

# Westminster Gazette



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## Westminster Town School District 2011-2012 Bus Routes and Schedule

Modifications may have to be made and all times are approximate. All students should be at their bus stop 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pickup time. If a problem arises while the buses are on the road, please call Stanley Budzik, Transportation Supervisor at 376-7317 or his office at 463-9958 ext. 120.

### Morning Bus Schedule

#### Bus #1

Bus #1 will start picking up high school and middle school students at 6:50 A.M. at the intersection of Kurn Hattin Rd. and Piggery Rd. The bus then proceeds south on the Piggery Rd. to the Pine Banks Rd. At the intersection of the Pine Banks Rd. and Route 5, the bus will head north on Route 5 picking up students along the way. There will be a stop at the Westminster Town Hall at 7:10 A.M. and then continue north on Route 5 picking up students and arriving at BFUHS at 7:20 A.M., picking up middle school students from Kissell Hill at the gate to the high school and on to BFMS at 7:30 A.M.

Bus #1 starts picking up elementary school students at the intersection of Kurn Hattin Rd. and Piggery Rd. at 7:40 A.M. The bus will travel south on Piggery Rd. to Pine Banks Rd. At 7:55 A.M. the bus will head north on Route 5 from Harlow's Sugar House, picking up students en route to the Westminster Center School, arriving there at 8:10 A.M.

#### Bus #4

Bus #4 will start picking up high school/middle school students at 6:50 A.M., west of the intersection of Patch Rd. and Morse Brook Rd. At the intersection of Patch Rd. and the Westminster West Rd., the bus will make a left turn and travel south on the Westminster West Rd. to the northern intersection of McKinnon Rd. and turn around at 7:00 A.M. The bus will then travel north on the Westminster West Rd. picking up students along the way, en route to Saxtons River Village and Route 121. The bus will pick up Westminster students at Davidson Hill and North Westminster, including Church Avenue. The bus will arrive at Bellows Falls Middle School at 7:30 A.M. and at Bellows Falls Union High School at 7:35 A.M.

Bus #4 will leave BFUHS at 7:35 A.M., picking up elementary school students at the gate to the high school, Pine St. in Bellows Falls, Route 121 and Church Ave. in North Westminster, turning onto the Back Westminster Rd. at 7:45 A.M. The bus will pick up all elementary school students on the Back Westminster Rd., continuing down the access road, turning south onto Route 5, picking up at Westminster Housing and all students along Route 5 to Westminster Village, turning right onto School Street, arriving at the Westminster Center School at 8:05 A.M.

Westminster Town School District 2011-2012 Bus Routes continued

#### Bus #2

Bus #2 will leave Horn Corner on the Morse Brook Rd., picking up high school and middle school students, at 7:00 A.M. and travel the length of the road picking up students along the way. At the intersection of the Morse Brook Rd. and Kurn Hattin Rd. the bus turns left onto the Kurn Hattin Rd., picking up all students on the Kurn Hattin Rd., Westminster Heights and Back Westminster Rd., arriving at BFMS at 7:30 A.M. and at BFUHS at 7:35 A.M.

Bus #2 will leave BFUHS at 7:35 A.M. to start picking up the elementary school students at Horn Corner on the Morse Brook Rd. at 7:40 A.M. Bus #2 will pick up elementary students on the Morse Brook Rd. and turn left onto the Kurn Hattin Rd. en route to the Westminster Center School, arriving there at 8:05 A.M.

#### Bus #3

Bus #3 will make its first stop at the intersection of the Westminster West Rd. and Hartley Hill at 7:05 A.M. The bus then heads south on the Westminster West Rd., picking up elementary school students only. The bus will turn around at the north end of McKinnon Rd. at 7:20 A.M. and travel north on the Westminster West Rd. to Westminster West Village where it will turn left onto West Rd. and turn around at the intersection of Cross Rd. and Hickory Ridge Rd. The bus will unload all Westminster West students at the school at 7:40 and then travel south on the Westminster West Rd. to the Patch Rd. Bus #3 will pick up all Westminster Center School students on the Westminster West Rd. and Patch Rd. The bus continues on picking up children on Westminster Heights to the Park and Ride, where it turns around, arriving at the Westminster Center School at 8:05 A.M.

### Afternoon Bus Schedule

#### Bus #1

Bus #1 leaves the Bellows Falls Middle School at 2:50 P.M. and travels directly to the high school, making a stop at the gate to drop off any middle school students living on Kissell Hill. When the bus leaves the high school it will travel south on Route 5 as far as the Center School, dis-

charging students along the way. At the Westminster Center School the bus will pick up students who live on the Kurn Hattin Rd. as far as the intersection with Piggery Rd., students living on Piggery Rd., Pine Banks Rd., and Route 5 south of School Street (Center School).

#### Bus #4

Bus #4 leaves the Bellows Falls Middle School at 2:50 P.M. with all students living on the Westminster Heights Rd. and the Westminster West section of town. Bus #4 then proceeds to BFUHS where it will pickup all students living on Westminster Heights Rd. and the Westminster West section of town. The bus leaves BFUHS and travels south on Route 5 to the I-91 Access Road, Westminster Heights Rd. to the Westminster Center School. At the Center School, all students living in Westminster West transfer to bus #3.

## Westminster Town School District 2011-2012 Bus Routes continued

At the Center School, bus #4 will pick up students living on Route 5 north of School St. and travel up Route 5 turning up the I-91 Access Road to Back Westminster Rd. dropping off all students living on the Back Westminster Rd., Davidson Hill Rd. (off Route 121), Route 121 between the Back Westminster Rd. and Bellows Falls Village, to include students living on Church Ave. in North Westminster.

#### Bus #2

Bus #2 leaves the Bellows Falls Middle School at 2:50 P.M. with students going to North Westminster, Back Westminster Rd. and Morse Brook Rd. The bus will go to Bellows Falls Union High School and pick up students living in North Westminster, Back Westminster Rd, Kurn Hattin Rd. between Piggery Rd. and Morse Brook Rd. and Morse Brook Rd. The bus leaves the high school and travels north on Route 5 to "Red Light Hill" where it turns left onto Route 121 towards Saxtons River delivering students home en route to the Westminster Center School. At the Center School, the bus picks up students who live on the Kurn Hattin Rd. between Piggery Rd. and Morse Brook Rd., Morse Brook Rd, Route 5 north of the I-91 Access Road, Kissell Hill and Bellows Falls Village.

#### Bus #3

Bus #3 leaves the Westminster West School at 2:30 P.M. and heads north on the Westminster West Rd. towards Saxtons River, dropping off students along the way, at the intersection of Hartley Hill the bus will turn around and head south again into Westminster West Village where it will turn right onto the West Rd. and turn around at the intersection of the Cross Rd. The bus returns to Westminster West Village where it will make a right turn onto the Westminster West Rd. and travel south as far as the northern intersection of McKinnon Rd. and turn around. The bus will then travel north on the Westminster West Rd. and make a right turn onto the Patch Rd. and continue on to the Westminster Center School.

At the Center School all BFMS, BFUHS students transfer from Bus #4 and Center School students who live on Heights Rd., Patch Rd. and Westminster West are picked up. The bus travels north on Heights Rd, turning around at the Park and Ride, then over the Kurn Hattin Rd. to the Patch Rd., dropping off students along the way and will turn left onto the Westminster West Rd. The bus then travels south as far as the northern entrance to the McKinnon Rd. where it will turn around and head back to Westminster West Village. In the Village, the bus makes a left turn onto the West Rd. and will turn around at the intersection of the Cross Rd. where it will head back to Westminster West Village. In the Village the bus makes a left turn and travels as far north as the intersection of Hartley Hill which is the last stop.

Note: All BFMS and BFUHS students who live on Davidson Hill Rd. off Route 121 will ride Rockingham Bus #11 home in the afternoon.

Westminster Town School District 2011-2012 Bus Routes continued

#### Westminster Late Run

The bus will leave the Bellows Falls Middle School at 4:10 P.M. and go directly to Bellows Falls Union High School to pick up students. The bus leaves BFUHS at 4:20 P.M. and travels south on Route 5 to Westminster Village where it will turn right onto School St., stopping at the Center School. Upon leaving the Center School, the bus will turn left onto Kurn Hattin Rd. to Patch Rd., the bus will turn left onto the Westminster West Rd. and travel south as far as the northern intersection of the McKinnon Rd, where it turns around. The bus then travels north on the Westminster West Rd. as far as the Westminster West School where it will turn around and head back south again to the Patch Rd. to Morse Brook Rd and over Morse Brook Rd to Horn Corner where the bus stops.

If necessary, when the bus leaves BFUHS it will travel over Route 121 in North Westminster to the Back Westminster Rd., down the interstate access road to Route 5 and then head south into Westminster Village.



## The Westminster Cares Tenth Anniversary Garden Tour was held June 25 and 26, featuring five Westminster gardens and several area sculpture artists.

This annual benefit event, one of the agency's largest fundraisers, drew hundreds of visitors from all over New England. A kick-off reception celebrating the tenth anniversary was hosted by David and Vanessa Stern Friday, June 24, in their beautiful gardens on Bald Hill Road. Speaker Michela Medina gave a talk about use of sculpture in gardens. Each year on the garden tour, different gardens are featured. This year, the gardens of Judy Hawkins, Cindy Fine, Gordon and Mary Hayward, David and Vanessa Stern and sculptor Chuck Ginnever were featured. Two pieces of artwork, by artists Judy Hawkins and Jeanette Staley, were raffled off during the tour. For information or to volunteer to help at next year's event, call Ronnie at 722-3607. Cutline: Visitors on the Westminster Cares Garden Tour enjoy Gordon and Mary Hayward's garden.

## Westminster Schools Welcome New Teachers

submitted by: Steven Tullar, Principal  
Westminster Schools

The opening of the 2011-12 school year will find two new teachers working at the Westminster Schools. The search committee consisted of parents, teachers, staff, school board and a student! After review of many many resumes and following initial interviews a strong group of finalists were invited back for committee interviews. The search for new teachers began early this spring, and resulted in hiring Ms. Atasi Das to teach fifth grade and Mr. Ian Levy to teach first grade.

Ms. Das comes to Westminster from teaching in Springfield, MA at the Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence for two years. She has her Masters degree from Keene State College and a second Masters from SIT in Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management. She completed her undergrad studies at James Madison University in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2003 to 2005.

Mr. Levy comes to Westminster from four years of teaching in Kuna, Idaho at the Hubbard Elementary School, where he taught third grade. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. During his tenure in Kuna he also worked as an Instructional Coach for his team and served on the school leadership team.

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8:00	8:02	8:07	8:09	8:12	8:25	8:44	8:46	8:56	9:01	9:10	9:12
1:55	2:10	2:12	2:15	2:17	2:19	3:10	3:12	3:22	3:27	3:36	3:38
4:10	4:12	4:15	4:17	4:19	4:22	5:10	5:12	5:22	5:27	5:36	5:38

\* We have down days (page 4)    \*\* Bus does not stop at this time    † Effective March 30, 2010

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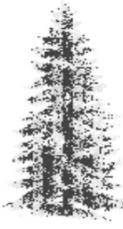
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## SEVCA Offering Energy Efficiency Career Development trainings

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) and Vermont Green will be offering two unique training programs for those working on green career paths.

**Major Appliance Repair:** SEVCA/VT Green is collaborating with Level 2 Learning of West Dover to offer "Technical Training for Energy Star Appliances". This is a 3 day course offered once per week for 3 weeks, September 20, 27, and October 4 (8:00 – 4:30) at SEVCA's Westminster office location. Today's Energy Star appliances, particularly those in refrigeration and home laundry are using electronic boards, AC and DC circuitry, complex sensors, logic switches and power inverters to operate. The course is essential for Professional Service Technicians who feel they may need to have their knowledge and skills upgraded to meet the changes in technology and to ensure these appliances perform as specified.

**Weatherization Crew Chief:** Vermont Technical College's Center for Sustainable Practices will be delivering their Crew Chief Training on October 5-6 (all day) also at SEVCA's Westminster location. This course is for experienced Crew Leaders or those about to be promoted and will cover day-to-day project management, safety, and leadership training. The training can be a great benefit for organizations and businesses to support the individuals in these positions who are the catalyst for ensuring that their work teams are highly motivated, productive, and learning focused.

Tuition for both courses will be provided through Vermont Green. To register or request further information, contact Guy Payne at 802-722-4575 or email [gpayne@sevca.org](mailto:gpayne@sevca.org). Vermont Green is a state-wide energy training partnership program that helps workers acquire or enhance their skills in the green job industry.

## WESTMINSTER WEST COMMUNITY FAIR SET FOR SEPT 10TH "WHO KEEPS YOU FED?"

As summer kicks into gear we are starting to prepare for our 22nd annual community fair on 9/10/11 from 9 - 3 at the church and village in Westminster West. This year we'll be honoring the Cooks in The Kitchen. Yes, we're focusing on those who'll be preparing the day's Bar B Que but there are many who have contributed to the Community Dinners that should be acknowledged and we should also keep in mind those who feed us daily.

In addition there'll be the usual selection of entertainment and activities from fun races and a parade in the morning to entertainment and kid's activities (including the ever popular and exclusive "Whack a Corn Cob"). You can count on a great talent show as well as the silent auction and golden elephant sale.

More details are coming but set aside the date - as well as your auction and elephant donations.

For questions or suggestions contact Nick Keil 387-4555 or Laura Bryant or Betsy Williams 387-2765.

The wise old Barred Owl says "Who cooks for you?"



## Pigs Return to Piggery Road

by Kim Fine

Westminster – Neighbors will remember the days when Kurn Hattin Homes raised pigs and other animals. Yesterday, three pigs were delivered to Kurn Hattin and will be raised for food for the children and staff. "It's important and exciting to focus our farm on sustainability and to teach the children where their food is coming from. It's a fact of life," explained farm manager, Patrick Barry. "Our compost is feed for the pigs and this winter we'll have 200-250 pounds of meat in bacon, chops and loins for Christmas dinner." When asked how the children were dealing with the idea that these animals were not being raised as pets, Patrick said, "Yesterday, I asked one of the boys if he knew where bacon came from. When I told him and said that soon our bacon will come from these pigs, he said, 'That's cool.'" The pigs came from a farm in Irasburg and along with the many vegetable, herb and flowers fields, they are being raised organically. Next spring, we'll get a few more pigs. Eventually we're also hoping to get a couple cattle. Taking care of our many children encompasses a well-rounded education. We're all learning a great deal. The farm is both a necessity and a gift to everyone at the Homes. Kurn Hattin Homes is a residential, year-round, charitable home and school for in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast.



## Vermont Red Cross Blood Supply Drops to Critically Low Levels Appeal for Blood Donors of All Types Issued Red Cross asks eligible blood donors to make and keep appointments

The American Red Cross Northern New England Region has issued an appeal for blood donors of all types due to a critical blood shortage across our nation. While demand for blood products remains steady, donations to the Red Cross this summer are the lowest the Red Cross has seen in over a decade. All types are needed, but especially O negative, which can be used to treat any patient. There are many contributing factors that make collecting blood difficult in the summer months. Many donors are busy or traveling and school is out of session.

"We urge eligible blood donors and first time donors to help reverse this trend and give blood to help us recover from the shortage, stated Donna M. Morrissey, Director of Communications, American Red Cross - Northeast Division. "Now more than ever - please roll up your sleeve and give blood".

The Red Cross is appealing to eligible blood donors, sponsors and community leaders to ask them to recruit blood donors to help meet the needs of patients in communities across the United States.

The Red Cross has responded to more than 40 major disasters in more than 30 states over the past three months alone - delivering help and hope to people affected by floods, tornadoes and wildfires. But there's another, more personal, kind of disaster which can happen to anyone at any time if blood is needed and it's not available.

The Red Cross Northern New England Blood Services Region provides lifesaving blood to over 80 hospitals and must have over 500 people give blood and platelets each weekday to meet hospital demand. Accident victims, as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders and other illnesses receive lifesaving transfusions every day. There is no substitute for blood and volunteer donors are the only source.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate.

Eligible blood donors are asked to please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to find a blood drive and to make an appointment.

\*Tax additional where applicable. Coupons are non-transferrable and not redeemable for cash.

Please Note: Red Cross representatives are available for interviews with the media. Please contact the communications representative listed above to arrange interviews or access to blood drives for members of the media.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization - not a government agency - and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.



## SEVCA'S 13TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE FUNDRAISER: VENDOR SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) will be holding its 13th Annual Flea Market, Silent Auction and Raffle Drawing on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in Westminster, Vermont. This is an annual community and fundraising event to support the services that SEVCA provides to low-income residents of Windham and Windsor counties. Flea market vendors, including crafters, antique dealers, and yard salers are welcome and encouraged to reserve a space, which costs \$25 or \$30, depending on location. Spots are still available at this time. Non-profits' spaces are free for info-only booths, and \$15-20 if they wish to sell anything. Breakfast foods and coffee will be available for sale in the morning. Food vendors for the rest of the day are encouraged to inquire about a space. SEVCA is also requesting in-kind donations from businesses such as art, gift certificates, handmade goods, and other items for the raffle and silent auction fundraisers that will take place on-site. To reserve a space, donate an item, or for more information about this event, call (802) 722-4575, ext. 105.

## Planning for Medical Emergencies At Home

Westminster Cares has received a grant from Senior Solutions to assist our residents to create an individual packet to be kept in their home which will give directions regarding: emergency instructions, medication list, contacts, health care proxy forms, instructions regarding DNR (do not resuscitate) where applicable. It can be kept in a place visible to emergency responders, usually on a refrigerator with a magnet. Health Care Proxies (Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care) allow a person to specify who can make medical decisions for them if they are unable to do so. Another form COLST (Clinician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) is particularly important for someone who would not want extensive resuscitative efforts performed. We will provide forms, counseling and home visits to anyone in Westminster who wishes assistance with the above. Please give us a call at 722-3607 if you would like to set up an appointment. Or you can email us at [wecares@sover.net](mailto:wecares@sover.net).

## Bellows Falls Farmers Market

Wowzers! Warm (dare I say HOT) sunny days and cool rainy nights have produced a bounty of fresh fruits and veggies for the Bellows Falls Farmers Market and our local community. We've got blueberries, peaches, plums, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, onions, beets, beans, carrots, fresh herbs, potted perennials, maple syrup and other sweet treats, a variety of prepared food made with local ingredients

Our crafters have been inspired by the season too – luscious soaps by Grace and Miss Mouse, unique, affordable kid's clothes by the Naughty Dog and wire wrapped jewels from Earth Creations by Tristan.

We just received Harvest Health Coupons for the 2010 season!

Harvest Health Coupons are here. For every \$10 dollars you spend at Market with your EBT/3SquaresVT card we will match it, dollar for dollar with Harvest Health Coupons. These coupons must be spent at the Market at which you received them and are limited in supply. Visit the Managers' Booth with questions or to receive your coupons. - "The intention of these coupons is to encourage more SNAP/3Squares VT shoppers to visit local farmers markets." said Jean Hamilton of NOFA-VT. The benefits are more safe, healthy, locally produced food available to area residents, and more food dollars that re-circulate within our communities because a local farmer received a fair price for their produce.

Important Dates and Events – The Youth Market will be held on August 19th. This is a day when kids can come sell products they have helped make, grow or produce. Kids can sign up and find out details at the Market Managers booth starting this week.

Green Mountain Orchards will join us this week - July 29th for the remainder of the season.

Starting this week of August 5th Orchard Hill Breadworks will be at Market with their famous bread sticks, focacia and cookies. Also, Dr Aimee Knauff, Naturopathic Doctor from Sojourns Community Health Clinic will have a free booth promoting wellness, providing information and answering health related questions.

Broadcasting live from the BFFM - WOOL 101.1 on the FM dial.

### Kurn Hattin Offers Farm Experience for Area Youth

Westminster – Kurn Hattin Homes' is providing area high school students the experience of working on a school farm this summer. Working in partnership with Youth Serve, a Youth Services program in partnership with the Vermont Department of Labor, Kurn Hattin Farm Manager, Pat Barry is providing agricultural job training to local youth. "I'm working with four really enthusiastic Bellows Falls High School students now. We're stacking hay and planting, hoeing and weeding squash, pumpkin and gourd plants. It's a big field and a lot of work. It's great to have the students here working with me and some of our recent graduates," Pat says. The program is a 7-week summer job for local youth between the ages of 16-21. Participants are paid their wages through a grant from the Department of Labor. Youth Serve usually has twelve youth and they form up to 3 work crews. One is agriculture based, another crew works odd jobs around the Bellows Falls area and the last crew does internships throughout the summer. They also have lunch and life skills classes after their morning work experiences. Kurn Hattin is looking forward to providing a positive first job experience for the students and hope some of the students will continue to work in agriculture in the future. Kurn Hattin Homes is a residential, year-round, charitable home and school for in-need and at-risk children, ages 6-15, from throughout the Northeast.

## SLUGGIN' IT OUT WITH SLUGS

By Babs Lynde, a Vermont Master Gardener

I'm usually pretty passive when it comes to leaving critters alone in my gardens. For instance, I know moles will eventually leave once they're done snacking on the ground grubs, the spiders help to decrease the insect population, and I've even left my newest neighbor alone, the groundhog, because I realize he's more interested in the grapevines than my garden. But! I can't tolerate lily leaf and Japanese beetles – they get squashed or drowned, and I hate the chipmunk holes in my flower gardens because my bulbs either come up missing or are half eaten. My other pet peeve in my gardens is the slimy, slippery slug!

Slugs and snails are classified as gastropods, meaning they are grouped in the same families as clams and mussels. They are also the most destructive and difficult pest to control in the gardens. They eat almost anything. They are true organic garbage machines and will munch on whatever is attached to the ground, much like catfish, snails and crabs that eat off the ocean floors. They eat dead leaves, flower debris, and even animal poop, and much like the garden-friendly worm, everything they eat is then converted to rich, composted soil.

However, because the slug's body is highly sensitive, it much prefers the tender growth of young plant shoots in your garden instead of the dead, brittle stuff on the forest floor. Almost any fruit or veggie leaf or stem is a potential victim, such as beans, lettuce, peas or squash. The damage they leave behind can be so devastating to the plant that it could die immediately or become too weak to fight off potential pathogens or other insects. And when we have rainy springs and summers like we've had this year, the slugs come out in bumper crops!

So, what can you do to eliminate them from your garden, or at least slow them down? First, eliminating the clutter in your garden gets rid of many of their hiding places, such as fallen leaves and grass clippings, and allow adequate spacing between plants for aeration and extra sunlight. They best way to find slugs is to leave a thin board or a couple of newspapers in the areas in your garden

### 2011 KURN HATTIN SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

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**COED Soccer Camp**—Ages 11-14 August 8-12 9:00-noon  
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### **Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association**

#### **Southern Vermont SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Summer/Fall 2011**

#### **Weekend Strolls and View Clearings All free an open to the public**

**August 6 Clearing at the Pinnacle** with Camilla Roberts  
Please help to keep the spectacular view at the Pinnacle open! Bring loppers and gloves with you, water and some lunch or snack.  
Meet at 10AM at the Pinnacle shelter.

**September 18 Accessibility Day** with Rebecca Nixon  
This is a special once-a-year opportunity for a vehicle ride to a special site for those who cannot hike, along with those who can hike to be led by Arthur and Carol Westing. Vehicle generously provided by Durand Motors.  
Meet at 2PM at the WW Church, please call 722-9047 to register for a vehicle ride.

**October 16 Long Distance Hike** with Rebecca Nixon  
Day hike to traverse a large chunk of the ridgeline trail. Bring water and food and good footwear for 4 to 5 hours of walking. A shuttle will be provided back to your car.  
Meet at 10AM Call 722-9047 to register and get directions to starting point.

**October 29 Clearing at Paul's Ledges**  
Please help to keep the beautiful view open at Paul's Ledges in Athens. Bring loppers and gloves, water and some lunch or snack.  
Meet at 10AM at Paul's Ledges

**November 5 Martin Sanctuary on Bemis Hill to northern trailhead** with Kath Martin or Camilla Roberts  
This lovely northern ridgeline walk without the leaves is open to views both east and west. A shuttle will be provided back to the starting point.  
Meet at 1PM at the Bemis Hill trailhead for the Martin Sanctuary

For more information go to [www.windmillhillpinnacle.org](http://www.windmillhillpinnacle.org), or email [whpa@sover.net](mailto:whpa@sover.net).

that are hit the hardest by slugs, and every morning, go out and turn the boards or paper over and scrape off them.

There are a number of chemicals out there in lawn and garden stores, but many of these repellants are deadly to other animals such as birds, cats and dogs if consumed in any quantity. If you decide that you are overwhelmed by slugs, and no other means of elimination would be fast enough, be sure to thoroughly read all instructions on the labels and follow them to the letter.

If you're not squeamish about how they feel, you can pick them up with your fingers (with or without gloves) and squish them or drown them in soapy water. Copper is poisonous to slugs, so you can wrap copper foil on boards which can be used in an attractive manner around your gardens. Sprinkle salt, wood ash or coffee grounds or some other natural element that is rough in texture around your plants, and the slugs will turn away rather than have their soft bodies impaled by the coarse or jagged pieces. Beer works also, but not because of the alcohol. Slugs are attracted to the fermentation, so if you don't want to leave beer for the dog to lap up, then use a little water, sugar and yeast. Just pour this mixture, or the beer, in a small, very low plate or other container, and place the container in a hole so that the mixture is at ground level and easy to reach. You can also spray the ground with garlic-steeped water, but you need to reapply this every few days or after every rain.

Would you like more information concerning the garden slug? The Master Gardeners of Vermont are trained to help you with all your needs. Call their Helpline toll-free at 1-800-639-2230, send questions by email to [master.gardener@uvm.edu](mailto:master.gardener@uvm.edu) or visit their website at <http://www.uvm.edu/mastergardener/> for extensive information.

## Aged in Vermont

Westminster Cares, Inc.



**Dick Morse: 98 and Still Going Strong**

**By Julia Waldron**

Westminster hasn't changed much through the eyes of Richard "Dick" Morse, 98. He remembers growing up in North Westminster, learning to swim in the Saxton's River, picking berries, and having fun all around the area. He remembers Interstate 91 coming in and taking all the traffic off Route 5. He even thinks of how the floods have gotten better and worse over the years. Yet he says the people of Westminster haven't changed much. He even joked that the only thing that changed are people's last names.

Dick was born in Keene in 1913. He moved to Gageville in 1921 when he was 8. Then he moved to Westminster, on the corner of Henwood Hill and Route 5, in the early 50's. He worked in refrigeration, and still owns birds like he did those many years ago.

Dick went into the bird business because the farm house he bought on Henwood Hill was all set up for raising chickens, so he decided to try it out. He started with several thousand Rhode Island Reds, for their eggs, and after a few tries he got the hang of it. He sold eggs retail to stores and restaurants in the area and from his farm. He has been raising birds ever since, although no longer for egg sales. Dick has had many jobs through the years. He used to work at the corn canning factory in Westminster Station where Community Feed is now. He remembers unloading bags of sugar that came in by railroad for the factory. Farmers in the area used to supply sweet corn to the plant, he said.

He worked at a wreath factory, located near the present-day carwash, as a wreath inspector in his late teens. Through most of his adult life, he worked in the refrigeration business. He began with household refrigerators, and ice tanks that cooled milk cans on dairy farms. Then, when new bulk tanks came in in the 1950's, he worked on those. Because a bulk tank had to be installed between a farm's twice-daily milkings, he would start early in the morning and keep on working until it was finished, often late at night. He thinks about how many more farms there used to be in Westminster in the past.

Dick to this day still splits his own firewood, and he and his wife Ruth work in the garden together. I see him out there all the time, doing what most people stop doing in their 60's or 70's, but Dick has continuously done to this very day.

Julia Waldron, 13, is the daughter of Dan Harlow of Westminster. She will be a freshman at Portsmouth High School this fall.

"Old age ain't no place for sissies," Bette Davis said. Well, sissies or not, we're all headed for that place. And the better we know the geography, the easier it will be to navigate.

"Aged in Vermont" is a monthly article on aging issues, organized by Westminster Cares. This month we're running one of occasional articles on older Westminster residents who have great stories to tell.

Ideas for future columns? Would you like to write one? We'd like to hear from you. Email Ronnie Friedman at [wecares@sover.net](mailto:wecares@sover.net).

**Send Submissions to:**

**[westminsternews@gmail.com](mailto:westminsternews@gmail.com)  
or check us out on the Town's website...**

## WESTMINSTER MYSTERY PHOTO



**What 2 types of businesses were conducted in this picture, and where was the picture taken?**

You may email your answer to the [westminsternews@gmail.com](mailto:westminsternews@gmail.com) or [wminster@comcast.net](mailto:wminster@comcast.net) Phone: Babs Lynde at 802-722-9516  
The answer and the winners will be announced in the next issue.

**July Answer: On Page (2)**

**July Winners: David Wright**

If you have pictures you think would make a great mystery photo stop by the town office and see Babs Lynde.

### News from Westminster Volunteer Fire and Rescue

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Department holds their monthly meetings at 7:00 PM on the 1st Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Rescue training is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Next association meeting August 2nd at 7:00 PM

The Prudential Committee meets twice a month on the first and third Monday after the first Tuesday at 7:00 PM

August meetings: 8th & 22nd

Number of calls in June: 27

Number of man hours spent: 7,128

Number of calls through July 27th : 26 Number of man hours spent: 8800

Number of calls calendar year to Date: 216

Number of calls fiscal year to date: 26 We thought we would run some of the same articles from last month, especially the one about swimming. It seems there has been higher than normal reports of drownings recently, often avoidable and unnecessary.

**Swimming Safety and Thunder Storms:** Now that summer weather is finally here, caution is urged for those swimming in pools, lakes and brooks. It is recommended that if you hear thunder you should vacate the pool for 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. There is a rule of thumb for figuring how far away a storm is. If you see lightning, every second before you hear thunder is a mile. For example, if you see lightning and can count 5 seconds before you hear the thunder, the storm is 5 miles away. Also, be sure to have a good supply of life preservers on hand and "swimmies" for the little people. Watch for hazards such as low water, slippery decks and rocks. Be extra careful when diving to insure the water is deep enough and there is nothing in the water that could cause injury. Never swim alone and be sure there is ample supervision at all times, especially when little children are around. Caution, Bee's Nests:

When and if the ground ever dries out, there will be as many in ground bee's nest as above ground. These nests are often unnoticed until someone steps on one or they are driven over by a lawn mower or other vehicle. Be especially cautious if there is someone in the family who is allergic to bee stings. If that is the case, make sure the proper first aid equipment is with them or readily available at all times.

**Gas Grill Safety:** Keep your gas grill clean and in good condition. There is a vent at the back of the grill that releases head smoke and at times, flames. There have been cases where vinyl siding has melted and houses have burned because the grill is positioned too close to a wall. Many grills will have a label listing clearance recommendations. If not, 24 inches is a good standard. Propane cylinders can also be dangerous. Be sure they are not stored indoors, but outside in a well ventilated area. And watch out for bees. Nests are apt to be made in an idle grill and could be a big and unsuspected surprise when the cover is removed. Association Meeting: The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association met for their Annual Meeting July 5th with 30 members present and 4 members excused. Currently there are 41 members of the volunteer fire department.

Preparations are under way for a busy August starting with the truck show August 6th and the annual corn roast August 19th. The corn roast is an annual event where fire departments from our mutual aid district are invited to share an evening of good food, fellowship and raffles. There are usually 50 to 75 fellow firefighters and emergency personnel in attendance.

**Boot Drive:** The boot drive which was held on Saturday July 2nd on Rt. 123 between Westminster Station and the Walpole Bridge was a huge success. Thanks to all of you who got caught in it. Some, both directions. Some, several times. Your contributions are really appreciated. The association voted to use the money collected that day to buy helmet lights for all the volunteers. Another example of how the association uses their money to purchase items to enhance the safety and comfort of the members without going to the taxpayers.

**Air Conditioners:** It is a good idea when plugging in air conditioning units to have a designated circuit specifically for that unit. This will avoid overloading the circuit and possibly overheating the wiring and causing a fire. Never use an extension cord when plugging in an A/C. If it stays hot this summer, it will be a temptation to leave the A/C on round the clock. It is better to shut them off for a couple of hours each day or night and always shut them off when not at home. The cords heat up over time and could cause a fire. Keeping filters clean and vacuuming out the unit periodically never hurts. **THANK YOU:** Chief Streeter praised the members of the department for their good work and loyalty during another busy month. The Westminster Fire & Rescue Association welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember a loved one or a friend.

We are always looking for new members: Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help the community in a time of need, please contact Chief Cole Streeter at 722-3178 or stop by the Firehouse any Sunday morning and pick up an application. We would like to have additional volunteers from the Westminster West area. There is a Fire House, an engine and a rescue vehicle located in Westminster West and more help is needed to utilize that equipment during calls.

As always, we would like to thank the community for its continued support of the fire department.

# WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS

## Activities

**Scottish Country Dance Classes**  
Every Wednesday @ 7:30pm in the Westminster Center School Gym. Bernard McGrath, instructor. All skill levels welcome. Contact Michael Daley for more information at 387-2601.No charge.

**Putney Contra Dance**  
Last Saturday of every month at Pierce Hall on East Putney Falls Road, off Rt. 5 in East Putney. A beginners' workshop is taught at 8 pm, and the regular dance goes from 8:30 to 11:00 pm. A donation at the door will benefit the Pierce's Hall Building Fund. For more information, call (802) 387-5985.

**Senior Lunch**  
Every 2nd Thursday of the month. @ 12:00 pm. All Westminster seniors are invited to attend. Join us at the First Congregational Church on Route 5

**Bellows Falls GalleryWalk**  
Downtown @ 5:30pm every 3rd Friday of the Month.

**Secrets of Healthy Aging**  
A facilitated discussion group and potluck. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Westminster Fire Sta-

tion at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information

**Contra Dance**  
Every 3rd Saturday of month at 7:30 pm @ The Town Hall in Walpole, NH.

**Gentle Yoga**  
Every Monday at 10:00am @ The Westminster Institute: Call Westminster Cares @722-3607 for more information.

**Living Strong Classes**  
Mondays & Thursdays @The First Congregational Church in Westminster 9:00 to 10:00 am @The Westminster West Church 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Call Westminster Cares for more Information: 722-3607.

**Knitting Together**  
Every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Saxtons River Inn. For more information or if you would like to donate yarn please contact Caroline at (802)463-4653.

## Faith Community

**The First Congregational Church of Westminster United Church of Christ**  
The Rev. Sami Jones McRae, Pastor  
Main Street, Route 5 P.O. Box 122, Westminster, VT 05158

Sunday worship at 10:00 AM  
Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday School is held at 10:00 am from Sept to May. The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access as well as a handicapped bathroom. Westminster First Congregational is an Open and Affirming church, all are welcome.

### Important Aug. Dates

Aug. 2 - Women's Fellowship 12:00pm  
Aug. 7 - Worship, Communion 10:00 am  
Aug. 14 - Worship 10:00 am (Trustees meet after coffee hour)  
Aug. 21 - Worship 10:00 am  
Aug. 27 - Church BBQ 12:00 noon – 6:00pm Outdoor café or take out  
Aug. 28 - Worship 10:00 am

Church BBQ – Aug 27th, 12-6pm  
Join us for a cookout with a variety of food items. Eat in the outdoor café or bring it home. In addition look over the awesome homemade pies and bring one home! Try your chance on our Summer Gas Card Raffle, \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. Prizes range from \$25 to \$100 the drawing will be at 6:00pm.

**The First Congregational Church of Westminster The Congregational Church of Westminster West (UCC Church)**

Sunday Worship is at 10:00am. Holy Communion service is held on the first Sunday of every month. Prayer service is held on Thursdays, 12:30 to 12:50pm. Child care and Sunday School are available during worship hour. Choir meets most Sundays at 9:00am. Fully Wheelchair accessible.

Open and Affirming Susie Webster-Toleno, Minister  
New Church Office Hours:  
Susie Webster-Toleno will be at the church Monday 1-4pm and Thursday and Friday mornings until 12:30. Feel free to drop by, but it's a good idea to call if you really want to catch her, as she sometimes steps out to visit people in their homes or the hospital. She can be reached at the Church during her office hours at 387-2334, or a message may be left for her at home 254-4142 or by email ccww@sover.net

## Meetings

**Selectboard** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

**Planning and Development Commission** 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

**Westminster Activities Commission** 2nd Monday of the Month at 6:00 pm at the Westminster Institute.

**Westminster School Board** 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Center School Library.

**Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association** 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster West Congregational Church

**Westminster West Public Library Board** 2nd Monday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster West Public Library

**Development Review Board** 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall

**Community Improvement Program Committee** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

**Westminster Cares Board** 1st Wednesday of every month, at the Westminster Fire Station at 4:00 pm.

**911 Committee** as needed.

**The Westminster Fire & Rescue Dept** holds their monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month, @ 7:00 pm and a combined drill on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Westminster Fire Station.

**Westminster Historical Society** 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Institute.

**Westminster Gazette Meeting** Thursday, August 25th at 7:30am @Westminster Cares Office

**Westminster Recycling Committee** Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Westminster Fire Station

**The Deadline for The September 2011, Issue of the Westminster Gazette is Wednesday, August 31st by 5:00pm Publish Date Tuesday September 6th**

\* Please note the deadline date has been changed to the last Wednesday of the month  
**Volunteers Needed** to deliver the Westminster Gazette to local designated drop off locations.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Westminster seeks to fill the following vacancies:

- **Planning Commissioner**
- **Conservation Commissioners**
- **Development Review Board Alternates**

Interested persons should contact Town Manager Matthew Daskal by calling 722-4255 or by email at: matthew.daskal@comcast.net



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**WESTMINSTER CARES, INC.**

The Westminster Cares, Inc. Board of Directors did not have a meeting in July. Westminster Cares creates opportunities for seniors and disabled adults to live with independence and dignity in the community. Your support to this caregiving organization is a way for all of us to take care of our friends.

The Westminster Cares 10th Annual Garden Tour was held on June 25th and 26th. Over 300 people visited our 5 gardens: Gordon and Mary Hayward, Judy Hawkins, Cyndy Fine, Vanessa and David Stern and Chuck Ginnever. The garden tour also featured local artists: Joe Fichter, Stephen Procter, Mary Hayward, David Stern, Chuck Ginnever and Mark Ragonese. The Garden Tour is a major fundraising event for Westminster Cares and it was very successful. Thanks to everyone who participated and thanks to the many, many volunteers who helped to make the tour a success.

Services provided: Meals on Wheels -13 people are now on meals. Transportation - 20 rides for 7 different people by 4 volunteers for a total of 282 miles. Visiting - volunteers visiting two people; Nursing program 3 hours; 4 visits to 3 different homes plus a Blood pressure clinic: Equipment loan - several pieces of medical equipment loaned and many pieces donated to us this month. Thanks to everyone who thinks to donate their used equipment to Westminster Cares.

Meetings attended in June: bookkeeper, Gazette, Art program, Development Director, and Garden Tour.

Programs in June: 2 Secrets of Healthy Aging session, 4 Yoga classes, 12 Strength Training classes held, 4 Artist in Each of Us classes

Anyone interested in learning more about Westminster Cares, volunteering to deliver meals on wheels or driving neighbors to doctor appointments, working on a committee, making a contribution or attending a workshop may contact Ronnie Friedman at 722-3607 or by email at wecares@sover.net.

Equipment available: Wheelchair, walkers, hospital bed, commodes, shower chairs, etc.

**Memorial Donations for July 2011**

In memory of Issy Parda from Phyllis Anderson  
In memory of Marjorie (Hornbeck) Garvey from Phyllis Anderson

In memory of Kathy Wood from Phyllis Anderson  
In memory of Helen Aiken from Wendy Wilson  
In memory of Issy Parda from Sally and Frank McGaffigan

In memory of Isolde Parda from John Narkiewicz and family

In memory of Kathy Wood from Audrey & Clarence Gochey

In memory of Isolde Parda from Dorothy Brownell

**Westminster Cares welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to memorialize a loved one or a friend. Send to: Westminster Cares, PO Box 312, Westminster, VT 05158.**

**PAPER OR ONLINE?****“Old Fashioned” Paper Survey Coming in September Gazette**

Participation in the Town Planning Review online survey has been slow. Members of the Planning Commission (PC) are uncertain as to why the Town has received only 27 online surveys. The main problem may be that most Westminster residents have access only to dialup service, which makes submitting the survey online painfully slow and too frustrating. There may be other reasons, such as discomfort with using a computer or with entering personal information on a computer. Some people may not like some of the survey questions, or might not like the survey format. Please let us know what you think of the Town Planning Survey.

The Town Plan Review process must still move forward. The PC has scheduled Public Hearings for September 12th, October 17th and November 14th so that they can hear any suggestions for possible revision of the Westminster Town Plan. Public participation is required in order for the planning process to be approved by the Windham Regional Commission (WRC). Approval of the Town Plan by the WRC is required in order for the Town to be eligible for Municipal Planning Grants. Municipal Planning Grants, when available, are funds that benefit the Town in many ways.

The Town Planning Survey will be printed on a center page of the September Gazette that can be easily removed and mailed using a regular first-class postage stamp, or it can be dropped off at the Town Hall. The PC will be entering the data into a survey program that will compile the results and calculate the percentages for each type of response. This is the minimal level of resident participation. Those who cannot attend any of the public hearings are requested to please submit a survey. Those who want to try to submit the survey online will find it on the Town website, by clicking under “Town Planning Survey 2011.”

One of the issues that residents are asked to discuss at the public hearings is whether Westminster has or should have a “business center” or “business district.” Three property owners have requested more commercially-zoned land near the intersection of Route 5 and the Interstate 91 Access Road. These properties are on the east side of Route 5 and run from Westminster Auto to the recently renovated house across from the Westminster Housing. Is this the “business district” of Westminster? Do residents want this area to be a “commercial center?” These properties are near a commercial zone, but their eastern boundaries are the shores of the Connecticut River. Do residents want to treat these parcels on the Connecticut River as conservation land? As part of the Connecticut River Byway? Any opinion on these questions? Residents can express their views on this question and many others on the survey. The options are not “paper or plastic” but “paper or online.”

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**The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont is changing its name to Senior Solutions, and launched a new web site on July 22.**

Executive Director Joyce Lemire emphasizes that, though it's a new name, the staff and services are the same. "For years," she said, "we've wanted a name that gives a better sense of what we do, and is easy to find in the phone book. We're still in the same Springfield office, with the same phone number and the same well trained staff."

The new web site, [www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org](http://www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org), with its large-print option and streamlined content, is designed for easy use by seniors and anyone who cares about a senior. Those without internet access may still call the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119.

Serving people aged 60 and up, as well as their caregivers, Senior Solutions aims to help people meet their challenges and live the best life they possibly can. The Board of Directors worked with Woodwardesign of Guilford over several months to craft a name, logo, and web site reflecting this positive, helpful theme.

Senior Solutions is a non-profit organization, and welcomes tax-deductible donations. One of Vermont's five Area Agencies on Aging, it serves Windham and Windsor Counties, plus the towns of Searsburg, Readsboro, Thetford and Winhall.

Residents outside of the Senior Solutions service area may find the Agency serving their area by visiting [www.VermontSeniors.org](http://www.VermontSeniors.org) or calling the Senior Helpline.

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**Thanks to steady help from our dedicated BF Youth Services crew, teachers and parents, our school garden is coming along beautifully!**

Visitors are most welcome. Bring a picnic, walk with care among the rows, pull a weed or two, feel the breeze, note the sunflower exclamation points, count the marigolds and join the zinnia party. Enjoy the lush feeling of bounty we have collectively cultivated in our garden. Cherry tomatoes and raspberries, and a few last strawberries, are ripening for on the spot enjoyment. Please leave All other produce for students to harvest together in the Fall. Thank you!

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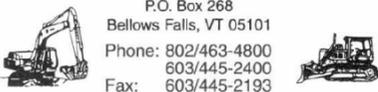
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**The Yankee Male Chorus 2011 Concert Tour**

The highly renowned men's singing group, the "Yankee Male Chorus", returns for their 58th tour. The four concerts they give each year consist of from 50 to 60+ men singing in four-part harmony songs from the sacred, popular, spiritual, Broadway, and novelty areas of music. All men are volunteers from choirs and choral groups throughout the New England region, New York State and other areas. Several local men are members of the chorus. The chorus gets together on Wednesday afternoon for their only rehearsal and goes public that night for four consecutive evening concerts. The wonderful sound this year will be heard first on Wednesday August 10th at the Charlestown Congregational Church in Charlestown, N.H.; Thursday the 11th at the Windham Congregational Church in Windham, Vt.; Friday the 12th at the Town Hall in Walpole, N.H. sponsored by Walpole's St. John's Episcopal Church; and Saturday night the 13th, the finale, as always, at the White Church in Grafton, Vt. All concerts begin at 7:30 PM. The Yankee Chorus is a delight to those listening and a joy to those performing. So come enjoy the wonderful sound of this 58th tour. For additional information call Pete Harrison at 802-722-3080

**The Second Annual Black Sheep Radio Block Party**

WOOL 100.1 FM, Black Sheep Radio is throwing their second annual Block Party on Saturday, August 13th from 6:30pm to 11:00pm at the Waypoint Center in Bellows Falls, Vermont. The party will feature live music by Putney's very own five piece band, The Loose Few; singer-songwriter, Josh Adams from Chester; local duo The Milkhouse Heaters; the self-described eclectic rock n' roll, rhythm and blues trio, GMP and other special guests.

The party starts at 6:30 with good food and drink and a cash bar courtesy of Pleasant Valley Brewing. Admission is 10 dollars with a special admission of 5 dollars for kids age 12 and under. All proceeds from this event benefit member-owned, mostly volunteer-run community radio station Black Sheep Radio WOOL 100.1fm in Bellows Falls.

Those familiar with the stations epic on-air karaoke series, Radioke, know that the Black Sheep Radio crew knows how to throw a party. What better way to celebrate the fleeting joy of summer than dancing under an August full moon?

For more information about the Block Party, WOOL or Black Sheep Radio, contact Kristen Fehrenbach at Kristen@black-sheepradio.org or www.wool.fm

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