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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

Clerk News:

Town Meeting is Monday, March 2, 2026 beginning at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Gym. Please remember to bring your town reports with you.

Voting on Australian ballot items will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Polls are open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; in the Town Hall gym.

Dog Licenses - now is the time to register your dog(s). All dogs need to be licensed on or before April 1st of every year. Cost for licensing is \$11.00 spayed / neutered and \$15.00 unspayed / unneutered. Fees go up after April 1.

Rabies Clinic: There will be a Rabies Clinic at the Town Offices on Thursday, March 19, 2026, between 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Dr. Megan Swasey and her team will administer rabies vaccines to dogs and cats only – cost is \$30.00 per shot. Please have dogs leashed and cats in carriers.

Respectfully, Pam Kingman

2026 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 \(FS-1038\)](#)

The Conservation Commission :

The Conservation Commission kicked off our "Armchair Naturalist" series in February. Professor of Biology, David Allen presented his research regarding ticks. You can see his slideshow here: [Allen NewHavenCC_Feb18.pdf](#)

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm** at Mt. Abe Union High School/ large cafeteria. We will welcome Climatologist, Dr. Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux.

Dr. Dupigny-Giroux is a professor of climatology at the University of Vermont. Dupigny-Giroux has served as Vermont's state climatologist for almost 30 years and is an uncommonly decorated scientist. While Dupigny-Giroux's presentations and research focus on data that describes the physical world — water, wind, heat, mountains — she includes examples about the way climate touches people. She is passionate about exposing young learners in Vermont to understanding the natural world and makes what can be very complex science feel very relatable.

Watch for this announcement and the rest of our series on Front Porch Forum.

April 15: Matt Dickerson, author, Addison Independent columnist

Details will be forthcoming.

Townwide Reappraisal Continues:

New Haven residents: This is a friendly reminder that our Outside Appraiser, Spencer Potter is still out and about in our town as he works his way to the finish line for the Townwide Reappraisal.

Spencer drives a white Honda with Vt plates. He is inspecting the outside of each property, he will leave a card with instructions on making an appointment for him to return to inspect the inside of your home. To make an appointment for interior inspection, please use this link: <https://VermontAssessor.as.me/NewHaven>

New Haven Community Library

- **Town Meeting Potluck** - Monday, March 2nd 5pm *LOWER LEVEL OF TOWN HALL
Trying something new this year: a Town Meeting Potluck! A way to honor traditions, have fun, and bring us together. We will start at 5pm and finish up before the meeting starts at 6:30pm upstairs. Bring a dish to share -- salad, main entree, bread, etc. *Please do not bring desserts, as BeeFriends will be holding their annual dessert fundraiser to support activities at Beeman Elementary (if you do bring a dessert we will just add it to their bounty!). If you would like to bring your own utensils and plate, feel free; we will also have disposables available. For questions about the potluck or to volunteer, contact the library at librarian@nhcl.org.
- **Stories and 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, March 5th at 6pm
The Friends of the Library is a group that helps support the library by fundraising, promoting, volunteering, and hosting programs.
- **Vermont History 250th Trivia** - Wednesday, March 11th 6:30pm *LOWER LEVEL OF TOWN HALL
Join the Vermont Historical Society and partners for fun and prizes! Hosted by the New Haven Historical Society.
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting** - Thursday, March 12th at 6pm
- **Simple Wellness Series: March - Write** - Saturday, March 14th at 10am
Once a month we will gather to practice a simple healthy living skill together! For March, we will talk a little bit 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.
- **Community Craft Time** - Wednesday, March 18th 5:30pm
Join us to craft together at the library! Come with your portable craft.
- **Volunteer Training** - Thursday, March 19th 6pm
- **Cookbook Club: Fiction Inspiration!** Sunday, March 22nd at 12pm
Find something to make inspired by a non-cookbook book. Bring the book to share if you can. Anyone is welcome to join our potluck-style meeting. Email librarian@nhcl.org to get on the email list.
- **Book Club: My Friends** - Wednesday March 25th at 6pm - Book Club is open to anyone interested! Copies are available at the library.

Ruth Shattuck-Bernstein, Library Director

CALLING ALL NEW HAVEN ARTISTS!



New Haven Town Offices are looking for New Haven Artists who would be willing to exhibit their art (on rotation) in the Town Offices located at 78 North St. If you are interested in presenting your art for all to see, please reach out to our Town Treasurer Julie Bessette, newhaventreasurer@gmavt.net for more information! We are looking for our first Art Exhibit to begin April 1.

New Haven Volunteer Fire Department



All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast**

Jan. 25 - Feb. 22 - Mar. 22

Plain or Blueberry Pancakes, French Toast,
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Homefries,
and Pure Vermont Maple Syrup
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Orange Juice

7:00 am - 10:30 am
at the New Haven Town Hall

Thank You for supporting the
New Haven Vol. Fire Department.



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 COMMUNITY TRUST

March 2026

The New Haven Community Trust (NHCT) is a non-profit organization created in 2025 by community members whose mission is to support local community development, sustainable economic growth, historic preservation and the empowerment of community members to develop local projects which improve the quality of life in our community.



In October 2025, New Haven was one of five communities chosen throughout the state of Vermont to participate in the Village Trust Initiative (<https://ptvermont.org/village-trust-initiative-2025/>). Over the past few months, a group of New Haven residents has worked to form the **New Haven Community Trust**. We are a new non-profit organization focused on serving the needs of the New Haven Community and helping to bring priority projects to life to ensure a vibrant and lasting village center.

Our first large scale project will be to take on the revitalization of the Depot Building. Our community worked hard to save this building, and we are here to support the project as it crosses the finish line. Through our participation in the Village Trust Initiative, the New Haven Community Trust will receive substantial grant funding and technical assistance to carry out this project.

Our work on this project starts with YOU!

Many of us have dreams about what this building will become in the future. Before making any decisions on what will be here, we need to hear from you, our community, about how the Depot could best serve our community. Do you want a space to meet with a friend for coffee? A space to hold an event? A place where you can learn about the history of our community? All ideas, old or new, are welcome! As we learn more about what our community wants to see here, we will work with our architects, engineers and financial advisors to figure out what we can make work in this building to best meet the needs you, as a community, express are priorities.



Over the next several months, we will be collecting ideas. You may see us hosting events, or chatting with you at the monthly coffee hours, meeting you in line at garbage and recycling collection on Saturday mornings, outside the town hall on election day, at the Village Green or the Congregational Church, asking about your hopes and concerns. We have many great businesses and initiatives in New Haven and we hope to work with them as we carry this forward. **Please sign up for our mailing list** to stay in the loop, get updates, and find out about events. If you have an immediate question or idea, please reach out to newhavenCTVT@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon!

Food Closet

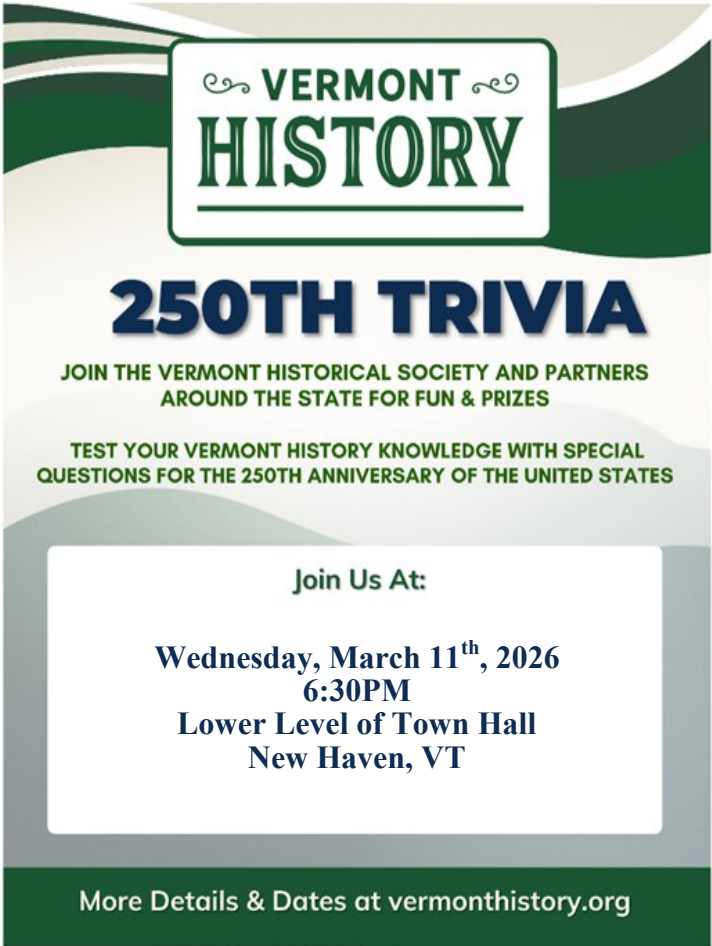
The New Haven Food Closet keeps its silent vigil on the south side of New Haven Congregational Church. It stands there 24 hours each day...7 days each week...365 days each year. It patiently waits to serve our friends and neighbors who experience food insecurity.

The Food Closet volunteers are so grateful for everyone who supports the food closet with food and monetary donations throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, we are always in need of peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned fruits (especially), cereal, and juice. Your donations can be put into the donation box which is at the right of the food closet. (Thank you for NOT putting your donations directly into the Food Closet!) If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Food Closet at nhccfoodcloset@gmail.com or 802-345-6578.

Monetary donations may be mailed to:
New Haven Congregational Church
PO Box 6
New Haven, VT 05472-0006

The March "Meat & More" will be on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Garland Gates, Volunteer



VERMONT HISTORY

250TH TRIVIA

JOIN THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND PARTNERS
AROUND THE STATE FOR FUN & PRIZES

TEST YOUR VERMONT HISTORY KNOWLEDGE WITH SPECIAL
QUESTIONS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES

Join Us At:

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026
6:30PM
Lower Level of Town Hall
New Haven, VT

More Details & Dates at vermonthistory.org

March 2026 New Haven Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Town Meeting 6:30 PM THG	3 Voting –Polls open 7am-7pm THG	4	5	6	7 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
8	9 Planning Commission Mtg 7PM TO	10 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	11 Historical Society Trivia Night 6:30 PM THC	12 Library Trustee's Mtg 6:30PM L	13	14 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
15	16 DRB Mtg 7PM TO	17	18 Conservation Comm. Mtg via Zoom 7 PM	19	20	21 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices
22	23	24 Selectboard Mtg 7PM TO	25	26	27	28 Trash & Recycle 8AM-12PM Town Offices

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