

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

OCTOBER TEN LUNCHEON: CELEBRATE AUTUMN!

You are invited to the Thetford Elder Network October Luncheon Thursday, October 23, at 11:30am at the North Thetford Church. We'll be a full month into the autumn and ready to enjoy good food and music in the company of friends.

The meal will include home-baked beans with hot dogs, cornbread, coleslaw, Lois' Famous Pickles, beverage, and apple crisp with ice cream. We'll be treated to the lively music of Bob Totz and the Out on a Limb Band, plus good conversation and puzzles to do right away or take home for later.

This luncheon is sponsored by TEN and by Senior Solutions.

To RSVP, please call Martha at 785-4274. To volunteer to help with a task important to the Luncheon, please call Cathee at 785-2668.

We'll see you there!

Susan Rump

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

NOVEMBER 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Absentee ballots are available now – state ballot and local Justice of the Peace ballot

Voter Registration for General Election open until Oct 29

VOTING: Tues., Nov. 4 Polls open 8am-7pm at Town Hall, 3910 VT Route 113

Call for a ballot or more information 785-2922x10

THETFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

Exciting time for the Planning Commission!

The members of Thetford's Planning Commission are getting ready to present the draft of our new town plan in public meetings. Our next job will be integrating the thoughts and information provided by our neighbors to finalize a plan that both reflects the priorities of the people living in town right now and aims to improve life in our town for the next generations to live here. After following the approval process, we'll go to work on amending the zoning regulations to be consistent with the newly approved plan.

We need help. The five friendly people who make up the Planning Commission today have learned about planning from the ground up through wearing our "planning commissioner" hats -- it is valuable work that involves listening closely,

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

WED. OCT. 15, 2014 5:00 P.M.

POSTMARKS NOT ACCEPTED

Jill Graff

researching best practices from other places and clear writing and thinking. We would welcome one or two more members to serve a term, sharing our discussions and editing work. Contact any of the current members to learn more!

Current draft chapters are available online or at the Town Clerk's office. To find them online, go to the town website at www.thetfordvermont.us

and look under "Departments" for "Planning".

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THETFORD ACADEMY

Cross country at Thetford Academy needs your help. **The Woods Trail Run** is Saturday, October 4, and we will be hosting more than 1800 high school runners from all over New England. The State Championship Races will be held on Saturday, October 24, and runners will compete for a chance to go to the New England Races in November. There are all types of volunteer jobs available at many times of the day. Contact Meet Director Mark Pichette at Mark.Pichette@Thet.Net for more information or to help.

The Thetford Academy **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The public is welcome.

TA will host its annual **open house** "Meet Your Future" on Wednesday, October 15. The evening is intended for all potential and interested students and their families. The presentation starts at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall and concludes with student-led campus tours. For more information

contact Wendy Cole, Director of Admissions, at 802.785.2600.

VSAC Paying for College Night will be held on Thursday, October 16, at 6:00pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. Contact the TA Counseling Office at 802.785.4805 x202 for more information.

Students in the Film Analysis Class at Thetford Academy will once again host a **Tuesday Night Film Series**. The first showing will be "The Red Balloon" and will be presented on Tuesday, October 21, followed by "The Steamroller and the Violin" on Tuesday, November 4. "**The Red Balloon**" is about a little boy who finds a helium-filled balloon, and discovers that the balloon seemingly has a mind of its own. "**The Steamroller and the Violin**" tells a story of friendship between a sensitive seven-year-old violinist and a physical, blue-collar steamroller operator. Additional movies will be screened on Tuesday, December 9, and Tuesday, January 13. **Admission is free to the public, and movies start at 7:00 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater.** Student-written program notes offering background and commentary will be provided for each film. Contact Ray Chapin at ray.chapin@thet.net.

One last reminder and plea for help--the **State Championship Cross Country Races** take place on Saturday, October 24; races start at 10am. We hope to see you there!

Wendy Cole

TES HALLOWEEN PARTY

Put on your costume and ride your broomstick on over to the "Haunted Gardens" at TES for a Halloween Party on Friday, October 31st, from 5:30-8:00pm. It will be a night of ghoulish games, sweet treats, spooky thrills and frightfully good fun for all ages.

Want to contribute to this spectacular event? The PTO is now taking donations for candy and small prizes to be given out to children at the party. All candy **MUST** be nut-free. Non-candy prizes, such as tem-

porary tattoos and packaged pretzels, are also appreciated and encouraged. All donations can be dropped off at the TES office.

If that's not enough Halloween excitement for you, the PTO invites parents and TES classrooms to host their own trick-or-treat station along the path from the TES Gardens to Latham Library. Dress up, play a game or simply hand out treats to Halloween goers to and from the party. If you are someone who always wanted witches and goblins knocking on your door Halloween night, this is your chance!

Volunteers for pumpkin carving, decorating and clean-up are also welcomed and appreciated. If interested, contact Angie Spickard at: 7 8 5 - 4 2 8 7 or angelaspickard@hotmail.com

Please join us...if you dare!

Angie Spickard

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Latham Library is currently offering our first free tech class of the fall/winter season (Introduction to Website Construction, a two-part class on Monday, September 29 and Monday, October 6). We are interested in hearing about what other tech classes and tech resources the public would like to see offered at the library. Please fill out our short online survey, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HNRLCH9>

Wednesdays 10/1 and 10/15: Tales and Tunes with Tots, a playgroup for toddlers and their caregivers.

Fridays at 10:30 and 12:15: Storytime! All ages welcome.

Saturdays at 1:00: Knitting group. Beginner and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Wednesday After School Activities for Children: After school activities at Peabody Library are intended for children in grades in K-6, and include a snack, stories, and crafts, games, and other activities. They

run from 3:30-4:30 on every Wednesday that Thetford Elementary School is in session. TES students may take the #2 Bus from the school to the library with a signed note from home.

October 1: Fall leaves crafts

October 8: Pokemon club (bring your cards)

October 15: Charades and theater games

October 22: Making raffia pumpkins

October 29: Halloween party

Emily Zollo

THETFORD PARISH PLAYERS

LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT

by Eugene O'Neill

Fri & Sat, Oct 10 & 11, 17 & 18, 24 & 25, at 7:00 PM and Sun, Oct 19 & 26, at 2:00 PM

Please Note: Evening performances at early curtain time of 7:00 PM

Admission: \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students

Reservations: 802-785-4344

Featured Performers: Kay Morton, Mike Backman, Sam Chapin, Chris Rosenquest, Melissa Noonan

More information at www.parishplayers.org

The Parish Players are on Academy Road, Thetford, VT.

Kevin Fitzpatrick

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com by the 25th of the month or by calling me at 802-356-4542. Newsletter feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French