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# THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## THETFORD ACADEMY

\*An **orientation** for parents and guardians of the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Class of 2018) will be held on **Tues, May 1**. The presentation will start at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater.

\***Wednesday, May 2**, TA students will once again volunteer their time and muscle power to raise money to support **Operation Day's Work**. Thanks to all who have hired a student or two.

\*TA will recognize the outstanding academic achievements of 103 students at the annual **Honors Celebration on Wednesday, May 2**. Kelly Welch Ellis will speak for the faculty, and students will be honored with a "Speak Chorus" presentation by other members of the faculty and staff. The event will be held in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium.

\***Thursday, May 3, 6:00-7:30pm**, there will be a **presentation for adults by John Halligan at the Samuel Morey Elementary School Gym, Fairlee**, jointly sponsored by Thetford Academy and Rivendell Academy. John Halligan's son, Ryan, died by suicide on October 7, 2003, after being bullied by classmates at school and online. He was 13 years old. John Halligan's presentation will cover the lessons learned, too late for his family, regarding how to deal with bullying, cyberbullying, and teen depression. Parents will be empowered with strategies to take preventative actions with their own children. The evening presentation for parents and community follows the school-day presentations at Thetford Academy and Rivendell Academy.

\***7<sup>th</sup> Graders** and chaperones will be visiting **Mystic Seaport** as part of their curriculum **Monday, May 7-Wednesday, May 9**.

\*The **Board of Trustees** will hold their **monthly meeting on Thursday, May 10**. The meeting starts at 7:00pm and will be held in the TA Library.

\*TA will present the **musical "Urine Town" on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 17-19, in the Martha Jane Rich Theater**. Call Thetford Academy for more information about times and tickets 802-785-4805.

\*Students who participated in independent study at Thetford Academy will offer descriptions of their work at the **Challenge Course Presentation on Wednesday, May 23, from 6:30-8:30pm** in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. The public is invited to attend.

\*The **spring Instrumental Concert** will be held on **Thursday, May 24, at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater**. Don't miss this annual musical treat!

\*The **spring Sports Awards Night and cookout will be Thursday, May 31, starting at 6:00pm** outside on the quad. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the gymnasium.

*Submitted by Wendy Cole*

## THETFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER 2012 SCHEDULE

**KAYAK LESSONS : For All Ages & Skill Levels Beginning May 19 thru Sept. 22** - Visit our web site for dates and times.

**ATHLETES UNITED Spring Session – Soccer: Sundays at Dartmouth College, Tuesdays 5:00 at TES** - This is a free drop-in program run by Dartmouth College athletes. 4/15 to end of school.

**DAY CAMP: July 9 - August 17, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM @ Treasure Island** - Weekly sessions or all 6 weeks. \$120 per weeks (save \$10/wk if registered before June 1). Daily arts & crafts, sports, music, games and swimming. **AFTER CAMP CARE: 3:30 - 5:30** For registered campers, \$5/day per camper

**BRITISH SOCCER CAMP: June 25 - 29 @ TES Ages 4 to 14** - Mini sessions and half day sessions for ages 4 - 14, full day for ages 8 - 14. Sign up through the recreation web site or at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com)

**MOUNTAIN BIKING: Fridays, June 22 - August 10 - 1:00 - 4:00, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up, \$25** - Each week will be a different trail, starting at UVD. See web site for locations.

**SWIM LESSONS: 2 week sessions beginning June 18 & Saturdays throughout the summer. Register on line beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>**. First come first served (as payment is received) for time slots. See our web page on May 1<sup>st</sup> for class schedule and times.

**TREASURE ISLAND COMMUNITY WORK DAY: Saturday April 30 - 10:00 AM TREASURE ISLAND OPENING DAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**: Family & Individual passes available now. **\$55/30**. General daily admission \$4 Adults & \$2 Children - Hours 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**LAKE FEST: Saturday August 11** (rain date August 12)

**TENNIS LESSONS @ TREASURE ISLAND: TBA**

**DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS: Great Escape, Six Flags & Bromley**. Save up to \$20 per ticket when purchased through the town. Available in the Clerk's office.

**SUMMER KICKOFF CONCERT: Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 - 7:00 PM @ Treasure Island**. Come and enjoy the "Wall Stiles", have a Father's Day Bar-B-Q and swim to music.

*Submitted by Kathi Meyerson*

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the Thetford Town Newsletter is around the 24th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at [SheilaFifield@aol.com](mailto:SheilaFifield@aol.com). (If you don't have access to email, please call me at 802-333-3577). Please list Thetford Town Newsletter in subject line.

Thanks ~ Sheila

## MAPLE LEAF CHILDREN'S CENTER YARD SALE

Maple Leaf Children's Center will be having a yard sale and bake sale on the **Thetford Hill Green on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 until 2:00**. The sale will include children-related items.

We will start taking donations of clean, gently-used child-gear items soon. If you have children's clothes, toys, books, etc. that you would like to donate, you will be able to drop them off starting the first week in May.

We will be looking for volunteers to price items, make baked goods, sell baked goods, and help at the yard sale.

To drop items off or to volunteer to help, please call Maple Leaf at 785-2074 and leave a message with Bonnie.

Come check the sale out! All proceeds to benefit Maple Leaf Children's Center.

*Submitted by Melissa & Jamie Thaxton*

## BIRDS OF THE FLOODPLAIN FOREST AND FARM

**Saturday May 19th 7:30 – 10:00 AM**  
**Meet at Post Mills Congregational Church on Route 244**

We are privileged to have Dr. George Clark lead us as we watch for birds while strolling along the Ompompanoosuc River and Cross Road Farm to some light morning refreshment at the greenhouse.

In addition to being a noted ornithologist and bird walk leader extraordinaire, Dr. Clark is a retired Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut, Past President of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association, a Coordinator for the Second Vermont Breeding Bird Atlas and writer for 22 species accounts in the forthcoming Atlas book. Among his birding finds was an unanticipated discovery of what is the only known site where both Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Blackpoll Warblers nest in Orange County.

The land we'll be walking contains one of the largest remaining parcels of floodplain forest in Vermont including the uncommon slippery elm as well as a number of significant botanical, animal and bird habitats within its relatively small area.

You'll want to bring binoculars, bug repellent and waterproof footwear.

**Info: Li Shen 785 4950 Connie Snyder 785-2729**  
**RSVP Appreciated But Not Required (rain date May 26th)**

Another "Year of the Tree" event sponsored by Thetford Conservation Commission

*Submitted by Connie Snyder*

## SUMMER TUTORING

Summer Tutoring - Grades K-8

Individualized Skill-Based Instruction  
READING \* WRITTEN EXPRESSION \* BASIC MATH

For Further Information Contact Jane: 802-785-4455  
or Visit: [www.uppervalleytutor.com](http://www.uppervalleytutor.com)

*Submitted by Jane Friedlander*

## VIVA LA RUMMAGE & YARD SALE

Viva La Rummage & Yard Sale

Silent Auction of "unique items"

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Thetford Center Community Building  
Thetford Center

Tacos & Lemonade to celebrate Cinco De Mayo

To Benefit the United Church of Thetford

*Submitted by Melissa & Jamie Thaxton*

## CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

Brenda Frost from the Healing Hogan will give a talk and demonstration on Craniosacral Therapy at Latham Library on Thursday, May 10th, from 7-8PM.

All are welcome to come hear how craniosacral therapy helps heal the body.

*Submitted by Brenda Frost*

## MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012

**Memorial Day** is a United States federal holiday observed annually on the last Monday of May .

Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.)

By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

**For every family who's lost a soldier due to service to their country — thank you. Thank you for your family member who's made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. No words can ever express the debt we owe these brave men and women.**

**And for every veteran and every active duty soldier and individual in military uniform — thank you. Thank you for the sacrifice you continue to make every day on our behalf.**

