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by email if requested**
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save money!)

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We're online, too.
See us at:
marlborovt.us



Please bring a main dish or salad or bread or dessert to the Meetinghouse Church before the meeting.

Hot beverages will be provided by the Marlboro Alliance.

AND

The wonderful NEW "Taste of Marlboro" community cookbook will be for sale for **\$10.**
Makes a great gift!

The Alliance is a 501c3 nonprofit corp.
www.marlboroalliance.com.

Please help with some of the many simple tasks that make this event possible.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da9ad2aabf58-town>



Please bring non-perishable items for Groundworks Collective Food Shelf.



We need helpers for:

- Monday set-up from 3-4:30.
- Tuesday prep from 9-12.
- Tuesday kitchen duty during lunch
- Tuesday clean up after lunch.

To volunteer, please contact Sarah Lavigne: lavignephoto@yahoo.com
Or sign up online (sorry for the ads!)
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da9ad2aabf58-town>

If you're a non-voter, please consider helping some time from 9-12, so voters can attend the meeting. Or stay for Clean-up if you're not staying for the afternoon session (if there is one).

from the Selectboard

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

The board appointed **Peggy Tiffany** and **Patricia Deangelo** Animal Control Officers. Both women expressed great interest in the position and the board thought choosing just one was a missed opportunity for better ACO coverage. They both have the same authority to enforce the Ordinance to Regulate the Keeping of Dogs and Wolf Hybrids including issuing fines enforced through the Vermont Judicial Bureau. The Ordinance may be found on the Town Website marlborovt.us under Documents. Peggy Tiffany agreed to take the lead and she is the person to call for situations. She may be contacted by the following means: Home Phone 348-7479, Email ptiff123@gmail.com and by Text to her mobile phone 579-7109. Pat DeAngelo will support Peggy and provide back-up when Peggy is not available.

There are 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 2021
- **Planning Commission**, one four-year term to March, 2021 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. Appointments will be made after Town Meeting or when a willing candidate emerges.

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.

Marlboro Alliance Scholarship News

Our Scholarship Fund supports town students with financial aid to meet the cost of summer programs and expenses for higher education. We are pleased to announce that our community's generous donations will be awarded to this year's recipients in late May/early June.

The 2018 Marlboro Alliance Scholarship Guidelines can be downloaded from the Marlboro Alliance website beginning in early April. Paper copies will be available at the Marlboro School and the Marlboro Town Clerk's office. Please take note of the individual guidelines for Elementary students, High School students, and College students.

Marlboro Alliance website: www.marlboroalliance.com

Marlboro School Website: <http://marlboroschool.net/>

Request a copy by email: marlboroalliance@gmail.com

The Marlboro Alliance, is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 charitable corporation. Our non-profit umbrella covers Marlboro Cares, the Marlboro Fair and the Marlboro Mixer. Our Community Events committee, Family Crisis Fund and Scholarship Fund continue the legacy of our predecessor, the Community Club. The Scholarship Committee: Sylvia Johnson, Gussie Bartlett, Francie Marbury and Michelle Holzapfel.

Marlboro Play Group

**Fridays 9am-11am
at the Marlboro Meetinghouse**

(534 South Road, in the center of Marlboro, next to the post office)

This is a wonderful chance for parents and caregivers to connect while our children play in a fun, safe, child-centered environment.

There is no fee. Drop-ins are always welcome.

For more information, contact Jesse Einermann at jesse.einermann@gmail.com

Town Meeting 2018

Town Meeting will be held at 9 am on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at the Town House in the village center. There will be a break for lunch at the Marlboro Meeting House sponsored by the Marlboro Alliance. Town Report booklets will be available in the Town Office entryway, the Post Office, and at Marlboro School. Or go to the town website at marlborovt.us and on the bottom of the home page find everything about Town Meeting including the Town Report!

The polls will be open in the Town Office from 10 am until 7 pm for the election of local officers and for voting on the revisions to the Zoning Regulations, both by Australian Ballot.

If you would like to vote early / absentee, please fill out the Absentee Ballot Request 2018 (available under "Town Clerk Documents" on the town website or call the Town Office) and return it to the Town Clerk. Your ballot will be mailed to you, or you could stop into the office and pick one up (for yourself only). Ballots can be requested until 4 pm on March 5, 2018 and must be returned by the close of the polls at 7 pm on March 6, 2018. There are no longer voter registration deadlines as Same Day Voter Registration came into effect January 1, 2017.

Board of Listers

The Marlboro Board of Listers is working diligently to revalue all properties in Marlboro for the 2018 tax year. Town-wide data collection went well, and we will be doing our regular spring inspections in March and April to see buildings in various stages of completion. Change of appraisal notices, for all properties, will be mailed in the second half of May. Look for an update in the next issue of the Mixer and check out the Lister's Report in the Town Report. Always feel free to drop in or call with any questions you may have at 254-2181 or marlborolisters@gmail.com

Mudfling!

The annual Mudfling Fundraiser is on for **Saturday, March 3rd from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Meeting House School (524 South Rd)**. We invite you to come out of the cold and the mud for a festive evening that supports vibrant pre-school programming here in Marlboro, Vermont.

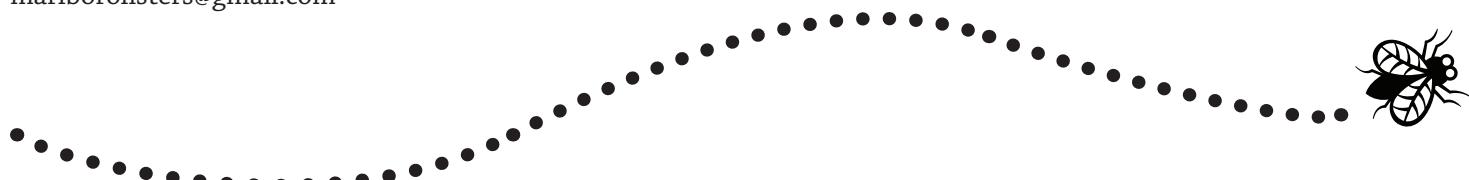
The Mudfling is an adults-only event, and for \$10 at the door, folks can indulge in coffee, tea, and gourmet treats while listening (and dancing) to live music by The Moondogs and checking out amazing silent-auction items. Look forward to a Whetstone Ciderworks cash bar and a raffle drawing with incredible prizes.

Dear Marlboro Taxpayers,

Don't forget to file your annual Homestead Declaration, to declare yourself as a full time resident of Marlboro. In addition, fill out the Property Tax Adjustment Claim, to help defray the cost of the education tax portion of your property tax bill. Contact the Town Clerk with any questions, 254-2181 or marlborotownclerk@gmail.com

Additionally, the Vermont Department of Taxes wants to provide you with information about obtaining the printed 2017 Vermont Income Tax Return Booklet and individual tax forms for those taxpayers who prefer them. The Vermont Department of Taxes has forms and instructions online at <http://tax.vermont.gov/research-and-reports/document-library/tax-forms/individuals>, which can be downloaded and printed. Or go directly to <http://tax.vermont.gov/sites/tax/files/documents/HS-122.pdf>

If you do not have access to a computer, you may order paper copies by calling 802-828-2515 or 855-297-5600 (toll-free).



from Senior Solutions

There was a recent headline in the New York Times that caught my eye:

The UK Appoints a Minister of Loneliness

It got me thinking about loneliness. Feeling alone in a rural town like Marlboro is increasingly common, especially as we age. A lot of us don't have family or close friends near by – perhaps they have moved on, or moved away or perhaps we are new in town. We now know that the physical and mental and emotional consequences of social isolation are enormous. For the sake of our own health and well being we may have to be open to letting others into our lives, even people who we don't yet know.

We live in a beautiful place where many of us value our privacy and independence almost above all other things, but there comes a time when we realize that being left alone and being lonely are two very different things. It is a complicated issue, one that involves such hurdles as being willing to reach out, accepting help, having a place to gather to meet other people, having the means to get there, being motivated to make the effort in the first.

There are an increasing number of agencies and services that offer opportunities to give and receive visits, calls

Meet Our New Animal Control Officer

Hello All. My name is Peggy Tiffany and I am the new Animal Control Officer (ACO) for the town of Marlboro with assistance from Pat DeAngelo. My vision for this position is to help us all be pet friendly



neighbors! I am happy to work with anyone who would like help in making sure their yard is set up correctly for their dogs (I'm no expert on large animals). Although there is no leash law in Marlboro, there is a Dog Ordinance that prohibits dogs from "running at large" which means straying off their owners' property unattended or without voice control.

and companionship. The benefits are as great for the volunteer as they are for the recipient. For most of us, the opportunity to give benefits us as much if not more than being on the receiving end.

Marlboro Cares is our wonderful local organization with volunteers who are ready to respond to a wide variety of needs including transportation, general assistance and companionship. Call 258-3030 for more information and assistance.

Senior Solutions (the local Council on Ageing) is also working to expand ways to respond to growing problems of rural isolation. In addition to its regular "Senior Companions" program, it has now introduced a new volunteer program called "Friendly Visitors". There are no financial criteria or time commitment requirements for the volunteers. It does involve an initial orientation, in service training as well as providing on going staff and peer support. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a volunteer, or receiving a friendly visit, call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2655, or email VMastroianni@SeniorSolutionsVT.org.

*Lucy Gratwick
Marlboro Representative to Senior Solutions*

I also hope to post a few articles in the Mixer and Front Porch Forum on cat and dog topics: available health care, shots needed, training opportunities, making sure your animal is ready for winter, etc.

You can contact me at:
802-348-7479 (Home phone - can leave a message)
802-579-7109 (Cell phone - best for text messages)
ptiff123@gmail.com

I do have business travel about 6 times a year. When I am away, I will leave a message on my machine with Pat's phone number.

I am looking forward to collaborating with all!

Hogback Happenings

By Diana Todd, President, Hogback Mountain Conservation Association

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 evening, so if you want to watch that spectacle, arrive early. We won't start hikin



until 8:00, though, to let the moon get above the horizon and start shedding its 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. What if it's slightly cloudy? We'll go for it.

Snowing or raining? Well, that's a good night to stay home by the fireside.

Spring Trail Protection

As the ground thaws the trails get muddy. It's best to give them a chance to dry out. Hiking and biking on muddy trails compacts the soil, causes drainage problems, and just makes a mess of things. You'll enjoy the trails more the rest of the year if everybody lets them rest during mud season. Thanks.



Marlboro Dog Owners

If you have NOT licensed your dog for 2018, you're almost LATE!

As of Monday April 1st, LATE FEES will be applied.

from Marlboro School

Public Preschool: We are very excited to announce the Meeting House School and Marlboro School have made the decision to open a public preschool at Marlboro School starting the 18-19 school year. This decision was made in order to increase programming such as full days for 4-year olds, access to special staff members (school counselor and special educators), mentorship by older students, and art, music and physical education. We want to thank the Meeting House School for providing educational expertise and guidance through this transition.

News from Association of Marlboro Parents (AMP): Social justice includes a vision of society that is equitable and all members are physically and psychologically safe and secure. It's hard to believe that well into the 21st century the concept of a safe society for all continues to elude us. Oak Meadow, an independent learning center based in Brattleboro, has created a new course designed to help parents and teachers bring social justice concepts into the classroom and turn those concepts into actions within the community. AMP is inviting all Marlboro parents, teachers, and 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 begin our meetings on March 2nd and continue meeting the last Friday of each month. Please visit MES's website for specific topics discussed at each of these meetings.

Winter Harvest Feast: On Valentine's Day, we held our annual harvest lunch. This is a whole school event with each class cooking a local food dish and Junior High setting and breaking down all the tables and chairs and serving everyone their lunch in the Outback. I want to thank Erica Morse and Chef Craig for making this event such a success.

Retirements: At the end of this school year, we will be saying goodbye to two of our longstanding staff. Ellen Martyn, kindergarten teacher, and Christine Moyer, special education teacher, will be retiring. For 25 years, Ellen provided a loving and supporting first year to our students and implemented Forest Kindergarten. For 20 years, Christine was a skilled educator who allowed so many students to say, "now I get it." We wish them the very best on their new journey.

from Marlboro Cares

Senior Lunches

The final 3 lunches for this school year will be held on the Fridays, March 2nd, April 6th, and May 4th. 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 delightful social time with your neighbors.

Please call 258-3030 by Monday, February 26th to reserve your seat for the March 2nd lunch. Call by Monday, March 26th to reserve for April 6th's lunch and call by Monday, April 30th to reserve a seat for Friday, May 4th.

Medical Equipment Loans

While Marlboro Cares does not have any equipment ourselves to loan out, we are happy to give you suggestions as to where to ask and/or to help in the finding process. For example, Brattleboro Hospice (257-1358), Guilford Cares (579-1350) and Putney Cares (387-5593) all have medical equipment to loan out, including to Marlboro residents. This equipment includes things like crutches, walkers, commodes, etc.

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

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

Artisans

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

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

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

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918
lavignephoto.blogspot.com

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

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

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

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

Nat Waring Woodworking 802-451-6898, custom furniture, built-in cabinets, corian countertops

Food and Beverages

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

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

Roselily Farm Shop: USDA certified Grass Fed beef, pork, chicken, honey, maple syrup, craft pottery, compost makers, more, locally produced. 257-9442 RoseLilyFarm.com

The Colonel Williams Inn 254-1093 www.thecolonelwilliamsinn.com on Facebook at www.facebook.com/colonelwilliams/

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

Whetstone Ledges Farm, 257-7328 Maple 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

Laughing Dogs Dog Hiking Service. Pick up + deliver. Home visits, feeding, walking. 464-5979. debbydorsett@gmail.com

Jerry Lundsted, 802-464-3982.Earthwork, excavating

Professional Property Maintenance:
Jon May 380-2023.Excavation, Drainage, Driveways, Tree Removal/ Pruning, Landscaping, Stonewalls, Field & Lawn

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.

Ride to the Airport Kyle Oliver, 802-380-8777, Bradley Airport \$120, Logan Airport \$220, NYC/NJ \$320 and Montreal \$400, other destinations possible.

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 mmw.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. gregsbue18@yahoo.com

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

Professional Services

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

Maple Hill Horseshoeing Blacksmithing + farrier service for equines including horses, donkeys, mules, drafts. 802-579-8212 or 802-254-6512.

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
April 15 for
the May / June Mixer

March / April Calendar

- *Friday, March 2, 11:30am*
Senior Lunch at the Coffee Shop, Marlboro College
- *Saturday, March 3, 6:30–9:30pm*
Mudfling at the Meeting House School
- *Saturday, March 3, 8–10pm*
Moonlight Snowshoe Hike at Hogback
- *Sunday, March 4 - 3:00pm*
Concert by Adam Rudolph and Alexis Marcelo
Ragle Hall, Serkin Center, Marlboro College
- *Sunday, March 4, 700pm*
Poetry Reading, Kate Schapira
Appletree, Marlboro College
- *Tuesday, March 6, 9am*
2018 Town Meeting at Marlboro Town Hous
- *Tuesday, March 6, lunchtime*
Town Meeting Potluck at the Meetinghouse Church
- *Friday, April 6, 11:30am*
Senior Lunch at the Coffee Shop, Marlboro College

