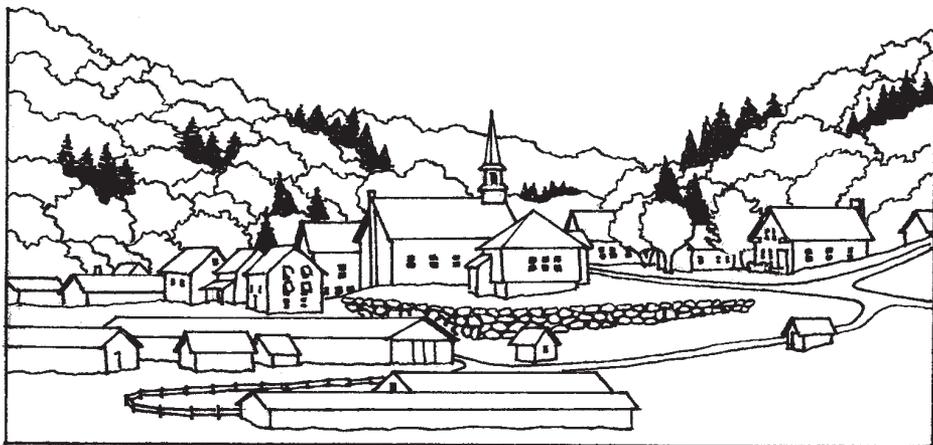


The **TUNBRIDGE** Quarterly

**News and information
from your town offices and
local volunteer efforts.**



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In Tunbridge, it feels like the Fair is the demarcation between the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Some might say it's the first day of school that divides the two seasons, but there's a collective feeling in town, at 6 PM on Fair Sunday, that Autumn has arrived for good and it's time to get down to business before the snow flies.

Even if summer moves at a more relaxed pace than fall, in Tunbridge, it was a season full of projects. The Town Hall Kitchen renovation was finally completed; we highly doubt there's a more beautiful municipal kitchen in all of Orange County. To complement the gleaming cooking side of the room, Mike Howe painted the dining room floor. What felt weary and shabby a year ago, the downstairs of the Town Hall now feels wonderfully inviting and smartly functional.

On the exterior side of things, the Town Offices' roof got a new coat of paint, in a shade somewhere between emerald and evergreen. Also, in our ongoing effort to remain transparent, the windows of both the Town Hall and Town Offices were professionally washed.

To pass a 20 foot box truck through the Flint Bridge proved to be no less difficult than stuffing a camel through a needle's eye: the damage from the collision between truck and bridge is being assessed by construction experts hired by the truck company's insurance company who will, no doubt, have their own ideas of how to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Stay tuned. In the meantime, the new bridge on Belknap Road is coming along nicely, thanks to Hook Construction and state and federal grants.

Rodney Hoyt, Road Foreman, would like to remind Tunbridgians to prune their apple trees that hang over or lean into the town roads. The Road Crew, in recognizing that apples are much beloved by child, parent, teacher and white-tail, do not give "haircuts" to the roadside fruit trees, but implore the landowners to be responsible and lop off enough limbs for the dump trucks to pass, unhindered, beneath or beside. If you don't get to it this fall, don't worry—the best time to prune a fruit tree is during the winter.

On the subject of roads, Class 4 roads have been a persistent topic of conversation. Two Rivers (the regional planning commission) has identified, in a town inventory, “erosion hotspots” on Class 4 roads. They recommend that these hotspots should be stabilized. This is all part of a statewide push to better control how and where water flows. While the town does not have much of a budget for Class 4 roads, the Road Crew certainly understands erosion and the proverbial “stitch in time saves nine” approach to maintenance. They’re on it. Rodney would also like to remind town residents who live on Class 4 roads that those roads are NOT plowed in winter. If a resident on a Class 4 road believes that improving the Class 4 road themselves will lead to winter maintenance by the town road crew, they will be sorely disappointed. Also, the Selectboard and Road Crew would like to know, beforehand, if any Class 4 road residents aim to improve the road themselves. Town roads are not the domain of DIYers. There are over 2,000 billionaires in the world. If one of them moves to Tunbridge, and decides, unilaterally, to pave an entire Class 4 road, the Selectboard and townspeople could tell the billionaire something he or she doesn’t hear very often: “NO.”

The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly

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The deadline dates for entries are the 15th of December, March, June and September. Entries are printed as received and only edited for typos. My apologies for any mistakes I miss or make! Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions.

Current and past issues of the TQ are always available online at <http://tunbridgevt.org/tunbridge-quarterly/>

First Branch Community Phonebook

Janet Zug 889-9602 zugglasstudio@gmail.com

It has come to my attention that the Alliance For Vermont Communities is exploring the idea of a collaborative community phone book project. In the interest of not duplicating efforts I am putting this project on hold. If they decide to go forward with it, all phone numbers gathered so far will be passed on to the AVC.

Please email me if with any questions or concerns.

Tunbridge Town Clerk

Jillian Conner - 889-5521 tctunbridge@live.com

Hours: Monday: 12:00pm - 6:00pm Tuesday - Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Greetings from your new town clerk! In July, it was my honor to take over for Betsy Sponable, who kept the town running smoothly and a smile on her face throughout her tenure. I'm very grateful to the Selectboard for appointing me to fill such an important position. For those of you I haven't met yet, here are a few things about me: I grew up in Bennington, Vermont and graduated from Champlain College in 2015 with a degree in environmental policy. My partner, Charlie, and I raise Icelandic Sheep and a variety of vegetables at our farm (Take Stock Farm) on Whitney Hill. We moved to Tunbridge in 2017 because we wanted to be part of a small community in a beautiful place and start the diversified farm we'd dreamt about for years. We could not have found a better location! Please stop in the Clerk's office to introduce yourself. I would love to meet you.

I am maintaining my role as administrative assistant to the Selectboard, so please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions for them. You can also request a slot on the Selectboard meeting agenda with me. For business pertaining to the Selectboard, please email tunbridge.adm.assist@gmail.com, or call the number listed above.

Now, Clerk business:

Please note the new Clerk's Office hours. Contact information for all Town Officers is posted on the Tunbridge website- www.tunbridgevt.org. Our town website has a plethora of information about the Town, Selectboard minutes, updates from various officials, and more. It's worth a visit!

Transfer Station: In addition to its usual Saturday hours, the Transfer station continues to be open Wednesdays through the end of September from 4:00 -7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Town Clerk's office and the Library.

Town Hall Kitchen: Our brand new kitchen in the Town Hall was completed earlier this summer! If you haven't already, pop in during a Recreation Breakfast or other event to check it out. George White & Co. did a fantastic job with the renovation, and Mike Howe did a perfect paint job on the entire kitchen and dining room floor.

Births: Davis Pearl Cilley born August 10th, 2019
to parents Mariah and Devin Cilley

Deaths: Dale Armond Harris passed on June 19th, 2019 in Tunbridge.

Marriages: Marigot Vreeland to Neil Patel - June 15th, 2019

Nikol Ferno to Eric Ware - June 22nd, 2019

Barrett Phillips to Brendan Moore - July 6th, 2019

Brooke Moses to Austin Demasi-Sayers - July 27th, 2019

Sarah Coleman to Jeffrey McNeil -September 5th, 2019

Intelligent Based Policing

VSP barracks 802-234-9933 recorded

Email DPS.VSPROYALTONIBP@VERMONT.GOV

The IBP (Intelligence Based Policing) group continues to meet most Wednesday nights at 6:00 usually in the Tunbridge School library.

One of the main goals is to encourage community members and neighboring residents to take a stand against drug usage and it's accompanying violence, by reporting observed suspicious behavior to the Vermont State Police. (See the contact information above.) The group has been discussing many of the issues associated with the drug problem that have been creeping into the region, which include increased theft, family dysfunction, child and adult domestic abuse, a general lack of a sense of security in our communities, as well as an increased and challenging work load for those in law enforcement.

To that end, a special meeting is being planned for Wednesday, November 6th to discuss with local judges and area representatives what can be done and possibly changed, to help. It has been brought up repeatedly that many Vermont laws are adding to the problem. A lack of secure housing for rehabilitation is yet another issue. Plan to attend the November meeting and share your ideas. Check the local newspapers closer to the date for further information.

Presently there is a Facebook page that has been set up to decimate information, (Central Vermont Intelligence based policing), for those interested in following that. Or add your name to the present email list by contacting nanran@myfairpoint.net.

Tunbridge Town Website

Geoff Hansen, 802-889-3373, or info@geoffhansen.com

Tunbridge's town website is a timely resource for information from the Town Clerk, board meetings, upcoming events and past issues of the Tunbridge Quarterly. Please let us know if there's something you would like to see listed, or have any questions.

Tunbridge Board of Listers

Dan Ruddell, Helen O'Donnell, Jola Brock 889-3571

lister@tunbridge.biz) Office hours - Tuesday and Friday from 9-3.

Tunbridge Board of Listers

For quarterly rotation this year we are focusing on the southeast corner of town and have sent out notices that we hope to be doing brief exterior inspections and updating our photos of properties in that portion of town. We also try to schedule a visit when there is new construction or significant changes to property in any portion of town.

We are still working on Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Adjustment requests. The first round of property tax adjustments were issued August 2, the second one was on September 1, and the next one will be on November 1, 2019. Revised tax bills will be issued if a Homestead Declaration or Property Tax Adjustment is corrected in this process. If you think you filed on time and should have received a state payment, feel free to give our office a call. If we cannot resolve your issue Vermont Taxpayer Services phone number is 802-828-2865 which may help clarify the issue.

Although the deadline for late filing has been extended by the legislature to October 15, it is in your best interest to file your Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment by April 15 (the actual due date) so the town receives the state payment in a timely fashion. In addition, please make sure to use the correct SPAN (School Property Account Number) from your previous year's tax bill, or feel free to give our office a call to get your SPAN number. Many of the errors that needed to be manually checked this year came from incorrect SPAN numbers.

While we have not fully assembled the numbers for this year, preliminary evidence indicates more market activity this year than in the last several years, and several recent sales have come in above the current town-assessed value. Our last town-wide reappraisal was in 2010, and our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) crept up each year until 2016-2017, after which it started to drop again (101.79%, 102.75%, 106.04%, 111.95%, 114.93%, 116.38%, 111.06%). The 2018 CLA is at 105.97%. The CLA is based on a statewide sales study, and is an equalization adjustment designed to bring each town's grand list to fair market value and thus level the field between towns when calculating education taxes. The 2019-2020 CLA revision will be released January 2020.

Feel free to stop by or give us a call with any questions or concerns.

Tunbridge Planning Commission

Laura Ginsburg 889-3386

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Office on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, with occasional changes due to scheduling and to avoid overlap with the Selectboard. With primary responsibilities aimed at building consensus on community priorities and developing actions to implement them, the commission maintains an active schedule highlighted by revisions of the Town Plan (recently expanded from a 5-year to an 8-year planning horizon between updates; due again in 2025-26). The most recent Town Plan, maps and associated documents can be found on the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission website page for Tunbridge (<https://www.trorc.org/towns/tunbridge/>)

In the interim there are many other items to attend to, with recent activities focusing on the upcoming 5-year revision of our Hazard Mitigation Plan (due in February 2020) and increasing refinement and engagement in planning for emergency procedures (particularly in coordination with the school and Orange County Parent Child Center, as well as establishing emergency centers in different parts of town).

Over the past few months there have been several changes to the Planning Commission that are important share here. Long time member and chair Ingrid VanSteamburg stepped down, and Laura Ginsburg, a new member, stepped into the chair position. After much discussion and consultation with the statutory regulations, the Commission with support of the Selectboard reduced required members from nine to seven, with the additional ex officio seat for the Selectboard representative. This change will allow important work to continue while acknowledging everyone's busy schedules.

The Planning Commission meetings are open to all, and member names can be found on the town website (<http://tunbridgevt.org/planning-commission/>). Feel free to attend a meeting or contact any one of us to discuss your concerns and learn more about what we do.

Tunbridge Library

Hours: Mon & Wed 3-8, Thur & Fri 3-6, Sat 9-3

Jean Wolfe, Librarian 889-9404 tunbridgelibrary@yahoo.com

Fern Strong, ArtSpace Coordinator, 860-986-0507; redbarnrugs2@yahoo.com

Our aim is to make the library a great place for you to work, study, read, or just catch up with friends and neighbors. We have everything from the mundane (such as transfer station tickets) to the sublime (masterpieces of fiction, great mysteries, films, etc.).

Thanks to all who filled out the Trustee's survey about your hopes for the library. You're always welcome to stop by and see what we have to offer. We urge you share suggestions or input as far as what we do well, and where and how we can improve.

The Library is joining Vermont Reads 2019, featuring the graphic novel "March." Civil rights leader John Lewis shares how his engagement formed a movement that changed history. He tells the story in the same way he learned about Martin Luther King, Jr.-- in a graphic novel! Copies of the book are available at the Library now. This fall, there will offer a number of events looking at the history of the civil rights movement, its legacy, and the enduring struggles that continue to this day.

Regular events at the library include a Chess Club for all ages led by Philip Van Dusen every Monday from 4:15 to 6:00. The Young Writers' Group currently meets afterwards on Mondays at 5:45. To make things easier, we offer pizza on Monday at 5:30, so please let us know ahead how many will be attending. Donations are always welcome. Fiber Artists meet from 6 to 8 pm first and third Wednesday evenings (October 2, 16, etc.). Come share projects and ideas with great company.

Story Hour continues on first and third Saturdays at 10 am. Mariah offers a program for families with children of all ages, including stories, an activity and a snack. The next Story Hour is October 5, and it is sure to include a terrific surprise.

We hope you take time to explore "Colors in Life," the current ArtSpace exhibit. This show features an extraordinary collection of watercolors by 16 artists of The Connecticut River Chapter of The Vermont Watercolor Society. A reception for the artists and their work is scheduled for Sunday, September 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit continues through November 10.

Look for more events for many ages, including Santa's visit in December. We'll be posting this and other events at the Library as well as in the Herald, by email, on the web, and in social media.

The current ArtSpace exhibit celebrates “The Tunbridge Fair,” by Bridgewater artist Rae Newell. This show will anticipate the excitement to come, running through the beginning of September. Mark your calendars for a reception on Sunday, July 21, from 2-4 p.m.

In August, the Friends of the Library welcome you to join their annual community picnic, time and date to be determined. The Friends of the Library invite you to consider ways to help the library better serve the community. Look for an upcoming survey from the Library Trustees where you can share your input.

Tunbridge Central School Reading Mentoring Program

Elaine Howe -889-5560

Make a difference in a child’s life in less than one hour a week—become a reading mentor!

Everybody Wins! Vermont is a statewide, nonprofit, children’s literacy and mentoring program. Everybody Wins! mentors read with a child at Tunbridge and Chelsea during lunchtime, one day a week. Together, you explore books and literacy activities and build a meaningful friendship, within our school. You help a child build strong self-esteem, reading skills, and a lifelong love of books.

WHERE: Tunbridge Central School

WHEN: Monday or Thursday (Meet weekly Oct.- April)

TIME: 11:20-12:05

For more information about becoming a reading mentor:

Visit us online at: <http://everybodywinsvermont.org/>

E-mail Courtney at: courtney@everybodywinsvermont.org or Elaine at ehowe2@wrvsu.org Call: 802-229-BOOK

Please pass along this information to anyone who might want to volunteer. Our mentors say that reading day is the best day of their week!

*note: you will need to fill out an application (and have it approved) before joining our program.

Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department

Jamie Bradford 889-3478

The Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department has had a busy few months. This summer has presented many fire/rescue calls, TVFD are beginning to inquire about setting up a group of community members to bring food/beverages to our firefighters that will be on scene for long periods of time. As we navigate this idea and the details needed to get this up and going we are hoping to reach out to interested community members. The Fire Department has welcomed being busy with community activity. Since our last update TVFD filled 1000 eggs for the annual Easter Egg hunt, they sold over 600 half chickens at the Tunbridge Memorial Day parade and had a successful coin drop during the Tunbridge Worlds Fair.

The Fair is a very busy time for our Volunteer Fire Department. With only 12 Firemen they are responsible for manning the fairgrounds for our safety all 4 days from 8 AM to Closing each night. The coin drop is by far TVFD's biggest fundraiser, in an effort to be able to man the fairgrounds and the coin drop TVFD has had the opportunity to hire the VTC Cross Country Team to help out with the coin drop. We are however always looking for individuals age 18 and over to help with our coin drop. This is a great support to the Fire Department and the town. Please feel free to reach out to tunbridge.fire@gmail.com with any interest you may have.

October 06-12, 2019 is Fire Prevention week. The Fire Department will be visiting The Tunbridge Central School as well as Orange County Parent Child Center on Thursday October 10, 2019 to teach and remind our students of all ages about fire safety. Each year during Fire Prevention Week there is a theme, this years theme is know your escape. We urge all families to make an exit plan and practice fire safety at home. Please remember that this is also a great time to check your smoke detectors, have your chimneys cleaned and your furnaces serviced.

This September the Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department completed the installation of a dry hydrant at 185 Monarch Hill Road. The installation of this dry hydrant is part of a comprehensive program to improve fire protection in the rural portions of Tunbridge. This new system replaced an outdated system that was too small for effective use.

The Fire Department is in the process of improving fire protection in Tunbridge by installing dry hydrants and other Rural Fire Protection (RFP) systems to improve the availability and accessibility of water for firefighting purposes. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force through the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) provided assistance to the Fire Department in developing a plan to improve water supply in Tunbridge.

The Vermont Legislature approved appropriations to assist communities in installing dry hydrants to improve fire protection in the rural area of Vermont. The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force with the assistance of the VACD administers the grant program. Dry hydrants and other RFP systems are preferred method of providing water for firefighting in areas where there are no water mains. A dry hydrant consists of a 6-8 inch pipe with a fitting to which a pump/tanker truck can attach. The pipe connects to a water source (pond or stream) that can supply at least 60,000 gallons under drought conditions.

Friends of The Tunbridge World's Fair (FTWF)

Joann Welch - 802-477-2147

It was another successful Fair weekend for the Friends! Our shuttle service gave rides to hundreds of people. Thank you to our members who volunteered to drive. Without you, the shuttle would not be able to operate.

We also donated a life size model horse to Antique Hill which really helped bring the exhibit to life. And, in case you missed it, our President Deb Mullen was interviewed live Saturday morning on WDEV by Ken Squier for one and a half hours!

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Friends can join by sending the annual membership fee to:

Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair PO Box 159 Tunbridge, VT 05077

Single- \$25 Couple- \$50 Family- \$100

Lifetime- \$1000 (may be paid over 3 years)

Additional information is available on our website at

www.friendsoftunbridgefair.org.

Meetings are held in the basement of the Town Hall at 7pm the second Wednesday of every month through November. All meetings are open the public. We hope to see you there!

Chelsea Area Senior Center

Susan Pirie, 685-2290, chelseaseniorcenter@gmail.com

Tunbridge seniors are invited to attend noon congregate meals on Mondays and Fridays at the Chelsea Area Senior Center in the United Church of Chelsea on the North Common. Tunbridge Meals on Wheels delivery is available on Mondays. The Senior Center, which is affiliated with the Central Vermont Council on Aging, serves residents of Tunbridge, Chelsea and Vershire. It offers entertainment, health speakers, blood pressure clinics, foot clinics by appointment, trips and fundraisers. To request Meals on Wheels and for other information contact director Susan Pirie.

Alliance for Vermont Communities

Michael Sacca - 889-3210 mfsacca@sover.net

The mission of the Alliance for Vermont Communities is to protect working farms, forests and communities of central Vermont and to promote responsible development that will sustain the rural heritage and values for present and future generations.

Ashley Community Forest (ACF)

Part of our successful effort to block NewVistas was to purchase the 218-acre Ashley parcel that David Hall was planning to buy. With this strategic purchase, we successfully halted Hall's progress as well as achieved (almost!) a complementary goal: the creation of a Community Forest to be used as a shared recreation and timber resource. With the assistance of the Vermont Land Trust and the generous support of individuals and organizations, AVC has nearly completed its goal of raising \$523K. Last spring, AVC in cooperation with the Vermont Center for Eco Studies hosted 10 outings on the land which brought many people together from across the region to enjoy various natural and cultural history topics led by our neighbors. These walks were so popular that a fall series of five Ashley Community Forest outings --again co-hosted by the Vermont Center for Ecostudies -- have been organized.

All walks are from 9-11:30 am

September 21 -- Mosses. Mike Hebb & Alan Strickland, Naturalists

September 28 -- Bedrock Geology of Ashley Community Forest,

Peter & Thelma Thompson, Geologists

October 5 -- Trees, Paul Harwood, Forester

October 12 -- Cellar Holes & Stone Walls, Paul Kristensen

October 13 -- Fall Mushrooms, Peter Brooke & Ray Sehna

To register for the walks, contact Michael Sacca (info above) Everyone is welcome! You can learn more detail about each of the walks and the leaders and also about the Ashley Community Forest Project at <https://www.alliancevermont.org/ashley-community-forest/> and about the Vermont Center for Ecostudies at <https://vtcostudies.org/>

The Ranger

As reported in the previous TQ, the Ranger ride this past June was a huge success with over 300 riders, 16 different states and Canada represented, 18 junior rangers, 34% female riders -- a record for New England gravel events, \$60K in local economic impact, and 55% of proceeds donated to purpose-driven local organizations. This event excited those near and far

about what our region has to offer -- all while engaging our communities to work and recreate together. Planning is already underway for next year's Ranger ride on Saturday, June 9, 2020 at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds.

Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)

AVC's work with VCRD has increased communication and collaboration among the 4 towns. As a result of the initial 4-town meetings, three task committees have formed: Economic Development and Cultural Vitality, Housing with a special focus on senior housing, and Working Lands, Natural Resources and the creation of an Agricultural Network. The committees, comprised of members of the four towns, are working to draft action plans and keep cross-towns communication open and flowing. If you want to be involved, join a task committee, or just learn more about creating vibrant communities, contact AVC or Ken Wright (kwright@sover.net) for task force to Develop Area Housing; Sarah Danly (sarahdanly@gmail.com) for the task force to Support Economic Development in the Region; or Michael Sacca (mfsacca@sover.net) and Shona Sanford Long (sanfordlongs@gmail.com) for the task force to Conserve Natural Resources and the Working Landscape and Create a Regional Ag Network.

AVC welcomes your feedback, input, questions, ideas, and interest. Check out our website or contact Michael Sacca at 889.3210. We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit. Tax deductible donations are very welcome and can be mailed to: AVC P.O. Box 545 South Royalton, VT 05068 or be made at our donate page on our website; www.alliancevermont.org

Tunbridge Sewing Circle

Elaine Howe -889-5560 elaineahowe@gmail.com

All skill levels are welcome to join the Tunbridge Sewing Circle from 8am until noon in the School Library. Upcoming dates are October 5, November 2 and December 7.

Park out by the soccer field and come up to the library doo. Contact Elaine or Nancy Howe (889-3750) for more information.

First Branch Unified District

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Jena Young 889-2804 jyoung@wrvsu.org

The Tunbridge Church

Kay Jorgensen, 889-9828, thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com.

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer “Jenny” S. Cook joins The Tunbridge Church as interim pastor in October and will lead the Oct. 6 worship service. She will serve through January (subject to extension), leading Sunday services, making pastoral visits and tending to the church community’s needs. Jenny and her husband live in Rhode Island. They spend long weekends at their future retirement home in Randolph Center.

The Rev. Dr. Claire W. Bamberg, who served the church for two years, first as pulpit supply and then as transitional minister, concluded her work at the end of September in order to devote more time to her coaching, consulting and mental health practices.

Everyone is invited to the Oct. 12 Anything Apple Harvest Fest to be held from 11-2 at the Town Hall and Parish House lawn. Soups and cheddar/apple grilled sandwiches, apple desserts and products will be served and sold for takeout.

The silent auction will include a wooden bowl crafted by Warren Baldwin, a Saturday Sewing Circle quilt, a garden hod and several pairs of garden gloves, a silver Tunbridge Mill Bridge charm, cookbooks, and Sue Howe Wood’s lasagna dinner for eight with salad, bread, dessert and wine.

Community groups and farm, crafts and exhibitor participants are invited to set up on the lawn. Contact Kay Jorgensen (889-5528, kjayvt@gmail.com) about donating pies, apple treats and auction items or being a lawn vendor. Proceeds will go to the capital fund for Parish House improvements.

This year’s last Super Senior Luncheon for residents over age 80 will be held Oct. 26. Call 889-5542 for information and a reservation.

During the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas season the church will be remembering its neighbors. Thanksgiving bags with treats for senior and homebound residents will be packed and delivered on Nov. 23. In December singers will carol and take poinsettias to seniors’ homes. The Outreach Committee and Community Food Shelf will fill boxes with Christmas dinner foods, from meat to decorated cookies, and display gift items for families to choose from.

Donations of Thanksgiving bag baked goods, Christmas gift items and funds for food purchases are welcome. Monetary donations may be mailed to Food Shelf Treasurer Euclid Farnham, 24 The Crossroad, Tunbridge, VT 05077.

Watch for announcements about the church decorating, caroling, and special Christmas season services to which everyone is invited. All are welcome at the weekly Sunday 10 a.m. worship services.

The Community Food Shelf is open Fridays from 4-6 p.m. at the Parish House at the corner of Potash Road and Route 110. AA and Al-Anon meet weekly at the Parish House.

Visit the church at www.facebook.com/thetunbridgechurch. To receive the weekly announcements and bimonthly newsletter by email contact thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com

ECFiber

(East-Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network)

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Amy Frost , Jim Ludwig

ECF office - 763-2262 info@ecfiber.net www.ecfiber.net

ECFiber is currently building border-to-border service in Tunbridge!

Presently, there are four crews working in Tunbridge! All Tunbridge residents and businesses are encouraged to subscribe on the website now so ECF can include your addresses in the initial build, which will result in quicker delivery of service. <https://www.ecfiber.net/subscribe/>

ECFiber is a consortium of 24 towns in East-Central Vermont, that banded together with Valley Net in 2008 to build a community-owned fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet and telephone service to every home, business, or civic institution in our territory.

Subscribing to ECF's services not only gives you the best possible Internet service, it also supports our community directly.

Tunbridge Fuel Loan Assistance Committee

Ben Wolfe- (802)738-6570 Tunbridge.Fuel.Assistance@gmail.com

This Committee's mission is to steward the use of the Fuel Assistance Loan Fund for no-interest loans to Tunbridge residents. Traditionally we have focused on loans as our main way to help our neighbors meet their needs. We have found that offering loans is not the only - or even the most effective way --to do this, so we are looking for new ways to support our community as we head into another winter.

The Committee looks forward to our next meeting this fall, date to be determined. Our recent goals have included connecting with available resources for heat, and considering ways we can help folks button-up and keep more of the heat indoors. If you are interested in joining the committee, or to serve your community by working with us, please reach out-- by phone, email or in person. We'd love to have your participation.

Better Bones

Kay Jorgensen – 889-5528, kjayvt@gmail.com

The Better Bones program offers three free exercise sessions for adults. The Monday morning Better Bones with Music class led by Linda Howe resumes on Oct. 7 at 10. The Tuesday and Thursday groups meet at 6:45 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The classes offer balance and weight-bearing exercises aimed at increasing bone density at an age when bone mass is lost and many people become susceptible to osteoporosis. Sessions are upstairs at the Town Hall. Anyone can drop in and try it out. A doctor's permission is requested for those who continue with the classes.

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Pat Howe, Vice President and Treasurer – 889-5512

Maxine Young, Secretary – 763-8274 - youngvt@myfairpoint.net

TNHN continues to provide services to local residents through volunteer action.

We mostly get requests for rides, but have done many other things. Our service is for anyone; there is no membership and the service is free. We are recruiting for more volunteers, especially people who are able to drive during the weekdays.

Anyone needing help with something should call 889-3437. Someone will take your request and try to find a volunteer who can do it. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors phone line is not answered 24 hours a day; you should leave a message stating your request. One board member is responsible for taking the calls each month. When a message comes in, that board member will start calling volunteers until a volunteer can be found for that specific request. We do the best that we can to find a volunteer who is available for that specific request at that specific time and date, however, this is not always possible. Therefore, we need sufficient lead time to call around and if we cannot find a volunteer, this gives us enough time to notify the individual calling that we were unable to comply with that specific request.

If you want to volunteer, please contact any of the board members or call 889-3437 and we will add you to the list.

Board members: Pam Dietz, David Wolfe, Michael O'Donnell, Patricia Howe, Jory Innes, and Maxine Young.

Tunbridge Grange # 384

Rosemary Distel 802-272-2235

The Annual Grange Harvest Dinner will be held Saturday, October 19th at the Grange Hall in North Tunbridge. Our Harvest Supper has always been very popular in serving the typical New England boiled dinner (corned beef, ham, various root vegetables, beverages, etc.); ending with a huge selection of homemade pies for dessert! \$12 adults; \$6 children under 10.

Due to this dinner's popularity, we are requesting people to RSVP for the dinner (settings at either 5:00 or 6:15, or 7:00). Walk-ins are welcome, but only if space is available. Early arrivals can wait upstairs in the main hall and see our beautiful historic hand-painted "Grand" drapery (roll-drop stage curtain). Please call Mert Vesper at 889-5595 to RSVP with the time requested and the number of people. Take-out orders can also be made-up (but please let Mert know).

Want to help with dinners like this or other Grange fund-raisers? Please consider joining the Grange so we can continue to keep this worthy organization going. We try to meet the first Wednesday of the month and the meetings usually only last about an hour and then we have good conversation and snacks! You don't have to commit to every meeting or every fundraiser, but we've love to have you. The Grange is located on Rte 110 in the North Tunbridge village.

Tunbridge Women's Group

Pam Dietz 889-3315

Local women are invited to send their email addresses to Elaine Howe at elaineahowe@gmail.com to receive Tunbridge Women's Group (TWG) mailings.

In addition to sharing community news through occasional emails, the women's group hosts monthly potluck suppers in local homes. This is an informal group without officers, committees and duties that offers women a chance to meet each other and share conversation and information about their interests.

Tunbridge Civic Club

Elaine Howe, President 889-5560

Maxine Young, Secretary 763-8274 - youngvt@myfairpoint.net

Reminder that the annual show will be held the second weekend in March – which will be March 13 and 14, 2020, so mark your calendars! If you are interested in participating, please contact Elaine or Maxine. The theme for the show will be “Country”. The chorus songs have been picked and CD’s can be requested so that you may start becoming familiar with them. Martin Young, Jr. will be burning CD’s. Our annual meeting will be held Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs town hall. Everyone is welcome so please come and share your ideas about future shows or anything else you are interested in seeing the Civic Club do. This is also when election of officers and directors occurs. Current officers are President, Elaine Howe; Vice-President, Butch Howe; Secretary, Maxine Young; and Treasurer, Jory Innes. Directors are Martin Young, Jr., and Donna Alden Locke. Looking forward to next year.....

Tunbridge Walking Group

Maxine Young-802-763-8274 youngvt@myfairpoint.net.

The Tunbridge Walking Group continues to walk three or four times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30a.m. We will schedule a Monday or Friday walk occasionally also. We meet at various locations (an email is sent each week) and walk for about an hour or an hour and one-half. A few times a year, the group will go on long hikes, such as Cardigan Mountain or other areas that people are interested in. We have logged many miles, some great hikes and in the winter snowshoe or cross-country ski. The terrain varies, however, there is something for everyone. Anyone is welcome to join us – you do not have to be from Tunbridge. Contact above to be added to our email list.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on our walks/hikes. Occasionally, the dog will have to be on a leash for part of the walks so as not to go onto peoples’ properties.

Don’t forget your copy of the Tunbridge Walks guide for hikes in Tunbridge. The book is available at Tunbridge Library, Tunbridge Recreation Committee, Tunbridge Conservation Committee and the Tunbridge Historical Society for a nominal fee. Friends of the Fair have also received copies. This guide is small and can easily be carried on a hike for direction. The guide includes maps, pictures and fauna and flora.

Calendar of Events

See individual entries for more events.

Oct

- 4-6 - VT Sheep & Wool Festival on the Fairgrounds
www.sheepandwoolfest.com
- 11- Ed Larkin Contra Dancers, 7:30pm, Town Hall, \$8.00
Live Music, refreshments at intermission
- 12 - Anything Apple Harvest Fest 11-2, Town Hall and Parish House lawn.
Lunch, apple foods sale, silent auction, lawn activities.
- 13 - All-You-Can-Eat Tunbridge Recreation Committee Breakfast.
8am - 12pm., Town Hall, \$10. Great chance to see the new kitchen!!
- 19 - Annual Grange Harvest Dinner - North Tunbridge Grange Hall
5pm, 6:15pm & 7pm seatings Call 889-5595 to RSVP - see pg 16

Nov

- 2 - Shindig with "4 Play" Town Hall. 7:30 - 10:30pm, \$10.
Classic Rock from the 70's & 80's with lead singer, Hillary Leicher.
- 6 - Intelligence Based Policing, special meeting. 6pm, TCS Library
see page 4 for more details
- 8 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers, 7:30pm, Town Hall, \$8.00
Live Music, refreshments at intermission

- 10 - All-you-can-eat breakfast, 8am - 12pm, Town Hall, \$10.

Dec

- 7 - Shindig with "Stone Cold Roosters" Town Hall. 7:30 - 10:30pm, \$10.
Hard-core country, Western Swing, all-out rockabilly & original tunes.
- 8 - All-you-can-eat breakfast, 8am - 12pm, Town Hall, \$10.
- 15 - Deadline for entries for the January issue of the TQ. see pg 2
- 31 - New Years' Eve Shindig with "The Party Crashers!" Town Hall. \$15.
9pm - after midnight. Playing motown to modern pop. High energy,
soul filled music for all generations.
Reservations are not necessary but if you know you will be there and
want to be added to the guest list, email shindigsvt@hotmail.com.
Weekly, Community Food Shelf, Fridays, 4-6 p.m., Parish House.

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