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from your town offices and
local volunteer efforts.



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Tunbridge Treasurer

Anne Mallary- 889-3571

The tax bills have been printed and will be mailed out in the next two weeks. If you would like yours sooner, please stop and pick it up.

The municipal tax rate has been set at \$0.742. Last year the rate was \$0.813, \$0.106 of which was the deficit tax. The education homestead tax rate is \$1.8051 (last year \$1.5325) and the non-residential tax rate is \$1.9720 (last year \$1.8728). The total tax rate for a homestead property will be \$2.5471, and for a non-residential property it will be \$2.714.

A new line on the tax bill is the local agreement tax rate. The rate is \$0.0033. The amount raised by this tax covers the education portion of town- voted exempt properties. This included the grange (\$48,700.00) and the veterans' exemptions over \$10,000.00 (\$160,000.00).

The tax rate for the highway is \$0.4615, and last year it was \$0.435. The budgeted amounts for gravel and diesel were the biggest increases, with a decrease in the amounts for equipment, sand and special projects. On the income side, state aid for highways has been cut, and there is no income this year from the Highway fund with the Trustees of Public Funds.

The tax rate for the selectmen's fund (general) is \$0.2297, and last year it was \$0.178. This increase is primarily a result of adding the appropriation for the sheriff's department, capital improvement, reappraisal and payment for the fire truck to this rate, and an associated decrease will be found in the appropriation tax rate. The tax rate for the appropriations is \$0.0475, and last year it was \$0.094. This budget stayed pretty much the same, with no major increases or decreases.

This year there was a surplus at the end of the year. The equipment and highway funds are reserve funds, so the surplus in these funds cannot be spent on anything else. These amounts will show up in the fund balances and could be used to reduce taxes in the next budget, or on any other highway or equipment emergency. The surplus in the equipment fund was \$12,590.10 and in the highway fund it was \$25,706.94.

First Branch Sustainability Network

Henry Swayze 889-5556

Past events:

Community potluck, well attended, good food and music, lots of networking. More will follow. Contact Dan Breslaw or Bonnie Pomerantz

Biochar workshop, Several people got together at Henry's house and have now started to make and use biochar to enhance the soil. This process could, if broadly adopted, make a big change in our future climate through CO2 sequestration. Contact Henry for getting involved.

Ongoing activities:

Energy committee for Chelsea, Is focusing on reducing energy consumption of town buildings and is getting extremely good results. Contact Philip Mulligan

Energy committee for Tunbridge, Is working on a grant to pay part of the cost of solar panels which will partially offset the towns \$20,000 electric bill. Todd Tyson and Henry Swayze were appointed to advise the select board on energy matters. Would you like to help? Contact us or the select board.

Groups forming: Want to help?

Community power, Investigation of generating enough electricity through sustainable means to power the entire valley. This project is intended to be of the community and primarily for the community.

Button-up Workshop (Home energy efficiency)

FEED Program (Chelsea), To educate and feed the school kids from local sources. Tunbridge could also use help.

Local & Alternative Food Production, Become less dependant of imported food, eat better locally, strengthen local economy.

Film & Discussion Series around sustainability and resilience.

Mission Statement, Want to help formalizing one?

Your project ideas: Projects you would like to collaborate with others on. Let us pass it on.

Upcoming events:

Harvest festival Friday, October 2, from 1:30 or 2 to 8PM

Chelsea Green Mini workshops on food and energy. Mark it in your calendar and watch for details.

350.org Event to tell the world that climate as usual is not acceptable. Day: October 24th details to be arranged.

State Representative

David Ainsworth- 763-8017

RAIN_RAIN_RAIN It reminds me of the old records which had reached their end and just kept going around and around!! As if the low milk prices and poor feed conditions weren't bad enough now we have to fight late blight on tomatoes and potatoes.

I've received several e-mails asking me to support a Senate bill(77) which when written was to have electronic companies pay for the recycling of their machines and keep them out of landfills. Peggy and I believe in recycling and currently do with our household waste as much as possible and I plan to attend a farmers meeting later this summer talking about recycling farm plastic. However, I can't support a bill without seeing it and seeing how much it may change after it has been passed by the Senate and gone through the House committee before we have a floor vote on it in the House. I do endorse the concept and hopefully can endorse the final bill.

I've been bothered by what I've read and heard in regards to the next (2011) fiscal budget workings. The Speaker said they need to cut a sum(\$30Million) from the start of the new outline on the budget, when the economists had said before we left Montpelier in May that the next budget would be \$60Million short by their best estimates. And, the Joint Fiscal Committee met to review the first quarter's results and said we were already behind our expected receipts and expenses for fiscal 2010. I afraid there is more desire to raise taxes than there is to cut expenses once again-something we can not afford to do again.

Please feel free to contact me at my legislative e-mail address or drop a note to me here at the farm this summer. dainsworth@leg.state.vt.us.

Tunbridge Treasurer Con't

There is also a budget surplus in the selectmen's fund. This amount cannot be spent on anything, unless voted upon by the town. The surplus in the selectmen's fund was \$18,921.03.

There is also \$30,837.54 that was raised in taxes last year by the deficit tax that was over and above the amount needed to cover the deficit. The deficit tax rate needed to be set by statute, and had to be a percentage of "tax vote already authorized...". This money cannot be spent by the selectboard without approval by the voters at a town meeting.

Nearly \$50,000.00 of town money is being tied up until expenditure is approved by the voters. This could be used to reduce the tax rate, weather-proof the town buildings, paint the town buildings or any other project the town deems necessary.

The selectmen are now having an extra meeting once a month to discuss the budget. We have also been working on adopting some financial policies. An investment and reserve fund policy have already been approved and others under consideration are; an accounting, auditing and financial reporting policy, a purchasing policy, a cash receipts and petty cash policy and a capital improvement plan and budget policy. If you have any questions feel free to cal at 889-3571.

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Janet Zug 889-9602

If you are contemplating the idea of running for office at our next town meeting, check out this link from the VT Secretary of State site which gives descriptions of all the positions. http://vermont-elections.org/elections1/whos_who.html.

The deadline for submissions to the TQ is the first of the issue month (Aug, Nov, Feb, & May). Because people ask me, I will explain that all the articles are written by the person who's name is under the heading. These entries are included with only minor proofreading changes. I solicit the articles and build the TQ in a file that is sent to Spaulding Press for printing. The copies are then labeled with the help of our head lister , Judie Lewis and our Treasurer, Anne Mallary. The goal is to have the TQ arrive on or before the 15th of the issue month.

On another note; Principal Kathie Ball found a music teacher for our school and filled the position!

Tunbridge Board of Listers

Judie Lewis- 889-3571

Myth: If the Listers inspect the inside of your home, your taxes will go up.

First: The Listers have nothing, (let me repeat that) NOTHING to do with any yearly increase in the tax rate.

Second: You are more likely than not to find your house assessed at a lower value if the Listers have an opportunity to view the interior. If we can't go inside we have no choice but to guess what the interior looks like. I'm not saying that we envision all houses have gold-plated faucets and Italian marble floors, but we have to believe that the interior is at least the quality of the exterior, in at least as good a condition, and has no oddities and problems.

More often than not the interior of the dwelling does not live up to the promise of the exterior. A dwelling with great curb appeal may turn out to have six-foot ceilings, a bath on the first floor only, an out-dated kitchen with six inches of counter space, water damage in the ceiling, no trim in half the house, bare light bulbs hanging from the ceilings in the upstairs bedrooms, and a generally disappointing and unworkable floor plan.

As we go around collecting data for the town-wide reappraisal, we have been encouraged by the number of property owners who have either let us inside unannounced or have taken the time to respond to the card we left at the door. However, there remain many homes that we have seen from the outside only. We can't stress enough the importance of interior inspections to help ensure that your property is accurately assessed and that all properties are equitably valued.

The Listers have officially turned over the 2009 Grand List to the Town Clerk. The Listers can make no more changes. This year four people grieved their assessed property values or current use allocation to the Listers. There were no appeals to the Board of Civil Authority.

Tunbridge Select Board

Selectboard meetings are open to anyone who is interested.

All meetings are at the town office Aug 18
at 6pm on the following dates: Aug 25 budget

Select Board Members:

Tim Wolfe - 889-3730

Shane Young, Chair - 889-2804

Ingrid Van Steamburg - 889-3459

Sept 1, 22

Sept 28 budget

Oct 6, 13,

Oct 27 budget

Nov 3, 17

Nov. 24 budget

Tunbridge Town Website

Rick Scully- 763-7474

The official Tunbridge website has been doing it's best to keep up with all the activities that go on during the summer, but still needs your help sending items for your groups' events.

The site is also accepting local listings for the free online business directory, so if you haven't submitted your local business, please head over to <http://tunbridgevt.com> and make contact!

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Jim Wick help line 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, call the number above

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.

Financial Fraud Workshop

Coming in October

Tunbridge Neighbors Helping Neighbors and the Tunbridge Public Library will co-sponsor a workshop regarding financial fraud. Fraud occurs in Vermont. And when it happens, it can have a devastating impact. This impact is felt by the person defrauded, their family, as well as by the entire community. Individuals and families are often the victims of financial fraud through the internet, over the phone, or when someone knocks at your door.

This free workshop will be presented by the Vermont department of Libraries. The presentation teaches Vermonters that they can be at risk for financial fraud, how to spot the "tactics" that fraudsters use in defrauding people, and the simple tools they can use to defend themselves against investment fraud. We are especially concerned about Vermonters aged 55+ who are specifically targeted, but the workshop will be open to everyone.

The workshop will be scheduled in the fall. We will be sending out and posting notices about it when the time comes.

First Branch Ambulance & Rescue

Pam Caron- 763-9595

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate our 25th Year Milestone. This is a tremendous accomplishment for a volunteer squad and should be recognized as such. We owe a great deal of thanks to the two towns-Tunbridge and Chelsea for their continued support and trust. Then of course there are the numerous people that have over the years lent their time and efforts in first creating and then maintaining this organization.

Some of these people are not with us anymore but we need to remember them as they had the foresight and energy to get this off the ground. Some are still part of the community and if you see them please remember to say thanks. We are truly blessed with having two communities with many motivated and talented people in them to allow us to provide quality patient care in a timely fashion in a very rural area. Not a small feat to say the least! Thank you to everyone and here's to the next 25.

Tunbridge Grease Collective & Green Mountain Transit

Todd Tyson 802-431-3433

The Collective and Aldo the GreaseVan are up and running in Tunbridge and up and down the White River Valleys. If you have a diesel vehicle (or wish to get one), a strong environmental consciousness, and a desire to kick the petroleum habit and save some \$...you should consider joining TGC. With a straightforward modification of a diesel engine an extra tank and a steady supply of filtered WVO (waste vegetable oil) you could be economically "greasin' yer ride" while lightening the coffers of the multinational oil companies. TGC currently has an ample supply of WVO and can advise you on where to find the appropriate vehicle and "grease mechanic".

For community transit of 2-7 passengers, Aldo the GreaseVan, is available by advance reservation though Grease Mountain Transit. Whether it be a multi-passenger trip to Montpelier/Hanover/Burlington/Manchester Airport or a group heading off to a wedding/reception or a ski area...why not make "grease" your cleaner convenient transit alternative. Available by suggested donation to TGC.

For further information on TGC or Grease Mountain Transit...just call Todd or email at folkbloke@hotmail.com.

Tunbridge Town Clerk

Wendy McCullough- 889-5521

The Town Clerk's Office has recorded 27 property transfers to date this year. Only 4 of these have been sales, remaining 23 have been transfers of ownership between family members and or names changes. There has been a steady increase in refinances due to low interest rates and assignments of mortgages to new banks due to bank closures. I have not seen bank closures on the local banking level.

The Town Clerk's Office welcomes long-time Tunbridge Resident Joyce Miller as Assistant Town Clerk; Joyce is retired Clerk from the Orange County Court; she currently works for the Union Agricultural Society "Tunbridge World's Fair".

Tunbridge Planning Commission

Sue Clark 889-3733

The Planning Commission has been meeting with Chris Sargent of TRORC to begin planning for a Municipal Planning Grant in preparation for the next Town Plan. "Patterns of Settlement" will be the subject of the study using grant funds. We will, with the cooperation of the Tunbridge Central School, look at where housing has been established over the last several decades in order to answer the question-Are we losing available farmland? We will meet again at the end of the summer with Chris on Aug. 25th at 4:30 to work out details. TRORC informs us that this is an innovative study which may serve as a model for other communities. We will not meet on the 2nd Tues. of August, but will return to our regular schedule in September.

Transfer Station & Recycling

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.

Mon-Thurs - 8-12 & 1-4
1st & 3rd Tues - 8-6
Friday - closed

Tunbridge Volunteer Fire Department

Jena Young- 889-2804

Greetings from your Volunteer Fire Department!

Since the arrival of our new Pumper truck this spring, many training sessions have been held for the firemen to become familiar and comfortable with operating all of the trucks equipment and features. In May we held a day-long training at a house on Hansen Road that had been donated to department to use as for training. This allowed plenty of practice in using the CAF and water systems, and we invited the Chelsea, So. Royalton, Strafford and Charlotte Fire Departments to join us in this training event. It was a huge success, very well attended, and with using the CAF system, it actually became difficult to burn down!

Other recent events in July include participation in the Chelsea Fire Department's 125th anniversary celebration where we joined their parade. We also joined Sharon's Old Home Days parade and several members traveled to Thetford to use their burn building for training.

Are you looking to add a couple of truly unique and one of a kind Tunbridge historical artifacts to your collection of antiques? If you act fast, you can own a piece of Tunbridge history! We are selling the "Smokies" building, already fitted with some die hard industrial cooking equipment still in tact. We are also selling Engine 2, as you can see parked in the parking lot in front of the fire department building. We are seeking \$7000 for Engine 2, and any reasonable offer, (and perhaps unreasonable offers), will be considered for Smokies! If you have an interest in purchasing either of these historical Tunbridge artifacts for your collections, please contact Chief Durkee.

Finally, our annual coin drop fundraiser will be organized by Matt Loftus again this year. If you are able to donate any time to this event which will be on Friday September 18th and Saturday September 19th, please contact Matt at 889-3274. We need around 15 people for shifts each day to help us make this event successful & we appreciate any time you may have to offer. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it provides much needed resources for equipping the department.

Tunbridge Library Con't.

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Tunbridge Public Library is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 7 PM, at the library.

Don't miss this year's Ghost Walk at the Durkee Cemetery on Route 110 in North Tunbridge. This event, co-sponsored with the Historical Society will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 1:30 PM (weather date Nov.1).

Free, highspeed, 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.tunbridgelibrary.org)

Tunbridge Civic Club

Linda Lazaroff at 889-9421.

The Civic Club was proud to be participants of the Memorial Day parade this year and look forward to doing it again next year.

The Civic Club is now looking forward to next year's show and some of us are already gearing up and working on new ideas to entertain the audience. The club donates the profits from the show to benefit the Tunbridge community and it brings us much satisfaction knowing our efforts are going toward worthy causes.

There are still several copies of The Tunbridge Civic Club Presents... Anyone interested in obtaining a copy can contact Linda Lazaroff 889-9421.

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

All are cordially invited to the twelfth annual Tunbridge Library Community Potluck Picnic to celebrate community and volunteers. Rain or shine, it will be held on Sunday, August 16, 12:30 PM, in the Dodge-Gilman building on the Fairgrounds. Beverages and ice cream will be provided; bring lawn games to play.

Tunbridge, Chelsea, and South Royalton are jointly participating in the 2009 statewide one-book community reading program offered by the Vermont Humanities Council. A potluck dessert/ book discussion will be held Thursday, August 20, 7 PM, at the Tunbridge Public Library. The novel, *When the Emperor Was Devine* by Julie Otsuka, is set in the World War II Japanese American communities sent to the intern camps. Borrow the book from the Tunbridge, Chelsea, or South Royalton library.

ArtSpace at the library will feature wall sculpture by artist, author Paul Calter. In this exhibit Calter presents low relief portraits, figure and nature studies, and geometric abstractions using marble, aluminum, bronze, wood, paper, and terra cotta. An opening reception will be held on Friday evening, August 28 from 7-9 PM. 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.

There will be one change in the fall Children's Story Hour schedule; the date for the second monthly Hour will be Sept. 24. After that the regular schedule will resume: first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:15 PM.

The library will host a workshop Oct. 6, 6:30 PM, on protecting oneself from fraud. Please preregister.

ECFiber.Net

Janet Zug 889-9602 www.ecfiber.net

As many of you already know, the funding for the ECFiber project has been stalled due to the market crash last fall. We have been working every angle to secure the funds we need. Work has never stopped on this project.

Countless hours have been spent, mostly by our directors Tim and Leslie Nulty working on ECFiber's application to the RUS for a loan from the stimulus program. Things are looking very promising. We expect to have definitive news by the time the next issue of *The Quarterly* is released.

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.

Tunbridge Historical Society

Kay Jorgensen 889-5528

The Historical Society will host two October Sunday events. On Oct. 4 the annual Show & Tell Meeting and Dessert Social will be at 2 p.m. at the Parsonage. The raffle winners will be chosen at this meeting.

The popular Ghost Walk will be held at 1:30 on Oct. 25. Co-hosted by the Tunbridge Library, this year's walk is at the Durkee Cemetery in North Tunbridge. Rain date is Nov. 2.

This year's raffle prizes, all featuring local history, are:

- The new 2010 "Houses of Tunbridge" calendar featuring 14 large color photographs of local historic houses and calendar listings of some local events.
- Euclid Farnham's "Tunbridge World's Fair" pictorial history book published in 2008
- 3 old Tunbridge postcards
- Two 1940s Tunbridge Fair souvenirs
- A jigsaw puzzle picturing some of Tunbridge Village
- A 1997 Tunbridge World's Fair poster (mounted)
- 8 x 10 enlargement of an old postcard of Tunbridge Village

If you don't find T Swayze selling raffle tickets at the fair, you can call him at 889-3234. He also has enlargements of various old Tunbridge postcards printed on heavy paper suitable for framing for \$5 each.

The new calendar is on sale for \$10 at the library and through Euclid Farnham, 889-3458. Euclid provided the captions for Alec Frost's photographs. Proceeds from the raffle and calendar will help restore the North Tunbridge Church

Tunbridge School Club

Kathi Terami, Parent Volunteer 889-5575

Along with families throughout Tunbridge, School Club is gearing up for the new school year. All are welcome to join us at these upcoming events!

Back to School Potluck: Celebrate the start of the school year on Wednesday, September 2 from 6:00-7:30pm at TCS. Enjoy a meal and good conversations with families, teachers, staff and community members. Bring your favorite salad, main dish or dessert to share. School Club will provide beverages and potluck supplies. Watch for more details the first week of school.

Special Presentation: On the evening of Monday, September 14, staff members from The Vermont State Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC) are visiting Tunbridge Central School to lead an interactive presentation. They will share the latest research on the benefits of parent involvement and offer ideas for engaging families to help children succeed in school. Watch for additional information as the date approaches.

Family Movie Events: Last school year, School Club hosted five family movie events with attendance totaling over 150 children and adults. Watch The Herald, www.tunbridgevt.com and notices around the school and town for details on upcoming movies. Eighth grade students and parents run the concessions as a fundraiser for their class trip in spring.

THANK YOU to countless volunteers who help School Club achieve its mission. If you aren't familiar with School Club, read on to learn more:

What is School Club? School Club is an organization dedicated to providing enrichment activities and services to students, families, staff and teachers at TCS. Anyone can participate and there are no membership dues.

How can you participate? School Club provides many opportunities for parents, teachers and community members to connect with one another, share ideas, plan activities and more. We welcome volunteers of all interests and abilities. Skills such as organization management, fundraising, event planning, public relations, cooking/baking, etc. are helpful.

Tunbridge/Royalton Phone Book

Janet Zug 889-9602

trphonebook@aol.com

The Tunbridge/ Royalton Phone Book is a fund-raising effort for the Tunbridge Church Children's Choir, currently raising money to build a community playground. The plan is to include local, long distance and cell phone numbers for anyone who lives or owns property in either of the two towns.

Businesses:

All businesses are to be listed in both the yellow and white pages. Please call the number above or send an email if:

- You know are interested in advertising.
- You would like to include your cell phone number.
- Your business is not listed in the Fairpoint book, and you want to be listed in this one.
- You offer a service locally, and you want to be listed.

Residents:

Please contact me if:

- You would like to have your cell phone number listed.
- You would like to be listed differently than you are in the Fairpoint phone 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, but feel free to check in anyway.

Tunbridge Church Community Playground

Janet Zug 889-9602

The excavation work needed on the playground site has been completed by donation from George Elderd.

While continuing to raise the funds needed the committee is working to decide what structures to put on the site. It's a difficult decision as we want to build a safe and sustainable playground for all the children of Tunbridge. There is a quite a lot to consider, more than I'd first imagined!

To make a donation you may send it to T Swayze 56 Swayze Rd in Tunbridge. Please make your check out to the Tunbridge Church with "Playground Fund" in the memo line.

Tunbridge Church

Pastor: Deadra Bachorik Ashton 685-3029

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. During the month of August we will meet in the North Tunbridge Church. Beginning the first Sunday in September, we will meet in the church in the Tunbridge Village.

An informal Bible study group meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Parish House. Call Ben Wolfe at 889-9467, for more information.

The Sunday morning Bible study group, led by Rev. David Wolfe, will resume in September. The group meets at 8:45 a.m. at the Parish House.

The Tunbridge Church's Festival of Worship service, an informal, "come as you are" service, is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sept. 20th, the Sunday of the World's Fair. The theme of this year's service is "Praising the Light- Morning, Noon and Night." The service is primarily music; music of all kinds, offered by adult, youth, and children's choirs, and by area musicians and soloists.

Choir practices are on Wednesday evenings: kids at 6pm, adults at 7:30pm all are welcome to join. Practices for the children's choir will begin on August 26th.

Tunbridge Recreation Department

Carrie McDonnell 889-3310

This spring Thornton Hayslett resigned as the Recreation Director. He devoted many hours to this responsibility and our community has greatly benefited from his service. Thank you Thornton. He has agreed to continue as a member of the Recreation Committee.

Instead of hiring a single person to fill Thornton's position, a committee is being formed and the many responsibilities will be divided amongst the committee members. At this point in time, seven individuals have expressed interest, including Thornton Hayslett, Kathy Galluzzo, Robyn Rogers, Kevin Barnaby, Bob Dunkle, John Oliver, and Carrie McDonnell. If you are interested in taking on some responsibility or simply sharing ideas at meetings please contact Kathy Galluzzo at GALLUZK@nationwide.com or 763-2811. The Committee will be meeting in August.

Tunbridge School Club Con't

What are School Club funds used for? School Club spends money raised on a movie site license, an overnight Camp In at the Montshire Museum of Science for the 3rd grade class, supplies for events such as the first day of school, back-to-school potluck, staff holiday gifts, teacher appreciation week, graduation, the end-of-the-year picnic and purchasing equipment for the school.

Getting the Word Out: Stay informed about School Club happenings by watching for information sent home with students, articles on the Tunbridge page in The Herald, the news section of www.tunbridgevt.com, the School Club page on www.tunbridge.owsu.org and the School Club section inside the Tunbridge Quarterly. Interested individuals can write to schoolclub@tunbridge.k12.vt.us to sign up for the email list and receive event details, meeting agendas and more.

Tunbridge One Planet Afterschool Program

Carrie McDonnell 889-3310

We just completed a very fun and successful summer program. We had 30-35 students attend on a daily basis. Activities included dancing (line, square, etc), African drumming, swimming lessons, field trips, painting, crafts, and more. Of the 27 students surveyed, 26 indicated that they enjoyed the program. Among parents, 95% of those surveyed said they were very satisfied with the program.

We partnered with the Tunbridge Recreation Department to offer our children 2 weeks of swimming lessons at VTC. Not only did our children improve skills, swimming was the most enjoyed activity, according to the student surveys.

A new Site Coordinator, Chelsey Hook, has been hired for the Tunbridge Afterschool Program. Chelsey will be para-educator at TCS during the day and then oversee the program in the afternoon. Carrie McDonnell will continue with One Planet as the Program Director, overseeing the Tunbridge, South Royalton and Sharon programs.

Fall Session will commence on September 14th. Program registration and session details will be sent home with students during the first week of September.

Happenings in Tunbridge

Look under the Library Section (page 13 & 14) for more events.

Sept 4 - "Nightingale" at the Tunbridge Town Hall 7:30pm
Featuring Becky Tracy, Jeremiah McLane & Keith
Murphy. Presented by New Acadia Farm and
MountaiFolk.\$15. in advance, \$20. at the door.
Tickets available locally at the SoRo Market or online
at mtnfolk.org. \$20. at the door. For more info call
Robin at 889-3246 or Todd at 802-431-3433

Sept. 138th Tunbridge World's Fair - Music Events:
17 - 20 - Thursday: 7pm - Mountain House Cloggers
Friday: 7pm - "Moonlighters" -big band music
Saturday: 2-5pm - Colgate Country Showdown
7pm - "Patty Casey and the Woods Tea Co."
9:30pm - "Jeanne and the HiTops"
Sunday: 1:30pm - "Avi & Celia"
3pm - "The Wayne Bailey Band"
Ed Larkin Contra Dancers perform 4x/day on
Thurs, Fri, and Sat and 3x/day on Sunday.

Oct 3 - The 3rd Season of The Shindigs begins with the high
energy music of "LSBB with Kat Murphy" The dances
are always held at the Tunbridge Town Hall on the first
Saturday nights, 8-11pm, from October thru May. Cover
charge is \$6. each or \$3. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
www.shindigsvt.com

Oct 3-4 - VT Sheep and Wool '09 at the Fairgrounds
www.vermontsheep.org

Oct 4 - The Historical Society's annual Show & Tell Meeting
and Dessert Social. 2 p.m. at the Parsonage

Oct 9 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers- Town Hall
all dances taught 7:30pm \$5.00 donation

Oct Family Motor Coach Rally & Tunbridge Driving Trial
10 - 12 - North Fairgrounds

Oct Animal Power Field Days- at the Fairgrounds
17 & 18 - www.animalpowerfielddays.org

Oct 25 - The ever popular Ghost Walk will be held at 1:30
on Oct. 25. Co-hosted by the Tunbridge Library
and Historical Society, this year's walk is at the
Durkee Cemetery in North Tunbridge. Rain date
is Nov. 2.

Oct 30 - (Tentative date) "Bow Thayer & The Perfect Train
Wreck" present an especially scary Halloween
Dance Party at the Tunbridge Town Hall. Please
check www.mtnfolk.org for updates on this show
and tickets.

Nov 7 - Shindig with "The Shugarmakers!" at the town
hall. 8-11pm, The Shugarmakers are back to play
their fun blend of old and new tunes. Cover charge
is \$6. each or \$3. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
www.shindigsvt.com

Nov 13 - Ed Larkin Contra Dancers- Town Hall
all dances taught 7:30pm \$5.00 donation

Dec 4- Shindig with "Sensible Shoes" at the town hall.
8-11pm, Sensible shoes plays a funky mix of
original music and eclectic cover. Cover charge
is \$6. each or \$3. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
www.shindigsvt.com

Dec 31 - Shindig with "Hillary and the Party Crashers" at
the town hall. 8-11pm, H&PC rock the house with
their hot blend of dancing tunes. Guaranteed to be
a happenin' New Year's Eve party! Cover charge
is \$6. each or \$3. for seniors (65+) & kids (12-)
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