New Haven News

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Any non-profit group event that is open to all members of the community can be listed in the Community calendar.

Contact: Town Office: 453 - 3516 Clerk news - Town Meeting was interesting, we had some issues with our internet connection during the meeting. Many thanks to Danielle Hubbell for managing the remote questions, and trying to figure out the internet issues. Thanks to Julie Bessette for assisting Danielle, and thanks to Susan Bruhl for her assistance with the connecting to MAUSD internet. And thanks to all of you who participated remotely, we truly appreciated your patience. I want to thank the election workers: Danielle, Julie, Carol, Tim, Paul, Pam, John & Taborri - I couldn't have done it without you. I'd also like to recognize the Village Green Market for always making the election workers wonderful lunches and dinner!

Dog Licensing: All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of every year. Please license your dog as soon as possible. Fees are \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unspayed /unneutered. Fees will increase after April 1st.

Thank you.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Homestead Declaration Reminder:

Please remember to file your homestead declaration by April 15th. You must file form HS-122 if you own and live in your home. You can go online to https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration for more information and to file your declaration. Please make sure your tax preparer knows to file the form. There are penalties and consequences for not filing. If you need a copy of your tax bill you can email a request to newhaventreasurer@gmavt.net Treasurer, Danielle Hubbell

The Library has shifted guidance on masking to more closely align with CDC guidelines and their Know Your Community Risk model. Patrons are welcome to visit the library without masks as long as the community risk levels are low or medium. However, masking will be reinstated whenever community risk is determined as high. For more information about our masking and library use guidance, please visit our website at nhcl.org.

A friendly reminder that Storytime is back and happening on the Village Green starting Wednesday, April 6th at 11 am. We'll be sharing songs, rhymes, and stories in a fun 45-minute program, so make sure to come by and join in the fun. Dress for the weather and pack snacks if you want. Cancellations due to rainy/inclement weather will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

The Library is collaborating with the Conservation Commission to bring a Community Read and Discussion program to the community this April. The Commission has selected Douglas Tallamy's *The Nature of Oaks* as their seasonal selection and copies of the book are available for check out at the library. The Commission and the Library will be hosting a virtual discussion on the evening of April 20th at 6:30 pm to discuss the book. To register for the program, please email the library at librarian@nhcl.org or give us a call.

Finally, the library is accepting book donations and happy to use donated materials to enhance our own collection as well as set books aside for our Friends' book sale. Please remember we can only accept three boxes of books at a time, and ask that donations are dropped off in cardboard boxes. Items such as large book sets, textbooks, and dated materials (such as Tax Help 2007 or Microsoft Office 2003 for Dummies) are not accepted. Books and materials must be free of dust, mildew, and mold. And, we are accepting puzzle and game donations on a limited basis. Thank you to everyone who has helped us grow this part of the collection!

I'm looking forward to warmer days, good books, and more opportunities for our community to connect. Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

Katie Male-Riordan, Library Director

Do you qualify for funding to replace your failed septic system or well?

The State of Vermont has \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available for low- and moderate-income homeowners to replace a failed or inadequate well and/or septic system. This funding will ensure Vermonters have access to safe, reliable drinking and wastewater disposal. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: 1) A failed or inadequate drinking water or wastewater system; 2) Residential property owners who own and reside on the property; 3) Single units or owner-occupied multi-family homes, up to four units; 4) Households earning up to \$120,000. Learn more by visiting: https://anr.vermont.gov/content/funding-install-or-replace-water-or-wastewater-systems or by calling Rosalie Sharp at the Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation: 802-461-7433

Champlain Valley Weatherization offers a variety of services to both homeowners AND renters to improve home energy efficiency and comfort, and to decrease heating bills. If you rent, CVOEO will work with your property owner to bring you the benefits of the program at little or no cost to them.

- Energy audits to identify potential improvements in energy efficiency comfort, and ways to save money on fuel bills.
- Heating systems check-ups to ensure safety, efficiency, and effectiveness. Free lighting and appliance upgrades (where applicable) through partnership with <u>Efficiency Vermont</u>. Renovation construction services from a qualified crew, including materials and supplies.

Contact the Champlain Valley Weatherization Service to learn more at: (800) 545-1084 or email: cvws@cvoeo.org

Vermont's Homeowner Assistance Program now open

Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) is now accepting applications from Vermont homeowners who are behind on their housing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program provides grants for eligible Vermont homeowners for missed payments on their mortgage, utilities (water/sewer, electricity, home heating), property taxes, and homeowners' or condominium association fees. The program is restricted to expenses related to a homeowner's primary home (other eligibility criteria apply). If applicants are approved, payments will be made directly to service providers. To learn more and apply, visit vermonthap.vhfa.org or call (833) 221-4208. The VT Homeowner Assistance Program is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number HAFP-0040 awarded to the State of Vermont by the US Department of the Treasury. A separate rental assistance program is available through the Vermont State Housing Authority at erap.vsha.org.

Peggy Connor,

New Haven Conservation Commission News:

We are excited that many projects are finally coming together. The community wide discussion of Doug Tallamy's book the *Nature of Oaks* will take place April 20 at 6:30 on zoom. Watch for the link and more information soon. You can borrow a copy of the book from the Town Library now! The co-sponsored series of talks on pollinators continues, they are also on zoom with events publicized in Front Porch Forum. We had a wonderful training on wildlife tracking with Chris Runcie, and then the snow melted. If you would like to join the Commission for a visit to 10 important wildlife crossing sites in New Haven, please contact Susan Smiley. Bears are coming out of hibernation. Please post sightings on Front Porch Forum and with Fish and Wildlife, your observations will help all of us learn to cohabit this part of the county comfortably with large wildlife. The book launch for Mark Krawczyk's new book will likely take place in June.

Events Dept.

Spring has sprung! Shake off those winter blues and get outside. Stop by the Village Green Market, and purchase a treat to enjoy as you stroll through the Town Green, all decked out for Spring. Decorations will be up from April 10th through April 24th.

Take advantage of the warmer weather, longer days, and enjoy some of what our little town has to offer.

New Haven Events



New Haven Ladies Union Attic and Rummage Sale

Saturday April 30, 2022

New Haven Congregational Church, New Haven

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please bring a non perishable food item for the free little pantry.

Clothing, plants, baked goods, books, games, Rada cutlery, kitchen items, craft supplies, toys, linens, special items, attic treasures, and more

More information call Carol @ 453-5059

If you would like to donate good or excellent quality items, the church will be open on April 27th (W), 28th (Th), and the 29th (F) from 5:00 -7:00 pm.

It is important that the items are in good or excellent condition so that any leftovers can be donated to other places with no disposal costs.

Not accepted: text books, encyclopedias, vcr tapes, computers, printers, video games, outdated technology etc. or stuffed toys, pillows or furniture.

PLEASE Call the Fire Warden Prior to burning anything - you likely need a Burn Permit.

Fire Warden, Dean Gilmore 802 - 373 - 4198

Help Wanted

Full Time or Summer Seasonal Road Crew. Must have CDL and be able to get along well with others, must be willing to work hard in all types of weather. Mechanical experience necessary.

Applications available at Town Clerk's Office and at www.newhavenvt.com Send resume and salary requirements. Open until position is filled. Send to: Town of New Haven 78 North St. New Haven, Vt. 05472 or email to newhaventreasurer@gmavt.net

April 2022 New Haven Community Calendar

<u>Location of Events Key:</u> Town Hall= TH Town Offices= TO Town Garage= TG Cafeteria= C Gym= G Beeman= S MAUHS= HS Village Green = VG Village Green Market= VGM Congregational Church= CH Library= L Fire Station= FS * Recycling at Town Offices (winter months) Saturday Mornings 8-12 *

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
3	4	5 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	6	7	8	9 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
10	11 PC Mtg 7PM TO	12	13	14 Library Trustee Mtg 6:30PM L	15	16 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
17	18 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	19 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	20	21	22	23 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
			Interested in renting the Town Hall for a party or function?	Applications can be found on the website: www.newhavenvt.com or call the Town Office at 453 - 3516.	Please submit your application 3 weeks prior to your event	To ensure the Selectboard has sufficient time to review it. Thank you.

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Recycling on Saturday mornings 8-12 at Town Office/ Library parking lot. Trash drop-off at the same time for a fee.

Town Office Hours:

Monday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Tuesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Library Hours:

Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The newsletter is an open forum for New Haven residents with appropriate reports, articles, & letters about town matters. Letters of 500 words or less should be courteous & concern town events, news, & issues. One letter per person on a topic per year. Please include your name, address, & phone number. (Only your name will be published.) Submit in electronic form by the 15th of the month to newhavenclerk@gmavt.net or newhavenassistant@gmavt.net

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