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# The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly

News and information  
from your town offices and  
local volunteer efforts.



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## **Tunbridge Select Board**

Tim Wolfe (889-3730)

Shane Young, Chair (889-2804);

Ingrid Van Steamburg (889-3459)

Wendy McCullough, Administrative Assistant (889-5521)

The Selectboard has been working on several outstanding issues since Town Meeting, including a review and update of our personnel policies, establishing a town investment policy, and the adoption of a rental agreement for the town hall. We are continuing to work on the policies for town employees, including drafting clearer and more up-to-date job descriptions, and holding systematic annual reviews.

We are also working on a supplement to the town's burning ordinance, which would cover the burning of hazardous materials and ensure that the town could recoup its costs from an especially expensive or destructive fire. On the practical (rather than policy) side of things, the town has cleaned up some illegal dumping activity that has occurred in the last few months on Belknap Road.

As we look ahead to next year's budget (yes, we're starting early this year!) we have done a cost analysis of the town trucks and given thought towards how to balance planning for both maintenance and replacement. In the process, one of the trucks, the one-ton, used for necessary smaller projects and high-mobility plowing jobs-was found to have an annual maintenance cost that closely approached its replacement cost, so the board has therefore pursued replacing this unit.

In other news, the Selectboard is seeking applications for the position of Recreation Director, which is currently open. Responsibilities of the position include coordinating a number of sports activities and seasonal events, and pays a small annual stipend. If you are interested, please contact our administrative assistant Wendy McCullough to apply.

Finally, watch for an upcoming announcement for a special town meeting in June or July, as the selectboard may be requesting direction from the town on how to handle any surplus funds that may be left at that time.

## **First Branch Sustainability Network**

Henry Swayze 889-5556

Upcoming event:

We are planning for a SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK in mid June. All are welcome and I am sure the food will be bountiful and yummy. We hope all groups and organizations will join in and network together to spread your message and to gather helpers to your cause. One or two additional ones are also likely.

Also in the thinking stage is day time Transition Town "UNLEASHING" where you get a chance to brainstorm solutions to how we can transition off fossil fuel and into sustainable living and then join with others to pick off pieces of that task.

We are working on a series of hands on workshops for re-skilling the community. One on "grease cars" has been offered by Todd Tyson, see him. He is the grease man. Henry Swayze is planning to do one on making and using "biochar" to enhance soil productivity and sequester CO2. If you have skills you want to share let us know.

There will be a Harvest Festival in the fall in Chelsea which all are invited.

Ongoing activities:

The Transition Town study group has been meeting at the Chelsea library. Contact Dawn Hancy at 685-7752

Town energy committees have been working on saving the town money and reducing waste and CO2 emissions. In Chelsea contact Philip Mulligan. In Tunbridge contact Todd Tyson. (802-431-3433)

We have seen a welcome but temporary respite in fuel prices due to the drop in demand from the down turn in the economy. When the economy picks back up, which I am betting it will, then prices will get back on the up escalator. For this reason alone we need to work on transitioning off fossil fuel.

## State Representative

David Ainsworth- 763-8017

Things are fast and furious as they try to finish the session this week. H-125 Farm Fresh Milk passed the House and awaits any changes in the Senate. Currently it has a two tier system: Tier 1. up-to 12.5 gal/day with new labeling requirements for the barn and the bottles of milk. The milk must still be picked up only at the farm. Tier 2 farms must be subject to farm inspections and have their milk tested twice per month meeting lower counts than normal farms. They also have to label their milk and can sell up-to 40 gallons per day, with some off farm delivery if certain conditions are followed. We will see if it changes when it returns from the Senate.

The biggest problem right now is “balancing” the budget. When we passed the budget it was like swiss cheese: a \$24M hole which we were told to pass and would be filled in with new taxes later; a \$16M hole in reduced labor costs but don't worry we will tell you who later will loose their jobs!! How can one vote on such a budget. Now we had an up-date and there is \$40M shortfall in receipts so more money needs to be raised- still almost no talk about cutting any State expenses!! There also is little talk about the pending increase in un-employment tax. They are saying it will be depleted of all money by the end of the year, so they plan to slide an increase on the un-employment tax on the budget (I'm hearing up-to 100% increase) and hopefully nobody will notice!

The budget to run Transportation also is in financial trouble- steadily declining revenue. There is talk about reducing transfers out of transportation which goes to education, this can only mean an increase in property taxes- not desired either! When did “cut “ become a four letter word? All of these budget bills are in conference committee meeting so as a legislator it is hard to know what is being proposed and what deals are being worked out. When they come out we only get to vote them up or down we can not suggest changes. I will try to give a summary after this session is over. Remember any bill which didn't get to the floor of either chamber isn't dead it can still be brought-up and considered next session, and a bill which has only made it through one chamber could be considered in the other chamber next session.

## Tunbridge Treasurer

Anne Mallary- 889-5521

Town meeting is over for another year. The 09/10 budget was approved as follows:

Selectmen	\$213,828.00
Fire Truck	30,000.00
Reappraisal	10,000.00
Appropriation	8,460.00
Fire Department	25,000.00
Ambulance	20,000.00
Capital improvement	5,000.00
Highway	<u>519,850.00</u>
Total	\$ 832,138.00

The estimated municipal tax rate for the next tax bill is \$.739. This is up \$.06 from the estimated tax rate in the town report. The tax for a property valued at \$150,000.00 would be \$1,108.50.

The current budget is looking pretty good. The highway may have a surplus. According to state law this amount can't be spent without voter approval. It does stay in the highway fund, and can be used to reduce taxes.

The equipment fund is a reserve fund and the budget is very close. The payment for the truck purchased in 2008 was postponed till the 09/10 fiscal year, so the budgeted amount of \$24,000 will stay in the fund. Another new truck has been purchased which was not in the budget. There are now payments for the grader, tractor and three trucks.

The selectmen budget is also very tight. Depending on last minute revenue there should be no deficit.

The selectmen are now having a budget meeting once a month, to keep on top of the current budget and to better understand what the needs for the next budget will be. We are also working on an investment policy. Other financial policies are in the works.

The selectmen approved the Fuel Assistance Loan Fund by-laws. A donation was received from the Civic Club. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

## **Tunbridge Board of Listers**

Judie Lewis- 889-3571

The Board of Listers has scheduled its grievance hearings for 10 a.m. Friday, June 19 at the Town Office. Any property owner may grieve the assessed value at that time. Formal notices are sent to only those whose property has changed value for this tax year. At this writing the board expects to send approximately 75 notices of value change. The notices will be in the mail no later than June 4.

The entire assessment and grievance process is strictly set forth in the Vermont State Statutes. If you expect to grieve your assessment, you must notify the Listers of your intent in writing. The town's assessment must represent the property's probable selling price. We reappraised in 2002, so all properties are to be assessed at 2002 values. In other words, we cannot assess a property to reflect the 2009 selling price when all others are at 2002 values. (And, yes, the 2009 prices are considerably higher than 2002 selling prices.)

If you do not think that your property assessment reflects the probable 2002 selling price, then you should grieve the value. You must be prepared to present evidence demonstrating that your property is not assessed at the 2002 selling price. We have sales information in our office and spread sheets of assessments for easier comparison of similar properties. You are invited to use these if you are unsure whether the assessment is equitable or if you need assistance in finding comparables.

If you question your property's assessment, you must do so at the grievance hearing to preserve your options. Once the hearings are closed, the Listers must send notice of our decision within seven days. We then lodge the Grand List, which means we turn it over to the town clerk. After the Grand List is lodged, the Listers cannot make any changes. Changes may be made only by the Selectboard or the Board of Abatement and then only under specific circumstances, such as a fire which destroyed the property.

The board is no longer required to send notices to current use enrollees when the only change is in the current use value. New enrollees or those whose land allocation has changed will receive a notice.

Work continues on the reappraisal scheduled for completion of the 2010-2011 tax year. We are making a concerted effort to see the interiors of dwellings we have not seen in more than five years. Because of our rotational inspections, we will not need to review the exteriors of approximately half the town properties. However, we have not seen the interiors of many of those homes and may be knocking on the door asking to see the inside. The more interiors we view, the better job we can do in establishing equitable assessments.

## **Tunbridge Town Website**

Rick Scully- 763-7474

The town website is now visible online at <http://tunbridgevt.com> The site still needs people to provide content. If you are involved with an organization in town and want to post events, or other information, please consider becoming a content provider on behalf of your group. For more info contact Rick Scully at [rick@tunbridgevt.com](mailto:rick@tunbridgevt.com).

## **Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Jim Wick 889-3437

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors continues to help provide services to local residents through volunteer action. We have been getting a steady stream of calls, and have been able to help quite a few people with all kinds of things. If you need help with something, the number to call is:

**889-3437**

This service is for anyone. Our emphasis is to provide services for seniors, but anyone is eligible. If the request is reasonable and we can find a volunteer, we will do it.

## **Legal Clinic for Seniors - June 9**

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors will sponsor a Legal Clinic for Seniors, (and for anyone who hopes to be a senior some day, for family members of seniors, or for anyone who could benefit from the information.)

The clinic will be conducted by Kathy Pope who is an attorney living in Tunbridge. It will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall. There will be additional publicity about this.

Topics will include matters that are of great importance to seniors:

- Wills
  - Directives for Health Care
  - Powers of Attorney
- and as time permits
- Long Term Care Insurance
  - "Reverse Mortgages"

Participants will be able to ask questions on these and other topics.

## **First Branch Ambulance & Rescue**

Pam Caron- 763-9595

Thank you to everyone that supported us at Town Meeting. It's been a very busy spring for the ambulance service with our call volumes being up. Several people are taking the EMT course at this time which will help with the coverage of the service. Please keep Sunday June 28th open for our 25th anniversary celebration. We plan on an afternoon event at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. Watch for posters and the newspaper for the times-Hope to see you there.

## **Tunbridge Grange #384**

Robin Russell- 889-3246

The Tunbridge Grange is a volunteer local organization that has been part of community life here since the early 1930's. Founded in 1867 the Grange is responding to the changing social and economic climates that our town governments and families are facing. However, most of us don't know or understand much about it. I'm grateful to be discovering how fortunate we are to still have one in our midst.

The Tunbridge Grange welcomes anyone to join us for meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

The Hall is available for rent for your events/private parties for a reasonable fee. For information, please call Mary Roberts at 685 -2143.

## **Use of Town Office**

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

Please call the town's administrative assistant, Wendy McCullough, before scheduling any meeting at the town office. We will be keeping a schedule of meetings so that the office will not be double booked and to keep us aware of who is using the building. There also will be a sheet posted to sign in and out when the building is used after normal working hours.

Please let Wendy know if you have a key to the office as the locks are to be changed in the near future.

## **Tunbridge Town Clerk**

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

**Mon-Thurs - 8-12 & 1-4**

**1st & 3rd Tues - 8-6**

**Friday - closed**

A reminder to all dog owners that your Dog(s) License WAS due April 01, 2009; spayed/neutered \$8.00; non spayed/neutered \$12.00 proof of current rabies is needed to license. You may do this through the mail, please send a check to the Town of Tunbridge P.O. Box 6 with a self addressed stamped return envelope.

Also Transfer Station tickets are available at the Town Clerk's Office, by mail, Tunbridge Library, and also the North Tunbridge Store. Call the Town Office with any questions.

## **The TUNBRIDGE Quarterly**

Janet Zug 889-9602

You'll notice the new Tunbridge Logo on the cover of the TQ, George Lawrence has graciously donated his time and talent to create this image for our use.

I would like to encourage town folks to read over your 2008 town report, look at the elected positions that will be open this coming year and contemplate if you would consider serving our community in one of those positions.

Please call, write or email me at [janet@zugglass.com](mailto:janet@zugglass.com) with questions, comments, or suggestions about the TQ.

## **Tunbridge Planning Commission**

Sue Clark 889-3733

Thanks to everyone attending the "Grow With Us" Pot Luck and Gardening Workshop on April 24th. We would like to thank our presenters in particular for the donation of their time and extensive knowledge.

The TPC is planning another Friday night Pot Luck on August the 28th. The topic has yet to be determined, so if you have an interest in exploring a topic which you feel could be of interest or maybe concern for the Town, please join us at our next regularly scheduled meeting: Tues. June 9th, 7:00 PM at the Town Office building.

## **Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department**

Jena Young- 889-2804

The new fire truck has arrived! In case you missed the recent article in the Herald, our new Pumper truck is a four wheel drive, International with a 1,000 gallon on board water tank and a compressed air foam (CAF) system. The addition of the CAF system reduces the amount of water needed to suppress a fire, and increased the effectiveness of the water you spray onto a fire by mixing the water with a soapy concentrate which then clings to the fire and smothers it out. This new technology is a great advantage to our ability to fight fires that do not have a nearby water source, or to fight fires in the winter months when many water sources are frozen over. This new truck replaces our current Engine 2, which you can see now parked in the parking lot outside the fire house. The old Engine 2 is up for sale and is being advertised for sale on the internet.

Since our last TQ, we have successfully sold Engine 4 for \$4,000, and we have the old "Smokies" building with some industrial cooking equipment still in tact, up for sale. Please spread the word on these 2 items for sale. Anyone with an interest in purchasing either of these items should contact Chief Durkee.

At our annual meeting in March, the following years of service awards were made: Mike Morrison for 5 years, Simon Bradford and Thomas Hoyt for 10 years, Deb Button for 15 years, Pete Button for 25 years and Dan Roberts for 40 years. Congratulations and thank you to all of these members for their years of service to the Fire Department. Their dedication to fighting fires in Tunbridge demonstrates a remarkable commitment to their community. In addition to the years of service awards, Pete Button & Jena Young were re-elected as Trustees and Bob Sponable was elected as a first time Trustee to the TVFD Board.

In April we held an Easter Egg hunt at the School. Many local kids joined their parents in the egg hunt on the playground, and around the surrounding area. Lots of fun was had by all and afterwards participants were invited back to the fire house for a close up viewing of the new truck. Thank you to Bob Dunkle for coordinating this community event.

Spring cleaning is upon us and we are planning to paint the inside of the Fire House soon. If you would like to donate some time this project and help us do some painting, please let us know! We would greatly appreciate the help.

Finally, Memorial Day is coming up! Be on the look out for our annual advertisement in the Herald to reserve your barbeque chicken and dinner. Thank you for your continued support as this fund raiser proves to be a great success every year. We will see you there!

## **Tunbridge Library Con't.**

As the town office is closed on Saturdays, you can now purchase at the library "trash cards" for the recycling center. The library will gratefully accept donated, working laptops which can be used at the library. Free, high-speed, wireless internet access is available at the library. Audio books may also be downloaded to an MP3 player. (Ask librarian Jean Wolfe for details or visit the tutorial on the library's website: [www.tunbridgelifrary.org](http://www.tunbridgelifrary.org) )

## **Tunbridge Civic Club**

Linda Lazaroff at 889-9421.

The Civic Club had an extraordinary turnout for the 57th Annual Show held on March 27th and 28th.

The Civic Club is pleased to say that from the proceeds of this years show, \$1,000 was donated to the following organizations:

- \$100 - Public Library in honor of Peter Jorgensen
- \$100 - Tunbridge Central School Library
- \$100 - Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- \$200 - Town Hall
- \$200 - Tunbridge Heating Fuel Loan Assistance Fund
- \$300 - Food Shelf

There are several more books available for purchase. Anyone interested may contact Linda Lazaroff at 889-9421. Watch for us at the Memorial Day Parade!

## **Tunbridge Bone Builders**

Shelia Mitchinson 889-5547

**M/W-8:30am, Tu/Th 6:30am/8:30am/ 5:30pm**

Classes are free with weights provided. Come join us or come back for renewed strength, energy and balance. Classes are designed for adults of all ages male or female. Exercises are designed by a study done at Tuff's University in Boston. A person can start with no weights adding up to as much as ten pounds depending on your level of fitness and life style. Make YOUR health YOUR number one priority.

## **Tunbridge Library**

Librarian\_ Jean Wolfe 889-5577

Pulbicity, ArtSpace Coordinator: Marsha Higgins 889-5576

**Hours: Sun 11:30-1:30 (May through October),**

**Mon and Wed 3-8, Fri 3-6, Sat 10-4**

The library is planning ahead for a major annual fundraiser, the Memorial Day Plant, Book, and Bake Sale. Volunteers are needed as well as donations. Donated plant pots should be 7 inches or greater in diameter. We also need old political signs to recycle as plant sale signs. Donated books are gratefully accepted as long as they are in good, readable condition. The Book Sale will feature over 5000 titles of low-priced fiction and non-fiction. The Plant Sale will offer locally grown perennials at excellent prices. An unusually large selection of shrubs, all of which have successfully wintered over in Vermont, will be available this year - lilacs, roses, and more. If you can volunteer, please contact the following committee chairpersons as soon as possible:

Liz Guth 889-3746 (Plants)

Catherine Freese 889-9410 (Book Sale)

Sue Barnaby 889-3736 (Bake Sale)

Upcoming Children's Story Hour themes are Turtles, Lizards, and Relatives (5/21); Flowers and Gardens (6/4); and Summer Stories (6/18). Story Hours usually are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, starting at 6:15pm.

The third annual exhibit of "Art in our Schools" is currently occupying ArtSpace at the library. It honors the art programs of six of our area schools (Tunbridge, South Royalton, Chelsea, Sharon Elementary, Newton School, and The Sharon Academy. Tunbridge artists will exhibit from June 19-August 15 with a reception Friday evening, June 19, 7-9pm. Artist, mathematician, and author Paul Calter will exhibit August 28-October 24; an opening reception is scheduled for Friday evening, August 28 from 7-9pm. All ArtSpace receptions at the library are open to the public. Proceeds from the sale of art and other items benefit the library. On sale at the library are reduced price books, calendars, stationery, seasonal greeting cards, gift wrap bags, and specialty gift items for children and adults.

## **ECFiber.Net**

Janet Zug 889-9602

The ECFiber Committee and Valley Net have been working hard on a few different options for financing the project. At this point two of the options are looking promising:

We have been working to secure guarantees for some of the money so we can take it to the public market and sell it as a capital lease, as originally planned. Committee members have travelled far and wide to attend meetings with Alcatel-Lucent, the largest provider of telecommunications equipment in the world. Alcatel-Lucent has agreed in principal to provide a back up letter of credit up to the amount of our equipment purchase from them, which would be about 20 million. Currently we are working through the details of this arrangement.

Meanwhile we are also and applying for a loan thru the RUS (Rural Utility Service) which has stimulus money available. Our Project Managers Tim and Leslie Nulty have taken numerous trips to Washington to meet with the executives of the departments in charge of delving out the stimulus money and Patrick Leahy has been working hard for us too.

We strongly believe that one or both of these efforts will come thru and hopefully the project will break ground this summer. Still, the word is that we'll be hooking up customers one year after the money hits the bank.

Once again, rest assured that we know you are waiting for this service to be available and work is happening every day to make it happen! Goto [www.ecfiber.net](http://www.ecfiber.net) for more info.

ECFiber is a grassroots initiative to build a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network in 22 towns, bringing digital television, reliable telephone, and high-speed Internet service directly to homes, schools, and businesses.

## **Transfer Station & Recycling**

Mary-Alice Leonard-Heath- 685-3035

**Saturdays from 9:00 - 3:00.**

The transfer station is no longer accepting cash, You need to have a pre-paid ticket to take your trash to the transfer station. Tickets are available at the town office, the Library and the North Tunbridge Store . Information on recycling can always be found at [www.CVSMWD.org](http://www.CVSMWD.org).

## **Tunbridge School Board**

Lorinda Oliver 889-9462

The Board wishes to thank all of the individuals that have given their time, thoughts and energy to support the school, and those involved with the school, during these challenging fiscal times. We have been especially encouraged by the level of conversations that are taking place that focus on the quality and value of education, and hope that they continue beyond the passing of a school budget.

If the conversations have generated interest, and you wish to become more involved with the school, there are many ways that you can support the school beyond the base level of financing. We encourage you to find a type and level of involvement that fits your interests, talents and availability. Any and all support is greatly appreciated because together we can progress through this time of transition into a strong, sustainable education system.

## **Tunbridge One Planet Afterschool Program**

Carrie McDonnell 889-3310

We are pleased to announce that we have won the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, which will fund our afterschool and summer programs at 50% for the next five years. We will need to be creative about how to secure the other 50%, so that we can continue to offer high quality enrichment programming. On Monday May 18th, we will have an advisory board meeting and we invite all parents and community members interested to attend. We'll be discussing both funding and programming for next year and beyond.

We will be offering a 4 week summer program in Tunbridge, June 29th - July 24th, 8-4:30pm. Our program will include weekly theme activities, fieldtrips, and two weeks of swimming lessons at VTC, thanks to the financial support of the Tunbridge Rec. Department.

On May 30th, all three One Planet Programs will be sponsoring a 3K Fun Run/Walk at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds at 11am. All proceeds will go towards summer/afterschool scholarships. All participants will be entered into a prize raffle and will receive a free lunch. Registration forms can be picked up at Tunbridge, South Royalton, or Sharon schools.

## **Tunbridge/Royalton Phone Book**

Janet Zug 889-9602 trphonebook@aol.com

The Tunbridge/Royalton Phonebook is a fund-raising effort for the Tunbridge Church Children's Choir. Right now the choir is working to raise the funds to build a community playground on the parish house lawn. See Below.

Work is in full swing on this project, but let me tell you it's going to take some time! The CD of our Fairpoint phonebook did finally arrive and it is of little use. Information is being compiled using the grand lists and the printed phone book.

Please contact me if:

- You would like to be listed differently than you are in the Fairpoint phone book.
- You have a cell phone or home-based business phone number you would like to have included in the book.
- You own land in Tunbridge but live elsewhere and would like to be included. If you have a local number and it's listed I should have it already.
- You have a business and would like to advertise.

## **Tunbridge Church Community Playground**

Janet Zug 889-9602 (again :)

We are just about to break ground for the new playground on the parish house lawn. George Elderd will be out there soon creating the flat area at the far end of the parish house lawn.

The plan of the committee is to create the site large enough for 3 or 4 separate play structures. At least one of these to be completed by mid summer and the rest to be erected as the funds are available.

We are excited to be working on this project for the children and community of Tunbridge. Please keep an eye out for our fundraising opportunities.

If you would like to make a donation to the playground project you may send it to the T Swayze 56 Swayze Road. Please make your check out to Tunbridge Church with "Playground Fund" in the memo line.

## **Tunbridge Church**

David Wolfe 889-5577

The Tunbridge Church is an inclusive community of faith that accepts each individual on his or her own spiritual journey. We believe spiritual growth is nurtured by celebration, praise, prayer, and teaching within the historic Christian and biblical tradition. Each participant in the faith community is encouraged to listen to and care for all other members and to reach out in caring service to the world in which the church exists.

All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10am for regular services. Through the summer occasional Sunday school is held during the service on fine weather days. Call Neighbors Helping Neighbors if you need transportation.

### **Special Dates**

May 24- Special Memorial Day Service

June 7 -Children's Day celebration with balloons and stuffed animals

Picnic on the Parish House lawn following service

July 14- 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social (bring your favorite topping)

Aug 2- Outdoor Service and pot luck picnic (location TBA)

Sept 20- Annual Fair Service starts at 9:30 am

Rehearsals for the adult Fair Service Choir will start on Wednesday, August 5th be at 7:30pm. All are invited to joining the choir, which draws members from around the community to sing at the Festival of Worship service held on the Sunday of the Fair, September 20th.

For more info call Judie Lewis (889-9490)

The Children's Choir will start the season with the Fair Service. Practices will begin on August 26th at 6pm. For more info on the Children's choir call Janet Zug (889-9602)

## **Tunbridge School Club**

Kathi Terami, Parent Volunteer 889-5575

Family Movie Events: Since the last issue, School Club has hosted three family movie events entertaining over 100 children and adults. Our next Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, May 15.

Watch The Herald, [www.tunbridgevt.com](http://www.tunbridgevt.com) and notices around the school and town for details. Eighth grade students and parents run the concessions as a fundraiser for their trip to Washington D.C.

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week. School Club is arranging special tokens of appreciation for TCS teachers and staff during the week. We need a variety of volunteers to either contribute food items or to help at the school. Please contact parent volunteer Kathi Terami at 889-5575 if you would like to contribute or help in any way.

New Tables at TCS: School Librarian Elaine Howe and Custodian Kevin Moran made a request to School Club to purchase new tables to replace several old ones that are in disrepair. School Club approved funding for six commercial quality folding tables. These tables will serve many purposes, including daily school use, special school events, School Club events and community events. We expect them to last for years to come.

Upcoming Meetings: Parents, school personnel and community members meet at 6:30pm on the first Monday every month (or the following Monday due to a holiday or inclement weather) to plan events, hear new ideas, review funding requests and manage the organization. The next meetings are at TCS on May 4 and June 1. All are welcome!

## Happenings in Tunbridge

Look under the Library Section (page 13) for more events.

- May 25 - Memorial Day Festivities-  
Including: Library Plant, Book and Bake Sale  
11am- "America's Diverse Heritage" program in Town  
Hall followed by parade and observance in cemetery.
- May 30 - One Planet Race- Fairgrounds
- May 31 - Stock Horse Clinic- South Fairgrounds
- June 6 - Dance with the Starline Rhythm Boys , 7:30pm  
Tunbridge lies defenseless as the Starline Rhythm Boys  
press a full rockabilly frontal assault on the Town Hall.  
Armed with plenty of twang, Perkins, Elvis, Cash &  
PBR...SRB will surely blow the sand off the dance floor.  
Tunbridge Town Hall [www.mtnfolk.org](http://www.mtnfolk.org)  
Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door.  
Sales will be limited to 150.
- June 12-14- 4-H Horse Clinic- South Fairgrounds  
[www.uvm.edu/~uvmext/programs/4h/events/default.php](http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmext/programs/4h/events/default.php)
- June 14 - History Mystery Walk- Meet at 3pm at the Library.
- June 18-21- Jenny Brook Family Bluegrass Festival- Fairgrounds  
[www.jennybrookfestival.com](http://www.jennybrookfestival.com)
- June 20 - Magical History Bus Tour thru Tunbridge, hosted by  
Euclid Farnham. Meet at School parking lot at 10am.
- June 24 - 4-H Oxen clinic- Fairgrounds, judging arena.
- June 27 - Critically acclaimed "folk noir" singer/songwriter Slaid  
Cleaves returns to his roots in northern New England  
(originally from Maine) to support his superb new record-  
ing "Everything You Love Will Be Taken Away...".  
Tunbridge Town Hall [www.mtnfolk.org](http://www.mtnfolk.org)  
Tickets: \$15 advance at the website  
\$20 at the door.
- June 28 - First Branch Ambulance celebration- Fairgrounds,  
Dodge-Gilman Building
- July 3-5 - Morgan Heritage Days- Fairgrounds, south oval  
<http://www.vtmorganheritagedays.org>
- July 14 - Ice Cream Social on Parish House Lawn 6:30pm  
"Tunbridge Speaks" in the Church at 7:30  
Hear outspoken neighbors from Tunbridge past .  
Sponsored by the Historical Society
- July 26 - Friends of the Tunbridge World's Fair Annual Meeting  
& picnic. Dodge-Gilman Building
- Aug 1 & 2- Blue Wave Taekwondo- Fairgrounds- Oval area  
<http://bwtkdrandolph.blogspot.com/>
- Aug. 2 - Vermont National Guard 40th Army Band-  
Tunbridge Central School 2:00pm  
Chief Warrant Officer David A. Myers Commander  
and Bandmaster. Free Concert sponsored by the Fair.
- Aug 6-9 - Good Sam <http://www.vermontgoodsam.com>
- Aug 11- Historical Society Annual Potluck 6pm at the Dodge-  
Gilman building. Afterwards, Mick Maguire presents  
"The Kings: the family who ruled Tunbridge"
- Aug. 15&16 - Lippitt Morgan Show- Fairgrounds  
<http://www.lippittcountryshow.com>
- Aug 16 - Tunbridge Library Annual Potluck 1pm at the Dodge-  
Gilman building.