

## THETFORD TOWN HALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

On Oct. 3 at 7pm at TES, Thetford voters are being asked to vote yes or no about whether to vote on Nov. 6, 2018, for a change of government structure (the addition of a Town Manager) for the Town of Thetford.

The Oct. 3 vote is not a yes or no vote concerning a change in our governmental structure. It is a vote about whether to have a ballot vote during the upcoming mid-term election on that subject: the change in governmental structure.

*Cathee Clement  
Thetford Selectboard member,  
Town Manager Committee*

*Tracy Borst  
Thetford Town Clerk, Thetford Treasurer,  
Town Manager Committee*

## PROPERTY TAXES DUE

Property tax payments are due now, a final deadline of Oct. 15 by 8 PM, after which an 8% penalty will apply. Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 8am-4pm. We will be open Monday the 15th from 8am to 8pm, though I hope you don't wait until the last day. Please call if you have any questions.

*Tracy Borst, Town Treasurer  
802-785-2922x7*

## THETFORD ACADEMY

Thetford Academy seeks to fill the position of Head of School.

We will hold community forums for the public to give input on the Head of School search process in the Project room in the main TA office building on Thurs., Oct. 11 at 6pm.

Questions? Contact Gio Bosco at [gbosco45@gmail.com](mailto:gbosco45@gmail.com).

*Gio Bosco*

## COMMUNITY NURSE

The Community Nurse of Thetford, along with the Thetford Elder Network

are presenting a panel discussion entitled "Insights into Caregiving" on Sun., Oct. 14th from 3-5 PM at the Thetford Center Community Center. Please join us as guests Donna Reilly and Valerie Miller share their caregiving experiences. Cindy Grigel RN will discuss resources and common themes and Gail Dimick will comment on how to have helpful discussions for support. Topics we will touch upon include caregiver fatigue and respite, difficult behaviors, financial decisions and when to ask for help. Audience participation is welcomed!

Please join us and either call or email to reserve a spot. We want to be able to plan for refreshments!

*Cindy Grigel RN  
[communitynursethetford@gmail.com](mailto:communitynursethetford@gmail.com)  
802-738-9066*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK OCTOBER LUNCHEON

What better way to enjoy the 2018 harvest of the Upper Valley than to feast together at North Thetford Church on Thurs., Oct. 25, at 11:30am? Come in good time to sit in a perfect spot and savor a luncheon of local grass-fed Shire Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes and carrots with gravy, tossed salad, a beverage, and fruit crisp—delicious!

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

We're grateful to all who make these fun events possible--volunteers, our chef, and you, our diners!

*Susan Rump*

## COFFEE KLATCH

Join us at the second Wednesday Senior Coffee Klatch on Oct. 10th, 10-11:30 at the the Community Center in Thetford Center. We'll have good

conversation to go with free coffee, tea, cider and treats. Thanks to our volunteers for helping make these events possible! Call for a ride.

*Pril Hall, 333-4077*

## WOOD TURTLES, UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Are you fascinated by elaborate mating rituals? Or anxious to learn the art of "hunting by thumping"? Perhaps you just want to know why a sun-worshipping creature chooses to spend much of its life under water. Or why a species once common throughout New England is now scarce and endangered.

Don't miss this meeting on Wed., Oct. 24th at 7p.m., at the Martha Rich Theater at TA.

At this presentation, Kiley Vincent Briggs, a Turtle Conservation Coordinator with The Orianna Society ([oriannesociety.org](http://oriannesociety.org)) will enlighten us about a Wood Turtle research and conservation program in Eastern Vermont designed to safeguard this rare and very secretive species. And what we can do to help the cause.

This free event is co-sponsored by local conservation commissions. As always, delectable food will be provided.

*Jim McCracken*

## THETFORD LIBRARIES LATHAM LIBRARY

**Sunday hours** at Latham Library will resume in October. The Library will be open from 10am-1pm through April.

Check out our new website at [thetfordlibrary.org](http://thetfordlibrary.org) where you can view our library catalog, see new acquisitions at both libraries, get info on our local museum passes, view our event calendar, download audiobooks and ebooks, and more!

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

Mon., Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm. **Joe Citro, Vermont author and folklorist**, has extensively researched and documented the folklore, hauntings, ghost stories, paranormal activity, and occult happenings of New England. He has published numerous novels and works of nonfiction. His latest work is the Vermont Monster Guide. Mr. Citro will share from his novels, oddity collections, and public radio commentaries, providing connecting anecdotes about the material and the collection process. Copies of his books will be for sale.

On Fri., Oct. 26 at 10:30 am, join **Ashley Hensel-Browning for a special preschool storytime** focusing on dance and movement. All preschoolers (3-5-year-olds) and their caregivers are welcome!

Latham Library will be **open on Halloween night** from 6-8pm on Wed., Oct. 31. Stop in to warm up and trick-or-treat for a book, and while you're here visit our kid-created haunted house in the basement!

## ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

**Storytime Fridays** at 10:30am, unless noted. Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All ages are welcome! **There will be no storytime on Fri., Oct. 5.**

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

**Tales and Tunes For Tots** is a playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.

**Afterschool activities** for students in grades 4-6 run every Friday that TES is in session, unless noted. Children may walk to Latham Library from school for stories, games, arts and crafts, and other fun activities. Students younger than grade 4 must be accompanied by an adult or high school student while in the library.

## PEABODY LIBRARY

**Afterschool Wednesdays** run every week that TES is in session unless noted. Students in grades K-3 may take the school bus from TES to the Peabody Library for stories, activities, and a snack. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm. **There will be no afterschool program on Wed., Oct. 3.**

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

*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., Oct. 30th at 7 pm.

We will be discussing *Hallucinations* by Oliver Sacks. At a time when distinguishing what is real from what is not seems to be getting more and

more difficult, this seems an appropriate topic for discussion.

You can find the book at your library; via interlibrary loan; as an audio or e-book via the Green Mountain ([gmlc.overdrive.com](http://gmlc.overdrive.com)) or New Hampshire ([nh.overdrive.com](http://nh.overdrive.com)) library consortiums; from your bookseller; or at [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com). All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

*EDM Landman MD*

## PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players present the world premiere of "Silvia and Mary at Sea," a play by Thetford playwright Duncan Nichols. When a journalist from New York City comes to the Caribbean, she meets a Cuban singer and her band – and they find themselves swept up in political intrigues and moral corruption, time traveling from 1968 to 1868. Oct. 11-21, with shows at 7:30 PM Thurs.-Sat. and 3:00 PM on Sundays. Reservations at 785-4344 or [parishplayers.org](http://parishplayers.org).

*Will Giblin*

## 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). I welcome your feedback.

*Susanna French*



Eighty years ago, the hurricane of 1938 ripped out many of the enormous trees ringing the green on Thetford Hill, such as the one that hit the Farnsworth house (left). In East Thetford, Huntington's Pavilion (right) was, according to resident Rosetta Estabrook in a letter to her sister Gladys, "turned into a woodpile on the railroad tracks."