

THETFORD ACADEMY NEWS AND NOTES

*The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will meet on **Thursday, June 2, at 7:00 pm in the TA Library**. The public is invited to attend

*The **Spring Choral Concert** will be held on **Sunday, June 5, at 5:00 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall**. All are welcome to enjoy this wonderful musical presentation.

***Baccalaureate for the Class of 2011** will be held on **Sunday, June 5, at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church of Thetford**.

***Thetford Academy proudly graduates 59 scholars on Friday, June 10**. The ceremony, which starts at 6:30 pm, will take place on the grass behind the school. Let's hope the weather celebrates with us!

*The Thetford Academy Alumni Association (TAAA) will sponsor the annual **Alumni Day festivities in Anderson Hall on Saturday, June 11. Campus tours start at 4:30 pm, followed by a Chinese Auction, Social Hour, Banquet, and the TAAA annual meeting**. The evening will conclude with a dance from 8:00-11:00 pm for alumni and their invited guests, with music by the Odell/Walker Band. There is a charge for the banquet and dance; contact Jessica Eaton 802-333-9491 for more information.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

Kayak Lessons - June 18, 24 & 25, instruction for all ages. Also a **teen kayaking camp July 1 - 5**. \$30/day session to \$140 for camp week.

Mountain Biking Team - For teenagers who may want a more advance ride, the group will meet on **Friday afternoons** through-out the summer for training rides, about noon-4 each Friday. Meeting/riding spot will be determined the previous Friday. The first meeting is at Union Village Dam. \$40 res./ \$50 non res.

Outdoor Camping Adventure: July 16 @ 2 PM - An afternoon of education about how to camp followed by a group camp dinner, marshmallow roast AND camping out overnight at Treasure Island. Camping experience NOT necessary, contact the Rec Department if you need to borrow camping gear for the night. \$20 per family or \$10 for individuals over 18. Come for the education about camping or come later for the cookout and stay overnight.

Summer Soccer Camp: June 21-25 at TA. This year's camp is being run by Challenger British Soccer Camps who run hundreds of camps every summer and the coaches have the training and knowledge to teach soccer to kids of all ages and abilities.. Choose From the following: **Mini Soccer - ages 4-5, 9:00-1:30 or 10:40-12:10; Half Day - ages 6-10, 9:00-noon; Half Day - ages 11-14, 1:30-4:30. Register by June 10** on-line or pick up a form at Town Hall. We are also looking for families to host the British athletes.

Summer Recreation Camp: July 11-15 and July 18-22 - Traditional type summer camp will run from 9am-3pm at Treasure Island. Daily activities, arts & crafts, sports, games and swimming. Participants **MAY** do swimming lessons during camp. \$100 for the week, day only spots for \$30 if there is room.

Skateboard Rodeo: Saturday, June 25 - 10:00-noon @ TES. Lessons and skill ramps for all levels. Bring your own board, pads & helmet, or use ours.

Adult Pick Up Games: FREE

Softball : **Thursdays** beginning June 10 at 6 PM @ TES

Volleyball: **Mondays** beginning June 7 at 6 PM @ UDV sand court.

Soccer: **Wednesdays** beginning June 9 at 6 PM @ TES

Basketball: **Sundays** beginning June 4 at 6 PM. @TES outdoor courts

Horseshoes and other yard games available for checkout at Baker's store for use on the common.

Submitted by Kathi Meyerson, Director of Recreation, Thetford

THETFORD'S 250TH BIRTHDAY, THETFORD CENTER OLD HOME DAY, JULY 2ND

Thetford Center Old Home Day, July 2nd, 1:00-7:00PM

Come and enjoy an old fashioned old home day with friends and neighbors.

Historical exhibits in The Town Hall; Ice Cream booth; tea garden, games for all ages, cemetery guest, wagon rides, music, tours.

* **Old fashioned auction at 2:00PM**

* **Decorated birthday cakes and flower arrangement contest at 3:00PM**

* Margaret Gilmore and musicians will perform a **concert** in the Church at **4:00PM**

* Also at **4:00PM** will be a **pick-up softgall game** for all ages at Howard's field.

* **BBQ Supper** on the Green at **5:00PM**

Submitted by Janice Mousley

FREE GARDEN WORKSHOPS

The second gardening class at the Community Garden will be on **Wednesday, June 15th**. This one-hour class will be led by Cat Buxton, the Education Director of Cedar Circle Farm, and **held at the Thetford Community Garden**, located on the Town Common in Thetford Center.

This month's class begins at 5:30 PM and is titled, "**Staking, Training, and Pruning**." Topics include: Basic staking, training, pruning and pinching techniques for better fruit and stronger plants. We hope to see you at the garden!

Upcoming Workshops: Wednesday, July 20 – Garden Guests and pests
Wednesday, August 24 – Planning the Harvest and Curing for Storage

Submitted by Lori Harriman

RUN FOR HISTORY – JUNE 25TH

As part of Thetford's 250th celebration, the Thetford Historical Society is planning a full slate of events. On **June 25th**, you will have the opportunity to participate in the first (and last) **Run for History**. The 5k (3.1-mile) course will begin and end on the green, and will wind its way through the Academy trails. Every 200 yards or so, runners (and walkers) will pass signs relating interesting Thetford historical facts. When they complete the course, entrants will then have the opportunity to improve their times by taking a history quiz: correct answers will result in better times. The race may not necessarily go to the swift!

The starting musket will go off at 10 a.m., and the event will be followed by a lunch on the green (for a separate fee) for everyone, not just the competitors. The entry fee is \$10, which includes a commemorative t-shirt. All proceeds will benefit the Thetford Historical Society.

A race like this only happens once every 250 years! Questions? Contact Charlie Buttrey at charliebuttrey@yahoo.com or 785-4005

Submitted by Charlie Buttrey

"COFFEE AT THE DUMP"

"Coffee at the Dump" will be serving up coffee and baked goods **Saturday June 11th at our Recycling Center from 9-11:00 a.m. Stop by and learn more about what's being planned to celebrate Thetford's 250th Anniversary.** Any donations will benefit these events and the Thetford Historical Society.

Submitted by Judy Yocom

FUTURE OF THETFORD - 300

2011 – Our Town's 250th Year
2061 – Our Future 300th Year

Meet **Third Thursday of Each Month** at Latham Library
7:00-9:00 PM
Hosted by Thetford's Communiversity of Vermont

Submitted by Peter Blodgett

ENERGY-SAVING TIP OF THE MONTH FROM THE THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Now that spring is finally here, think about saving energy by hanging your laundry out to dry—take advantage of totally free solar energy. If that's not possible, follow these energy-saving tips:

- Use lower temperature settings—warm or cold for wash and only cold rinses—pre-soak heavily soiled clothes, then use cold/warm wash instead of hot
- Turn down thermostat on water heater to 120°F
- Load washer to capacity when possible to reduce number of loads
- Remove clothes from dryer while slightly damp to reduce need for ironing and save more energy
- Dry two or more loads in a row to take advantage of heat still in dryer from last load
- Clean dryer filter after each use—a clogged filter reduces drying efficiency
- Go to <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/> for more green living ideas

Submitted by Joel Legunn

REMINDER

DISCOUNTED AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS are available through the recreation department for Bromley, Six Flags, & Great Adventure. www.thetfordrec.com

ACADEMIC TUTORING

Private tutorials for students in grades K-8. Enrichment and remediation

Contact Jane Friedlander at 785-4455 or visit: www.uppervalleytutor.com

Submitted by Jane Friedlander

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION INFO

The deadline for submissions is around the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at Sheila.fifield@aol.com. Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line. Thanks!