

the marlboro mixer

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020, around noon.

**Also available
by email if requested**
(save paper,
save money!)

For submissions or to receive the Mixer,
please contact
Meg McCarthy
802-275-7212
meg@mccarthy.com

Please drop off a main dish, or salad, or bread, or dessert at the Community Center before the morning session. Hot beverages will be provided courtesy of the Marlboro Alliance.

We need volunteers for set-up, serving and clean-up. A detailed schedule is on the SignUpGenius website. <https://tinyurl.com/tyq9qc7>

We need helpers for:
• Monday set-up from 4-5pm.
• Tuesday prep from 8:30-9am.
• Tuesday kitchen duty during lunch
• Tuesday clean up after lunch.

To volunteer, please sign up online: . <https://tinyurl.com/tyq9qc7>

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[https://www.marlboroalliance.com](http://www.marlboroalliance.com)*

We're online, too.

See us at:
marlborovt.us

from the Select Board

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

The Select Board has been preparing for Town Meeting on March 3, 2020, and looks forward to seeing you there! There are a few articles on the Town Meeting warning that stand out, particularly articles 6 and 18. Following this report, you will find detailed explanations of the proposed Animal Resource Fund (ARF) and proposal to join a Communications Union District (CUD) as a strategy to obtain universal broadband coverage in Marlboro.

Voters will also find that the town's general budget has not changed dramatically. The largest increase in the proposed 2020 budget is the recycling line item (increasing from \$7500 to \$12,000), due to increased recycling rates. (The town spent a bit more than \$9000 on recycling in 2019.) The computer budget has also increased; Europa IT has been hired to help the Town with IT needs and upgrade our system security.

On the 2020 Town Meeting ballot, voters will find three Trustees of Public Funds up for election. Linda Peters, Town Treasurer, was elected as Trustee of Public Funds at the last Town Meeting in 2019. However, state law proscribes that we should have been electing three. To fill the vacancies, the Select Board appointed three new trustees of public funds in January to fill the positions: **Hollis Carlisle, Patricia Mangan, and Carol Ann Johnson**. They are now running for election, while Linda Peters has stepped down from the Trustee position to focus on her many other duties.

In response to the announced merger between Marlboro College and Emerson College, the Select Board encouraged Marlboro College President Kevin Quigley to hold a public forum for Marlboro residents to ask questions and discuss the implications for the town. Mr. Quigley stated that he did not "see a compelling reason for another community meeting" at present, but would consider holding such a meeting if circumstances around the merger or sale of the campus were finalized. He encouraged town residents to learn more about the college's plans through local media outlets and the college's website.

As the Marlboro community representative to the Marlboro College Campus Working Group (CWG), Jesse Kreitzer encourages Marlboro community members to share ideas, questions, or concerns about the sale of the campus. He created an online working spreadsheet for residents to submit comments to the CWG at: tinyurl.com/tuupflx. The link also includes the brainstorming results from the 'Reimagine Marlboro' forum that he and Robin MacArthur hosted on November 30, 2019, as well as an archive of CWG meeting minutes. Jesse also posts the minutes from the CWG on the "Marlboro News, Weather and Hearsay" Facebook page, and will continue to do so.

In addition to pursuing the formation of a CUD, the Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband (MCUB) has also sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to broadband providers. MCUB is working with the Windham Regional Commission to create a map showing current broadband coverage in Marlboro. The Windham Regional Commission (WRC) received the BIG grant, a \$60,000 planning grant, and is establishing the Windham Region Broadband Project. Steven John, Chair of MCUB, has been appointed to serve as the Town's representative and point of contact in this effort.

The Select Board was deeply saddened by the passing of Jesse Hamilton on December 30, 2019. His service to the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department and Marlboro Road Crew was greatly appreciated. Since Jesse's passing, David Elliott and Andrew Richardson have been working hard to take care of the town roads. Thank you for your patience while the road crew has been understaffed. Applications are now being accepted for a road crew member.

The Select Board is continuing efforts to encourage the installation of signage on Route 9 directing ski traffic to stay on Route 9. The Select Board is also pursuing the installation of signage on both ends of Higley Hill Road, alerting motorists that the road is partially unpaved.

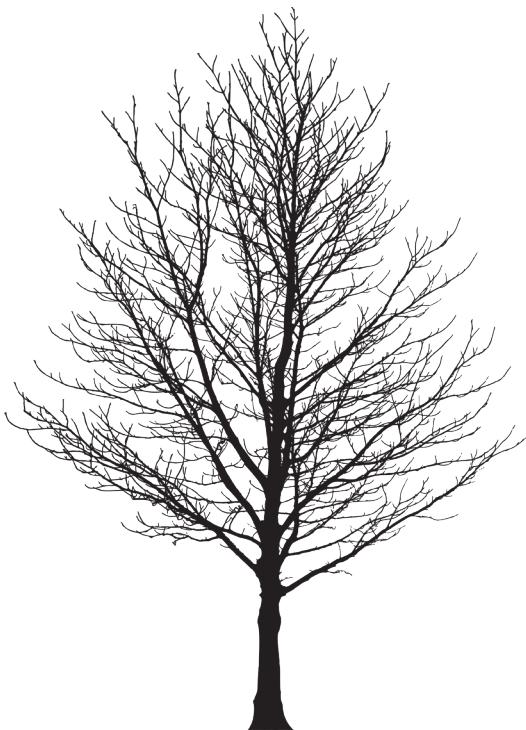
At the January 23, 2020 meeting, the Select Board voted to release the town's "glebe lands," as recommended by Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk and Lister. When the town was founded, these plots of land were established with the intent of generating tax revenue to go to the school (and church), but the state legislature has recently stated that

Animal Resource Fund – ARF

municipalities may release glebe lands. In Marlboro, there were 750 acres of glebe lands. With the release of the land, the current owners will now have clear ownership of the land.

Are you looking for other ways to get involved and serve the town? There are current vacancies on the Hogback Preservation Commission and Conservation Commission. The Select Board also continues to seek representatives to the Windham Solid Waste Management District, Senior Solutions, and the Windham Regional Commission. Development Review Board (DRB) alternates are also needed. Please contact the Select Board or a member of the other boards if you are interested in any of these openings.

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 Lauren MacArthur (laurenbmac@gmail.com or 802-264-5306) or a select board member at least 48 hours prior to a select board meeting to be added to the agenda. Visit the Town website: marlborovt.us.



This year our Animal Control Officer (ACO), Peggy Tiffany, would like to set up a fund to help people of low income with medical care for their animals, as well as dog licenses. This fund is in lieu of her wages. The fund, known as ARF (Animal Resource Fund) would be under the umbrella of the Marlboro Alliance. Peggy would be the point person to administer the funds. One of the key elements is that people must be part of the Windham County Humane Society's Pet Care Assistance (PCA) Program which has Wellness clinics and a Spay/Neuter Program. Even at lower cost, some people are unable to pay for these services.

Purpose of Animal Resource Fund (ARF):

Provide assistance to low income families for the care of their animals

How to Qualify for ARF:

- Must be a full-time resident of Marlboro, VT
- Sign up and be approved for Pet Care Assistance at the Windham County Humane Society (WCHS)
- Attend WCHS Wellness Clinics for Spay/Neuter programs, vaccines and animal check-ups

Types of funds people can receive as long as funds are available:

- Help with cost of dog licensing in Marlboro
- Pay half the cost of vaccines (\$10/shot) and clinic exams (\$15) at WCHS
- Assist with cost of Spay/Neuter (up to \$20/animal at WCHS. Most PCA participants already receive a 50% discount, so this would help them further.)
- Assist with cost of flea/tick medication up to \$20/family

How to apply for funds:

- Contact ACO, Peggy Tiffany with request
- She will write a check to Town of Marlboro for licenses or write a check to WCHS for the applied animal care cost

This program is only in effect as long as Peggy Tiffany is ACO of Marlboro and forgoes her salary. It is possible this program could continue if other funds become available and someone is willing to manage the program. For more information, contact Peggy Tiffany: [\(802\) 348-7479](mailto:ACOMarlboro@gmail.com)

Town Meeting Article 18: Broadband Access and the Deerfield Valley CUD

Article 18 on the Town Meeting Warning, put forward by the Marlboro Committee for Universal Broadband (MCUB), an ad hoc committee appointed by the Select Board, asks voters to consider whether “the Town of Marlboro will enter into a communications union district to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A chapter 82”. Similar articles will be considered in Halifax, Whitingham, and Wilmington. Towns approving the article will become the founding members of this communications union district (CUD).

A CUD is a municipal entity defined by the state legislature in 2015. It's similar in structure to a water or other utility district. CUD's provide a way for towns to work together to create their own broadband infrastructure, particularly in areas like ours that are underserved by traditional commercial providers. The ultimate goal of joining the Deerfield Valley CUD is to provide all Marlboro residents with fast, reliable, and affordable internet access.

A CUD is funded through subscriber fees—the subscriptions of those residents who choose to use the network services provided by the CUD. A CUD cannot impose, even in the event of its dissolution, any financial burden on either the town or individual taxpayers—in fact it's specifically prohibited from doing so by the governing statute: “a district shall not have the power to levy, assess, apportion, or collect any tax upon property within the district, nor upon any of its members, without specific authorization of the General Assembly”.

A town that joins a CUD is free to withdraw from it at any time. Should Marlboro join the Deerfield Valley CUD

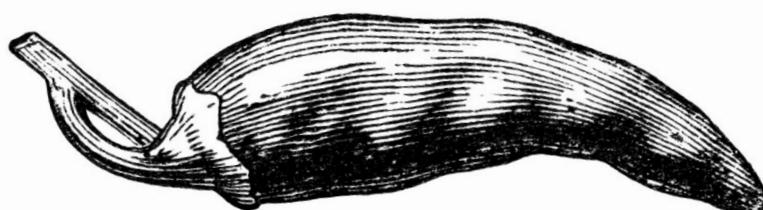
now, but subsequently decide either to pursue broadband initiatives on its own or to join another CUD, it would be free to do so via a Special Town Meeting convened for that purpose.

Should the article pass, the Select Board would appoint a representative who would join the board of governors of the CUD. The board would then establish its by-laws, carry out preliminary studies, secure financing, and contract out the design, implementation, maintenance, and operation of the CUD network.

CUDs in Vermont today include ECFiber (<https://www.ecfiber.net/>), an operational CUD in the east-central part of the state. Other CUDs have been constituted but are not yet operational. In addition to the Deerfield Valley CUD, there are CUD-formation ballot initiatives this year in Bennington County and in the Northeast Kingdom. Other towns, including Brattleboro, are currently investigating the possibility of joining a CUD. The Windham Regional Commission is undertaking a state-funded feasibility study of CUD-formation in the area under its purview (<http://www.windhamregional.org/news/regional-broadband-project-2>).

Online resources:

CUD-related ballot initiatives in 2020: <https://www.vpr.org/post/dozens-towns-hold-town-meeting-votes-forming-broadband-districts#stream/0>
Statutory definition of CUD: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/chapter/30/082>



from the School Board

Dear voters of the Town of Marlboro:

The School Board is proposing a budget for next year that, if passed, will have a significant increase in our local property taxes. We want to get this information out to the voters as clearly and as early as possible so voters will have a chance to understand the budget and reasons for the increases before voting at Town Meeting. Please note that the proposed budget does not exactly track previous years' budgets. The State – in its wisdom – has established a uniform chart of accounts and the new budget uses this new system.

The biggest factor affecting the increase in taxes is that our proposed budget rises above the state-wide spending threshold for the first time in several years. For every dollar that we spend above this threshold, we send another dollar to the State. (For reference purposes, eliminating all special programs, such as music, art, Spanish, strings, library, and rhythms would reduce the budget by roughly \$150,000. We would still be in the penalty phase.) Compared to this year, this penalty means that our tax rate goes up about twice as much as the extra we propose to spend. The proposed budget is up about 8.5% but the Education Tax Rate is up about 18%.

There are a number of factors that affect the amount we propose to spend:

- Last year we used \$50,000 of Reserve Funds to keep spending and taxes low, and this year we no longer have reserve funds to dip into.
- We have trimmed staffing where possible. Our student/teacher ratios have risen steadily over the last few years from 4.3 in 2018 to 5.6 in the proposed budget. However, the incoming classes continue to be the largest in the school and we need to budget for added mandated staffing in the lowest grades.
- The State has passed new laws that increase our spending in several ways — the biggest impact is in Health Benefits, where we are now required to pay larger amounts toward the benefits of all workers at the school.

- Our Transportation budget, now called "Resident Students" as of the new chart of accounts, is going up, partially because we have leased a new bus. However, we still spend considerably less than surrounding towns on transportation because we own and maintain our own busses and we have dedicated, local bus drivers. Outsourcing transportation would be a much higher cost.
- The board sees a future increase in teacher salaries but have not negotiated with faculty at this point in time.

For purposes of comparison, the Marlboro Education tax rate (if this budget is approved) will fall somewhere in the middle of tax rates in other Windham Central towns. The changes mentioned above are affecting all small rural schools in similar ways — the rates in WCSU range from \$1.61 to \$2.78 with Marlboro coming in at \$1.99.

Please see the proposed budget and the Director's Report which more thoroughly addresses these issues at <http://marlboroschool.net/school-board>. Please also plan to attend Pre-Town Meeting on February 25 at the Town Office for more info.

One last note: we are hopeful that the State will revise the way it sends education funding to small rural schools, based on a new study. If this happens, and we will be working to assure that it does, Marlboro and all small schools around here should see reductions in our tax rates next year. See the recent article in the Commons discussing this issue

<http://www.commonsnnews.org/site/sitenext/story.php?articleno=31803&page=1>

Thank you, as always, for participating in the democratic process of funding our small school.

The Marlboro School Board

Douglas Korb, Chair

Dan MacArthur, Vice Chair

Lissa Harris, Clerk

David Holzapfel

Celena Romo

from the Town Clerk

Early voting is now underway for the upcoming Town Meeting local election, as well as the Vermont Presidential Primary on **March 3, 2020**. In the Presidential Primary, by State law (see 17 VSA 2704), you may vote EITHER the Democratic OR the Republican ballot. In person at the polls, you will need to declare to the ballot clerk which ballot you prefer to vote. There is no party registration in Vermont, so vote “without fear or favor of any person” as it states in the voter’s oath. To vote early, you must submit to the Town Clerk your 2020 Absentee Ballot Request which is available, along with sample ballots and the Town & School Meeting Warnings, at the municipal website marlborovt.us. Sample ballots and the Warnings are also posted in front of the Town Office and at Marlboro School. Questions? call the Town Office at 254-2181 or email Forrest marlborotownclerk@gmail.com.

Town Meeting Facts:

- Town Meeting begins at 9 am sharp in the Town House.
- The polls in the Town Office will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. to elect town officers and for the Vermont Presidential Primary.

- Early / absentee ballots are available as of January 29, 2020.
- Pre-Town Meeting will be held February 25, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Town Office.
- The Town Report will be available by February 22nd at the Town Office and on the Town website.
- Also, please consider carpooling with a neighbor to Town Meeting as parking gets congested in the town center.

Marlboro Dog Owners:

Thank you to all the dog owners who have gotten your licenses so far. If you have NOT yet licensed your dog for 2020, you’re almost LATE! As of Monday April 1st, LATE FEES will be applied. Let us help you get it done! (802) 254-2181 or marlborotown-clerk@gmail.com



from the Town Library

The library is constantly getting new books in. Please check our facebook page and the Marlboro News, Weather and Hearsay for updates on newest purchases.

On March 14 we will be having a **bookmaking workshop**. Jamie Schilling, Carol Hendrickson, and Cathy Osman, all experienced and innovative bookmakers, will be leading this event. Pre-registration will be necessary as we need to purchase materials. The number of participants will be limited to 12. Look for postings in the Front Porch Forum, the facebook pages, events at the Community Center, and a poster at the Post Office.

On Sunday April 26 we will host an afternoon **books and tea event**. Come have some tea and treats, hear some board members talk about new and favorite books, and

talk about your own recent or past favorites. As always, if you have recommendations of books you would like us to consider purchasing, please either write them down on the sheet on the door to the library, or send us an email at MarlboroTownLibrary@gmail.com.

Again, we would like to thank all our patrons for their support. As of January 15 (since we opened a year ago), we currently have 1,924 holdings (including audio and video), 204 patrons (not including Marlboro Elementary School kids), and have circulated 785 items, (also not counting books taken out by kids at MES). As we get in new books we are weeding the shelves to make room. There is a shelf in the middle of the library with books for purchase by donation. Just put a contribution of your choice in the jar. Our little library is run solely on donations and love!

Hogback Happenings

Carol Berner

Moonlight Snowshoe Hike on Hogback

Saturday, March 7, 7:00-8:30pm

When the moon is full in winter, the snow reflects the light and things are so bright you can even see colors. The moon will be full on Monday, March 9. Let's go for a snowshoe hike to the fire tower that evening and see what we can see.

If the snow is old and compact, spikes (like YakTrax or Stabilicers) might work better than snowshoes. Ski poles or hiking poles would also be useful. Meet in the parking lot on the south side of Route 9 near the Distillery at 7:00. Bring a flashlight or headlamp to use in an emergency, but let's see if we can do the hike without artificial lighting. Those who are really brave can climb to the top of the fire tower and look around at the lights from the surrounding towns.

How can you tell if the event has been cancelled? Look out your window. If you can see shadows on the snow from the moonlight, we'll be hiking. No snow, but just bare ground? Or overcast, with no moon visible? Nope, stay home.

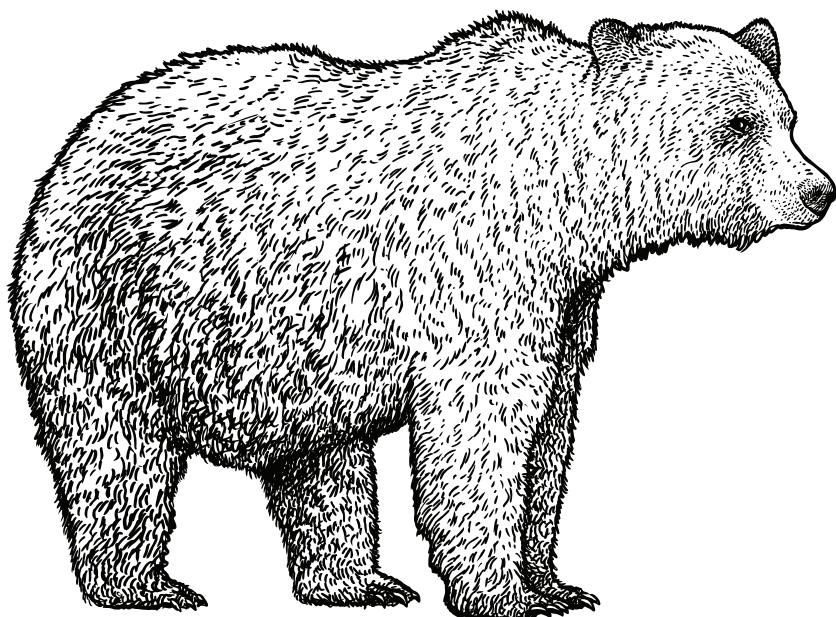
Village Wastewater Project

Edie Mas

As described previously, in January 2019 the Town of Marlboro received a Municipal Planning grant from the State to do a preliminary engineering study of the Town Park, which was originally bought to be a potential septic site for the Town and private houses in the Village Center district of Town. Dufresne Group has now completed its study of the Town Park capacity and alternative methods for septic disposal. Test pits were dug to determine initial suitability for a wastewater system, a village center survey with soil and other topographical maps reviewed, and a report submitted to the town outlining options and costs for each. After review by the Town's Village Wastewater Committee, this report was reviewed at an open Select Board meeting held February 13th at 5:30pm. The final report is posted on the town's website.

The report finds that the Town Park can provide for various septic systems that can be used, if needed, in the future by the town. All alternatives will use a mound system. This concludes the grant project. There are no future actions by the Town contemplated at the moment.

Any questions can be directed to Edie Mas, Grant Administrator, 464-0916.



from Marlboro Cares

Jennifer Mazur

Wellness in Marlboro Marlboro Cares is delighted to invite everyone to our spring event, Wellness in Marlboro. This will be an informational program on wellness activities available here in Marlboro. Practitioners and teachers will be sharing what they provide and the details of how you can benefit, should you wish. If you have ever wondered about Reiki, Yoga, massage, Singing Bowls, and more, you will want to come. Or just come to support your neighbors.

Wellness in Marlboro will take place Wednesday, April 29th at 7pm at the Marlboro Community Center. The program is open to all ages and is free of charge.

Senior Lunches The next Senior Lunches will be held on March 6th and April 3rd at noon. The lunches are open to any Marlboro resident over the age of 60. One or two guests are allowed to accompany a Senior for \$10. Please call 258-3030 by 9am Tuesday, March 3rd to attend the March 6th lunch. When you call please indicate whether you would like a vegetarian meal, as these will be available only for those who ask. If you sign up and then realize you can't make it, please call as soon as possible to cancel to let Lauren know how much food to prepare and in case there is a waiting list.

Senior lunches are held the first Friday of each month at noon in the Marlboro Community Center for a suggested donation of \$5.00. We are delighted that the lunches

continue to be a huge success. We do, however, have a maximum capacity of 48 people. Therefore, please remember our important protocols: Reservations are a MUST and MUST be called in by 9:00am on the Tuesday prior to the lunch. NO exceptions will be allowed. We can put you on a waiting list, however, in case of cancellations.

Rides to the meals are available by calling Marlboro Cares at 258-3030. We appreciate a 48 hours notice to find a volunteer driver.

Loan of Medical Equipment Medicinal equipment, such as walkers, crutches, commodes, and wheelchairs are available as a loan to Marlboro residents from Guildford Cares, Putney Cares, and Brattleboro Hospice at no charge. Marlboro Cares has a list of equipment that is available, thanks to the generosity of people in town who are willing to share theirs with others. Call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030 to ask if anyone in town has what you need. Also, if you have medical equipment that you are willing to lend your neighbors, please call Marlboro Cares at 258-3030 to let us know. We will be very grateful.

Continued Services For information, 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 48 hours.

March 14 + April 11, 10am till noon
Representative Emily Long
in conversation with interested citizens
2nd Saturday of every month
at the Community Center

April 12, 6:30am
Marlboro Meeting House
Easter Sunrise service
inside upstairs. Breakfast following at 7:00am
in the Community Center. For info contact
marlbormeetinghouse@gmail.com.

Talk About Our Democracy Community Meeting

**Mondays, March 30 & April 27, 6:30-8:30pm
at the Marlboro Community Center**

524 South Road, Marlboro

The last Monday of every month

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.,

Democracy is all of us.

Come and talk about it.

Coffee, Tea, cookies, juice and talk.

Contact woodybernhard48@gmail.com
802 464 3154.

Strong Bones

(exercise group)

Come as you are, no gym clothes required.
Come if you're bouncy, come if you're tired.
It matters not, what your day's work has brought.
If you accomplished it...or it came to naught.

We meet, we chat, we grab for a weight.
Soon as you're moving, your worries abate!
The cost is minimal... a dollar will suffice.
Helps pay the rent...a real deal at that price.

Come give us a try, a Tufts guide we employ.
It's easy... with movements we've come to enjoy.
Tuesday and Thursday... we all have a lark
And get home for supper before it gets dark.

Current group: around 12 participants

Winter schedule 3:30-4:30pm

Start anytime: you will learn as you go.
We supply hand and leg weights, bring your own if you choose. If limited by injury, OK to select an alternate activity, temporarily.

Nancy Anderson
Augusta Bartlett
Jean Boardman
Louise Cochran
Barbara Cole
Lucy Gratwick
Sylvia Johnson

Eva Kopacz
Gail Macarthur
Francie Marbury
Jennifer Mazur
Celia Segar
Barbara Woods

Call for details (AWB) 254-2172, or write gussie2831@gmail.com, Call a neighbor or simply show up on a Tuesday or Thursday at MCC. Hope to see you there!

Yours truly,
The Effervescent Elders

Senior Solutions is offering a new program for people age 60 and over called HOMEMEDS.

It is a free review of all your medications including prescription meds, over-the-counter meds, vitamins and supplements. Didi Prignano, retired RN, will meet with you and go over all your medications. The information is then sent to a specially trained pharmacist who will identify any problems. Your doctor may be called to verify a med. You will receive a complete list of the meds you should be taking. This list can be taken to doctor appointments for clarification or to an emergency facility to make the providers aware of what medications you are on.

The goal of this program is to avoid duplication of medications, provide education about dosages and side effects, and improve communication with health care providers. This is a national program and results have shown a decrease in falls from dizziness, weakness or confusion due to medication errors. Fewer trips to the ER!!

To schedule an appointment or for more information call: Didi Prignano 802 348-7643.



2020 Marlboro Recycling Missive (In Four Acts)

Ty Gibbons, Select Board, Chair

ACT ONE (a reintroduction, magnets, and words on a white background)

Hello again Marlboro friends and neighbors! It has been sometime since I, Ty the Recycling Guy, have been in touch. A few words are long overdue!

The big change is that our service provider TAM merged with a larger recycling and waste company called Casella. Trevor Mance from TAM reports that Casella is better able to weather the economic ups and downs of the volatile recycling business, and that Casella has taken on TAM's employees, so we shouldn't see much difference in our service.

A more humble change is that the Select Board ordered magnetic signs to help us all differentiate the mixed paper and cardboard bin from the commingled containers bin. Have you seen them? Thanks to David and the Road Crew for peeling off and reapplying the signs at switch-out time. The magnetic signs initiative led to some confusion that we had ordered actual giant magnets to help sort tin cans on-site—or even, cartoon style, pick up the metal bins themselves and spin them around as you might with an old toy erector set. Nope! These are just signs with helpful words on a white background.

ACT TWO (in which the message turns a bit . . . more serious)

The good news is that you all are using the Marlboro Recycling Center more and more. Alright! That's what it's there for! However, we continue to see abuses of the station, and we notice that those abuses are becoming more frequent. So allow me to roll with a little good cop/bad cop recycling talk here:

Good Cop: Thanks for recycling, everyone.

Bad Cop (or really just "trying to be reasonable" cop): THE RECYCLING CENTER IS NOT A DUMP. Please, no barrels of used motor oil. No couches. We all own this place. Our Road Crew works to keep the center safe and clean for us all, and if disrespectful and illegal dumping continues to happen we will have to close the Recycling Center.

Good Cop: Thanks for understanding!

ACT THREE (pleading for broken down boxes and no plastic bags)

Please please please break down your cardboard boxes. This saves the town (YOU) money, is better for the environment, and is deeply helpful to all involved.

Please please please do not put plastic bags in the bins. If you bring recycling to the Center in a plastic bag, empty your recycling out and take the bag away with you. Plastic bags gum up the machines and cause serious problems in the recycling chain. Helpful hint: reuse those plastic bags as rain slickers instead!

ACT FOUR (in which a goodbye is not a goodbye)

I will be stepping down from the Select Board this March. However, I plan to continue my role as Recycling Point Person because I believe recycling is important for our town, our community, and the whole kit-and-kaboodle-Earth. Let me know if anyone would like to volunteer along with me to help ensure the continued success of the Recycling Center in Marlboro. In the meantime, thank the Road Crew for their amazing continued efforts with the Center, be well, and recycle responsibly.

Ty Gibbons, Select Board, Chair

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

Eric Dennis Traditional Blacksmithing

and Ironwork 802-579-7863

edennis@marlboro.edu

Lucy Gratwick Fine Handweaving

257-0181 Functional hand-woven apparel

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special

events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

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

Apple Tree Builders, LLC

Jason MacArthur and Crew (802) 254-5306, appletreeconstructs@gmail.com

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

Food and Beverages

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

Pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409,

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

Shakespeare's Folly Side Farm 258-2517 free-range, pasture raised eggs sold every Saturday morning at the Marlboro Post Office at 10:00am

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

The Colonel Williams Inn: Events and Event Planning 257-1093 www.thecolonelwilliamsinn.com on Facebook at www.facebook.com/colonelwilliams/

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. Call 802.257.4467.

Thorin MacArthur mini-excavator and tractor services, tree work. thorinmacarthur@gmail.com

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

Andrew Richardson Brush hogging and field mowing. 802-254-6512 (home) or 802-522-8758 (cell)

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 mml.wellness@gmail.com

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

The Nurtured Way, Meg Smith, Classical Homeopathy Consultations, 267-252-2347 www.thenurturedway.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

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. gregsbues18@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 Owlsnestpreschool@gmail.com

Mudpie Mountain Playschool/Erika Korb Nature based registered home childcare. 251-0772 or erikakorb@gmail.com

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

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

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

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Organizations

We Celebrate Democracy/Civil Rights For All 802-464-3154. Positive nonviolent public action for democracy and civil rights for all people.

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Next Deadline
April 15 for
the May / June Mixer

March / April Events

Tuesday, March 3, 9am

Town Meeting at the Town House

Tuesday, March 3, noon

Town Meeting Lunch at the Community Center

Friday, March 6, noon (reserve by 9am, March 3)

Senior Lunch at the Community Center

Saturday, March 7, 7–8:30pm

Moonlight Snowshoe Hike at Hogback

Saturday, March 14, time tba

Bookmaking at the Town Library

Saturday, March 14, 10am–noon

Rep Emily Long in conversation with interested citizens
(2d Saturday of every month) at the Community Center

Monday, March 30, 6:30–8:30pm

Community Meeting: Talk About Our Democracy
at the Community Center.

Tuesday, March 31, 4:00 - 5:30pm

MCUB Meeting at the Town Office.

Saturday, April 11, 10am–noon

Rep Emily Long in conversation with interested citizens
(2d Saturday of every month) at the Community Center

Sunday, April 12, 6:30am

Easter Sunrise service at the Marlboro Meeting
House, inside upstairs. Breakfast following at
7:00am in the Community Center. For info contact
marlbormeetinghouse@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 26, time tba

Books and Tea at the Town Library

Friday, April 3, noon (reserve by 9am, March 31)

Senior Lunch at the Community Center

Monday, April 27, 6:30–8:30pm

Community Meeting: Talk About Our Democracy
at the Community Center

Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 - 5:30pm

MCUB Meeting at the Town Office.