

# VERNON COMMUNITY NEWS

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## **SAVE THE DATE—IMPORTANT EVENTS IN AND AROUND VERNON**

May 2, 6:30 pm	Selectboard Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard Meeting Room
May 9, 6:00 pm	Vernon Elementary School Board Meeting, Vernon Elementary School, lounge
May 11, 3:30 pm	Cemetery Committee Meeting, Town Office Building, lower level
May 11, 5:15 pm	Vernon Free Library Trustees Meeting, Town Office Building, Library
May 11, 6:30 pm	Vernon Planning Commission Meeting, Town Office Building, lower level
May 16, 6:30 pm	Selectboard Meeting, Town Office Building, Selectboard Meeting Room
May 18, 2:00 pm	Vernon Community Visit Forum, for details, see information below and attached poster
May 21 & 22	Town-wide Tag Sale, 8 am to 3 pm, for details, see information below
May 23, 6:00 pm	Vernon Elementary School Board Meeting, Vernon Elementary School, lounge
May 23, 6:30 pm	Fiber Optics Committee Meeting, Town Office Building, lower level
May 25, 4:15 pm	Elderly Assistance Board Meeting, Town Office Building, Seniors Room
May 30, 3:30 pm	Annual Memorial Day Service, Pond Road Chapel (opposite the Rec Dept)
June 4, 9 am to 12 noon	Library Plant Sale & Swap, Town Office Building

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## **MAY TOWN BUS SCHEDULE—TO RIDE THE BUS, CALL REITA at 254-2694**

Please note: If school is cancelled on the day of a scheduled town bus trip, the bus also will be cancelled. You can buy bus passes at the offices of the Town Clerk or the Town Treasurer. All trips will cost 1 punch each, unless otherwise stated. Please sign up for rides at [rides@meeting/ontrips](mailto:rides@meeting/ontrips) or by calling Reita at 254-9624.

May 3, 9 am p/u	Keene Shopping Trip
May 7, 3:30 pm p/u	Winchester Been & Hot Dog Supper
May 9, 11 am p/u	Senior Pot Luck Lunch, 12 noon at Town Office Building, lower level
May 11, 10:45 am p/u	Dummerston Lunch, \$3.00
May 12, 10:30 p/u	Newfane Lunch, \$3.50
May 12, 2:30 pm	Town Bus Event Planning Meeting, Town Office Building, Senior Room
May 13, 10 am p/u	Trip to Franklin Tech
May 14, 4 pm p/u	Bernardston Roast Beef Supper, \$10.00
May 15, 1:30 pm p/u	Vermont Theatre Company, "The Importance of Being Earnest," Dummerston Grange, \$10.00-\$12.00
May 17, 8:30 am p/u	West Lebanon, NH Shopping Trip
May 19, 7 am p/u	Trip to Boston Aquarium, 7 am pick up at Town Office Building, \$24.95
May 23, 12 noon p/U	Birthday Social at Town Office Building at 1 pm
May 25, 10:45 p/u	Dummerston Lunch, \$3.00
May 26, 9 am p/u	Trip to Bennington Museum & Monument, \$5.00

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### **MAY 30, ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

May 30, 3:30 pm, Annual Memorial Day Service at the Pond Road Chapel (opposite the Rec Department). This year's program is dedicated to the memory of 2nd Lt. Michael E. Butinsky, AAF pilot shot down over Poland in WWII. Descendants of the family will participate and there will be special music. The event is sponsored by the Vernon Historians.

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### **NEWS FROM VERNON'S CHURCHES**

**Vernon Advent Christian Church**, located at 4554 Fort Bridgman Road at the VT/MA state line, meets every Sunday at 9:15 am for Sunday School classes for all ages. Morning worship begins at 10:30 am and Youth Group and Intercessory Prayer meet at 6:00 pm. Adult Bible study begins every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the church and other Bible study meetings are held throughout the week. The building is handicapped accessible. Church Phone: 802-257-2341 or 413-498-4458. Pastor: Rev. Bruce C. Burks, email: [pastorbruce@vernonadventchristian.com](mailto:pastorbruce@vernonadventchristian.com). website: [www.vernonadventchristianchurch.com](http://www.vernonadventchristianchurch.com) and FaceBook: Vernon AC Church.

**Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church**, located at 1002 Fort Bridgman Road, Vernon, VT, meets every Saturday at 9:40 am for Sabbath School classes for all ages. Church service begins at 11:15 am. All are welcome. Church phone: 802-254-5088. Pastor Art Miller: 802-254-4477; email: [artjudymiller@icloud.com](mailto:artjudymiller@icloud.com). Website. Facebook.

**Vernon Union Church**, located at 2631 Fort Bridgman Road (next to Vernon Hall), Vernon, VT. Meets every Sunday: 8:00 am, prayer time; 9:00 am, Bible study; 10:00 am, morning worship, followed by a social hour. Childcare is available. The church is fully handicapped accessible. Church phone: 802-257-8523. Minister: Rev. Terry Robinson, 802-258-2228. Email: [vuch@vernonunion.comcastbiz.net](mailto:vuch@vernonunion.comcastbiz.net). Website. Facebook.

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# Vernon Town-Wide Yard Sale

May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Vernon is hosting its first ever town-wide yard sale to attract lots of shoppers!  
Clean out your attic, basement, garage – whatever – and make some extra cash!

## \$10 registration fee

Your registration fee covers:

- ❖ Two weeks of advertising in local media
- ❖ Yard sign to attract shoppers
- ❖ Map of yard sale sites for shoppers to find you

Please return your registration by **May 12<sup>th</sup>** to be included on the map.

Be a good neighbor - if you plan to enjoy the benefits, please contribute to the expense.

Contact Emily Vergobbe 258-3031 or Bronna Zlochiver 579-1567 with questions.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Town of Vernon

Mail to: Treasurer, 567 Governor Hunt Road, Vernon, VT 05354

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## VERNON COMMUNITY VISIT MAY 18 STEP 1, FORUMS!

Discuss your **vision for Vernon with your neighbors and Vermont State, Federal, business, and non-profit leaders.** This is the first step in a process of building priorities and addressing critical challenges before the community. **Attend the sessions most important to you and join in on the free Community Spaghetti Dinner!**

2:30-4:00 pm	Community Events: Arts, Culture, & Multi-Generational Activities Town Office Building, lower level	Village Center & Gathering Place Town Office Building, lower level
4:15-5:45 pm	Recreation, Trails, & the River Vernon Elementary School Gym	Economic Development Vernon Elementary School Gym
6:00-7:00 pm	Free Community Spaghetti Dinner	Vernon Elementary School Cafetorium
7:00-8:30 pm	Youth Vernon Elementary School Gym	Vernon's New Identity Vernon Elementary School Gym

**Everyone is welcome to join the community conversation!**

Produced by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD), a non-profit organization supporting the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. Learn more at [vtrural.org/programs/Community-Visits](http://vtrural.org/programs/Community-Visits) or contact Jenna at 802-225-6091 or [jenna@vtrural.org](mailto:jenna@vtrural.org).



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### “HUNTING” DOWN HISTORY (part 9)

by Barbara Emery Moseley

At last, the handsome house built near the river and set on hundreds of acres was finished. Jonathan and his bride Levinah were married July 15, 1779. They were among about 100 townspeople at the time, who lived in much simpler farmhouses, mostly scattered along the river valley.

Accompanying the newlyweds was Anna, Hunt's daughter by a previous marriage. Her mother's name is unknown, and quite likely she died from complications of childbirth, the common fate of many women at the time. Anna's name, however, became well-known and is recognized still in Brattleboro, and Vernon.

In 1797, she married Dr. Perley Marsh of Hinsdale. Her dowry was “one good horse, three cows, and good household furniture which amounted to \$600.” She and her husband soon moved into a large frame house (on today's Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale) that rivaled in elegance the one she had left.

At the time, the insane were shut away, sometimes in dungeons or caves, or tied into chairs in their homes. Anna and Dr. Marsh deplored such inhumane treatment. After her death in 1834, her Will provided a sum of \$10,000, “to be given for the purpose of erecting and support of a hospital for the insane in Windham County.” It was built and known as the Vermont Asylum for the Insane.

Later, its name changed to the Brattleboro Retreat, and so did its size and mission. Currently, there are more than 800 employees, 122 inpatient beds for children and adults, a school, and an intensive outpatient program. Reflecting today's society, there is a strong opiate/alcohol addiction treatment plan, as well as a uniformed service program for emergency and military personnel.

Vernon was also remembered in the Will of Anna Hunt Marsh. She left \$2,000, the interest of which is to

be appropriated annually for the "Preaching of the Gospel in said Town." Each year, a committee is chosen at the Annual Town Meeting for disbursement of the fund. Reputedly, her bequest was prompted by the fact that from her Hinsdale home, she could look across the river and observe "the heathen of Vernon working in their fields on the Sabbath."

Finally, as recently as February of this year, concern has again been expressed about the deteriorated condition of the two bridges connecting Brattleboro to Hinsdale. The first is known as the Anna Hunt Marsh Bridge. The other is the Charles Dana Bridge, named for the Hinsdale man who was the Assistant Secretary of War under Abraham Lincoln and later became a journalist and editor of the old *New York Sun*.

So, Anna Hunt Marsh gained prominence, and so will the children born to Jonathan and Levinah.

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### **PERSONAL AD**

Will the person to whom I loaned a life size, hand painted wooden Canada Goose lawn ornament, please return it. Thank you.

Barbara Moseley  
258 Huckle Hill Road  
254-8010

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### **RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING NEWS**

#### **Notice to All Vernon Residents**

Effective January 19, 2016

Large Trash bags will cost \$5.00 each or \$25 per roll

Small Trash bags will cost \$4.00 each or \$20 per roll

submitted by: Heather Frost

#### **New Sure-Close Containers Available for Composting**

You can pick up spiffy, new plastic Sure-Close containers for counter top composting collection at the Town Clerk's office for \$10 each or at the WSWMD station on Old Ferry Road in Brattleboro. These containers are easy to fill, carry, empty, and clean as well as being designed to reduce composting odor. Stop by the Town Clerk's office to pick up one for your home.

### **RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Please feel free to contact a committee member regarding issues or questions concerning PAYT, composting, or recycling:

Heather Frost (802) 258-4841 [h2f2dogs@hotmail.com](mailto:h2f2dogs@hotmail.com)

Tim Franklin (802) 257-4915

Cheryl Franklin (802) 257-4915

Peggy Frost (802) 254-2263 [mfrost46@comcast.net](mailto:mfrost46@comcast.net)

Bob Spencer (802) 254-1107

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## **GUILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANT & BAKE SALE**

The Guilford Historical Society will have their annual Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 21, 8 am to 2 pm at Richmond Auto at the corner of Guilford Center Road and Rte. 5.

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## **IDEA JAM TO KICK OFF INSTIG8 PROGRAM**

The Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) is launching a new program to cultivate innovation and entrepreneurship. The kick-off event is an Idea Jam at the Vermont Jazz Center on May 5, 2016, starting at 6:00 pm. This is the launch for a program called **INSTIG8** (instigate), which is a system that fosters innovation through creativity and ideation. It will strategically foster a safe environment for creative entrepreneurs to try, fail, learn, build, explore, and connect to other like-minded individuals while developing their business concepts and models.

The Windham County Economic Development Program (WCEDP) is the flagship sponsor.

**INSTIG8** is the point-of-entry for developing and early stage firms in the Southern Vermont/Windham region. To start, it is a series of workshops, events, and pop-up co-working opportunities. **INSTIG8** will be the catalyst for engaging business-minded, creative community of entrepreneurs, innovators, and instigators.

At the event, be prepared to share an idea about a new business in 60 seconds or less. This is not a competition. The purpose is to start conversations, look for collaborators, and contribute to a growing creative and entrepreneurial culture in the area. If you are not chosen to present your idea, do not worry, there is always next time. After the Idea Jam, talk about the ideas, stay to network, enjoy some food, and start to collaborate. Most successful startups are the result of collaborations!

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## **FIRE WARDEN NEWS**

JJ Wheeldon is the new Fire Warden, his phone number is 254, 8185. Todd Capen continues as Deputy Fire Warden, his phone number is 380-6214.

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## THEY PARTY ALL NIGHT LONG

*And you can too!*

This year, we had several opportunities to be crossing guards for migrating spotted salamanders. These ancient creatures who live their lives burrowed down beneath the surface of the earth, dig their way out through the dirt and leaves on warm (>40F), rainy nights every April to join a mass exodus of brethren heading for spring pools to breed. Since their prehistoric journey now involves crossing roads, we volunteers lend a helping hand by setting up checkpoints around breeding sites, warning motorists, and escorting the salamanders safely across the road.

Would you ever consider getting involved in a project like this? It is actually great fun. You would not believe all the action that takes place in Vernon on a rainy spring night. Frogs and toads are everywhere and the chorus from our spring peepers is music to anyone's ears. Next April, be a part of it! Sign up on the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center's ([BEEC](#)) [website](#) for email alerts so you will know when and where the party is!



**MAY 2016**

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**SUMMER HOURS**

**April 1 to October 31, 2016**

Monday 1—6 pm

Tuesday 9—noon & 1—6 pm

Wednesday 1—6 pm

Thursday 1—6 pm

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 9—12 noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Kathy Korb

Janis Pereira (Chair)

Dawn Petrovsky

David Webb

Bronna Zlochiver

**PROGRAMS**

**BASIC COMPUTER CLASSES**

Call Kris to arrange a class.

**KNITTING GROUP**

Every Wednesday @ 1 – 2 pm

**READING GROUP**

2nd Thursday of the month @ 5 pm

**RHYME TIME**

Every Monday @ 10:30 am for ages 0 to 5 years old

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**

4 times a month - check website for dates and times



**PLANT**

**SWAP & SALE**

*Library Fund Raiser*

**Saturday – June 4**

**9am to 12 noon**

**Town Office Building**

Bring your extra plants to donate for sale or swap for new ones! (Label them, if possible.)

Plant donations may be dropped off at the Town Office Building

beginning Thursday, June 2.

*Thank you for your support of the library!*

**WIN A CONSULTATION WITH A MASTER GARDENER**

The library will be raffling off a consultation with a master gardener!

Drawing is on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ noon!

Tickets are on sale now at the library!

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

**CAFÉ  
&  
BOOK SALE!  
Now Open!**



Our ongoing **BOOK SALE** in the Town Office Building Lobby is back with an exciting new look! Our books for sale are now on shelves!

Our **CAFÉ** has just opened!

Now you will be able to sit at tables in the Town Office Building Lobby and use the library's high speed fiber-optic wifi! Come in to the library to make a cup of coffee, tea, hot cocoa, or hot cider!

*Thank you Entergy Vermont Yankee for your donation of the bookcases!*

*And thank you to the volunteers who delivered & helped set up the bookcases & café tables!*





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## **GET FIT IN 2016**

**6-7 pm Monday and Wednesday**

Led by Mary Jo Hauri since 1993

**Vernon Elementary School Gym**

\$5 for walk-ins

**First half hour: warm up, low impact aerobics, cool down**

**Second half hour: strength & endurance training**

**You can do this!**

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## **FREE BONE BUILDERS CLASSES**

RSVP sponsors free bone builders classes designed to prevent and/or reverse osteoporosis. A new class, which meets in the Town Office Building Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., has started. For more information, call Steve Ovenden at [802-254-7515](tel:802-254-7515).

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## **VERNONVERMONT.ORG**

Have you visited [www.VernonVermont.org](http://www.VernonVermont.org), the website that's all about our town?

Here's what you'll find there:

- A variety of posts on happenings in Vernon
- A directory of town offices, with listings of all boards, committees and officers
- A Vernon business directory
- Links to recent videos of Selectboard meetings
- A document archive with meeting minutes and agendas (not official and not complete)
- Various historical vignettes
- A page linking to all kinds of online maps of Vernon
- A page of information for people interested in coming to live in Vernon
- A page of Vernon facts and statistics
- Pages about the town's boards, committees, departments and officers
- A directory of Vernon-related Facebook pages
- A listing of upcoming events
- School board and district calendar
- The town bus schedule
- Recent Sheriff's reports
- Photo galleries featuring the seasonally-changing site-top slideshow photos

This website is run by volunteers, and you can help! We can use people who want to:

- Report on town meetings and events
- Help post agendas, warnings and meeting minutes
- Keep our directory pages up-to-date and complete
- Maintain listings in our calendar of events
- Help out on the tech side of the website

Interested? Contact Martin Langeveld ([newsafternewspapers@gmail.com](mailto:newsafternewspapers@gmail.com)) or Bronna Zlochiver ([bronna.zlochiver@gmail.com](mailto:bronna.zlochiver@gmail.com)), founders of this website.

We request town boards and committees to send us minutes, agendas and warnings for posting on this site, and we invite clubs, organizations and businesses to send us news and event information.