

RECYCLING CENTER

BOOK SHED VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Thanks to a grant from the New England Grass Roots Environment Fund and a generous donation from Community Bank, N.A. in East Thetford we now have the funds to build a Book Shed at the recycling center this spring. We are looking for volunteers to help build the shed and volunteers to help with maintaining the shed once it is up and running. If you are interested in helping please contact Jean Gerber at jean.gerber93@gmail.com.

Jean Gerber

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN THETFORD

JOB OPENING: CHURCH SEXTON

The Church Sexton will be the facilities manager and custodian for the congregation. The Sexton will oversee the general maintenance, care, cleanliness, functioning and safety of the Church buildings, equipment and property, and will perform weekly cleaning. The Sexton will interact with outside organizations that use Church facilities, making sure they understand the proper use of the facilities.

The Sexton will assist in identifying opportunities for volunteers. The Property Committee at FCCT will manage all volunteers. The Sexton is directly responsible to the Pastor, in close coordination with the Chair of the Property Committee.

This is a part-time, salaried employee position, approx. 11 hours per week. The salary is \$9,625-10,175 per year, depending on experience. The position includes two weeks paid vacation, Social Security, and other benefits, as required by law.

A complete description is available at <http://tiny.cc/feb19job>, or phone the church at (802) 795-2915.

To apply, please send letter of interest, work history, and three references to

building.use@thetfordhillchurch.org or First Congregational Church in Thetford Sexton Search, P. O. Box 69, Thetford, VT 05074.

The application deadline is Feb. 15, 2019, but the position may be filled at any earlier time.

Terry Barker

THETFORD ELDER NETWORK SENIOR COFFEE KLATCH

We were sorry to have to cancel the January Coffee Klatch due to the large snowstorm that came our way, but we hope you can join us in February. The second Wednesday is coming up Feb. 13th, and our Senior Coffee Klatch will be held 10-11:30 at the Thetford Center community center. There will be hearts and valentines!


We won't have Coffee Klatch if the schools are closed. If schools are "delayed opening" we will have Coffee Klatch. The best website for checking on school closings has been VPR.net (see below). Look for Thetford under Orange County. If it isn't there, school is open. vpr.net/apps/school-closings/

You can also call me to see if we are on or not, 802-222-7885. (No answer after 9AM that morning would mean the coffee is happening.)

Call the same number if you need a ride, we are happy to have someone come pick you up and bring you home.

Pril Hall

FEBRUARY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Welcome to the  February TEN Luncheon! Please arrive at 11:30am on Thurs., Feb. 28, at North Thetford Church, for a sumptuous serving of Pam's Famous Chicken Thighs with potatoes'n'gravy, squash, maybe a salad, a beverage, and a fruit crisp dessert. How yummy can a winter meal get? We'll get together to share news and perspectives. See you there!

Senior Solutions sponsors the TEN Luncheons, held monthly on fourth

Thursdays (except near holidays.) Your suggested donation (\$5 if you can) will be accepted with thanks.

Could you help with one specific task? Call Cathy at 785-3136.

We're glad to be part of an enthusiastic team who make these fun events possible. And we appreciate our diners, regular and new!

Susan Rump

THETFORD LIBRARIES

LATHAM LIBRARY

Art gallery: Landscape paintings in watercolor and oil by Jennifer Brown and Jean Gerber will be on display through the end of February.

Winter book discussion Mon., Feb. 11 at 7:00 pm. Discussion of *Trans Atlantic* by Colum McCann. Books are now available to borrow at Latham Library. All are welcome.

Valentine's Day Tea Party Sat., Feb. 16 at 11:00am. All ages are welcome to join us for stories and refreshments.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT LATHAM LIBRARY

New! Unplugged Game Night Thurs., Feb. 7, 5:00-7:00pm. Every first Thursday of the month, come play one of our games or bring your own. All unplugged games and all ages welcome! The Library owns several chess boards, Scrabble, Pictionary, Apples to Apples, Magic: the Gathering cards, Monopoly, etc. and will be adding more soon. Pizza will be provided! Please try to RSVP to librarians@thetfordlibrary.org so we know how much pizza to get.

Storytime Fridays start 11:00 am, unless noted (please note the change in time from 10:30 to 11:00). Stories and songs for preschoolers and their siblings. All are welcome!

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

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. **On TES Ski Fridays**, Latham Library will show movies from 3:00-4:30. All movies will be rated G or PG and are open to fourth graders and up (younger with an adult or teen guardian). Popcorn will be served.

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

PEABODY LIBRARY

Chocolate Indulgence: Wed., Feb. 13, 7:00pm. Join us for our annual Valentine's Day celebration at the Peabody Library. Bring a chocolate dish to share. Copies of recipes are encouraged.

School vacation family program: Old-time cranky picture show! Wed., Feb. 20 at 3:00 pm. Storytelling by one woman, a box with a crank, and musical interludes! All ages! Meredith Holch is a director, videographer, editor, and animator.

ONGOING PROGRAMS AT PEABODY LIBRARY

Afterschool Wednesdays run every

week that TES is in session. 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.

For more information, including lists of new books and movies, please visit thetfordlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook [@thetfordlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/thetfordlibraries).

Emily Zollo

COMMUNITY NURSE OF THETFORD

Office hours at the Upper Valley Pediatrics Office in East Thetford across from Isabell's Café are Wednesdays, 1-3 PM.

Blood pressure checks, medication review, caregiver resources, advocacy and education related to health care challenges.

Call or email for an appointment. Services are free and confidential. Available for phone and home visits.

*Cindy Grigel RN
802-738-9066*

Communitynursesthetford@gmail.com

PARISH PLAYERS

"PIECES OF WORK"

True stories about working told by the people you know, and directed by Toni Egger. Come to the Eclipse Grange Theater in Thetford for a devised evening of story-telling from Upper

Valley residents about work that has shaped their lives. These true stories complement the production of the musical "Working," directed by Richard Waterhouse, opening at the Briggs Opera House on March 1st.

"PIECES OF WORK" will open on Fri., Feb. 8 at 7:30 PM. Shows also on Feb. 9, 15 and 16 @ 7:30 and Sundays Feb. 10 and 17@ 3:00 PM.

"WONDERS OF THE SHINY DOME"

Award-winning playwright and performer, Alan Haehnel presents a wide-ranging evening of original works: stories, speeches, poems, along with a world premier, one-act comedy. Come join the fun at the Eclipse Grange Theater for an evening of quality entertainment!

Performances Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 21st-23rd @ 7:30 PM and on Sunday the 24th, a matinee @ 3:00 PM.

Tickets at parishplayers.org/reserve.php, at the door, or by calling (802) 785-4344.

Katherine Morton

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). I welcome your feedback.

Susanna French



Snow roller, Post Mills

Before snow plows, the snow roller kept the roads fairly smooth. It took a team of six horses and had a tendency to slide into ditches. Covered bridges were another matter: to allow sleighs to travel through them, snow had to be added to make the surface passable.

Photo courtesy of the Thetford Historical Society