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from your town offices and
local volunteer efforts.



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Tunbridge Treasurer

Anne Mallary- 889-3571

I really appreciate how good-natured everyone is when they come in to pay their taxes. Some taxpayers have asked if it would be beneficial to have more than one payment. The concern seems to be that coming up with the money for one payment is harder than two or three smaller payments. It is up to the voters at town meeting to change the tax due date. I do accept pre-payments, if this would make it easier for you

As of today (Nov. 5), 7.5 % has gone delinquent. I still could receive a payment in the mail that is postmarked the 2nd which could change this. This is higher than it has been in the past three years. In '06, '07 and '08 the delinquency rate was 6%. The dollar amount that 1.5% represents for 2009 is just over \$38,000.00.

The selectmen have been having a monthly budget meeting to prepare for writing the 2010/2011 budget. The schedule for these meetings is posted at the town office, if you are interested in attending. The contents of this budget will directly affect your tax bill next year.

Mon-Wed 8am-noon-1-4pm
1st-3rd Tues 8am-6pm
Thur- 8-11am-1-4pm
Fri - 9am-noon

Tunbridge Town Clerk

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

A reminder to new parents; if you are a resident of Tunbridge and have had a child born out of the State of Vermont; in the year 2009, Births out of State are not sent to the Town Clerk to be recorded, if you would like your child's birth to be included in the Town Report please send me the information before December 1st. For any children born the month of December they too can be included if I have information before the end of the December 2009.

Please call Wendy at the Clerk's Office with any questions or concerns.

First Branch Sustainability Network, Con't.

Each assemblage submitted a group photo to the 350 web site, thus joining the global consciousness-raising in time for the critical U.N. Conference this December in Copenhagen. FBSN members organized bell-ringing in the Chelsea and Tunbridge churches, at the Vershire Town Center, and at the West Corinth Cider-Pressing Festival. We also collaborated in the region-wide organization and publicizing of similar actions (mostly at churches) in East Corinth, Bradford, Fairlee, Newbury, Randolph, and a host of other towns in the area.

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Jim Wick help line 889-3437

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors continues to help provide services to local residents through volunteer action. We have been getting a steady stream of calls, and have been able to help quite a few people with all kinds of things. If you need help with something, call the number above

This service is for anyone. Our emphasis is to provide services for seniors, but anyone is eligible. If the request is reasonable and we can find a volunteer, we will do it.

Weatherization

We have a volunteer who is able to tackle small weatherization projects at peoples homes. Examples would include such items as weatherstripping doors and windows, putting a jacket on a hot water heater, caulking and sealing, minor insulation projects.

Normally homeowners would have to buy the materials, but there is also the possibility of getting materials at no cost through the COVER program.

Call the main number if you need some help of this nature.

First Branch Sustainability Network

Henry Swayze 889-5556

The Tunbridge energy committee is meeting shortly with the town select board together with an outside expert to work on moving ahead with a large scale photovoltaic installation on the roofs of town buildings. It is expected that this project will have good payback after state grant monies and will make a fair dent in offsetting all the municipal use of electricity including that of the school.

More potlucks and information meetings are in the planning stages for: climate change, peak oil, learning old skills for living a satisfying life of independence, effective mobilization through the Transition Town model. To help with this process or for more information contact: Henry Swayze 889-5556 or Dan Breslaw lostm@sover.net Needed some one to organize an email system for us.

As most of you probably know, Saturday the 24th of October was an "International Day of Climate Action," popularly known as "350 Day." Originally organized by Vermont's own Bill McKibben and his Middlebury College cohorts, the event grew to be a world-wide array of demonstrations that ranged from the tops of the Himalayas to the middle of the African Desert to the coral reefs of the Pacific. By all reckoning, the event (really over 5,000 events) was a huge success, making front-page headlines all over the globe. Check out the 350.org web site.

The important thing is that every one of these actions was local. On Saturday our own First Branch Sustainability Network hooked up with our neighbors in Corinth-Topsham, the Local Resource Network, to work on the Orange County 350 Bell-Ringing Project. The goal was to have as many churches or other buildings in the County ring their bells 350 times (or as close to it as possible). This was both to sound the alarm (shades of Paul Revere), and to summon us together, to talk about what we can do in defense of the planet we all share.

Tunbridge Select Board

Tim Wolfe - 889-3730

Shane Young, Chair - 889-2804

Ingrid Van Steamburg - 889-3459

The town has had more than its share of repairs this fall, of which probably the most minor was a vehicle collision with the Mill Bridge on October 1 (these repairs have been covered by insurance). The intense rain storm on August 21 caused significant erosion damage on roads all over town, but most seriously at the foot of Dickerman Hill Road; fortunately these repairs have fallen within state disaster relief, and the town will only be paying 5% of the total repair cost. Finally, long-awaited repairs to the Foundry Bridge have arrived from the state, although this unfortunately means that the bridge will be out for the coming winter and spring while it is restored.

The Select Board is currently at work on the town budget to be presented at Town Meeting next March. One change you will note in next year's Town Report is greater detail in the Highway budget, where we will be including specifics on equipment maintenance for the town's trucks and other equipment.

The Board has awarded bids for the painting of the town hall roof and the town library, both of which have now been completed. A bid has also been awarded for the repainting of the Town Office early next year.

Take note that the Burn Ordinance that the Board adopted this spring is now in full effect: illegal burns will now be fined, with increasing penalties for repeat offenses. For the full details of this ordinance, contact the Fire Warden, Health and Safety Officer, or Town Clerk.

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Janet Zug 889-9602

Questions, comments and suggestions about the TQ are welcome. Contact me the number above or send an email to janet@zugglass.com.

Tunbridge Board of Listers

Judie Lewis- 889-3571

Once upon a time the Lister's did just as the name implies, they made lists, lists of people and the goods that they owned (chickens, cows, clocks, etc) for the purpose of taxation. Items were assigned values by category, and not by market value. Now days Listers no longer count livestock and instead are mandated to assess real estate (and in some towns business inventory) at market value. "An Act directing Listers in their Office and Duty" was passed in 1778. It set the methods for assessment of property for taxation purposes. The act required all inhabitants to submit in writing to the listers "a true account of all their listable polls, and their rateable estate."

In the days before statehood, justices of the peace could nominate people to serve as Listers. Those nominated were obligated to serve or pay a penalty.

Early Grand lists were very detailed, including, for example, four categories of cows each having a different value. Lists included rates for all males between the ages 16 and 60 except ministers, school masters, and those incapacitated by sickness. Livestock was listed by category and valued by age. Money on hand, over and above debts owed, was first assessed at six pounds for every hundred and by 1787 at it was assessed at 20 pounds per hundred.

The legislature attempted to keep categories of items up to date so that the grand list would be an accurate measure of each citizen's ability to pay. In 1797 the legislature added such items to be taxed as mules and jackasses, house clocks not made of wood, gold and other watches. By the middle of the century, the lists included distilleries, pianos, organs, pleasure wagons, carriages, sleighs, dogs, and swarms of bees.

Frederick Wood's "History of Taxation in Vermont" says that in the early years, the legislature noted that there were people "who reckoned on their wits rather than their property for an income" and a "faculty tax" was imposed. Listers were directed to use their best judgment in valuing and listing the faculties of attorneys, physicians and surgeons.

State Representative

David Ainsworth- 763-8017

The next session of the Vermont Legislature should be an interesting one as we have several folks planning to run for higher office- and they don't play well in the same sandbox(Montpelier) on a non-election year, let alone an election year. Normally it wouldn't matter too much, however, this session we have several hard issues to address.

THE STATE BUDGET- we don't have enough money to meet all of our obligations and the stimulus money is mostly used up, so we either have to reduce our spending or raise revenue(taxes). I'd prefer to do the first one-not a common option talked about here in Montpelier. I also don't like to do the slight-of -hand cost shifts, a common practice with all the healthcare programs offered.

SCHOOL BUDGETS-costs continue to rise when our incomes don't. With more federal and state mandates and unfunded requirements we have to change how education is presented and paid for if we are to maintain our high quality.

HEALTHCARE- we need to address what is driving up the healthcare costs before we require that everyone must have insurance. Private insurance bears the burden of paying for the costs not covered by the Federal and State programs currently being offered to the under or non-insured public.

UNDER-FUNDED FUNDS- both the retirement funds for teachers and unemployment fund are in trouble. The unemployment fund will be empty by 1/1/2010. The Federal Govt. will loan us money but we will have to pay interest on those borrowed funds after one year as well as build back up our fund. Part of the problem is that we may be too generous with our rates, it needs to be looked into. The State has not funded the teacher retirement fund as much as it should have- add to that with the stock market drop and you have a big deficit to fill. I'm hoping to keep up with a weekly or bi-weekly e-mail newsletter as to what is going on in Montpelier during this session, I started one last session. If you are currently on the list your O.K., but if you have changed e-mail addresses or aren't on the e-mail list and would like to be, just let me know. This list will only be used and seen by me for my e-mail letter!! My address is : dainsworth@leg.state.vt.us Feel free to e-mail me at anytime with your concerns or questions.

First Branch Ambulance & Rescue

Pam Caron- 889-9595

We are nearing the end of another busy year and are in the process of looking at our budget for next year. Some of the items we will be looking at are how well our staffing during the week is working and what are our needs for the future.

Our change to Gifford doing our billing appears to be right on track and we should have recovered the revenue we had still pending from the year before by year's end. We have changed our Board meetings to monthly in order to keep on track with budget and any issues that arise during the month prior so we may address them more swiftly and in a timely fashion. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input or questions.

The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 730pm. From January-June we will meet at the Tunbridge Fire Station. From July-December we meet at the Chelsea Fire Station.

Tunbridge Historical Society

Kay Jorgensen 889-5528

Wyoming artist Jim Mossman's painting that features Euclid and Priscilla Farnham's horse barn is in the "Impressions of New England" exhibit at the Bennington Center for the Arts through Nov. 29.

The painting, titled "Markers of the Past," can be seen at www.benningtoncenterforthearts.org/art/ine.htm

The barn is in the background with a rural cemetery in the foreground. Mossman contacted the historical society by email a couple of years ago showing the barn he painted on a back road, he thought in Tunbridge. He was pleased to learn about it and its owners.

Tunbridge School Board

School Board meetings are always held at the TCS Library at 6pm. The upcoming meetings will be held on the following dates; Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, and Feb. 15.

School Board meetings are open to the public and community members are invited to attend to learn what is currently going on.

Tunbridge Board of Listers Con't

Failure of a property owner to declare his list in a timely manner resulted in "two-folding." If property owner did not return a list, the listers made up a list based on their own judgment. The listers had the power to "fourfold," that is if in their judgment the submitted list was not accurate, the listers could add items. Half of the amount of tax money arising from these fourfolds went to the listers. In case you are worried, the four-fold-policy is no longer in effect.

(This information was obtained from the Vermont Listers Handbook and from a list of "Lister Trivia" from the Shorham Listers.)

Tunbridge/Royalton Phonebook

Janet Zug 889-9602 trphonebook@aol.com

This is the **last call** in the TQ for information to be included in the TR Phonebook.

Residents:

Please contact me if:

- You would like to have your cell phone number listed.
- You would like to be listed differently than you are in the Fairpoint phone book.
- You own land in Tunbridge but live elsewhere and would like to be included. If you have a local number and it's listed I should have it already, but feel free to check in anyway.

Businesses:

All businesses receive a free listing in the yellow and white pages. There are also paid advertising options if you would like more exposure for your business and in turn you'll be helping to build a community playground in downtown Tunbridge.

If you haven't received a letter from us recently, or been contacted personally, we do not have your business listed. Please contact me by phone or email.

The deadline for business submissions is Nov. 22!

The Tunbridge/ Royalton Phone Book is a fund-raising effort for the Tunbridge Church Children's Choir, currently raising money to build a community playground.

Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department

Jena Young- 889-2804

Greetings from your Volunteer Fire Department!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help out at the coin drop fundraiser during the fair. It is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it is a critical part of our funding for the year. We are in need of some new pagers for our volunteers and our equipment always needs replenishing.

Daylight savings time has just past us by again. Remember that this is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and it is also a good idea to have your chimney cleaned, especially if you have not had it done since last winter.

Thanks to all who supported the Department in October by attending our Ham & Bean Dinner. Those who stayed were treated to some fabulous music and entertainment thanks to Bob Dunkle and his friends. It was a great event and well attended by many. In the same month we joined Smokey the Bear on a trip to the Tunbridge Central School to provide some fire safety education to the students in recognition to Fire Prevention month. Thanks for your visit Smokey!

Finally, we are pleased to report that we have new hydrant on Ward Hill. Shawn Young and family have been kind enough to allow us to install a new hydrant on their land.

Pete Button oversaw the coordination of the site prep work, the funding as well as the installation of the new hydrant.

Thanks to Shawn & Pete for your time and effort on securing this important resource for the Ward Hill area residents.

Transfer Station & Recycling

Saturdays from 9:00 - 3:00.

Pre-paid tickets for the transfer station are available at the town office, the Library and the North Tunbridge Store . Information on recycling can always be found at www.CVSMWD.org.

Tunbridge Civic Club

Linda Lazaroff at 889-9421.

The Civic Club was saddened with the recent passing of Pete Jorgensen who from 2003 to 2008 played percussion. Those who have attended our annual shows may remember Pete playing his “wrench-a-phone” which always amused the audience.

On October 5th, the Civic Club held its annual meeting and voted unanimously to perform our 58th show in March. Watch for our posters and information printed in The Herald for further details.

There are a few copies of The Civic Club Presents... still available. Please contact Linda if you are interested in purchasing a copy of this 174-page historic collection of photos, personal history and interviews.

Please visit us at <http://www.tunbridgevt.com>

Tunbridge Bone Builders

Shelia Mitchinson 889-5547

M/W-8:30am, Tu/Th 6:30am/8:30am/ 5:30pm

Classes are free with weights provided. Come join us or come back for renewed strength, energy and balance. Classes are designed for adults of all ages male or female. Exercises are designed by a study done at Tuff's University in Boston. A person can start with no weights adding up to as much as ten pounds depending on your level of fitness and life style. Make YOUR health YOUR number one priority.

Saturday Sewing Circle

Nancy Howe 889-3750

The Saturday Sewing Circle will meet on Nov. 14th and Dec. 5th at the TCS library. We gather from 8am to noon with no set starting time. Please feel free to drop in and check it out.

The Saturday Sewing Circle meets to piece, patch and create comforters for local causes. This monthly event grew out of a single day long session for Lutheran World Relief disaster programs. All crafters are welcome to attend and work on group projects or their own. Great place to gain new skills or refresh your memory and meet new friends.

Tunbridge Library

Librarian - Jean Wolfe 889-9404

Pulbicity, ArtSpace Coordinator: Marsha Higgins 889-5576

Hours: Sun 11:30-1:30 (May through October),

Mon and Wed 3-8, Fri 3-6, Sat 10-4

Call the library for holiday hours.

ArtSpace at the library is featuring through January 9 “New Works” by Strafford Artworks. Strafford Artworks is a group of painters, printmakers, photographers, and sculptors who joined together some years ago to share ideas, work together, and hold exhibitions. Twelve members are exhibiting: Mary Louise Pierson, Nancy Gerlach, Deborah Reese, Marcia Bushnell, Micki Colbeck, Jason Okai, Jennifer Brown, Kate More, Andrea Doughtie, Cecily Herzig, Sharon Denechaud, and Dierdre Dennis. Proceeds from the sale of art benefit the library.

Dates are set for the 2009-2010 season of the Winter Evenings go to the Happenings in Tunbridge on pages 9&10 for dates and presenters.

Children’s Story Hours are usually held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:15 at the library. Stories are accompanied by fun activities and refreshments . There will be no story hour on December 17 as Santa is scheduled to appear Saturday, 12/12; arrive at the library at 10:30 for stories. The themes for January are Winter Birds (Jan. 7) and Snowmen (Jan. 21). On Feb. 4 the theme is Friends, and the children will make “Friendship Stew.” The theme for Feb. 18 is Sharing; children will have a tea party and share their stew.

On sale at the library are reduced price books, calendars, stationery, seasonal greeting cards, gift wrap bags, and specialty gift items for children and adults.

Free, high-speed, wireless Internet access is available at the library. Audio books may also be downloaded to an MP3 player. (Ask librarian Jean Wolfe for details or visit the tutorial on the library’s website: www.tunbridgelibrary.org)

ECFiber.Net

Janet Zug 889-9602 www.ecfiber.net

Well, I was sure hoping to have good news for everyone by now, but it seems I was a bit too optimistic in thinking that the US Government would keep to their schedule on announcing the recipients of the stimulus money. (Don’t forget, we’re asking for a loan, not a grant) The Rural Utility Service has given itself more time to go thru the large amount of applications they received.

When we do get the funding, I expect you’ll hear about it. Tunbridge, being the birthplace of ECFiber, will surely host a celebration, though it is likely to be one of many!

ECFiber is a grassroots initiative to build a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network in 22 towns, bringing digital television, reliable telephone, and high-speed Internet service directly to homes, schools, and businesses.

Tunbridge Planning Commission

Sue Clark 889-3733

By the time you read this, you will have attended the PC’s Friday night dinner and talk on Affordable Housing in Tunbridge for Young and Old. We will be reviewing the Housing section of the Town Plan for the next couple of planning commission meetings. Please join us or send along any comments. We meet regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at the Town Offices.

We are developing our study of “Patterns of Settlement” in Tunbridge over the past 50 years. This study will plot where building has occurred to determine how much, if any, farmland has been split up. The Eighth Grade class at Tunbridge Central School will assist by engaging in a select number of interviews with community members. You may get a phone call to see if you are interested in helping by allowing us to draw on your knowledge of Tunbridge. Thank you in advance!

Tunbridge School Club

Kathi Terami, Parent Volunteer 889-5575

Over 100 Attended Back-to-School Potluck: On September 3, over 100 adults and children celebrated the start of the school year at the open house hosted by School Club. Guests enjoyed a potluck dinner and had a chance to meet new families. Thanks to all who contributed to making this event a success!

Open House a Success: On the evening of Monday, September 14, over 120 adults and children ate a free meal provided by School Club. After, Jay Morris from The Vermont State Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC) led a special presentation. He shared compelling evidence on the benefits of parent involvement and offered ideas for engaging families to help children succeed in school. You can visit www.pircvermont.org to learn more about the resources available to parents. The event ended with classroom visits. A special thank you goes to Poverty Lane Orchards, Price Chopper, SoRo's Pizza and Tunbridge Hill Farm for contributing items to the evening. We also appreciate all the parent volunteers who helped set up, serve dinner, bring desserts and clean up.

Halloween Party a Hit: On Saturday, October 31, students and their families in grades K-6 participated in the annual Halloween Party. The school gymnasium transformed into a haunted setting from 1-3pm. Parents Robyn Rogers and Todd Sedlak, along with many volunteers, organized the event. Students played games, made crafts, received goody bags and dined on spooky treats, such as chocolate worms, Jell-O brains, snake cake, spider cookies and eyeball punch. Thanks to many generous donors, each child in costume received a \$5 certificate to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair open on location during the party. To view a collection of photos taken by parent Geoff Hansen, go to www.geoffhansen.com. All proceeds from the sale of prints will go to support the work of School Club.

Fair Supper Committee Needs Volunteers: Planning for the biggest School Club fundraiser of the year is well underway. Each year at the beginning of December, School Club prepares a four-course meal for the Tunbridge Fair Association's annual meeting. To minimize expenses and maximize profit, School Club will seek monetary and food donations from area businesses and donations of time and ingredients from parents. Volunteers Elaine Howe, Anissa Morrison and Sharon Welch are planning the menu and will coordinate all volunteers including those who will solicit donations, set up and decorate tables, prepare and serve the meal and clean up the dining room and dishes. If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks, please call Sharon at 889-9834.

Tunbridge Church, Con't.

Environmental Stewardship Group

An informal group has formed to seek ways the Tunbridge Church can be a good (or better) steward of our environment, using God's world around us in a thoughtful way. At the one meeting held so far, the discussion ranged from reducing the amount of waste produced by Church functions to improving our recycling efforts.

Other topics included programmable thermostats, becoming a center to recycle compact fluorescent bulbs (CFBs), and simple ways to increase the energy efficiency of the Parish House. All are welcome to come to the next meeting to be held November 15 in the Parish House immediately after worship. The group has also set up a website to exchange ideas and post documents and links.

Go to <http://sites.google.com/site/tunbridgechurch/home> to see what we're thinking and talking about.

Tunbridge Church Children's Choir

Janet Zug 889-9602

The Children's Choir invites all kids of the community to participate in this year's Christmas Eve Service. There will be opportunities to sing, read or simply be a part of the cast. We will be telling the story of Jesus' birth from the Angel appearing to Mary, to Joseph and Mary leaving Bethlehem with their new baby, Jesus.

The Tunbridge Church is again offering two Candlelight services on Christmas eve, the first one at 6pm is the one conducted mostly by the kids. The 8pm services is a more traditional one featuring the adult choir and a few children soloists.

Please attend the four practices leading up to Christmas Eve if you (or your children) would like to Participate. We meet at the Church on Wednesday Evenings at 6pm. Christmas Eve service practices will be held on December 2, 9, 16, & 23.

Tunbridge Church

Pastor: Deadra Bachorik Ashton 685-3029

email: tunbridgechurch@innevi.com

Web page: tunbridgevt.com/church

The Tunbridge Church seeks to foster an inclusive community of faith that accepts each individual on his or her own unique spiritual journey. We believe spiritual growth is nurtured by celebration, praise, prayer, and teaching within the historic Christian and biblical tradition. Each participant in the faith community is encouraged to listen to and care for all other members and to reach out in caring service to the world in which the Church exists.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

Every Sunday:

Study Group, 8:45am

Worship Service, 10:00am

Children's Sunday School meets during church service

Every Tuesday: Informal Bible Study Group 6:15pm

Every Wednesday:

Children's Choir practice, 6:00pm

Adult Choir practice, 7:00pm

Special Dates:

Nov. 25 - (Wednesday): Thanksgiving Eve service, 7:30pm

Dec. 4 - (Friday): Christmas decorating at the church, 6:00pm,
Christmas carol sing at 7:00 with refreshments.

Dec. 18 - (Friday): Caroling to the housebound; meet at the church at 6:30pm, refreshments afterward.

Dec. 24 - (Thursday): Christmas Eve candlelight service,
6:00pm and 8:00pm.

Feb. 7, 2010 - Annual meeting and potluck dinner.

Feb. 14, 2010 - Valentine's party after coffee hour.

Tunbridge Town Website

Rick Scully- 763-7474

The official town website is looking for content contributors from the many wonderful groups in town.

If you send things to The Herald, you can send the same things to the town website! The town site also lists town/area businesses for free, so send your business information in now! For more information, please contact Rick Scully at rick@tunbridgevt.com

Tunbridge One Planet Afterschool Program

Carrie McDonnell 889-3310

Under the supervision of the new Site Coordinator, Chelsey Hook, Tunbridge One Planet has had a great beginning. Each day students are given a healthy snack, homework help and other academic support, free time to move their bodies and a special daily activity.

Some of the activities students participated in this session included hip hop dance with local dance teacher Emily Ferro, creating brochures on the computer, sing along with Janet Zug, harvesting carrots, pumpkins and beans from our program garden, cooking our produce, and more. In addition to our K-6th grade offerings, Stephanie Loeffler is leading a Middle School LEGO Team. Students have built LEGO robots and are now learning how to program them. Students will attend the league competition in Hanover, NH to observe the creations of other students.

In celebration of our afterschool program, we recently put together a community event on October 28th. Chelsey Hook put together a 30 minute video, showcasing our students and their work and pizza and dessert were served. Over 40 people were in attendance.

Session II begins on November 9th. Registration forms have been sent home. We will briefly interrupt Session II to offer a special Holiday Session, December 14-22. This is always a really fun and festive time for the kids. If you are interested in donating any amount of time as an activity leader or assistant for the Holiday Session, please contact Carrie McDonnell.

Happenings in Tunbridge

Look under the Church Section (page 11) for more events.

- Nov. 21 - New Acadia House Concert featuring Pete Sutherland & Jeremiah McLane. 216 Whitney Hill Road. 6pm Potluck, Concert with Refreshment Break 7:15 – 9:30pm Open music jam following – bring your instruments
- Dec. 4 - Shindig with “Sensible Shoes” at the town hall. 8-11pm, Sensible shoes plays a funky mix of original music and eclectic covers. Announcing the release of the Shoes’ new CD, “My History” at the Shindig! Cover charge is \$8. each or \$4. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-) www.shindigsvt.com
- Dec. 31 - New Years’ Eve Shindig with “Hillary and the Party Crashers” at the town hall. 8-11pm, H&PC rock the house with their hot blend of dancing tunes. It’s a good idea to order advance tickets online, www.shindigsvt.com \$8. each or \$4. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
- Jan 15 - “Winter Evenings” 7pm at the Library featuring Nancy Price Graff, writer and historian, speaking about the Farm Security Administration’s photography project in Vermont.
- Jan 17 - Canadian bluesman extraordinaire, Harry Mann Tunbridge Town Hall, 7:30PM Tickets and more information at www.mtnfolk.org Mountain Folk of Tunbridge is also sponsoring a concert with Bow Thayer and Perfect Trainwreck at the Chandler on Jan 30, check their website.

- Jan 29 - “Winter Evenings” 7pm at the Library featuring Lisa Sausville, director of Woodlands for Wildlife, educating Vermont’s woodland owners and managers about practical approaches to forest management to enhance wildlife habitat and promote healthy forest ecosystems.
- Feb 6 - Shindig with “haven’t decided yet!” You’ll just have to keep an eye on the website and newspapers for the announcement. There are so many excellent options, a choice will be made soon! www.shindigsvt.com One thing you can count on, it’s going to be great!
- Feb 12 - “Winter Evenings” featuring the Art Cohn, Executive Director of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. “What Lies Beneath: The History and Archaeology of Lake Champlain.” 7pm - Library
- Feb. 14 Woozy, bluesy alternative country folk with Eilen Jewell. Tunbridge Town Hall, 7:30PM. Sponsored by Mountain Folk. Tickets and more information at www.mtnfolk.org
- Feb 26 - “Winter Evenings” featuring Peter Post, director of The Post Institute and great grandson of Emily Post. His wife Tricia is editing an upcoming edition of Emily Post’s famous etiquette book. 7pm - Library
- Mar. 6 - Shindig with “Jeanne & the HiTops” at the town hall. 8-11pm, Our long time favored band is playing a Shindig! Goto www.shindigsvt.com for advance tickets. Cover charge is \$8. each or \$4. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
- Mar 12 - “Winter Evenings” featuring Roger Hill, National Weather Service forecaster. “Weathering Heights: Meteorology and Weather Forecasting”. 7pm - at the Library