

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

INVASIVE PLANT TRAINING

May 8, 2-4pm at Dan & Dana Grossman's property, 649 Garey Rd., first right off of Rte. 113, up the hill from I-91 towards Thetford Hill.

Vermont's invasive guru Elizabeth Spinney will help you learn to identify garlic mustard, buckthorn, knotweed and wild chervil; learn when and how to remove invasives, so you don't unknowingly make things worse; and learn what hand tools work best.

Wear work clothes and bring gloves and water. Light snack provided.

After the workshop, volunteers will fan out along our roads to find garlic mustard. Bring your own plastic bags. There will be a one-time free collection of trash bags containing garlic mustard plants at the town recycling center on June 11 until noon.

*Libby Chapin 333-9308
Jim McCracken 785-2925*

BIRD WALK AT TAYLOR FLOODPLAIN PRESERVE

May 14, 7:30-10am (rain date May 15). Meet at Crossroad Farm Stand, 671 West Fairlee Road, Post Mills, with Dr. George Clark. We will stroll on mostly level ground and have light refreshments under the trees. Bring binoculars, bug repellent and waterproof footwear!

Connie Snyder 785-2729; Li Shen 785-4950

THETFORD-STRAFFORD SOLAR PROJECT

Invest in a community solar array that will reward you with credits on your electric bill and benefit the town of Thetford with lower electricity rates. Our towns have a chance to start a large community project in 2016 if we recruit enough members now. A \$100 deposit secures one share; \$75 refund if you decide to withdraw later.

Sign up at tscs2017.wix.com/tscs or by attending a forum at the Thetford Center Community Building on **May 10 at 7pm.**

*Michael Kiess
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POST MILLS ANNUAL BALLOON MEET

Fri., May 20—Sun. am, May 22. Balloons launch at 6am and 6pm, weather permitting. Free. Pancake breakfast Sat. and Sun. to benefit Revels. Afternoon meals to benefit Caring Community Preschool. Come meet balloon pilots, crew, and enthusiasts from around all over! Tour the Museum of Rusty Dusty Stuff. Spend time with friends and neighbors (pets on leash please).

Brian Boland 333-9254

OPEN FIELDS MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL

Sat., May 28, 11am-4pm on the Thetford Hill green, rain or shine. The No Strings Marionette Company will perform Jack and the Beanstalk. Celebrate the age via music, dance, games of skill and chance, food, parades, storytelling, Benny the Dragon, juggling and acrobatics. Costumes are encouraged.

Tickets \$7/person; children 4 and under are free; buy tickets online or at the gate. Learn more at vmedfest.com.

Leslie Berger

BABY/KID/MATERNITY YARD SALE AND BENEFIT

May 14, 8:30am-12pm at the Thetford Community Center. Includes a benefit bake sale (contact us if you can make something). This sale will benefit muscular dystrophy research (a local child in our mom/parent group has the disease). We need baby/kid clothing and shoes in great condition (no non-clothing items, please).

Drop off items at Latham Library; Lebanon Fire Station 1, 12 South Park St., or Station 2, 63 Main Street; and Hanover Fire Station, 48 Lyme Rd.

*Rachael: mrs.rachael.cook@gmail.com
Gail: gpaigemba06@gmail.com*

FIRE DEPT. OPEN HOUSE

May 21, 11am-2pm. Firefighting games for the kids, tours, fire and injury prevention information, fall risk screening, free 911 address signs and more.

Chief Mariah Whitcomb

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

May luncheon **11:30am Thurs., May 26.** North Thetford Church Community Room. Savory chicken enchiladas, corn with rice, chips with salsa, tossed salad, a beverage, and a dessert. David Greenfield returns with his guitar and vocals (in English).

Thetford Elder Network monthly luncheons are sponsored by Senior Solutions. Donations appreciated. To volunteer, speak with a member of the kitchen team or contact Cathy at 785-3136. Sincere thanks to our dynamic chef Pam and volunteers.

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Makerspace Workshop for Kids

Fri., May 13, 3-4:30pm for kids in grades 3-6. Explore "squishy circuits" (creating an electrical circuit using conductive play dough).

Magic Card Night Mon., May 16, 6:30-8pm. Come play Magic, the card game, with friends. All ages welcome. Please bring your own deck.

Spring Book Sale! Sat., May 28 from 9am-3pm to benefit the Latham Memorial Library. We accept good quality books, movies on DVD, music and books on CD, and puzzles. Please,

no musty, moldy, torn or damaged donations. We do not accept VHS tapes, encyclopedias, textbooks, or Reader's Digest condensed books.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

After school program: Kids in grades 3-6 are invited every Friday TES is in session. Activities will run from 3-4:15pm, including snacks, stories, games, crafts, and other activities.

Tales and Tunes with Tots, a playgroup for babies and toddlers and their caregivers. 10am Wednesdays.

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30am. All preschoolers and caregivers welcome.

Knitting Group Thursdays from 6-8pm. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome.

PEABODY LIBRARY

Boogie for Books! Fri., May 20, 7-10pm. at the East Thetford Pavilion (140 Pavilion Road). Music, food and family friendly fun to benefit Vermont's oldest continually operating library building, celebrating 150th years. Loco Parentis will play rock & roll favorites. \$15/person, \$25/family suggested donation includes snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB.

After school program: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm Children in grades K-2 are invited for stories, activities and a snack every week that TES is in session, unless noted. They can ride the school bus to the library.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org.

Emily Zollo

THETFORD ACADEMY

'ACADEMY ROOTS' SEEKS GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

TA students are building a root garden to produce 2,000 pounds of vegetables for donation to the food shelf. We are looking for help caring for the garden from June-August. Contact academy.roots@thet.net.

Michael Kiess

TA SEEKS HOST FAMILIES

We are looking for host families for next year's international students.

The program's success depends upon caring and supportive local families. They receive support and guidance from TA, and a monthly stipend of \$800 to cover living expenses for the 10-month academic school year.

*Nancy Lindahl 785-4805 x267
nancy.lindahl@thet.net*

OTHER TA NEWS

Congratulations to Reshma Rampersaud '17, **Student of the Month** for April, and Katie Borst '16, **Outstanding Student of the Quarter**.

Mon., May 2, is **Incoming 9th Grade Student/Parent Night**. Student-led tours start at 6pm; presentation at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

Incoming 7th graders will visit TA Thurs., May 5. Welcome, Class of 2022!

Wed., May 11, is **Operation Day's Work**, supporting students in Haiti. If you can hire a student or two. contact Steve (steve.niederhauser@thet.net, 785-2600).

TA will celebrate the accomplishments of 81 talented students at the annual **Honors Celebration** on Wed., May 11.

The TA Board of Trustees **monthly meeting** is Thurs., May 19, 7:00pm in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is invited to attend.

TA's annual **spring musical** runs May 19-21 at 7:30pm in Anderson Hall. Call 785-4805 for more info.

Spring **instrumental and choral concert:** Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium, Thurs., May 26, 6:30pm.

Wendy Cole

THETFORD SELECTBOARD

Thanks to members of our community who participated in Town Meeting for their support and engagement.

Thanks to Town Forester Ehrhard Frost for his efforts with improving the parking lot at Treasure Island. We would also like to welcome Gabriella Pacht as the new Treasure Island manager. Her expertise in waterfront safety and her management skills will be a great asset to Treasure Island.

The Selectboard is working closely with the State in repaving Route 113, and constructing the Lake Fairlee Dam, which begins on May 9.

We wrapped up discussions and revisions to the lease for the Fish and Game club and believe we have reached a fair, equitable, balanced solution for all parties involved.

A highlight for the Selectboard was visiting the TES third grade and being interviewed by students.

James Dixon

GREEN UP DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7

Please be aware of traffic, wear bright colored clothing, gloves and solid footwear, and check for ticks. Green Up VT is warning of the dangers of meth lab waste and needles. Do not pick up these items; mark the site and contact police.

Green Up may be done anytime. Bags are available at the Town Clerk's office. Bring roadside trash to the Town Garage from 9am-12pm on Sat, May 7 for free disposal. Contact jeaton@thetfordvermont.us to claim a road for cleanup.

Jessica Eaton

THETFORD SCHOOL BOARD

We would like to thank Erin Stewart for her three years of service. Erin accomplished a great deal during her tenure, including leading the TES solar array installation that will impact our community for generations.

We are seeking a Thetford resident to serve on the TES School Board until March 2017. The annual stipend is \$1,000. Send letter of interest, resume, and references to Shannon Darrah, TES Board Chair, 2689 Rte. 113, Thetford, VT 05074 or shabbott88@gmail.com.

Meeting minutes, agendas, Act 46 survey results, presentations and annual reports are under the Community tab at thetfordschool.org.

Julie Acker

GOT NEWS?

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