

THETFORD ACADEMY

2017-2018 School Year: The new school year is already upon us! We hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer. We are very excited to have students back on campus in just a few short weeks.

Important upcoming dates:

Mon., Aug. 21: New student orientation tours and Back to School picnic. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. and the picnic begins at 6 p.m. All incoming TA students are welcome.

Thurs., Aug. 24: First day of school. All students should be at TA by 8:10 am.

Thurs., Aug. 31: School pictures

Mon., Sept. 4: Labor Day, no school.

If you have any questions about the upcoming school year, please call the school at 802-785-4805.

Fall sports for high school students will begin on Thurs., Aug. 17. Middle school sports begin on Mon., Aug. 28. Schedules will be available on our website and by contacting Thetford Academy Athletic Director, Blendon Salls at blendon.salls@thet.net.

Reunions: Many TA alumni came together with classmates this summer to celebrate milestone reunions. Check the website for photos.

The next TA **Board of Trustees** monthly meeting is on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. in the TA Library in the White Building. The public is welcome.

Bridget Dugan-Sullivan

TREASURE ISLAND

Dock Yoga at Treasure Island will be held Thursdays from Aug. 3-24 from 6-7:30pm. Sign up for as many classes as you wish. Residents \$15 per class; non-residents \$20. If you have your own mat, bring it; otherwise, there will be some available.

Ten people can sign up. If you don't get in but would like to do this, let me

know and I can talk to Jill about an additional date. Please visit thetfordrec.com to sign up, and submit your check to the Town of Thetford.

Nathan Maxwell

TOWN HALL

Thetford Town Hall will be closed Aug. 6-12. We will be attending to the scheduled maintenance work of refinishing our hardwood floors. This includes Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Zoning Administrator and Listers; Thetford Police will be on duty with no office hours. Please plan accordingly.

*Tracy Borst
Town Clerk*

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

BUILD A BETTER BOOK! Thurs., Aug. 3, 6:30 pm. Learn how to build a book! This is a workshop in which 8-12 year olds will make and take home their own saddle stitch journal. Materials are limited, so please register at librarians@thetfordlibrary.org.

FROM TRASH TO TUNES WITH DENNIS WARING Fri., Aug. 11, 4:00 pm at Latham Library. This performance uses handmade and homemade musical instruments built from recyclables inspired from instruments around the world. Interesting sights, sounds, and stories about the instruments give audiences new insight into folklore, music, craft, science and world view.

"BUILD A BETTER WORLD" SUMMER READING PROGRAM FINALE PARTY Mon., Aug. 28 at 4:00 pm at Latham Library. All children who registered and participated in the 2017 summer reading program through Latham Library are welcome to attend. Attendees will receive a certificate, and a prize will also be

awarded if three or more books were read and recorded in their reading log over the summer. There will also be games and refreshments!

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

STORYTIME Fridays at 10:30 am. All ages are welcome.

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

PEABODY LIBRARY

SUMMER SATURDAYS: The Peabody Library will be open from 10:00-1:00 on Aug. 5, Aug. 12, and Aug. 19.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES AT PEABODY LIBRARY Wed., Aug. 9 at 7:00 pm: *The Fishing Fleet* by Anne de Courcy. Books are now available to borrow at Latham Library.

"BUILD A BETTER WORLD" FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT PEABODY LIBRARY Wed., Aug. 2 at 6:30 pm. Free popcorn. Wall-E, Rated G.

PEABODY LIBRARY STORYTIME AT TREASURE ISLAND BEACH ON LAKE FAIRLEE Wednesdays at 11:00 am (weather permitting), July 5-Aug. 9. All ages welcome.

ANNUAL PENNY CARNIVAL! Wed., Aug. 23, 3:00-5:00 pm. Carnival games, prizes, treats, and more!

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

Emily Zollo

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Thetford Historical Society is seeking candidates to serve as Trustees of the Thetford Historical Society. Candidates should be interested in Thetford history and willing to assume the responsibilities of a trustee:

Attend all Trustee Meetings if possible.

At present, there are 6 meetings a year.

- Maintain your membership in the Thetford Historical Society, and encourage others to join.
- Read the book *50 for 250!* and/or other materials to become more conversant in town history.
- Offer assistance according to your time, ability, and interests. This might include:
- Helping at the Barn with openings, emergencies, moving objects, occasional repairs, advice, transportation, etc.
- Helping with our library collection by cataloguing books and gifts of objects, documents, and photographs.
- Helping with our Public Meetings by assisting with arrangements, securing lecturers, refreshments, setups, etc.
- Helping to send out Thetford Historical Society mailings.
- Helping to staff exhibits at Town Meeting, Thetford Hill Fair, etc.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact:

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THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Thinking about going solar? An impending tariff may raise prices, so now is a great time to get going.

The US is considering imposing a tax on all solar panels which is expected to raise the cost of all solar projects from 15-20 percent. If you are considering solar, get going on your project as soon as you can. Also, see if you can set a guaranteed price with your installer, especially for commercial systems.

In addition to getting your project in before the potential tariff takes effect, you can also take advantage of federal tax credits for residential PV

and solar thermal technologies. Learn more at tiny.cc/aug17solar.

If you are interested in details of the International Trade Commission's consideration of the solar tariff, visit usitc.gov and search for Investigation TA-201-75. If you have thoughts about this proposed tax, please contact our elected representatives, Congressman Welch, Senator Sanders, and Senator Leahy.

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

The Senior Coffee Klatch is held every month on the second Wednesday, (Aug. 9th, Sept. 13th and Oct. 11th) from 10-11:30am at the Thetford Center Community Center.

Join us for 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 Dorman Hall

AUGUST LUNCHEON

Come to the August Luncheon presented by TEN at 11:30am Thurs., Aug. 27, at the church building in North Thetford.

On the menu: Pam's famous chicken thighs, potato salad, cucumbers and tomatoes, watermelon, and Pam's mint tea, all delicious and refreshing. Adding the company of familiar faces and new ones, too, we'll enjoy this late-summer repast. We'll hear from a very special figure in the community who will bring us a new opportunity!

TEN monthly luncheons are supported by Senior Solutions and held usually the fourth Thursdays except for those nearest holidays. Suggested (optional) donation is five dollars.

Would you like to help make this event happen? Call Cathy at 785-3136 and volunteer for a task.

Susan Rump

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., Aug. 29th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Hons and Rebels* by Jessica Mitford. Better known in the US as a muckraking journalist, Communist and civil rights activist, this memoir of her early life reveals with characteristic wit and humor her extraordinary upbringing as one of seven children of the eccentric Lord and Lady Redesdale, up to her escape and marriage to Esmond Romilly and their move to the USA at the beginning of World War II.

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 *brief* submissions 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