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SELECTMEN'S NEWS

We've received notice of payment of about \$45,000, the federal share of a declared FEMA event last summer which damaged roads in South Barnard and more significantly in other towns. Total costs for the event came to about 60k, about 27k for repair costs already completed and about 33k for future stone lining of steep ditches in the area in recognition of the state's Road & Bridge Standards to which we subscribe. The 15% State share of about 9k will be paid upon completion of the work. We and other towns feel vindicated that FEMA is finally acknowledging that repairs in qualifying disasters have to be to Vermont AOT's Road & Bridge Standards, not just to "as was." We got extra money out of this to mitigate against similar future damage; a good deal for better roads!

While we normally meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, we, of course, won't be here on Christmas or New Year's. Our next meeting will be January 8th at which we'll work on the FY15 budget so if you wanna be in it, get us some numbers. If you have a Town issue that needs to be addressed over the holidays, email me at darylthedog@aol.com or call 234-5256 or call any selectman. If it's a highway issue, call Road Foreman Lance at 234-6961.

The results of the FY13 independent audit of the Town's books are in and are about the same as last year in that a significant Highway and General Fund surplus is reported while the Town's checkbook is running close to empty. Again we just don't get it and will be meeting with the Auditor for discussion and explanation. We hope to be able to appear at Town Meeting absent the vacant stares and lack of answers we showed up with last year.

We hope you get lots of presents from Santa but that also means a flood of cardboard at the Recycling Station after Christmas. Please be sure to remove packing materials and anything else not cardboard before depositing (flattened) in the cardboard pile. We'll soon be moving to a zero sort recycling box which will accept plastics, aluminum, steel cans, magazines, newspaper, even box board that some like to try to hide in the cardboard! Glass and cardboard will still have to be separate and the local farmers will still be grateful for newspaper without the advertising inserts. My old large box Mack which we've used for years to haul the stuff away has about had it and it's not economical to use our small box town trucks. When

we start the zero sort approach, we'll try to be on hand initially with a little show and tell.

The Holiday season is upon us and, unlike recent years, we're already knee deep in snow and cold. We've been out plowing, salting and sanding and are over our annual initial breakdowns (unfortunately most happened to me) and ready for more. We always like to use a little of our space in the January issue to offer thanks to all the people and organizations who make Barnard so special to us all; all our elected and appointed officials, firemen and first responders, our school staff and teachers, relative newcomers Fable Farm and BarnArts, and, as always, special thanks to our indomitable Road Crew who keep us going day and night where we doubtless don't really need to go. To any I have overlooked, the thanks are nonetheless extended.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of them and to all of you.

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By Vermont law, a person must license his or her dog on or before April 1 of every year.

The Vermont legislature has set license fees as follows:

On or before April 1: Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$8.00. Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$12.00;

After April 1: Neutered or spayed dog that is 6 months or older \$10.00. Unneutered or unsprayed dog that is 6 months or older \$16.00.

If you become the owner/keeper of a dog 6 months or older after April 1st, you have thirty (30) days to license the animal.

You may license your dog(s) in person at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. You may also do so by mail (Town of Barnard, PO Box 274, Barnard, VT, 05031): send a copy of the dog's current rabies certificate, a copy of the neuter/spay certificate and the appropriate fee (checks made payable to Town of Barnard), and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

COMFORT AND JOY INTERMINGLE IN EAST BARNARD

by Virginia Glass Schlabach

On this glorious blue-skied, sparkling-snowed morning, I've just been to downtown East Barnard to take in the beauty of snowcapped gravestones and the sun-gilt weathervane on the church and to stop and reflect on all the names on the village Memory Tree, but especially those which have special meaning to Abner and me. While the news media constantly remind us of the pain and sadness and violence in our world, I find peace and hope in this little corner of Vermont where the sense of community is still strong.

December began with a comforting ritual, the reading of names and hanging of memorial balls and turning on the lights of the Memory Tree at the Community Hall. John Leavitt initiated the Memory Tree last year and it will surely remain a tradition in our village for years to come. Thanks to John for organizing the project, to Marilyn Syme who wrote the names on over 60 balls, to Glenn and Joani Yankee who grew and donated the tree, and to Bushrod and Cynthia Powers who donated its companion, the Community Tree.

Next came an evening of fun and festivities as neighbors and friends crowded into our house for the annual Community Club Christmas party. Beginning with soup, bread, and drinks and ending with desserts, the party included games, a rousing yankee swap, and the collection of sunshine gifts and food pantry items to share beyond ourselves.

This issue may come out too late for the following events of the upcoming weekend, but I'll list them here in case this arrives in your mailboxes by the 21st. And, if not, you'll get a sense of the opportunities for joyous music and for quiet reflection that can be found in East Barnard this holiday season.

Saturday, December 21, 7:00 pm: "Winter Solstice Music Frolic" - Come enjoy the warm Community Hall, visit with friends, listen to home-grown music and dance away the dark night. BYOB, snacks to share. Donations cheerfully accepted at the door to cover the cost of heating the Hall.

Sunday December 22, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Come back to the Hall for a contemplative Solstice/Christmas Labyrinth Walk. There will be a canvas 7-circuit labyrinth, some directions for those who are new to walking a labyrinth, tea and cookies, and quiet time amid the whirlwind of the holidays. Donations accepted.

Sunday December 22, 4:00 pm: BarnArts Center for the Arts presents its 3rd Annual Winter Carols Concert direct-

ed by Jarvis Green at the East Barnard Church. Proceeds will be donated to the renovation of the East Barnard Community Hall. Refreshments will be served afterwards at the Community Hall, courtesy of the Community Club. Tickets are \$15 and \$8 for 12 and under.

Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 pm: Christmas Eve Service at the East Barnard Church with a bonfire reception to follow.

As we await 2014, I wish you all a new year of peace and hope, comfort and joy!

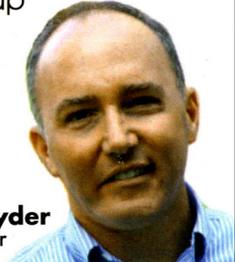


The Memory Tree has lights and balls with over 60 names of family members, friends, and pets lovingly remembered by people from East Barnard. Everyone was invited to bring decorations for its companion, the Community Tree, which also flanks the village sign.

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Submitted by Pam Butler

Vermonters have a new tool at their disposal to stay informed of pending disasters, weather conditions, public health notifications, and countless other alerts that could affect them or their loved ones. Vermont Alert (www.vtalert.gov) is a free service. It allows the public to sign up and receive notifications through a number of delivery systems, including text, e-mail, or telephone. Vermont Alert is hosted and maintained by the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (VT DEMHS) and is available to all individuals and emergency response agencies in the state in order to allow for localized alerts. “We’ve seen over the past couple of years the value of speedy and accurate information as emergency situations develop,” Governor Peter Shumlin said. “This new system will give Vermonters a head start in preparing for storms or other hazardous conditions.” Users will create accounts, then choose their local area and what types of alerts they wish to receive, as well as which delivery system they prefer. For example, you can set up traffic, weather, or emergency alerts to be sent directly to your cellular or home phone. Local fire departments can issue alerts encouraging you to stay clear of a fire scene. You can also receive weather advisories as they are issued from the National Weather Service. Sign up for an account today by visiting www.vtalert.gov or contact VT DEMHS Public Information Officer Mark Bosma at 800-347-0488. Original Source: www.vermont.gov

Do you need a Lifeline? Thursday January 9, 2014, 1:00pm - Presented by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Lifeline Program: A DHMC Lifeline Specialist will be talking about the Lifeline experience and explain how Lifeline can support independent living for older adults. She will discuss the current products, including new wireless Home Safe equipment for people who have given up their landline phone service, how and when they work, and how to get them. Different models of Lifeline products will be available to try. If you cannot make the presentation but would like more information, please call toll free 1-888-699-4034.

Join us on Tuesday January 14th at 10:00am as we take the mystery out of Facebook. This free introductory class will show you how to connect with family and friends from your computer, iPad or other tablet or mobile device. We will show you how to set up a Facebook account, post pictures and information, follow your family and friends, see family photos, connect with others, and manage your account and privacy settings. You may be surprised at all Facebook has to offer, and you will leave feeling confident about using Facebook to keep in touch.

Please register in advance for this class by calling, 457-3277.

Do you need assistance with your tax return? The Thompson Center will offer individual tax preparation for seniors and low income persons. TCE Preparers (Tax Council for the Elderly) will complete your 2013 taxes free of charge during scheduled appointments on Mondays from February 3rd through April 7th (excluding the 17th---President’s Day). On the day of your appointment, please come early to fill out a questionnaire. Please bring: Valid picture ID for the taxpayer and spouse, Social Security card, copies of income tax you filed last year, proof of all income, W-2 forms (if you worked), 1099-R forms and statements for pensions and annuities, Social Security received, interest and dividend income, state rebates, IRA income and copy of your 2013 property tax bill. If you are filing for a Renter’s Rebate, Homeowners Property tax rebate or 2013 Act 68 School Property tax payment application, you will need proof of income for everyone in your household. Please call 457-3277 soon to schedule an appointment. These appointments fill up quickly!

Classes for Tai Chi, Bone Builders, Yoga, and Strength and Fitness are ongoing at The Thompson. We welcome adults of all ages. Visit us at www.thompsonseniorcenter.org to learn more about our classes, trips, and programs. The Thompson Center staff wishes you all a Happy New Year!

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 O = W The solution is found by trial and error.

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 YXNO EX LFT’Y XIO-AFXUCIH
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 -OECCEFL YDFPIYKIFBI

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

NEWS FROM HELPING HANDS

With our first real snowfall, Barnard looks like a winter wonderland. It is time for some of us to dust off our snow shoes and cross country skis, while others are happy to enjoy the beauty while drinking a cup of hot tea in front of the fire. Either way, I hope the snow lasts so that our holiday visitors will be happy.

This is always a busy time of year for Helping Hands as we collect presents for local children, helping to make their Christmas a little brighter. This year we will be a Secret-Santa for 15 children. We will also be giving Shaw's gift cards to 17 families and individuals. If you did purchase a gift, please bring it wrapped to the BGS no later than December 18th. Many thanks to all of you who helped!

Our fund raising letter was mailed in November and we are grateful for the response from so many of you. Your donations enable us to offer short-term financial assistance to Barnard individuals and families, who could

use a helping hand. If you did not receive our letter, but would like to include us in your year-end giving, please mail your donation to PO Box 888, Barnard, VT 05031.

We hope that you have seen our food collection box at the BGS. It is on the counter to the left of the cash register. We make deliveries to the Woodstock and Bethel Food Shelves, whenever it is full. The need for food assistance continues to rise in Vermont. We are grateful for your help in keeping the box full to overflowing.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you or someone you know could use a helping hand. We have people ready and willing to help. If the job is too big for us to handle, we can refer you to other available resources.

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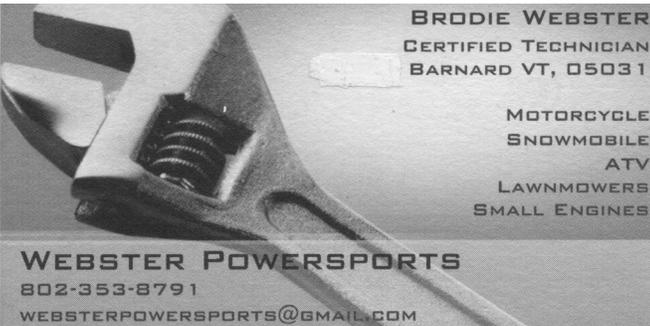
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The fire department will be celebrating its 11th annual Mid Winter Blast on Saturday January 18th at the Barnard Town Hall. Doors open at 5:30PM and a delicious spaghetti dinner will be served from 6-8PM. Adult tickets are \$12 and children under 12 are \$6. Tickets can be purchased by calling Jack Dibble at 234-9284 or by visiting Locust Creek Outfitters and Mills Hardware in Bethel. Tickets can also be purchased from any member of the fire department.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Department of Environmental Conservation
Solid Waste Management Program

**DRAFT POST-CLOSURE CERTIFICATION
For the Town of Barnard Landfill**

The public is hereby notified that the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources has issued Draft Certification for the closed Town of Barnard Landfill located off Town Highway #47 in Barnard, Vermont for public comment. The draft certification addresses post-closure care and activities that are currently being performed at the closed landfill, including semi-annual groundwater water monitoring.

Comments regarding the Draft Certification will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The Agency's response to written public comments and the final Solid Waste Management Facility Post-Closure Certification, incorporating any related changes, if/when issued, will be available for review at the Agency's offices and at the Town of Barnard's office.

Copies of the application and the draft Post-Closure Certification are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Solid Waste management Program office, located at 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, Vermont and at the Barnard Town Clerk office. Requests for a public meeting, questions or written comments concerning this application should be addressed to:

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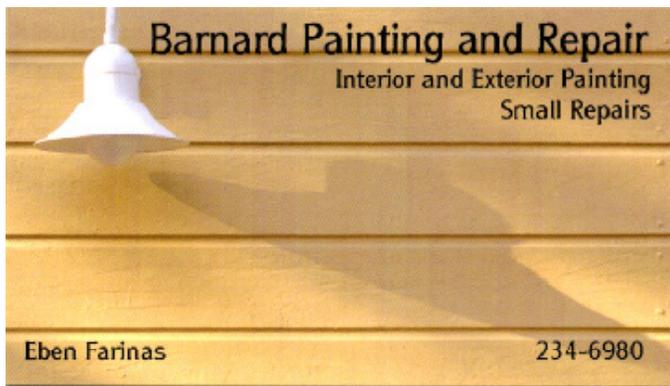


Best wishes and seasons greetings from all of us
at the Barnard Bulletin. Have a happy New Year!

SNOWMOBILE CLUB NEWS

The snowmobile trails officially opened on December 16th and since VAST does not permit grooming until that date coupled with a fresh foot of snow, it is likely the trails will not be ready for at least a week. Lots of downed trees from previous storms need to be removed before grooming can get into full swing. The old trail to Bridgewater is reopened this year providing great access to Bridgewater and beyond. We plan again this year to have a section of trail groomed in Silver Lake state park specifically for walkers that will be marked as closed to snowmobiles. We invite you to take advantage of this trail for walking your dog or for just a nice hike in the park.

Our annual poker ride will be held on Sunday January 26th. Starts will begin at the Barnard Town Hall at 9:00 am until 10:30 am and there will be ample snowmobile trailer parking at the town hall. The posted trail ride will be approximately 35 miles on the Barnard trail system. Coffee and pastry will be available at the start and a hot



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lunch will be available at the town hall finish. Price is \$10.00/hand and \$1.00 for each additional card. This is a great family event and all riders are encouraged to attend. Non-snowmobilers are always welcome to stop by for refreshments and to watch the proceedings in a warm and friendly setting. Questions regarding trail conditions can be directed to Stan Butler at 234-9223 or Rob Tracy at 234-9785, or visit us at www.barnardmountainviewers.com.

The Farmer's Almanac predicted this winter to be cold and extra snowy...it looks like we're off to a good start. Be safe and enjoy the trails.

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BARNARTS ANNUAL WINTER CAROLS

BarnArts Center for the Arts presents its 3rd Annual Winter Carols Concert directed by Jarvis Green at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 and Dec. 21 at Barnard's First Universalist Church and 4 p.m. on Dec. 22 at the East Barnard Church. Proceeds from the Dec. 22 show will be donated to the renovation of the East Barnard Community Hall.

BarnArts Chorale will perform eclectic carols and compositions that illuminate and celebrate Winter stories in works of great imagination and variety. Also performing will be BarnArts Youth Chorus, soloists Marco Jordao and Lurette Saul, The East Bay Jazz Ensemble and other Upper Valley artists. Tickets are \$15 and \$8 for 12 and under.

For reservations please call (802) 332-6020. For more information email info@barnarts.org or see www.barnarts.org.

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BARNARD COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS



The BCT sends you our sincerest wishes for health, happiness and peace during this holiday season and throughout the coming year. As the year draws to a close, we are especially grateful to those of you who helped us reach our financial goal of purchasing the BGS property and reopening the store. We are glad that Barnard once again has a place to shop and a place for people to gather.

Our wish for the New Year is for the community to support the store which will help to ensure the continuity of this very important piece of history in our town. Good luck to Joe and Jillian and many thanks to them for their hard work.

Enjoy the winter, enjoy the lake, and thanks for supporting the store.

Dana Bargezi - For the Barnard Community Trust

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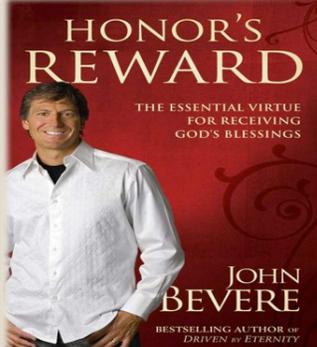
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CRYPTOGRAM ANSWER

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- William Shakespeare



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THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD meets at 8:30 am at the school on the first 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.

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.

BARNARD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S office hours are Mondays, 9am – 12:00 noon.

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

TOWN CLERK office hours are Monday & Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:30pm, Tuesday, 8:00am - 7:00pm

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

RECYCLING HOURS: Saturdays, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

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

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

The Energy Committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Barnard Town Offices

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.

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.

YOGA CLASSES offered at Danforth Library, Mondays 9:00 am - 10:30 am and Tuesdays 6:00 pm -7:30 pm with Amanda Anderson. Classes are by donation; for more info, contact theonlymissamanda@yahoo.com

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