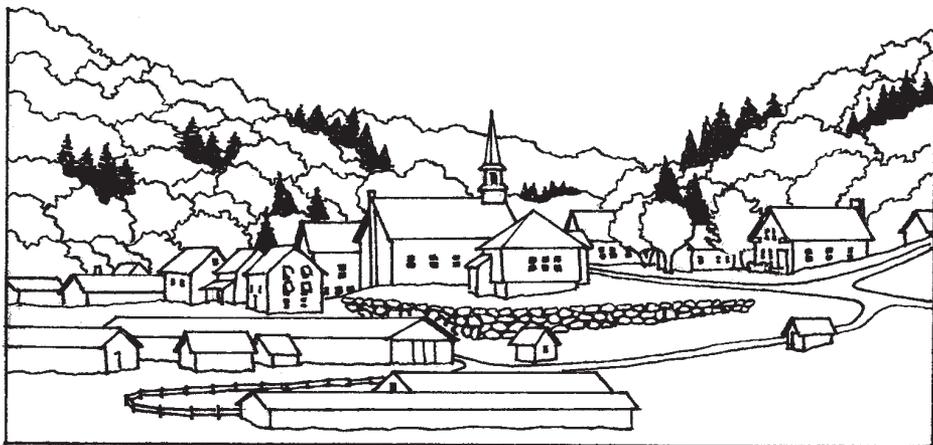


The **TUNBRIDGE** Quarterly

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



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Happy New Year, Tunbridgians! If our unofficial Town Motto is, “Not perfect—but pretty darn close!” our unofficial Town Mantra is, “the best common sense solution using the least amount of dollars.” Yes, it’s budgeting season, and the board is finalizing the amount of monies to be spent on the General Fund and the all-important Highways. As there is a modest surplus from last year’s budget, we expect to ask the voters, at Town Meeting, to approve a similar proposal to the one we pitched a couple of years back: Set aside some of the monies in a fund that will need it soon enough (equipment or bridges or emergency preparedness) and return the rest to the tax payers.

Speaking of highways, early winter has been relatively benign, but that doesn’t mean the Road Crew sits around like the Maytag repairman of yore, waiting for business or a phone call. Five Alberta clippers in a week require more miles of plowing and sanding than one blizzard that dumps a foot on Gilley and Gage and the 70 miles in between.

On December 14th, at the so-called “eleventh hour,” the board approved the impressive and substantial Town Plan with a couple of edits to the original Planning Commission submission. The amendments focused on the much-debated and ever-rancorous legal trails issue. One change said, essentially, “as for recreational use on our legal trails, please follow the Town Policy (or Ordinance).” The other edit encouraged, going forward, the development of recreational trails on private land, not unlike the decades-long relationship between VAST and landowners. And that Town Policy or Ordinance, reference above, is still a work-in-progress. This winter, the imperfect selectboard will continue to shape a policy or ordinance that takes all the stakeholders into account and, ultimately, does what is best for Tunbridge.

While the Legislature and Governor approved giving Vermont towns the authority to enact a mask mandate, Tunbridge, at this time, is sticking with a policy—masks are highly-recommended indoors—rather than ramping up to an ordinance with enforcement. Also on the COVID front, Sarah Wright, a Regional Planner from TRORC, gave the board a primer on the almost \$400,000 in ARPA allocations that the federal government has approved for municipal Tunbridge. Unfortunately, the eye-popping six figure tranche comes with many restrictions and guard-rails, many strings attached, and exceptional dotting of “i”s and crossing of “t”s. Fortunately, Two Rivers will be our advocate and advisor, and, to the best of our ability (not to mention creativity), we will find a way to use every single dollar available.

Other Business: Our highly efficient Administrative Assistant bagged a buck, a seven pointer, in half an hour of hunting. And our Vice Chair broke his ankle jumping off a trailer and is now chauffeured to meetings by the former Health Officer.

It should be noted that the new Health Officer, Jodi Hoyt, has hit the ground running. With tremendous energy and thoughtfulness, Jodi has tackled challenges at the coming-soon (Yay!) North Tunbridge General Store and thrown herself into the situation at 92 Gilley Road, where, after three years of neighborhood anxiety, frustration, and impasse, there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. One Gilley Road resident, who listened to Jodi’s report at the Dec. 14th meeting, responded, “If it wasn’t for COVID right now, I’d come over there and hug you.”

The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly

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The deadline dates for TQ 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/>

Tunbridge Town Clerk

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Hours: Monday & Wednesday: Available 8-2 by phone, email or appointment
Tuesday & Thursday: Available 8-2 in person, no appointment necessary.
And as always, please call and we can arrange a time if you can't make it during these hours.

Happy New Year Folks! As I am writing this it is a rainy December day, but I am hoping by the time this edition reaches your hands we have plenty of snow here, as a New England winter should have. The Office continues to be busy with Real Estate transactions, end of year reports and plenty of busy Selectboard meetings. On a daily basis I am working on grant applications for our roads as well as exploring the proper use of the ARPA funds we have received to help our town mitigate COVID spread, recording (many, many!) land records and vital records, preparing for the upcoming Town Meeting and how that will be navigated this year with COVID protocols, writing minutes, registering voters, licensing dogs, selling dump tickets, staying up-to-date with our road crew, setting agenda's for the Selectboard, and answering phone and emails throughout. The Town Clerks office is as busy as ever, and we like it that way!

If you would like to request a time slot on a Selectboard meeting agenda, please email tunbridge.adm.assist@gmail.com or call the number above.

Fortunately for me, tax matters are not within my job description, so questions related to tax payments, bills, etc. are best answered by Becky Hoyt, our town treasurer. Her number is 889-3571.

If you would like to reserve the Town Hall for an event, please call Judy Howe at 889-3487. She maintains the reservation book, reservation contracts and can answer any other particulars you may need to know.

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.

Stay tuned for more up to date information regarding Town Meeting this year. This information is changing as we wait to hear from the State regarding rising COVID cases and what it is suggested for Towns to do. As soon as we have this information, we will let you all know.

Dog Licensing for 2022 will begin on January 1st. There will be late fee's enacted this year. Deadline for licensing is April 1, 2022. If your dog(s) is/are due for a rabies vaccine prior to April 1, a license cannot be issued until an updated rabies certificate has been received by the Clerk. Cost per license is \$9.00 for spayed/neutered; \$13.00 for non-spayed/neutered. You may get a

dog license at the Town Clerks Office, or by sending payment, rabies certificates and return address by mail or drop box.

A reminder to new parents- if you have a new Tunbridge baby, please stop in to the Town Clerks office to pick up a baby quilt. The Sewing Circle have supplied us with some lovely quilts for our brand new tiny Tunbridge residents!

If there are any suggestions as to what you would like to see included in my Quarterly Reports, please feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

Lastly- we are seeking an Assistant Town Clerk. We will need someone for 12 hours per week. This is a short term position. The full job description can be found on our website. If you know someone who you believe would be a good fit, or if you are that person, please contact me or stop in.

Tunbridge Energy Committee

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2022 will be a crucial year for our town to become more active about core sustainability issues like renewable energy, climate change, low carbon transportation and overall community resilience in the face of daunting environmental challenges around the globe. Thus, the Tunbridge Energy Committee is preparing to reorganize to more effectively educate our neighbors by collaborating on relevant local presentations and opportunities like the offer here from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission's Steve Bauer. "I am emailing to connect and learn where I can assist in the implementation of your town's energy and climate plans. Whether your town is considering a weatherization project, thermal system change-out, siting for renewable generation, or gathering data, I want to support your town's vision."

Over the next several months, I plan to host an energy series that aims to provide towns with tools for action. A topic and common barrier to energy implementation work is funding. With the recent passage of federal legislation, and likely more on its way, I want our region to be informed of how to access these funds as well as alternative funding mechanisms."

If you have interest in getting involved with the reorganized TEC, Please don't hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email address above!

Tunbridge Board of Listers

Dan Ruddell, Helen O'Donnell, Darlene Miller 889-3571

lister@tunbridge.biz

Happy Holidays from the Lister Office. We are still focusing on the Northwest quarter of town for visits (quarterly rotations). With winter fast approaching, we will also be concentrating on any new construction or renovations to make sure we get those listed for the 2022 Grand List (GL). We are open Tuesday and Friday from 9-3, and email or phone is the best way to reach us. Darlene Miller is also a Notary Public and available during our hours. Her cell phone # is: 207-317-1895, should you need a Notary outside of those hours.

GL changes over the fall involve late-filed homestead declarations, and we also make every effort to remedy any Errors and Omissions that may come to our attention. We are already working on preparing the 2022 GL. Our deadline for assessing the "as is" status of a property for the 2022 GL is on or before April 1, 2022; any transfers we receive on April 2, 2022 will go on the 2023 GL. We may continue to look at properties until June but consider the status as of April 1st. Changes of appraisal are notified in early June, with opportunities to grieve later that month.

We met with our District Advisor and reviewed our 2021 sales data. "Valid" sales (had market exposure, have no special considerations, etc) become part of the Statewide Sales Equalization Study. There was not a large change in "valid" sales on the 2021 Grand List, but there was an increase in overall volume of transfers. The start of the 2022 GL indicates this pace is increasing.

This annual statewide Sales Study determines our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), 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. Our last town-wide reappraisal was in 2010, and our 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%, 105.97%; 103.22%). The 2022 CLA will be released in early January 2022 with full results of the Statewide Sales Equalization Study.

An important reminder when filing your 2022 taxes: business use/rental use is declared on your Homestead Declaration (HS-122); remember to report any changes in use on this form. If you no longer declare such use, please notify us, as this portion is billed at a non-residential rate.

Office hours are Tuesday and Friday from 9-3. Feel free to stop by or give us a call.

Tunbridge Historical Society

Fern Strong - vicepresident@tunbridgehistoricalsociety.org

The Tunbridge Historical Society needs to select a new president. If you are interested, please contact any of the executive board members stating why you believe you would be a good fit and what your objectives would be. At the October 24th quarterly meeting, the following committee's reported:

Programs - We had a Ghost Walk at the Drew Cemetery on October 10, 2021 with 37 people present. Pictures and video are available for viewing on our Facebook page.

Collections - Isaac Barker is added to the committee. Topics to be researched are how to catalog our collection - pay vs free, how to protect the collection with acid free boxes, policies and evaluating what we have and need.

Operational - new bylaws were passed at a special meeting in September. Our next quarterly meeting is February 12, 2022 at 3pm. Location to be announced.

We look forward to input and participation by all. Please share information, questions, and photographs with us on our Facebook page and feel free to contact us at the email address above.

Tunbridge Grange # 384

Rosemary Distel 802-272-2235

Based upon encouragement from the community, the Tunbridge Grange held a few Bingo Nights in November and December and the turnout was wonderful. As long as covid guidelines allow, we will continue our normal winter Friday Night Bingo starting Friday, January 7th at 7:00pm at the Grange Hall in North Tunbridge village. In addition to playing bingo, there is usually a raffle with many tasty treats, as well as some snacks to purchase. Bingo is a fund-raiser for the Grange, but is also great fun for participants!

As of the submission of this report to the TQ, the Tunbridge Grange is hoping to participate in the annual Christmas Lights Parade sponsored by the South Royalton Fire Department. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends and let's hope for a wonderful New Year in 2022!

The Grange supports our local community (like families in need or the school), so please consider joining the Grange so we can continue to keep this worthy organization going. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM and all are welcome!

The Grange Hall is also available for event rentals. For more information, contact Marilyn (Mert) Vesper 889-5595

Tunbridge Library

NEW Hours: T 10-5; W 3-7; Th 10-5; F 3-7; Sat 9-12

889-9404/tunbridgelibrary@gmail.com tunbridgelibrary.org

We would like to welcome a new staff member to our crew: Anita Abbot has joined forces with Mariah and Marsha to assist you with all your library needs. Her eye for displays, knowledge of books and our community, and ease with patrons made her the top pick for the job. Welcome Anita!

On January 16th the library will host an art opening of “In the Surf”, a photo exhibit by Michael Sacca. Throughout the winter months we invite patrons to come in and be transported to the seaside as they view waves and water from all angles.

Our first annual Turkey Trot 5K fundraiser was an absolute success with 104 finishers, over 15 volunteers, 8 lego trophies awarded, 10 homemade pies, and a total of \$1,024 dollars raised to help fund our amazing community library. Check out our website for photos of the day’s events. Thank you to all who made the day successful, especially to Shannon Johnson who was a driving force and positive partner throughout the entire process.

This year we were so proud to offer our first ever official after-school program in partnership with One Planet of Tunbridge Central School. 25 children signed up and absolutely thrived, making it more than clear that our community desires a positive and welcoming environment for after-school care. We knew how vital it is that we continue this wonderful program in the spring so we are working funding for this program.

We are so excited to announce we have been selected as one of 100 libraries to participate in round three of “Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries”, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities. The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant. As part of the grant, Tunbridge Library staff will take an online course in how to lead community conversations and will then host a conversation with residents about our after-school program. We will use the grant funds to make our collective dreams happen. If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact us at tunbridgelibrary@gmail.com or visit tunbridgelibrary.org for more information.

The second and fourth Tuesdays at 10am the library offers a morning of chess, legos, and a Golden Dome Book Club. The Golden Dome award is Vermont based and targeted towards 4th-8th graders. Homeschoolers have enjoyed picking titles from this years list to read together and discuss. They also had a wonderful morning getting their portraits taken by Sarah Preistap on December 14th. All are welcome!

Alternating with homeschool days is our new Discovery Story Hour time. This is a special morning for children under 5, siblings, and caregivers to enjoy stories, rhymes, movement and crafts together. We welcome babies too! We still hold our normal Saturday morning story hour on first and third Saturdays at 10am. Tired parents are guaranteed a cup of coffee, some laughs, and great camaraderie as Mariah attempts to entertain and inspire your young readers!

Chess club continues to be a busy afternoon at the library. Whether you have played chess your entire life, or always wanted to learn we encourage all ages to attend. The group meets Wednesdays at 4pm. We have plenty of chess sets to go around.

Our new adult book club, "Shelf Love" will hold its next meeting on January 7th at 6pm. We will be discussing *Travels with Charley* by John Steinbeck. The library has many copies still available for anyone who would like to participate.

The Friends of the Tunbridge Library is actively looking for new members. Their meeting time is the last Thursday of each month at 6 PM. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 27th at 6 PM. On the agenda will be a recap of last year's fundraising and a brainstorming session for 2022. All community members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

The second Saturday of each month the Friends of the Library hold a blow out book sale! Come sift through our amazing selection of titles in Large Print, history, non-fiction, nature, fiction, mystery, classics, children's literature, poetry, local authors, and more! We also have gifts, cards, and See's Chocolate for sale.

Have you had a chance to check out the library's new Biography, Young Adult, and Graphic Novel sections? We also have received a giant influx of new cookbooks to keep you inspired in the kitchen all winter long. Come on in and check one out today!

Chelsea Area Senior Center

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

Chelsea Area Senior Center started serving indoors again on Monday, Sept. 13th. We will only be serving indoors on Mondays to start with to see how things go. Lunch is served at 12pm.

Please call 685-2290 to make a reservation to eat indoors, curbside pick up and also Meals on Wheels.

Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department

Jamie Bradford 889-3478

The Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department has had a great fall. We want to thank everyone for their support at our coin drop during the Fair. This is the departments biggest fundraiser and it was great to have a chance to fundraise and be apart of the community again. The department was able to stop by the school this year to provide safety tips during fire prevention week. We had originally thought this would not happen this year. We also provided traffic control during the towns Turkey Trot race. It has been wonderful to be able to take small steps back out into the community during the pandemic. We hope that everyone is able to do the same while staying safe and healthy.

Please remember that fall and winter is the ideal time to check your smoke detectors, and have your chimneys cleaned and your furnaces serviced. This is an important step in fire prevention when preparing for the winter months.

The Fire Department and the Rec Department will be working to complete the task of preparing and filling the ice rink. As long as the weather cooperates it should be up and running soon.

The Fire Department is always welcoming new Volunteers. If you are interested in joining or would like to receive information about joining the Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department please email Tunbridge.fire@gmail.com.

Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair

Deb Mullen

There are many different traditions being celebrated this time of year; but one tradition that links all of us here in Tunbridge is the Tunbridge World's Fair! While you may think that the time to focus on the Fair has passed, we'd like to remind you that there is no better time to think about supporting the Fair if you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation.

The mission of the Friends is to conserve the history and traditions of the Fair while seeking ways to improve fairgoers' experiences through better physical access, innovative agricultural education opportunities, and improved physical plant. The Friends are always looking for fresh ideas and input, and the involvement of our members is our best resource. Help to create the traditions of the future by becoming a member today!

For more information, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, contact us at 802-889-9406 or mail to PO Box 159, Tunbridge, VT 05077.

Wishing you a happy holiday season!

Tunbridge Community Food Shelf

Friday 4:00 to 6:00

889-9828 (Tunbridge Church phone number...leave a message.)

The Tunbridge Community Food Shelf is sponsored by the Tunbridge Church and is located in the Parish House across from the town office building. It is presently open every Friday afternoon 4:00 to 6:00 with the exception of immediately before holidays and Tunbridge Fair week. The committee presently operating the facility is considering changes in the day of the week and hours, and would welcome suggestions from the community regarding possible changes.

With the increase of budget expenses especially at this time of year, we encourage you to take advantage of what the food shelf has to offer if you or a friend are facing food insecurity. Although we are unable to stock fresh produce, the Tunbridge Community Food Shelf has a good supply of canned fruits and vegetables, soups, dried beans, tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauces, cereal, meat and an assortment of personal care items, plus more.

The committee is considering various special projects for 2022. During the month of January, starting on the 14th. we will be offering “Storm Snack Packs” (sometimes referred to as Blizzard Bags). They will be available to be picked up during the usual food shelf hours and will contain the makings of a couple of meals and snacks in anticipation of our Vermont winter weather. Just stop by and pick up your pack.

Presently there are teams of volunteers who man the food shelf each Friday, but additional workers are always welcomed. Eventually we will be looking for a full time coordinator. Messages can be left on the Tunbridge Church number 889-9828. Anyone wishing to make food donations may leave items at the Parish House or monetary donations can be sent to Mary Fisk, treasurer at P.O. Box 12, Tunbridge, VT 05077.

We encourage all residents who find their food budget extra stressed or know someone facing food insecurity, to take advantage of what the Tunbridge Community Food Shelf has to offer.

The Tunbridge Church

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

The Tunbridge Church has instituted some changes due to the recent and anticipated surge in Covid cases around the state and country. In-person Sunday 10 a.m. worship continues with attendees fully masked at all times. Services are shorter than before Covid. The offering plate is at the sanctuary door and fellowship after services has been suspended.

Lay leaders will conduct future Sunday services since the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Cook, retired at the end of the December.

Community service activities continued in the fall. More than 60 residents received Thanksgiving bags with fruit, cheese, crackers, cocoa and homemade muffins and cookies. Two weeks before Christmas, poinsettia plants were taken to seniors, but caroling was skipped because of Covid.

The Tunbridge Church has been taking donations as offerings and by mail and credit card to help resettle Afghan refugees in Vermont. By mid-December \$590 was raised. The Christmas Eve offering will be added to the fund and sent to the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Vermont (USCRI Vermont). Some 130 people, including families, are being placed in Chittenden County, central Vermont and the Rutland region.

A dozen bags of winter clothing were collected and taken to Chelsea for the Orange County Sheriff's Annual Winter Clothing Drive. The jackets and other outerwear were distributed through Capstone Community Action at two sites in Randolph in early December.

Judy Tucker, with helpers from the church, continues to distribute bulk produce to seniors through the Vermont Foodbank's VeggieVanGo program. Thanks to Gardener's Supply, Jerilyn Zaroogian, Peter Guy and volunteers, a Community Food Shelf Garden overflowed with vegetables and herbs in raised beds on the Parish House lawn. That produce, plus bounty from local gardens, was offered to the public at the creche.

The Tunbridge Community Food Shelf is open at the Parish House on Fridays from 4-6. Thanks to Mariah Cilley who took over as coordinator after Sue Barnaby's unexpected death in April and served through the summer.

AI-Anon and AA meetings are held at the Parish House on Sundays at 5 and 7 p.m., respectively.

All are welcome to attend Sunday worship services. To get on the church email list and receive weekly notices, please send your address to thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com. Also, visit the Facebook page.

The church welcomes donations in support of its programs at PO Box 270, Tunbridge VT 05077 or by credit card at tunbridgechurch.org. Donations to the food shelf may be sent to Mary Fisk, PO Box 12, Tunbridge

Tunbridge Planning Commission

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The Planning Commission has wrapped up an eventful and impactful year in service to the town. Much of 2021 was spent focused on the topics of legal trails and Class IV roads, including access, maintenance, and use. The Commission, which normally meets about 10 times annually, convened 16 meetings, attended multiple additional meetings with the Trails Committee and Selectboard, and conducted a large amount of research and outreach. At times these conversations were heated and emotional, and at other times we made great progress towards a collaborative solution. We have all learned way more about legal trails, town jurisdiction, and Class IV roads than anyone probably thought possible at this time last year. However, our work is not yet done. With the support of the Selectboard, the Planning Commission and Trails Committee will continue this focus in 2022.

After much discussion and effort from the Selectboard, the updated Town Plan has been adopted with revised language regarding legal trails. This new Town Plan is effective for eight years, but can be updated at any point.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Nancy Chapman for her years of service on the Planning Commission. Nancy consistently offered educated and thoughtful comments to our work. Given her time on the Commission and as long-time Tunbridge resident, Nancy could bring historical knowledge of past efforts that helped to inform how we approached topics. As chair, I sincerely appreciated the opportunity to work with Nancy for the past 2.5 years and know that the town has benefitted in innumerable ways.

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 (including videos of meetings via Zoom), an Events Calendar listing upcoming meetings and community 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 School Club

tunbridgeschoolclub@wrvsu.org

Eliza Minnucci, Meg Hopkins, Tiffany Bates, Jen Loftus

As the TQ goes to press the School Club is hustling the last of over 100 mugs into the school to be selected as presents for students to give their families. We hope this new tradition will bring smiles around the community as both wonderful and hilariously eccentric mugs are opened over the holidays. Thanks to all those who donated mugs! The School Club supports school traditions like this and the annual Holiday Book Give Away that endures as a beloved tradition left to us by Elaine Howe (who is still supporting from behind the scenes!)

We send gratitude to Michael Barnaby for partnering with us on the Covered Bridges Calendar fundraiser we just wrapped up. We now look ahead to the High Mowing Seed fundraiser. We'll start a bit earlier this year in hopes of avoiding as many backordered and substituted items. Look for flyers and order forms in mid January.

Due to your support of our fundraising efforts, the School Club was able to approve all funds requests made by teachers this fall, and looks forward to disbursing even more funds to support classroom and schoolwide supplies and events throughout the year.

If you wonder about ways to support the quality of our local school - one way is to join the School Club. All community members are encouraged to join us, you don't have to be a parent. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, by Google Meet for now. Email tunbridgeschoolclub@wrvsu.org for the link.

Better Bones

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

A twice-a-week session of the free Better Bones balance and weight-bearing exercise program is offered at the Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. It is aimed at increasing bone density at an age when bone mass is lost and osteoporosis is a concern. Anyone can drop in for a session. A doctor's permission is requested for those who continue with the program.

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For TNH services call 889-3437

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors coordinates and provides basic services to town residents through volunteer actions. This help is extended to anyone who needs it and is at no charge, although the cost of materials will fall on the person requesting it. We are a non-profit organization supported by town funding and donations, which may be sent to TNH, P.O. Box 22, Tunbridge, VT 05077

A few of the services offered by TNH are:

Rides (see below)

Pick up of prescriptions or other goods from stores

Cooking meals for people who are ill or

otherwise unable to cook for a short time

Minor repairs or painting, minor home improvements, changing a lock

Changing a flat tire or jump-starting a car

Simple repairs to household appliances

Help lifting or moving large objects

Delivery of library books or Food Shelf items

Help with gardening, lawn care or stacking firewood

Shoveling snow off walkways and steps

Other reasonable requests

Most of our volunteers are fully vaccinated and able to provide rides to Tunbridge residents. Rides could include transportation to and from nearby medical appointments, church and other local events, car repair/service appointments and shopping trips. Please be aware that volunteer drivers may ask passengers to wear masks, sit in the back seat and open car windows.

Anyone needing help with something should call 802-889-3437; advance notice is appreciated. We do our best to find a volunteer who is available for that specific request at that specific time and date. However, on occasion that is not possible.

We are always on the lookout for more volunteers. To join our list, please contact any of the board members listed below or call 802-889-3437. We respect and value your willingness to help your neighbors.

Current Board Members: Michael O'Donnell, President – 802-763-8985; Jory Innes, Vice President – 802-299-9249; Pat Howe, Treasurer – 802-889-5512; Linda B. Howe, Linda Lazaroff, Sarah Priestap Porter.

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