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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:
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Selectboard News:

Fellow residents,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer, even with the questionable of late. Construction plans are still moving forward despite the rain. Twitchell Hill and Pearson Roads will be paved soon and tree removal and ditching will start on Town Hill Road. There will be road closures for both of these projects, so watch for signs and plan for extra time for alternative routes. A little inconvenience now will result in a much better road for the future.

We are moving forward with the train depot relocation project, please keep an eye out for updates and feel free to reach out to Selectboard member, Steve Dupoise for any questions you may have.

Roadside mowing will continue on and off this summer. Our new to us mower has been working great and we have been trying our best to stay ahead of the brush and parsnip. We should really see good results in a season or two.

A reminder to all residents, we are still looking for volunteers in our town government, please see Pam for a list and sign up! Its a great way to interact with each other and learn first hand how our town works! We appreciate all our volunteers including our members of our Fire Department.

Please take care and we will see you all in town!

John Roleau, Selectboard Chair

Town Administrator's Report:

This season's major road projects are underway. Large portions of Pearson Road and Twitchell Hill Road have been reclaimed and are presently being paved. We received a grant for Town Hill Road and you should expect temporary through-traffic closures of that road while crews clear trees, ditch, and pave.

Aaron Brown, Town Administrator

Zoning Administrators Report:

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Town will have voted on an amended Town Plan that includes a comprehensive new energy chapter. What's next? Assuming it is approved, the energy subcommittee will continue to work on implementing projects that save the Town and residents money on energy bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This fall, the Town will offer a great workshop to help insulate windows for the winter. (See page 3)

The Town's zoning and subdivision laws are nearly ready for review at a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Development Review Board. Several years in the making, the updated bylaws will be sent to the Selectboard for a vote once approval ready.

Aaron Brown, Zoning Administrator

Clerk News:

I met with the Board of Civil Authority in June to go through the voter checklist. This is required by the Secretary of States Office every odd year to challenge those who the BCA/ Town Clerk believes may have moved out of town. If you have received a letter asking if you are still a New Haven resident, please return the paperwork so we may update our files.

Dog Licenses are now overdue - please license your dogs ASAP. **As required by State Statute**, a list of delinquent dogs along with the Dog Warrant to destroy all unlicensed dogs was submitted to the Selectboard on July 27, 2021. Fees for licensing are now \$13.00 for spayed / neutered and \$17.00 for unspayed / unneutered.

I would like to thank Kathy Cahill for taking time to weed the flower garden on the north end of the Village Green. It made a big difference in being able to see all the individual flowers.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

Window Dresser Event:**Nonprofit Offers Affordable Window Inserts for a Warmer Home!**

Drafty Windows? High Heating Bills? Would you like to have a warmer home and save money? Nonprofit WindowDressers can help! Their insulating window inserts fit inside of your existing windows to let in all the sunlight and views while keeping more heat inside your home. The inserts are high quality and low cost because they are built at barn-raising-style Community Builds across Maine and Vermont.

The inserts are built of attractive pine frames and wrapped drum-tight with a durable plastic film to create clear views through an insulating air space. Foam weather stripping around the outer edges stops drafts and aids the insert's tight, custom fit. The inserts are installed from the inside of windows and held in place by friction. Depending on the efficiency of your windows and home, you could see fuel savings of up to 20% with inserts in place.

Pricing is based on size and finish (natural pine or white). A medium-sized 30 x 52 insert in pine costs \$39 plus tax and in white costs \$50 plus tax. With recommended care, inserts will have a lifespan of 5 years with a good chance of 10 years. WindowDressers offers low-income households up to 10 pine inserts at no charge.

Your local Energy Committees in Bristol and New Haven along with folks in Lincoln are forming a volunteer team to accept orders now for the Fall build season. Our volunteers will begin measuring windows this summer when vaccination rates are higher and Covid rates have dropped. The inserts will be assembled at local Community Builds in the Fall, following all public health guidance at that time. Everyone who orders inserts is encouraged to participate in the Community Build! The number of homes taken on by the local Community Build is limited to about 30, so interested households should sign up right away with local coordinator Maggie Eaton at maggieeaton@me.com or respond to upcoming Front Porch Forum notices coming soon.

More information about ordering and building window inserts can be found in this video and the photos of what the inserts look like. See: <https://vimeo.com/300353941> and <https://energizevermont.org/the-window-project>

Maggie Eaton, Energy Committee Co-Chair

Tax Bill Information:

Tax Bills were mailed on July 22, 2021. Please contact the Town offices if you have not received yours. 453-3516 Now is the time to check over your bill and make sure all the information is correct. If by chance there is something that needs to be corrected contact the office now as many corrections deal with the State and can be very time consuming. Please remember we do not accept post marks; **allow several days for mail deliveries.**

You may drop off your payment in the drop box at any time. (No cash please)

The office will offer extended hours the week prior to Oct. 4th.

Please do not send postdated checks. We will deposit your check when we get it. If you are worried about missing the date you can use online bill pay to schedule your payment on a specific date.

We hate to see people become delinquent because they forgot or something happened on the day they thought they were going to pay their taxes. Please plan ahead and give yourself enough room for the unexpected.

The town will continue to receive property tax adjustment info from the State and we will mail corrected bills as soon as we get new or changed information.

If you have land in the use value program/land use; The State has not completed their process and you may receive a corrected bill if and when they do so.

If you pay your taxes though an escrow account please be sure to give them a copy of your tax bill.

Thank you,

Danielle Hubbell

New Haven Community Library News:

We're happy to announce some new services to patrons, including online holds! Patrons who are interested in browsing online can now place holds on New Haven materials from home! You will need is your library card and PIN number to login and use the catalog. Please send the library an email or call if you need your card/PIN number.

The library also has mobile printing and scan-to-email available with our brand new copier. If you're looking for an easy way to print off important documents or securely make digital copies of files, we can help. Small prints jobs are complimentary at New Haven, while the library asks for a donation for larger projects or color copies. Scanning is always free.

Finally, in August we'll be virtually welcoming author Caroline Ailanthus to New Haven for an author talk on her latest book Ecological Memory—a timely novel set 20 years after a global pandemic that explores what happens after we lose everything. Community members interested in attending the event can email the library at nhl@gmavt.net for a link to the program. A copy of her book is also available for checkout.

Katie Male-Riordan (She/Her)

Library Director

The New Haven Historical Society:

As president of the New Haven Historical Society, I excitedly await the processing of grants to learn if the remarkable railroad building will be preserved. Unfortunately it must be moved due its close proximity to the railroad track in order for Amtrack to provide service through the New Haven Junction.

If plans come to fruition our Historical Society will finally have a home! All of our collection has never been located in the same location. We used to have monthly meetings in the basement of the New Haven Congregational Church for several years and more recently we met in our Town Community Library.

Should any of you know of, or have something for the Historical Society, do please contact me or someone at the Municipal Office.

Waiting and wishing for a home for our Historical Society,
Bev Landon 453-4037

**** Selectboard Note** - No decision has been made as to what will be housed in the Train Depot. **

The Conservation Commission has continued to meet and discuss issues of forest fragmentation, wildlife crossings, and other ways of caring for our vibrant natural environment. We are grateful to Jens Hilke from VT Fish and Wildlife for his presentation and will continue to work with the Planning Commission to see which considerations might make sense for our town. Cheryl Mitchell

New Haven Congregational Church Rummage Sale:

To benefit New Haven Congregational Church and Mills Church.

Held at the New Haven Congregational Church on Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 8am - 2pm.

Bake sale, housewares, kitchen items, furniture, toys, books, etc. Something for everyone.

Donations can be made August 19-20 at the Congregational Church. PLEASE - No clothes, encyclopedias, textbooks, technology, such as computers, video games, VCR tapes, etc. Only items of good or excellent quality for donation. Please call Carol Charbonneau for more info. 453-5059.

August 2021 New Haven Community Calendar

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 * Recycling at Town Offices (winter months) Saturday Mornings 8-12 *

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	3 Selectboard Mtg 7Pm TO	4	5	6	7 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
8	9 PC Mtg 7PM TO	10 Field Days	11 Field Days	12 Field Days	13 Field Days	14 Field Days Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
15	16 DRB Mtg 7PM TO Town Offices Closed For Bennington Battle Day	17 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	18	19	20	21 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
29	30	31				
			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

Town Offices closed
Monday, August 16, 2021
For Bennington Battle Day

Library Hours:

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:30 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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