

SELECTBOARD NEWS

POSITIONS EXPIRING

The following elected positions have terms that expire March 1, 2016.

- Town Moderator, 1 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner, 2 years to complete 3 year term
- Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year term
- Lister, 3 year term
- Selectboard, 2 year term
- Selectboard, 3 year term
- Town Clerk, 3 year term
- Trustee of Latham Library, 4 year term
- Trustee of Latham Library, 1 year to complete 4 year term
- School Moderator, 1 year term
- School Director, 2 year term
- School Director, 3 year term

Nominating petitions can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, or you may contact us to request one. Petitions require 22 signatures and are due back on Jan. 25 at 5 pm.

TOWN MEETING FEB. 27, 2016

Petitions for articles for the town meeting warning are due Jan. 14 and must contain 105 signatures.

Town Meeting will be at Thetford Elementary on Feb. 27, 2016 at 9 am.

VOTE MARCH 1, 2016

Voting will be held at Town Hall on Town and School Officer, School Budget and Presidential Primary.

Contact me for more information at townclerk@thetfordvermont.us.

Tracy Borst

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

VERMONT HUMANITIES COUNCIL BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES: "Futures: Utopia & Apocalypse." Mondays at 7:00 pm. Books available for loan at Latham Library.

- Jan. 11: *Looking Backward* by Edward Bellamy

- Jan. 25: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- Feb. 8: *Herland* by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Feb. 22: *Galapagos* by Kurt Vonnegut

MAGIC CARD NIGHT: Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:30-8:00pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with your friends. Please bring your own deck. All ages welcome.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Sat., Jan. 23 at 6:30 pm. Movie TBA. Free admission and popcorn.

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.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMING AT LATHAM LIBRARY: Children in grades 3-6 are invited every Friday TES is in session, **aside from Fridays during the ski program.** Activities will run from 3:00-4:15 pm. There will be snacks, stories, games, crafts, and other activities each week.

Please note that because of the Friday ski program at TES, there will only be one afterschool program at Latham this month, on Jan. 8.

PEABODY LIBRARY

WINTER COFFEEHOUSE WITH LOCAL BAND "OUT ON A LIMB:" Wed., Jan. 20 at 7 pm. Out on a Limb plays in the 'new-folk' tradition, throwing in a few originals and dance-tune sets, flirting with bluegrass, jazz and rock n roll. Come enjoy hot beverages, snacks, and some great music on a winter's night!

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.

For more info about the Thetford Libraries (including lists of new books and movies!) please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

THETFORD ACADEMY

Classes resume **Monday, Jan. 4.** We hope all have had a restful, relaxing, and joy-filled break.

Congratulations to **Emma Glazer '17**, the December Student of the Month. She is described as a junior who models intellectual curiosity, community spirit and kindness. Emma Glazer leads by example, inside and outside of the classroom, and reminds us of the power of each individual to make each day a little brighter.

Mr. TA 2015 has been crowned! Congratulations to Julio Lopez Linehan '16 for besting a talent-filled dozen young men to wear the crown. Over \$6000 was raised. Ten Rwandan students will have the opportunity to spend another year in school. It was a mighty effort by all involved!

TA basketball is in full swing. Contact Athletic Director Bridget Dugan-Sullivan at TA for a schedule of home and away games.

VSAC Financial Aid Forms Night, sponsored by the Counseling Office, will take place on Wed., Jan. 6, from 6-8 pm in the TA Library.

The **Thetford Academy Board of Trustees** will hold its monthly meeting on Tues., Jan. 12, at 7:00 pm in the TA Library. All are welcome.

It's time again for the annual **Ten-Minute Play Festival.** Performances this year will be held on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 14 and 15, starting at 7:00 pm in the Martha

Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

Semester break (weather permitting) will be **Fri., Jan. 15–Mon., Jan. 18**. The second semester begins Tues., Jan. 19.

Parent and Student Drivers' Education Night will be held in the Martha Jane Rich Theater from 6:30-7:30 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The Class of 2018 will host a **dance for students in grades 7-12** on Fri., Jan. 22 from 7:30-9:30 pm. Parents, please pick up your children in a timely manner; it is very appreciated by the chaperones!

College Night for Juniors and their Parents will be held on Thurs., Jan. 28, at 6:00 pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater. The snow date is Feb. 4.

Wendy Cole

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

JANUARY TEN LUNCHEON

Come visit and dine! What better way to thrive in midwinter?

Thetford Elder Network invites you to arrive at the North Thetford Church at 11:30 am Thurs., Jan. 28, for a luncheon of savory meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, honey-glazed carrots with parsley, tossed salad, beverage of choice, and brownies with ice cream.

Count on a delicious meal, a puzzle or two, music, and good company.

TEN Luncheons are held once monthly and sponsored by Senior Solutions. Donations are appreciated. To volunteer for a task, speak with a member of the kitchen team or leave a message for Cathy at 785-3136.

Susan Rump

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

FREE LED BULBS!

Thanks to a generous Thetford donor, families who meet the income guidelines below are eligible to receive up to five FREE energy saving, long lasting LED (Light-Emitting Diode) bulbs. These bulbs will save money, reduce your energy use and protect the planet by cutting greenhouse gas emissions. The bulbs are available at the Thetford food shelf and through the Thetford Elder Network and town churches as long as they last.

These LEDs produce the same light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb, but use only 10 watts. Replacing one 60W incandescent that you use an average of five hours a day with a 10W LED will save you about \$13.70/year in electric use!

These LEDs are rated to last 25,000

hours or almost 14 years if used five hours a day – about 10 times longer than an incandescent. And they are fully dimmable – you may need to change your dimmer switch to one compatible with LEDs.

To get the most out of these LEDs, we suggest you use them to replace the incandescent bulbs that run the longest in your home and relegate the incandescents to infrequently used places like closets.

Number of residents in home and maximum qualifying income level:

1 – \$41,940	5 – \$64,620
2 – \$47,880	6 – \$69,390
3 – \$53,910	7 – \$74,250
4 – \$59,850	

For information on other energy saving opportunities, contact the Thetford Energy Committee at bobwalkervt@gmail.com or at 802-785-4126.

Bob Walker

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



The original Thetford Academy was situated just north of the Eclipse Grange in Thetford Hill. TA educated girls from the start, becoming Vermont's first coeducational secondary school. Goddard, the building with the cupola, was erected in 1818; the dormitory at its right was added in 1845.

A fire destroyed the academy in 1942, taking with it the dormitory, the town library, and another building as residents and students scurried to save books and furniture. Miraculously, there were no fatalities. Coal in the academy's cellar smoldered for months, even as students returned to school in borrowed quarters just one week later. TA reopened across Academy Road in 1949.

Courtesy of University of Vermont Special Collections.