



The Barnard Bulletin

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SELECTMEN'S NEWS

Due to changes in Vermont's public records and open meeting laws Selectmen will prepare and publish agendas prior to our regularly scheduled meetings beginning in July. We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Town office. We will post the agenda to the Barnard List Serve and in the glassed-in case just outside the Town office door by noon the Tuesday preceding meetings. We will also post to the List Serve minutes in draft form. Referenced attachments and approved minutes as well as archived minutes are available at the Town office.

The bridge on VT Rt 12 near the Town garage is closed from now until July 18th. This is a State of Vermont Vtrans accelerated bridge replacement project and a continuation of tropical storm Irene recovery projects. The official detour is the North Road which will be more heavily patrolled by the Windsor County Sheriff during the closure. Local needs may be served by use of Mt Hunger Rd, West Rd and Rhoades Hill. We will post any updates regarding this project to the Barnard List Serve. If you have questions or experience difficulty related the closure, contact Selectmen or the Vtrans project manager, Kristin Higgins at kristin.higgins@state.vt.us.

We have taken delivery of our new CAT wheeled excavator and it's on the job cleaning ditches. We will be cleaning and stone lining some steep ditches in South Barnard with FEMA funding following a minor but qualifying disaster last summer. We expect delivery of a new all-wheel drive truck sometime early in the new fiscal year.

Road Foreman Lance Webster and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission's (TRORC) Rita Seto have collaborated with Pat Ross, our ANR Department of Environmental Conservation local rep, on an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to address a post Irene dilemma near the Town garage involving the steep, eroded and slumping bank across from the garage and under a steep stretch of Mt Hunger Rd as well as a remaining pinch point in Locust Creek in the same area. We're talking serious money here that FEMA wouldn't cover and our highway budget couldn't. Because of the urgency of the continuing failure, funding seems reasonably assured. We'll have more details next time.

Well, summertime, summertime, summertime! BarnArts' production of Little Shop of Horrors is this weekend and

next at the Town Hall. BVFD's annual chicken barbeque and flea market is Saturday, July 5th and Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association's chicken barbeque, parade and Fun Day is Sunday, July 13th. Check out the CSAs, good eats and entertainment under and stars at Clark Farm Commons Thursday evenings at fablefarm.org. And whether it's fishing, boating, golf, camping, a picnic, gardening or just a day in the sun at the beach, get out there and do it! And I need to take my own advice!

BARNARD ENERGY COMMITTEE

This volunteer group is Barnard's catalyst for transitioning to sustainable energy use. Formed in 2013 as an initiative of the Planning Commission, we function as a subcommittee under their review. Like our counterparts in towns all over Vermont, we are responsible for updating the Energy chapter in the Town Plan (due 2016), as well as offering resources and coordination for projects that conserve energy, reduce our carbon footprint, and transition to renewable energy sources. Here is an overview of topics we are currently pursuing. We offer it as a conversation-starter on these often complex topics and welcome your questions and input.

Energy Awareness: Our transition to a post-fossil fuel world puts most of us on a steep learning curve. It's time to get smart about energy. We've hosted one discussion group at the library and plan to put info flyers at places where people congregate, post articles in the Barnard Bulletin, and announcements on the Barnard & East Barnard list-serves.

Home Weatherization: We have a resource sheet on steps you can take to save energy and dollars by making your home weather-tight. Vermont has some of the oldest housing stock in the country. Bringing it up to code is an essential efficiency measure which pays for itself in just a few years.

Home Heating Innovations: We want to explore best practices and new technologies to see how to reduce costs and resource use in this area. If you're having luck with a new type of furnace or are already using a cold-climate heat pump, please be in touch to share your experience.

Energy Conservation: We're begun the process of installing LED bulbs in the School, Town Offices, and street lamps. This will be phased in over the next couple

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of years so that we can benefit from financing and rebate programs. Beyond this, we feel there are all kinds of small steps everyone in the community can take to conserve energy. It really does add up.

Transportation Efficiencies: Have you considered ways to reduce your gasoline usage by purchasing a vehicle with much better fuel efficiency, not idling, and looking for chances to carpool? If there were bus service from Barnard to surrounding towns, what destinations would best serve your needs?

Community Solar Array: We're researching the mechanics of creating a community-owned solar array in Barnard. Functioning like a CSA for energy, this array could generate electricity for 40 or more households using the Group Net Metering feature available through GMP. Participants would receive energy credits to their electric bill in proportion to the number of panels they purchase. Please contact us if you'd like to learn more.

Micro Hydro Generation: Silver Lake's outflow may be appropriate for generating power using this minimally disruptive technology. Individual homeowners with streams may also want to look into it. We plan to invite a local expert to introduce us to the benefits, hurdles, and environmental impact. Stay tuned for that announcement.

Energy Committee Members: Joann Ference (chair), Larry Ference, Elizabeth Ferry, Brenda Garsh, Karen Thorkilsen, and Teo Zagar. If you'd like to be in touch, please contact Preston Bristow (clerk) at 603-359-5243 or prestonbristow@gmail.com

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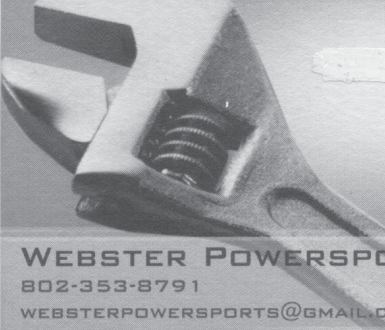
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WEEKLY FEAST AND FIELD MARKET

All are welcome at the Feast and Field Market every Thursday from 4:30-7:30. Located on the Royalton Turnpike between Sayre and East Barnard roads. Music begins at 5:30, and farm-fresh tacos are now for sale.

The market features Kiss the Cow Farm, Eastman Farm and the Heartwood Fable Collective Farm. Other vendors include Fable Farm Fermentory, Carin's Kombu-

cha, Down to Earth Confections, Living Iron Forge, JoJo Levasseur and her home-made bread, Christopher Kerr-Ayer and his handmade glass, and Chloe Powell with original art and cards.

July's calendar features Classical music n July 3rd with the Five Corners Quintet, Bluegrass on the 10th with Tumbling Bones, funk on July 17th with Green Room, and bluegrass July 31st with Pete's Posse (Pete Sutherland). Come check it out and please contribute to the pass of the hat!

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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 **M = N**. The solution is found by trial and error.

" IGMZ KTEXAV - RVWFFX

VWAXOPBM RBBI UF JMFH FMXZ

UHF OGUBR: 1492 GMO 4UW FD

STXZ; GMO GR G PTXB UWBZ

OFM 'U JMFH HWGU WGKKBMBO

FM BAUWBP FVVGRAFM. "

- IG PJ UHGAM

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

NOTICE

Lister Grievance will be held June 24th. If you wish to grieve your property appraisal for this year's tax bill you must file a written grievance before June 23, or call the Listers office, 234-9576, to schedule a hearing for June 24.

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EAST BARNARD HOSTS FIREMEN'S FUN DAY AND CHURCH-SPONSORED EVENTS

BY VIRGINIA GLASS SCHLABACH

Lovely lupines and buttercups are in bloom across our hills and meadows. We also notice wild chervil making inroads here and there, and John Leavitt has launched a campaign to keep this invasive plant from taking over East Barnard.

While we want to keep the chervil away, we do hope for an invasion of people for the annual Fun Day on Sunday, July 13, sponsored by the Broad Brook Fire Department. Fun Day begins with a parade through the village at 11:30, continues with a chicken barbecue lunch at 12:00 on the green outside the Community Hall, and ends with old-fashioned fun and games – everything from sack races and a greased pole climb to an egg toss and pie-eating contest. Full chicken meals are priced at \$10.00; also available are chicken only and hotdogs. This is a great way to support our firemen!

On Tuesday, July 8, the East Barnard Church is offering a book discussion evening, which begins with a potluck dinner at 6:30. Mollie and John McHugh will be hosts at their home at 248 Levasseur Road, off East Barnard Rd. (RSVP – 763-7707) At 7:30 summer minister Kellyann Wolfe will lead the discussion of *An Altar in the World*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. The church has a few copies of the book to lend or personal copies can be ordered from Amazon.

On July 19 the church will sponsor a workshop called “Bread as Prayer”, where participants will bake bread in an outdoor oven while contemplating the practice of making bread as a form of prayer. A community potluck will follow. For more details, contact Heather Leavitt (763-8780).

Although East Barnard may look like a quaint rural village, we now offer public access internet service. In Randy Leavitt's words: “The East Barnard Community Club is hosting full WiFi service at the Community Hall for anyone who wishes to connect. It is paid for by donations and is fully operational right now. You do not need a password, so come, sit on the hall porch, and check your email or surf the internet. You might meet a neighbor while you are there. Also, please consider giving a donation to help keep the service active. Earmarked donations can be sent to EBCC c/o Mary Croft, 491 E. Barnard Rd., So. Royalton, VT 05068.” (I only wish I could say I sent this column from the Hall porch, but I'm doing so from my house.)

The Bulletin is available in PDF format at barnardbulletin.info after the first of the month.

NEWS FROM HELPING HANDS

Summer at last! Thanks to last week's rain, our gardens are flourishing along with the mosquitoes. It is lovely to see all the swimmers and kayakers on Silver Lake and to welcome back our summer residents.

We are saddened by Margot Harcher's passing on June 17th. Margot was the voice of Helping Hands for our first 5 years. She fielded all phone requests for rides and food and contacted our volunteers to meet these needs. As her MS progressed, and she was unable to continue this role, it became a shared responsibility for all board members, and we realized how much she had given to our organization. We miss you Margot.

We are sorry to announce that Gerry Botha has resigned from our board. Family and travel commitments have kept him away much of this past year and will continue to do so. We will miss his wisdom and presence. This leaves us one or two board members short, so if any of you might be interested in joining our board, please let one of us know and come to one of our meetings.

Louis Ahlen continues to make almost weekly deliveries to the two local food shelves. We are grateful to those of you who add food to the collection box. Here is a list of items they always need, but please don't feel that you have to stick to the list: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned meat, stews or soups, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, any canned fruits and vegetables, hot or cold cereals, coffee, tea, sugar and personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste and toilet paper. Thank you for supporting the food shelves!

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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A NOT SO FUNNY HUMOR COLUMN BY CLIFF AIKENS

We all know what's coming. With the passage of the School Consolidation legislation it is only a matter of time before we are told Barnard Academy will be closed and our children will be bussed to Hartford, or Woodstock or Rutland.

At least our legislature is consistent -- this failure will follow all of their other failures in Education. Typical impulsive action without any regard for the children, their families or the Towns they come from. It's never about us, it's always about them. We do hope Barnard will oppose this with everything it has, when it comes.

There are some benefits to school consolidation. The drug dealers servicing Vermont's well-known and well-publicized drug culture will now not have to make so many stops. And, the Barnard Academy building can be put to good use. With Caz and Wes's connection to the Mohawk Indians, the building can be converted into casino, bringing substantial revenue to Barnard and plenteous tax receipts to the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Let me give but two examples of how short-sighted thinking can back up on you.

For forty years our family lived in the delightful village of Pleasantville NY, where there were two elementary schools. When the student population dropped at the Roselle School, it was decided to convert it to Senior Living and send the students to the Bedford Road school.

Then, surprise of surprises, a few years later, the school age population went up and we had to either build a new school or add onto Bedford Rd. The former was chosen at great expense.

Moral: What is true today may not be true tomorrow.

After the passage of the Civil Rights Act in the sixties, rural Moore County North Carolina consolidated 5 existing schools into one high school. Three black high schools,

and two white ones, from the towns of Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen were consolidated into the new Pinecrest High School.

Shortly after it's opening, a race riot ensued, State Troopers were brought in, and the school was closed. Eventually it re-opened.

Moral: You cannot legislate culture.

Barnard has become so conditioned to being pushed around by the State that it apparently lacks the will to fight. Just remember, the loss of our school will change the entire character of Barnard.

The Barnard Historical Society would like to offer an alternative. Our Village School Museum is still a functioning schoolhouse!


When we had the Vermont Historical Preservation Society down for a look several years ago they marveled at the fact that it still was actually a schoolhouse -- slate blackboards, original light fixtures, even the desks and some textbooks. The wood burning stove is in good order and the Society spent many thousands sprucing up the building. Under the direction of Curator Barbara Butler, it is a real lesson on the history of Barnard.

Some modifications would be necessary; the girls and boys privies and former wood room have been converted into an Art Gallery. Come take a look, it's superb.

It's clear that our Legislature knows nothing about education. In the same session that they passed the School Consolidation bill, ostensibly to save money, they concurrently passed the Pre-K Education! What gives?


They always maintain that "bigger is better" and offers better education. Does anyone really believe that? Hanging on the wall of the Village School is a photo of the Class of 1911. In that photo is a serious-looking little boy who would go on to be President of his class at Woodstock High School and on to Dartmouth College. Much later I would come to admire and respect that little boy. His name was Clifford C. Aikens

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THOMPSON CENTER NEWS

SUBMITTED BY PAM BUTLER

Did you know that the Thompson transportation program provides on average 295 rides each month? The Thompson Center transportation program provided 3,127 local transportation rides and 421 medical rides in 2013. These numbers do not include additional volunteer rides and pleasure trips. Here are some important details about our transportation opportunities:

Local transportation to and from your home in Barnard to The Thompson Center and other local stops are provided Monday through Friday between 8:30am – 3:00pm. Please call the Center by 8:30AM to request rides for that day. Local stops in Woodstock at the grocery store, pharmacy, Health Center, etc. can be arranged with the driver. Suggested minimum donation: \$1 per ride (\$2 round trip).

Medical Rides to and from appointments at all Upper Valley providers can be arranged on one of the Thompson vehicles or with a volunteer driver. You can be picked up at your Barnard home and a minimum of 48 hours notice is requested for scheduling. When scheduling your appointments, please be aware that we try to schedule Lebanon/Dartmouth-Hitchcock trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested minimum donation per medical appointment (round trip): \$10.


West Lebanon Shopping Trips depart from the Thompson Center on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00am on the Stagecoach van (returning at approxi-

mately 12:15pm). Stops at various locations throughout West Lebanon can be arranged with the driver on the day of the trip. Please sign up at least 24 hours in advance. The Thompson funds these trips with Stagecoach so any donation is greatly appreciated.

Please note: Although we give priority to seniors and disabled and those in our service area, that includes Barnard, we try to accommodate others on our routes whenever possible. Please contact our Outreach Manager, Paula Audsley, with any questions or to schedule a ride. 457-3277

Thank you to everyone who supports our operations (including transportation) through the Annual Appeal and in other ways. The following Transportation Sponsors and Grantors provide support specifically for the transportation program: Sponsors are Dead River Company, Connected-At-Home, Ottauquechee Plumbing, Mark Knott, DDS, Woodstock Insurance Services, Upper Valley Rehabilitation, Lang McLaughry Real Estate's Tam-brey Vutech, and Gateway Motors. Grant funding comes from Glad Rags, The Ottauquechee Health Foundation, and Woodstock Rotary.

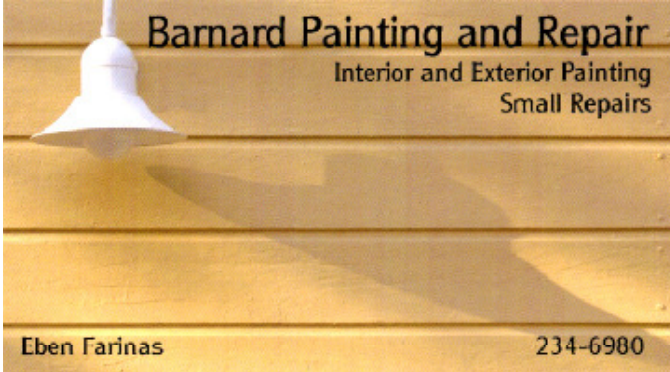
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A down-and-out skid row floral assistant (Seymour Krelborn) becomes an overnight sensation when he stumbles across a new breed of plant that he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it blood. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! One of the longest-running Off-Broadway shows of all time, this charmingly tongue-in-cheek comedy has been produced worldwide to incredible success thanks to Howard Ashman and Alan Menken who are the creative geniuses behind the pop/rock musical.

The fully staged production features local principals Garrett Inman as Seymour and Molly Ziegler as Audrey. Three singers from Manhattan play the Street Urchins, Adewonu Ogunfowora as Crystal, Daejane Lettman as Chiffon, Tesia Kwarteng as Ronnette. The cast also includes locals Jay Lambert as Mr. Mushnik, Neal Cronce as Audrey II, William Sawyer as Orin Scrivello/Bernstein/Skip Snip, Elyse Deneige as Mrs. Luce, Abbie Levison as Customer/Patricia Martin, and Corey Armstrong as Puppeteer.

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CRYPTOGRAM ANSWER

"Many public-school children seem to know only two dates: 1492 and 4th of July; and as a rule they don't know what happened on either occasion."
- Mark Twain

BARNARD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Flea Market and Chicken Barbecue

Saturday July 5th

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Chicken Ready at 11AM

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FIBER ARTS BARNARD (FAB) - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the Barnard library community room, 3:30-5:30. Contact Janet Andersen, 234-5251, hywynds@aol.com, or Jenney Silva, 457-9000, hsilva86@yahoo.com.

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 listeners@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, Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00am - 3:30pm,

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 will be holding Sunday worship services on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. Please contact Marty Bascom at 802-728-5764 for more information.

SELECTMEN meet the second and fourth 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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