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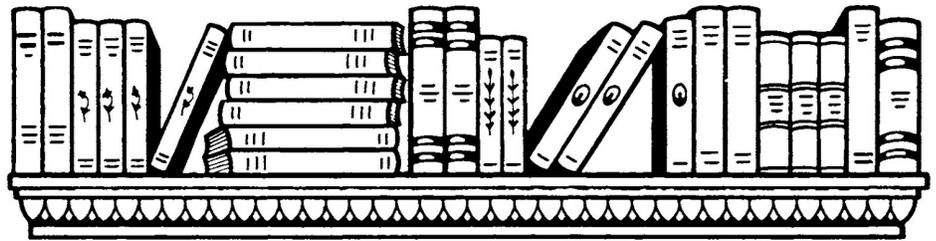
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17th Annual January Thaw Book Swap

Saturday, January 20, 2018

@ the Town House

9 am until noon

Bring your best-quality, clean books in a box. No textbooks, please!

Browse and take home as many books as you like. You can take books, even if you don't bring books! Please take some books for friends & gifts.

Enjoy a hot beverage and home-baked goods, compliments of the Marlboro Alliance & Community Volunteers.

All remaining paperbacks will be recycled. Hardbacks will be disposed of at cost to the Alliance, so Please choose carefully. This is not a free book disposal opportunity.

Can you help? Bake something to share? Help with set-up or clean-up? Contact Sarah Lavigne at lavignephotography@yahoo.com or call 689-0593

You are also encouraged to bring canned or nonperishable food items for the food bank.

And, the wonderful new Marlboro Community Cookbook will be on sale for \$10, to benefit the Alliance.

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www.marlboroalliance.com*

from the Selectboard

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned.

Mike Young, Animal Control Officer, resigned leaving an opening for an appointment by the Select Board. The Animal Control Officer is responsible for enforcing the Marlboro Ordinance to Regulate the Keeping of Dogs and Wolf Hybrids. The ordinance is often referred to as the “dog ordinance” but it applies to all animals including pigs, goats, cattle, all of which have been subjects of the ordinance and involvement of the ACO in the last few years. The dog ordinance covers a wide range of nuisance dog violations and defines steps that can be taken to enforce the ordinance. It is the responsibility of animal owners to become familiar with the ordinance and take necessary measures to care for and control their pets. If dogs in particular are picked up with no tags, they are impounded at the Windham County Humane Society and the owner must pay a fee to get them out. The ordinance may be found under Documents on the town website. If anyone reading this has interest in becoming involved as Animal Control Officer please contact the Select Board. The hourly rate for Marlboro’s part-time Animal Control Officer is \$17.00. The ideal candidate will have a great rapport with animals and people.

Pieter van Loon said he had recently met with Ashley Bies, Chair of the Conservation Commission, Pieter expressed to the Select Board that he would be interested in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission and would be completing his second term on the Select Board. The Board voted (with Pieter van Loon abstaining) to appoint Pieter as a member of the Conservation Commission to serve out an unexpired four-year term to March, 2021. The board appointed Jaime Tanner as a member of the Conservation to serve out an unexpired four-year term to March, 2020.

Now that Pieter will be completing his second term on the select board and does not plan to run again there is an opportunity for a candidate to run for the office of Select Board. Pieter invites you to contact him if you would like to discuss the job which pays \$1,000 per year. Contact Pieter at 254-3872 or vlselectboard@myfairpoint.net. If you are interested in running for any elected office,

please contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk for further information.

The board appointed Erika Korb as Energy Coordinator.

There are other vacancies on Town boards and commissions as follows:

- **Conservation Commission**, two unexpired four-year terms to March 2019
- **Hogback Preservation Commission**, one unexpired three-year term to March 2018
- **Planning Commission**, one unexpired four-year term to March, 2018 and one unexpired four-year term to March, 2019
- **Senior Solutions Representative.**

Please contact the select board or a member of the other boards if you are interested in any of the openings.

The Select Board received the Zoning Regulations Revisions and discussed it with the Planning Commission at a Select Board Meeting. The Select Board held a hearing and after deliberation, voted to send the matter to the voters to be voted by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day. Copies of the document and maps are available on the Town Website and at the Town Office.

There was a rainstorm October 29 and 30 which did considerable damage to four sections on Town roads, namely two on Augur Hole Road, and one each on Lahar Road and Adams Crossroad. Southworth Excavating bid to repair the damaged sections and the Select Board accepted three of the four bids. The board sent a letter to the Agency of Transportation requesting state assistance for repairs and registering the damage and cost for the State to make a Disaster Declaration for Federal funds.

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.

Interested in getting involved in *your* town government?

There is an opening on the Marlboro Select Board for a three-year term beginning March 7, 2018.

If you would like to know more about the position and duties, you can read a summary here <http://marlborovt.us/government/select-board/> or speak with a current or past Select Board member.

The other positions to be elected by Australian ballot at Town Meeting on March 6, 2018 are Lister, Auditor, Constable, Grand Juror, Town Agent, as well as one three-year term and two one-year terms on the School Board. At the time of this writing, incumbents for these positions are seeking re-election, but any voter may submit a petition to be included on the ballot for any position.

To get yourself on the ballot, please contact the Town Clerk for a packet of materials, the most important of which is the petition, which needs to be signed by a minimum of 7 Marlboro voters. The deadline to submit the petition is Monday January 29, 2018 at 5 pm.

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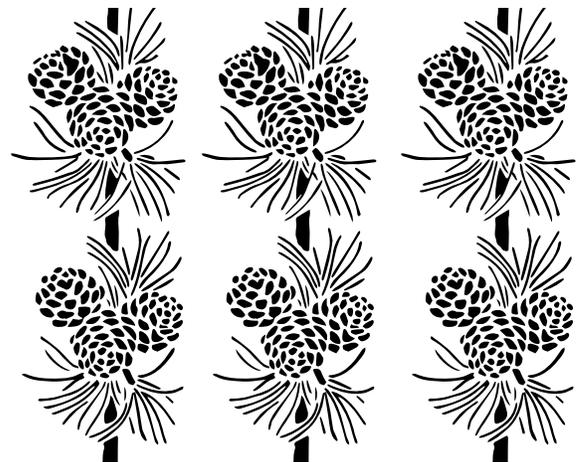
The Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Fund

The Marlboro Alliance offers scholarship support for our town's students to help meet the cost of summer programs and higher education.

Our 2017-18 Appeal letter has brought in \$2125 as the Mixer goes to press. If you received a letter, this is a gentle reminder that **it isn't too late to give**.

And if you didn't receive a letter, and can help us meet our goal of \$4000, please consider giving a tax-deductible contribution to the Marlboro Alliance, P.O. Box 165, Marlboro, VT 05344 or through PayPal on the Alliance website: www.marlboroalliance.com.

We are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable community organization.



Seeking Community Grant Applications

Grants from the Marlboro Alliance Community Fund are typically one-time donations with possibility for replication for additional funds. Community grants should be in keeping with our mission to support and nurture the Marlboro, Vermont community. They must be paid

to another non-profit organization or public entity. The majority of grants we support are \$500 or less. We review applications on a rolling basis approximately every three months. You may contact marlboroalliance@gmail.com for to request an application.

Family Movie Night!

What? *Hidden Figures*, an award winning film about a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Refreshments will be available.

When? Friday, January 19 film starting at 6:30

Where? The Outback

Why? The Marlboro Town Library Board, in conjunction with the Marlboro Elementary School received a grant from The Vermont Council on the Humanities for 75 copies of Jacqueline Woodson's amazing Newbery Honor book, *Brown Girl Dreaming*. It's a memoir of the author's life growing up in the middle of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as a series of beautiful poems about what it is to be young, creative, and curious. It is this year's Vermont Reads book and we are hoping many people in town will have an opportunity to experience this wonderful piece of writing. There are several copies for loan in each of the Wee Libraries (at the moment one in the Town Center outside the Town office and the other at the junction of CP 40 and Ames Hill. Two more coming: one at the elementary school and one on Auger Hole.) There are also plenty of copies that can be borrowed by townspeople from the Marlboro Elementary School Library.

It is our hope that the community will read these books and take part in a series of events organized by the Marlboro Library Board that celebrate and discuss diversity. *Hidden Figures* is the first in this series. There will be two more events in February and in March. Stay tuned.

For questions or for input on speakers or events you would like to see happen, please contact someone on the Marlboro Library Board: Andra Horton, Jess Weitz, Felicia Tober, Gemma Ollis, Hilary Duggan, Peggy Tiffany, Meg Smith, Lissa Harris

from Marlboro Cares

Senior Lunches

Reminder: **No Senior Lunch in January, as the College is closed.** The next lunch will be held on Friday, February 2nd. Please call 258-3030 by Monday, January 29th to reserve your seat.

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.

The remaining Lunches for the school year are March 2nd, April 6th, and May 4th. 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.

Fall Prevention

Now that winter is here, Marlboro Cares would like to remind our neighbors to be careful of falling on ice and slippery walkways. Please be cautious. We recommend Ice Bug boots or Yak Trak type grips on your boots, to help you get a grip and stay upright. Some people find it helpful to walk with a ski pole.

Flu Season

The flu is here and it is a mean one. If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet and if you are over 65, free flu shots are available at the pharmacies in Brattleboro. They bill Medicare directly. No need for an appointment, just walk in and ask.

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

Hogback Happenings

By Diana Todd, President, Hogback Mountain Conservation Association

New Year's Eve Sunset Snowshoe Hike

3:30-5:30, Sunday, Dec 31, 2017

Watch the last sunset of the year from the fire tower on Mount Olga, taking in the fantastic 360-degree view of mountains in four states. Meet in the parking lot on the south side of Route 9 just west of the gift shop, near the white distillery building. Don't be late, because we don't want to miss the main event! It's less than a mile to the summit, but it's all uphill. None of it is particularly steep. We'll be walking up the Tower Trail, the most heavily used trail on the mountain, so the snow tends to get packed and icy in spots. Ski or hiking poles will be a good accessory. We usually make it back to the parking lot while the last lingering glow of twilight is still with us, but bring a headlamp or flashlight just in case we're out there when full dark falls. In any case, you'll be home in plenty of time to make it to more traditional New Year's Eve parties.

First Day Hike

10:00-noon, Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

Our friends at the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum (www.vermontmuseum.org) are leading this event, their annual First Day Hike. We'll take a casual walk around the Hogback Mountain Conservation Area and see what we can find. In past years we have turned the mountain into an ice slide, found a porcupine den, followed fisher tracks, even spent the whole walk off trail and we always have some great conversation and fun! We will meet at the Hogback Scenic Overlook on route 9 adjacent to the Vermont Distillers Building. Dress for the weather and call the Museum if you are unsure of snow conditions. Hiking poles and/or snowshoes may be advised. Find out more on the Museum's facebook page or give them a call 464-0048.

Sunset Snowshoe Hike Redux

3:45-5:45 pm, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018

Can't make it to the New Year's Eve sunset hike? We're doing it again on the Saturday of the Martin Luther King Day weekend. The days will already be getting longer, so we'll be meeting 15 minutes later, at 3:45. See the New Year's Eve hike description for details about where to meet and what conditions to expect.

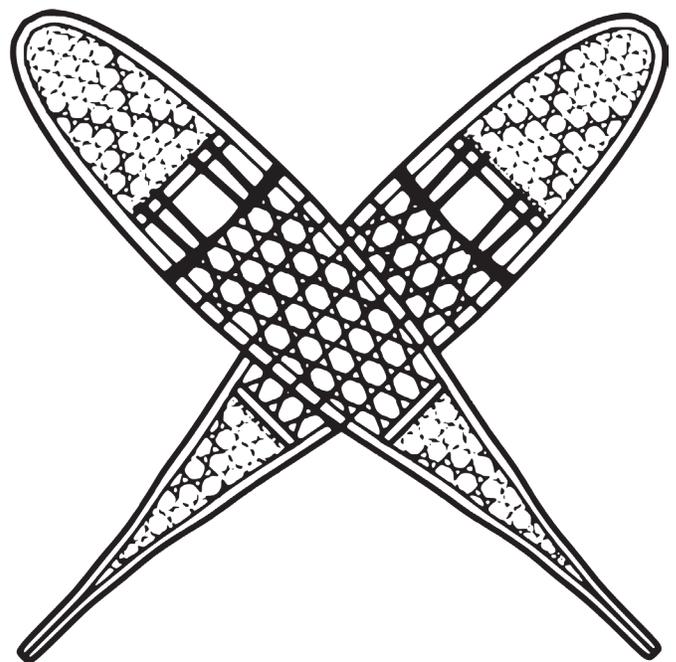
Moonlight Snowshoe Hike

8:00-10:00 pm, Saturday, March 3, 2018

A full moon and snowy ground makes it bright enough to hike without headlamps or flashlights. Let's climb up to the fire tower in the moonlight to take in the view. Meet in the parking lot on the south side of Route 9 just west of the gift shop, near the white distillery building. It's less than a mile to the summit, but it's all uphill. None of it is particularly steep. We'll be walking up the Tower Trail, the most heavily used trail on the mountain, so the snow tends to get packed and icy in spots. Ski or hiking poles will be a good accessory. Even though we hope to hike just by the light of the moon, everyone should bring a headlamp or flashlight as a backup.

Moon rise will be at 7:45 that night, so if you want to watch that spectacle, arrive early. We won't start hiking until 8:00, though, to let the moon get fully above the horizon and start shedding its full light.

What if there's no snow? It won't be as bright, so the hike will be harder. In that case, be prepared to hike with a headlamp.



from Marlboro School

Winter Concert

On December 13th, Marlboro had its annual Winter Concert at Marlboro College. What a great performance! Thank you Charlene for all your hard work and preparing are students so well. Our next musical performance will be Wednesday, January 24th at 6:30 in the Outback. This concert will feature our strings and band musicians.

In the classrooms

Kindergarten: K-kids have been taking detailed measurements and performing statistical analysis of their paperwhites. Students have noticed that some grow taller than others and heat might have something to do with it. Not only are paperwhites great learning opportunities, but they also make great winter gifts as well.

Primary: 1st and 2nd graders are growing their math brains. They are learning about a growth mindset, which is that everyone can grow their brains and mistakes are part of the learning process. Students have set math goals, so that they have ownership of their learning and can see their knowledge and ability grow.

North EL: 3rd and 4th graders had their poetry reading with Ann Gengarely on December 8th. Poetry is a wonderful way for students to express their feelings and share their inner thoughts, and this was on full display. One minute the audience was bent over laughing and the other silent with tears.

South EL: What is the purpose of schools? That is what our 5th and 6th graders are debating. If you can still remember what you thought about school when you were 10 ,11 or 12, then you can imagine what the conversations must be like.

Junior High: JH is deep into their Learning to Learn unit. Students are reading the latest research on how the brain works and what happens when someone is learning something new. Students are also investigating different learning styles and will identify what type of learner they are.

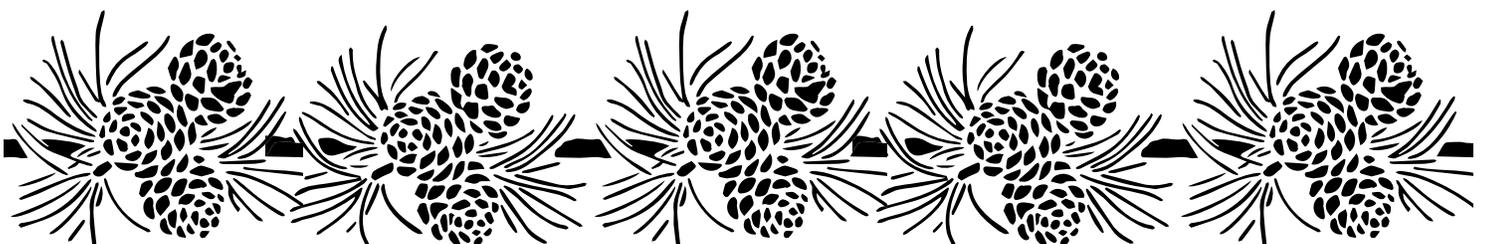
Upcoming Social Justice Workshop Series

The Association of Marlboro Parents (AMP) is inviting all Marlboro community members to join us in a discussion series focused on social justice in our community.

The course, which is broken down into 7 units, includes readings, activities, discussions, and reflections. We will be discussing one unit at each monthly meeting. The course costs \$15 and can be downloaded onto any device that reads a pdf. Financial Assistance is available for those who desire it.

Social Justice is not merely a goal but also a process, dependent on its participants, a desire for the common good, and the compassion of and for each community member. AMP will be hosting facilitated discussions on each unit to help us make progress.

Classes will be starting in January, details to follow. If interested please email Jamie Schilling, jamielynnschilling@gmail.com for more information.



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January / February Calendar

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Saturday, March 3, 8–10pm

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Marlboro publications on sale

The 2018 calendar

highlights many portraits from our extensive photography collection and an assortment of photographs depicting various time periods

in Marlboro's history, past and present. Calendars are \$15 each. The calendar is created by photographer and local historian Forrest Holzapfel. Available at the Marlboro Town Office, Whetstone Inn, Vermont Artisans in Brattleboro, or by mail.



In addition, copies of the recent **town cookbook** entitled *A Taste of Marlboro: Cooking & Eating in Our Community* are available at the Whetstone Inn and the Town Office for \$10, or by mail.

Contact Forrest at 258-2568 or forrest810@gmail.com