camp times.

Ages: 6-12 years. Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg.

Camp Week 1: Monday to Friday, June 20-June 24

Camp Week 2: Monday to Friday, June 27-July 1

Time: 8 a.m. to noon or 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$330 for 8 a.m.-noon and \$450 for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, water bottle, snacks and send boots.

Tennis Lessons with Myles and Sage

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Myles and Sage Peterson for introductory to intermediate tennis lessons.

Ages: 6-12 years old, Monday to Friday, June 13-17. Time: 5-6 p.m. HCS tennis courts. Cost: \$85.

Vermont Soccer Camp

Vermont Voltage Academy offers an opportunity to learn and enjoy many aspects of the game of soccer in a fun yet competitive environment. Fundamentals, as well as sophisticated techniques of soccer will be taught on a personalized individual level along with various forms of group instruction provided by Camp Director Bo Vuckovic, a FIFA UEFA A Pro license holder, and the staff of the Vermont Voltage Soccer Academy who are all former professional soccer players. Emphasis is placed on the development, improvement and refinement of basic playing

a.m. Read on for more details about everything that's happening at the library in April.

Adult Programs

To register for any of the below adult programs or to get necessary Zoom links to join, email meg@carpentercarse.org. Check the library website (or email Meg) for any program updates.

On display: The community room features nature photography by Janice A. Bauch. Visitors are welcome to peruse the exhibit during library hours when the community room is not otherwise in use. Photographs are available for sale and there are some cards and postcards as well.

skills. Each child will receive a camp T-shirt and soccer ball.

Monday to Friday, June 27-July 1. Millie's Field at Bissonette Recreation Area. Time: 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$125.

Dog Obedience

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. This class is designed to provide enjoyment and interaction for both you and your pet. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challenging dogs. Watch and see someone who truly "talks to the animals." Please note — leave your dog at home for the first class.

Dog & owner(s). Town Hall Field. Thursdays, May 12 to June 16, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$75.

Kevin Browne and David Mitiguy's Driver Ed

Virtual classes and in-person driving.

Class 1: June 13 (parent/student meeting, sign up for 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.), 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, July 6, 7 and 8.

Driving time will be June 20-24, 27, July 1, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Class 2: July 11 (parent/student meeting, sign up for 5:30 p.m. or 6 p.m.) 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, Aug. 1, 2 and 3.

Driving time will be July 18-22, 25-29, Aug. 1-4.

Class Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Cost: \$750.

Other information:

- Students must have a learner's permit before signing up.
- Students should enroll in the course where they are available to do the driving time.
- Students must have cameras on during class.
- Students should have reasonable availability to drive during dates of class. Driving is done on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in two-hour time slots (e.g., 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.).
- Two students will be in the car during driving — one to drive and the other to observe.
- Masks are required when driving.

Class 1 payment due by May 19 and Class 2 due by June 30. Register online at hinesburgrec.com but checks are payable to Kevin Browne.

Beyond library grounds: We will once again have a poetry walk installed on the Russell Trails to celebrate National Poetry Month. For further details check our website in early April.

Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m. We're kicking off National Poetry Month with a virtual reading by Laura Budofsky Wisniewski — author of the forthcoming poetry collection "Sanctuary, Vermont" — and by Jane Dorney, author of the newspaper column and blog "Connect the Dots." In addition to sharing their individual work, Programming Librarian Meg Malone will moderate a discussion with both presenters about their inspiration and processes. Please register in advance on our website to receive the Zoom link.

Mondays, 10 a.m. to noon Have a morning of creativity and conversation with Hands and Needles. Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc.

Thursday, April 7, at 6 p.m. Whether you play an acoustic instrument or simply enjoy singing along with live folk music, come join the SongFarmers during their monthly gathering.

Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. Did you know CCL lends out a telescope to cardholders? Join us when Paul Walker from the Vermont Astronomical Society provides a tutorial on how the telescope works and what you can scope out in the night sky with it. After a presentation in our community room, we'll head outside for some supervised hands-on experience with the loaner telescope. Email meg@carpentercarse.org to register (see website for weather contingency plan).

Wednesday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. The mystery book group will be meeting at the library to discuss "Arsenic and Adobo" by Mia P. Manansala. Request a copy from the library.

Wednesday, April 20, at 7 p.m. Whether you consider yourself a fledgling writer or have been honing your craft for a while, join our virtual writing workshop on Zoom led by Geoffrey Gevalt, writer, editor and founder of the Young Writers Project. Sessions will last between 60-90 minutes, and will begin with a brief reading to help inspire participants, followed by a writing prompt

and opportunity to share. Please email to register and receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. Put on your thinking cap and join in for a bit of friendly Zoom trivia. We'll cover a variety of themes and topics over three rounds, and have a prize for the winning player/team. Please email to register and receive the Zoom link.

Friday, April 22, at noon Earth Day Celebration: Join us for a ribbon cutting celebration to celebrate our solar panels and a dedication ceremony for the bicycle repair station donated by HCS Rotary on library grounds. Later in the day there will be a family-friendly film showing (details below in the youth program section).

Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. The evening book group will meet via Zoom to discuss the young adult novel-in-verse "The Poet X" by Elizabeth Acevedo. Request a copy from the library and reach out for the Zoom link to join.

Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting of Four Winds Nature Institute's three-part series to explore topics and best practices in supporting nature-based play and adventure while nurturing a sense of wonder, place and well-being. Sign up in advance to receive a copy of "Adventure, Play, Peace" by Nancy MacPhee Bower that will serve as the basis for the discussion group. Email meg@carpentercarse.org to register.



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Youth Programs

Weekly Storytime. Join the fun on **Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, at 9:30 a.m.** for picture books, songs and rhymes! We are happy to be offering in-person storytimes again, and we ask that everyone over 2 years old wear masks while in the library. Each week we will finish up Storytime with a simple craft or sensory activity and book browsing. Storytime is designed for babies, toddlers and preschool-aged children and no registration is required.

Wednesday, April 13 After-School Crafternoon 2:15-3:15 p.m. Join us for an after-school snack, read-aloud story and spring egg crafts! This event is for children in kindergarten through fourth grade and is a drop-off activity. Register by contacting jen@carpentercarse.org or sign up at the circulation desk.

Saturday, April 16 Storytime 11:00 a.m. Monthly Saturday storytimes are back! In April we will be meeting for stories, songs and rhymes about spring animals like rabbits, chicks and lambs! Saturday storytimes are for youth of all ages and their caregivers and are always free. No registration is required.

Tuesday, April 19 Online Bread-Making Class with King Arthur Baking Company 4:00 p.m. The Bake for Good program teaches kids in fourth through eighth grades how to bake bread from scratch. There are three goals: **learn, bake and share.** Kids learn the math

and science of making bread from scratch, then they bake the bread recipe and make two loaves of bread, one to keep and one to share with someone in need or as an act of kindness. Registration is required, and you can

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Library

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sign up by contacting jen@carpentercarse.org. Once signed up, swing by the library to pick up your supply packet, including coupons for King Arthur Flour.

Friday, April 22 Earth Day Family Movie 3:30 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day with a fun and informative family-friendly movie in the library community room! Check our website for the movie title and details. We will also have garden-themed take-and-make crafts available for families to take home. No registration required.

Wednesday, April 27 After-School Lego Club, 2:15-3:15 p.m. Lego Club at the library is back, so kids in kindergarten through fourth grade can sign up for Lego, fun and friends! Work on your own to make your own Lego brick creations or work with a group to come up with something original. You can also complete one of our Lego challenges, and everyone will have the opportunity to present to the rest of the group if you choose to. Please register for this event at the circulation desk or by contacting jen@carpentercarse.org.

Puppetry

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In the end, each finished moving panorama showcased the fifth graders' unique artistic styles and reimagined fairy tales. As a finale, PuppetKabob set up a still camera and took images of the final moving panoramas, puppets and students' smiling eyes and edited these together into a slideshow for the fifth-grade community, plus their friends and family, to enjoy.



Hinesburg fifth grader designs the puppets for her moving panorama.



Hinesburg fifth grader with his moving panorama of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.



Hinesburg fifth graders create puppets for their moving panoramas.



Meadow Mist Townhomes



Welcome to Meadow Mist Townhomes, located in the heart of Hinesburg Village, a professionally designed two level townhouse. Quality and attention to detail throughout with generous living space and tasteful finishes. You'll enjoy this perfect setting for relaxing and entertaining. Plenty of natural light flows from the large windows throughout to create an open airy layout. Enjoy views of the meadow and watch wildlife from your back deck. Other special highlights include highly efficient mechanical systems and building materials - earning this townhome a NHBA Green designation - a full basement, and one car garage with additional storage space and direct entry. You'll also love the convenience of being served by public water and sewer and Vermont Gas. Outdoor common space includes a gazebo, picnic tables, grills, and a playground. A great neighborhood near all of the amenities Hinesburg Village has to offer! \$422,500



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EDUCATION

Vermont Holocaust Memorial Extends Student Holocaust Education Competition

Students invited to share how stories of Holocaust resiliency and strength inspire during troubled times

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Inspiration from the strength and courage demonstrated by many survivors of the Holocaust has given hope to many young students in the past year, a story they are being asked to describe in a competitive contest organized by the Vermont Holocaust Memorial. VTHM is the state's sole voice for advocating Holocaust education as a means of transmitting tragic lessons of the Holocaust to combat antisemitism and intolerance.

Students are encouraged to submit from a variety of media, including video, art, prose or poetry.

The deadline for submissions is now May 2, 2022. The top entries in three age categories will be awarded cash prizes.

"VTHM and our affiliated teachers statewide have seen that students are brimming with writing and artistic talent; we seek to channel some of that to describe how lessons of survivors of Holocaust genocide and intolerance can provide hope to young people of today," said Debora Steinerman, president and cofounder of VTHM. "There are important lessons that can be learned from these past horrific experiences during the Holocaust — and many have parallels for the challenges students face today."

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"Discovery and learning are pillars of our outreach, and programs like this competition are intended to enable and express lessons learned about the hope and possibilities from the horrors of the Holocaust."

More information and guidelines for the contest can be found at VTHM's website "Educational Resources" section: holocaustmemorial-vt.org/20212022-student-contest.

About VTHM

The Vermont Holocaust Memorial, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, works to advance Holocaust education throughout the state through speaking engagements, educator workshops, exhibits, projects and more.

VTHM is looking for sponsors and grants to enable future educational events for Vermont audiences. VTHM is also seeking descendants of Holocaust survivors to share their families' stories of survival after World War II.

For further information, visit holocaustmemorial-vt.org.

Vermont School Chess Championships

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The 35th Vermont Scholastic High School and Middle School Chess Championships will be held on Saturday, April 16, at the Capital City Grange Hall on Vermont Route 12 in Berlin, Vermont.

All Vermont students are eligible to compete for state championships in middle school (sixth through eighth grades) and high school (ninth through 12th grades) divisions.

The 35th Vermont Scholastic Elementary School Chess Championships will be held on Saturday, April 23, also at the Capital City Grange Hall.

All Vermont elementary school students are eligible to compete for individual state championships in six divisions — for each grade of kindergarten through fifth grade.

All abilities are welcome and encouraged to participate. Advance registration is required. Complete rules and registration information can be found at vtchess.info or by contacting Mike Stridsberg, tournament director, at mike@vtchess.info.

ORGANIZATIONS



Community Garden in full bloom.

Think Spring! Plots Available at Community Garden

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Spring is officially here, so what better time than now to think about gardening! If you would like to grow organic vegetables, herbs or flowers for your family and friends to enjoy, please join us. Established in 2010, the Hinesburg Growing Together Community Garden, a project of the UVM Extension Master Gardener Program, has 20 plots, each with two 4 feet by 12 feet wooden raised beds. The plots are located on a sunny, breezy rise of land donated by, and next to, the Community Alliance Church on Pond Road in Hinesburg.

You'll find the other gardeners to be friendly and helpful, along with our three master gardeners and one master composter who are available by phone, email and by visits to the garden to help answer questions and guide you along the way.

Limited plots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please plan to register as soon as possible. The cost for a plot is \$35 the first year and \$20 in subsequent years.

If you have questions, please contact either of the following Community Garden members. To request a registration form, please contact Kristy.

Grace Link at graceplay@vt04.com or 802-489-6200, or Kristy at larcresdsox@gmavt.net or 802-482-3372.

Girls on the Run Vermont Spring Program Registration Now Open

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Girls on the Run Vermont's registration for its spring program is now open statewide. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through eighth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. The volunteer-led program brings together groups of students for an eight-week program that encourages personal development, team building and connection to the community.

GOTRVT has inspired girls in Vermont for 22 years and has impacted the lives of 40,000 girls. This season, Girls on the Run will be offered at over 100 locations across Vermont starting the week of March 28. Each team will meet twice a week for 90 minutes after school and participate in research-based lessons that use dynamic discussions and fun movement games to teach life skills. The season will culminate with two statewide 5K events — one on June 4 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction and the other on June 11 at the Manchester Recreation Fields — that will bring together family, friends and community members to celebrate the participants' growth throughout the season.

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OUTDOORS

Forest Management Is Not Deforestation

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

Over the last few centuries, Vermont's forests have been on a transformative journey. Prior to European colonization, Vermont was about 90-95% forested. Following the massive clearing of the early- to mid-1800s, Vermont rebounded from a low of about 20% forested around 1850 to 80% forested by the end of the 20th century. In the last several decades, however, the amount of forestland in our state has begun to backslide, decreasing to about 75% today.

Deforestation, or forest loss, occurs when forests are converted to non-forest.

While both local and global forest loss are driven by a variety of factors, here in Vermont development is one of the

leading contributors. The estimates of annual deforestation in Vermont range from 2,000 acres to nearly 13,000 acres per year, depending on how we define the term. Despite uncertainty in the exact amount, it's clear that we are losing forestland in Vermont.

Forests are foundational to our lives: they make our world work and our lives beautiful. Among the many benefits that forests provide are food and shelter for wildlife, clean water and air, protection of biodiversity, renewable resources (wood), scenic beauty and opportunities for outdoor recreation. Rightfully, those who care about forests increasingly recognize the problem of deforestation and are looking for solutions. However, understanding deforestation is more complex than it may seem.

When you see tree stumps in the woods, you might assume that deforestation has occurred — that the forest has in some way been lost. However, while deforestation involves the cutting of trees, tree mortality (whether natural or human-caused) is

not the same as deforestation. Within Vermont's forests, tree mortality is an important part of forest growth and development that the plants, animals, trees, fungi and microorganisms that make up the forest community have adapted to over millennia. Forest development is a cycle, a continuous, dynamic process within which the death of trees is a beginning as much as an ending. Every old forest was once a young forest and will be one again.

Deforestation is the only real endpoint for forests, systems that include, and even thrive on, death and disturbances. While the death of trees in a forest may lead to a rich and robust natural response — including the development of unique habitats and robust regeneration — deforestation undermines the natural cycles that perpetuate forests by denying them the opportunity to regenerate. In short, instead of letting forests be forests, deforestation turns them into something else. When deforestation occurs, we lose forests' countless benefits for the foreseeable future; a forest converted to a non-forest will no longer sequester and store carbon, no longer provide habitat for wildlife, no longer clean our air and our water to the degree that forests do — and may not do so again in our lifetimes.

While the goal of deforestation is to turn a forest into something else (often to meet human needs), the goal of responsible forest management is the perpetuation of healthy, vibrant, intact forests and the many values they provide. Done well, forest management can be regenerative, working with natural processes to help forests become more biologically diverse, complex, resilient to climate change and rich in habitat for an array of plants, animals and other native species. While cutting trees is different in some ways than natural mortality, it can be done in ways that build on forests' innate resilience and are ultimately beneficial to the forest community. That said, forest management has tradeoffs: we can recognize that forest management can be very positive while also acknowledging that some critiques of forest management are valid, deserve our close attention and highlight opportunities for improvement.

As we endeavor to understand how best to build a healthy, functional, beautiful world, understanding how deforestation is fundamentally different from forest management is one of the many nuances we must explore. Developing a common definition for what deforestation is and how it differs from responsible forest management allows us to work toward common solutions — strategies that ensure healthy forests and the benefits they provide exist for this and future generations. Having frank conversations about what constitutes responsible forest manage-

ment is critical, but limiting deforestation — both in Vermont and across the globe — is the single most important thing we can do to protect our forested ecosystems. We must find a way to keep forests as forests.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. See what he's been up to, check out his YouTube channel, sign up for his eNews and read articles he's written at linktr.ee/ChittendenCountyForester.

Everyone Rides! With Local Motion's Friends of the Ferry Campaign

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Marking the countdown to the 2022 Bike Ferry season, Local Motion announces the launch of the second annual Friends of the Ferry campaign. What was resoundingly popular last year can now be considered part of Bike Ferry tradition. The organization's goal is to make travel on the Island Line Bike Ferry accessible to everyone, regardless of the ability to pay. The 30-day campaign kicked off on March 15 and ends on April 14 with a goal of raising \$20,000 to anchor the novel pay-what-you-can bike ferry service. For a minimum donation of \$50, a campaign donor receives a Friends of the Ferry donor sticker and their new 2022 orange Velcro "bike band." A proudly displayed bike band will identify a donor's support of something truly exceptional where there are no exceptions and Everyone Rides! For more information and to donate, go to localmotion.org/friends_of_the_ferry.

Local Motion's beloved Bike Ferry, connecting the mainland to the Lake Champlain Islands, will reopen on Friday, May 27 of Memorial Day weekend at 10 a.m. The Local Motion crew will continue with COVID-19 safety protocols designed to keep passengers and staff safe.

A complete ferry schedule can be found at localmotion.org/bike_ferry.

Advertising and news deadline is April 14 for the next issue. Publication date is April 28. Call 482-7227 for more information. Material not received by deadline will be considered for next issue.

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ARTS & LEISURE

Hinesburg Artist Series Annual Concert Returns

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The Hinesburg Artist Series annual concert will return on Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude Church. The concert will feature the South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra in a long-awaited performance of "Jubilate Deo" by Dan Forrest that was canceled in 2020. Dan Forrest's "Jubilate Deo" brings to life the global aspect of the traditional Psalm 100 text, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands," by setting it in seven different languages and drawing from a wide spectrum of musical influences. The sixth movement, "Song of the Earth," portrays the Earth itself singing — first wordlessly, but eventually finding its own voice — which leads seamlessly into the stunning and rhythmic final movement.

Vocal soloists are Amy Frostman and Amy Patrick.

There will also be a featured violin duet featuring Chris Storke, and Kimberley Durlinger. The "Jubilate Deo" is an amazing composition with beautiful lyrical movements and also expressive, rhythmic sections.

This is one of the favorite pieces we have ever rehearsed, and we know for the performers and audience, the experience will be worth the wait.

Please save the date and watch for final details regarding tickets and more in the April 28 issue of the Hinesburg Record. You can also check out hinesburgartistseries.org for all the updated concert information.

Local Museums to Reopen in May

FROM PRESS RELEASES

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum to Reopen for Free

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum has announced that they will remain free for all visitors for the 2022 season. The museum will be open from May 21 through Oct. 16 with outside and indoor exhibits, summer camps and expeditions, historic replica boats, new public programs and more. The 2022 season at the museum is focused on continuing to bring communities, neighbors and youth together. As the region continues to recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there is a common human need to gather, celebrate and learn from culture, history and the natural environment. Recognizing that there are common barriers to access for many people to visit museums or take advantage of these kinds of educational experiences, the museum is committed to removing these obstacles for all visitors.

"Lake Champlain, the history of the lake and the land, and the experience of being on the water belong to the people of Vermont, New York, and Quebec," said Executive Director Susan Evans McClure. "By ensuring everyone can access that for free, we can focus on coming together to learn from the lake and our shared past to build a better future for our community and the lake."

In 2022, museum visitors, local adults and youth can access:



Summer camps include a kayak-building camp.

Free Admission: The museum will be free for all visitors and open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Outside, Indoor and Online Exhibits: In 2022 the museum will open a new exhibit, "The Clean Water Act at 50" which explores this groundbreaking legislation, its impact on Lake Champlain and how individuals can keep Lake Champlain healthy today.

In addition, the museum will refresh several favorite exhibits with new research, objects and stories including: "Nebizun: Water is Life," an exhibit

curated by Vera Longtoe Sheehan and the Vermont Abenaki Artists Association, which explores the Abenaki relationship to water as a fundamental element; the Hazelett Small Watercraft Center; and the 18th-century blacksmithing forge. Details on on-site and online exhibits are at lcmmm.org/Museum.

Pay-What-You-Can Summer Camps and Expeditions: To ensure that all kids and teens have equal access to a great summer on Lake Champlain, **continued on page 16**

► Girls on the Run

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The program fee for the Spring 2022 season is \$115 and financial aid is available to those who qualify. The program fee includes registration for the end-of-season 5K event plus shirt, journal, cinch sack, water bottle and more. Information about the program and registration can be found on the GOTRVT's website: gotrvt.org.

With trained coaches ready to empower these participants, Girls on the Run (third to fifth grades) and Heart & Sole (sixth to eighth grades) is currently set to take place at many sites throughout Vermont, including Hinesburg Community School.

SCHIP Spring Grant Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The spring deadline for SCHIP grant applications is Friday, April 15, 2022. Since SCHIP began making grants, many non-profits have used their awarded funds to continue their missions to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a one-year period by any one entity.

Applicant requirements:

- Be a 501(c)(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
- Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg.
- Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
- One application per organization per calendar year.

Grant deadlines are April 15 and Oct. 15.

To obtain an application go to the "Contact" link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at: SCHIPSTreasure.org.

Charlotte Grange Kicks Off Online Auction

BY SALLY WADHAMS

"Celebrating Charlotte" is a Charlotte Grange initiative to highlight the wealth of services, expertise and products in Charlotte. We're inviting all Hinesburg residents to participate! The weeklong online event brings together over 100 items donated by more than 90 talented Charlotte residents and Charlotte businesses — experiences, services, products, gift certificates, entertainment, lessons and more. You can bid on one or all of them in the online auction, which will be active April 2 to April 9. It's a great range of items, including local food and produce, voice lessons, tool sharpening, artwork, massages, landscaping and gardening, music concerts and rides to the airport!

As well as showcasing items, the event will be this year's primary fundraiser for the Charlotte Grange. For the past 100 years, the Grange has thrived on personal interaction as a hub for community get-togethers, but since our events had to cease two years ago, we have to explore other ways to keep our small and historic Grange hall going. We're hoping this exciting fundraiser will also bring together community members, sharing experiences, talent and services.

Go to Charlotte Grange's website to join the auction and bid, bid, bid!

charlottegrangevt.wixsite.com/website.

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► Local Museums

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all summer programs at the museum have a pay-what-you-can tuition model. Adventurous youths can join the museum to build their own kayak, learn about underwater archaeology, go on an overnight kayak or rowing expedition and more. Families can browse and register for 2022 camps and expeditions at lcmmm.org/Camps.

Historic Replica Boats: The museum's replica Revolutionary War gunboat Philadelphia II will be displayed "on the hard" on the museum grounds, and the replica canal schooner Lois McClure will be docked in North Harbor for the 2022 season for all to visit for free. This season marks the second-to-last for the schooner Lois McClure. In October 2023, the replica will be retired. A new exhibit on canal history in the Champlain Valley is projected to open in 2024. The public is invited to visit the Lois and to participate in a public archiving project that will inform the future exhibit at lcmmm.org/Lois.

Adult Rowing Clubs: Each spring through fall, adults of all ages are invited to row on the lake with one of the museum's three rowing clubs. Participants row in the museum's fleet of pilot gigs, a traditional six-oared wooden rowing gig, which are all built right at the museum as part of the museum's boat building education program for local students. Clubs range from beginner to advanced experience levels and meet once a week in the afternoon at the museum or in Burlington. Interested rowers can join for one row or for the whole season. Registration for the 2022 season opens in late March at lcmmm.org/Adult-Rowing.

The 2022 season featuring free admission and pay-what-you-can camps and expeditions is made possible with support from Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, Lake Champlain Basin Program, the museum's members and donors, as well as local businesses.

The museum will be regularly sharing updates on exhibits and season events on their website and social media. Follow along and plan your 2022 visit: lcmmm.org/Visit.

Shelburne Museum

Shelburne Museum will open the 2022 season on Sunday, May 15 with a full slate of new exhibitions, programs and refurbished historic buildings. Northern New England's largest art and history museum will be open six days a week, Tuesdays through Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., including holiday Mondays, through Oct. 16.

Stagecoach Inn and Dana-Spencer Textile Galleries at Hat and Fragrance, where two of the museum's most important collections reside — American

folk art and quilts — will reopen this season after updates and conservation.

This season visitors will have a special opportunity to view a major exhibition of the work of Luigi Lucioni. "Luigi Lucioni: Modern Light" showcases the technically sophisticated realist who favored the play of light and shadows on weathered barns and stately trees contributing to the genre termed "Yankee Modernism." In addition, visitors can explore American art through the lens of eyewear. "Eyesight and Insight: Lens on American Art" explores the ways in which eyesight, vision and eyeglasses played a role in the history of American art. Visitors of all ages will be delighted by the museum's expansive and compelling collections of art and Americana spanning four centuries from folk art and circus collections, to carriages and decoys. This season's exhibitions include:

"Eyesight and Insight: Lens on American Art" (May 15 to Oct. 16) illuminates the history of creative response to perceptions of vision and invites new insights into the ways American artists have negotiated issues related to eyesight from the 18th to the 21st century. The exhibition features objects from Shelburne Museum's collection as well as significant loans including works by Rembrandt Peale, George Cope, Tseng Kwong Chi and others. Surveying more than 200 years of art and technological innovation, this marks the first major museum exhibition and scholarly publication considering the myriad roles of eyeglasses and optical technologies in the history of American art. A virtual component to the exhibition has already launched on the museum's website. To explore the online galleries, visit: shelburnemuseum.org/online-exhibitions/eyesight-insight.

"Luigi Lucioni: Modern Light" (June 25 to Oct. 16) examines the career, influences and techniques of Italian American artist Luigi Lucioni. A prolific painter and printmaker, Lucioni is known today for his landscape paintings, still-life works, portraiture and etchings. "Modern Light" is the first comprehensive exhibition of the artist's work at a major public museum, as well as Shelburne Museum's first monographic exhibition of Lucioni's art since 1968. Known during his lifetime as a technically sophisticated realist who favored the play of light and shadows on weathered barns and stately trees, Lucioni contributed to the genre that art historian Bruce Robertson has termed "Yankee Modernism." Lucioni, along with Paul Sample, Maxfield Parrish, and even Charles Sheeler and Andrew Wyeth, depicted a landscape and a people, orderly yet odd, who embodied an idealized set of "American" values in an era of great social and political change.

Museum tickets are available at the admissions desk and no preregistration is required. The museum will be monitoring guidance from state and federal officials related to COVID-19 safety, with current information posted on the website. For full details related to reopening and COVID-19 related regulations, please visit shelburnemuseum.org.



Luigi Lucioni, *village of Stowe, Vermont, 1931*. Oil on canvas, 23 1/2 inches by 33 1/2 inches. Minneapolis Institute of Art, gift of the Estate of Mrs. George P. Douglas. Licensed by Bridgeman Images.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, APRIL 4

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop. Snacks will be provided. Email Laura Wisniewski at bhy@beecheerhillyoga.com for more info.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote Meeting—online Meeting platform.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Hinesburg Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. <https://meet.google.com/vru-hvxh-xuw>. Third Floor Conference Room.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

7:00-8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting or 3rd floor Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Town Forest Committee. Ground Level Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Sunday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

5:00-6:30 p.m. CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU room 160.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Lower Level Conference Room.

Assistance for Cultural Organizations to Develop Digital Arts

FROM VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

The pandemic has made clear that digital arts programming is here to stay. Yet Vermont's cultural organizations have varying levels of digital readiness and different needs, from identifying the best livestreaming equipment, to navigating streaming rights, marketing digital content, training staff or hiring a website designer. In 2021, the Vermont Legislature approved \$1.15 million in funding to the Vermont Arts Council to help build the digital capacity of Vermont cultural organizations.

One-on-One Consultations

The council invites arts organizations to consult with Media Factory's professional media makers to plan digital programming projects, including assessing equipment and project needs and exploring concepts and feasibility. These hour-long sessions are free and are scheduled first-come, first-served. Please only sign up for one session.

Workshops

Through these sessions, Media Factory professionals will help cultural organi-

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Hinesburg Fire Station.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Remote Meeting—online Meeting platform.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Trails Committee. Remote Meeting—online Meeting platform.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg, VT 05461.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Fire Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Economic Development. Third Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. St. Jude Parish Hall.

MONDAY, MAY 2

4:30-5:30 p.m. Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. See Calendar entry for April 5.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Energy Committee. Remote Meeting—online Meeting platform.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Hinesburg Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Affordable Housing Committee. <https://meet.google.com/vru-hvxh-xuw>. Third Floor Conference Room.

7:00-8:30 p.m. Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Department, 10340 VT-116, Hinesburg.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballard's Corner Rd., Hinesburg.

7:00-10:00 p.m. Select Board Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day.

MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00-8:30 p.m. Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. Zoom Meeting or 3rd floor Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Town Office, Lower Level Conference Room.

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zations identify the tools and strategies they need to build their capacity to create digital media and engage with their audience in new ways. Participation is free to Vermont nonprofit arts and culture organizations. This series will be offered again in July.

March 30, Production Elements: A comprehensive introduction to video production techniques. Recordings of the workshops will be available at the VAC's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/vermontartscouncil](https://www.youtube.com/user/vermontartscouncil).

April 13, 10 a.m. to noon, Editing Essentials: A comprehensive introduction to video editing.

April 27, 10 a.m. to noon, Going Live with What You Got: A comprehensive guide to livestreaming events and discussions.

May 11, 10 a.m. to noon, Tech Session with the Media Factory: In-depth Q&A and hands-on exploration.

Consultation sign-ups, workshop details and registration information can be found at tiny.one/VTarts-digital.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Rae Bissonette

Patricia Rae (née Downs) Bissonette 85, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2022 surrounded by family in the comforts of her own home in Hinesburg. Patricia was born in Hinesburg on Dec. 24, 1936, to the late William and Harriett (née Francis) Downs.

Patricia married Stanley J. Bissonette, her high school sweetheart, on Sept. 22, 1956. They were married for 65 years. During that time, they enjoyed traveling and visiting many area casinos.

Patricia was an amazing cook, loved family gatherings around the holidays and the annual corn roast. These times held a special place in her heart. She looked forward to the afternoon cribbage games with Stanley, at which she kicked his butt most of the time. How she smiled and laughed with victory. She had a great love for gardening. She looked forward to spring so she could admire the plants that made it through the winter, and of course, for the opportunity to purchase more. If

she wasn't gardening, she was working on jigsaw puzzles. She had a passion for shopping and going to craft shows. These were special times she enjoyed with her daughters. She looked forward to spending the winter months in Arizona with her daughter and son-in-law and being a snowbird. She loved ice cream and anything sweet, and enjoyed going out on Sunday afternoons.

Patricia played a big part in the Hinesburg Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary for many years. She was a dedicated blood donor and a longtime volunteer for the American Heart Association. Patricia worked for several years at Chittenden Bank and later joined the clerical pool at Champlain Valley Union High School, where she made great friends.

Patricia leaves behind her husband, Stanley J. Bissonette, and their four children, Sally Duchaine and husband Timothy of Mesa, Arizona; David Bissonette of Hinesburg, Cindy Bissonette of Hinesburg; and Amy Bissonette and her husband Tom



Patricia Rae Bissonette.

Charbonneau of Hinesburg. She is survived by 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Patricia also leaves her sisters Ilene Steins, Lena Pierce and the late Glenna Milham.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Patricia's memory can be made to the Hinesburg Fire Department by mail: 10340 Route 116 Hinesburg, Vermont 05461 or to the American Heart Association by mail: P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284 or heart.org/plannedgiving.

COMMENTARY

In the Background: What Alliance and Assurance Means at the Citizen Level

BY NATHAN FRY

On Thursday, Feb. 24, I woke up at my usual 5:30 a.m. to get an early start to a typically busy work schedule as a military diplomat serving in the U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia. Unlike my previous assignments at the "tactical" military level where decisions happened quickly and every day seemed to have its share of adventure, I had spent the first 18 months at the "strategic" level getting used to a slower pace of change and a culture more focused on building and maintaining relationships.

I would start the day with a final travel brief to a contingent of North Macedonia's senior military and emergency management leaders scheduled to depart for Washington, D.C. and Vermont on the following Sunday. Then it was a sprint over to North Macedonia's main military base to escort the U.S. ambassador during a closing ceremony for a training event between U.S. Marines and North Macedonia's special forces. The after-

noon was scheduled with a senior U.S. military leader from the NATO Kosovo Force (aka KFOR) to receive some information briefings on training opportunities with North Macedonia's army. If I was lucky, I'd get a few minutes for emails and routine office work at the end of the day. Despite the building tension with Russia, I avoided checking the morning news for a few minutes, allowing myself time to throw on running clothes, stretch and grab breakfast before I planned to get a quick run in. On Feb. 24, my run never came.

Down in the kitchen, I opened my phone to my go-to news site, expecting to see updates about troop movements or negotiations. Instead, the headline read "Russia Invades Ukraine." I took a deep breath before scrolling down. After 15 years in the military, I've tried to remember in times of crisis the old mantra that "the first report is always inaccurate" and paused to consider that maybe the headline was an overstatement. As we all know now, it wasn't. I rushed through breakfast, packed my bag and raced to my office at North Macedonia's Ministry of Defense on my bike. It was now around 7:00 a.m. and the streets were still quiet, with only buses and a few cars on the street. Opening my email in the ministry, I found no messages from the embassy regarding changes to the am-

bassador's schedule. Picking up the phone, I rang her executive assistant. "I expect you know why I'm calling," I cut right to the point after we exchanged greetings.

"She's still on," he replied, "but there's going to be a change. Can you get her 15 minutes of one-on-one with the minister of defense before the ceremony? We can shift the actual ceremony later, if necessary. The ambassador needs to have face time with the minister."

I agreed to set up the meeting and, after we hung up, a flurry of phone calls began to adjust schedules and arrange meetings between the ambassador and North Macedonia's key leaders. The diplomatic pace that I was used to — steady and deliberate — had kicked into high gear in a matter of minutes. Throughout the U.S. embassy in North Macedonia and in every U.S. embassy on the European continent, the same process repeated itself throughout the day — hasty phone calls, schedules rearranged, meetings canceled or extended, leaders conversed, and assurances were offered to friends, partners, allies.

On Feb. 24, I witnessed one small part of the reaction to the most significant armed conflict that has occurred on the European continent since the end

of World War II. And given how far away and insignificant this conflict may feel to the ordinary American citizen, I think it's worth taking a moment to try to detail the ways that Russia's attack on Ukraine matters to the United States and our legacy to the world.

Over the last 100 years, Europe has seen four significant periods of redrawing borders and the creation of new states — after WWI, after WWII, in the period from 1989-1992 as the communist states of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia separated, and in 2008 when Kosovo broke away from Serbia. During each period, the trend has generally been toward breaking up larger states to provide national identity to smaller countries, such as when Yugoslavia dissolved into Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia. And, although these new states often gained a unique national identity that they previously did not have, being a small independent state comes with risks — border disputes, a small economy and old rivalries are common issues.

Soon after the breakup of the Soviet Union, many former Soviet states determined that aligning westward, to-

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PEOPLE

Higher Education Honors

Tyler Brooks of Hinesburg was named to the College of Charleston (South Carolina) Fall 2021 dean's list. Brooks is majoring in biology. To qualify for dean's list (distinguished), students must earn a GPA of 3.60 or higher and complete a minimum of 14 semester hours.

Kylie Dunshee of Hinesburg, a student at Northern Vermont University, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2021 semester. Students who achieve a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 are placed on the dean's list.

Natan Hicken of Hinesburg has obtained dean's list honors at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (New York) for the Fall 2021 semester. To be placed

on the dean's list, students must obtain a 3.75 or better GPA.

Zaza Quatt of Hinesburg was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology (New York) for the Fall 2021 semester. Quatt is in the illustration program. Full-time degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for the dean's list if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 and they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," "D" or "F."

Sophie S. Yarwood of Hinesburg was named to second honors on the Clark University (Massachusetts) dean's list. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2021 semester. Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.



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ward Europe, rather than eastward, back to Russia, would solve many of their challenges as small, new nations. They declared their intent to integrate into Western Europe, applied for NATO membership, and in most cases, saw European Union membership follow soon after. Until 2021 and Russia's invasion, this seemed to be such a recipe for economic and national success that even countries on Europe's periphery, such as Ukraine and Georgia, voluntarily aspired to this path. NATO membership meant, at its core, assurance. Assurance of recognized national borders, of open cooperation among neighboring militaries, of intelligence sharing rather than espionage, and of a recognition of even small states as peers and valuable contributors to the alliance. NATO truly meant national security. This national security led to stability, stability to EU membership, and EU membership to increased national prosperity. Like any superior product that outshines its competitors, the contrast between the western model and Russia's stalled economy didn't need to be advertised. Of the 22 European countries that emerged out of the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Warsaw Pact countries and Yugoslavia, all but six had voluntarily joined NATO by

March 2020 and most of these 16 NATO members were either EU members or in discussion to become members on the day that Russia attacked across the border into Ukraine.

I know firsthand about the allure of NATO because I've spent the last 18 months living it, not only in my daily work with North Macedonia's military, but also in the small interactions of daily life that most Americans don't see reported on their news feed. North Macedonia, as a small country surrounded by neighbors that all seem to have an historical claim to some aspect of its heritage, culture, language or symbols, is often politically embattled to prove its legitimacy to its larger and more powerful neighbors. But even during the height of the political theater, we've consistently seen respect and cooperation from neighboring militaries. For example, at the same time that Bulgarian politicians were vetoing North Macedonia's admission into the EU, North Macedonia's special forces were conducting rigorous, effective multilateral combat training with Bulgarian and Greek commandos. Beneath the veneer of political discord was the cooperation of NATO members who respected each other, with the understanding that they might have to rely on and trust each other on the battlefield.

In Kosovo, NATO's assurance of a peaceful life for Kosovo's inhabitants has tak-

en on an almost sacred respect for the alliance within the country's Albanian majority. NATO's intervention in Kosovo during the 1998-1999 conflict between Serbia and Kosovo saved countless lives, paved the way for Kosovo's independence, and is now commemorated with American flags flying alongside Kosovo's national flag on houses and businesses throughout the country. Drive through any border checkpoint with a U.S. passport and you're likely have the border guard pose the following question to you: What's America's 51st state? The answer, the guard will gladly tell you, is Kosovo.

Perhaps the most telling indicator of the feeling of security that NATO brings to many people is not how soldiers and diplomats feel about it, but how teenagers in North Macedonia feel about the alliance. In the weeks of building tensions between Russia, Ukraine and NATO, my wife, Kim, had several conversations with her students at the international school where she teaches about the situation and their concerns about the potential for a large conflict to break out only a few countries away (for reference, Kyiv is only about 1,200 miles, or a 20-hour drive, from North Macedonia's capital Skopje). In one classroom conversation, a student inquired about whether North Macedonia was a NATO member yet, and when told, "Yes," responded calmly, "Oh, then we're good." The assurance of security that being a valued and respected member of the larger NATO alliance brings is simply something that many Americans do not understand, given our large country, a national heritage that is distinct from our peaceful neighbors to the north and south, and the two oceans that separate us from our nearest meaningful threats.

But while it is one thing to project assurance, it's a completely different thing to actually deliver on assurances of security in the largest conflict on European soil in nearly 80 years. In the opening weeks of the Russian invasion, as headlines fly back and forth about whether diplomacy worked with Russia or not, I can say with confidence that it is working in my little corner of the alliance. As I described at the start of

this article, in the opening hours of the invasion, it became the U.S. Embassy-Skopje's primary mission to make direct, physical and meaningful contact with our partners. As with any organization, members look to key leaders as an example during times of crisis. The U.S., as the core of the NATO leader countries, immediately went to work through civilian and military diplomats to provide that ever-important assurance to other members that we will uphold our commitments to the alliance if the conflict were to spread. Our partners, in turn, responded with their own assurances to stay true to the NATO charter.

The contrast between Ukraine's two options is apparent — to their west is NATO, an alliance that recognizes the territorial integrity of even its smallest members, which promotes cooperation and trust that seeks to bridge historical rivalries, and which has a proven track record of lifting its members into prosperity. To the east is Russia, a single country cloaking its intentions in what are clearly falsehoods, violating the Ukrainian borders that post-Soviet Russia once officially recognized as legitimate, and killing Ukrainian soldiers and civilians with whom it claims brotherly solidarity. Again, Russia's actions are the best advertisement to European nations as to why leaning west, to the EU and NATO, is preferable to being aligned with Russia.

As I write this, it's two weeks into this conflict, and we do not know what will come next. While a de-escalation may be possible, a simmering insurgency seems more likely and even an escalation could still occur within the coming weeks. As with all wars, many of us will suffer to varying degrees. Some will go to war to fight and die, while others may simply pay higher gas prices or go without certain comforts that decades of peace have given us. Regardless of the direct effect on us as individuals, I urge us all to remember the one way that this conflict will affect us as Americans — in our credibility and trustworthiness on the world stage in fulfilling our promises and commitments.

We Americans pride ourselves in our honesty and integrity. Although there

are certainly instances in our past when our governmental leaders have misled the American public and the world, the strength of American altruism and trustworthiness has somehow weathered our missteps and mistakes, mostly, I believe, because of the person-to-person relationships that I saw spring into action over the last two weeks after Russia's invasion. Yet the strength of these relationships at the embassy level pales in comparison to the power of the collective voice of the American people. If the time comes for the United States to uphold its commitments to its NATO allies, recognize that even teenagers in 29 other NATO allies are pulling their attention away from TikTok long enough to see what the United States will do. Other nations will follow the United States' lead to keep our collective word and defend every partner as an equal, regardless of size, gross domestic product or cultural heritage. Ultimately, the American people will decide whether our word to our NATO allies and EU partners was spoken in truth or in vain.

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Connecting the Dots

It helps to understand emergency rooms and prisons as the end game of bad policy decisions.

BY BILL SCHUBART

Vermonters can't afford to keep spending money patching up the accelerating dysfunction absent a clear vision for what's unfixable and what must instead be reimagined more cost-effectively and cost-efficiently.

The solutions are not all monetary but rather systemic and must be based on a shared vision realized by courageous leaders.

Each broken element — housing, hunger, transportation, physical and mental health, addiction, the environment, child care, criminal justice and public education — has their advocates. But who's connecting the dots and seeing how they are all related, and how fixing one without addressing the whole system gets us nowhere except further in debt?

The three essential drivers of Vermonters' well-being are:

Public Education: (Vermont Agency of Education) community schools and colleges

Health/Wellness: (Agency of Human Services) community health centers, parent-child family centers, medical professionals, hospitals and other insti-

tutional providers of health services

Social and Environmental Justice: (AHS) the criminal justice system, Vermont Department of Corrections and the Department of Children and FamiliesIf we understand these three essential drivers of community well-being as interdependent, we can begin to form a consensus around needed changes and begin the work of reinvention that takes us from an expensive patchwork of legislative and agency-driven repairs to much more cost-efficient upstream investments in education, intervention and prevention of downstream crises.

Public Education: It's time to reimagine and redesign Vermont's public education system to one that enables learning. Merely patching up a system that's failing us in equity, access, infrastructure and quality will bankrupt us with no change in outcomes. At \$19,340 per student, we spend more per pupil on public education than all but four other states, even as our public-school student population has shrunk by 21,000 since 1997.

There is a move afoot to fund an analysis of the environmental safety of Vermont schools. New scientific understanding of safe levels of PCB, PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances), lead, microplastics, urea formaldehyde off-gassing, and radon in air and water handling systems have prompted concerns. If school buildings are found deficient, how much will we spend mitigating the toxins or, as in the case of Burlington High School, building a whole new school for \$320 million without assessing what a modern school should be from an infrastructure standpoint? Will we just replicate the dozens of square classrooms and desks, a book-library and a few labs, or does modern pedagogy, remote learning and internships point the way to newer, more cost-efficient and effective learning spaces perhaps integrated with other civic spaces?

Also, try to imagine that public education begins at six months after a paid family leave to allow for the critical bonding of a newborn with its parents. It then becomes mandatory at age three or four, but is available from six months on to working parents as "learning centers," not "child care."

These learning centers would be staffed by appropriately compensated professional early-educators with specialized pediatric and child-development knowledge and with trauma-informed counselors to identify adverse childhood experiences (often abbreviated as ACE). Family-support services would be available to work with children and families to address and remediate problems that, when undetected and unaddressed, often regress into special education, the criminal justice system, and even incarceration. The hungry child living in the back seat of their mother's car does not come to school with learning as their top priority.

To invest in early learning, we must retire our current, arcane educational architecture — preschool/nursery, kindergarten, grade school, middle school, junior high, high school and college —

and see education as a continuum that focuses on the individual learner. The old and arbitrary divisions defy what we know about childhood development and distract us from the individual learner's needs and abilities.

We're at an inflection point in public education. We must come together to reimagine it as a cost-efficient institution that fulfills our Constitutional obligation in a democracy to provide free and effective learning for our youngest citizens. And we must focus those investments on the ages where research in human development tells us our children and young people are most receptive to learning.

Public Health Care: Any future vision must be viewed through the eyes of those who need it, use it and provide it, not solely through the eyes of those who administer it or profit from it. We must find the will and leadership to derive a consensus on patient-centered, community-based health care delivery systems with primary care as the point of entry except in emergencies.

Community health centers, primary care practices and parent-child family centers are uniquely skilled at identifying and treating not only incipient illness, but, equally important, sources of trauma and toxic stress induced by ACEs. Treating them in a local setting supports family as well as patient. Community-based centers are best able to connect the dots of inadequate housing and nutrition, the toll of abuse, addiction or an incarcerated family member, and so provide the best and simplest way to initiate measures to begin and sustain recovery.

Dr. Paul Farmer understood this intuitively and his work today in the Navaho Nation, Rwanda and Haiti among those with limited resources is widely regarded as embracing a new understanding of population health. "A mother cannot undergo cancer care and lose work without receiving economic support. A tuberculosis patient cannot endure strong medications on an empty stomach. [...] And a patient showing symptoms of COVID-19 cannot take public transportation to her local testing site."

Social and Environmental Justice: Finally, we must understand our failures in health care and education as principal drivers of costs in our criminal justice system. If we were to reinvest a quarter of the \$160 million a year we spend keeping people in jail into prevention, we could reduce the number of Vermont children — 6,000 at present — who either have an incarcerated parent or a parent under correctional oversight. And Vermont might lower its dubious rank as the fifth most frequent terminator of parental rights that remove children from their families. And we are supposed to be one of the best states in which to have and raise children?

I am both grateful for and sympathetic to the daunting task of legislating truly revolutionary reform, reform that both saves taxpayer money, improves outcomes and enhances economic growth.

Health care, public education and social and environmental justice have each become systemic behemoths

laden with incomprehensible language, impenetrable processes — all defended by the powerful status quo bias of the many feeding of these aging systems. But if there was ever a time to reenvision these bulky systems, it's now. Try to understand emergency rooms and prisons as the end game of bad policy.

We need a strategic vision and courage from the executive branch and its leaders, the courage to change and face down those for whom change poses a risk to their privilege and position to come from the Legislature — and all this needs to be backstopped by a watchful and apolitical judiciary.

Failure is no longer an option. Taxing capacity is nearing its zenith for the middle and lower tax tiers. The federal spigot will close next year, and inflation will continue.

Connecting the dots between learning, well-being and justice is the basis for a vision that truly improves the lives of Vermonters. It interrupts the continuum of intergenerational failure, lowers costs (taxes), and is the best economic development strategy any state could have.

States with superior public learning and health care services, shaped by social and environmental justice, will have the strategic advantage in attracting and retaining their future workforce. That could be us.

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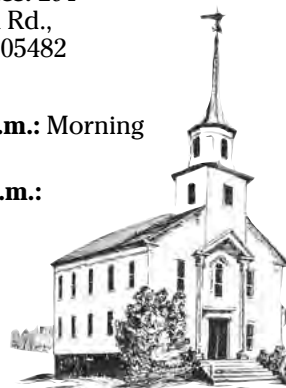
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► Town Forest

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expanded town land, and the establish-
ment of a new Hinesburg Town Forest
Management Fund.

Multiple times in its history, the HTF
was threatened by proposals to sell off
and potentially develop the land. A per-
manent conservation easement, held
by VLT and VHCBC, will ensure the land
remains undeveloped and accessible to
wildlife, community and visitors.

The expanded HTF lies within a 4,400-
acre stretch of connected forestland
identified as a priority for conservation
by the state of Vermont. It features ver-
nal pools, unique natural communities
and miles of headwater streams.

“Preserving connectivity within
Hinesburg's largest area of contigu-
ous forest has been a priority for our
organization since its beginning,” said
Paul Wiecezorek of the Hinesburg Land
Trust. “This significant block of unde-
veloped forest is a major step in achiev-
ing that goal.”

The newly added land connects trails
on the HTF to another 10 miles of trails
on private land south of Lincoln Hill
Road and to the Vermont Association
of Snow Travelers' trail. It also secures
access to the HTF from the south, and
adjoins the 1,100-acre Fred Johnson
Wildlife Management Area.

“This substantial addition to the Town
Forest helps to prevent forest fragmen-
tation — a big issue as we face the chal-
enges of a changing climate. The ben-
efits of improving access for recreation
and ensuring protections for wildlife
habitat and water quality make this a
great all-around package. We're glad
to participate and we congratulate the
town on this achievement,” said VHCBC
Executive Director Gus Seelig.

The 291-acre addition was sold to the
town by the Carse Land Company,
founded by the late Henry H. Carse,
who served in the Vermont Legislature
and locally as the town moderator and
on the town school board. His son,
Henry R. Carse, shared that his father
“envisioned the forest lands of Vermont
as shared resources of the community.
Throughout his life, he practiced wise
stewardship of the land and of our nat-
ural environment. I think that he would
be pleased to know that the town of
Hinesburg, a community he loved and
served for many years, will now contin-
ue that stewardship in his memory.”

► Zenalty

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he enjoys into his livelihood. But that
does not mean he is immune to the te-
dium of work — instead he sees these
moments as necessary.



*“This is my ‘Eiffel Desk,’ built for a client
living in Paris ... the legs reminiscent of the
Eiffel Tower base: Vermont butternut with
handmade wrought iron Japanese pulls.”*



Japanese-style mahogany bookcase.

“Every job has its monotonous aspects.
And that's part of the discipline of
learning, of mastering your discipline.
So, if you want to master something
you better expect to be bored and
pissed off and angry and everything
else that goes with life, because that's
gonna happen,” Zenaty said. “You make
a huge mistake and find a way through
it, or around it, or just live with it.”

Zenaty is now “quasi-retired,” he said.
He still takes on a few projects at a
time, and splits the rest of his time be-
tween his old 1830s farmhouse, his fly
rod, his books and his writing.

For more information on Paul, check
out his website at paulzenaty.com.

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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

An Inventor's Life: A Talk With Hinesburg's Paul Zenaty

BY GABRIEL SENNOTT

Hinesburg-based custom furniture maker Paul Zenaty has always been a builder and inventor.

As a kid in post-war New York, he passed his days making model cars, battleships and constructing hand-built cityscapes for his model train kits. As he got older, his inventions got bigger and more complex.

Eventually, he built a series of go-karts, and his final one had a motor in it.

"That one really terrified my mother," said Zenaty.

For Zenaty, invention is a throughline in his life. In university laboratories, he designed experiments and "gizmos," and his current workshop is filled with modified tools and equipment. Zenaty originally thought his future was in health care.

But soon after being accepted to UVM's Larner College of Medicine, Zenaty decided to focus his efforts to save humanity with food production research. But while at UMass Amherst pursuing this goal, Zenaty finally hit a breaking point. He submitted to an undeniable urge, he said.

"My hands were literally itching to build ... something," Zenaty said.

Returning to Vermont in 1976, Zenaty's skills grew on the job. After a basic education in construction, Zenaty was drawn toward interiors.

"It was intricate and detailed," said Zenaty.

Zenaty hit his groove when he began doing commercial interiors with Tony Perry, one of the largest restaurateurs in Vermont at the time.

One of his many projects was converting what was originally the Burlington

Trust Company to what is now Sweetwaters restaurant. Some other noteworthy résumé items are the now closed Perry's Fish House, the Sirloin Saloon and Jake's Restaurant.

"Restaurants are very complex structures; they're thematic, so it's kind of like building a theater set," said Zenaty. "These restaurants are owned by individuals, not corporate, they have a more personal feel to them. And I love implementing and designing along with the designers."

Zenaty draws inspiration from the Townsends, an 18th-century Newport family of carpenters known for their elaborate carvings and elegant curves.

He also draws from George Nakashima, the 20th century Japanese American whose live-edge work highlights the natural beauty of the wood.

"Every tree is part of the natural environment and they grow out of different stressors and different ecological challenges. And with that, it's embedded in the grain, the history of that tree in that place," Zenaty said, reflecting on Nakashima's influence.

"I consider this an honor to be doing my work. With these living things. Because even after they're cut, they continue breathing and expanding and contracting and carrying on and having a life after that," he said.

Zenaty's greatest inspiration are his clients and the relationships they form through collaboration.

"It really starts with interviewing people, getting a sense of how they socialize, how they live in their space. When they eat, where they eat, how they eat ... Do they socialize a lot? You know, all the questions that a lot of designers never seem to ask," he said.

"They're just thinking about physical space, not the human being," he said.



Paul cutting chair legs in his shop.



Contemporary steel and Douglas fir entry arbor.

To Zenaty, the value of his work is less about the piece itself. Instead, he looks to the different expressions that come out of the relationship. It can be a friendship, a new way of looking at something, or even how the piece he made affects the clients' lives.

Zenaty found a way to turn something

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make a Difference

Do you need volunteers for a Hinesburg event or non-profit organization? Send the information to news@hinesburgrecord.org and we'll publish it here. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line.

Mentoring

Hinesburg Community School is looking for Mentors!

Mentors are distinct members of a team of caring adults who show up to spend an hour a week with a 5-8th grader during the school year.

Mentors bring with them a sense of shared fun, new experiences and great listening skills. Mentors bring encouragement and options for expanding a young person's regard for themselves and their world. By sharing yourself with your mentee you can inspire them to create a richer future for themselves. Contact Program Coordinator Livy Bulger at lbulger@cvsdvt.org or 482-6226 for more information.

Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Jane Sheldon at elcabi2@gmavt.net.

Meals on Wheels

Help out local area residents who cannot easily get out of their homes. Become a Meals on Wheels driver. Routes take anywhere from an hour to an hour-and-a-half depending on the day. You need not commit to a weekly schedule. Call Jane Gage at 482-6096 for more information.

Visit a Senior

Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. If you would be willing to help contact Bev at 800-642-5119 for more information.

Town Committees

Frequently there are openings on town committees. Here are some of the recent ones.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Village Steering Committee

Check town web site hinesburg.org for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Joy Dubin Grossman (Assistant Town Manager) at 482-4207 or jdubingrossman@hinesburg.org.

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