

## WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES OLDEST RESIDENTS



On Saturday, Sept. 17, Westminster Cares and town residents recognized Westminster's 90-plus-year-old citizens during the annual Celebration of Aging. The event was held outdoors, on the back lawn of the Institute. Guests of honor, their families and members of the community were in attendance.

The weather cooperated for a beautiful, sunny day to honor our oldest community residents with lunch and a presentation.

The ceremony included a presentation by Pete Harrison, vice president, addressing each of the honored guests. Interesting family history, places they've lived; companies they've worked for and stories about their lives in the community were presented. This year, the audience got to hear each guest of honor's favorite song.

Westminster currently has 10 residents who are 90 years of age or older. All 10 still live independently in the area: Bob Gay, Charlotte Kurkul, Lois Woodard, Libby Mills, Natalie Patrick, Jo Crocker, Lee MacDuffie, Bill Smidutz, Paulie Kissell, and Randy Major. Although there weren't any "newcomers" this year, eight residents were able to attend the event. Of the 10; one is 91, two are 92, two are 93, two are 94, one is 96, one is 98 and one will turn 100 in December!

Many attendees had not seen one another in several years. Bob Gay, Charlotte Kurkul and Lois Woodard all attended grade school together. They enjoyed reminiscing and catching up on their lives.

Westminster Cares board and committee members decorated tables with mums and gourds; made and served food and refreshments; and thanked honorees for their contributions to the community.

Next fall we will include anyone born in 1933 or earlier - if that's you or someone you know, please give a call at 722-3607 to let us know.



*In photos, clockwise from top left, Bob Gay and Charlotte Kurkul; Randy Major and family; and Bill Smidutz and family.*

## YOUTH SURVEY AT THE WW FAIR RESULTS - WHO WAS THERE?

Children and young people carried out a Survey at the Westminster West Fair Sept. 10, based on the topics covered in the School Atlas from 1990 (on display). Thirty questionnaires were turned in by young 'researchers' ages 4 to 17, the younger ones assisted by a parent. Here is what they found:

1. Twentytwo people born in Westminster West in the years from 1973 to 2021 - with the median year 2011.
2. Jobs held by people at the fair were: teachers (5), builder, archeologist, social worker, reporter, handyman, State Representative, film, educational assistant, librarian (4), freelancer (2), machine operator, chocolate business, real estate, nurse, farmer
3. People's houses ranged in age from 'really old' / 232 to 10 years old with a median age of 49 and an average of 3.6 people per house.
4. Most young researchers found out that the big monument by the Cemetery gate is that of Homer Goodhue who was a pastor of the Church.
5. Local barns hold machinery/tools (5), unused stuff (4), bikes/scooters (4), chickens/turkeys (3), cows (2), horse, hay, nothing yet.
6. Wild animals noticed at home were squirrels (9), deer (4), turkey (2), fox (2), coyote (2), skunk, vulture, birds.
7. People grow: tomatoes (8), kale (5), cucumbers (5), other veg including asparagus, cabbage, lettuce, eggplant, flowers (4), cherries (2), flavorings like basil, horseradish, garlic, also sunflowers, maple syrup, trees, and weeds.
8. People keep: cats (12), dogs (11), chickens(4), sheep (3), goats (3), pigs, ducks.
9. Most young researchers found out that the Church burnt down in 1988.
10. Favorite things to do outdoors were: rowing/kayaking, walking the dog, riding horseback, snowboarding (2), playing with kids or dog (3), hiking/fishing, being on the water, basketball, teaching pre-K, biking (2), skiing (2), hiking (2), run around, climb a tree, play a game, birdwatching, swing a stick, pick flowers.

This was a very informal survey with kids roaming around with paper and pencil and choosing who to question. The average age of the 'researchers' was 9; they came from Westminster West (11); Westminster (9); Putney (2); Bellows Falls (2), Massachusetts, and the island of Jamaica. Not all questions got answered completely; more than one reply may have come from the same person, so those with a very friendly face may be over-represented. Still, the results tell us a lot about our community today.

And everyone got a prize!

### DID YOU MISS IT?

#### 4H VIDEOS AT THE WESTMINSTER WEST COMMUNITY FAIR

If you missed showings of The Little Prince, Heidi and more at the Library during the Fair, they are now available on DVD to benefit the Library. Adults and children from Westminster West took part in plays between 1988 and 2000, showing off their talents and imagination. The pageant "History of Westminster" (1988 version) includes local folk from 4 to 80 - you will certainly see someone you know! The perfect Christmas present for anyone who was living in the area around 1990!

The DVD Westminster West Presents is available at the WW Library for a suggested donation of \$15; running time 75 minutes.

## MAILED BALLOTS NOTICE

This year the Vermont Secretary of State's office is mailing a ballot for the November 8, 2022 General Election to all active, registered Vermont voters. The mailing will begin no later than Monday, September 26, 2022.

Voters will still have the opportunity to vote in person if they wish. In order to vote in person, you will have to bring the ballot you received in the mail with you to the polling place. If you do not bring the ballot with you, you will have to fill out an "Affidavit of No Ballot Cast".

For the General Election on November 8, 2022, Westminster residents will be voting at the Westminster Fire Station on 103 Grout Avenue, Westminster, VT. The polls will be open from 8:00am until 7:00pm.

For more information and to register to vote if you are not already registered, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 802-722-4091.

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VERMONT UTILITIES ALERTING RENTERS THAT COVID-19 UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE IS ENDING AND TO APPLY NOW

Vermont electric utilities are alerting renters who are already receiving help through the Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program (VERAP) that their payments will be reduced as of October 1, 2022, and no payments will be available past December 31, 2022.

Eligible renters who have not yet taken action need to apply now if they are struggling to pay existing and past bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This federal grant program has been critical to directly helping renters get through the lingering impacts of the pandemic.

The state has announced the last day to apply for assistance through VERAP is currently set for December 31, 2022, and any eligible amounts will only be covered for bills through the end of the year. In addition, on October 1, 2022, assistance will be reduced from 100% to 70% for all VERAP participants including existing renters and new applicants.

Grant Funding Ends December 31, 2022, With Renter Assistance Payment Amounts Cut as of October 1

Rental customers who have past due balances and have not already applied are encouraged to apply right now through VERAP at <https://vtutilityhelp.com> or 833-488-3727. Any customer should also reach out to their utility directly to set up a payment plan. Contact information is available at each of the utilities' websites:

- Vermont Electric Co-Op, [www.vermontelectric.coop](http://www.vermontelectric.coop)
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- Customers of Barton Electric Department, Enosburg Falls Electric Department, Hardwick Electric Department, Jacksonville Electric Company, Johnson Water & Light Department, Ludlow Electric Light Department, Lyndonville Electric Department, Morrisville Water & Light, Northfield Electric Department, Orleans Electric Department, and Swanton Village Electric Visit [www.vppsa.com](http://www.vppsa.com) for utility contact information.

Vermont electric utilities have been working proactively to help customers throughout the pandemic. Any customer needing help should reach out as soon as possible to access available assistance. A program for homeowners, the Vermont Homeowners Assistance Program (<https://vermonthap.vhfa.org/>) currently remains open.

GMP and BED also have ongoing Energy Assistance Programs (EAP) for qualified low-income customers. GMP customers with past due balances can apply through the Department for Children and Families at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/eap/GMP>. BED's Energy Assistance Program offers assistance to income-qualified customers in the form of a monthly bill credit of 12.5 percent, and customers can learn more at <https://burlingtonelectric.com/assistance>.

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We also welcome article submissions that would be of interest to the community. We ask for a maximum size limit of 500 words, and reserve the right to edit for content and length. Thank you!

On-line at: [www.westministervt.org](http://www.westministervt.org)



# THE 3RD ANNUAL SOUTHERN VERMONT FLANNEL FESTIVAL

Celebrate Fall the southern Vermont way. On Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Rockingham Hill Farm, 34 Meetinghouse Road, Rockingham, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our 3rd annual Southern Vermont Flannel Festival.

Surround yourself with pies, cider, craft beer, pies, cocktails, pumpkins, food and craft vendors and more pies, even a pie contest and beautiful Vermont foliage as we celebrate community and welcome autumn surrounded by the vistas of the Vermont Countryside.

The music line up starts at noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday with Low Lily. This string and vocal trio Low Lily explores the roots and branches of American folk music with traditional influences and modern inspiration. Start with excellently matched vocals, add some world-class playing, sprinkle with raised-off-grid Americana and you get Low Lily.

Setting down roots in Brattleboro, the band has crafted a signature sound which they have shared with enthusiastic audiences throughout North America and the UK, garnering two #1 songs on international folk radio and two Independent Music Award wins.

Cold Chocolate follows from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cold Chocolate is a genre-bending Americana band that fuses folk, funk, and bluegrass to create a unique sound. Featuring Ethan Robbins on guitar, Ariel Bernstein on percussion, and backed by some of the root's music scene's finest players, this group from Boston is impressing audiences throughout New England and beyond. Punctuated by tight harmonies and skillful musicianship, and with a focus on songwriting, Cold Chocolate has quickly gained recognition for their original music and high-energy shows.

On Sunday, The Break Maids are jamming from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. With their original Rock n' Roll sound with a twist of Folk Punk, The Break Maids are 'Straight off the hill and over the top.

The Break Maids offer glam-stomp music with three-part harmonies Seven Days calls "ethereal like a Greek Tragedy." The Maids are Faith Wood on bass, Ida Mae Specker on percussion and Emily Burkland on guitar.

The Stockwell Brothers round up the music at 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. The Stockwell Brothers "are Green Mountain Newgrass artists." Their music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies.



They cover straight ahead bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, full tilt breakdowns and traditional mandolin tunes mixed in with more unusual fare - Americana melodies riding world beat grooves and Celtic, jazzy, even neo-classical instrumentals.

Join us for some of the most creative crafters from all around the area. And a delicious pie contest on Saturday. We are still accepting applications for both the pie contest and for craft vendors, but hurry our spaces are filling up quickly.

Find the information on [www.gfrcc.org](http://www.gfrcc.org) We'll have a great raffle with lots of prizes and lots of local food to tempt your taste buds. And more entertainment in the field.

Follow the buffalo red and black plaid road signs to direct you to 34 Meeting House Road, in Rockingham for a fun fall festival for all ages.

Admission is \$7. Receive a \$1 admission discount if you're rocking flannel! Kids 12 and under are free admission.

For more information contact the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, 17 Depot Street, Bellows Falls, VT; email [info@gfrcc.org](mailto:info@gfrcc.org), visit [www.gfrcc.org](http://www.gfrcc.org), or call 802-463-4280.

## COMPASS SCHOOL HOSTS LATIN DINNER FUNDRAISER OCT. 22

On Saturday, Oct. 22nd, Compass School will host a Latin American-inspired tapas style dinner and a musical performance by Cara Trezise.

Cara Trezise is a vocal artist, dancer and educator based in Vermont. Her inexhaustible passions for song, food, movement and sparkle offer a joyously eclectic musical experience. Thrilled to play at the Compass FI-ESTA this year, Cara will perform a set of Cuban/Latin music on guitar and then facilitate salsa dance classes! Guaranteed to enliven your bodies and spirits! Check her out at [www.caramiamusic.com](http://www.caramiamusic.com)

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m with fabulous food and concurrently there will be a few big items at a silent auction which will include a hand made African drum, gift certificates, fine arts, Airbnb's and much more. All-inclusive presale tickets for dinner and music are just \$20 adults and \$18 students – a \$45 for family - fun and very affordable night out. Tickets at the door are \$25 adults, \$20 students and \$50 for family.



All proceeds of the evening will benefit the Compass junior class Global Connection trip to Spain. The Global Connections Program focuses on cultural immersion and international understanding. It is an integral part of the junior class curriculum, inspiring students to broaden their horizons as global citizens.

The Global Connections Program began in 2003 and since then Compass has had over 200 students travel to locations including the Mexico/Arizona border, India, Nicaragua, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and Spain.

This fundraising dinner and concert is key to making this travel program affordable to all 11th graders regardless of family income. Come out, hear some great music, enjoy a gala meal, and support this unique opportunity. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased ahead of time from Compass School (802-463-2525).

*In photo Cara Trezise.*

## NEWS FROM THE TOWN GARAGE: JOB OPENING, SHOVEL LEANERS NEED NOT APPLY

Hello Neighbors,

The Westminster Highway Department has an opening for a team member to assist with the maintenance of 70 miles of road. Good work ethic, attitude and a sense of humor is a must.

A class B CDL or the ability to obtain one in a reasonable amount of time is also a requirement. Some knowledge of dirt work would be handy. The job of shovel leaner has already been filled, so please don't apply for that position. The right applicant will be trained to operate equipment as well as maintain it. Willingness and ability to work all hours of the night and day in all types of weather when needed is also a must.

We also maintain five buildings as well as the mowing at the Town Hall. There will be heavy lifting and hard work at times and we might even get dirty. You may get cold and wet without notice. This is more than a job, it is a position on a team that has strong comradery, sense of community and pride in their work even though most of them do not live in town.

Welcome to all who have become recent residents. Please check out our winter maintenance policy on the town's website so that you are prepared. Snow tires are a good idea, all seasons are not the same thing. Folks that are not comfortable driving in snow and ice should avoid it when possible.

As the leaves fall, we will be out with the tractor blowing out the ditches. By doing this it helps to keep culverts clear, ditches clear and cut back on ditching with the grader or excavator that requires several trucks, a loader, more help and a greater impact to the environment as well as your wallet. With just the blower, the stone can stay in place and continue to hold back silt, cut down on erosion and the leaves and sticks can be blown back into the woods. It is illegal to put anything in ditches, culverts or in the right of way. Please work with us to keep waterways clear and protect our roads.

School Street project is completed. Adam's Trucking and Excavating has done a great job and we have began the process to get reimbursed from FEMA. Windmill Hill South culvert will be installed by the time you are reading this. It is part of a category D Better Roads grant that will be paid after we complete the job. Bazin Brother's was awarded the bid for the Piggery Road streambank stabilization. The USDA will help fund that project and the completion date will be December.

We would like to thank all the folks that were affected by the Westminster Heights Road closure and Windmill Hill South for their patience and understanding while we completed these projects.

*Thank you for all your support,  
Chuck and Crew*

## NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER CARES

The Westminster Cares Board of Directors met Sept. 7th. The meeting was held both in-person at the Westminster Institute and on Zoom with President Lori Larue presiding. The following board members attended: Regina Borden, Kathy Elliott, Miriam Lanata, Pete Harrison, Doug Oftedahl, Don Dawson, Pat Goodell, Cindy Moses and director Donna Dawson.

Discussion items included planning for restarting exercising classes and other in person events, and finalizing plans for the Celebration of Aging.

Memorial and Honorary Donations Received through September 22nd

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# Visits by Great Egrets

by Alma Beals, Vermont Master Gardener and Naturalist

For the last few years, Great Egrets have wandered into our favorite local marsh in late August or early September and stayed a few weeks. Last year, we saw 8 and this year 5, with 4 being the average.

Being so dazzling white, they are easy to see. I would check on them early each morning and began to wonder if they slept there or if they arrived before I did. I turned to Google and found that egrets roost at night by sleeping standing up with one foot in the water and their heads tucked under a wing. They stay alert, even when asleep so they can keep an eye out for predators.

Great Egrets, a type of heron, are tall wading birds with black legs and black feet. They have long s-curved necks and long yellow dagger-like bills. They are more svelte than Great Blue Herons and slightly smaller.

As I watch them interact with the Great Blue Herons, I’ve sometimes seen the herons act aggressively toward the egrets but not the egrets toward the herons. This started me wondering if egrets are aggressive.

I knew that Great Blue Herons are not aggressive and will avoid humans unless provoked or threatened. Again, I turned to Google and found that egrets are quite territorial and much more aggressive toward each other.

But I discovered in googling that the greatest miscon-



ception I had was their breeding areas. I had assumed that they nested further north and then wandered south to our area in late August or early September. Not so. The adults wander far to the north before migrating south for the winter. They fly slowly but powerfully with just two wing beats per second. Cruising speed is about 25 miles an hour.

They are opportunistic foragers. They eat primarily fish but also crustaceans, frogs, salamanders, snakes, lizards, turtle eggs and hatchlings. In an open field, they will eat grasshoppers, rodents and small birds.



Great Egret photos by Don Clark

Coyotes, Red-tailed Hawks and other hawks will prey on Great Egrets while they are foraging. The young can be taken from the nest by raccoons, Great Horned Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, and other large hawks.

Early in the breeding season, the adults grow long plumes which they brandish during courtship displays. During the late 19th century and the early 20th century, egrets were decimated by plume hunters looking for feathers for ladies’ fashions. Their population plunged by 95% but now is stable.

## A WESTMINSTER SAMPLER: APPLE OVEN LEDGE

By Jessie Haas

Two hundred years ago it was easy for a man to get a drink in Westminster. The town had what would seem today to be an inordinate number of taverns. Ephraim Ranney opened one near present-day Allen Brothers in the 1760s; John Norton operated the Tory Tavern on the Flats; the Goulds ran what came to be called the Whig, or People's Tavern, near the Westminster Hotel; the Red House, the oldest house in Westminster, was a tavern run by Michael Gilson; and the Court House itself served alcohol, in the 1770s.

Taverns and distilleries only multiplied as the town grew. Goodhue's Tavern near the Patch Road intersection, Pratt's Coffee House next to the Town Hall, Burke's Tavern at the top of Court House Hill, Erwin's Tavern on Old Stage Coach Road, Handee's Hotel in Westminster West Village—all thrived.

Various small establishments served people traveling over the hill to Brookline, and there were also cider mills and distilleries; near Allen Brothers, at the Patch Road intersection, on the Cross Road, and near the Westminster West school.

Why so many? New Englanders liked their drink, to be sure, and hardworking people needed a tavern nearby, since they couldn't just hop in their cars and zip into the village at the end of the day. Taverns also hosted and fed travelers during those days before the railroad. The taverns were social gathering places, restaurants, and hotels; often little more than a room in a farmer's house, they don't necessarily indicate that the population was roaring drunk half the time.

Ministers took a relaxed attitude toward drink. When Timothy Field was ordained in 1807 a large and lively ball was held at the Goodhue Tavern, a memorable event that passed into local legend for being held in the tavern of a deacon.

A minister served the toddy, a second played the fiddle, and a doctor of divinity led the dance. Many ministers, deacons, and prominent citizens like William Czar Bradley, looked down on the whole idea of temperance movements, as inhibiting the old-time conviviality they enjoyed.

But the ready availability of alcohol and lack of sanctions against drinking—in that day, drunk driving meant the horse would take you home, with no lives lost—meant that for susceptible people, drinking was a big problem. Several citizens from respected families had been lost to alcohol addiction, and drink was blamed for foreclosures, failed mortgages, domestic violence, and rigged elections. Beginning in the 1820s, temperance movements sprang up intended to curb or eliminate it.

The first was formed 200 years ago, on June 18, 1822, at the Apple Oven Ledge, near the east end of Morse Brook Road. The Holton family and their mill-workers had dug an oven into the steep hillside where they cooked their meals, and occasionally invited the village young people up to a picnic of baked apples.

Some of those same youth met on June 18 and made a temperance pledge; the Holton family history claims that this was the first known temperance society in America. The young people took their pledge to abstain

from alcohol just uphill from Horace Well's cider mill and distillery.

This was the beginning of a long period of religious fervor and revival, which in the 1830s resulted in the closure of many taverns. Members of the Westminster Temperance Society pledged abstinence from all alcohol except for medical purposes. Churches refused to receive people known to drink.

Three stores and one tavern stopped serving alcohol in the 1830s, and the loss of business weakened taverns; in the 1850s, the arrival of the railroad put most of them out of business for good. Abstaining from alcohol became normal for respectable citizens, and Westminster voted to be a 'dry' town many times in the 20th century. Two hundred years after the Apple Oven Ledge gathering, beer and wine are sold in town, but you have to travel to other towns to belly up to a bar.

### GOLEC TO SPEAK OCTOBER 19

Gail Golec, an archaeologist working on Abenaki projects in Bellows Falls and Brattleboro, will speak at the Historical Society Annual Meeting, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., at the Fire House.

Her talk titled 'Interpreting Historical Landscapes,' will focus on the Indigenous people who lived in our area beginning 13,000 years ago.

Refreshments will be served, and masks are strongly suggested. We'll all be history someday, but why rush it?

If you have questions please call 802-490-4281.

## NEWS FROM WESTMINSTER VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE

The Westminster Fire and Rescue Department holds its monthly meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month and a combined drill on the third Tuesday of every month. Rescue training is the second Tuesday of the month. Next association meeting is Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

The Prudential Committee normally meets once or twice a month. A warning will be posted 48 hours prior to each meeting.

- Number of calls in August: 48
- Number of calls through September 22nd: 28
- Number of calls calendar year to date: 356
- Number of calls fiscal year to date: 126

**Association Meeting:** The Westminster Fire and Rescue Association met for their regular meeting September 6th with Vice President J.T. Tabolt presiding. There were 27 members present and 12 members excused. Currently there are 47 members of the volunteer fire department.

**Emergency responses:** We had another almost record month in August with 48 total incident calls for the month. Right now we are averaging 40 calls a month for 2022.

The breakdown goes like this for August: 29 rescue /medical calls; three motor vehicle accident; seven Mutual aid calls: one to Walpole, one to Bellows Falls, one to Brattleboro, two to Putney, two to Rockingham; two with alarms sounding; six tree on wires/power line down; one CO Detector caused by LP gas leak.

Also there were a couple of training classes during the month.

**Chimneys:** Before you fire up your wood stove or furnace, take a look up the chimney to see if it needs cleaning or if something has built a nest inside and plugged it up, or hire a professional to do

the same.

**Firewood:** Be sure the wood is properly cured. Unseasoned wood can cause creosote which is very apt to plug up the chimney and cause a chimney fire. And the chimney fire can lead to a partition fire and the home could be lost or severely damaged. Check your chimney regularly throughout the heating season or have a professional look at it.

**Fire prevention week:** October 14 the Westminster Fire Department will be hosting a fire prevention day for local schools from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Several activities and demonstrations are planned to raise awareness about fire prevention and extinguishment.

To assist with the activities and be available for any questions, Smokey the Bear will be attending along with some law enforcement and ambulance personnel. The public is invited.

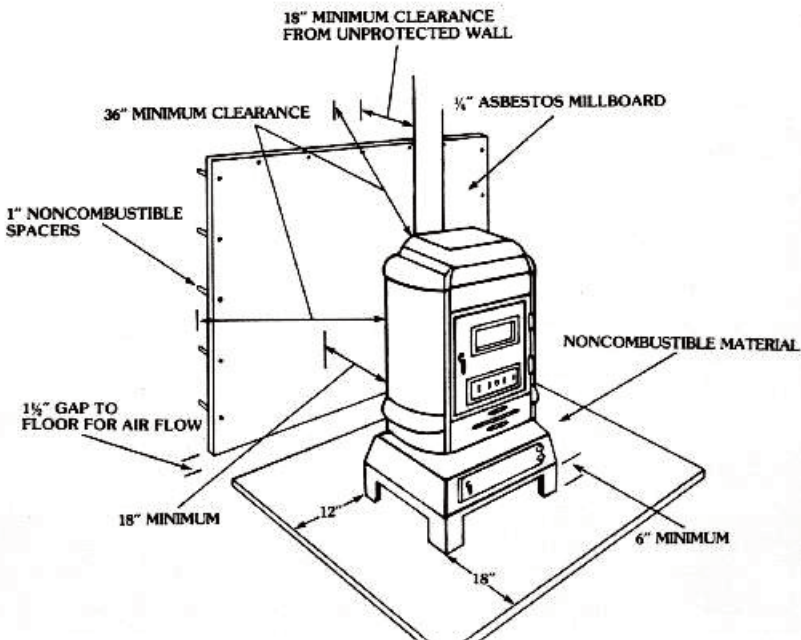
### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS FOR SALE:

Anyone want to buy a fire extinguisher? We have them for sale and there are 4 sizes available. See the Chief or stop by the fire station for more information if interested.

If anyone is installing a wood stove or wants to check on one already in use, here is a diagram of stove installation requirements.

The Westminster Fire & Rescue Association welcomes donations throughout the year from anyone wishing to remember a loved one or a friend.

As always, we would like to





## KURN HATTIN TO HOST CAPTAIN RICHARD PHILLIPS ON OCTOBER 28

Join us at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, Vermont on Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Captain Richard Phillips—An Exceptional Evening of Courage.

Meet Captain Phillips and hear the harrowing story of how he put himself in danger to protect his crew from Somali Pirates. His story was later made into a movie starring Tom Hanks.



Proceeds from this event will support Kurn Hattin Homes' technology upgrades and a new state-of-the-art smart lab.

Tickets include delectable libation and hors d'oeuvres, the cool, smooth sounds of the Don Baldini trio, and a Q & A session with Captain Phillips following his presentation.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at [www.captainphillips.kurnhattin.org](http://www.captainphillips.kurnhattin.org), or by calling (802) 721-6916. Space is being limited, so book your tickets early!

For everyone's safety, proof of COVID vaccinations required and masks optional at this time.

*In photo, Capt. Richard Phillips.*

## COMPASS SCHOOL & DEVELOPING CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS

While on a spring trip the year before the pandemic closed schools, 35 high school students crossed the dune onto Scusset Beach and wandered their separate ways. One sat off to the side engrossed in his novel, another got out some energy jogging down the beach. Four ran down to the frigid water and dipped their toes; one jumped right in, the other three eventually followed.

Another few sat together and dug in the sand. Yet another found a dead crab and studied its shell. Over the next hour, students roamed in and out of different groups, sometimes taking time to be alone, sometimes trying out skipping rocks or puzzling over some piece of beach detritus, sometimes going on walks, or sitting and talking and socializing.

To the casual observer, this may look like just hanging out; to Compass, this is important work.

What we see on a jaunt like this to the beach is that each student is comfortably showing their true self. This is no small accomplishment at any age but, to feel affirmed in your uniqueness during adolescence when there are so many internal and external pressures on kids, is indeed a powerful thing.

It is easy at this age to define oneself as what you are not. Teens often tell themselves, "I am not good at math, I am not a singer, I am not pretty or skinny enough..." The one thing many adolescents are not (yet) is confident, independent individuals—even though this is one of the key learning goals for high school.

At Compass, we try to focus students on what they are, rather than what they are not. Through widely diverse learning experiences, students are asked to find and show their true selves. As we see each other in such varied settings—from humanities and math to building clean-up to Health Day to Project Week—we are reminded that no one is a superstar at everything, nor does anyone struggle with every endeavor.

Every student is known well here—the student who

struggles with writing may be a hero on Mountain Day, hilarious on spring trips, super helpful during Winterm, a problem solver in science class, and a really good vacuumer! The great writer may be reserved about speaking up in class, but exacting in conducting science experiments, creative in the arts, and talented as a cook.

Once we overtly acknowledge that every individual has strengths and challenges, it is much easier to be open to and accepting of each person's unique qualities. In accepting students regardless of whether they are tall or short, rich or poor, straight or gay, have "creative" dyed hair, wear the most current fashion, or, maybe most importantly, whether they have struggled in school in the past or not, Compass offers each child the chance for a clean slate upon which to write their story.

By helping teens appreciate others in this way is a wonderful life lesson we are proud to impart at Compass—especially in these complicated, divisive times. Our aim is for each student to feel honored for their unique qualities and proud of who they are. We want our students to tell the world their stories, to develop self-awareness, and to find their own direction.

As adults, we tend to think that academic achievement is the primary goal of high school education. It is certainly true that progress on knowledge, developing academic skills, deepening understanding, and encouraging critical thinking are crucial. However, that alone is not enough for teens to be ready for life beyond high school and a world of work, life-long learning, and quality community. Of more immediate concern--especially for most adolescents--are the questions of who am I, what is my place in the world, how do I matter?

It is through experiences like what Compass offers that students expand their horizons and learn what they can be; it is through engagement that they identify their talents and learn what brings them gratification.

## PANEL DISCUSSION ON VT IMMIGRANT FARMWORKERS

On Oct. 6 at 6 p.m., a panel discussion about "The Most Costly Journey" will be held at the Rockingham Library.

This book tells the stories of 16 migrant workers in their own words. Illustrated by New England cartoonists, each short chapter describes life as an immigrant farmworker.

Julia Doucet, a nurse who serves the healthcare needs of migrant workers will be on the panel, along with Andy Kovolos, the archivist at the Vermont Folklife Center who guided the interview process from which this book evolved.

Those who can't attend the program in person may go to this zoom link on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83284494764>

Feel free to pick up a free copy of "The Most Costly Journey" at the Rockingham Library or the Flat Iron Coffee Cooperative on the Square in Bellows Falls. The distribution of 75 copies and the panel discussion are sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

For more information about the book distribution or panel discussion, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

## NATIONAL AUDUBON PHOTO WINNERS AT RFPL

The Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society Chapter is hosting the 2022 Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibition at the Rockingham Library in Bellows Falls from Oct 7th through October 26th. There will be a special opening of the exhibit on Friday the 7th at 5 p.m.

In the thirteenth year of the contest, winning photos, videos and honorable mentions were selected from 2,416 entrants from all 50 states, Washington D.C. and seven Canadian provinces and territories to appreciate

the wonder of birds and the places they inhabit.

With their stunning looks and captivating behaviors, birds often enthrall us when they cross our path. Many people spend hours or years seeking them out. But just as often, we stumble upon unique moments in a stroke of luck. Sometimes all it takes is simply stopping to appreciate an everyday scene with fresh eyes.

For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

## CHURCH HOSTS FALL COOKOUT - CELEBRATES NEW PAINT



On Saturday, Oct. 8 from 2:30 to 6 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Westminster is having a Fall Cookout.

Come and join the fun and good eats, as you enjoy the beauty of the newly painted church.

You have the options to sit outside, under the tent,

eat inside the building, or take your meal home. The meal offerings will be hamburgers, hot dogs, peppers, onions, and sausage, salads, chili, and an assortment of cookies and bars for dessert.

Proceeds from this event will help pay for the painting of the church. We hope to meet you there.

## REMEMBRANCES

**KATHLEEN BABBITT, 69**  
1953 - 9/9/2022  
WESTMINSTER, VT

**ELIZABETH CAMPBELL CHROME**  
1947 - 8/2022  
SAXTONS RIVER, VT

**BERNICE DEEN**  
4/25/1922 - 9/3/2022  
KEENE, NH

**LILLY McALLISTER, 21**  
8/17/2001 - 8/31/2022  
WESTMINSTER, VT

**JANE SMITH, 82**  
6/18/1940 - 8/24/2022  
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## LIBRARY BOOK SALE

There will be a Book Sale at Butterfield Library on Route 5 in Westminster, behind the Institute Building on Saturday Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The rain date is Oct. 9.

We are accepting book donations during Library hours Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

No text books please.

## MEET CANDIDATE BARRY



Meet Independent candidate for Windham County Assistant Judge Millie Barry at the Westminster Institute on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and at the Westminster West Community Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Bring your questions and share your thoughts.

## MEET REP. GOLDMAN

Drop by the Rockingham Library to chat with Windham-3 Representative Leslie Goldman on Saturday, October 1 between 10:30 - 11:30.

Goldman says, "Please come for an informal conversation about current issues and bring your questions. I look forward to seeing you and thank you to the library for sponsoring!"

A table in a quiet corner of the fiction room will be reserved for these conversations on the first Saturday of each month from now through Nov. 5.

## MEET YOUR REPS

Windham County residents will have two chances to meet Representative Michelle Bos-Lun of Westminster and Representative Leslie Goldman of Rockingham on October 15: 11 a.m. at the Flat Iron Cooperative in Bellows Falls or 2 p.m. in Westminster at Harlow's Farm Stand.

Snacks will be provided. This will be a chance to speak with these candidates in person, ask questions and tell them what matters to you.

They are seeking reelection as Democrats in the Vermont Legislature running to fill the two seats available in the newly redistricted Windham 3 which includes all of Westminster, Rockingham and Brookline.

The general election will be Nov. 8, but ballots will be mailed to all registered voters after September 16. Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at your Town Office by Nov. 8.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Bos-Lun at 802-289-2495 or Leslie Goldman at [gold-peak100@gmail.com](mailto:gold-peak100@gmail.com).





# WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS

## Activities

**WE NEED HELP FROM OUR READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS TO UPDATE THIS PAGE.**

**WHILE SOME ACTIVITIES ARE RESUMING, WE RECOGNIZE THAT MANY WILL NOT BE RETURNING.**

**IF YOU HAVE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE LISTED ON THIS PAGE, PLEASE CONTACT US WITH THAT INFORMATION.**

**IF THERE ARE ACTIVITIES THAT WE HAVE LISTED THAT WILL NOT BE RESUMING, PLEASE ADVISE US AND WE’LL REMOVE THEM.**

## Faith Community

**The First Congregational Church of Westminster**  
The First Congregational Church of Westminster is having in church worship services, as well as on Zoom. Pastor Sami will be continuing to preach through October.  
Saturday, October 8th, Fall Cookout from 2:30 to 6 p.m.  
October 2nd, Worship and Communion at 10 a.m. with Pastor Sami McRae  
October 9th, Worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Sami McRae  
October 16th, Worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Sami McRae  
October 23rd, Worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Sami McRae  
October 30th, Worshipat 10 a.m., liturgist to be announced.  
Women's Fellowship is meeting October 4th. Meeting begins at 11 a.m. and the luncheon will follow. Our hostess will provide dessert and beverages. Please join us at the church

**The Congregational Church of Westminster West**  
The Congregational Church of Westminster West worships every Sunday at 10 a.m. We are using Facebook Live to stream our weekly services, but you do NOT have to have a Face-book account to join us virtually. Just go on Facebook to the church's page, Congregational Church of Westminster West. Come as you are, but if you are with us in person we ask you to wear a mask when conditions warrant it. (Masks are available at the church.) We are an Open and Affirming Church and fully accessible.  
On the first Sunday of every month we celebrate Holy Communion. For those watching on Facebook, please provide your own elements for Holy Communion. On the second Sunday, the congregation collects a special offering for the food shelf at Our Place in Bellows Falls. Each dollar donated buys \$10 of food for Our Place from the Vermont Food Bank.  
Our Pastor is Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno. She keeps office hours (either in the office itself or by visiting parishioners) on Thursday afternoons and is available by appointment at other times. She keeps Mondays as her Sabbath observance. Susie can be reached via email at susiewt@gmail.com com or by phone at (802) 579-8356.

**Walpole Bible Church**  
The Grace Bible Fellowship holds its Sunday Worship Service at 9:15 a.m. at 38 Elm Street in Walpole, NH. More information at www.walpolebiblechurch.org.

**Walpole Unitarian Church**  
The corner of Union and Main Streets, Walpole, NH  
Services begin at 10:am with Rev. Elaine Bomford. www.walpoleunitarian.org.  
First Sunday of each month is Circle Sunday with visiting presenters.

**The A.R.P.A. Committee** is scheduled to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, provided there is content to discuss. The meetings will start at 6 PM at the Westminster Institute. Interested community members are encouraged to attend.

**Scottish Country Dance Classes**  
Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Westminster Center School Gym. 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 beginner’s workshop is taught at 8 p.m., and the regular dance goes from 8:30 to 11. A donation at the door will benefit the Pierce’s Hall Building Fund. For more information call 387-5985.

**Senior Potluck Lunch**  
Every 2nd Thursday of the month at noon. All Westminster seniors are invited to attend a potluck lunch at the First Congregational Church on Route 5.

**Secrets of Healthy Aging**  
A facilitated discussion group and pot-luck. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at the Westminster Fire Station from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

**Contra Dance**  
Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall in Walpole, N.H.

**Gentle Yoga**  
Every Monday at 10 a.m. at the Westminster Institute. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

**Chair Yoga**  
Every Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Westminster. Call Westminster Cares at 722-3607 for more information.

**Living Strong Classes**  
Mondays and Thursdays: at the First Congregational Church in Westminster from 9-10 a.m.; at the Westminster West Church from 6-7 p.m.; or at Greater Rock Fitness in Bellows Falls from 11-12. Call Westminster Cares for more information at 722-3607.

**Knitting Together**  
Join us every Wednesday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Village Square Booksellers, downtown Bellows Falls. Bring your knitting needles, we have the yarn and casual instruction if needed to knit hats, mittens and sweaters for area kids.  
All our yarn is from community donation and we distribute our completed work to all area schools and Parks Place. More knitters at all skill levels are wanted and we can promise you an enjoyable experience. For details or to donate yarn contact Caroline at 463-4653.

**Westminster West Book Group**  
The Westminster West Library has a book group meeting every third Monday from 7-9. Call the library if you are interested in getting a list of the books we are reading. Contact Lise Cavanaugh at 387-4682.

**Tai Chi Classes**  
Wednesdays at the Institute Beginner Class 9:45-10:45 a.m. Intermediate Class 11 a.m.- noon

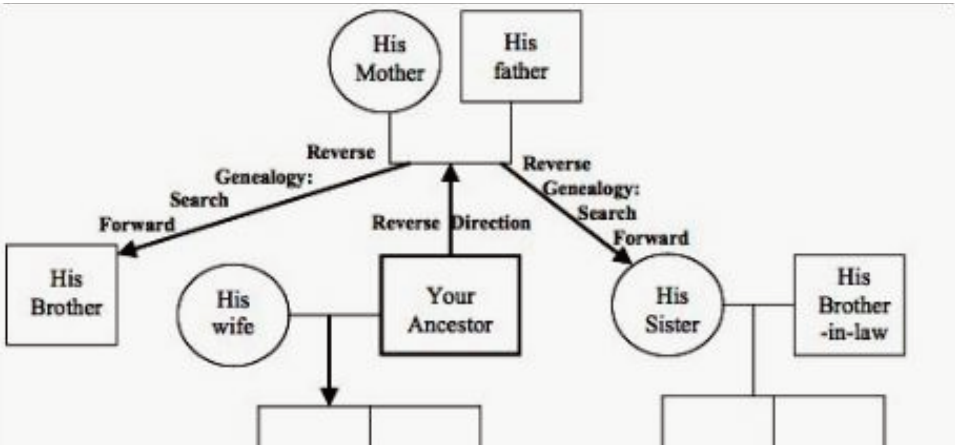
**The Living Earth Action Group** meets most Fridays at 5 p.m. at the Westminster West Congregational Church. For actual schedule e-mail Caitlin Adair at pcadair@sover.net.

## FAMILY GENEALOGY PROGRAM AT RFPL

Starting on Thursday, September 22 from 10:30 - 12 noon, Wayne Blanchard will host the first of weekly in-person meetings at the Rockingham Library to help people explore their family history.

The fall is a great time to do some genealogy. One of the best free resources is the FamilySearch.org website. Bring a laptop computer or a tablet to do some hands-on research. Library computers are also available for those who might need one.

This meeting will focus on FamilySearch because it is free and available both in the library and at home. The shared family tree is a collaborative effort like Wikipedia, and it can be very helpful to see what others have added to your family. Although there is the pos-



sibility of errors, many users add documents to back up the information they have put in the tree, which are particularly helpful in doing research. Everyone is welcome, from those who are just getting started to expert family historians.

For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call (802) 463-4270 or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

**Please Note:**  
**The Deadline for the Nov. 2022 Issue of the Westminster Gazette is Wednesday, Oct. 17**

**Publication Date is Wednesday, Oct. 26**

**To Contact the Westminster Gazette E-mail: westminsternews@gmail.com**



# GRAMMAR SCHOOL MEDIEVAL FAIRE OCT.8



On Saturday, October 8, from 10 am to 3 pm, The Grammar School in Putney, Vermont, will transform our campus into a medieval village once again as we host our 34th Medieval Faire. We are thrilled to be bringing this much-loved community event back after three long years!

Enjoy the festivities while the royal court presides over the Faire. Kids can ride a flying dragon, practice a joust, battle a knight, and even get knighted by the King and Queen! Fairgoers can also shop for goods in the village market and enjoy a range of live entertainment.

New this year are the Knights from Vermont Armored Combat. They will put on a live performance demonstration at 2 PM. Also new this year is the participation of Food Trucks! We're thrilled that Tito's Taqueria and Dave's Tandoor Cuisine will be providing delicious food for our fairgoers.

Other highlights this year include:

Birds of prey from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum

Artisan demonstrations

Fencing



Archery

Climbing walls

Sir Lancelot's flying horse

Pony rides

Giant chess

Games for younger children at Merlin's Midway

Candy-throwing catapult

Dragon treasure hunt

Admission to the Faire is free. All-day ride passes for \$25 and individual tickets are available for sale.

Net proceeds from the Medieval Faire go toward The Grammar School's financial aid fund which serves to make TGS affordable for as many families as possible.

For more information, please visit [www.thegrammarschool.org/medieval](http://www.thegrammarschool.org/medieval) or contact The Grammar School at 802-387-5364.

## COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENJOY TIME WITH THE KURN HATTIN HOMES' KIDS

A select group of community members, who have 'adopted a cottage' at Kurn Hattin Homes, enjoy a special gathering every year. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, the annual sponsor dinner and cottage visits were held on Sept. 15.

The program includes invitations to area businesses, clubs, and individuals to not only support the children's cottage residences, but also, and most importantly, visit and spend time with and get to know the children.

The program has been very successful and there is a waiting list to join. Attending this year's event were individuals from Cota & Cota, Keene Elm-City Rotary, Mascoma Bank, Dave & Lisa Therrien, Savings Bank of Walpole, and Streeter Contractors, LLC.

Prior to what is always a delicious dinner at Kurn Hattin Homes, the guests and children engaged in get-to-know-you activities, followed by dessert and fun time at the cottages.

Children told stories, danced, and even had the guests playing outdoors in push carts.

*Pictured is Cole Streeter in discussion with one of the Butler Cottage boys.*



## PLANNING COMMISSION HOSTS PUBLIC HOUSING FORUM NOV. 15

On Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Westminster Institute, there will be a Public Housing Forum hosted by the Westminster Planning Commission.

The discussion is an information gathering session designed to begin to address the housing crisis we are experiencing. In small groups focused on specific topics, attendees can bring forward their best and most creative ideas for addressing a variety of issues.

At the end of the evening, a summary of ideas will be shared with the entire group.

Discussion topics will include:

**Elder Housing** - strategies for aging in place, small group homes, elder communities and more.

**Tiny Houses** - solving zoning issues, clustering, poof-grid, etc.

**Clustered Housing** - concentrated villages, Planned Unit Development- are they right for your land? etc.

**Air BnB: Boon or Bust?** - Income booster, impact on housing market, successful strategies for regulation, freeing up long term rentals, your ideas.

**Other Topics You Care About**

Please join us and share your ideas on this important topic.

## “UNDERSTANDING CHILDHOOD POVERTY” CONFERENCE

New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children will hold its 29th Annual Fall Conference on Oct. 21, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Westminster. Stephen Pimpare, PhD will present “Understanding Childhood Poverty.”

Dr. Pimpare is an educator and practitioner with a long history of direct service, applied research, and public engagement. His work with a broad range of audiences has focused on helping people better understand the actually-existing constraints faced by poor households, and then to help them use that knowledge to develop strategies for improving well-being in their own organizations and communities.

Attendees will be able to earn Continuing Education credits toward maintaining their professional certification. Lunch and materials are included with admission. Register by October 1, 2022 for a discounted rate. To register go to: [www.conference.kurnhattin.org](http://www.conference.kurnhattin.org). For more information contact Terry Andrews at (802) 721-6913 or [tandrews@kurnhattin.org](mailto:tandrews@kurnhattin.org).

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~ RESCHEDULED TO OCTOBER 28, 2022 ~  
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GROWING A POLLINATOR GARDEN:  
RESTORING HABITAT TO  
YOUR OWN BACKYARD AND  
COMMUNITY

When you look into your backyard, what do you see? Is it humming with pollinators? It could be!

Join Master Gardeners and the founder of The Wildflower Pollinator Project at Putney Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. to learn more! Masks are required for this indoor program.

Susan Still and Peg Solon are UVM Extension Master Gardeners who have studied pollinators and the native plants on which they depend. In their workshop you will learn who the pollinators are (hint: not just honeybees) and how you can develop a backyard habitat that is not only beautiful but supports these important contributors to our ecosystem.

In addition to hearing from the Master Gardeners, Jane Collister, founder of Putney's own Wildflower Pollinator Project will also be present to talk about her organization's work.


The Wildflower Pollinator Project is dedicated to helping turn this tide of pollinator population decline by offering the resources and education on new and simple garden methods developed to protect wildflower seeds when sown in the fall and provide an abundance of seedlings in the spring.

Local volunteers who become members will receive free Wildflower Nursery Kits that supply everything needed to utilize this new method, providing enough seedlings in an on-going endeavor to repopulate local habitats.

To expand this vital project, we hope to secure funding as a non-profit organization.

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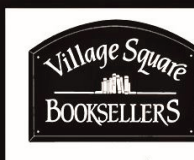
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