

The **TUNBRIDGE** Quarterly

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



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Town Meeting-in-May, if not a Tunbridge tradition, did have a pandemic-motivated sophomore year on the Fairgrounds, with first-time moderator Izzy Provoncha capably guiding the process. With a tweak here and a tweak there, the General Fund and Highway budgets passed, readying the town for Fiscal Year 22/23. The liveliest discussion arose over the proposal of hiring a part-time town nurse. While there was concern that such a position might be redundant with services already provided, ultimately the voters said, "Let's try it for a year and see how it goes."

In a return to tradition, the Memorial Day parade went off wonderfully on Memorial Day, with everything from bedecked floats to the reading of "In Flanders Fields," to the Fire Department's chicken barbecue. With the Tunbridge Fair celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, a varied contingent of prized ruminants and avid participants made up a goodly portion of the marchers.

Back to business, the Selectboard continues to do due diligence on legal trails, aiming for an outcome that allows for access to rights-of-way while respecting abutting landowners. With a legal challenge now filed against the town, the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Trails Committee, have been methodically working through all the contingencies and responsibilities associated with legal trails. For example, the Department of Environmental Conservation (the State of Vermont's wetland police), finally confirmed, in writing, that the only time they would get involved in legal trails crossing mapped wetlands would be if 1) improvements were made to the right-of-way, or 2) there was a complaint made about degradation of the wetland by through traffic. The Selectboard has consistently held the position that no town funds will be spent maintaining or improving legal trails. If, in the future, it is seen that, in the best interest of the town, some of the legal trails should be improved for better access and enjoyment, donations, volunteers, and State permitting will be folded into the process, with a special attention to be paid to abutting landowner for consent or viable workarounds.

While the town of Tunbridge is not a trucking business, it does take a whole lot of diesel engines to keep Tunbridge truckin'. Dump trucks, a grader, a backhoe, a loader, a tractor for roadside mowing, all burn fuel that costs about twice what it did this time last year. After years of relative stability, the war in Ukraine has ignited a budget-busting spike in fossil fuels the likes of which we haven't experienced since the heyday of OPEC. Not only is it more expensive to use our fleet on our 70 plus miles of town highways, raw materials are affected, too. Sand has to be trucked to Tunbridge. Quarries use diesel loaders. Even grease is hard to find, back-ordered everywhere. With no end to the inflation and gouging in sight, we have to make do with tightening our belts and remember that misery loves company—every municipality is struggling with this situation.

With almost \$400,000 available to Tunbridge in coming ARPA funds—provided we “play by the rules”—the Emergency Management Director (Brenda Field) and the Treasurer (Becky Hoyt) recently proposed that we hire a grants manager to oversee the complex process, from application to audit. How the 400 K is spent depends as much on our accounting methods as our needs. And the State of Vermont has additional millions in ARPA funds that it can disperse to towns—with some of that accessible to Tunbridge if we know where to look or when to apply. Best of all, a grants manager can be paid by those very ARPA funds. Over the next three to four years, it's up to Tunbridge to figure out infrastructure and emergency priorities that we would like to see to fruition. Stay tuned!

As we await the resurrection of our downtown kiosk (AKA a bulletin board), it seems appropriate to announce here the arrival of two municipal babies, Town Clerk, Jr. and Transfer Station Attendant, Jr.. Congratulations to the parents and a word to the infants: Welcome to Tunbridge, not perfect but pretty darn close!

The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly

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The first issue of The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly was mailed in 2005. Since then, Tunbridge volunteers and town officials have been writing entries every three months which I compile into the TQ format. Spaulding Press does the printing and then the pick up, labeling and sorting for the bulk mailing is all completed here on Dickerman Hill. 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.

The deadline dates for TQ entries are the 15th of December, March, June and September.

Tunbridge Town Clerk

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Tunbridge Conservation Commission

Eliza Minnucci

Your Conservation Commission embarked on a five-year project planning process this spring with the support of Jens Hilke, Conservation Planner at the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. We will be setting a calendar to ensure we address the many priorities our members have identified.

We are interested in feedback on the changing demographics in Tunbridge. Specifically we'd like to know what percentage of our population is now Eastern Bluebirds, having distributed 78 bird houses this spring. At my house the bluebird caucus now outnumbers the human. Have you had a successful fledging? Send us your birth announcements!

We are excited to be collaborating with the Town Forest Committee and the Trails Committee to lightly develop trails and recreation use on the Town Forest - "Garage Lot." At Town Meeting we announced an upcoming contest to rename the "Garage Lot." Events to get to know our town forest will be forthcoming this summer and fall.

We will head to the First Branch in late summer for another clean-up event. Last year's effort removed many tires and fascinating pieces of scrap metal around Cilley Bridge. Your help is very welcome, stay tuned for an event announcement.

Our Woodlands for Wildlife event held at Larry Mengedoht's was wildly successful, with forty participants. We appreciated the blend of both long-time and new local landowners all eager to learn about and share forest management practices. We'll continue to organize events such as this, if you have an area of expertise or interest, let us know!

Our meetings are typically the third Monday of the month at 6pm, held in the Community Room at the Tunbridge Public Library. The public is encouraged to attend to lend thoughts on conservation topics.

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Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair

Lori Berger 889-

Hard to believe, but 2022 is the 150th anniversary of the Tunbridge World's Fair! We are excited to be moving forward after several challenging years (thanks, COVID...). Last year brought a welcome return to a beloved tradition for Fairgoers, and this year promises to be extra-special, with such pre-Fair special events as the Old-Fashioned Games and Ice Cream Sundae Night 7/13, and Tunbridge-themed Drive-in Movie Night 8/10!

In addition to our usual activities- running the shuttle during the Fair, promoting our annual duck race- the Friends have been busy fundraising for a really BIG project: the newly-named Heritage Hall, which replaced the former bingo hall next to the grandstand. We are proud of the Friends' contribution of \$61,205.00 which helped to make this much- needed improvement happen!

The Friends participated in the annual Tunbridge Memorial Day Parade, along with representatives from many departments of the Fair, including teams of oxen, horses, and the Ed Larkin Dancers in full costume! The Friends also lent a hand to the Dreamland dance and barbecue held on the grounds 6/17 and sold ducks for the annual duck race fundraiser, which will take place this year on July 23rd, in conjunction with the Shareholder Summer Meeting. There will be a potluck lunch at noon, followed by the Friends' annual meeting at 1:00, then the duck race at 1:30. Ducks are on sale for \$5.00/each, or 5 for \$20.00; see any Board member, call Nancy Howe (802-889-3750) or Deb Mullen (802- 889-9406) to purchase. Ducks will also be available at the special 150th events. There will be cash prizes, gift certificates to local businesses and items from local craftspeople and artisans.

We will be running the courtesy shuttle at the Fair again this year; this popular and vital service (funded by your donations!) enables ALL folks to get around the fairgrounds. Anyone who is a member can drive the shuttle; please contact us if you would like to volunteer. It's a great way to participate and meet people!

The Friends meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Please contact Deb Mullen at (802) 889-9406 if you'd like more information.

The most important factor in making our work possible is YOU. Without your support the Friends would not be able to assist the Fair in creating the programs and projects that have made the Fair a special Vermont tradition for 150 years. Each single membership comes with a free day pass to the Fair, multiple passes for couples and families. WE NEED YOU to be a Friend of the Fair.....donate to the Friends to help preserve this Vermont institution for the next 150 years. Remember, donations are tax-deductible and make excellent gifts for friends and family! Be a part of the Fair....

Tunbridge Historical Society

Fern Strong - 860-986-0507 president@tunbridgehistoricalsociety.org,

The Tunbridge Historical Society is still looking for 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.

2022 is a busy year for programs. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Memorial Day program about the Red Cross in Tunbridge. If anyone has stories about the local Red Cross, please, get that info to us. Next year's program will celebrate local women veterans. Please contact Elaine Howe if you have anything to contribute to that subject. The Tunbridge Speaks program on July 19 at the Tunbridge Congregational Church will be about the Tunbridge World's Fair as this is the 150th anniversary. Also, we plan another program related to the World's Fair in August. The Ghost Walk will take place in Kelsey Mountain Cemetery in October. Please check for details about these programs on social media and the local listserv.

We want to send a special thank you to Lydia Flanagan for her excellent work organizing our archives. It is a difficult job and we look forward to being able to share this excellent resource with the community in the future. We will be looking for volunteers to help carry on with this task. Please contact any of the officers if you would like to help in any way.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for August 28 at 1pm. Local to be determined. All interested people are welcome.

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 any of the officers.

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Israel (Izzy) Provoncha, treasurer@tunbridgehistoricalsociety.org

Vermont Nanobrewery Festival

Anne Linehan - 685-4838

The 6th annual NanoFest takes place at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds on August 20, 2022. NanoFest celebrates Vermont's smallest breweries. Featuring 14 nanobreweries, food trucks, and local bands. Entry tickets are only available online at vtnanofest.eventbrite.com. There will be no entry ticket sales at the gate. Hosted by Brocklebank Craft Brewing.

Tunbridge Grange # 384

Rosemary Distel 802-272-2235

The Vermont State Grange has a Vermont Grange Center in Brookfield, VT. It is only open during the summer and early fall, but lots of activities happen there including a Junior Grange Camp for Boys and Girls age 5-15, as well as the annual Family Camp Weekend. This July during the Family Camp Weekend, the Vermont Grange is celebrating its Sesquicentennial (1872-2022). This 150th Anniversary of the Vermont State Grange is dedicated to the Past, Present and Future Generations of All Vermont Grangers!

The Grange, officially named The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a social organization in the United States that encourages families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture. The Grange, founded after the Civil War in 1867, is the oldest American agricultural advocacy group with a national scope.

In 2019, the National Grange revised their Mission Statement: The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness. The Tunbridge Grange continues to encourage purchasing Rada Cutlery in support of the Tunbridge Grange (it makes wonderful wedding gifts!) You can view the online catalog by typing the following link into your internet browser: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5464217.23852c> and choose Tunbridge Grange #384. If you prefer a regular paper catalog, let us know and we will get some copies of the latest Rada catalog.

We have had some new members recently join the Tunbridge Grange (you don't have to actually live in Tunbridge to join) and we'd love to see more people join. We hold our meetings the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at the North Tunbridge Grange Hall. Stop by to see what we do (and bring friends); meetings usually only last about an hour. For more information, please call Mert Vesper at 889-5595.

Tunbridge Library

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

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

Since the last quarterly, a beautiful fence and arbor, a pollinator garden, a sandbox, a mud kitchen, and a mural have been built and created in Bumblebee Garden, our brand new outdoor space dedicated to the life of Susan Barnaby. Mark your calendars for August 6th 10am-12pm for the grand opening. We will host a special story hour followed by a reception with light refreshments and opportunities to share memories of our “Story Lady”.

There are so many ways to connect at the library right now. Bikes can be checked out to ride at the fairgrounds from 3-closing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Chess club takes place every Wednesday at 4pm where all ages and levels are welcomed to attend. We have our homeschool group (which all summer long invites school kids as well) that meets each 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10am-12pm to discuss Golden Dome books and work on the “Good Citizen” challenge. Story Hour takes place the first and third Saturday of each month. Little ones and their families can look forward to themes based on the world around us this summer as we discover wild foods, river critters, and look at plants up close! We have a brand new senior/child pen pal program where community members will have a chance to swap jokes, wisdom, stories and ideas! Connect to be a part of this fun new offering.

Summer Reading is in full swing. Readers enjoyed the kickoff to our “Summer of Puzzles” a few weeks ago where they tie-dyed bags, designed blank puzzles, and signed up for a summer of fun! On July 13th join us for a Jigsaw Puzzle contest where groups of three or four will solve 100 piece puzzles with a surprise twist! All ages are welcome. On August 3rd we will host our first ever Moth inspired storytelling, where participants will take the stage and tell a five minute story based on the theme, “A puzzling situation”. Many have asked if fiction is allowed, and to that we would like to respond, “Why not!” All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Finally, on August 17th we will host our grand finale with Rubik’s cube demonstrations, other hand held puzzles, awards ceremony, raffle and a puzzle themed pot luck. What can you come up with that is puzzle themed to bring to a pot luck? We want to see! All are welcome whether you participated in the summer reading program or not! Check for times on our webpage.

The library continues to offer “Generation Connect” our all ages book club and “Shelf Love” our adult book club. On July 8th Shelf Love will discuss “Save the Plums” by Ruth Reichl and enjoy a pot luck inspired by this memoir. Generation Connect will host a paint and sip on July 10th from

11am-1pm lead by Becky Hoyt. They will discuss “The Beatryce Prophecy” by Kate DiCamillo. To obtain a copy of either of these books visit the library! We have plenty to go around.

Our new art display will feature the photography of John Douglas titled, “Anywhere but Here”. The show will be up from 7/1-9/30 with a reception on July 10th from 3-5pm. The library would like to thank all the artists that have generously displayed their beautiful artwork at the library over the past year. We also would like to give a heart felt thank you to our arts coordinator, Lauren Badams, for putting so much time and effort into keeping the space filled, the reception snack trays stocked, and promoting the art within our library. This is not an easy task to do with two small kids at your feet and she does it with grace!

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many volunteers who have come forward this summer! The amount of volunteerism we have is a clear indicator that our community values this space and that the people in our town are generous at heart.

We would like to remind everyone that The Tunbridge Underground (formerly known as the basement book sale) is open during all library hours and for giant sales once per month. You can find titles in various genres, gift items, puzzles, children’s books and more! We are also selling fantastic tote bags for all your shopping needs. Stop by and visit!

First Branch Ambulance

Judy Tucker - 889-3305 tuckerjudy40@yahoo.com

First Branch Ambulance is wishing a safe and fun filled summer for all!

FBA will be running another Covid vaccination clinic on Saturday July 9 during the Chelsea Flea Market. All Covid vaccines will be available for initial injection or booster.

As always we are looking for volunteers from the community that either are already EMT trained or would like to take EMT training and put that knowledge to good use by volunteering with FBA.

Any new neighbors to the town’s of Chelsea or Tunbridge who would like the red 911 sign for your mailbox please contact me at info above.

A \$20.00 charitable donation is requested.

Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department

Jamie Bradford 889-3478

The Fire Department's Annual Meeting was held on May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. on the Tunbridge Fair Grounds. At this event a potluck dinner began at 6:00 p.m. followed by the meeting that began at 7:00 p.m. Any and all community members were welcome and invited to attend and we thank those who were able to attend. At the meeting Simon Bradford was reelected as our Fire Chief. Jamie Bradford was reelected as the Clerk and Amy Young was reelected as Auditor. Pete Button was reelected and Amy Young was elected for a first term to the board of trustees. The trustees serve as members for a two year period.

The Fire Department was able to have their Annual Chicken BBQ following the Memorial Day parade this year. The department cooked over 550 halves of chicken and all were sold. This event and the parade showed a great turn out of our town community.

The Fire Department attended the last day of school events at Tunbridge Central School. They brought one of the fire engines and showered everyone with water. They also used the hoses to soak the water slide. This is a fun and wet event that the department enjoys participating in with our community.

Any Tunbridge residents in need of obtaining a burn permit please contact the Fire Warden Brenda Field at 802-889-5548. Please follow safe burn practices and have a water source nearby. Please check the town website to inquire about burn bans and what is permitted to be burned

www.tunbridgevt.org.

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 stop by a meeting any Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., or email Tunbridge.fire@gmail.com.

Chelsea Area Senior Center

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

In addition to offering Meals on Wheels and Curbside pick-up, the Chelsea Area Senior Center will be opening for indoor dining at 12:00 pm on April 4th. Please call to make a reservation to eat indoors, curbside pick up and also Meals on Wheels.

Tunbridge Community Food Shelf

Open Fridays 4:00 to 6:00 802-693-0098

The Tunbridge Community Food Shelf has exciting news. We have purchase a CSA from Tunbridge Hill Farm which will supply fresh vegetables throughout the summer and early fall. Vegetables can be picked up at any time in the newly organized food pantry area and will be available as long as they last. The CSA is picked up by our volunteers, on Monday afternoons, so it would be wise to stop by early in the week, although fresh items are also rotated in, throughout the week as well.

The pantry is found in the creche structure in front of the Parish House, which is across the road from the town offices and the Tunbridge Church. The need for fresh items was the reason for establishing the food pantry. It features items to help supplement a families' meals: pasta and sauce, tuna, soups, canned veggies and fruits, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, and more. Items will vary from week to week. The pantry is an experiment by the food shelf committee in an attempt to make more food available to anyone who needs it. All local residents are invited to pick up items they need and even encouraged to drop off items to share with their neighbors. For a greater selection, people are encouraged to visit the food shelf during the regular hours 4:00 to 6:00 every Friday afternoon, also.

The committee wishes to thank Tunbridge Hill Farm, NOFA and Laura Gillen for monetary donations and support. Special thanks go to Barrett Phillips for the gift of a mini refrigerator (after we experienced a couple of packages of wilted greens). A recent donation of tomato and pepper plants by Rick and Lorraine Barnaby was also very appreciated.

Items most requested by food shelf recipients are baking products, ie. flour, sugar, brown sugar, etc. and easy to prepare items such as cake and pudding mixes. These items would be better if left inside the food shelf building, however. All donations are gladly accepted, though. Additional vegetables and fruits from local gardens are always welcome. Later in the summer we will also be enjoying the produce from the local community garden as well.

Please note as stated in the previous Tunbridge Quarterly, that our present phone number is 802 693-0098. Messages can be left and will be forward to the committee. Anyone wishing to make monetary donations may send them to Mary Fisk, treasurer at PO Box 12, Tunbridge, VT 05077

The Tunbridge Church

Kay Jorgensen, 802-693-0098, thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com

The Tunbridge Church will host its annual Community Yard Sale on July 9, Chelsea Flea Market day. The sale will be open on the Parish House lawn across from the Village church from 7 a.m.- 2 p.m. Vendor spaces of 15'x15' are available for \$20, payable on the sale morning. Setup begins at 6 a.m. Bring your own tables. Contact Nancy Howe to reserve a booth at 889-3750 or nan5lee@yahoo.com.

Most items on the church's tables will be sold by donation. Gently used items, excluding clothing and large furniture, are invited for those tables.

July worship services at 10 a.m. will be held at the South Tunbridge Methodist Church with these leaders: July 3 — Rob Howe, Nancy Rogers and Sue Wood; July 10 — Gordon Mitchinson; July 17 — Elaine Howe and Nancy Howe; July 24 — Linda Howe, Karen Davies and Timothy James Howe; July 31 — Portia and Barry Wampler.

The August worship services will be held at the North Tunbridge Baptist Church. Sunday services will return to the Tunbridge Village Congregational Church in September.

The church recently received a bequest of \$117,000 from the estate of longtime resident Annie Laber who died at 91 in April 2021. Church members will be thinking about the best ways this gift can be put to use in a way to honor Annie.

The congregation's second mission offering ended in May. A check for \$2,800 was sent to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire. The previous mission benefited the Vermont branch of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI Vermont) which is settling people from Afghanistan.

Rob Howe and Amy Frost were elected to the church Parish Council at the annual meeting that was postponed in February because of the Covid variant. The church was closed from mid-January through April. During that time guest pastor Ben Wolfe led Sunday afternoon live and interactive Evensong Services on Zoom.

Evensong, Good Friday and May and June worship services are posted on YouTube. They can be found at the "Index to Services" link at tunbridgechurch.org

All are welcome to Bible Study with leaders Liz and Vinnie White on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the Parish House. Women Moving Forward meets there monthly at 12 on the third Thursday for a potluck lunch. Books that offer comfort and support are kept at the house for anyone to borrow or keep.

The Tunbridge Community Food Shelf is open Fridays from 4-6 p.m. in the Parish House. Please see the separate TQ writeup about Food Shelf produce and other goods that are available at the lawn creche. AI-Anon and AA meet at the house on Sundays at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively
To be added to the church email list, write thetunbridgechurch@gmail.com or call 802-693-0098. The church welcomes support of its programs at PO Box 270, Tunbridge VT 05077 or by credit card at tunbridgechurch.org.

Tunbridge World's Fair

802-889-5555 info@tunbridgeworldsfair.com.

Please help us celebrate the 150th World's Fair this year. We had a banner day at the Memorial Day Parade and a great turn out for our BBQ & Dance. Save the following dates as we continue to build momentum to celebrate our 150th Fair, Sept. 15 – 18. July 13th @ 6pm – Historical Games/Trivia/Bring your own Picnic Dinner & an Ice cream social will be provided. August 10th @ 7pm – Outdoor Movie Night.

Looking for a Premium Book?

Reminder we are no longer printing premium books, but all the information can be found on our website – The 2022 version will be posted soon! If you need assistance with finding information or need us to print you an entry form give the office a call and we would be glad to help you.

The Tunbridge World's Fair Office is happy to answer any questions about the fair and the use of the fairgrounds for other special events. All events need to be coordinated through the Main Office. We welcome all size events, but regardless of size you will need a contract to use the fairgrounds.

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 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

Tiffany Bates, 802-693-0396 tunbridgeschoolclub@wrvsu.org
Eliza Minnucci, Meg Hopkins, Jen Loftus

In May, our School Club sponsored a week of Staff Appreciation, which included breakfast, lunch and dessert days, gifts of houseplant succulents and veggie starts, First Branch Coffee gift certificates and school supplies, as well as massages for all! We funded teacher requests, including the third and fourth grade field trip to Silver Lake State Park and the eighth grade trip to Boston. We are now turning attention to joining together with parents, teachers and community members of Chelsea, as our student populations will merge beginning this fall. To that end we held a joint fundraiser at the fairgrounds during The Ranger, raising well over \$1,000.

Perhaps the most exciting project in the works is an effort to build a new multipurpose barn where the dilapidated sheds sit behind the Tunbridge Central School. This idea, wished for for many years by principals, teachers and recreation committee members alike, has been kickstarted by an incredibly generous donation from the TCS Eighth Grade Class of 2020. On June 15th, members of the class presented a gift of \$10,219.80 to the school. Their gift is made in memory of Rachel Colwell Brown, first grade teacher at TCS for many years, who passed away too soon from cancer in 2020. The barn will serve to store ice-skating gear (an activity Rachel particularly loved to share with her students), as well as gardening tools, sleds and PE equipment, and may even provide a three-sided space to gather throughout the seasons. We trust the sizable gift from the Class of 2020 is the beginning of a successful fundraising campaign. Those wanting to make a gift towards this project in Rachel's memory may send a check made out to Tunbridge School Club care of the school at 523 VT Rte 110, Tunbridge, VT. Keep an eye out for future chances to support opportunities for our students to experience the fun and adventure Rachel embodied.

Our School Club meeting schedule is likely to change through the summer months and as we collaborate with Chelsea folks. Email the address above to get on our email list so we can keep you informed!

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For TNHN services call 889-3437

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors coordinates basic services to town residents provided by the willing hearts and hands of volunteers. This help is offered to anyone who needs it at no charge. (The cost of any materials needed will fall on the person requesting it.)

Most of our calls are for rides to and from nearby medical appointments, church and other local events, car repair/service appointments and shopping trips. Among the other tasks taken on by our handy volunteers in the past year were repairing a screen door, taking recycling to the transfer station, fixing smoke detectors, and removing and chopping up an old swing set.

Additional services offered by TNHN could be:

Pick up of prescriptions or other goods from stores

Cooking meals for people who are ill or otherwise unable to cook/short term

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 Tunbridge Public Library books or Food Shelf items

Help with gardening, lawn care or stacking firewood

Shoveling snow off walkways and steps

Other reasonable requests we haven't thought of

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, although on occasion that is not possible.

TNHN is always on the lookout for more volunteers! Tunbridgians are encouraged to participate in this enjoyable way to get to know some of their neighbors, and we respect and value everyone's willingness to help. To join our volunteer list, please contact any of the board members listed below or call 802-889-3437.

TNHN is a non-profit organization supported by town funding and donations, which may be sent to TNHn, P.O. Box 22, Tunbridge, VT 05077.

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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