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from your town offices and  
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The deadlines for submissions to the TQ are always on the first day of February, May, August and November. The Quarterly is mailed to everyone who owns property and/or has a Tunbridge mailing address. Folks who live in Tunbridge but do not own *and* have an out-of-town mailing address do not receive the TQ. If you know of someone in this situation, who wants to receive this town newsletter, please ask them to contact me to be added to the “special” list.

Questions, comments and suggestions about the TQ can be directed to me at the contact info above.

## Tunbridge Board of Auditors

Maxine Young - 763-8274 auditors@tunbridgevt.com

Betsy Race, Becky Hoyt

Just a reminder that the following deadlines will apply for financial and narrative reports for annual town reporting: For groups following a July-June fiscal year, all reports are due by December 1, 2013. For those organizations following a calendar year, the reports are due January 6, 2014. If we do not receive the reports by the deadlines, we cannot guarantee that we can include them in the Town Report. However, as soon as the information is available, we would certainly appreciate early submission which helps avoid that last minute “crunch”. Submit to: auditors@tunbridgevt.com. The Board of Auditors welcomes questions and we are happy to set up a meeting with any organization requiring our assistance with reporting.

## The Tunbridge Fuel Assistance Fund

Ben Wolfe - 889-9467

The Tunbridge Fuel Assistance Fund-- made up entirely of individual donations-- helps residents spread these large expenses over a number of months by making no-interest loans. We continue to be impressed by the responsible repayment and grateful responses we have gotten from recipients.

Donations to the Fuel Assistance Fund can be mailed to the Town of Tunbridge; P.O. Box 6; Tunbridge, VT 05077, with “Fuel Assistance Fund” in the subject line. You may read more on the town website at [tunbridgevt.com/residents/groups/tfac/](http://tunbridgevt.com/residents/groups/tfac/) or call Ben Wolfe with questions.

## Calendar of Events, Con't.

- Oct. 12-13 - “Holiday in the Hills” New England artisans and antique dealers in the Pavilion on the fairgrounds. Sat., Oct. 12 10am-5pm; Sun., Oct. 13 10am-3pm. Silent auction, food service. Proceeds benefit the restoration of historic church buildings. More info: [holidayinthehills@tunbridgechurch.org](mailto:holidayinthehills@tunbridgechurch.org) or 889-9828
- Oct. 13 - Rec. Committee Breakfast, Town Hall 8am - 12pm. All you can eat for only \$8.00.
- Oct. 19 - North Tunbridge Grange Hall Harvest Supper - 5pm.
- Nov. 2 - Shindig with “The Colin Craig Continuum” 8-11pm, Town hall. [www.shindigsvt.com](http://www.shindigsvt.com) \$8. cover charge pays the band. Always on the 1st Saturdays, November thru April.
- Nov. 8 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers - 7:30pm, Town Hall. Live music. All dance taught. \$5.00, Always on the 2nd Fridays.
- Nov. 10 - Rec. Committee Breakfast, Town Hall 8am - 12pm. All you can eat for only \$8.00.
- Nov. 16 - North Tunbridge Grange Hall Hunters Breakfast 4-9am
- Nov. 23 - Wellspring Waldorf School Annual Holiday Fair and Open House. Call 889-3777 email [info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org](mailto:info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org) or visit [www.wellspringwaldorfschool.org](http://www.wellspringwaldorfschool.org) for more information.

## Tunbridge Planning Commission

Liz York - 889-3211

A public hearing on the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be held on August 20, 6pm at Town Offices. Selectboard will then forward to FEMA and VT Emergency Management. If they approve, Town may then formally adopt -- following usual warning. The current draft is available for review at Town Clerk’s office. Contact Peg Elmer (802-522-3844) if you want it on the town website (it’s a big file).

Thanks to all who participated in June 25 meeting to finalize this draft, which lists actions Town can take over next 5 years to lessen impact of disasters, natural and otherwise. Questions to any Planning Commission member are always welcome. The Planning Commission normally meets on the second Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm.

## **Calendar of Events** See individual entries for more events.

- Aug. 18 - Tunbridge Public Library, 11am. Official opening of Community Meeting Room at with reception honoring Dr. Michael Sporn and donors, For info. call 889-9404.
- Aug. 23 - Artspace opening reception, 7-9, at the Library  
Featuring photography of Emily Ferro.
- Aug 24 - North Tunbridge Grange Hall Spaghetti Supper - 5pm.
- Aug. 25 - 3rd annual Duck Race. Tunbridge Fair Grounds, 12pm  
Call 889-9406 for tickets.
- Sept. 8 - Rec. Committee Breakfast, Town Hall 8am - 12pm.  
All you can eat for only \$8.00.
- Sept. 12-15 - 142nd Tunbridge World's Fair! Schedule can be found at:  
<http://www.tunbridgeworldsfair.com/schedules/fair/>
- Sept 15 - Tunbridge Church Fair Service, 9:30 a.m.. The annual musical service known as the "Festival of Worship"
- Sept 27 - "A Taste of Tunbridge" Tunbridge School, 6-7:30pm  
Community potluck to celebrate local food and farms.  
Bring a dish featuring a local ingredient. No charge.
- Sept. 28-29 - Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival, on the Fairgrounds.  
for more info goto - [www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org](http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.org)
- Oct. 5 - High Country Cloggers 2nd Annual Benefit Variety Show,  
7:00pm. Details on page 7.
- Oct. 5 - Wellspring Waldorf School Harvest Festival and Open House  
10am-12pm [info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org](mailto:info@wellspringwaldorfschool.org) 889-3777
- Oct. 5-7 - Family Motorcoach Rally - on the Fairgrounds
- Oct. 6 - Annual Ghost Walk sponsored by the library and Historical Society. Meet at the library at 2 pm . Rain October 20th,
- Oct. 11 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers - 7:30pm , Town Hall. Live music.  
All dance taught. \$5.00, Always on the 2nd Fridays.

## **Tunbridge Select Board**

Bob Dunkle, Chair (889-3740) Gary Mullen (889-3242)  
Ingrid Van Steamburg (889-3459)

This summer has found the road crew very busy trying to do general maintenance of roads in between all the bad storms, requiring immediate attention to roads all over town. If you notice a washout or a culvert/ditch that needs maintenance or possible future replacement/repair please contact the road crew (889-3319), town office (889-5521) or a member of the select board.

The select board has been researching and working on a program similar to the one in Stowe, Vermont, called the "Stowe Farmer's Contract". This program has helped stabilize the property taxes for dairy farmers in Stowe allowing several of them to remain viable businesses and it would be our hopes that it would help preserve the Dairy Farms in Tunbridge. A proposal will be presented to the Planning Commission for additional feedback and to the town at the next town meeting.

The Select Board would like to thank our new Treasurer Ann Fragnella and our auditors for months of research and studying of the town books, to accurately get us up to speed on where the town stands financially – unfortunately, due to many circumstances and contributing factors we currently face a deficit for the end of the fiscal year 2013. You will see a line on your tax bill for this deficit, like you saw on your 2008 tax bill. For more details in regards to the town's finances please contact our Treasurer (889-3571), a select board member or attend our next meeting. We are currently having an outside audit of our books and the firm will complete their research in mid August and submit its findings.

Unless otherwise warned, we meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6pm in the Town Office Building.

## **Tunbridge Town Clerk**

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

**Monday - Thursday 7:30am-3:00pm**

## **Tunbridge Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Peg Elmer- 802-522-3844

“Are We Prepared”...update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Planning Commission held a meeting June 25 to finalize the list of actions the town can take over the next 5 years to avoid and lessen impacts from severe weather and manmade disasters, and to assign who will take responsibility for seeing those actions are taken. This table, and rest of the draft plan, were reviewed with the Selectboard in July.

Most of the actions listed will be carried out under the direction of the Selectboard, Road Foreman, Fire Chief or Planning Commission. But – look out – there are several social outreach/ community action items placed under the leadership of Neighbors Helping Neighbors and one (an annual river clean-up and driveway culvert clean-out day) was targeted for The Womens Group or TWG to take the lead.

A public hearing will be held by the Selectboard on the draft on August 20 at 6 p.m. at the Town Offices, to gain comment before they forward it to FEMA’s regional Boston office and Vermont Emergency Management for review. Once the plan meets those agencies’ approval, it can be warned for adoption by the Town of Tunbridge.

The draft is available for review at the town clerk’s office, via a planning commission member or Peg Elmer at 802-522-3844. We can also post it to the Tunbridge website if you let us know you would check it out there -- it’s a big document so we want to know folks will utilize that option if we take up the space.

## **Tunbridge School Board**

Lorinda Oliver – lorinda.oliver@gmail.com – 889-9462

Kathy Galluzzo - galluzk@nationwide.com - 802-565-0695

Amy Frost – asf802@gmail.com – 889-3739

As many are already aware, this past spring the TCS community bid a sad farewell to Joanne Herrick and Mike Fiorillo as they decided to retire. They will be sorely missed when school resumes in a few weeks. We wish them great success in their next phase, and hope that they know they are always welcome back.

*A few important dates:*

- August 28 – First day of school– 8:30 AM to 3 PM
- September 2 – Labor Day – no school
- September 4 - Open House and Potluck – Please join us – 5 PM
- September 16 – School Board meeting – 6 PM

We eagerly await the first day back and look forward to another exciting and enriching school year!

## **Tunbridge Civic Club**

Maxine Young, Secretary 763-8274 myoung7202@aol.com

Merle Howe, President 889-5574

(Intended for May 2013 Issue)

What a show the 61st annual Civic Club Show turned out to be. We got off to a slow start, and were a little nervous about not having enough performers, however with late starters, and all rising to the occasion, a good time was had by all.

We were sad that Merle Howe was not able to be on stage, however, he told the opening joke from the audience and helped Tracy sell tickets as well.

We also missed Dale Post, who was not able to play piano for us this year, but our own Judie Lewis stepped in and did a wonderful job. We were so fortunate to have some spectacular performances from everyone involved – I think we put an extra special effort into our performances. There is a lot of excellent talent in “them there hills”.

The Valley News was there both Friday and Saturday nights, giving us wonderful coverage, text, audio and photographs. I hope everyone was able to view the slideshow on the Valley News website. It was extremely well put together. The article and the pictures in the Sunday, March 31st paper were well done and gave us some great coverage. Some of the comments passed on were “better than average show”; “jokes were clean and I appreciate that”.

After paying all show expenses, we were able to give monies to the following: the Tunbridge public library in honor of Jim Wick; Neighbors Helping Neighbors; Tunbridge 8th grade for their trip; the school library; Tunbridge Food Shelf; and to Tunbridge Recreation Committee. Also, Judie Lewis made a special donation of \$150.00 on behalf of the Civic Club to the Church playground committee.

Jim Wick, (Mr. Orville K. Snabb), will be greatly missed as he has moved to Shelburne. We encourage new participants to join in for our madness!! Contact Maxine, Henry, Merle, Butch or one of the other show members so we know you are interested.

## Tunbridge School Club

Kathi Terami- 889-5575 schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us

**Last Day of School Picnic:** School Club hosted a barbecue on June 14 to celebrate the end of the school year with over 150 students, faculty, staff, families and community members. The weather cooperated, and we had a fantastic turnout. Thanks to all who contributed food and volunteered their time to make the event go smoothly!

**Back-to-School Potluck:** School Club is hosting a back-to-school potluck on Wednesday, September 4 from 5:30-6:30pm. Bring a salad, hot dish or dessert to share. The TCS open house will follow from 6:30-7:30pm.

**What is School Club?** School Club is an organization dedicated to providing enrichment activities and services to students, families, staff and teachers at TCS. Anyone can participate and there are no membership dues.

**How can you participate?** School Club provides many opportunities for parents, teachers and community members to connect with one another, share ideas, plan activities and more. We welcome volunteers of all interests and abilities. Skills such as organization management, bookkeeping, fundraising, event planning, public relations, cooking/baking, etc. are helpful.

**What are School Club funds used for?** Last year, School Club supported the Back-to-School potluck, a movie site license for the school, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra DrumShtick performance, free certificates for the Scholastic Book Fair during both the chicken pie and spaghetti suppers, the Holiday Breakfast for teachers and staff, classroom supplies for teachers, sleigh rides for the school Winter Carnival day, contributions to Student Council and the 8th grade class trip, the Teacher Appreciation Week luncheon, new flooring for the kitchen, the Camp In at the Montshire Museum of Science for the 3rd grade class, flowers and cake for the 8th grade graduation ceremony and the end-of-the-year picnic.

**Getting the Word Out:** Stay informed about School Club happenings by watching for information sent home with students, the TCS email list, articles on the Tunbridge page in The Herald, the news section of [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com) and the School Club section inside the Tunbridge Quarterly. Interested individuals can write to [schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us](mailto:schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us) to sign up for the email list and receive event details, meeting agendas and more.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Parents, school personnel and community members regularly meet in the TCS Library at 6:30pm on the first Monday every month (or the following Monday due to a school break, holiday or inclement weather) to plan events, hear new ideas, review funding requests and manage the organization. Upcoming meetings are on September 9, October 7 and November 4.

## Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair

Deb Mullen - 889-9406

The 6th annual meeting of the Friends of the Fair was held on July 21st on the fairgrounds. The meeting started with a potluck lunch shared by all, followed by the business meeting. Unfortunately because of high water we had to postpone the 3rd annual Duck Race. We have rescheduled the race for Sunday, August 25th at 12:00 noon. Tickets are still available. We will be awarding cash and other prizes. Come on down to the fair grounds and join the fun!!

One of the Friends projects for this year is restoration and repair of the fireplace and chimney at the cabin on Antique Hill. The stability of the chimney was in question and in need of immediate repair. These repairs will be completed before fair time. We want to thank our many donors for the funds raised to pay for these much needed repairs.

As an ongoing service we are also providing the handicap shuttle again. The shuttle has several stops throughout the fair grounds. You will recognize the stops by the blue benches and signs that are posted. Our shuttle drivers are constantly moving and the wait is never long to catch a ride.

We have 2 positions open on our board of directors. These positions are 3 year terms. If anyone is interested in being a board member please let us know. We meet the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information or to purchase duck tickets call 889-9406.

## ECFiber

East-Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network

Janet Zug 889-9602 <[janet.zug@ecfiber.net](mailto:janet.zug@ecfiber.net)>

Henry Swayze 889-5556 <[henryswayze@gmail.com](mailto:henryswayze@gmail.com)>

ECFiber is working to build a fiber-optic network in their 23 member towns through private investments. The July closing yielded a total of \$312,500. of that, \$102,500 came from Tunbridge!

ECFiber service is expected to be available to the folks on the first Tunbridge route in the next few weeks. When service is available you will receive a bag of info on your doorknob.

Go to [www.mycfiber.net/index.php/map/](http://www.mycfiber.net/index.php/map/) to see a map of the current and proposed service area. All routes can be extended depending on additional funds invested.

The next closing on ECFiber investments is planned for October. If you would like more information about investing please contact ECFiber's treasurer, John Roy at 685-3151 or <[john@roy-vt.net](mailto:john@roy-vt.net)>

## **Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department**

Jena Young- 889-2804

This spring & summer we have been extremely busy responding to an unusually high number of calls. The total number of calls as of the end of July has exceeded our total call volume for any one total year. Some of the increase has been due to a significant increase in storms and storm related damage.

Our rescue truck will be in service shortly. We spent a substantial amount of time this year researching rescue tools & comparing pricing to ensure that we are making good decisions regarding any purchases. We have also spent a substantial amount of our own Fire Dept funds to get this truck equipped and up and running.

Fire Permits - Please remember to contact our Fire Warden Brenda Field at 889-5548 for a fire permit if you plan to burn brush. A permit is required to burn brush at your home.

Our annual coin drop fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th. Please contact Matt Loftus 889-3274 if you are able to help out. We need around 15 people for shifts each day to help us make this event successful & we greatly appreciate any time you may have to offer. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it provides much needed resources for the department.

## **Royalton Community Radio**

Rick Scully - 763-7474 rick@tunbridgevt.com.

Royalton Community Radio (RCR) is an independent, community-based, all volunteer, non-profit station which intends to educate and entertain our audience with diverse, thought-provoking local programming that has been neglected or under-represented by other media. In particular, RCR's programming reflects the values of environmental/agricultural sustainability, freedom of expression, grassroots democracy and the uniqueness of our creative, cultural community.

Currently RCR is only available on the Internet at [www.royaltonradio.org](http://www.royaltonradio.org), but we are applying for a low-power FM license in the autumn, and hope to be broadcasting over the airwaves by 2014. RCR's board, and programming staff, is made up of a number of Tunbridge residents. RCR's studio is based in Royalton, but it is your community radio station!

## **Tunbridge Farm-to-School Program**

Kate Reimanis, FTS Coordinator - 765-4114  
kreimanis@gmail.com.

How do you weigh a cow? Why is butter made in summer more yellow than winter butter? Do vegetables grown in Tunbridge taste better? When is it time to plant pumpkins? Where do squash bugs lay their eggs?

Students at the Tunbridge Central School are discovering the answers to these and other questions through the Farm-to-School (FTS) Program. Funded by a generous grant from NOFA-VT and the Vermont Department of Agriculture, our school is joining an exciting movement to connect students with local food and farms. We are working to implement the following goals:

1. Cafeteria: Purchase local produce for the school cafeteria. Provide monthly taste-tests so students can try tasty veggies prepared in new ways. Purchase a bulk milk dispenser and cups to reduce waste.
2. Classroom: Arrange for students to have regular, meaningful visits to Tunbridge farms. Develop school gardens and related curriculum. Provide support for teachers as they incorporate food and agriculture topics into the classroom.
3. Community: Honor Tunbridge farmers through a photography and interview project. Celebrate local food on September 27 with a "Taste of Tunbridge" town potluck. Use various communication tools to integrate FTS into the culture of the school.

This past spring, students in grades 2-4 visited the Chapman farm for a full morning of work and activities. We will return in the fall to harvest our pumpkins and learn more about this special part of the Tunbridge landscape.

In May, students taste-tested Broccoli Cheddar soup made with many local ingredients. Of the 78 students who tried it, 59 loved it and would like to see it on the lunch menu. Future taste tests will include different apple varieties, krispy kale, and butternut squash soup.

There are now four gardens in the schoolyard. The teachers are enthusiastic and doing a great job. It is a close race between the vegetables and weeds during this rainy summer!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Jen Thygesen, Corey and Ann Chapman, TCS staff, and the Farm to School Committee members who have worked so hard to launch this program. Community volunteers are needed to sustain this exciting program! If interested, please contact Jen Thygesen [jthygesen33@gmail.com](mailto:jthygesen33@gmail.com) or Kate Reimanis at the info above.

## **Tunbridge Library**

Hours: Mon & Wed 3-8, Thur & Fri 3-6, S 10-4

Contact: Jean Wolfe, Librarian 889-9404

ArtSpace Co-ordinator: Betsy Gaiser 763-2288

All are invited to an Open House by the Friends of the Tunbridge Public Library and the library trustees to celebrate the formal opening of the library's new Community Meeting Room on Sunday, Aug. 18. Refreshments will follow a brief 11 a.m. program to thank major donor Dr. Michael Sporn and the many others who contributed to the meeting room and connector with handicap accessible bathroom. A plaque noting that Dr. Sporn donated the room in memory of his wife Kitte will be unveiled. He and his family will attend the reception.

The new show at ArtSpace will display the photographic work of Emily Ferro. An opening reception will be held 7-9 pm on Friday August 23rd.

Co-sponsored by the Tunbridge Historical Society, the Annual Ghost Walk will be held Sunday, October 6th. Meet at the library at 2 pm to get phantom guidance to the proper cemetery. The rain date for this event is October 20th.

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, highspeed, 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](http://www.tunbridgelibrary.org)

## **Making Change**

Lisa Kippen- 889-9822

A substance abuse support group for young people fourteen to mid twenties who are considering or committed to getting clean and staying clean. Meetings are held on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parish House. [www.secondgrowth.org](http://www.secondgrowth.org)

## **State Representative**

Sarah Buxton - (802) 233-0274 (cell) [sbuxton@gmail.com](mailto:sbuxton@gmail.com)

## **First Branch Ambulance & Rescue**

Deb Mullen - 889-9406

A couple weeks ago the residents of Tunbridge received a mailing from the South Royalton Rescue. We received numerous calls about the mailing and would like to address some of the concerns we have heard.

- \* If you need an ambulance and you dial 911 an ambulance will come. This is whether or not you pay the \$95 "subscription" fee. Non-payment of this fee does not effect ambulance coverage at all.
- \* All insurances are billed after a call. There are billing procedures that are mandated by the state on billing for these calls.
- \* There is no need for additional costs for providing this service. This should already be included in the per capita rate that we are paying South Royalton Rescue .
- \* If you live north of Potash Road, you are in First Branch Ambulances' coverage area and there is NO NEED to pay any additional fees to South Royalton Rescue.

First Branch and South Royalton Rescue have a good working relationship. We have a mutual aid agreement that means that if either service is out on a call and another call is toned, the other service will cover that call. This is and has been the case for some time. We both belong to the S.A.V.E organization out of Gifford Hospital and we also have trainings together.

With the recent flood warnings we contacted the Tunbridge Fire Department to see if we could stage one of our ambulances at the fire station. This assured that if an ambulance was needed and the roads were flooded we would have coverage in both towns.

We recently donated a stokes basket to the Tunbridge Fire Department or their rescue service. We look forward to working with the new rescue squad once they are up and running.

We would like to offer a first responder course this fall. This is the minimum training you need to belong to an ambulance/rescue service. We need a commitment from 6 people to offer the course. Anyone interested is urged to call our office at 685-3112.

## **Tunbridge Recreation Committee**

Kevin Barnaby - 889-5671

Hello all. I would like to report that we have gotten a new playground set on the rec field. It has also gotten a lot of use. We have also had the pool filled and has also gotten a lot of use. We have sold banners to help raise money for a new backstop and a new infield. There has been a building built for changing rooms and for the lawn mower that we also bought. We are going to be having our breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of every month for the rest of the year and would love to see you there. We had a rubberball tournament with a pig roast that was a huge success.

## **Tunbridge Better Bones**

Shelia Mitchinson 889-5547

Tues. & Thurs - 6:30am/ 8:30am/ 5:30pm

Mon & Wed. - 8:30am

Classes at the Town Hall are free with weights provided. Come join us or come back for renewed strength, energy and balance.

## **Tunbridge Grange #384**

Mert Vesper - 889-5595

We had a leak in our water pipe that had to be fixed, so we had to put the bathroom on hold again.

There will be a spaghetti supper at the grange hall August 24, at 5p.m to benefit the Spring Rd. Cemetery.

Our Harvest Supper will be Oct. 19 At 5p.m. at the grange hall. the Hunters Breakfast will be Nov. 16 4a.m. till 9a.m. We are selling tickets on a beautiful quilt made by Betty Roberts. Come and visit us at the fair.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome to visit. We would like some new members.

## **High Country Cloggers**

Linda Lazaroff – 889-9421 or 2happyfeet@myfairpoint.net

High Country Cloggers is hosting its 2nd Annual Benefit Variety Show on Saturday, October 5th at 7:00 PM at the Tunbridge Town Hall. The variety show is a fundraiser for the Tunbridge Historical Society to help with completing the archival storage room in the basement of the new Tunbridge Public Library community meeting room. If you are interested in performing in this show, please contact Linda.

Last year we raised money to help with additional expenses in connection with the new community meeting room at the Tunbridge Public Library. The show was a huge success and we were pleased with the sizable donation we made from the ticket sales and raffle table.

If you are interested in donating an item to our raffle table, we would appreciate anything from our local businesses or crafts people.

Also be sure to check out the Tunbridge website at <http://www.tunbridgevt.com/>

## **DivorceCare 2013 Winter Seminar**

Robert Brinkley- 717-903-4663

DivorceCare 2013 FALL SEMINAR has thirteen sessions. Robert Brinkley is the facilitator. The DivorceCare group will meet every Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting September 10, & ending December 3, 2013 at the Tunbridge Church Parish House, 3 Potash Hill Road on VT ROUTE 110 across from the Tunbridge Church. Child care and scholarships are available.

Interested participants may attend any or all sessions. The DivorceCare Program is like an emergency room, ready to help when you need it. Help, hope and healing is available every week.

This group is not affiliated with a particular denomination. DivorceCare is built on a biblical, Christ-centered foundation.

DivorceCare has a new website just for our area. I would love to invite you to see it. The website will keep you informed of news and remind you when sessions are scheduled. E-MAIL Robert Brinkley, [rbrinkle@gmail.com](mailto:rbrinkle@gmail.com) and I will send you an invitation. You can also visit our local DivorceCare blog site at: <http://tinyurl.com/kyaaazlx>

To attend, call Robert Brinkley's cell phone: 717-903-4663 or the Tunbridge Church Office: 802-889-9828 or simply arrive at the scheduled date and time. No advanced notice required.

To contact Robert Brinkley via e-mail use the contact form at [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) or send email to [rbrinkle@gmail.com](mailto:rbrinkle@gmail.com).

There are thirteen weekly topics. 1. What's Happening to Me? 2. The Road to Healing/Finding Help, 3. Facing My Anger, 4. Facing My Depression, 5. Facing My Loneliness, 6. What Does the Owner's Manual Say? 7. New Relationships, 8. Financial Survival, 9. KidCare, 10. Single Sexuality, 11. Forgiveness, 12. Reconciliation, 13. Moving On, Growing Closer to God.

Each week's video lasts from 39-43 minutes and includes top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. You will receive a workbook for confidential, focused group discussions.

You don't need to go through separation or divorce alone. Even if you have been separated or divorced for many years, you are welcome to this group. The evaluations of this group have been positive.

More information: <http://www.divorcecare.org>. Type in your local zip code and find our group schedule, driving directions and more.

## **Tunbridge Church**

Judie Lewis - 889-9490

Deadra Ashton, Pastor - 889-9828

The annual Tunbridge Church Fair Service, a celebratory musical service known as the Festival of Worship, will be held at 9:30 a.m. September 15, at the church located in the village above the fairgrounds.

This year's theme is "Feel the Spirit." Included will be music by local band singers and musicians, the church's children's choir, and the adult choir augmented by other area singers. The children's choir will begin rehearsals August 28th, meeting at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The adult choir has begun rehearsals and meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. All singers are welcome! If you would like to participate in the choirs or obtain more information about the service, call the church office at 889-9828 or music director Judie Lewis, 889-9490.

Regular 10 a.m. worship services during August are held at the North Tunbridge Church. Services will move back to the Tunbridge Village church September 1.

The church Outreach Committee is planning a 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, October 5. Headquarters for the run will be the Parish House across from the village church. Proceeds will benefit the Tunbridge Church Community Food Shelf. For more information call the church office at the number above.

Holiday in the Hills, a sale of works of New England artisans and items from antique dealers, will be held in the Pavilion on the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 12 from 10am-5pm and on Sunday, October 13 from 10am-3pm. There will be homemade food available for sale and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of the five historic church buildings in town. For more information, email [holidayinthehills@tunbridgechurch.org](mailto:holidayinthehills@tunbridgechurch.org) or call 889-9828.

The annual Stewardship potluck luncheon will be held in the Town Hall immediately after the November 3 worship service.

## **Tunbridge Listers**

Helen O'donnell, Rudy Ruddell, Adam Smith 889-3571  
<[listers@tunbridgevt.com](mailto:listers@tunbridgevt.com)>

The Board of Listers has been busy wrapping up the grievance process for this year. It's always good to have open and honest discussions with our fellow residents as we attempt to get a fair market value for each property in town. This is always the goal, as difficult as this may be. Right now the listed values are on average 2.75% higher than fair market value, as indicated by our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) of 102.75% (based on the 2012 sales study).

We just finished our sales study for 2013, which looks at all "arms length" sales in the town up until April 1st 2013. This information will feed into a statewide sales study that will help determine our new CLA this coming January. If the average of the sales is 10% higher or 10% lower than the listed values for those properties that would trigger a town wide reappraisal in 2014.

This fall we will start doing the next round of our quarterly rotation. Last year we visited the southwest corner of the town. This year will choose a different quarter of the town, send out notices and do exterior inspections of those properties. Since Tunbridge doesn't have a permitting process, this our only way to keep track of upgrades and new construction. You could always give us a call and let us know. If you alert us to some depreciation, your listed value could actually go down. Our office hours are Tuesday and Friday from 9-3. Feel free to stop by or give us a call. (889-3571)

## **Tunbridge Town Website**

Rick Scully - 763-7474 [rick@tunbridgevt.com](mailto:rick@tunbridgevt.com).

Got an event you want to promote? The Tunbridge website is a great way to reach your audience! Potlucks? Hikes? Concerts? Just email them to me with as much detail as you can with enough lead time for me to post it before your event. Often items are cross-posted to Facebook where there is a growing number of people visiting the Unofficial group: [www.facebook.com/groups/149524471756558](http://www.facebook.com/groups/149524471756558). If you or your group post things in The Herald you should consider also posting them on the official Tunbridge website!

## **Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Maxine Young

David Wolfe - president

**For TNHN services call: 889-3437**

A huge thank-you to Susan Zeigfinger for manning the telephone in the process of updating the Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteer list. We have over 80 volunteers. Also, a huge thank-you to Lee Banas for putting all of this into excel format.

Following is some important information to be shared regarding medical equipment availability in Tunbridge. Dennis Cilley – contact 889-3300 – has non-electric hospital beds, canes, walkers, commodes, shower chairs, and wheelchairs to let out. There is no charge for this service. Just contact Dennis. He will also accept donations of such equipment. The former Tunbridge Red Cross, now disbanded, and carried on by David Cilley, and now Dennis, makes this equipment available.

Another source is Clayton Butterfield in Randolph who has a huge inventory of medical equipment, including hospital beds. Telephone 728-3389 - lives on School Street. Just call ahead, tell him what your needs are, and he will get it out of the barn. All one needs to do is sign for it and return it when done.

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors emphasis is to provide services for seniors, but ANYONE is eligible. If your request is reasonable and we can find a volunteer, we will do it. Everyone needs help with something sometime, so please call. There is no charge for the service and you don't have to join anything. There are no dues or fees. We are being supported by generous donations from local residents and businesses.

We are not able to provide emergency or daily services. As a practical limit, we are able and willing to do a couple of calls per month for the same person.

One of the services Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors provides is rides (to non-emergency medical appointments, etc.), provided the request is submitted well in advance. There is no charge for this service. Sometimes we may be unable to find a driver or otherwise accommodate you. At those times, Stagecoach Public Transportation (802-728-3773 or [www.stagecoach-rides.org](http://www.stagecoach-rides.org)) may be able to assist you. They have volunteer drivers who can pick you up and take you door to door to your medical appointment (also to run errands, go shopping, etc), much the same as Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors, except the rides are not provided free of charge. They have a program called Ticket to Ride. Quoting from their website:

“Arranged through the Stagecoach, Ticket to Ride helps pay up to 80% of the cost of rides for senior citizens (60+) and persons with disabilities when there is not available transportation in the household or the person requesting the trips is unable to drive on the day of the trip. Ticket to Ride is available for a broad array of destinations, such as medical services, shopping, errands, and social purposes. The person receiving the ride will be requested to pay 20% of the cost of the trip.

## **Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Con't.**

On an annual cycle, between July 1st and June 30th, an individual can receive up to \$500 worth of rides; \$700 for a two-person household; and \$1000 for a person transported in a wheelchair. For critical care transportation such as dialysis or cancer treatment there is no individual annual funding limitation. However, the number of round trips per month is limited to ten for dialysis and fifteen for cancer treatment. All transportation provided through Ticket to Ride is conditional upon the availability of funds in the program.

Ticket to Ride will not pay for rides to airports, train / bus stations, or out of state locations, except local area medical facilities or shopping in West Lebanon, NH.”

If you are on Medicaid, you will need to call Rural Community Transportation (802-748-8170) for your rides for all of your Medicaid Services but you can use Ticket to Ride for other trips (not covered by Medicaid).

So while it is not free, Ticket to Ride is available to all qualified Tunbridge residents. And this program is available to anyone on a non-subsidized, private-pay basis. The number for Stagecoach is Toll Free (800) 427-3553. You need to sign up for the Ticket To Ride Program in advance, and you need to schedule your ride 1-2 weeks in advance. They will provide a cost estimate. Also, anyone interested in becoming a Ticket to Ride Volunteer Driver should call that number.

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors Board Members: Brenda Field, Bill Gefell, Lee Banas, Felicity Swayze, Pam Dietz, Maxine Young, David Wolfe.

## **Tunbridge Treasurer**

Ann Fragnella - 889-3571 [treasurer@tunbridge.biz](mailto:treasurer@tunbridge.biz)

Good summer's day folks! I want to introduce you to my new Assistant Treasurer: she is Jola Brock. Jola lives up in the hills of Tunbridge with her two children. She is working on learning how to do a few things so the office can keep working if I am unable to be here.

I have been spending a lot of long hours working on the figures for last year. The selectboard and town clerk/AA have been good about coming in to discuss issues with me. Not having been here the entire year makes it hard to figure out how what was going on affects the numbers. I find Wendy to be a good source of the information I am missing.

Now for the information you really want: I expect to get the tax bills out late in the week of August 19th. We have not yet set the tax rate but I (with lots of help from our fine listers) have been working on it. You can expect an increase over last year. We have a deficit in both the Select board & Highway budget and the school rate is up; as are all other items.

Taxes are due November 1, 2013 and although you don't yet have a bill, you can pay your taxes or a portion of them at any time. We have had to borrow money to “live on” until taxes come in, so, if you pay up early we don't have to borrow as much and you save us interest. (“Us” is you and me the taxpayers of Tunbridge!)