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12/6-12/8

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HELPING NEIGHBORS CONNECT

"Front Porch Forum is a free community-building service. Your neighborhood's forum is only open to the people who live there. It's all about helping neighbors connect."

To sign up, please follow this link <http://frontporchforum.com/>

The forum is for sharing all things related to the town, and although I know many people use Marlboro Freecycle and various Facebook pages, this is an opportunity for everyone to share with their neighbors on an open, egalitarian platform. I will be using this to post information related to our town government such as taxes are due October 11th, 2013, dog licenses are due on April 1st, elections information, and so forth. Signing up is pretty simple, just follow the directions, or give me a call / email if you have questions.

-Forrest Holzapfel



Thank you to everyone who supported "Team Wilson" for the 5k fundraiser held at the Fair! Your kind words and generosity have made a substantial impact, raising over \$2800! Please continue to keep the Wilson Family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to navigate this difficult journey.

*With gratitude, "Team Wilson"
Samantha, Julianne & Don Mills,
Olivia, Willow, Dalia, Celena &
Jorge Romo.*

The News from MES by Francie Marbury

The school year is off to a great start with classes taking advantage of the gorgeous fall weather to head out on hikes, camping trips, and mountain climbs. These trips are part of Outside Works and the community building that takes place at the beginning of each year as students renew friendships, make new friends, and create classroom expectations to guide their behavior and their learning. In a small school we hope to know each other well.

For the first time Marlboro School is serving lunch five days a week. Hats off to Kathy Pell and her assistant, Lois Smith, who are cooking up delicious, nutritious meals (snack and lunch) in our upgraded kitchen. Thank you to the school board for supporting this valuable addition to our program. We know that kids learn better when they are well nourished.

The Marlboro School Association met in early October to decide how to disburse the funds raised during last year's annual appeal. We are so lucky to have this support from an all volunteer community organization - and to have your support when you respond to the appeal letter. This year the MSA is purchasing microscopes, shelving units for the new library, and a bench and trash receptacle for the playground, as well as contributing to next year's Junior High trip to Costa Rica. They also funded Jerry Lundsted's creation of a new school garden. Thank you Jerry and MSA!

We welcome your visit any time. All School Sing is on Wednesday at 8:30. Come for the singing, the community appreciations, and Open Mike performances and you can check out the kitchen and the garden, too.

**MARLBORO MEETING
HOUSE SERVICES****Thanksgiving Service:**

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 PM
Bring non-perishable food items
for the Deerfield Valley Food
Pantry. Refreshments following
service.

**Christmas Candlelight Service
of Lessons and Carols:**

Sunday, December 23, 4:00 PM,
Offerings to be donated to
Heifer International and
Women's Freedom Center.

Refreshments following service

Select Board Report by Marcia Hamilton

The Select Board meets at 5:00 PM every second and fourth Thursday at the Town Office, unless otherwise warned.

The Select Board and Planning Commission will hold a public information meeting Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Marlboro Elementary School to discuss VTel's plans to provide a 140-foot Wireless Tower at 269 Old Hogback Road: 248a Application [DRM-ID.FID577625]. The two boards have identified four points of interest they would like VTel to address at the meeting. All are welcome to participate in the discussion.

The Town was awarded a \$4,000 grant from Better Back Roads to compile an inventory of trouble areas on town roads and work toward making some repairs on recurring trouble spots. The Town is also working with Vermont Local Roads for other grant funding possibilities.

The public is always welcome to attend Select Board meetings and we value your input. There is always a ten minute period for unscheduled open public comment. You may contact us by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

School Reviews Survey Results by Augusta Bartlett

At a meeting held at MES on Thursday October 10, the community, school board, and faculty met to review surveys which had been sent out to parents of MES students at five year intervals. Francie had, with the help of volunteers, recorded any significant changes over time in the responses. The survey covered Communication, Student Learning and School Climate as the major headings, with questions relating to those areas incorporated, answerable with the usual sense of agreement or disagreement from very positive to negative....or “don’t know” as another possible choice..

Generally speaking the responses were more or less consistent over time, with the feeling that communication with parents was good to excellent, and that results of student growth were evidenced by the Learning Fair demonstrations, student led reports during the academic year, and a culmination of portfolio work for 8th graders just prior to graduation. Suggestions were made as to ways to improve the Learning Fair by some parents who were present. Concerns had increased in recent years over the general climate of school, behavioral issues being one topic that might be further explored.

The meeting was a first for the town, but of vital interest to the board in particular, as they are directed by statute to reflect the wishes of the townspeople as to the goals of the local school. There was a relatively small turnout of community at the recent meeting, but since it was a first, it is to be hoped that in subsequent gatherings, more people—and not necessarily parents of current scholars, but taxpayers of any age—will come to future meetings to express their feelings about school. The faculty were available for comments and ready to hear the concerns of parents, and the school board likewise was eager to hear what people had to say, not only about the survey, but any other items not directly addressed by the survey.

We hope that when the Board initiates another such meeting that more will come, and a lively discussion will ensue. Participation is the key...and if anyone has a burning issue, or a great idea to be considered, please come to a board meeting, held monthly throughout the year, and present your idea. Interest is what keeps everyone alert, involved and moving forward for the best possible education for our youth.

A.W. Bartlett, School Board.

Reminders from Marlboro Cares

Senior Lunches -- Next lunch: Friday, November 1

The next Senior Lunch will be November 1st, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center at Marlboro College. As usual they'll be held at that time on the first Friday of each month. The chef needs to know numbers in advance so he can order food, so please call 258-3030 to make a reservation by the Monday night preceding the Friday luncheon. This is an earlier registration date than previously, so do make a note of it. Meals continue to be \$3.00 by donation.

'Plan Ahead and Rest in Peace' (Part One) – Wednesday, November 6

A workshop on Living Wills will be presented by Ray Walker on November 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marlboro Elementary School. Ray has presented this kind of workshop numerous times, helping participants walk through the steps of actually filling out a living will, specifying their own personal choices for health care if they should be unable to make decisions due to illness or incapacity. The document will be completed before they leave, with stamped envelopes provided for mailing.

Fall Flu Shot Clinic – Saturday, November 9

A nurse from Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire will be available to dispense flu shots on November 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 at Marlboro Elementary School. This is open to the all Marlboro residents 18 years old and up. They will bill Medicare directly for Seniors if the client brings his/her Medicare card. Cost for those not on Medicare will be \$25-\$28. They do not bill Medicaid, but forms will be provided for clients wishing to apply for reimbursement themselves. Make an appointment by calling Marlboro Cares (254-3030) or adding your name on sign-up sheets that will be posted at the School or Town Office closer to this date. But if you miss the sign-up, just stop by.

Lots of Work at Hogback! by Diana Todd

What's with the chainsaws on Hogback? Did you stop at the 100-mile view on Columbus Day weekend to drink in the sunshine and scenery? Did you hear the chainsaws in the distance and wonder what was going on? It's an all-volunteer project to rejuvenate and diversify the wildlife habitat options on the mountain. You can help! Five work sessions are planned for this fall; the final two are Saturday, November 9 and Friday, November 29 (the day after Thanksgiving).

Abandon any open spot in New England and it will immediately start reverting to forest. In the early stages of that succession, the dense young growth provides important habitat for a wide variety of bird and animal life. Many creatures use that kind of environment for feeding, courting, nesting, hunting, etc. Some species absolutely require it, for example the American woodcock and the New England cottontail rabbit. This particular type of habitat, known as "early successional habitat" (ESH), is in severe decline in New England, and the species that rely on it are in decline, too.

When the Hogback Mountain ski area stopped operating in 1986, New England's natural succession from field to forest started, the ski slopes became wide swaths of ESH, and wildlife flourished. But that growth is no longer young. Soon the former ski slopes will be hard to differentiate from the older forest around them. This pattern is occurring across New England. ESH abounded in the early 20th century when farm abandonment was at its peak. But no open land is being abandoned today. We have plenty of forests, lots of beautiful fields, but very little of that in-between stage.

The 10-year ESH rejuvenation project on Hogback, managed by the Hogback Mountain Conservation Association (HMCA) and approved by the Hogback Preservation Commission (HPC), aims to manage the growth/re-growth on the former

ski slopes in order to create and maintain a wide variety of ESH growth on the mountain. Each of the five major ski slopes will be cleared, one every two years, and then allowed to re-grow. We're starting this year by clearing the former "Meadow" ski slope. About three acres will be cleared . . . if we have enough willing hands to help out.

We need chain sawyers, brush haulers, and limb loppers. Most of the growth that needs to be cut consists of small pole sized hardwoods - things about as big around as a baseball bat, where a chain saw is the most efficient tool. We're not hauling away all the brush, but we are keeping the hiking trails clear and we're building many large brush piles (which provide useful nesting/denning sites). Where we aren't stacking the brush into piles, the goal is to de-limb the fallen trees, to create a mat of debris. This is where people with loppers can be a big help, following behind (far behind! for safety's sake!) the chain sawyers and breaking down the brushy tops into a more readily decomposing mat.

Join us on Saturday, November 9 and Friday, November 29 (the day after Thanksgiving) from nine to noon. Bring your tools and meet at the former Alpenglow (the white A-frame building west of the gift shop) at 9:00. It's a short walk to the work site. We'll have a small ATV to carry the heavy gear like chain saws, gas cans, etc. If you plan to join us, drop a line to diana.todd@comcast.net. (If you decide to come at the last minute, without having sent an email in advance, great! Come on out!)

To learn more about the project, visit hogbackvt.org and click on the ESH Project tab.

ZUMBA, 5:00 - 6:00 PM on Mondays

ZUMBA is back for the Fall 2013 semester at Marlboro College! Classes are completely free of charge for all and are open to participants from the wider community.

ZUMBA is an hour-long, cardio-dance fitness class incorporating Latin and other international rhythms/music. No previous dance experience necessary! The average Zumba class helps you burn between 500 - 800 calories in a single hour, so come ready to sweat & groove.

Location: Serkin Dance Studio, Marlboro College. Bring: water bottle. Wear: loose-fitting clothing that you can move in
Footwear: please be prepared to dance barefoot OR bring a pair of indoor-only shoes

Questions? Please email Stefanie at stefanie@marlboro.edu.

Winter YogaDance Session for Women

Tuesdays 6:30 pm at Marlboro Elementary School.
Beginning December 3rd, 2013.

75+ minutes of music, movement & meditation
through the chakras.

Rock, funk, classics, jazz (& the community of women)
make it fun.

Skill & experience completely irrelevant.
(If you can take a brisk walk, you can yogadance.)

11 week session for \$111.11 (early-bird). Session fills quickly.
More info: kellysalasin.com, kel@sover.net, 802-254-7724

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**November**

1st ...Marlboro Cares Senior Lunch (p3)

6th ...Living Wills Workshop (p3)

9th ...Fall Flu Shot Clinic (p3)

9th ...Hogback Work Day, 9-12(p4)

17th ...Marlboro Meeting House Thanksgiving Service. 4 PM (p2)

29th ...Hogback Work Day, 9-12 (p4)

December

6-8th ... Book and Gifts Fair @ MES (p1)

23rdMarlboro Meeting House Christmas Candlelight Service, 4PM (p2)

Events at Marlboro College

(All events free and open to the public)

Concert: Music for a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday, Nov. 3rd, Ragle Hall

Join violinist Andrew Eng and pianist Tae Kim for a program of music by Hindemith, Mozart, Brahms, and Poulenc.

Dance Work in Progress by Vanessa Anspaugh

Thursday, Nov. 7, 7PM, Dance Studio (Serkin Center)

Brooklyn-based choreographer Vanessa Anspaugh presents a new dance work in collaboration with performers Niv Acosta, Addy's Gonzalez, Eleanor Smith, Jesse White, and dramaturge Susan Mar Landau.

Concert: Amanda Bloom & Zachary Swanson

Friday, Nov. 15th, 7 PM, Ragle Hall

Join this Brooklyn-based bass and voice duo for an evening of serious and youthful jazz.

Readings from Whole Terrain's 20th Anniversary Issue

Friday, Nov. 22nd, Appletree, 4:30 PM

Hear readings from four contributors to Whole Terrain's "Heresy" volume, Marlboro writing professor Kyhl Lyndgaard will read from "Dumping Compost: A Literary Look at Human Waste;" Robin MacArthur and Avah Gibbons will read from "The Avah Poems," and *Whole Terrain* managing editor Michael Metivier will read from his work.

Municipal Meetings:

(unless posted otherwise)

Select Board: 2nd & 4th
Thursdays at 4:30pm

School Board:
1st Monday at 6pm

Board of Listers:
Wednesdays at 7pm

Planning Commission: 2nd
Tuesday at 5pm

Town Auditors: 3rd Monday
at 3:30pm

Development Review Board:
3rd Tues at 7pm

Fire Company: 2nd & 4th
Wednesday at 7pm

Marlboro Energy
Committee: 3rd Thurs at
7:00pm, MES

Conservation Commission:
1st Monday at 7:00

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Lance C. Shader, 464-5676, Attorney at Law

Malcolm Moore, 254-5664,
surveygmls@gmail.com
Green Mountain Land Surveying

J. Mark Littlehales: Boat building, repair, maintenance & woodwork for the home.
jmark@sover.net, 254-6955

Mountain Meadow Farm: 348-7344
Organic Beef; Composted manure

Kevin Hamilton: 257-5666
Softwood shavings; maple syrup; cordwood

Russell Horton 254-2651, Drum repair and lessons

Applewoods Studio and Gallery, 254-2908
Turned vessels and wood furniture

Wylie Carlisle 579-8311
Landscaping and lawn services

Rob Shapiro, chipping services 254-2570

Absolute Computer Solutions, 413-388-8041 (in Marlboro)

Jerry Lundsted 254-6512. Earthwork, excavating

Whetstone Ledges Farm 257-7328
Maple syrup, seasonal produce, berries

Green Power, 2063 Route 9, Small engine sales and repair

Will & Paula Fielding Banjos: banjos, repairs, lessons 464-3260, fieldingbanjos.com

Lucy Gratwick Fine Hand-weaving 257-0181
Functional hand-woven apparel

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Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin.

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Alcan power equip---lawn equipment, chainsaws,generators-sales &service [348-7808](tel:348-7808)

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Brent Seabrook - Carpentry: Design, Build, Restore, Refinish. 464-5169

A&J Heating LLC, Aaron Diamondstone 254-2246. solar hot water and all heating systems

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Poetry classes for young people and adults

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Jorge Romo, Renovation, New Construction, Painting, Roofing, Drywall, Tile 251-0214

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lavignephotography.blogspot.com

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NEXT DEADLINE: December 15th for the November/December Mixer

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