

TOWN OF THETFORD

The following are Town of Thetford positions that are open for election this coming March 7.

To put your name on the ballot, fill out a petition including 25 signatures from Thetford voters by 1/30 at 5pm. Go to tiny.cc/ThetfordNominations2017. For more information, email me or stop by town hall during office hours.

- Town & School Moderator
1 year terms
- Cemetery Commissioner
3 year term
- Collector of Delinquent Taxes
3 year term
- Lister
3 year term
- School Director
2 year term
- School Director
3 year term
- Selectboard Member
3 year term
- Selectboard Member
2 year term
- Selectboard Member
1 year to complete 3 year term
- Town Treasurer
3 year term
- Trustee of Trust Funds
3 year term

Tracy Borst

WEATHERIZE UPPER VALLEY

MORE COMFORT, LESS MONEY, AND 100% LOCAL

Thetford is teaming up with Hartland, Hartford, Norwich, Vital Communities, Efficiency Vermont, and local home energy contractors to help homeowners save money and stay warm by weatherizing their homes.

Attend our Kick-Off Event, Wed., Jan. 18th, 6-8 pm, at the Montshire Museum of Science.

Doors open at 6, presentation starts

6:30. Meet the volunteer team and our partner contractors, and learn about costs, benefits, incentives, and how you can participate and benefit.

ABOUT WEATHERIZE

Weatherize is run by a team of volunteers from the Hartland, Hartford, Norwich, and Thetford energy committees, with support from Vital Communities and Efficiency Vermont.

Our four Weatherize partner contractors, Building Energy, Solsaa Building and Energy Solutions, Van de Ven Construction, and Vermont Foam Insulation, are offering FREE professional consults, home visits, and energy improvement quotes for residents in our four towns.

Sign a contract with one of our partner contractors by May 31 and be eligible to win up to \$2,500 toward the cost of your home energy project, in addition to Efficiency Vermont rebates.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most weatherization projects focus on air sealing and insulation. According to Efficiency Vermont, the average cost of weatherization improvements in our region is \$7,800 (before rebates, which average around \$1,500), resulting in increased comfort and 26% average energy savings annually.

Learn more :
vitalcommunities.org/weatherize.

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THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Rebates for Replacing Your Old Wood Stove with an EPA-Certified Model

Vermont's Clean Energy Development Fund has a new wood stove change-out incentive program!

Through participating retailers, you

can replace your old, in-use wood stove if it doesn't meet EPA standards (generally pre-1988 models) with an EPA-qualified cord wood or pellet stove. Program goals:

- Reduce emissions of wood smoke in Vermont
- Increase the use of cleaner wood and wood pellet burning stoves in Vermont
- Promote sustainable and healthy VT forest economy
- Support VT wood and pellet stove manufacturers and dealers

Local participating retailers include Home Comfort Warehouse in White River Junction and Woodstock Soapstone Company in West Lebanon. Rebates range from \$500 to \$1500 and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out if your stove qualifies and learn more at tiny.cc/ReplaceStoveVT.

Alice Stewart

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

Happy New Year from Thetford Elder Network!

Let's kick off 2017's Luncheon schedule a bit late; by then we might be able to feel and see more sunlight!

Come to the TEN January Luncheon at 11:30, Thurs., Jan. 26, at the North Thetford church. Please mark your calendar now.

Also, be thinking of a family member, neighbor, or friend of yours who'd enjoy lunching with you, and invite her/him to come - or to give you a ride. It's great to carpool!

After your arrival, you'll feast on meatloaf made with local, grass-fed Shire beef, baked potato with sour cream & butter, carrots-peas-corn medley, beverage, and chocolate brownies with ganache frosting. The program is still in the works.

Sponsored by Senior Solutions, monthly TEN Luncheons are held on fourth Thursdays with occasional exceptions. Donations are greatly appreciated. To volunteer for a specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

Thanks to all who make these fun events possible, and those who participate!

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Please consider giving to our **annual appeal**, which supports all of our services to the community. You can view the appeal letter on our website.

The new **Latham Library Strategic Plan 2017-2020** has been completed, and can be viewed on our website.

Family movie night: Fri., Jan. 6, 6:30pm. "The Secret Life of Pets," rated PG. Popcorn will be served.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Tales and Tunes with Tots: A playgroup for babies and toddlers

and their caregivers. Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am.

Preschool Storytime Fridays at 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and an occasional craft for preschoolers.

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

Friday after school activities for grades 4-6: There will be a program on Fri., Jan. 6, but after school activities will not be held during the TES ski program (remaining Fridays in January).

PEABODY LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES K-3 are held every Wednesday that TES is in session through the school year, unless noted. Children in grades K-3 (this is a change from last year) are welcome to ride Bus #2, with a note from home, from TES to the Peabody Library on Wednesdays. Stories, crafts, games, and other activities will be offered, and a snack will be served. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

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

Emily Zollo

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of Thetford's informal nonfiction book discussion group will take place at Latham Library on Thetford Hill on Tues., Jan. 24th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Hell's Angels* by Hunter S. Thompson. This article from *The Nation* is about how the book may explain Trump's election: <http://tiny.cc/NationThompson>.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain (gmlc.overdrive.com) or New Hampshire (nh.overdrive.com) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at bookfinder.com.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

E D M Landman MD

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

Robert Bacon teaches the TA class of 1958's James Crowley, Carolyn Kelley Porter and a classmate a valuable skill in Vermont: putting chains on tires.

*Courtesy of the
Thetford Historical Society*

