The Barnard Bulletin

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SELECTMEN'S NEWS

Arf! The deadline for registering dogs was April 1st and we've still got 50+ on the delinquent list. Please, take the time to get your dog's rabies shot if needed and come in for a license. Our motivation here isn't the little bit of revenue; it's proof of that rabies shot for protection of all residents and their animals.

Wes will begin Wednesday afternoon hours at the Recycling and Transfer Station on May 15th,

4-8pm. Green-up Day is Saturday, May 4th and we'll offer our usual free tire day up to 4 tires and we'll accept road-side collected trash and recyclables at no charge. The Spring hazardous Waste Collection Day at the Bethel-Royalton Recycling Facility is June 8th, 8-12am. Fliers are posted in the Town office and our own Recycling Station or you may call them at 763-2232 for details.

In other recycling news, the Bethel-Royalton Recycling Facility has 80 gal. warranteed (you'll have to see if that covers bears) compost bins and 2 gal. hinged-lid household compost pails for sale.

Barnard Volunteer Fire Department volunteers are offering homeowners assistance in obtaining Knox Boxes for installation on or near your home. This is a heavy duty steel lock box in which you place an entry key so firemen can gain access without busting down your door. Only they have a key to the Knox Box. They also have information on the Dry Hydrant Grant program offered annually by the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force. If you have a water resource such as a pond, a dry hydrant's year-round access to water can be the difference that saves your structure. Those with access to a dry hydrant also can benefit from a reduced insurance rating. Deadline for these applications is May 3rd so jump on it if you're interested. Applications are available from BVFD or at the Town office.

Town Meeting attendees undoubtedly noticed we were pretty evasive about a large FY12 General Fund surplus reported by our independent auditors. Frankly, we and the Treasurer just didn't believe it. Turns out, not surprisingly, it's there, all $208,000 of it! It was mostly due to unexpected delinquent tax collections and attendant penalty and fee. We'll likely be calling a Special Town Meeting before the end of the fiscal year to ask voters' permission to save a hundred thousand of it to some specific purpose, perhaps the Irene recovery dedicated fund, gravel resurfacing or equipment replacement. The remainder would reduce the municipal tax rate by a little more than three cents. The FY12 audit report is available at the Town office.

While Spring may be balky this year, the mud nonetheless is upon us but, thankfully, nothing like last year. A more gradual thaw and cold nights that allow the Road Crew to plug some bad spots without tearing up what they drive over has allowed us to keep up with it. Exposed areas have pretty well dried up but we're still fighting shadier, woodsy areas. Our thanks to the Road Crew for doing what reasonably can be done. They'll start dealing with pot holes as soon as it's dry enough to put the blade into it.

We can almost smell the coffee as the Barnard General Store is about to reopen. We look forward to a mid-morning pick-me-up and to finding out what everybody's been doin'.

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BARNARD DRB NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board of the Town of Barnard, Vermont, will be held at the Town Offices on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM to consider the following:

An appeal by signed petition of over ten persons of the Administrative Officer's determination contained in Zoning Permit #ZP13-07 that a helipad with related access drive, parking area with turnaround, aviation lighting system, minor utility building, and windsock, if used for residential or farm use and not for commercial use, are improvements that are customarily incidental to a residence or farm and require no permit.

A site visit will be held at 6:00 PM prior to the public hearing at the proposed helipad at 1907 North Road on lands of Monsalvat Farm Holdings, LLC (Parcel ID #05-0260).

The above appeal and determination and related documents and drawings are available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk in Barnard, VT.

Participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeal.

Preston Bristow, DRB Clerk and Administrative Officer, Dated April 4, 2013.

EAST BARNARD RALLIES AROUND "PRESERVATION HALL"

by Virginia Glass Schlabach

New Orleans has its famous Preservation Hall, and East Barnard's Community Hall might also be called by that name. The little white building at the village center has a long history, first as a cheese house, next as the home of the local Grange, and more recently as just what its name suggests, a hub of community activities ranging from fundraising dinners and church receptions to reunions and potlucks and parties. After Hurricane Irene flooding damaged the lower level, the community rallied to clean up, repair, and refurbish the interior of the Hall. Now the Community Club has voted to preserve the exterior with vinyl siding in keeping with the traditional clapboard appearance, a major project which will require major fundraising.

A committee - Connie DeWitt, Laura DiCicco, Randy Leavitt, Jenepher Linglebach, and Joani Yankee - has begun to work on ways to do so.

Yard Sale: The giant yard sale on May 18 (see below) will kick off the fundraising effort. People who sell from home are asked to donate 20% of sales to the siding project. Sellers who would like to rent space at the Hall should contact Joani Yankee (763-8627) to confirm a booking. Those who sign up early can be assured a spot inside the hall, where a table is provided, or sellers can opt to be outside but will need to provide their own table and deal with the weather, whatever it may be! In either case, the charge is $20.

Clean-Up Party and Potluck: As I write this on the 16th, the annual spring clean-up party at the Hall is scheduled for April 21. Then, with the Hall ready for the summer season, the Community Club invites everyone to a potluck supper on June 1 at 6:00 p.m. This annual occasion is always a good opportunity to visit with neighbors and share favorite foods.

Benefit Giant Yard Sale for the East Barnard Community Hall

Saturday, May 18, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hall and area homes (maps available)

* Food available

* Rain or shine

* The first fundraising effort for vinyl siding for the Hall

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BARNARD RECREATION DEPT. NEWS

By Jon Barrett, Recreation Director
BarnardRec@YAHOO.com

Happy Spring Everyone! The snow is melting, sugaring season is over (again), and more outdoor activities are coming up. This year I hope to have a new program in place this summer in partnership with Peter and Lizzie from the Honeybee Initiative here in Barnard. Our goal is to combine a hands-on experience with an educational component that is geared for everyone, but especially for those who are interested in learning about the care and keeping of bees. According to recent research, bees are responsible for $14 billion in U.S. agriculture each year, and are obviously an integral part of our food chain. We anticipate holding 4 classes in July and August. More details to follow as we firm up this unique offering.

Dust off the tennis rackets--the nets are up (or soon will be! The courts have taken their share of weathering the last few years, and late last year the cracks were repaired by VT. Tennis Court Surfacing. These repairs should extend the life of the courts by a few years, but they are at the end of their practical life. I will be advertising for RFPs (Request For Proposal) this summer to get a gauge on what will be needed to replace them. I will forward this information to Town Offices as well as the Bulletin when they come in.

An event to look forward to this summer is the concert by the Upper Valley Community Band, the third year performing here. This is a band that has been in existence in different permutations for over 100 years. The concert is being held on Sunday, July 21. It's a fun time--save the date!

I am currently taking bids for lawn maintenance for the school over the summer and early fall. This is a process that should be completed on a somewhat regular basis, as I want to ensure we are keeping current with pricing. I invite those able to complete the mowing, clean-up, and regular maintenance of the school soccer fields and lawns to submit their bids. I am more than happy to talk about details as needed. You can reach me at 234-4035--I will return your call as soon as possible.

Lastly, this is an appeal to those individuals who are of the volunteering sort. The Recreation Department belongs to you, the townspeople, but it is very difficult to run programs without additional manpower. Please consider volunteering some time so we can offer more programs and activities. A major expense of our budget is soccer in the fall, but with a bit of additional time and effort we can expand our offerings. Please consider donating some of your time. Thanks to all who have helped out previously! That's it for now -- Get out and enjoy Barnard!

LOCAL CRYPTOGRAM

A cryptogram is a code in which one letter is substituted for another. For example, the word "Church" could be written BWMSBW. The letter B would be the letter C and would be throughout the entire message. In this message **C = E** The solution is found by trial and error.

"G RUGLJ FO ACCR KY JGT

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The answer to the CRYPTOGRAM can be found on the inside of the back page.

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BARNARD HELPING HANDS

Spring has arrived. It is time for rebirth, renewed spirit and the release of stored energy. It is a pleasure to hear the birds singing and smell the earth as the sun warms the soil. It seems each day something new awakens.

Helping Hands is thriving with renewed spirit as well. We are refreshing our list of volunteers and are looking for members of the community who would like to join that list. Volunteers are on call to assist people in a variety of different ways depending on what it is you can offer, whether it is a ride to an appointment or fixing a leaky faucet your help will be greatly appreciated. We rotate our requests, so no one volunteer is called upon frequently unless they express otherwise. The commitment is small the appreciation is immeasurable.

We would like to welcome Jo Oliver Yeager as our newest Board Member. Jo joins us at a time Barnard Helping Hands is seeking new members who can offer fresh ideas and new connections that will help our Barnard neighbors when they need a helping hand. Kim Furlong and Carolyn DiCicco who have served on the board since its inception are planning to resign this fall. We are actively seeking those in Barnard who are interested in serving our community as a Volunteer Board Member of this organization. Our current Board is comprised of ten individuals who come from a variety of backgrounds whose life experiences enhance the work we strive to do. We meet on a monthly basis and are in touch with each other as needs arise. BHH continues to evolve and strives to be more closely connected with all of Barnard. We would like to see members from East Barnard and South Barnard on the board so that all neighborhoods are represented. Being a board member is a very gratifying experience. If you are interested in knowing more about BHH please contact any one of our board members listed below.

We have many resources available through our volunteers and have funds available to help if you or someone you know has a need that we could help with. Please contact any one of our Board Members listed below to find out how we can help.

Happy Spring, Kim Furlong, Co-Chair of Barnard Helping Hands.

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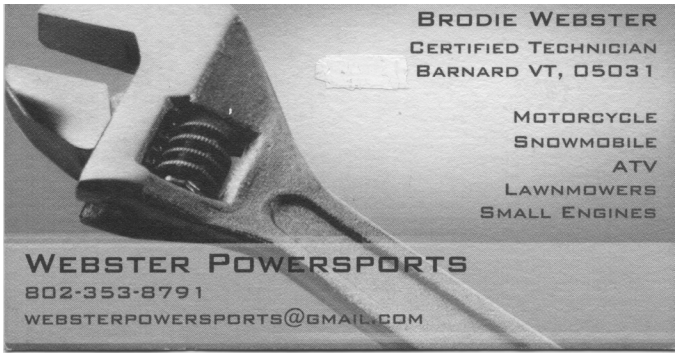
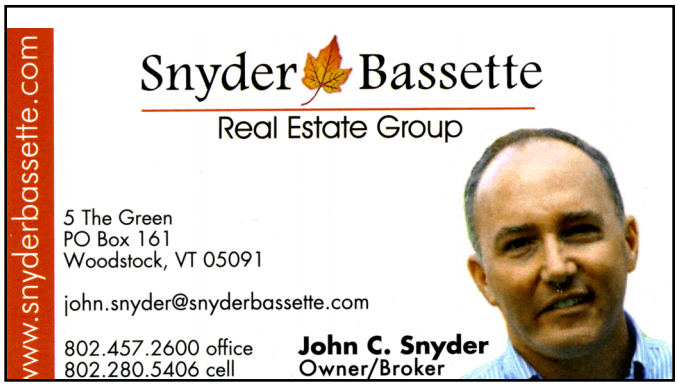
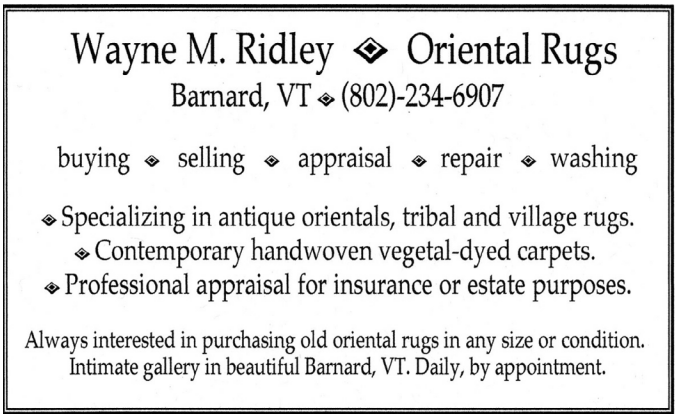
GREEN UP DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

It's that time of year again. How many folks can we get involved? How much trash we can pull off the roadsides? Talk to your neighbors and friends, let's take the challenge and keep our town beautiful! Helping Hands will be distributing bags to collect trash with on the porch of the Barnard General Store. We are asking all those who participate to indicate, on a map that will be hanging, where they will be walking the roads. We are hoping to see how much of Barnard will get this extra attention on this very important day. All participants are welcome to drop their name in the bucket for a drawing that will take place at the end of the day to win a Gift Certificate to the Barnard General Store.

Tom Morse will once again have the Town's Dump Trailer parked at the BGS for folks to put the bags of trash they have collected along the roadside. Look elsewhere in the bulletin for more details about what the town is offering on this day at the transfer station.







BARNARD COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS

There has been much speculation about the impending opening of the store. The BCT and Joe and Jillian had high hopes of being ready for business during the first week of April. Unfortunately the start-up process has taken longer than expected and so now Joe and Jillian plan of to open for business during the last week of April.

There will be a celebration, organized by the BCT, to celebrate what we have all been working toward for so many months sometime after the "soft" opening, possibly the first weekend in June, when the warmer and drier weather will bring out more Barnard residents and visitors to our town.

In the meantime the BCT will continue working toward the store's long-term viability. We have the remaining $200,000 mortgage to pay off after which we will own the store free and clear. Even once that is accomplished, we will still need to insure the building and pay the property taxes. As anyone knows who owns an old building (our store is 180 years old) something always needs fixing. As any landlord, we need a certain financial cushion to cover unforeseen expenses.

On behalf of the Barnard community, we thank all those who have helped us achieve what we have today. We invite everyone to join in the continued effort to "Support the Store".

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of the following BCT board members: Rick Carbin, Tom Platner, Boyd Bishop, Dana Bargezi, Teo Zagar, Mary Blanton, Mary Myers, Lee Resseguie, Leah Stewart or Tony Braca. Barnard Community Trust, PO Box 262, Barnard, VT 050031, www.friendsofbgs.com

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THOMPSON CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Pam Butler

May is Older Americans Month, a time to appreciate and celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions and achievements. This year's Older Americans Month theme—"Unleash the Power of Age!"—emphasizes the important role of older adults. This May, communities across the nation will recognize older Americans as productive, active, and influential members of society.

Older Americans Month celebrations (Marko the Magician unleashes the power of laughter at The Thompson on May 29) will applaud achievements of local elders by inviting them to share the activities they do to unleash the power of age. Just think of the energetic and accomplished elders that we know in our own small town. We salute all of you and the contributions you continue to make to the Barnard community.

While the Thompson Center provides services, support, and resources to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month is a great opportunity to show special appreciation. We will continue to provide opportunities for elders to come together and share their experiences with one another, as well as with individuals of other generations. Join us in May for a meal, an educational class, or one of the programs highlighted below.

Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery: A two part documentary airing at The Thompson on Tuesday, May 7th, 1:00-3:00PM and Thursday, May 9th, 1:00-3:00PM. This highly rated documentary produced by Director Ken Burns tells the story of the most important exploration expedition in American history. The professional cast for this production is impressive! Please sign up in advance.

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May 7	Bees Meeting, 6:00pm
May 9	Teacher Appreciation Day
May 13 - 17	6th Grade to Nature's Classroom
May 24	Chess tournament
May 27	Memorial Day, No Classes

Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop; Presented by Mt. Ascutney Hospital: Mondays beginning May 13-June 24 (no class on May 27 – Memorial Day Holiday) 5:30-8:00PM. This free workshop was developed for people with chronic pain and it is designed to provide information and practical skills on managing chronic pain. Chronic pain is defined as lasting longer than 3-6 months and may include neck, shoulder, and back pain; fibromyalgia, repetitive strain injury, chronic pelvic pain; whiplash injuries; post surgical pain that lasts beyond 6 months, pain caused by trauma; and stroke pain. People with persistent headaches, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy, and muscular pain due to MS may benefit from this workshop. Each participant will receive take home materials: Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions, Chronic Pain Workbook, and CD of the Moving Easy Program. Advanced registration is required. Please call Lauren Hastings at Mt. Ascutney Hospital at (802)674-7089 or Pam Butler at The Thompson for more information.

Marko the Master Magician Performs: Wednesday, May 29th, 5:30PM dinner followed by a 6:30PM performance. Marko has astounded and amazed audiences throughout New England with his repertoire of tricks and stunts that defy logic. His clients include Vermont governors, a Supreme Court justice, and author Dan Brown to name a few. Join us for an evening of comedy, magic, and a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Ryan. Please call 457-3277 to make your reservation. Cost for dinner and entertainment: $15.

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If the request is granted it will mean that the filing of the Grand List Abstract, Grievance hearings and the lodging of the Grand list will all be delayed. This may also mean a delay in the sending of the Tax Bills. We hope to be able to finish our Grievances in a timely fashion and we are requesting landowners to contact the listers office as soon as possible after the Change of Value Notices are sent out, if you intend to grieve your property valuation.

Please remember the Listers do not set the tax rates, only the valuations, the Grand List, which is used by the State and the Town to set a tax rate necessary to fund their respective budgets. The Listers task is to set a fair and equitable value for your property, not the tax rate.

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THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD meets at 5:00pm at the school on the last Tuesday of each month.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION meets at 7:00pm in the Town Clerk's office on the following dates. 2013: June 3; August 5; October 7; November 4; December 2. 2014: January 6; February 3; March 10.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets the last Tuesday of the month. Call 457-3020 for location.

BARNARD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S office hours are 9am – 12:00 noon, Tuesdays, until further notice.

BARNARD CONSERVATION COMMISSION meets the second Monday of the month, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.

YOGA CLASSES offered at Danforth Library, Mondays 9:00am-10:30am with Suzanne Lacey, Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm with Amanda Anderson. For more information contact suzannelacey60@yahoo.com

DANFORTH LIBRARY is open Saturdays 10:00 to noon, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. Story hour is the first Saturday of the month. The Book Club meets the first Wednesday at 7:00pm.

THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Barnard Town Hall as necessary.

BEES MEETINGS First Tuesday of each month allowing for school vacations, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, at the school library.

SILVER LAKE CHAPEL 10:00AM Sunday Worship Service. The Chapel is located at 156 North Rd., Barnard-SELECTMEN meet the second and forth Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM at the Town Clerk's office

TOWN CLERK office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:30pm.

BARNARD LISTERS listers@barnardvt.us, 234-9576. Office hours, except holidays, Wednesday 9:00am - 11:00am, by appointment, or anytime we are in the office.

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