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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 the Town Office:
453 - 3516

2025 Tax Filing Season Began January 26, 2026

The 2026 tax season officially opened January 26, 2026, when the IRS and the Vermont Department of Taxes began accepting income tax returns for tax year 2025. The 2026 filing deadline for personal income tax returns, timely Homestead Declarations, Property Tax Credit claims and Renter's Rebates is April 15, 2026. 2025 Personal Income Tax filling forms (including Lister Certificates) are now available on the Tax Department website by clicking [here](#). All Vermont resident homeowners are required to file a homestead declaration annually, even if they are not required to file personal income tax. When a homestead declaration is filed, the resident may also qualify for a property tax credit. The Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit claim are *typically* submitted at the same time, usually when filing their Vermont Income Taxes. However, if a property owner files for an extension, they can file their Homestead Declaration independently before the April 15 deadline to avoid being considered 'late'. Bear in mind that a Homestead Declaration must be filed to receive a Property Tax Credit.

[Homestead Declaration Fact Sheet \(FS-1051\)](#)
[Property Tax Credit Fact Sheet \(FS-1038\)](#)

A Message from the Selectboard following Town Meeting

We were pleased to see so many townspeople at Town Meeting! Thank you for attending. We received a lot of feedback regarding the meeting, and we will consider suggestions made to improve the format next year. This meeting is our chance to explain and discuss the budget and plans for the coming year, although we encourage you to attend our bi-monthly board meetings throughout the year. We feel strongly about transparency and making decisions that are in the best interest of the town as a whole, realizing not all will agree with every decision.

A question came up on how we decide what is voted on by Australian ballot vs. voting from the floor at the meeting. Three general subjects where Australian ballot may be used are election of officers, budget and public questions. We decided that non-binding resolutions would be discussed at the meeting under other business, with a vote from the floor.

Another question was asked about a contract with R&L Rubbish. There is no written contract. We wanted to hear from the towns people before following up with R&L.

We thank Ruth Shattock Bernstein, our town librarian, for planning a potluck dinner before the meeting. We will do a better job communicating in advance if a potluck is planned next year. Also, thank you to the bakers, kiddos selling and for your generous support of the Beeman PTO fund raising bake sale which raised \$1243.00!

We hope to see an even bigger turnout for town meeting next year.

Developing Community-Scale Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems in Unserved Villages

More than 100 villages do not have a public municipal water system. While many communities have explored municipal water and wastewater solutions in the past, most could not proceed with the projects because users couldn't afford the new rates needed to cover the cost of the project.

However, \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding is now available to help municipalities develop new public drinking water systems and community wastewater disposal systems where the critical infrastructure is lacking.

Managed by the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), these grants aim to address failing systems, increase housing and support development. While many projects are already slated for towns like Montgomery and Waitsfield, funding must be spent by September 30, 2026.

Lynnette Claudon, Chief Pollution Control Design Engineer with the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, will attend the Selectboard meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 7 p.m. to talk about potential options for New Haven's village center.

*Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, please watch the short video entitled "Developing Community-scale Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems in Unserved Villages: online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZKJrQzMWbQ>

New Haven Community Library

- **Stories & Play Times at the Library** - Every Tuesday at 10:30am

All caregivers and children are invited to join us for simple stories, songs, crafts, and lots of time to socialize and enjoy the library.

- **Library Friends Meeting** - Thursday April 2 at 6pm

Want to help support the library and have fun? Come check out the Library Friends group!

- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thursday April 9th at 6pm

- **Mathew Dickerson Author Visit** - Wednesday April 15th at 7pm

Local author Mathew Dickerson will speak in conjunction with the release of his new book, *Birds in the Sky, Fish in the Sea: Attending to Creation with Delight and Wonder*. Sponsored by the New Haven Conservation Commission.

- **5-Town Arts Concert: Sara Grey & Kieron Means** - Thursday April 16th at 7pm

Sara Grey and her son, Kieron Means, play American music, as distinct from Americana -theirs is the real deal. Old-time ballads, cowboy songs and Primitive Methodist hymns are all grist to their individual mill. Sponsored by the 5-Town Friends of the Arts.

- **Simple Wellness Series: April - Write!** - Saturday April 18th at 10am

RESCHEDULED TIME. Once a month we will gather to practice a simple healthy-living skill together. This month, we will talk about what benefits writing of any kind can bring for us and if and how we might want to incorporate writing of some sort into our daily life. Then we will spend time writing. The goal of this series is to draw attention to and practice easy and free skills to promote health. Our first meeting was about reading and its benefits.

- **Miniature Book Shelf Craft Workshop** - Monday April 20th at 5pm

Join us to use provided materials to create a pocketsized bookshelf in a tin. Children old enough for an intricate craft (about 8 years and up) are welcome to join.

- **Book Club: My Side of the Mountain** - Wednesday April 29th at 6pm

Book Club is open to anyone interested. This title will appeal to young and old, bring the kids and grandkids! Copies are available at the library.

All Month:

* **Free Seed Library Open** - Come select seeds and/or bring in extra seeds you might have. Consider starting extra seedlings for produce to donate to our summer Free Produce Giveaways! Donated seeds from High Mowing Seeds, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange and local gardeners.

* **Drop in crafting** & coloring for spring.

* Lots of **new books** and more coming.

* **Online books, e-books, & streaming** - through Libby & Kanopy. Need help getting started? Come ask!

* Want something we don't have? We can get *almost* any book or movie through **Interlibrary Loan**.

* **Home Card** that you can use at neighboring libraries! Not a member? Come get set-up!

Save the dates: Annual Friends Spring Book & Bake Sale: May 16th and Storytelling Event: June 25th

Ruth Bernstein-Shattock ~ New Haven Community Library Director

802-453-4015 email: librarian@nhcl.org

New Haven Housing Taskforce Vacant Homes

As you may be aware, New Haven has, through the “New Haven Comes Together” community engagement program, prioritized organizing a Housing Taskforce whose goal it is to expand housing opportunities in our town.

An initial review of several state and regional reports, suggests there may be between 20 and 40 vacant homes in New Haven, a number which came as a surprise to the members of taskforce. These buildings may be a great opportunity to provide additional needed housing in our town and, potentially, some may be able to be brought forward relatively quickly.

As part of our initial focus, the Housing Taskforce is wanting to identify the actual number and location of any vacant homes in our town for the purpose of trying to help those properties enter back into the active housing supply.

If you know of any vacant homes in town, we'd very much appreciate you sending us the address and any other details you might have about the ownership and/or reasons it is vacant. Any information received will be treated confidentially within the Housing Taskforce and the information will not be published. Our plan is simply to reach out to the owners to see if we can assist in making the properties viable for housing.

Our contact email is newhavenhousingvt@gmail.com and thank you in advance for helping us confirm the current housing inventory here in New Haven.

Jeff Pratt & Rick Shappy: Co-Chairs, New Haven Housing Taskforce

Food Closet

Do you or people you know need help to *s-t-r-e-t-c-h* grocery budgets? Then come to “Meat & More!”

The next monthly “Meat & More” will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. It will be held at New Haven Congregational Church, “the little church with a big heart for the hungry,” on the Town Green. Thanks, as always, for everyone’s support of the Food Closet. Just a reminder: clothing and other non-food items are not to be left in the donations box.

Garland Gates, Volunteer



OUR TOWN

Sponsored by the New Haven Historical Society

April Photo:

Can you identify what / where this is?

The New Haven Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month

At 7:00 pm in the Town Offices.



JOIN US

**Free Coffee, tea and
treats until we run
out!**

COFFEE HOUR

**New Haven Coffee Hour
@Lincoln Peak Vineyard
Every 1st Saturday of the month
9-10am**

Sponsored by New Haven Neighbors





NEW HAVEN SPRING FEST

Saturday, April 4

10am-noon

Egg Hunt starts at 10

Seasonal crafts, games and prizes,
face painting, seed planting,
a visit from the Easter Bunny
and more!

FREE | Bring a basket

Depot Update:

The VTI group has selected Andrea Murray from Vermont Integrated Architecture for this project. The group will be meeting with her in the coming days to review and start this design. First is to get the sub-floor construction design done so we can start to lay out the interior, such as where the lift needs to be, stairs and restroom. From there we can look at the many options for the rest of the interior. As I've mentioned before, the doors and windows are currently being restored with a project installation in late summer/early fall. Respectfully, Steve Dupoise

[MAV Youth Lacrosse – 2026 Season \(Click for Info\)](#)

Registration Now Open!

The MAV Lacrosse 2026 season begins the 2nd week of April, date TBD, with games starting in May and the season wrapping up in early June. All our teams are required by the Northern Vermont Youth League to field at least 14 players this season.

Teams: Boys & Girls divisions: 3/4, 5/6, 7/8

Coaches Needed for Boys 3/4, & Girls 5/6, 7/8. Volunteer support is required for the field teams this season. If you're interested in coaching, please contact recreation@bristolvt.org.

LAX Registration Note

Lacrosse players will be placed in **pre-registration**. Once a coach has volunteered and/or the team has **at least 14 confirmed** players to field a team, families will be notified, and payment will be requested.

Aidan Lenihan

Recreation Program Coordinator, Parks Manager, Town of Bristol

P.O Box 249, VT 05443

802-453-5885

www.BristolVtRec.com

**Please Note Our Office Has Moved To 27A Main Street, Bristol
Mail Registration Payments will continue to be mailed to:
Town of Bristol PO BOX 249, Bristol, VT 05443**

The Conservation Commission hosted State Climatologist, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux as part of our “Armchair Naturalist” series in March. Her informative talk can be viewed on NEAT-TV. Realizing we are still in a drought, she encourages us to use the VT State Climatologist office as a resource to plan for climate change resiliency. She can be reached at [UVM Faculty Profile](#). Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00pm** at the Town Offices to hear Matt Dickerson, author of seven books and Addison Independent columnist. Matt will present his knowledge, experience, and observations studying ecology, fishing on local rivers, as well as within national parks. Matt will have books for sale.

April 2026 New Haven Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
5 Easter Sunday	6 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	7 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	8	9 Library Trustee's Mtg 6:30PM L	10	11 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
12	13 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM	14	15 Conservation Comm. Mtg via Zoom 7 PM	16	17	18 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
19	20 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	21 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	22	23	24 Arbor Day	25 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
26	27	28	29	30		

Location of Events Key: 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

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.

Town of New Haven
 78 North Street
 New Haven, VT 05472
 453-3516



www.newhavenvt.com

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:
 802-453-3516**

Monday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Tuesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Wednesday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
 Thursday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Library Hours:
 802-453-4015**

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

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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

Dog Licenses are Due on April 1st of every year.
 Fees are \$11.00 for spay / neuter and \$15.00 for unspayed / unneutered.
 Fees increase on April 2nd. Please don't wait to license your dog(s).