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SELECTMEN'S NEWS

The last Wednesday hours for this season at the Recycling Station are this week, the 24th. Saturday hours 8-4 will, of course, continue. The volume of recyclables and trash has dropped nearly by half with summer residents vacated and school back in session. Our full time residents are a little less abusive of our recycling box, thank you, but a reminder anyway that while we advertised it as Zero Sort, it's really more Sorta Sort; glass, cardboard, plastic bags and a few other odd items (on a list there) still have to be separated.

Fallout from regular coverage of our meetings by the Vermont Standard has produced mixed results. The editor and, presumably, the owner ruminating and reflecting over on Silver Lake feel that coverage of area towns' issues will foster more public awareness, interest and participation in local government and we can't fault that; as we've said before, we've sat down there in our selectmen's chairs long enough to wear them out and probably some of our voters as well. That said, we advise reading the Standard's rendition of the Town's business with a little grain of salt. The intent is noble and, to his credit, the reporter is doing a commendable job trying to get "just the facts Ma'am" and researching the drear from which he thinks can make a story. Like most newspapers, however, the quotes are really paraphrases colored by the reporter's inference. As in life, what I mean to imply isn't always what you or he might infer so by the time you the reader infer some ill from what the reporter inferred we did or said, the news from our sleepy selectmen's meeting can get a little like talk radio. You might want to check with one of us to see what we meant to imply before you head over loaded for bear. But come anyway; I guess that's the idea.

Some concerned residents have brought to our attention some issues with the recreation fields at Barnard Academy, namely the condition of the tennis courts, net, and fence as well as the bleachers down by the ball field. We're going to try to collaborate with the School Directors, the Rec Director and a BEES representative to make a plan that will likely include some short term fixes and more comprehensive improvements to be included in the FY15 proposed budget. If you have any suggestions, please let us or any of the above know. You might even get "quoted" in the Standard!

We recently had a serious dog bite incident in Town which reminds us of the importance of registering your dog(s) as required by law with the Town Clerk. The idea here isn't revenue based; it's to have record of who has dogs, where they live and proof of current vaccinations in case of just such an occurrence. We still have a short list of unregistered dogs and we really have no vehicle for tracking young dogs or dogs otherwise not previously on record with the Town. Please be sure your pets are registered and current on their vaccinations.

So, as you can see, there isn't really a whole lot of newsworthy news. We're in that delightful lull between bass fishing and deer hunting, the last of the tomatoes and corn, those days when you have the heater blasting at 7, the AC at 3 and the wood stove going by evening. Summer just never lasts quite long enough.

The 100th Glad Rags Sale, Fall 2014

The sale will be held at the Masonic Temple on October 25, 2014. Anyone wishing to donate items to the sale should visit http://gladrags.org, or send an email to: gladrags.org@gmail.com. The next Simmons House collection dates are September 27th and October 11th.

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We apologize that due to scheduling and layout issues there is no Crypto Quote in this months Bulletin.

EAST BARNARD OYSTER STEW SUPPER

Celebrates 58th Year

by Virginia Glass Schlabach

East Barnard organizations have a tradition of serving good food, and the Broad Brook firemen are all set to serve up another great meal at their 58th Annual Oyster Stew Supper on October 18. This fund-raiser follows the Community Club's successful Largely Local Dinner, held on September 6. From the time people gathered to peel potatoes, carrots, and apples till the last scrape of mashed potato was served and the last pan washed, our village showed once again how well we can work together. Co-ordinator Marilyn Syme says: "A special thank you to our friends from Barnard who attended and to the local businesses and farms that furnished quality produce for the meal. Good food and fun was had by all!" The fun part included the quilt raffle drawing, won by Linda Ward, and lots of lively music.

Now that folks have eaten their fill of turkey and an abundant variety of "fixins" and apple crisp, we trust their appetites will be eager for oyster stew and all the good side dishes that go with it. The supper will be served from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the East Barnard Community Hall. Prices are adults - $13; children 7 to 12 - $6; and children under 7 - free. All proceeds from the meal and from raffle ticket sales will benefit the Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Association. This year's raffle items include a Sabra Field print, maple syrup, and a John Deere item, and there will also be a 50/50 raffle. If you need more information, please call 763-2314.

Although East Barnard is beautiful in all seasons, autumn has a special mystique. Drive into our village on October 18 and you'll find bowls of steaming oyster stew waiting!

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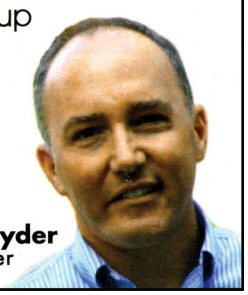

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NOTICES

BARNARD BEES FALL FOLIAGE BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 5, 2014 7:45 to 11:00 AM

Barnard Town Hall

$10 adults; $5 ages 4-14; ages 3 and under - free

Please join the Barnard Educational Endeavor Society for a delicious, hearty breakfast in support of our school!

2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR, BEES MEETINGS: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Upcoming dates & times, variations due to holidays:

10/7, 11/4, 12/2 from 6:30 to 7:45 PM in the Barnard Academy library

Please contact Nicole Conte Stevens, BEES President, 234.9786, with questions or agenda items.

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THOMPSON CENTER NEWS

Submitted by Pam Butler

The Thompson Center invites the Barnard community to the Woodstock Area Council On Aging Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 29th at 8:30am, with pastries and coffee being served at 8:00am at The Thompson Senior Center. The presentation at this year's annual meeting will include a summary of a special health report, "A Plan for Successful Aging," published by Harvard Medical School and presented by Lynn Peterson, MD, and Thompson Executive Director, Deanna Jones. Dr. Peterson practiced at Brigham and Women's Hospital for over 40 years and is currently a visiting professor for the Department of Social Medicine and the Department of Surgery for Harvard Medical School. "A Plan for Successful Aging" includes setting goals for retirement, what a healthy diet really looks like, keeping your mind sharp, preventing vision loss, and planning for legal aspects of healthy aging.

As a nonprofit organization that operates for public purposes with public support, we provide the community with information about our mission, program activities, and finances. The Annual Meeting and Annual Report are two of the ways that we make available to the public, information about The Thompson's programs and financial management. The Annual Meeting is also an opportunity to hear about the year in review at The Thompson and to vote on and welcome new board members and associate members. The Annual Report includes information about operations and achievements at The Thompson during 2013 and includes recognition of donors, supporting foundations, grant awards, and year end (unaudited) financial statements. Pick up a copy of your senior center's Annual Report at the Annual Meeting, or contact Pam Butler after October 30th to receive a copy.

Flu Clinic date correction: Please note a correction of an error in our September Thompson Times newsletter. The walk-in flu clinic will be held on Tuesday, (not Friday) September 30th, 9-12 pm. This walk-in flu clinic is sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire and is open to all adults 18 and older. The flu vaccination is free for individuals with Medicare Part B insurance - please bring your card. The fee for all others is $25.

The Thompson Center is hosting a Medicare D annual open enrollment informational event on Wednesday, October 8th from 1-2:30pm. This event will help you make informed choices about keeping or changing your Medicare Drug plan, and/or Medicare Advantage plan. The Open Enrollment period is from October 15th – December 7th each year and a good time to review your coverage. Please call 457-3277 to sign up for this event. If you are approaching age 65 and have questions on how to sign up for Medicare, help is available at no cost. Call The Thompson for available dates in October and November for individual Medicare assistance.

There is still space available in the AARP Smart Driver Course offered on Friday, October 17th, 9:30am-3:00pm with a lunch break. The course fee is $15.00 for AARP members and $20.00 for non-members. Please pre-register.

We encourage our local veterans to come to an important program in October; Benefits and Services for Aging Veterans and Their Spouses - presented by Veterans Affairs Outreach Coordinator, Wendy DeCoff on Wednesday, October 22nd, 1:00pm. If you or someone in your family has ever served in the US military, you or they may be entitled to benefits and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that can make a big difference in your life. These include health care; community-based care (nursing, home, adult day, and home care services); medication coverage; glasses, hearing aids, dental care; durable equipment; medical alert systems; housing adaptations; vehicle modifications; burial or cremation and access to other special programs. Bring your questions and learn from an expert in the VA system.

We remind our Barnard neighbors that we offer daily ride service to The Center from your home in Barnard. Twice monthly we offer West Lebanon shopping trips and we also provide daily medical rides from your home to all Upper Valley medical facilities. Our Meals on Wheels program is coordinated by Siobhan Wright and the meals are prepared daily with the freshest ingredients by Chef Ryan Martin. If you would like more information for yourself or a neighbor in need, please give Paula Audsley a call at The Thompson. For a complete list of all of our services, programs, and classes please visit www.thompsonseniorcenter.org.

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NEWS FROM HELPING HANDS

Fall seems to be settling in a little early this year, setting records with its chilly temperatures. Hopefully warmer weather will return, so that it is easy to both finish harvesting summer's bounty and putting our gardens to bed for the winter.

Our annual Firewood Fest is Saturday, September 27th, with Saturday, October 4th as the rain date. We will again be holding this event at the Ward's Log Landing on Route 12. Wood will be available for pick up from 9:30 until 1. We want to thank Ralph, Justin and Jason Ward for their help and for allowing us to use their landing and equipment and also Pete Butler from Timber Tender, who is bringing one of their splitters and a large truck. We are still looking for volunteers to help with cutting, splitting and loading wood. Please let us know if you or someone you know could use some help with firewood this year. For wood or to volunteer, please call Mary at 234-5541.

Our BGS Food Shelf collection box has been under used this past month. We are grateful to those of you who keep adding items, but we would love to have it filled to overflowing. We would like to make weekly deliveries, but we depend on your help to fill up the box. Please consider adding an item to the box each time you buy something at the BGS. They always need the following items: 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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Temperatures have begun to dip, which means that people are switching on furnaces and space heaters, and using woodstoves. According to The National Fire Protection Association, the leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires is failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. This is a reminder from your local firemen that now is the time to have your chimneys and stove pipes cleaned in preparation for a long heating season. We also remind you to regularly check your smoke alarm batteries. When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected, or dead. Any questions regarding fire safety can be directed to Chief Scott Mills at 234-7250

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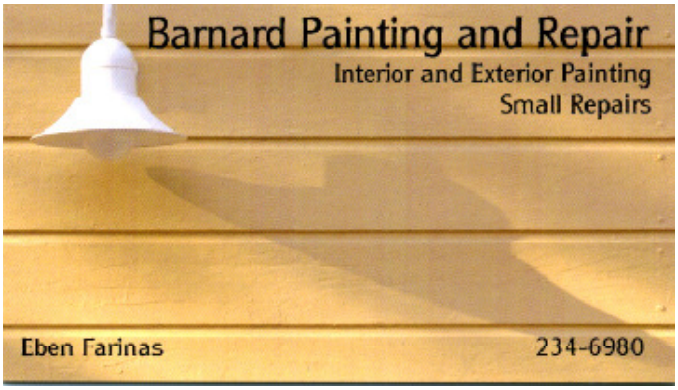

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THE BARNARD ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD meets at 8:30 am at the school on the first Tuesday of each month.

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, 9:00am - 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.

SELECTMEN meet the second and forth Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM at the Town Clerk's office.

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 fourth Tuesday of the month. Call 457-3020 for location.

THE ENERGY COMMITTEE meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Barnard Town Offices.

DANFORTH LIBRARY is open Saturdays 10:00 to noon, Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00. The Book Club meets the first Wednesday at 7:00pm. The Library Trustees meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Danforth Library book room at 6:30pm. Winter hours, starting Nov. 1st, are Sat. 10:00 - 12:00am & Wed. 3:00 - 5:00pm.

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.

YOGA CLASSES offered at Danforth Library, Mondays 9:00 am - 10:30 am and 6:15pm -7:45pm with Amanda Anderson. Classes are by donation; for more info, contact theonlymissamanda@yahoo.com.

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