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See us at:
marlborovt.us

Marlboro Alliance Thank You Breakfast

The Marlboro Alliance will be hosting a breakfast and raffle on Saturday, November 19th from 9 to noon. We welcome all those whose volunteer efforts support the Marlboro Community.

If you know of someone that should receive a personal invitation, if you are interested in donating items for our raffle or if you have any other questions, please contact: marlboroalliance@gmail.com

Please join us!

**Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to noon
at the Marlboro Town House.**



General Election 2016

November 8, 2016, the polls are open **7 am to 7 pm** at the Marlboro Town Office.

The deadline to register to vote, in order to be eligible to vote in the November General Election, is **November 2nd at 5 pm**

Absentee ballots will be available until
4 pm on November 7th

More information is at
marlborovt.us



From Marlboro Cares

Senior Lunches

The Senior Lunches have gotten off to a wonderful start this year. In September, Georgie Runkle displayed her Art and spoke beautifully about why she paints in Vermont. In October, Val Mindel and Mike Miller delighted us with old time Southern music and some music history.

The next lunch will be held on Friday, November 4th, with a talk by **Bob Engel**. Please call 258-3030 by Monday, October 26th to reserve your place. The remaining 2016 lunch will be December 2nd. Please call by Monday, November 28th to reserve your spot. Remember, you can sign up for many lunches at one time. We ask that you please let us know if you find you are not able to make it after all, as we often have a waiting list.

Senior Lunches are held at 11:30 a.m. in the Coffee Shop at Marlboro College, still for a charge of only \$3.00. Any resident of Marlboro over the age of 60 is cordially invited to attend and enjoy a delicious meal and a fun time with your neighbors.

Ride Survey

Marlboro Cares is interested in finding out about the kinds of rides Marlboro residents would use. Although we have not made a decision to expand our current services, we would like more information in order to explore possibilities.

Please let us know if you would like

- A regular, weekly ride to Brattleboro for grocery shopping and/or banking?
- A way to ride share to social or cultural events?

Please email us at jennifermazur2@gmail.com with your responses

Continued Services

For rides, errands, or other non-emergency assistance and/or for referrals for assistance and services, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. Someone will return your call within 24 hours.

Submitted by Jennifer Mazur

From Marlboro School

Marlboro School has always believed in educating students beyond the walls of the classroom. This year we're taking that another step with the building of a Compost Center (also known as the Compost Palace) to reduce the waste that has to be transported away from school, compost the waste from our food program, and create rich fertilizer for the school garden.

With the support of the Marlboro School Association, **Jerry Lundsted, Erik von Ranson, custodian Jesse Wismann, and the Wellness Committee**, the Compost Center now stands behind the Outback at the edge of the woods. By the time you read this, it should be in use! As it should be, this will be a student run enterprise and, equally important, it provides an opportunity for hands on, experiential learning.

Students from **North El** (Erica Morse's 3rd-4th class) are in charge of the waste stream at school. Each classroom has buckets for different waste. The students collect the filled buckets daily and return clean buckets. Students from **South El** (Pamela Burke's 5th-6th class) take the buckets with compostable waste and dump them into the compost bin, mixing in shredded paper, manure and sawdust, so that it's just the right recipe for quick decomposition. The bins are insulated and the pile inside should heat to 160 degrees as it decomposes. South El will monitor the bins, recording temperatures and turning the pile as needed.

Please stop by and take a look at this great addition to Marlboro School.



From the Selectboard

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned. The Month of November will be one of those special occasions. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday which falls on the fourth Thursday, the select board meetings will be the first and third Thursdays, November 3 and 17.

Town Officials Wanted: Energy Coordinator, Rescue Inc. Representative and Town Representative to the Senior Solutions Advisory Board. Descriptions can be found in the Municipal Directory on the Town Website marlborovt.us. There is also a vacancy on the Hogback Preservation Commission for a term expiring in 2018. Please contact the select board if you are interested in being considered for one of the openings.

The select board appointed **Sarah Grant** to complete the unexpired term (March, 2019) on the Hogback Preservation Commission. Lauren Biegel MacArthur resigned after serving as a member for three years. Thank you, Lauren, for your service.

Mike Andreotta, Emergency Management Director, reported that the State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) has come to an agreement with Vermont Yankee regarding Emergency Management funding over the next two years for Emergency Planning Zone towns. The original arrangement was that funding would stop June 30, 2016, but it will now continue.

Mike will also be setting up a meeting with Rescue Inc., Marlboro Elementary School and the Marlboro Emergency Management team to follow-up on a meeting at the end of the past school year regarding procedure during possible mass shooting events. These trainings are nationwide.

Additionally, Mike talked about his process of pursuing high-water alerts on Marlboro bridges.

The select board hosted a discussion for individuals who are concerned about the burglaries that have occurred in Marlboro since June. Some of the homeowners were present and related their experiences with the break-ins and with the police who responded. Some responding police officers shared advice about obtaining proof that intruders had been in the house and taken things. They suggested motion activated cameras inside and outside would provide images that would tell how many people, possible identity of people, possible identity of vehicles, and possible identity of objects taken. But sometimes still photos of vehicles in a driveway or on a road are not enough to prove a crime. Some residents are sharing information about types of cameras and home security systems.

The Neighborhood Watch program was mentioned as a possibility for residents to help themselves. It falls under the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and is a crime prevention program that involves the cooperation of residents and law enforcement. A meeting for residents has been scheduled with the State Police at Marlboro Elementary School at 5:30 on October 19 to discuss the Neighborhood Watch program.



Courtesy of the Marlboro Historical Society

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period at the beginning of every meeting for unscheduled open public comment. Contact the Board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344. Please contact Marcia Hamilton, m8rcia@gmail.com or 802 490-0347 to be added to the agenda. Visit the website: marlborovt.us.

The News from Hogback

Two events planned for November, plus our new email address

Event #1 The last of five fall 2016 work parties to improve habitat variety on Hogback will be on Saturday morning, November 12, 9 to noon. This is the project that is trying to turn back the clock on forest regeneration, to re-establish some of the young, dense shrubby growth that is so valuable for many types of birds and other wildlife. That type of habitat (known as early successional habitat, or ESH) sprang up naturally when the ski area went out of business in 1986, but that young growth is now getting pretty mature and we're losing some of the useful variety of habitat types we used to have on the mountain. Thus this project to re-establish ESH on the mountain. We're clearing five of the major ski slopes, one every two years. We're working on the Great White Way in this cycle. We re-opened the Meadow ski slope in the first cycle, in 2013-2014.

If you can haul brush, wield a hand saw or loppers, or run a chain saw, we could use your help! We're trying to do this with volunteer labor rather than through a fundraising drive. Spending a morning on the mountain, doing productive work where you can clearly see the impact of your efforts, both that day and in future years, is fun and rewarding. Join us! We'll meet at 9:00 in the field behind the white A-frame building on Route 9 just west of the gift shop. Bring your own favorite tool or borrow one of ours. *Note, if you plan to run a chain saw on a Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) project, you must have a full set of safety gear: chaps plus head/eye/hearing protection. If you don't have a set of your own, you can borrow one of ours.*

Want to see some of the work we've accomplished so far? Go to the HMCA web site, hogbackvt.org, and click on the ESH project tab.

Event #2 The traditional Black Friday Hogback work party focuses on skiing. From 1-4 p.m. on the biggest shopping day of the year, Friday, Nov. 25, we won't be waiting in check-out lines. We'll be checking out all the ski-able lines on the mountain, making sure they are ready for when the snow flies. Mostly we'll just be hauling fallen branches out of the way, but we may need a chainsaw or two to cut up any massive blowdowns. We'll bring the HMCA heavy-duty weed-whacker to

pare back the brambles here and there. Bring your own favorite tool, borrow one of ours, or just join the brush-hauling crew. Dress warmly, with good boots and tough work gloves, and meet in the parking lot near the white A-frame building (the former Alpenglo ski lodge) just west of the gift shop on Route 9. There have been rumors of a post-work-party gathering at some nearby warm spot to rehydrate.

Event #3? We'll probably have our New Year's Eve sunset snowshoe hike to the fire tower again this year, to watch the last sunset of the year and then descend in the deepening twilight. This has proved to be a great way to get a little exercise and fresh air before going out to more traditional New Year's Eve parties. We haven't set the details yet. Want to be informed about this event? Send us your email address to be added to the email list for events on Hogback. Contact us at hmca@hogbackvt.org. *Note: this is a new email address for HMCA.*

Email communication - Have you given us your email address but aren't getting our email bulletins? Try looking in your spam folder, or other spot that your email server uses to try to filter out junk. If you use gmail, look under the Promotions tab. We most recently sent out an email to our 330+ fans on Thursday, Sept 29, to announce our new email address. If you find this message in a spam/junk/promotions folder, try doing a click-and-drag to move the message into your main Inbox, then follow any prompts that come up to make sure you receive future emails from us. You can also try adding our email address, hmca@hogbackvt.org, to your address book, but unfortunately, that method no longer guarantees that you'll receive our emails. But it can't hurt.

If you don't hear from us, check the website to see what's coming up: hogbackvt.org. Or "like" us on Facebook, and then hit the "like" button when you see one of our posts, to help the Facebook algorithm learn that you want our messages to appear prominently in your newsfeed. Ah, the quirks of modern communication! Let's go back to yodeling from mountaintops. Does anybody know someone who can lead a yodeling workshop?

2016 Deer Hunting Season Information

Bow and Arrow October 1-28 & December 3-11, 2016

Youth Deer Weekend November 5-6, 2016

November Rifle November 12-27, 2016

Muzzleloader December 3-11, 2016

The following excerpts are courtesy of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department

Posted Property

Whenever possible, the hunter or fisherman should check with the landowner before going onto his or her land. The right to hunt or fish on privately owned land is not guaranteed by your hunting or fishing license. The privilege of using private land for your recreation is extended to you by the generosity of the landowner. It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping. In order to hunt, fish or trap on properly posted land, a person must have the written consent of the owner or the person having exclusive right to take fish or wild animals from that land. This also means that a person may not carry or possess a firearm, bow and arrow or trap on land that is properly posted.

Safety Zone

A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the property and no more than 200 feet apart. All shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it unless advance permission is obtained from the owner or rightful occupant.

Posted Property Under Fish & Wildlife Law

Hunting, fishing or trapping on properly posted land is illegal. Properly posted land will have records filed with the town clerk and the Fish & Wildlife Department. See Title 10, V.S.A., 5201 to 5206. Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter or angler shall show their license if requested by the landowner. A person must leave the land immediately on demand of the owner, whether the land is posted or not.

More information at <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/>

Dear Marlboro Property Owners:

After ten years of pretty smooth sailing, we are undertaking a town-wide reappraisal of all properties. We will begin property inspections this fall, continuing into the spring of 2018, and new values will be assigned for every property for Tax Year 2018. Comparing actual Marlboro property sales from the last three years against our 2008 appraised values shows that overall, our appraised values are very close to the sale prices. However, in the interest of equity among taxpayers, as suggested by the State, many small adjustments need to be made to land and building values. Therefore, all properties will have some change in value.

To visit all 700 parcels and revalue them is a large task for the three of us. We will never enter your house if you are not present, but we hope that many of you will be flexible in helping us see the interior of your place to make sure our data about your property is accurate. We will be working along roads in sections and will make every attempt to notify you before arriving in your area.

To help us line up inspections and communicate with you, kindly send us your preferred method of contact (email, cell phone, phone number) to:

MARLBORO BOARD OF LISTERS, PO Box E, Marlboro, VT 05344
(802) 254-2181 | marlborolisters@gmail.com

From Marlboro Alliance

2016-17 Alliance Scholarship Appeal

The Marlboro Alliance, is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 charitable corporation. Our non-profit umbrella shelters Marlboro Cares, the Marlboro Fair and the Marlboro Mixer. Our Community Events, Family Crisis Fund and Scholarship Fund continue the legacy of our predecessor, the Community Club.

The Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Fund is an independent effort which supports our town's students. We will soon send out our annual Fall appeal letter. Community donations provide the funds which help our town's families meet the costs of summer programs and expenses for higher education. We disburse the majority of the funds we raise each year.

Last year's appeal brought in a whopping \$5070 which helped 13 elementary students and five high school students to attend summer programs at Kroka Expeditions, Green Mt. Development Hockey Camp, Bonnie Stearns Pottery, New England Youth Theatre, Green Mt. Camp for Girls, Brattleboro Parks & Recreation Basketball Camp, and the Brattleboro Music Center.

College grants to were increased to \$450, helping nine students to attend Smith, Hamilton, Bennington, Green Mt. and Juniata Colleges, and Clark, Brandeis and Lesley Universities and the University of Vermont.

Scholarship grants totaled \$6350. The fund now has a balance of \$1373.

We depend on you, our community, to support our 2016-17 Scholarship Fund appeal. Every dollar helps. Is there any better investment than the education of our community's students?

You may send your tax-deductible contribution to:
Marlboro Alliance: Box 165 Marlboro, VT 05344 memo: Scholarship Fund. You may DONATE ONLINE through PayPal at our website: www.marlboroalliance.com

You can email the MarlboroAlliance: marlboroalliance@gmail.com

Guidelines for 2017 scholarships will be posted in the Mixer, at the Town Office and on the Alliance and Marlboro School websites in March of 2017.

Town House Initiative Update

Thanks to funding from the Marlboro Alliance, our venerable Town House has been getting some much-needed improvements to its function, safety and appearance. The project was initiated and planned by a volunteer committee of townspeople who will oversee its progress.

Electrician Tim Toussaint has upgraded the electrical service and added several convenient outlets. Stone mason Michael Weitzner of Thistle Stone Works is rebuilding the steps and retaining wall. New railings will follow.

The Town House was built in 1822 with lumber salvaged from the first Congregational Church originally built off Town Hill Road. In 1966, the Town House was moved to its present site from its original location, the small parking area across South Road. Formerly used as the Town Clerk's office, it has also been the venue for Marlboro's annual Town Meeting, as well as the annual Historical Society meeting, the Marlboro School's 8th grade Consortium, the Marlboro Alliance's January Book Swap, July Summer Sale and November Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, as well as other community events.

We believe that these improvements will foster greater use of this important civic space and deeper appreciation of this historic building. And we hope there will be more conversation and conservation to come.

The Alliance @ MARLBORO FAIR

We congratulate the Marlboro Fair Committee for its efforts bringing the community another memorable day of celebration, food and fun. The Alliance is proud to sponsor the Community Tent, and we extend our thanks to Casey Deane and the new volunteers who provided delicious Roasted Corn as an Alliance fundraiser.

Marlboro Town Services Want to list your business or skills here? Eemail meg@megmccarthy.com

Artisans

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

Lucy Gratwick Fine Handweaving 257-0181 Functional hand-woven apparel

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918 lavignephotography.blogspot.com

Meg McCarthy Design 275-7212, graphic design, web design in Wordpress and Joomla

Photography, Pet Portaiture & Animal REIKI 860-716-1049, rebeccawhitney8@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

Jess Weitz, Photography/Web Design jessweitz.com, jessweitz72@gmail.com

Carpentry, Furniture, House Painting, Landscaping

Fred Bisbee Adirondack Chairs, Picnic Tables, Trellises, etc., made to order, 464-0297

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

Mark Littlehales -Boat building, repair, maintenance & woodwork for the home. jmark@whetstoneboats.com, 254-6955

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

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

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

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

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

Food and Beverages

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

Pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409 or Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVermon.com

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

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

General Services

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

Ames Hill Storage, LLC Heated winter storage 802-254-2501

David Johnson, lawn mowing & odd jobs. 464- 5891

Jerry Lundsted, 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Jon May: Full Throttle Lawn Care,landscaping, excavator work + more. 829-0487 or 464-8216

Racine House Cleaning & Caretaking: Madonna & Jane Racine, 20+ years of experience. To make an appointment, call 802.257.4467.

Tim Racine Logging & Excavating: For a free estimate, call 802.257.4467.

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Tim Whitney, 464-3216, DBA as Another Pair of Hands, property maintenance, handyman, laborer

Health and Wellness

Lady Moon Healing Hands; Megan MacArthur Littlehales; Reiki for all beings, Massage for dogs; 254-6955 mml.wellness@gmail.com

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

Susan Kunhardt, Birth Doula supporting your birth with respect and joy susank.doula@gmail.com vermontdoula.wordpress.com

Yoga & Yoga Dance 254-7724 kel@sover.net Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin

Heating, Firewood

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

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

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

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

Music & Music Repairs

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

Russell Horton Drum lessons- private & groups, Drum-set and/or Hand Drums, Drum sales and repair, mrmrbira@gmail.com 802-254-2651

Professional Services

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

Joslyn Haineswood/Owl's Nest Registered home preschool / childcare. After school & vacation care 258-7837 or Owlsnestpreschol@gmail.com

Russell Horton: audio & small appliance repair, computer repairs & upgrades, software & operating tutoring, the.computa.buddha@gmail.com 254-2651

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Next Deadline
Dec 15 for
the Jan / Feb Mixer

November / December Calendar

Friday, November 4, 11:30am

Senior Lunch at the Coffee Shop,
Marlboro College

Tuesday, November 8

General Election polls open 7am to
7pm in the Town Offices

Saturday, November 12, 9 to noon

Hogback Fall Work Party

Saturday, November 19, 9 till noon

**Marlboro Alliance Thank You
Breakfast** at the Marlboro Town
House.

Sunday, November 20, 4:00pm

Thanksgiving Service Marlboro
Meeting House. Please bring non-
perishable food items for the
Deerfield Valley Food Pantry.

Friday, November 25, 1 to 4pm

Hogback Black Friday Work Party

Friday, December 2, 11:30am

Senior Lunch at the Coffee Shop,
Marlboro College

Sunday, December 18, 4:00pm

**Christmas Candlelight Service of
Lessons and Carols**
Marlboro Meeting House

