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# THE MARLBORO MIXER

A FREE newsletter for the town of Marlboro, Vermont.

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# **Marlboro Community Store Sprouts Wings!**



With Sweetie's closed, people in the community have come together to re-vision a new life for the space, one that addresses our community's needs for basic groceries, gas, and a community gathering space. The first large public meeting was held in November in the Elementary School Outback, where representatives from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and several community stores shared their experience and know-how. Around 100 members

from the Marlboro community showed up to speak about their ideas, sign on to help in various ways, and join one of two working committees. These committees met for a brainstorming session two weeks later, at which point the group unanimously agreed that some type of cooperatively owned or run business is the best model for the space and for our community (this would be owned by community members—you!—and not the legal entity of the Town of Marlboro).

Joyce St. Jean, the owner of the space, has generously offered to take the property off the market for a small amount of cash while an appraisal of the property is completed. The Finance committee is working on raising this capital, as well as operating funds for at least the first year. The building is currently being appraised by a commercial appraiser, and the committee met with an independent fundraising consultant so that the group may be effective going forward. The Vision/Ideas committee is currently defining what will work best for our community in the space, taking into account data from the surveys done in late October. All agree that a grocery store/gas station is essential, one that carries a broad range of products that will serve every member of the community. With so many talented craftspeople, artists, gardeners, and farmers (the list goes on) here, the group would also like to have space in which people can showcase their wares. In addition, members are exploring ways that part of the building might also serve as a multi-purpose community gathering space. Members from both groups are taking field trips to other similar stores around the state and in neighboring states to inform the decision making process.

Members of both committees have rolled up their sleeves and are actively engaged in getting this essential resource up and running for our community. The group will be kicking off a capital campaign early in the new year, with the Marlboro Alliance acting as our non-profit umbrella for the Marlboro Community Store Working Group. There will be another combined Finance/Vision meeting the first week of January (time and day TBD). If you would like to be a part of this (the more community members involved, the better!) or any other meeting, please contact Ani Schaeffer at <a href="mailto:abra.ani@gmail.com">abra.ani@gmail.com</a>, and you will be added to the group. With all of us working together, we'll have our store up and running again soon, in service to our community!

On December 31st, 2012 from 9 am to 4 pm the Marlboro Town Office will be open, and will be Nora Wilson's last day as Town Clerk. Please bring something in for her gift basket: a card, a gift certificate, or other suitable retirement gift (no food please). Also feel free to add to the table of munchables. If you have any questions call Forrest Holzapfel (newly appointed Town Clerk) 258-2568 or Linda Peters 254-8781 at home.

SAVE THE DATE!!

You and your friends are invited to the MEETING HOUSE

SCHOOL'S

<u>MUD FLING</u> to be held on SAT., MARCH 2ND,

6:30-9:30 P.M.



FEATURING:
live music, all-you-can-eat
gourmet desserts and savory
treats, silent auction of
fabulous items
and a guaranteed good
time!

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# From the Mariboro Elementary School Board

The world of technology is racing ahead at a startling pace, and we are attempting to keep up with it at school, in matters beneficial to our students. One of the trends in education is to focus on the learner more than the teacher. The latter is expected to offer students a balanced offering of skills, information, techniques of learning which will enable them to become lifelong learners. However, it is also realized that students accept and internalize these offerings at differing rates. As a result schools are considering how to individualize the material for the learners as much as possible in order to create excitement, rather than boredom, in their daily work. All students will be better able, in the future, to pursue topics of great interest to them, doing independent work, all the while absorbing the key features of schools, ...the old reading, writing, and 'rithmatic...incorporated in current, electronically delivered formulation but under the watchful eye of the classroom teacher.

In order to maximize the learning of the class, the teacher will rely more and more (or so we've been led to believe) on technology to assist in the goals of educating the students she/he is charged with for any given year. Our teachers are amazing, but find it impossible to be aiding 20 pupils on different topics, simultaneously. As a result, Marlboro School is looking into upgrading and adding to its technology so as to keep abreast of the latest developments. These will not be considered "frills" but basic tools in modern guise, which students adapt to and become proficient with so readily. Stay tuned. Come to meetings when this topic is being considered, and let us know your feelings on the matter. I'm sure there will more to come on this topic in the near future.

A.W. Bartlett Vice Chair, Marlboro School Board

# 12th ANNUAL JANUARY THAW Book-Swap

Full Moon SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013
@ the TOWN HOUSE 9 AM - NOON Marlboro Town Center
sponsored by Marlboro Alliance Events



Want to help set up or clean up? Bake something to share? Other Questions? Contact Sarah at <a href="mailto:lavignephotography@yahoo.com">lavignephotography@yahoo.com</a> or 257-6918

- 1. you don't have to bring books to take books! If you have some, bring your books in a box.
  2. BROWSE AND TAKE HOME ANY BOOKS YOU LIKE.
  - 3. ENJOY A HOT BEVERAGE AND BAKED GOODS. Our treat! (donations are welcome)

    And be social;)

# **The Marlboro Mixer**

# Nothing Succeeds like Succession by Michelle Holzapfel

**Since** the metamorphosis from **Community Club** to **Marlboro Alliance**, our small but mighty community group has grown and evolved. The past few years have been especially satisfying. Some of our most long-time members have stepped out of well-worn shoes and gratefully passed them on to newer, younger community members with fresh energy, approaches and ideas.

It began when **Gail MacArthur** and I decided to step back from the annual **Summer Sale**. **Susan Kunhardt** took the bold step of shortening the Sale to one day and, to our amazement, our revenues went up!

Then Marlboro Cares took on several Community Club initiatives. It now spreads its kindness with gift baskets for Elders, memorial gifts, and welcomes to newborns. Senior Lunches and Wellness Clinics deepen our community's relationship with Marlboro College, as well. Jess Weitz made the Mixer a town institution, then passed the baton to the capable hands of Robin MacArthur.

I am personally grateful to **Pam Burke** for accepting the **Treasurer**'s duties, and applying her prodigious computer skills to streamlining the numbers. She has brought more innovations to the **Summer Sale**, which continues to feed and engage the community and fund the Alliance's efforts. I was also relieved and delighted when **Lynna Jackson** agreed to step up as Alliance **President**. Her understanding of organizations and systems keeps our foundations firm. And **Carla Meskill**, our **Secretary**, tames the lively conversation of our meetings with her fine listening skills.

I also want to thank **Emily Kunreuther** for her astonishing longevity as a Community Club/Alliance board member. And gratitude is due to all **the members of the Alliance**, past and present, for their diligence and dedication, especially those who worked in the aftermath of **TS Irene**. And, as the most recent succession, I'm delighted to pass on to **Sarah Lavigne** the reins of the ever-popular **January Thaw Book Swap**. Please help her evolve this event to meet our changing needs.

I will continue, with the help of the **Scholarship Committee**, to raise funds to support our Town's students and families in meeting the costs of summer programs and higher education. We are deeply grateful for the prodigious generosity expressed by you, our community. To date, the Fund has raised \$4175, **our best year ever**.

Now, new faces and talents emerge as a fresh group tackles the challenging effort to open a new **Community Store**. **The Alliance** stands refreshed and ready to serve as the conduit for our town's civic energies and the umbrella for community enterprise. If you're ready to help, we welcome you.

### **News From the Mariboro Alliance** by Lynna Jackson

The Marlboro Alliance enjoyed a successful past year of supporting the Marlboro community and looks forward to 2013 with keen anticipation.

In 2012, with your support of our events and fund raising efforts, the Alliance was able to give \$12,000 to Marlboro families and area organizations, which support our community members. Additionally, the Alliance was able to help Marlboro community members that suffered losses due to TS Irene with a separate fund of \$15,000.

We start 2013 with a board of directors dedicated to continuing the efforts of supporting the Marlboro community. In addition to our ongoing events, like the annual scholarship appeal, January Book Thaw, Town Meeting Pot Luck, etc. we look forward to working on new initiatives to foster the Marlboro community.

Please consider bringing your voice and your talents to the Alliance.

For more information you can contact the alliance at:

MarlboroAlliance@gmail.com

Or "Like" us on Facebook at:

http://www.facebook.com/MarlboroAlliance

Or send us mail at:

Marlboro Alliance, C/O Pam Burke, Treasurer, PO Box 42, Marlboro, Vermont, 05344

# **Wide Corner on Augur Hole...Please Drive Slow!**

#### By Andrea Livermore, Select Board Member

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, Peggy Tiffany, on behalf of numerous residents and regular users of the Augur Hole Road, brought the topic of concern of the safety of the wide corner on that road to the Select Board. An in depth conversation followed that included the Select Board, Peggy and David Elliot, Road Crew Chief.

The initial proposal was that guardrails be installed on the corner. As the foliage that once bordered the road was washed out during Tropical Storm Irene flooding, the perception of vulnerability is heightened. Concerns of users of the road are that the perception that the road drops off more dramatically than in the past is real, people and in particular logging trucks are traveling more closely to the center of the road and thus the potential of forcing other drivers off the road and over the bank has been heightened.

Discussion followed that included information that the grade of the banks is in compliance with regulation and as such do not require guardrails. Also discussed was the high cost of guardrails and the related financial stress on the town, the less than ideal value of guardrails in the case of an accident and the potential damage to cars from guardrails when hit.

Alternatives that might offer better definition to the sides of the road and, as a result, help vehicles stay on their own sides of the road were discussed as well and will continue to be considered. Such ideas included planting trees and other vegetation. It was in fact noted that the perception of safety pre-Irene was likely a result of existing vegetation that softened the appearance of the landscape.

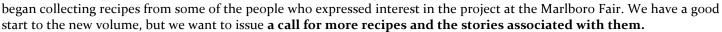
As the time of year is less than ideal for a road site visit it was agreed that a road walk should be scheduled for the spring. All interested parties will be invited to participate. In the meantime, the Select Board suggests that all residents drive with caution and be considerate of others. And we appreciate all your ideas, thoughts and participation.

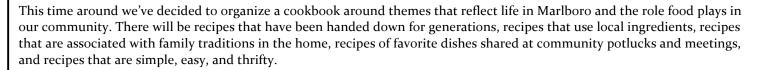
# A New Marlboro Community Cookbook

#### by Carol Hendrickson

Cooking Favorites of Marlboro appeared in the late 1950s. The Marlboro Historical Society Cookbook was created in the late 1980s. Now, nearly twenty-five years later, it seems like a good time to bring forth a new volume of recipe favorites from people around town.

This past semester my Marlboro College "Food and Culture" class has been working on just such a new town cookbook. With the good help of Jean Boardman (who has a file of town recipes that she's saved since the 1989 volume was published) the class





Do you have recipes and comments you'd like to share? We welcome your contributions at <a href="mailto:marlboro.edu">marlboro.edu</a>. The semester is over but a group of people will continue the work until the cookbook is finished, perhaps in time for the Marlboro Community Fair 2013.



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# The News From Marlboro Cares by Jennifer Mazur



#### **Senior Lunches**

The Senior Lunches continue to feed and delight over 20 of us each month with great food, wonderful conversations with our neighbors and fascinating talks or splendid music. These are definitely *not* the senior lunches of former times. If you are over 60, please join us for a truly delightful social event.

In November, Will Fielding, Val Mindel and Mike Miller entertained us with terrific old time music and a clear explanation of what that means. Added to our pleasure was the delight in seeing Polly and Del dancing to the Tennessee Waltz. In December, Bob Engel once again fascinated us by speaking on how birds and other animals (including us) keep warm in winter.

Reservations *must* be made by the TUESDAY morning before the lunch in order to give our wonderful chef, Richie, time to order enough food. So, please remember to call 258-3030 by Tuesday morning, *at the latest*. Meals continue to cost \$3.00 and are held in the Coffee shop at Marlboro College at 11:30 am.

There will NOT be a Senior Lunch in January as the college is closed. The next Senior lunch will be February 1<sup>st</sup> (call by Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>). We hope to have someone from Marlboro College speak about the Library and what is open to community members. We look forward to seeing you there. Rides are available upon request.

#### **Senior Wellness Clinics**

The Senior Wellness Clinics continue to offer nursing services free of charge here in town at the Health Center at Marlboro College. The Clinics are not meant to take the place of your Primary Care Doctors, but to supplement them. Services offered include trimming toenails, ear cleaning, blood pressure checks, nutrition advice, and other questions answered. Susan Kunhardt and the other volunteer nurses do not diagnose, nor order treatment, but they can consult with you and give excellent advice.

The December Clinic was almost full. It's time to plan ahead for your nail cutting and ear cleaning needs! You may call ahead to make an appointment at any time, as there are now only 4 clinics a year. The next clinic will be held on Saturday, March 9' 2013 from 9 to 11 am. The next clinics after that will be held, June 8, 2013 and September 21, 2013.

Clinics are by appointment only. You may make your appointments ahead of time or up to 2 days ahead. Call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. Rides are available upon request.

#### Happy New Year from the Board of Directors of Marlboro Cares!

We wish all our neighbors a very Happy, Joyful, and Healthy New Year. We also thank all of our dedicated volunteers for all of their kind service this past year.

For more information about any of our programs or to sign up for the Senior Lunch or the Senior Wellness Clinic, please call the Marlboro Cares number, **258-3030**. Someone will return your call within **24** hours. Also, if you are someone in need of a ride or other non-emergency help, please be assured that Marlboro Cares has a wonderful pool of volunteers available to help. Simply call **258-3030** and leave a message.

## **Call for Comments from the Planning Commission**

The Marlboro Planning Commission is working to update the town's Zoning Regulations and craft regulatory language that reflects the vision of the June 2008 Marlboro Town Plan plus the focus group discussions on Conservation and Village Districts. Over the next several months, we'll be calling on townspeople to join us for presentations on proposed changes. At the moment we would appreciate hearing from anyone who has wished for clarification of particular areas of the Regulations, or from anyone who has any suggestions at all about the Zoning Regulations. Your comments will help point us to areas of this important document that might need work. You can find the Zoning Regulations on-line at: http://marlboro.vt.us/groups/planning. Please submit any comments to Carol Hendrickson at ch@marlboro.edu.

# The Select Board Report by Marcia Hamilton

The select board meets every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned. Winter hours are in effect through March and the board meets at 4:30 PM.

Marlboro residents responded to the call to serve the Town, and the board made the following appointments:

**Bennett Grout** to the Planning Commission, 4-year Member term, vacancy, to expire 2014; **Gail MacArthur** to the Development Review Board, 1-year Alternate term, vacancy, to expire 2013; **Julia von Ranson** to the Development Review Board, 4-year Member term, vacancy, to expire 2014

Adams Brook Road has been under construction with the help of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, and the project has been completed. Approximately 3,168 feet of the road was moved approximately 100 yards to the northeast where it runs on property currently owned by Anthony and Carol Berner. The proposed road comprises approximately 3.64 acres of land. The board Accepted the new section, Discontinued part of the old section and will keep 860 feet of the old section with culverts to protect the new section. This part will be called Adams Brook Lane.

**Craig Hammond** announced that he will be retiring from his position on the select board, after serving for six years. His term ends on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 5, 2013. He wants to pass on to all residents that it is a wonderful and rewarding way to serve the town, and he hopes that others will now step up and run for the open position, to be elected on March 5th. Anyone interested must obtain election paperwork from the Town Clerk and submit a petition, due January 28, 2013.

The board set February 26, 2013 as Pre Town Meeting day. It is an opportunity to meet the candidates and see a preview of the budget.

The public is always welcome to attend select board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period for unscheduled open public comment. Contact the select board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com.

#### MARLBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013 CALENDARS ARE NOW FOR SALE

Available at the Marlboro Town Office, the Hogback Mountain Gift Shop, and at Vermont Artisans in Brattleboro, or by mail.

The 2013 calendars show some startling contrasts between the Flood of 1938 and recent Irene damages, and an assortment of photographs depicting various time periods in Marlboro's history, past and present. The calendar is created by photographer and local historian Forrest Holzapfel.

CONTACT FORREST AT 258-2568 OR FORREST810@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# **Meeting House School Annual Appeal**

Many thanks to the kind people who have already contributed to the Meeting House School's annual appeal, and a reminder to those who haven't that it is not too late! Our local preschool serves children of ages 2.9-5 years, and we are pleased to say that our enrollment in January, 2013 will be 11 children. Maybe your child- or you!- attended Meeting House, or perhaps you have had some interactions with the school at some time during its 30+ year history in Marlboro, and you know what a special place it is for young children!

One of the school's goals is to keep early childhood education affordable for all families, and your tax-deductible donations help make this possible. Please consider helping the school with a gift of any amount. Contributions may be mailed to: Meeting House School, PO Box 117, Marlboro, VT 05344. Thank you very much!

-Liz Vick, Meeting House School Board Chair

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# Calendar

#### January

21<sup>st</sup>......Drury Gallery, Marlboro College, January 21-February 10, sculptural works by Paul Bowen

26<sup>th</sup>....Bookswap! Marlboro Town House, 9-12

27<sup>th</sup>.... 3:00pm, Ragle Hall, Marlboro College, Pianist Renana Gutman plays works by Bach, Schubert and Liszt.

#### February

1<sup>st</sup>......Senior Lunch (p5)

3<sup>rd</sup>....... 3:00pm Ragle Hall, Marlboro College,Tessa Lark, violin; Alice Yoo, cello; and Renana Gutman, piano, play piano trios by Haydn,
Beethoven and Schubert

26<sup>th</sup>.....Pre Town Meeting Day

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup>.....The Mudfling (p2)

5<sup>th</sup>......Town Meeting, 9AM, Marlboro Town House

9<sup>th</sup>.....Senior Wellness Clinic (p5)

# **Public Audition at Marlboro College**

Drop-in auditions for Marlboro College's production of "The Vagina Monologues" are around the corner!

Location: Ragle Hall (in Serkin Dance Building), Marlboro College

Dates: Friday, January 25th, 5 - 7 PM OR Saturday, January 26th, 2 - 5 PM

All women in the local community are welcome to audition. No prior theatrical experience necessary and no preparation needed. Questions? Contact Stefanie, V-Day 2013 Campaign Organizer/Producer, at <a href="mailto:sashlyn@marlboro.edu">sashlyn@marlboro.edu</a>. Women of color, transwomen, and queer women are particularly encouraged to respond. Join us in the fight to end violence against women and girls.

Marlboro College's benefit reading of "The Vagina Monologues" will be held at Ragle Hall (in Serkin Dance Building) on Saturday, March 2nd at 8:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Freedom Center (Brattleboro, VT), a feminist non-profit organization that works to end domestic & sexual violence toward women and their children. Only 125 seats available! Contact Stefanie at <a href="mailto:sashlyn@marlboro.edu">sashlyn@marlboro.edu</a> beginning February 1st to reserve tickets.

#### **FREE Zumba Classes**

will be offered at Marlboro College once again for the spring 2013 semester in the Serkin Dance Studio. Please contact Stefanie at <a href="mailto:sashlyn@marlboro.edu">sashlyn@marlboro.edu</a> beginning mid-January for class days and

Zumba is an hour-long Latininspired dance fitness class. No dance experience is needed. "Ditch the workout and join the party!" Footwear: dance shoes ONLY or barefeet, please

Bring: water
Wear: comfortable, light clothing
(moisture-wicking/workout attire is
best).

#### **Municipal Meetings:**

(unless posted otherwise)

Select Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 4:30pm

School Board: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 6pm

Board of Listers: Wednesdays at 7pm
Planning Commission: 2<sup>nd</sup>
Tuesday at 5pm

Town Auditors: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 3:30pm

Development Review Board: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues at 7pm

Fire Company: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7pm

Marlboro Energy Committee: 3rd Thurs at 7:00pm, MES

Conservation Commission: 1st Monday at 7:00

### Mariboro Town Services Want to list your business or skills here? Call or email The Mixer.

Amy Taliaferro 802-999-6590, Massage, Craniosacral Therapy

Lance C. Shader, 464-5676, Attorney at Law

Malcolm Moore, 254-5664, <u>surveygmls@gmail.com</u> Green Mountain Land Surveying

J. Mark Littlehales: Boat building, repair, maintenance & woodwork for the home. jmark@sover.net, 254-6955

Mountain Meadow Farm: 348-7344 Organic Beef; Composted manure

Kevin Hamilton: 257-5666 Softwood shavings; maple syrup; cordwood

Sweeties Market and Deli 254-6577

Russell Horton 254-2651, Drum repair and lessons

Applewoods Studio and Gallery, 254-2908 Turned vessels and wood furniture

Wylie Carlisle 579-8311 Landscaping and lawn services

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Absolute Computer Solutions, 413-388-8041 (in Marlboro)

Jerry Lundsted 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Whetstone Ledges Farm 257-7328 Maple syrup, seasonal produce, berries

Green Power, 2063 Route 9, Small engine sales and repair

Will & Paula Fielding Banjos: banjos, repairs, lessons 464-3260, fieldingbanjos.com

Lucy Gratwick Fine Hand-weaving 257-0181 Functional hand-woven apparel

Donald Sherefkin, AIA 254-9736. Architectural Services, sherefkin@gmail.com

Yoga & YogaDance 254-7724 < <u>kel@sover.net</u>> Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin.

Nat Waring Woodworking 257-4100, custom furniture, built-in cabinets, corian countertops

Brian McNeice—Bonvue Farm. Pastured poultry & 100% grass-fed beef. 258-2296

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages all styles. gregsblues18@yahoo.com

Walt's Chain Saw Carvings, Walter F. Ridel, 1947 Auger Hole Rd. 348-7162

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Custom hardwood frames & more, Bob Kreitzer 464-5992 whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net

Alcan power equip---lawn equipment, chainsaws,generators-sales &service 348-7898

Dave Matt: firewood, hay, maple syrup 464-9788

Brent Seabrook - Carpentry: Design, Build, Restore, Refinish. 464-5169

A&J Heating LLC, Aaron Diamondstone 254-2246. solar hot water and all heating systems

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special events. Carie Kowalski, 254-2459 David Johnson, lawn mowing & odd jobs. 464-5891

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918 lavignephotography.blogspot.com

Skunk's Tree Service 802.598.4434.

The Poetry Studio- 257-8972 Poetry classes for young people and adults

Emma Lee, Gardening: 802-579-4473, araliaberry@gmail.com

Whetstone CiderWorks, Artisan Hard Cider whetstoneciderworks@gmail.com, 254-5306

Kate Tarlow Morgan 257 0855 or katetarlowmorgan@gmail.com Editorial Skills, Stretch Coach/Prevention

Gary MacArthur, 257-7026, Solar PV & hot water system design & installation. gwmaca@gmail.com

Refilling Your Well Counseling, Robin White 802-254-2246 www.refillingyourwell.com

Jorge Romo, Renovation, New Construction, Painting, Roofing, Drywall, Tile 251-0214

Malcolm Wright, The Turnpike Road Pottery. theturnpikeroad.com, 254-2168

Sunrise House Painting and Landscaping. 257-7184 SunrisePaintersVT.com

Allen Warner - 464-2099 Painting, Small Carpentry, Pressure Washing, Lawn Mowing & small snow removal

## **NEXT DEADLINE:** February 15<sup>th</sup> for the March/April Mixer

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