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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

Selectboard update:

New Haven residents,

I hope you are all staying warm and safe for the roller coaster weather Vermont is throwing at us. The road crew has been very busy this winter, sometimes thawing culverts in the morning and plowing in the afternoon. We had our first substantial flooding of River Road in February. I'd like to thank the road crew for acting quickly on road closures, the New Haven Vol Fire Dept, for responding to the flooded area to check on the residents and also the Addison County Sheriffs Dept for the extra patrolling they helped with that morning. It indeed takes a village, and we are grateful.

As many of you know the Train Depot made a safe journey to North Street. We will be discussing potential uses immediately in upcoming meetings and we encourage you to share your ideas in the decision-making process. I so look forward to this historic building becoming useful for all the residents again.

As the construction season begins to gear up, please be mindful of signage and construction zones. Town Hill Road will be closed several times this spring for tree removal and ditching. The road will be getting paved once prep work is completed. Several other projects are on tap for the summer as well, stay tuned.

It's time for two things, Town Meeting and Sugaring season! I hope everyone has a great month, and I look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting in person or virtually. I am running for my fourth term on the selectboard, and I appreciate your feedback, good or bad. It's been a pleasure to serve this great little town for the last 6 years.

Take care and we will see you around!!

John R. Roleau, Selectboard Chair

Train Depot update:

As you all know, the Train Depot made it to its interim resting place 'til spring. We are waiting for the completion of the Environmental Assessment to begin the final move to its permanent location and we are currently requesting estimates for that move. The next phase includes re-installing the windows, doors, wainscoting and floors. Completing the utility hook-ups, HVAC systems, etc. The Selectboard is looking at uses of the building that will enhance the Village Designation. Maggie Eaton is looking into an AARP funding grant to help with ADA accessibility and Kathy Cahill is submitting a survey within this newsletter to get ideas from the public. I want to thank all those who have helped to assist the Town with this project.
Steve Dupoise

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

Clerk news - This year Town Meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting, meaning you can come to the Town Hall on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm or you can join via GoToMeeting. See Log-in instructions on the cover of your Town Report.

Voting will be in person, or by Absentee ballot request; we will not be mass mailing ballots.

Voting in person will be held in the Town Hall gym on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Polls are open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. You may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Office at 453 - 3516.

Dog Licensing: All dogs must be licensed by April 1st of every year. Please consider licensing your dog(s) as soon as possible. Fees are \$9.00 for spayed/neutered and \$13.00 for unspayed/unneutered. Fees will increase after April 1st. We will no be longer able to license dogs during voting because we are switching to a new computer module.

Thank you.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

News From Efficiency Vermont:

If you're planning on improving the efficiency of your home or apartment this year, make sure you take a look at Efficiency Vermont's 2022 residential rebates list below.*

Additional rebates may also be available from your electric or gas utility. You can sign up to be notified about new offers at <http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/newsletter-sign-up>

Air Sealing and Insulation

- Comprehensive Weatherization: 50% off project costs, up to \$3,000 (completed by an Efficiency Excellence Network contractor)
- DIY weatherization: \$100 back on select do-it-yourself projects

Heating, Cooling, and Water Heating

- Air-to-water Heat pump: Up to \$1,000/ton rebate + \$500 income bonus
- Ducted Heat pump: \$1,000 off + \$200 income bonus
- Ductless Heat pump: Discount starting at \$350 + \$200 income bonus
- Ground source Heat pump: up to \$2,100/ton + \$500 income bonus
- Smart thermostats: \$100 rebate for select ENERGY STAR models
- Water heaters: \$300-\$600 for select heat pump water heaters + \$200 income bonus
- Window air conditioners: \$100 rebate for select ENERGY STAR models
- Wood pellet furnaces & boilers: \$6,000 rebate
- Wood and Pellet Stoves: \$200 discount at select retailers

Appliances

- Heat Pump Clothes dryers: \$200-\$400
- Dehumidifiers: \$25-\$40

Electric Vehicles

- Federal tax credit: up to \$7,500
- State incentive: up to \$4,000
- Electric Utility incentive: \$500-\$2,500
- Income-eligible Vermonters can get up to \$5,000 more on a used EV through <http://MileageSmartVT.org>

Lighting

- Discounts on select ENERGY STAR LED fixtures at participating retailers
- LEDs for indoor growing: \$100 rebate for qualifying fixture

Income Based Assistance

Additional help is available in the form of free lighting, appliances, energy consultations, and more — <http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/free-products> to find out if you are eligible.

*All offers are subject to availability and eligibility. Visit <http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/rebates> for the most up to date listing.

Peggy Connor,
New Haven Zoning Administrator

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, property taxes, and homeowner's or condominium association fees. To learn more and apply, they can visit vermonthap.vhfa.org, or call our hotline at (833) 221-4208.

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New Haven Congregational Church Food Closet News:

The Church is pleased to announce they will be managing the Food Closet formerly managed by Darcy Tardie. The Closet is located on the south end of the church. It is self serve and open to ALL. Please feel free to take what you need and leave donations when you are able. Due to the current weather conditions, if you have any donation that has liquid in it, please call Deb at 802-989-5224 and I will meet you to safely store these items. On the second Saturday of each month from 11AM to 1PM a volunteer from the Food Closet will have frozen packaged meat and more items available in the church parking lot. Our email address is: nhccfoodcloset@gmail.com for anyone that needs to reach out.

Thank you and stay safe, Deb Taylor

The New Haven Conservation Commission is planning a series of events about pollinators and native plantings: There will be two discussion sections for Doug Tallamy's book the *Nature of Oaks* and co-sponsorship of speakers with the Pollinator Pathway group. You will be able to pick up copies of the book in our town library. Chris Runcie, volunteer trainer for the 4 Winds Program will be teaching us about tracking on March 5 (if the snow cover co-operates). Contact Susan Smiley if you would like to be included. Later this spring we will be co-sponsoring a book launch for *Coppice Agroforestry*, the newest work by Commission member Mark Krawczyk. The Commission meets on zoom the third Wednesday of each month. Please join us!

New Haven Community Library:

As COVID cases continue to decline throughout the state, the library has transitioned back into regular browsing with a mask requirement still in place. As always, if you stop by the library and have forgotten a mask, you can grab one at the front desk. Storytime is coming back to the Village Green! On Wednesdays in April and May, we'll be meeting at the bandstand on the Village Green for Outdoor Storytime at 11 am. Bring snacks, dress appropriately for the weather, and get ready to have some early literacy fun with songs, rhymes, and stories! In the event that Storytime has to be cancelled due to weather, please check our Facebook page and website.

Our March Book Discussion selection is the God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. We'll be meeting on March 30th at 6:00 pm online. If you would like a copy and join in for discussion, please email me at librarian@nhcl.org.

Finally, in-house laptops are ready for use at the library. Patrons can take advantage of using laptops throughout the library space for web browsing, research, or document processing and printing with the addition of new laptops provided through the APRA grant from the Vermont State Department of Libraries and IMLS. As always, printing small jobs (up to 10 pages) is a free service to all residents, and a donation may be made for larger printing to help cover service fees and toner supplies. For more information about the new laptop program and our guidelines, please visit: <https://nhcl.org/technology>
Katie Male Riordan, New Haven Community Library Director

Help Wanted

Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, March 5, 2022
Town Hall Gym
9:00am - 1:00pm
To register go to: RedCrossBlood.org

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

March 2022 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 Town Meeting Voting polls open 7AM - 7 PM Town Hall	2	3	4	5 Blood Drive TH Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
6	7 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	8 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	9	10	11	12 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
13 Daylight savings' begins	14 PC Mtg 7PM TO	15	16	17	18	19 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
20	21 DRB Mtg 7Pm TO	22 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	23	24	25	26 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
27	28	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
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
For Town Meeting Voting**

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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Village of New Haven Train Depot Survey

BRING COMPLETED SURVEY TO TOWN MEETING DAY OR ELECTION DAY

NAME** _____ PHONE _____

***TO BE USED ONLY FOR INCENTIVE DRAWING FOR TEN \$20 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO VILLAGE GREEN MARKET FOR ALL COMPLETED SURVEYS

1. How would you like to see the Train Depot used?

2. Do you prefer:

- 100% PUBLIC SPACE/USE (Would require taxpayer dollars for maintenance/utilities)
- 100% RENTED
- Partial RENTED/Partial PUBLIC (To cover costs of maintenance/utilities)

3. What uses would make you more likely to visit?

4. Are you interested in being on a train depot committee? (To manage public space use)

YES

NO

5. Additional comments: