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A FREE newsletter for the town of Marlboro, Vermont.

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**A FREE newsletter
for the town of
Marlboro**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR, MARLBORO!

May it be filled with good company and much joy.



13th ANNUAL JANUARY THAW BOOK-SWAP
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25,
@ the TOWN HOUSE 9 AM - NOON
Marlboro Town Center

You don't have to bring books
to take books!

- BROWSE AND TAKE HOME ANY BOOKS YOU LIKE.
- ENJOY A HOT BEVERAGE AND BAKED GOODS.
Our treat! (donations are welcome)
- You can leave the remainder
of your books for recycling
or pick them up by 12



sponsored by Marlboro Alliance Events
Want to help set up or clean up?
Bake something to share?
Other Questions? Email Sarah at
lavignephotography@yahoo.com or
call 257-6918

Marlboro Historical Society 2014 Calendars are now on sale !!

Available at
the Marlboro Town Office,
the Hogback Mountain Gift
Shop, and at Vermont
Artisans in Brattleboro, or by
mail.

The 2014 calendar highlights
many portraits from our
extensive photography
collection and an assortment
of photographs depicting
various time periods
in Marlboro's history, past
and present. Calendars are
\$15 each.

The calendar is created by
photographer and local
historian Forrest Holzapfel.
Contact Forrest at 258-2568
or forrest810@gmail.com for
more information

Want to Teach? Share a Passion or a Skill?

The Marlboro School
Afterschool program
(L'After) is seeking
community members to lead
activity groups with kids
after school. Specifically
I'm looking for people who
like to build things, play
chess, or have a special
skill or hobby such as
knitting. There is a stipend
for your time. If you have
an afternoon a week
available, love kids, and are
interested please contact
Emily Wagner (the L'After
coordinator) at
ewagner@marlboroschool.net
for more details.

New WiFi Hot Spot in Town Center

The Town of Marlboro has received the first of its two free services under the auspices of a grant from the Vermont Digital Economy Project, a sub-program of the Vermont Council on Rural Development. The VDEP program is federally funded, and has been offered to towns who were significantly affected by Tropical Storm Irene. The town center now has a WiFi booster installed on the Town Office building which boosts the existing DSL signal to the Church, Town House, and in a 200 foot radius around the parking lot. Signing into the unprotected network is required, and certain kinds of internet use (streaming movies, etc.) are restricted, but for general web use it is a reasonably fast service made available to the public. The second service we will receive is a new, updated website which is now in development and is scheduled to be online in March. Contact Forrest Holzapfel, Town Clerk with questions 254-2181 or marlborotownclerk@gmail.com

Select Board Candidates Needed!

I have decided due to a number of changed life factors that I will not be running for a second term on the select board. I've enjoyed my time on the board, have enjoyed all the people I have met and am currently serving with two very competent and team-oriented board members. Our process is efficient and strong. We are working on some great projects that I believe will serve the town well. This would be a perfect time to start with the board!

I would like to encourage people to step up and consider candidacy. If you are interested or know of someone who you think would serve the town well, please contact Forrest Holzapfel our Town Clerk. Candidates must collect signatures from register voters (very few, this is not a difficult task). Petitions are due at the end of January. If potential candidates would like to chat about the role please feel free to call me at 464-9930.

Thank you.

Andrea Livermore

Upcoming Events at Hogback

Dec. 31st: Sunset Snowshoe Hike. 3:30-5 PM. Meet at white A Frame next to old gift shop on Route 9.

January 18th: Now and Then: Exploring What's Left of the Ski Area. 10 AM-12. Using a set of photos taken at the ski area in 1948 (and archived by UVM as part of their Landscape Change Program), we'll tramp up and down the mountain on snowshoes and try to figure out where the photos were taken. What's changed in the intervening 65 years? What's still there?

More info? Email hogback1@sover.net

Words from The Poetry Studio

Ever since The Poetry Studio opened in-1996. Ann Gengarely has been offering after-school classes that combine poetry, art and nature. These classes for young people are individualized, personal and combine many age levels with the belief that the poetic spirit defies age. Students who come to The Poetry Studio are invited to slow down and engage intensely with the creative process, be it their writing and/or a painting or a collage.



Wednesday, December 4th, a poetry reading and celebration honored these poets' voices. Three poets from Marlboro Elementary School participated; their wide hearts and wisdom are gifts for the larger community.

May the New Year be filled with love, magic and hearts filled with flowers.

Ann Gengarely

The Truth About Love

Love,
love has no end.
It has no pattern.
Love sounds so beautiful
but it is silent.
Love has no shape.
It has a strong voice
though it doesn't speak.

The trees and the flowers celebrate love.
The wind floats through tree leaves,
and flower blossoms,
weaving a song to the love that everyone feels.

Love will never end.

Madison DiMariono
3rd grade

My heart is an owl.
My heart is flying out of my body,
rising up to the full moon that glows
like a million fireflies.
My heart is an owl--
"whoo-who-who-who-who-who-who-"
in the middle of the night,
as dark as a house with no lights on,
my voice as soft
as a cricket singing.

Maise Sperling
1st grade

Guardian Angel

Oh special angel
will you be my guardian spirit?
When I'm lonely
will you put happiness inside me?
When I'm sad
will you hug me
with your silvery wings?
When thunder scares me,
please smile at me.
When I'm angry,
put a flower in my heart.

Tess Bogart , 2nd grade

Classes will be offered again in the spring. For more information: 257-8972

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 held a public information meeting on the proposed telecommunication pole to be installed on Old Hogback Road. The boards sent a letter to the Public Service Board with concerns and general support for the project. Once installed, the facility will be operating in a network that would enhance wireless communications for some Marlboro residents.

The Board signed a contract with Stevens & Associates to Evaluate Marlboro road conditions using a Vermont Local Roads Grant. The goal for the work is to observe and prioritize areas of concern for approximately half of the Town's 53 miles of gravel roads. With Road Foreman David Elliott they will revisit prioritized areas during mud season to better understand needed repairs. The Town's intent is to leverage outside monies and be proactive in long range goals for road maintenance. Grant monies are available each year so that eventually all of the Town's road problem areas will be evaluated, prioritized, repaired and maintained.

The Board settled on health care benefits for Town employees and will offer the Platinum plan with Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

A new agreement has been adopted by the Select Board with Efficiency Vermont to move forward with the PACE Program. The Property Assessed Clean Energy administrative forms have been updated by the state and require new signatures. Several years ago voters at Town Meeting voted to create a PACE District in Marlboro.

Select Board members and Adam Katrick, Animal Control Officer, have been monitoring dog issues in a few areas of town. The Town has an ordinance and copies may be obtained on the Town Website at www.marlboro.vt.us or at the Town Office.

Glenn Herrin reviewed emergency management updates with the Board including the Vermont Yankee shut-down schedule. He indicated the Radiological Emergency Response Plan will be updated for at least two more years.

The Windham Regional Commission will hold a public hearing on Marlboro's Draft Town Plan Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Town Office. The Planning Commission and Select Board have already held public hearings on the Town Plan and this will be the last opportunity for public comment.

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 the select board by email at marlboroselectboard@gmail.com or by post at Select Board, PO Box 518, Marlboro, VT 05344.

Marlboro Fire Department Seeks Volunteers!

Have you ever wondered who would respond if you dialed 911? If you call for a medical or fire related emergency, the answer is friends and neighbors of yours who volunteer and have been trained by the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department. That's right, these vital services are provided by volunteers, residents of Marlboro just like you! Everyone who joins the fire department has different strengths, and there are opportunities to help out in many ways.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members, and anyone who has an interest in helping out their neighbors at their time of greatest need is encouraged to join. There are no mandates to attend calls, so if you are at work out of town or are home alone with your infant child you don't have to choose between those responsibilities and responding to a call. For a small town like Marlboro, the cost of paying for these services would be prohibitive, so as a volunteer you can feel proud to be literally saving your town. Trainings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Fire House on South Road, and all are invited to attend and learn more about this opportunity to become involved in your town in this very meaningful and direct way.



Thanks from the Marlboro Fair by Jeff Bower

Thank you all for a fantastic 2013 Marlboro Fair!

With snow falling on the Muster Field, it's hard to believe that back in September there was a beautiful, warm, blue-sky day when over 400 people came together to celebrate "The Makers of Marlboro!" Now, with our gardening gloves replaced by something a little bit warmer, before we start planning the 2014 fair let's take a moment to say "thank you" to everyone who made 'Makers' such a great day!

Where to begin? Why, with all the Makers of Marlboro who dedicated their time & talent showcasing skills & sharing knowledge throughout the day : Martina Lantin, Ken Johnson, Sunny Tappan, Ron Demers, Mike Clough from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum, Ironwood Artisans, Dave Matt for the great syrup tasting, Whetstone Ciderworks, Jeremy Matt, Josh Sargent (he rocked), Andrea Matthews, Andy Reichsman & Kate Purdie, Jean Boardman and the MES Oral History project, Judith Reichsman, and all who brought arts and crafts items as well as the community groups who shared information and inspiration in the Community Tent

And then the stage, of course, and what a superb lineup it was. Thank you to all those who made the hills ring with song and prose, beginning with the Ill Wind Ensemble for our opening parade; Singcrony--Carrie Walker, Ruth Allard, Beth Kiendl, and Andrea Matthews; Red Heart the Ticker--Robin MacArthur, Tyler Gibbons, and Rick Contino; Rich Grumbine; Lynn and Will Rowan; Michael Hertz; The Outlandish Landsharks--T. Fredric and Lillian Jones; Jesse Lepkoff and Friends; The MacArthur Family; and The Moondogs--Dante Corsano and friends. It was also a perfect day for poetry, with fine readings by Jodi Paloni, Sunny Tappan, T. Hunter Wilson, and Kelly Salasin. As always, the stage would not be possible without Dan & Gary MacArthur turning sunlight into electricity and running the amps & soundboard.

How about the food? We are grateful once again for the tireless efforts of Javed Chaudhri and Family, Jill and Patty's Tea Tent, and the Marlboro Alliance for yummy meals and for donating their proceeds to help keep the Fair going each year. Thank you as well to the Marlboro Junior High students and The Meetinghouse School parents for the delectable cuisine. And everyone appreciates coffee from Richie Brown!

While we're on the subject of food : thank you as well to everyone who shared their garden produce and preserves (and flowers!), and beverages, and to our panel of unsurpassed judges who keep the Ag tent hopping all morning : Jill Hulme, Mallory Lake, Nat Waring, Phillip Johansson, Dianna Noyes, Bonny White, Ed Kawalski, and Andy Reichsman. We are grateful as well for David Kelly of Sticky Fingers Bakery and to Brian Newcomb of Marlboro College for lending their professional expertise to the King Arthur Flour Baking Contest.

We'll see you all on September 13th, 2014, for the 32nd Annual Marlboro Town Fair.

Thank You from the Meeting House School

A big thank you to our community for supporting our 2013 Annual Appeal fundraising effort. At this point we have raised approximately \$900. As our school is a non-profit and not publicly funded, these donations are essential to our ability to provide a quality and affordable preschool education for children ages 3-5 in Marlboro (and surrounding towns). We couldn't do this without the support of our community, and welcome more donations in the new year.

We also want to give you a heads up that our famous **MUDFLING** event, (Silent auction! Decedent desserts! Live music!) will be on **Saturday, March 1st**. Mark your calendars now; we look forward to seeing you there.

With much gratitude,

The Meeting House School Board of Directors

Violin, viola, cello teacher with life-time experience returned to Vermont after 33 years - studied with Julliard teachers Dorothy Delay, Ivan Galamian and Robert Koff, also with Ernestine Briesmeister and Blanche Moyses.

Also sight-reading, ear training, music theory in conjunction with recorder lessons.

Adults welcome and, for now, teach at your house.

Thanks,
Gudrun Weeks
490-0165

The News From Marlboro Cares by Jennifer Mazur

The Board of Directors of Marlboro Cares wish a Happy New Year to everyone in town and a special Thank You to all our volunteers.

Senior Lunches

The Senior Lunches have been more popular than ever. After a break in January, the next Senior Lunch will be February 7th. Please be sure to call 258-3030 anytime up until Monday evening, February 3rd to make your reservation. Feel free to call even today! We have limited space for only 25 people, so reservations are important. Our thanks go to our November and December speakers, Bob Engel and Forrest Holzapfel, both of whom presented fascinating talks along with interesting Q&A's afterwards.

Senior Lunches take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am in the Marlboro College Café.

Senior Wellness Clinics

The Senior Wellness Clinics are temporarily on hold, due to lack of participation.

Volunteering

Marlboro Cares is an organization of neighbors helping neighbors. If you would like to become a volunteer to provide someone with a ride, cook a meal, provide companionship, or do a simple errand, please call 258-3030 or email jennifermazur2@gmail.com.

For information about resources or to sign up for the Senior Lunch, please call the Marlboro Cares number, 258-3030. Someone will return your call within 24 hours. Also, if you are someone in need of a ride or other non-emergency help, please be assured that Marlboro Cares has a pool of wonderful volunteers available to help. Simply call 258-3030 and leave a message.

Front Porch Forum Now Active in Marlboro

Marlboro's Front Porch Forum is already active with over 100 people signed on as local members. Neighbors have been sharing an abundant South Road grape harvest, looked for help stacking wood, and warned about a break-in on Ames Hill. This modern-day cross between community bulletin boards and virtual town greens is making it easy for neighbors to connect. It's free. It's local. And it's friendly.

Visit FrontPorchForum.com to join in.

Because the service is moderated and real names accompany postings, the discussions remain civil, engaging, and relevant. In times of need, such as during and following natural disasters, a Front Porch Forum becomes even more powerful.

More than 60,000 households across Vermont already use their neighborhood FPFs to find roofers, give away strollers, rally volunteers for pie suppers, trade equipment, and describe wildlife sightings. Common topics also include school budgets, town office candidates, local events or starting a food shelf.

FPF and the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Vermont Digital Economy Project are teaming up to bring this service to all Vermonters for free. Vermont's Congressional delegation played a crucial role in getting this project funded and off the ground in our state.

January/February Calendar of Events

December

31stSunset Snowshoe @ Hogback, 3:30-5 PM

January

3rdSenior Lunch @ Marlboro College, 11:30 am (p6)

14th Windham Regional Commission Hearing on Marlboro’s Town Plan

18thNow and Then Hogback Snowshoe Hike, 10-12 AM

25thMarlboro Bookswap! (p1)

February

7thSenior Lunch @ Marlboro College, 11:30 AM (p6)

March

1stMARLBORO MUDFLING, Meeting House School

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



Marlboro Mystery Photo

Can you identify these Marlboro folks?

And any guesses for the year this Town Meeting took place?

If so, send your answers to the Mixer!

(macarthur.robin@gmail.com)

(Photo from the Marlboro Historical Society Archives)

Marlboro Town Services Want to list your business or skills here? Call or email **The Mixer**.

Amy Taliaferro 802-999-6590, Massage, Craniosacral Therapy

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

Donald Sherefkin, AIA 254-9736. Architectural Services, sherefkin@gmail.com

Yoga & YogaDance 254-7724 <kel@sover.net>
Kripalu Instructors Casey Deane & Kelly Salasin.

Nat Waring Woodworking 257-4100, custom furniture, built-in cabinets, corian countertops

Brian McNeice—Bonvue Farm. Pastured poultry & 100% grass-fed beef. 258-2296

Greg Burnell 257-0796 Guitar Lessons. All ages all styles. gregsblues18@yahoo.com

Walt's Chain Saw Carvings, Walter F. Ridel, 1947 Auger Hole Rd. 348-7162

Theo's Handyman Services (802) 254-4738

Custom hardwood frames & more, Bob Kreitzer 464-5992 whoframedbob@myfairpoint.net

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

Dave Matt: firewood, hay, maple syrup 464-9788

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

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

Green Mtn. Floral Arts; weddings & special events. Carie Kowalski, 380-2832

David Johnson, lawn mowing & odd jobs. 464-5891

Skunk's Tree Service 802.598.4434.

The Poetry Studio- 257-8972
Poetry classes for young people and adults

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Editorial Skills, Stretch Coach/Prevention

Gary MacArthur, 257-7026, Solar PV & hot water systems, gwmaca@gmail.com

Refilling Your Well Counseling, Robin White 802-254-2246 www.refillingyourwell.com

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

Malcolm Wright, The Turnpike Road Pottery. theturnpikeroad.com, 254-2168

Sunrise House Painting and Landscaping. 257-7184 SunrisePaintersVT.com

Allen Warner - 464-2099 Painting, Small Carpentry, Pressure Washing, Lawn Mowing & small snow removal

Ames Hill Storage, LLC Heated winter storage. 802-254-2501

Lavigne Photography: 257.6918
lavignephotography.blogspot.com

Rambling Brook Farm, pastured-grained pork, seasonal produce, firewood, 258-0409 or Rob@RamblingBrookFarmVermont.com

Adirondack Chairs, Picnic Tables, Trellises, etc., made to order. Fred Bisbee, 464-0297

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NEXT DEADLINE: February 15th for the March/April Mixer

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