

# THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## ATTENTION THETFORD VOTERS!

1) Petitions for articles to be included on the Town Meeting Warning are due to the Town Clerk by January 23, 2014. The petition requires signatures of 5% of the checklist (approximately 110).

2) The following offices have terms that end on March 4, 2014. This means anyone who wishes to have their name on the ballot as a candidate for a position must:

Complete a *nominating petition* (available at the Town Clerk's office)

Get the necessary signatures on the petition (approx. 25)

Return the petition to the Town Clerk's office by January 27, 5pm and complete the consent for nomination.

For information on the various offices, please contact a Selectboard member or the Town Clerk at 785-2922.

OFFICE	TERM
Town Moderator	1 year
Selectboard	3 year
Selectboard	2 year
Town Treasurer	3 year
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	3 year
Grand Juror	1 year
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits	1 year
Agent to Convey Real Property	1 year
Lister	3 year
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year
Cemetery Commissioner	2 & 3 year
Latham Library Trustee (2)	4 year
Latham Library Trustee (2)	3 year to complete 4 yr
Peabody Library Trustee	3 year
School Moderator	1 year
School Director	3 year
School Director	2 year
School Director	1 year to complete 2 yr

Submitted by Tracy Borst

## THETFORD ACADEMY

\* Welcome to 2014! We hope it's a great year for all!

\* Thetford Academy congratulates Shenia Covey '14, chosen as the Student of the Month for November and Toria Isquith '15, Student of the Month for December. Well done and well deserved!

\* The Tuesday Night Film Series at Thetford Academy concludes on Tuesday, January 7, with the movie "Blackboards" at 7:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. The public is invited to attend.

\* Also on Tuesday, January 7, a VSAC Financial Aid Forms Night will be held, from 6:00-8:00pm in the TA Library.

\* The Thetford Academy Board of Trustees will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. All are welcome.

\* The Winter Choral Concert will be held on Saturday, January 11, at 5:00pm. The event will take place in the Martha Jane Rich Theater, and there is no charge for admission. The snow date is Sunday, January 12, at 4:00pm.

**NEW DATE:** Rescheduled because of weather! Who will wear the crown this year? On Sunday, January 12, at 7:00pm, Thetford Academy will host the third annual Mr. TA Pageant, a benefit to fund education for high school students in Rwanda. The pageant will be held in the Martha Jane Rich Theater at Thetford Academy, and twelve of TA's finest young men (and a panther) will compete for the crown.

Admission is \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students in grades twelve and under, and voting is by cash donation. Tickets are available in the main office at Thetford Academy. Come join the fun to help make a global difference and enjoy an evening of fabulous entertainment. Call 802-785-4805 for more information.

\* The eighteenth annual Ten-Minute Play Festival will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 16 and 17, at 7:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Seven plays, authored by current students and alumni, will be presented at this always popular event. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. Don't miss it!

\* **ANOTHER NEW DATE:** The Robotics Tournament, originally scheduled in December, will be held Sunday, January 19, in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium. Competitions will be held throughout the day. The public is invited, and there is no charge for admission.

\* There will be a dance for TA students in grades 7-12, sponsored by the Class of 2016, on Friday, January 24, from 7:30-9:30pm.

\* College Night for juniors and their parents or guardians will be held on Thursday, January 30, at 6:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. The snow date is Thursday, February 6. For More information, contact the Counseling Office at 802-785-4805 ext 202.

Submitted by Wendy Cole

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Send news including contact name and telephone number to Sheila Fifield at Sheila.fifield@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!

## SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP

6 Weeks of camp: July 7 through August 15  
Sign up for individual weeks or all 6.

Not your traditional summer camp, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM at Treasure Island. (Early drop off 8:30)

The focus of this summer's camp will be on outdoor education, outdoor adventure, outdoor skills and natural crafts. Activities will include camping skills, kayak instruction, environmental education and arts. And of course there is swimming and sports.

Early registration discount \$50 per camper per week. Must be paid by April 30th.

Registration deadline June 15th unless space is available.

*Submitted by Kathi Meyerson*

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

### FILM AND DISCUSSION ON PASSIVE HOUSE DESIGN

The Thetford Energy Committee's (TEC) Warmth in the Winter series returns! Our first event of 2014 will be a showing of *Passive House: A Building Revolution*, a film about a growing trend in building design, construction, and retrofitting that can reduce heating and cooling energy use by up to 80 percent. Learn more about the film here: <http://passivehouserevolution.org/>

The 45-minute film will be followed by a question and answer session with Michael Schunk of Thetford Hill Design. As a registered architect and Certified Passive House Consultant (CPHC), Thetford Hill Design provides integrated building design and Passive House consulting services for new and existing structures to achieve Passive House certification. The services provided can help to incorporate building science and Passive House design principles to all low-energy, high-efficiency construction, from "better than code" to Net-Zero projects.

Sunday, January 12, 6:15 pm. Thetford Hill Congregational Church, Rt. 113, Thetford, across from the green. Free, light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 785-3087.

### FINDING ATTIC HEAT LOSS ON A SNOWY ROOF

One of the greatest sources of heat loss in many homes is air leakage – warm air pushes up and out openings high in the home and pulls cold air in openings low in the home. Hence it is called the "stack effect".

One easy way to identify the "stack effect" in your home is to look at your roof in the days following a snowfall. Warm air escaping the house into your attic will leave melt patterns in the snow on your roof. If the melting is bad enough, you might also end up with ice dams forming at your eaves, where there's no more building heat, and the melted snow refreezes.

Melted snow patterns on your roof and ice damming at your eaves are 2 good signs that you have heat loss in your home and opportunities to save.

So what to do?

Find the leaks in your home allowing warm air out and cold air in, then seal them with caulk and spray foam. See more tips at <http://www.serg-info.org/energysaving-tips/>

Get a professional Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) audit and weatherization improvements.

Learn more about incentives to help pay for your HPwES audit and improvements at:

Vermont – [www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance](http://www.encyvermont.com/homeperformance) or

New Hampshire – <http://www.nhsaves.com/residential/retrofit.html>

*Submitted by Alice Stewart*