

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

HEATING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

Keep your house comfortable and save money by not wasting energy during the heating season.

- Check weatherstripping and caulk cracks around doors and windows
- Close your storm windows and lock your windows
- Program night temperature set-back on your thermostat to 50°
- Clean heat vents and fin tubing
- Service your furnace or boiler for maximum efficiency
- Wash windows for solar gain

The U.S. Department of Energy recommends using draperies to reduce heat loss. Close draperies at night, as well as those that don't receive sunlight during the day.

Learn more heat-saving tips at tiny.cc/tec1015.

Alice Stewart

THETFORD FIRE DEPT.

ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT AND HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

The spooky maze has been created, the candy is in cauldrons ready to hand out, the baked goods are prepared and the punch supplies are purchased! We are ready to welcome our community to the 17th Halloween event at the Fire Station on Oct. 31 from 6-8 pm. We are so excited to see everyone. We will again have a teal pumpkin at the treat table, a sign that we have allergy-safe treats: non-food items for visitors with dietary restrictions.

Thank you for helping make Halloween safe and fun for our community.

Mariah Whitcomb, Thetford Fire Chief

FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Get updates about the Tri-Town Commission/Lake Fairlee Dam Renovation Project on the town site at tiny.cc/thetford-ttc.

Thetford resident **Marty Moses has been hired as the new Selectboard Assistant.** Marty has worked for the Selectboard and the Vt. Judicial Court in White River Junction.

Kim Edgar

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THIS ANNUAL MEETING

Sun., Oct. 18th
North Thetford Church Hall

5:00 pm: Brief Business Meeting, including election of officers and trustees, followed by a Potluck Supper (bring a favorite dish to share).

6:30 pm: Program: The Connecticut: New England's Great River, with Lyme's Adair Mulligan. Come learn more about this unique scenic and historic resource on a 400-mile virtual journey from Pittsburg, N.H., to Long Island Sound, and get a head start for this year's...

THETFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE

Fri., Nov. 6 at 7:00 pm
Thetford Academy

Teams of three compete in two divisions (youth and adult), answering multiple choice questions. This year's theme is **The Connecticut River—Source to Sea.** Questions will cover the physical, cultural, and historic resources within the geographic area of the Connecticut River Watershed. The Bee is great fun. Form a team and join us! Learn more at thetfordhistoricalsociety.org.

Martha Howard

PARISH PLAYERS

NEW SHOW: ANGEL STREET

This is the mystery/thriller on which the film Gaslight was based. Directed by Barbara Payson.

Fri./Sat., Oct 23-24 and 30-31, Nov. 6-7 at 7:30 pm. Sunday matinées Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8 at 3 pm.

THE 10TH ANNUAL 10-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

Accepting submissions through Nov. 1. Auditions December through early January. Performances in Feb. 2016. Visit parishplayers.org to submit, audition, or get involved backstage.

PARISH PLAYERS RECEIVE TWO 2015 OWL AWARDS

The awards recognize excellent work among Upper Valley Arts organizations, for Best Drama (Long Day's Journey Into Night) and Best Original Theater (2015 TENS Festival).

Samantha Davidson Green

THETFORD ACADEMY

Congratulations to **Julian Greene**, Thetford Academy's Student of the Month for September 2015. His teachers say Julian is "is always conscious of the feelings and well being of others and is respectful and polite with his fellow students and adults. He honors his friends and in return is honored by them."

Nadia Clement '16 was recently named a semi-finalist, and Rachel Twerdowsky '16 a commended student, in the 2016 **National Merit Scholarship Program.** TA is proud of these two scholastically talented seniors. Congratulations!

Woods Trail Run Sat., Oct. 3! Over 2200 student cross country runners from eight states will compete on Saturday on the Dan Grossman Trail behind the Academy. Volunteers are

always welcome, whether for an hour or the whole day. To volunteer or for more information, contact Bridget Dugan-Sullivan, Meet Co-Director, at Bridget.Dugan-Sullivan@Thet.Net. We can't run these meets without you!

The TA **Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting Thurs., Oct. 8 at 7:00 pm in the TA Library. The meeting is open to the public.

Thetford Academy will host its annual **Open House** for prospective students and their families on Wed., Oct. 14. The evening will start at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall. Talk with current students, hear from TA faculty, learn the parent perspective, and tour the campus. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Wendy Cole, Director of Admissions, at 785-2600 or Wendy.Cole@Thet.Net.

VSAC **Paying for College Night** will be hosted by the Counseling Department on Thurs., Oct. 15, at 6:00 pm. Meet in the Martha Jane Rich Theater.

If you missed the opportunity the first time around, **picture retakes** for staff and students will be offered on Oct. 27, starting at 7:30am in the Alumni Room.

We're off and running again (but not without you)! On Sat., Oct. 31, Thetford Academy will host the **Vermont State Cross Country Championship races**. As always, we need volunteers for a variety of jobs. Contact Bridget Dugan-Sullivan at Bridget.Dugan-Sullivan@Thet.Net

Mark your calendars for the **New England High School Championship Races** on Sat., Nov. 14. Contact Bridget Dugan-Sullivan for more information and to volunteer.

Wendy Cole

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT! Fri., Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm. All talents welcome! Refreshments will be served.

CUBA SLIDE SHOW: Thurs., Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm. See photos taken by Lynne Miller on her trip to Cuba. This

colorful program will give you an insight into the culture and people of this beautiful country.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT LATHAM LIBRARY: Children in **grades 3-6** are invited every Friday that TES is in session, aside from Fridays during the ski program. Activities will run directly after school until 4:15 pm. There will be snacks, stories, games, crafts, and other activities each week.

- Oct. 2: Make your own catapult
- Oct. 9: No program
- Oct. 16: Ephemeral Fall Sculptures (weather permitting)
- Oct. 23: Paper Airplanes
- Oct. 30: Create a haunted house

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

TALES AND TUNES WITH TOTS is 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

PEABODY LIBRARY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING: Children in grades K-2 are invited on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 for stories, activities and a snack, every week that TES is in session. Students can ride the school bus to the library in Post Mills.

- Oct. 7: Fairy Houses (weather permitting)
- Oct. 14: Leaf Crafts
- Oct. 21: Legos
- Oct. 28: Halloween Party

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

WOW: TEN'S OCTOBER LUNCHEON!

Thurs., Oct. 22, at 11:30 am
North Thetford Church

Fresh, crisp air, changing colors, good food, lively talk on engaging topics—October brings them all!

The menu will include stir fry with chicken, vegetables, and rice, salad,

and apple crisp with ice cream, along with your beverage.

Our very own Dale Gephart, MD, will offer safety tips and ideas that could increase our health and comfort.

We'll have puzzles to work on together before lunch or take home for later, plus helpful brochures.

TEN Luncheons are supported by Senior Solutions and made possible by the Thetford Elder Network committees and volunteers.

To RSVP, call Martha at 785-4274. To volunteer, call Cathy at 785-3136.

We may need to change ingredients or activities according to availability.

Susan Rump

BIRD MIGRATION TALK BY BRIDGET BUTLER

Thurs., Oct. 8 at 7 pm, Thetford Academy, Martha Jane Rich Theater

Bridget Butler, Vermont's 'Bird Diva,' is a passionate teacher and naturalist who has worked for the Audubon Society throughout New England. You may have heard her with Jane Lindholm on VPR's bird shows.

Hear about the wonders of bird migration and see some stunning photography. Get tips on making the most of fall migration, and help protect birds on their journeys and in their habitat.

Free! All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served. Enthusiastically sponsored by your Thetford & West Fairlee Conservation Commissions.

Contact Libby Chapin at 333-9308 or Peggy Willey at 333-4155.

Libby Chapin

GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send it to thetford@pendane.com or by calling 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