

# THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## THETFORD ACADEMY

\*Thetford Academy will sponsor an International **Dance on Friday, February 1, for students in grades 7-12.** The dance will be held from 7:30-9:30pm, and admission is \$3.00 with international hat and \$4.00 without.

\*The **70th annual Founders' Day celebration will take place on Friday, February 8 (snow date February 7).** The theme this year is World Wonders. Festivities begin at 7:40am in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium; and folks are invited to attend the morning's activities, including skits, songs, class competitions, and more. Please call TA at 785-2600 for more information.

\*The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14,** in the TA Library. The meeting begins at 7:00pm, and the public is welcome..

\***TA will be closed for winter recess from February 18-22. Classes resume on Monday, February 25.**

\*There is still plenty of basketball action in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. Call 785-4805 for the latest schedule information, or visit the website at [www.ThetfordAcademy.org](http://www.ThetfordAcademy.org) Go Panthers!!

*Submitted by Wendy Cole*

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTH

Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sale – Junior Troop # 43957

**Where:** **Huggett's**  
2930 Route 5, East Thetford

**When:** **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm-8:00pm**

Come pick up those yummy cookies and support a great cause!

*Submitted by Christine Busby*

## WARMTH IN WINTER SERIES

**Sunday, February 10th.** Join us for a showing for *The Lorax* (2012 version). Thetford Congregational Church, Rt. 113. Show starts at 6:30. Rating: PG, length: 86 minutes. Free, light refreshments provided. Part of the Thetford Energy Committee's Warmth in the Winter series.

*Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee*

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

**Town Reports** will be mailed mid-February

**Pre-town meeting** – Monday February 25, at town hall, 7:30pm

**Town Meeting** March 2, 2013 at Thetford Academy—9am, School meeting first, then Town.

**Free childcare** – 9am -3pm in the TA Library

**Town & School Ballot Voting** – March 5, 8am -7pm  
At Town Hall

**Animal registration renewals** – by April 1 to avoid penalties!  
**Rabies clinic** at town garage March 23, 2013

*Submitted by Tracy Borst*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK (T.E.N.)

T.E.N.--Thetford Elder Network--invites you, especially if you're 60+, to come on your own or with a friend, family member, or neighbor and enjoy our monthly luncheons at the church in North Thetford. The event is free (although we appreciate donations.)

The next **luncheon** is set for **February 28. Doors open at 11:30, and food is served about 11:50am.** Informational program and/or entertainment comes after we've eaten. This month we'll host a visit from our town's lively Assistant Fire Chief, who'll give a fact-filled & helpful talk on getting what we need if we ever have to call 9-1-1. Your questions will be addressed, too.

Watch Thetford Listserv or call 333-4082 for details, changes, and menu.. Next luncheon date will be March 28. Usually, it's the fourth Thursday. Coming this season: music, games and mini-contests, and other forms of fun. See you there!

*Submitted by Susan Rump*

## WEATHERIZATION HELP AVAILABLE

Central Vermont Community Action Council provides weatherization services free of charge to Vermonters throughout central Vermont -- including Thetford -- who meet income and other qualifications. You can receive weatherization services if you are an owner or a renter (with the landlord's participation).

Central Vermont Community Action Council has just received extra funding that removes any waiting for services for towns previously served by CVPS, which includes Thetford. But this funding is only available for a few months. So act today to ensure a warmer and more comfortable home, with lower fuel bills! You can call their toll-free number at **877-919-2299** to get a complete application package. Or download a brochure from their website with a preapplication form that speeds up the application process.

<http://www.energysmartvt.com/about-us/cvac/weatherization/>

*Submitted by Alice Stewart for the Thetford Energy Committee*

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE

Hopefully you have noticed the sunflower sandwich board that has appeared on the lawn of Thetford Elementary School. Friends of Thetford Education is pleased to announce that we are over two-thirds of our way to reaching our goal of \$5000. Thanks to those who have already donated, and for those who have not, it's not too late to make a donation. The FTE board will be meeting in March to make our annual funding decision. The more funds we raise, the more projects we can fund.

Please consider making a donation today! Checks can be made payable to "Friends of Thetford Education" and mailed to Post Office Box 113, Thetford, VT 05074, or you can just put your check in an envelope and place it in the FTE inbox in the Thetford Elementary School main office. If you have questions, feel free to call Mary Daum (Chair) at 785-4531 or email at [luckyford@juno.com](mailto:luckyford@juno.com). Thanks!

FTE is an organization consisting of parents who are dedicated to raising funds for the purpose of enhancing the educational enrichment of our children. Nearly 100% of the money we raise goes toward funding projects, field trips, special equipment, student performances, and other educational opportunities that are not covered by the school's operating budget. FTE uses a very small amount to cover postage and minor operational expenses.

*Mary Daum Friends of Thetford Education*

## UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

### \*Latham Library Upcoming Events\*

**Vermont Humanities Council Winter Book Discussion Series:**  
"Masters of the Short Story" **Mondays at 7:00 pm at the Latham Library.**

#### **Two remaining dates:**

**Monday, February 4:** Five Great Short Stories by Anton Chekhov

**Monday, February 18:** Park City by Ann Beattie

Free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Books available on loan in advance. Call Peter Blodgett at 802-785-4361 for more information.

#### Downloadables Workshop

**Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Latham Library**

Come learn how to download free audiobooks and e-books to your computer, tablet, or mobile device. This is now a free service with your library membership. Please email or call Emily Zollo for more information, or to sign up for the workshop, at [ezollo@hotmail.com](mailto:ezollo@hotmail.com) or 785-4031.

**Ongoing: Preschool Storytime at the Latham Library, every Friday morning at 10:30 am.**

### \*Peabody Library Upcoming Events\*

**The Seventh Annual Chocolate Indulgence: A Chocolate Lover's Evening—Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm** at the Peabody Library in Post Mills. Thursday is Valentine's Day. Get a jump on the holiday by bringing samples of your favorite chocolate confection to share with your fellow chocoholics. Copies of recipes are encouraged.

**Ongoing: After School Activities for children in grades K-6 on Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Stories and snack are always included, and kids may take the #2 Bus from Thetford Elementary School to the Peabody Library (with a note from home).**

#### **February activities:**

**February 6:** Wednesday Winter Knitting Club with Elizabeth Polli.

Bring your yarn and needles and learn to knit and purl.

**February 13:** Make an Abe Lincoln hat

**February 20:** School vacation, no program

**February 27:** Wednesday Winter Knitting Club

*Submitted by Emily Zollo*

## WELCOME TO THE THETFORD COMMUNITY SKATING RINK

#### **Some Courtesies:**

- There is **NO skating during school hours (7:30 – 3:00, Monday through Friday)**
- Shovels are available to clear ice after school hours and on weekends.

#### **Enjoy Night Skating:**

Night lighting is set on a timer which will allow up to an hour of light. A black push button is located on the center telephone pole closest to the parking lot

#### **Please help us keep the rink in good shape for years to come:**

- Respect the "open" and "closed" signs- sometimes the rink can't be used due to soft ice or an exposed liner.
- No ice hockey – pucks and sticks can damage the liner

#### **Special Appreciation:**

This rink is a collaboration between Thetford Recreation Department, Thetford Elementary School and Thetford Volunteer Fire Department who provide financial and/or in-kind support, and countless families, parents and community members who set up the rink, fill it, maintain it and put it away in the spring. Our goal is to allow children the opportunity to be active outside during the school day and to make the rink available to the community all times outside of the school day. Please contact Thetford Elementary School for questions or comments, 785-2426.

*Submitted by Thetford Rec Department*

## VERMONT HOME ENERGY CHALLENGE 2013: AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THETFORD RESIDENTS

During 2013, Thetford will compete in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge to weatherize a higher percentage of our homes than any other Vermont town. **The town in each of 6 regions in the state getting the highest percentage of homes weatherized by the end of the year will receive \$10,000 to be used toward a municipal efficiency program in their town. Thetford is competing against 11 other Upper Valley towns.**

This is your chance to **SAVE MONEY ON HEATING BILLS, INCREASE YOUR HOME COMFORT, REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND HELP THETFORD WIN \$10,000!**

More than 30 Thetford families made energy-saving improvements through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program in 2011, cutting projected fuel use by an average of more than 25%, equaling annual savings of more than \$900 per family. Homeowners can get up to \$2,000 in financial incentives from Efficiency Vermont for this work and they are discounting the cost of all audits by \$100.

Your family can get started on the first step now – getting a HPwES energy audit. You can learn more about that program and find a list of certified, participating local Home Performance contractors at [www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance](http://www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance)

**\*\* To learn more about the Challenge and the HPwES program, join us Wednesday, February 27, 6:30pm at the Thetford Center Community Center for a Challenge Forum, where you will have a chance to talk with 4 participating HPwES contractors who live in Thetford and numerous homeowners who have gone through the process. The Forum is free, open to the public and light refreshments will be served. \*\***

The Thetford Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) is here to help you through the process. To learn more or get involved in carrying out the Thetford Challenge, you can contact Michael Kiess – [MichaelKiessVT@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelKiessVT@gmail.com) or (802) 299-5864, and you can get more general information about the Challenge at <http://www.encyvermont.com/homeenergychallenge>. Let's work together to help our Thetford friends and neighbors save energy, save money and increase home comfort!

*Submitted by Bob Walker*