

# THE T F O R D NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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## THETFORD LIBRARIES

### LATHAM LIBRARY

#### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Have fun! Stop the "summer slide." Participate in your library's summer reading program! All ages are welcome. Children may register for a "Build a Better World" Reading Log at Latham Library starting on Fri., June 16. Stop by the library to sign up. Your child will start a logbook to record the titles of books he or she reads this summer and receive stickers, a bookmark, and a book to keep. Then, come back to the library as often as you can over the summer to fill out the reading log and borrow more library books. Everyone who participates by reading at least three books over the summer will be invited to a final celebration, and receive a certificate and a prize. We will also be hosting special events at both Thetford Libraries to go along with the summer reading theme. Children do not need to be registered for the Summer Reading Program to attend these events.

#### ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Tales and Tunes with Tots** is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and caregivers. Wednesdays, 10-11 am.

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

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

**The last Friday afterschool activity for Grades 4-6 will be June 9.** Children are welcome to walk to the library from school to participate. Stories, crafts, games, other activities and a snack will be offered. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm.

### PEABODY LIBRARY

**STORYTELLING WITH PETER BURNS** Wed., June 28, 6:30 pm.

Peter Burns presents original and

traditional tales that will inspire children and adults to strive for social justice, environmental awareness and kindness to everyone. Learn how a humble tortoise saved his community from a devastating drought, how a simple act of kindness by an old woman transformed someone's life and how a little boy saved the day with help from his friends. These tales are very interactive and engaging for even the youngest listeners.

Peter Burns has been a professional storyteller for 30 years. He has performed throughout Vermont and beyond. His work has been featured on National Public Radio and New Hampshire Public Radio.

**The last Wednesday afterschool activity at Peabody Library will be on June 14.** Children in grades K-3 (please note, this is a change from last year) are welcome to ride Bus #2, with a note from home, from TES to the Peabody Library. Stories, crafts, games, other activities and a snack will be offered. Pick-up is 4:30 pm.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org).

*Emily Zollo*

## THETFORD ACADEMY

**TA Class of 2017:** Graduation exercises for the Thetford Academy Class of 2017 will take place on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Thetford Academy (rain location: Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium). Baccalaureate will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church on Thetford Hill. Congratulations to all our seniors, we are very proud and wish you all the best as you take your next steps in life.

This year's **ODW Day** was a great success. TA students working in the community raised nearly \$8000. This is 80% of the money raised by all ODW-USA participating schools. The

\$10,000 grant will support the Livelihoods Project, benefiting many orphaned children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Thank you to any community members who hired students and helped support this wonderful cause!

**TA's May Student of the Month is senior, Moriah Hammond.** Visit the Thetford Academy website to read about Moriah and all the wonderful things her teachers had to say about her. Congratulations, Moriah.

**Alumni Events:** We have a lot of exciting alumni events coming up this summer. Check out the list below, we hope to see many alumni soon!

TAAA will be hosting their annual Alumni Day event on Saturday, June 10 in Vaughan Alumni Gymnasium at Thetford Academy. Social hour starts at 4:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6 p.m.

TA Alumni Happy Hour- Thursday, June 22 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the beer garden at Jasper Murdock's Alehouse at the Norwich Inn. Come catch up with fellow alumni, hear what's happening at TA, and enjoy some good food and the great Vermont summer weather.

Reunions! Is it a milestone year for your class? Visit [thetfordacademy.org](http://thetfordacademy.org) to find out if you're class is having a reunion or email [alumni@thet.net](mailto:alumni@thet.net) for more information.

The **TA Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

*Bridget Dugan-Sullivan*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

### SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

Yes, we will have the Senior Coffee Klatch over the summer! We meet every month on the second Wednesday, 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center Community Center: June 14th,

July 12th and Aug. 9. Join us for a morning of community, conversation, and refreshments. There is no charge. The Coffee Klatch is sponsored by Community Nurse of Thetford and TEN. Many thanks to our volunteers who help make it happen! Call Pril Hall at 333-4077 if you need a ride.

*Pril Hall*

## TEN JUNE LUNCHEON

Thurs., June 22. Doors open 11:30 am.

"What is so rare as a day in June?" asked poet James Russell Lowell.

A delicious lunch in the gorgeous North Thetford church community room, enjoyed in great company - including you - so come celebrate the "deluge of summer"! Diners will enjoy enchiladas, some filled with pork and beans, some with beans; sour cream and salsa with rice and corn on the side; green salad with maple dressing. June dessert is strawberries; the beverage is Pam's mint iced tea. Many ingredients are locally produced.

Senior Solutions sponsors our monthly TEN Luncheons, usually held on fourth Thursdays. Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be gratefully accepted. To volunteer for a specific task, call Cathy at 785-3136.

Thanks to all who make these fun events possible - and to the diners!

*Susan Rump*

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Keep your refrigerator running at top efficiency! Days are getting warmer. Reduce the amount of energy your refrigerator uses:

- Set the appropriate temperature. Keep your refrigerator at 35 to 38 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Place your fridge in a cool place. Position your refrigerator away from a heat source such as an oven, a dishwasher, or direct sunlight from a window.
- Allow air circulation behind the fridge. Leave a few inches between the wall and the refrigerator, and keep the condenser coils clean if you have an older model. Read the user's manual to learn how to safely clean coils. Coil cleaning brushes can be purchased at most hardware stores.
- Check the door seals. Make sure the refrigerator seals around the door are airtight. If not, replace them.

- Keep the door closed. Minimize the amount of time the refrigerator door is open.

Learn more at [tiny.cc/jun17energystar](http://tiny.cc/jun17energystar).

*Alice Stewart*

## GOT NEWS?

Is your news of general interest to Thetford residents? Send *brief* submissions to [thetford@pendane.com](mailto: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*



TA students participated in the ODW work day on May 10.

TA contributed about \$8000 of the \$10,000 grant supporting the Livelihoods Program.