

# THETFORD NEWS

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## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### JOY OF SPRING!

Come celebrate the pleasures of genuine springtime with a sumptuous luncheon enjoyed in the company of friends! Doors of the North Thetford Church community room will open at 11:30 on Thurs., May 28, to welcome you to a delightful repast: chicken thighs, Gita's savory rice and beans, salad, a side vegetable, fruit crisp with ice cream, and a beverage. Our plans are developing; we might even have live music along with puzzles and the ever-good conversation!

TEN luncheons usually happen the fourth Thursday of each month, sponsored by TEN and Senior Solutions. Donations supporting the diversified work of TEN are welcome but not expected.

RSVP: Martha TA 785-4274. To volunteer, call Cathee at 785-2668.

*Susan Rump*

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### 4TH ANNUAL TAYLOR FLOOD-PLAIN PRESERVE BIRD WALK

Sat. May 16th 7:30 am  
(rain date Sunday May 17th)

Meet at Post Mills Congregational Church parking lot on Route 244.

Our Leader: Dr. George Clark – noted ornithologist and a favorite of Upper Valley birders – so generous with his knowledge and encouragement to novice and experienced birders alike. Stroll gentle trails through floodplain forest along the winding Pompy River and farm fields for complimentary refreshments under the shade trees at Crossroad Farm.

This now-conserved land was strip-mined in the late 1960's for the I-91 road construction. The forest is coming back on its own, the wetland is surprisingly full of life including lots of birds and the entire tract serves as a sponge in times of flood, thus protecting downstream properties and bridges.

Rides available back to church parking lot. Waterproof footwear, insect repellent, binoculars recommended. Free and Open to the Public - Come Join Us! Sponsored by the Thetford Conservation Commission.

Info: Connie Snyder, 785-2729 or Li Shen 785-4950

*Connie Snyder*

## TOWN CLERK

### SPECIAL TOWN VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

Thetford Town Hall 8am – 7pm

The Lake Fairlee Dam replacement bond vote and potential approval of the interlocal contract regarding reconstruction of the dam.

**An informational meeting will be held at town hall May 11, at 7pm** for the purpose of explaining the proposed improvements and financing.

Absentee Ballots are available, and new voters must be registered by May 13 at 5pm.

A flyer was sent to each registered voter's home in Thetford. You can find more information at town hall.

*Tracy Borst*

## TREASURE ISLAND

Registration for Summer Learn-to-Swim lessons is nearly here! On Saturday, May 16th, from 10-12pm at Thetford Town Offices, you can register your child for swimming les-

sons. Lessons are for children ages 4 and up. Fee: \$35/Thetford Residents. The next day, May 17th, online swim lesson registration opens at [www.thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com). All classes are taught by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

Session #1 - July 6 - July 17; Session #2 - July 20-July 31; Session #3 - August 3 - August 14.

"Saturdays-Only" Morning Swim Lessons: Eight sessions beginning Saturday, June 20 and ending August 15 (no lessons July 4).

Saturday, May 9th - **Treasure Island Community Work Day!** Come help ready the beach and park for summer. Bring a rake and gloves. Children welcome. Snack and beverages provided.

**Treasure Island Beach Party!** Friday, August 14th from 12-4pm. There is a DJ-Led Beach Party, Community Cookout, Lifeguard-Led games and more!

**Treasure Island officially opens Saturday, June 20!** Treasure Island Season Passes are now available for purchase at the Thetford Town Offices. Thetford Residents: Family, \$60, Individual, \$30; Non-Residents: Family, \$80, Individual, \$40. Otherwise, daily admission is \$5/Adults, and \$2/children up to age 18 and under 2. Seniors age 65 and older are free. See you at the beach!

*Ann and Scott O'Hearn*

## OPEN FIELDS MEDIÉVAL FESTIVAL

**SAT., MAY 23, 11AM-4PM  
ON THETFORD HILL GREEN**

Open Fields School once again presents its annual family-friendly Medieval Festival, bringing the Green alive with the sights and sounds of a medieval village.

This year, the No Strings Marionette Company will perform Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale. Entertainment includes morris dancing by Catamount Morris, a Shakespearean sonnet performance, traditional songs, and a maypole dance. Come see a fire spinning show by Phoenix Bazaar, belly-dancing demonstrations by Raq On Dance, a sword demonstration by Sensei Aaron Hoopes, and hear traditional songs performed by mezzo-soprano Mary Ann Stanford and classical guitarist Frank Kelecy.

As in years past, this year's festival combines the demonstration of traditional arts with hands-on activities. Try your hand at felting, milling, weaving, calligraphy, candle-making, and beading. We'd love to have local artisans demonstrate their talents. (Traditional arts preferred.) There is no fee; we only ask that you enhance the festival by demonstrating your art and by answering questions about how you create your products.

Volunteers (including high school students fulfilling a community service requirement) are always needed. Donations from individuals and sponsorship from businesses also help. Contact Mindy Wren Barth at [mindy@openfields.org](mailto:mindy@openfields.org), call Open Fields at 802.785.2077, or visit [www.VTMedFest.com](http://www.VTMedFest.com).

Admission is \$7 per person. Children 4 and under are free. Buy tickets at [www.VTMedFest.com](http://www.VTMedFest.com) or at the gate. We hope to see you there!

*Mindy Wren Barth*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

**TECH NIGHTS:** Thursdays, May 7 and 21, 6:30-8:00 pm. Working on creating a website, blog, online store or Facebook page? Need help with a new computer? Come get some tech help in a relaxed atmosphere!

**SPRING BOOK SALE:** Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Books for children and adults, books on CD, and movies on DVD will be for sale at great prices. We are now accepting donations of new/lightly used books, CDs, and DVDs. Please NO cassettes, VHS tapes, encyclopedias, textbooks,

Reader's Digest condensed books, older travel guides, musty, moldy, or torn books. Thank you!

**BOOK REVIEW CLUB:** This monthly group for 4th graders and up lets you check out Latham Library's new books, learn to write a book review, and have your reviews posted in displays and on the library website. First Mondays of the month at 3:15 pm.

**TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS:** a playgroup for babies, toddlers and caregivers. Wednesdays at 10 am.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:** Fridays at 10:30 am. All preschoolers and their caregivers welcome.

**KNITTING GROUP:** \*Please note change in time\* Knitting Group will now be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 pm. Both beginners and experienced knitters welcome!

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**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.

**LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION:** May 12 at 7 p.m.: Deb Brooks, author of "He Runs, She Runs: Why Gender Stereotypes Do Not Harm Women Candidates," will discuss gender and politics.

**PEABODY LIBRARY SPRING FLING DANCE PARTY!** May 29, 7-10 p.m. at the Pavilion in East Thetford. Music, food and family friendly fun, all to benefit the oldest continually operated library building in Vermont. Thetford/Norwich band Loco Parentis will play rock and roll favorites so come ready to dance! Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided, BYOB. \$15/person, \$25/family suggested donation.

*Emily Zollo*

## THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Bridget Dugan-Sullivan '06**, who was recently named the Director of Athletics after

serving as Interim Director for the past year.

Thetford Academy students Matt Sonnhalter '15 and Josh Paton '15 were chosen as the **Outstanding Students for the 3rd Quarter** in their respective programs at the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC). These students are to be congratulated for their academic achievement, hard work, and positive attitude.

Thetford Academy recognizes the academic achievements of **92 Honors students** at the annual Honors Celebration on Wednesday, May 6. Congratulations to all our students!

**Operation Day's Work** is Wed., May 6. Thanks to all of you who are hiring TA students and supporting their efforts to raise money for the Livelihoods Project for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Zimbabwe.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00pm in the TA Library. The public is welcome to attend.

The spring musical, "**The Mystery of Edwin Drood**", will be performed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 14, 15, and 16 in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Call Thetford Academy at 802.785-4805 for more information.

The **Spring Instrumental Music Concert** will be held on Thursday, May 2, at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. This is a musical event not to be missed!

**School will be closed on Mon., May 25**, for Memorial Day. We hope all will take a moment to pause and reflect.

*Wendy Cole*

## GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto:thetford@pendane.com) by the 25th of the month or by calling me at 802-356-4542. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received and may need to edit for space. Feedback is always welcome.

*Susanna French*