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SELECTBOARD UPDATES

The Thetford Hill section of Route 113 has recently been repaved. This is a stopgap measure by the state to address the worst section of Route 113. The State is scheduled to completely rebuild Route 113 from Post Mills to Route 5 in 2014. This complete rebuild will be similar to the rebuild of Route 244 heading out to Fairlee.

This July construction will begin on the Route 132 bridge. The bridge will be closed during construction. The Selectboard is investigating ways to protect the Town's covered bridges which will likely have more traffic while the Route 132 bridge is being repaired.

The Selectboard has decided to change the Highway Department to a Department of Public Works. This change reflects the growing responsibilities for managing other Town facilities such as the recycling center, emergency generators, and recreation facilities.

The Selectboard held a deliberative session on June 25 and voted to adopt the Trails Master Plan. Copies of the Plan are available online and at Town Hall. Adoption of the Plan does not necessarily mean the trails described in the Plan will be built. Any decisions to build a trail would involve public discussion and another Selectboard vote.

Submitted by Scott Hesser, Thetford Selectboard

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Energy-Saving Tips for Keeping Your Home Cool When It's Hot

It's much cheaper (and uses less energy) to prevent heat build-up in your home than to artificially cool it using air conditioning. To keep your home cool in the heat of summer, close doors and windows when the temperature outside is warmer than your home's interior. Prevent the sun from heating your house by closing curtains or shades - insulated are best.

When the outside temperature has cooled off, open up the house and let the cool air in. (If heat builds up inside your home during the day, use a window fan or box fan to pull hot air out and cool air in.)

Reduce sources of interior heat (and use less energy) by using the microwave or toaster oven instead of the regular oven. Cover pots when cooking and use the fan above the stove to pull hot air out. Turn off your computer, printer, and other office machinery when not in use.

A well-insulated house keeps the day's heat out and low-E windows reduce solar gain in the summer. If you are considering some home improvements this year, research before you buy.

Submitted by Alice Stewart, Thetford Energy Committee

TREASURE ISLAND

Welcome to summer! The beach and park is open everyday in summer from 10AM - 8PM. Admission is \$4/adults, \$2/children, under age 2 and seniors are free.

Season Passes are available for families in Thetford at a rate of \$55/summer, individuals \$30. Come play tennis on the clay court, Peabody Library Story Hour happens every Wednesday at 11AM. It's beautiful on Lake Fairlee, come relax and enjoy Treasure Island.

For Treasure Island programming information, such as daycamp, swim lessons, kayak instruction, etc., check out the Thetford Recreation website - www.thetfordrec.com

See you at the beach!

Submitted by Ann and Scott O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers

TREASURE ISLAND SWIM LESSONS

Treasure Island Swimming Lessons - Age 4 and up!

Terrific Learn-to-Swim lessons offered all summer long, and still space available. Lessons run M-F from 10-12:30am everyday for two-week sessions, or Saturdays only, 10-12pm. \$30/resident, or \$60 non-resident plus purchase of a season pass.

Stop by the beach anytime 10-5pm 7 days a week to register, or go on-line at www.thetfordrec.com.

Submitted by Ann and Scott O'Hearn

LAKEFEST

Saturday, August 11, raindate August 13. Lots of fun on Lake Fairlee, don't miss it! Boat tours, kayak and SUP demos, food, crafts, water games, environmental events. 11-3pm, admission is free.

Location - Treasure Island.

Submitted by Ann and Scott O'Hearn

THETFORD HILL FAIR ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

If you've been putting off cleaning out your cupboards or organizing your attic, now is the time. The Antiques and Collectibles Table at the

Thetford Hill Fair will be accepting items beginning July 1. Donations can include furniture, china, glassware, jewelry, silver, brass, linen and quilts. If you have questions please contact Jane Francisco (785-2552) or Mary Miller (785-2151).

Submitted by Jane Francisco