

THETFORD ACADEMY

The 2015-2016 school year is under way: Thetford Academy welcomed 314 students from 12 towns in the Upper Valley, China, Greece, Germany, and The Netherlands on August 26.

Smile, you're on camera! School pictures will be taken on Fri., Sept. 4.

Parents of the Class of 2021 are invited to a **7th Grade Parent meeting** on Wed., Sept. 9, in the TA Library in the White Building. Call 785.4805 x201 for information on meeting time.

The Thetford Academy **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Thurs., Sept. 10, at 7:00 pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome to attend.

Students, faculty, and staff at TA will participate in the annual tradition of **Mountain Day** on Fri., Sept. 18. The rain date is Monday, Sept. 21.

Parents' **Back to School Night** and Senior **Parent Info Night** will be Thurs., Sept. 24. Meet in the Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium at 6:00 pm.

The **Senior Class Welcome Dance** for students in grades 7-12 will be held on Fri., Sept. 25, from 7:30-9:30 pm. Many thanks in advance from the chaperones for being prompt when picking up students at the end of the evening.

The **Cross Country and Soccer** seasons are under way. For up-to-date schedules, visit thetfordacademy.org or call the school.

Thinking ahead to the next two months, we need you! Volunteers are needed at the 25th annual **Woods Trail Run** on Sat., Oct. 3, when TA will host more than 2,000 middle and high school runners from all over New England. Also, on Sat., Oct. 31, TA will once again host the **Vermont State Cross Country Championship Races**. On Sat., Nov. 14, TA will host the **New England Championship Races**.

We cannot run these races without you: volunteers are needed for all three days. Contact TA Athletic Director Bridget Dugan-Sullivan at Bridget.Dugan-Sullivan@Thet.Net or at 802.785.4805 x266 if you have even an hour to give. These are fun community events, even if the weather does not cooperate.

Wendy Cole

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next meeting will take place at 7 pm on Tues., Sept. 29th at Latham Library on Thetford Hill.

We will be discussing *Making Our Democracy Work* by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer.

Find the book at your local library, via interlibrary loan, your local bookstore, or at bookfinder.com. Free downloadable audios and eBooks are frequently available through your library as well. In Vermont, the program is ListenUp Vermont. In New Hampshire, it is New Hampshire Downloadable Books.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

E D M Landman MD

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

NEW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Children in **grades 3-6** are invited to Latham Library for afterschool activities on Fridays, beginning Sept. 4. A program will be held on every Friday that TES is in session, aside from Fridays during the ski program. Activities will begin directly after school, and will run until 4:15 pm. There will be snacks, stories and games, crafts, and other activities each week.

MAGIC THE GATHERING NIGHT! Thurs., Sept. 24 at 6:30 pm. Come play Magic cards with your friends. Bring your deck! All ages welcome.

NEW RECYCLING RULES

Casella is now handling recycling for the town of Thetford. Please be aware of the following rules.

PAPER ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Milk or juice cartons, 3-ring/spiral notebooks, plates, frozen or refrigerated food/drink boxes, paper cups, hazardous paper towels, facial tissue, hardcover books. Do not tie newspaper or cardboard with twine. Remove handles from paper bags.

PLASTIC ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Dishes, plastic bags or wrapping, rigid plastics, VHS tapes, CDs, DVDs. Remove handles from pails.

Rigid plastics are plastic items that include sleds, soda crates, laundry baskets, plastic chairs, carts, toys, garbage cans and general household items.

GLASS ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex.

METAL ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Scrap metal, pots, pans, batteries, needles, syringes.

OTHER ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Anything containing food waste, paints, oils, styrofoam, ceramics, wood/lumber, yard trimmings, clothing/textiles, large materials.

PLEASE NOTE

Only aluminum (non-beverage) and tin cans are acceptable in the commingle bin. We have separate places for all aluminum beverage containers, redeemable or not.

Please do *not* put recyclables in plastic bags. Many stores will recycle them for you.

Lids and caps *can* remain on empty plastic bottles.

TOWN OF THETFORD WEATHER EVENTS ROADS MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Responding to increasing demands on road maintenance services, the Thetford Selectboard and DPW Foreman developed these guidelines to prioritize the maintenance of roads under severe weather events (snow, freezing rain, mud conditions or flooding).

When schools are in session, school bus routes are maintained first. Other blacktopped roads are next, then the remaining gravel roads are plowed and/or sanded. At other times, blacktopped roads are a priority followed by gravel roads.

With concern for the DPW Road Crew's personal safety driving throughout the day and into the night, during minor snowstorms, the DPW Road Crew will not attempt to keep the roads clear by plowing through the night (10:00PM to 4:00AM).

The DPW Road Crew is available for fire/medical/police emergencies as necessary.

These guidelines cannot cover all situations; the Thetford Selectboard authorizes the DPW Foreman to use his/her discretion in the implementation of these guidelines.

Vehicle operators are responsible for making a personal decision whether the roads

are safe to travel at any time at a safe speed and in a vehicle that is appropriate to the conditions present.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Thetford Board of Selectmen on December 14, 1992, and in effect as of this date. Amended February 1, 1993. Reconfirmed January 2, 1997. May 4, 2015 First Reading of Revised Weather Events Road Maintenance Guidelines. May 18, 2015 Second Reading of Revised Weather Events Road Maintenance Guidelines. June 8, 2015 Third Reading and Adoption of Revised Weather Events Road Maintenance Guidelines to replace Winter Roads Maintenance Policy.

Kim Edgar, Selectboard Assistant

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

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

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

KNITTING GROUP Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

CHANGES TO PEABODY AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: Children in grades K-2 will be invited to visit the Peabody Library on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm for stories, activities, and a snack, beginning Sept. 2. A program will be held on every Wednesday that TES is in session. Students can ride the school bus from TES to the library in Post Mills.

For more info on these programs, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

LUNCHEON FOR SEPTEMBER

It's autumn! Come help celebrate the equinox at the September TEN Luncheon on Thursday the 24th at 11:30 at North Thetford Church. We can swap stories of our school-days, too!

You'll enjoy American chop suey with extras and a chocolate dessert, very likely. Soft music will go well with conversation and puzzles. If you would like to share a story from your adventures as a youngster going to

school, you'll find people ready to hear it and those told by others.

TEN Luncheons are sponsored by Senior Solutions and held, usually, the fourth Thursday of the month. We may need to make changes in program or menu.

Susan Rump

TOWN OF THETFORD

LATHAM ROAD BRIDGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - FALL 2015

The Project involves the Eastern End of Latham Road between Schoolhouse Road and Route 5. It will start on Tues., Sept. 8, 2015, with the closure of the road for the purpose of replacing the bridge spanning Gunn Brook, as per our VTrans Structures Grant. Repairs of that section of Latham Road will follow bridge construction, as per our VTrans Paving Grant.

Signage to notify residents of the road closure is planned to be installed on Aug. 31, 2015. The construction contract allows the closure of this section of the road for 75 days, with the expectation of the Bridge and Road Construction Company (Winterset, Inc.) to take less time than projected. Latham and Schoolhouse roads will remain open. The closed sections will be between Schoolhouse Road and Rt. 5.

If you have any concerns, contact:

- Mary Ellen Parkman
zoning@thetfordvermont.us
- Stuart Rogers
selectboard@thetfordvermont.us

OPEN POSITIONS

The Selectboard is seeking Letters of Interest to serve on the Thetford Energy Committee (two open positions), Thetford Historical Preservation Committee (two open positions), and Thetford Planning Commission (two open positions). Learn more at thetfordvermont.us.

Kim Edgar, Selectboard Assistant

THE PARISH PLAYERS

In Michael Healey's *The Drawer Boy*, Miles, played by Joe Guarino, a young actor from the big city, lives with two aging bachelor farmers, played by Will Giblin and M. Carl Kaufman, to gather stories about rural life.

The farmers' lives are irrevocably altered when art attempts to imitate life and the line between truth and fiction is crossed.

Sept. 11-27: Fri/Sat 7:30 pm, Sundays, 3:00 pm. Eclipse Grange Theatre, 193 Academy Road. Reserve tickets at parishplayers.org or call 785-4344. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students \$10.

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GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or call me at (802) 356-4542 by the 29th of the month. I generally enter news in the order in which it is received, and may need to edit for space. There may not be room for late submissions (but I do my best).

Feedback is always welcome.

Susanna French, editor