

# TALES OF TINMOUTH

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## Editors' Notes: April Showers Bring May Flowers!

The deadline for submissions (news, items of interest, get well wishes, ads, etc.) is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Please email your information to *Tales of Tinmouth* (tinmouthtales@vermontel.net) or drop it off at the Town Office. Thank you.

*Gail Fallar & Pat Psholka*



## Community Needs Assessment

The Select Board, Planning Commission and Recreation Committee would like your input.

Please find enclosed the survey – with a pre-stamped return envelope – for your convenience. You can also take it online using the url link or QR code above.

Please submit this brief survey by April 22<sup>nd</sup> to make sure your voice is heard! Take the survey online by following the link below, or mail your paper copy to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission using the stamped envelope included with this newsletter.

The online survey can be found here: [tinyurl.com/tewt5xaf](https://tinyurl.com/tewt5xaf)

Thank you for taking the time and providing your input. This Needs Assessment is being covered by a state grant to help smaller communities.

## ~ Annual Appointments and Vacancies in Need of Volunteers ~

The Select Board is reviewing the annual appointment of town officers - from Pound Keeper to Green-Up Day to the Energy Committee. There is a complete list on pages 3 and 4 of the 2023 town report.


The Board of Adjustment, the Planning Commission, and the Conservation Commission all have members with staggered 3 or 4 year terms, so each year a few openings happen.

Currently there are vacancies on the Planning Commission, the Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Website Committee, the Equity and Inclusion Committee, the Energy Committee and the Safety and Wellness Committee.

Please contact the town office - 802-446-2498 or [tinmouthtown@vermontel.net](mailto:tinmouthtown@vermontel.net) if you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information about them. The Select Board anticipates making the appointments at its April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you for being willing to serve your community.

## ~ Dog Licenses Due April 1<sup>st</sup> ~

 A current rabies certificate is required. You can call the Town Office if you don't know if your dog needs a shot or not. Fees are \$9 for neutered/spayed dogs and \$13 for those that are not. 50% penalty is assessed after April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can also license them by mail if you wish.

## ~ Homestead Declaration ~

This is a reminder that you need to file an **annual Homestead Declaration** with the Vermont Department of Taxes, form HS-122. You must file this to qualify for the homestead education tax rate and to request a property tax adjustment if you are eligible.

You must also file form HI-144 (household income), **due April 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is required even if you do not have to file or pay state income taxes.

## ~ Tinmouth Cemetery Association ~ Annual Meeting ~ Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

The Tinmouth Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** at the Old Fire House.

All are welcome. There is an opening for an additional trustee (you must own a lot to be one).

*Glenn D. Merrill, President*



~ Annual Tinmouth Plant Sale ~

By Tracy Byford

It's spring and while outside the view may not be the most spring-like just yet, it is coming. And, so is the Tinmouth Plant Sale! This non-profit sale benefits the community.

Volunteers are needed to help dig, pot, move plants and set up. If you have plants to donate, please let us know what they are. Knowing the color and variety is important; people won't buy a daylily that they think might be the common roadside orange, for example. If you don't know the name of the variety, a description is good; a photograph is superb.

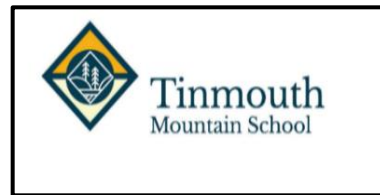
This is a wonderful way to divide your plants to keep them looking their best and help fund the Tinmouth Continuing Education Scholarship Fund. You can drop plants after April 12th at 148 Channel Road, Tinmouth.

We can always use flowerpots that are 6" or larger, clay or plastic. No small ones, please; the plants we sell are too robust to fit into those.

Volunteering is a great chance to "blossom blab" with fellow gardeners, and maybe learn a few things about different perennials. There are always some orphan plants looking for good homes, too.

We dig and pot up plants from mid-April to early May with the sale beginning this year May 4th and running through Mother's Day, the 12th.

We'd love to see you. Please email Tracy ([tracyleab@gmail.com](mailto:tracyleab@gmail.com)) if you might be interested in helping/donating plants and let us know if you'd like to be added to the email list of volunteers for updates.



April 1, 2024

To the Tinmouth Community,

The warm April sun is a welcome relief from the seemingly endless winter. Snow drops and daffodils have already graced the schoolyard pollinators' garden. Spring is the *season of hope*. Spring is earth's renewal, an event enhanced this year by the solar eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

School will be dismissed on April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon. There will be no afterschool program. Staff will be leaving at noon as well to view the eclipse and to avoid the anticipated traffic from out of state.

We are also in the midst of testing season. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are completing the state Cognia tests during April. The testing window extends through to May 26<sup>th</sup> when the STAR 360 testing begins. On average, students are spending 2 hours a week testing.

A hiring committee has been recruited to interview candidates for Tinmouth School principal. The committee consists of two parents, two teachers, one paraprofessional, and our school board member. There were seven parents requesting to be on this committee so a student randomly chose two names from a hat. The paraprofessional on the committee was randomly chosen as well from the three who requested to be on the committee. Out of fairness to the folks who applied to be principal, the district formed a committee of six. The six, committee members met, reviewed the interview process, and designed questions to be asked of all applicants. If there is a tie, the superintendent will choose between the two candidates. There are 4 professionals being interviewed the first week in April. The new principal will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Remember, the school is closed from April 15<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup> for spring break.**

Thank you as always for your ongoing support!

**Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker  
Principal  
Tinmouth Mountain School**

**Old Firehouse Concert Series Starts on April 19**

By Lendy Krantz

The Tinmouth Concert Series is restarting this spring! Join us for the first one on **Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm** for a show with **Patti Casey and Tom MacKenzie**.

Patti and Tom are two of central Vermont's musical gems. Together they explore everything from French Canadian dance tunes to Tin Pan Alley, to Old Time Country, and a healthy dose of originals.

Patti is an award-winning songwriter and her voice will melt your heart. Tom's Banjo and voice are a perfect compliment, as the two of them weave their way through the many styles of traditional songs and tunes. You will leave one of their performances with toes tapping and a smile on your face.

\$15 suggested donation per person. Contact Lendy at ([melendy.krantz@gmail.com](mailto:melendy.krantz@gmail.com)) or [old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com](mailto:old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com).



~ **TINMOUTH GREEN UP ~ 2024 ~**  
**Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*By Doug Fontein*

The Tinmouth Green Up Committee is teaming up with the Conservation Commission to create a fun and delicious Green Up. In hopes of bringing the community out on Green Up Day, we're doing some fun activities at the Transfer Station at the conclusion of the event.

Green Up volunteers will **meet at the Transfer Station between 8:30 and 9:00** to get bags and a section of road to clean up. We'll reunite at the transfer station at **11:00 for the GALA AWARDS CEREMONY (with prizes) and FREE ICE CREAM.** This is a family and kid-friendly event, so please bring your young ones so they can share the fun (and maybe learn a little about civic responsibility and protecting our environment).

There won't be a Green Up activity at the school this year, so this is your kiddos' opportunity to be part of the team! People are also welcome to do DIY Green UP by getting bags from the Town Office (bags should be there by mid-April) and cleaning a section of roadside as your schedule allows. But we urge you to come with your family on Saturday morning to help build community momentum for this important and fun activity.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots, work gloves, long pants and long-sleeved shirts (to help avoid ticks). For more info. on avoiding ticks, go to the Vermont Dept. of Health website and search ticks or use this link: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/tickborne-diseases/prevent-tick-bites-tickborne-diseases>

Any items too large (or too yucky) for your vehicle, we can pick up with a truck if you tell us where it is.

There is also the option of "adopting" a section of roadway in town and keeping it litter-free year-round as you walk or drive on it. In addition to keeping your neighborhood beautiful, this will allow us to focus on other roads on Green Up Day to make sure we cover all the roads in town.

We hope to see you at Green Up on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to contact members of the Green Up Committee with any questions: **Doug Fontein 802-446-2928, Ed Hasenohr 802-446-2676, Nelson Jaquay 802-446-2367.**

~ **Front Porch Forum ~**  
**Connect with your Tinmouth Neighbors**

Have you checked out Front Porch Forum yet? To sign up, go to <http://FrontPorchForum.com>. Or stop by the town office to sign up!! 200+ households have signed to date! Good way to discuss community issues, sell a canoe, give away a kitten, etc. If you are a second home owner you can use your 911 address.



~ **Library News ~**  
*By Ruth Drachman, Librarian*

We are announcing that there will be **Story Hours** for children at the library this summer! Details will follow. Watch this space for more information next month.

We have lots of new books. Come and see! We are there to help you on Thursday afternoons.

~ **Amphibian Crossing Alert ~**

You may soon notice some brightly-colored amphibian crossing signs on the roadsides in Tinmouth. These are placed by the Tinmouth Conservation Commission in areas where there are known migration routes for salamanders, frogs and turtles. These animals move on a seasonal basis to their breeding and egg-laying sites and are at risk of being killed by car traffic where their paths cross roads.

Please slow down and avoid hitting animals when you see these signs on the roads. There are especially high numbers of amphibians moving on rainy spring nights, so pay extra attention in those conditions. If you'd like to know more about amphibian migration, go to [www.vtherpatlas.org](http://www.vtherpatlas.org). Please do not hit, move or disturb our signs, many of which are hand-made, and please contact me if you see a sign that's damaged or moved. The signs will be removed around July 1 and stored until next year.

*Thank you,*  
**Tinmouth Conservation Commission**

~ **Tales is in Need of Donations! ~**

*Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed! And passed along kind words.*

2023 was an expensive year for *Tales of Tinmouth*. Postage, paper, and printing cost \$3,856. The TCF grant of \$750, and other donations only totaled \$3,175, so we are short \$681.

*Tales* is its 38<sup>th</sup> year of publication and depends on your support. No one is compensated for any time, and we are thankful for the volunteers who work to gather the information, edit, proof, fold, tape and label each month. We also appreciate the use of the Town's copier (we do pay for printing).

*Tales* is mailed to over 500 households, but only 10% are regular donors. If you can send a donation of any size, it would be greatly appreciated!

*Thank you very kindly.*  
**Ye Olde Editors**

Cathy Reynolds sends the following:

## Stories Told in Tinnmouth:

*The prompt for the evening is  
"Hot Mess"*

**Friday April 12 at 7:00 pm at the  
Tinmouth Old Firehouse**



**Please join us for an ongoing series of storytelling evenings at the Tinmouth Old Firehouse in beautiful downtown Tinnmouth.**

**The prompt for April 12 is Hot Mess & Sugaring.** Sugaring Season may have passed us by, but there are always stories to tell! Or, have you ever been in a hot mess? What is a hot mess? Have you been a hot mess? Come share your story! Stories about Tinmouth are always welcome.

Come to share your true 5-minute story with a live audience of kind and supportive listeners, or come to listen and enjoy!

**~ Please join us for the fun and refreshments ~**

This event is based on our desire to connect with each other through shared experiences in stories and to keep the tradition of storytelling alive. It is based on the STORY SLAM model. **Audience members put their name in a basket and storytellers are chosen randomly to tell their true story.**

**This is a free event sponsored by the  
Tinmouth Community Fund.**

**All are welcome!**

**Weather permitting we will host an event on the second Friday of each month.**

**Please follow us on Facebook:  
Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concerts & Town Events  
Questions: old.firehouse.concerts@gmail.com**



TINMOUTH  
CHURCH

**~ Tinmouth Community Church ~**

**Retirement Celebration for  
Pastor John  
Sunday April 14th**

After almost five years as the pastor for the Tinmouth Community Church, Pastor John Hardman-Zimmerman has decided to retire, effective March 31, 2024. He and his wife Sue, also a pastor, will be moving to Pennsylvania in June, where Sue has accepted a new position, and they can be closer to family.

To give Pastor John a warm send-off and thank him for the many ways he has given to the Tinmouth community, there will be a celebration at the Tinmouth Community Church on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 am**, following the church service. All are welcome to attend and wish him well!

Rev. Rob Noble has agreed to serve as our new minister.

**All are welcome – Sunday Service begins at 9:00 AM.**

**~ Community News ~**

*Get Well Wishes* are sent to **Frank Sears, Betti Jaquay, Jamie Edmunds, Jason Burden, Art Psholka, and Steve Halford.**

*Happy Belated 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wishes* to **Bob Lloyd!**

Hollis Squier would like to invite you to join in the fun playing **volleyball** on Wednesday evenings – 7:00 at the Community Center. All are welcome, the intent is to have fun!! Hollis can be reached at 802-779-4343 for more information.

Many *thanks* to **Theresa Dana** for organizing Tinmouth's Eclipse event. Several families gathered at the Church parking lot on April 8th, to witness the Solar Eclipse and celebrate. This was a once in a life time experience!

Have you visited the "**Miss Ruth Little Library**" located on the front porch of the Town Office? It's a great way to share a good book or find someone else's favorite.

And it is open all the time! It's quite full at the moment, a good time to stop for a visit and take a good book home!

*Please bring only a book or two at a time.*

**There is also a Little Library on the porch of the Community Center – geared towards kid's books!!**

**~ Meeting Highlights ~**

*Complete minutes are available at the town office. Minutes are written by Gail Fallar unless otherwise noted. All highlights are edited by Ye Olde Editor.*

**Select Board (SB) ~ 3/14/2024**

Members present (in-person): Kevin Eaton, Judy Gilmore, and Melody Squier

Others present:

In-person: Eric Buffum-Road Commissioner, Stan Martell, Susan Holcomb, Greg Poelker-McKee (RRPC), Caleb Scott, Marshall Squier, and Gail Fallar-Select Board Assistant (SBA)

Via Zoom: Sherry Johnson, Kim Harbaugh, and Rick Fallar

Gail as Town Clerk called the meeting to order, so the Board could re-organize. Board elected Kevin Chair.

Kevin assumed the role and the Board further **re-organized** as follows:

Set Regular Monthly Meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 7:00

Designated Signer for Bills and Orders – Chair

Newspaper of Record – Rutland Herald

Adopted Robert's Rules for Small Boards

Appointed Overweight Truck Permit Signer - Kevin

Appointed Member to Community Center Board - Judy

Appointed Member to Tinmouth Pond Milfoil Project Board – Melody

Appointed Liaison to Rutland County Sheriff's Department - Kevin

Appointed Member to the Website Committee - Judy  
Melody moved to approve the above re-organization actions, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted in favor.

Kevin asked that the Select Board Meeting Rules and Procedures Policy be postponed until the next Board meeting so it could be reviewed.

**Citizen's Input** ~ Stan Martell, who was hired by the Town to take care of winter road maintenance in West Tinmouth, inquired about comments he'd heard about the Select Board not being happy with his work. The Board advised they were not questioning his work, but were experiencing sticker shock at the increase in cost. The budgeted amount of \$6,800 had not been spent in any of the prior 10 years, but his first two months' invoices were over that amount and the weather had been rather mild. It was noted that the Town no longer provided sand or salt. Stan advised he only plowed and sanded when necessary, and that the Town had been under paying for years. Kevin thanked him for coming, and doing a great job, but advised that the Board will be re-visiting the situation for next winter due to the increase in cost. This year's contract will be honored.

**Citizen's Input** ~ Sherry Johnson advised that the Town Report contained an error. She had asked to not be re-appointed to the Equity and Inclusion Committee; she did not resign as stated in the report, and later asked to be re-appointed. She wanted to make that clear.

**Highway ~**

Eric reported the road crew has been plowing snow, dealing with mud-season #10, and repairing grader cylinder. He noted that Earle's Trucking had damaged some of the last year's paving while pulling out an Amazon tractor trailer truck that was stuck. He is evaluating the damage.

He asked the Board to authorize ordering the equipment (dump body, plow, wing, etc.) from Viking for the tandem due to be replaced in a year or two. Waiting time is about 18 months. Board voted to approve Viking quote for \$99,700. Eric advised it was not binding, could be revoked.

**Eric reviewed the Highway To-Do List** ~ He is working on many of the items listed, will present plan at the April meeting. GIA work will be on Pent Road, will turn that Y intersection into a T and address stormwater issues in the surrounding area.

He also advised the insurance company's safety list work was nearly done; he is waiting for another fire alarm system quote.

**Needs Assessment ~**

Greg reviewed draft survey, noting that the Recreation Committee had revised its questions and he would be attending the Planning Commission's meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Board discussed various topics, supporting agriculture, housing issues, transfer station/salt/sand shed, town plan update, etc. Also discussed were opportunities that the grants presented – most were not applicable to a small town – June 30 deadline for projects – each town gets one.

**Financial ~**

Board reviewed FY24 reports and Bills and Orders. Board voted to approve the reports and the Warrants.

**ARPA \$'s** ~ After brief discussion, Board voted to transfer \$20,163 of ARPA funds to the Town's Equipment Reserve Fund for the buzz blade for the road side mower. Eric will check its arrival status.

**Old FEMA \$'s** ~ The SBA reported the State had discovered that the Town was due \$4,708 from the July 2017 storm disaster – it was the state match to the FEMA dollars awarded for that event.

**New Business ~**

**CLA Redetermination Request** ~ Gail, with her Lister hat on, reported that after meeting with PVR staff to discuss the process, and noting that the Listers were on track to complete the re-appraisal on time, it would be prudent to ask that the Request for Redetermination be withdrawn. After brief discussion Board voted to request withdrawal of the redetermination of the Tax Dept.'s CLA/COD, and authorized Kevin to sign.

**Planning Commission's Request to Apply for a MERP grant** (\$4,000) for RRPC help with the energy section of the town plan. After brief discussion, Board voted to approve.

**Speed/Traffic Ordinance Review** ~ The SBA explained that VLCT required Select Board approval prior to reviewing any proposed ordinances, estimate of cost was \$300. Board voted to approve request for VLCT to review the draft revised Traffic Ordinance.

**Clarendon Select Board Request Update** ~ SBA reported that it was the intent of the Clarendon Board to form a committee with members from all four towns regarding possible school consolidation in the Mill River Unified Union School District. The survey originally proposed for town meeting voters was postponed pending forming a committee.

**Annual Appointments** ~ Board voted to table annual appointments until April. SBA was asked to prepare a list of openings/vacancies and who was willing to serve.

Board voted to reduce the size of the Equity and Inclusion Committee from 10 to 7 members.

Sherry advised that while she was willing to continue as the Town's representative to the Rutland Regional Transportation Council, she felt the town would be better served if a member of the Select Board or the road commissioner attended. Many towns have their manager or road commissioner as their representatives.

**Eclipse** ~ SBA advised that Theresa Dana was working on an event for viewing the near total eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Meeting Voting Results** ~ Board reviewed voting data. There was a wide variety of votes for the service agencies – all passed, one by only by 13 votes. It was noted that a number of voters appreciated being able to voice an opinion on the various requests. Discussed having agency reports in the town report for next year.

### **Planning Commission ~ 3/21/2024**

Members present in-person: Michael Fallar, Judy Gilmore, Larry Carabeau, Vito Macaluso, and Andy Gilmore

Members present via Zoom: Bob Lloyd, Kim Harbaugh, and Pat Psholka

Others: present in-person: Ann Lundquist, Marshall Squier, Melody Squier, Greg Poelker-McKee – Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC); and Gail Fallar Secretary; and via Zoom: Sherry Johnson

Annual re-organization resulted in Michael being re-elected Chair and Bob being re-elected for Vice Chair. Gail will continue as Secretary.

Greg presented an updated version of the upcoming Needs Assessment questions advising that the Recreation Committee had already revised its section. Members discussed questions, what to keep, how to improve them, removed one section, added another asking what folks like about Tinmouth, what they don't, any suggested changes?

Greg will prepare the survey for distribution in April to be returned by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Survey will be sent out in *Tales of Tinmouth*, posted on Front Porch Forum and the

Town's website. It will be available online via a link or QR code and via paper.

Members then asked Ann and Marshall why they wanted to be on the Planning Commission, there being one vacancy available. Marshall noted he had served on the Planning Commission for 37 years, took a break and was now ready to work on planning issues again. Ann noted that in contrast to that, she moved to Tinmouth 1 ½ years ago, marveled at the town and how it works and would like be involved, to learn, and be involved.

After they departed, members discussed making a recommendation to the Select Board – pros and cons of experience and giving someone new a chance to become involved. Several members noted it was a hard decision, in the end, Andy moved to recommend Ann, Vito 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 members voted yes, Kim abstained.

### **Recreation Committee ~ 2/12/24**

*With thanks to David Levant, Sec.*

Members Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Martha Stanley & David Levant were present in person and Colleen Balch was present by Zoom. Gail Fallar, Select Board Assistant (the "**SBA**"), also was present in person and Greg Poelker-McKee of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (the "**RRPC**") attended the portion of the meeting relating to the RPPC Survey.

#### **Old Business**

**RPPC Survey of Tinmouth Residents Regarding the Town's Recreation Opportunities:** Greg Poelker-McKee described the RRPC survey process and shared a draft of the Community Needs Assessment for the Town. The members of the Committee discussed the questions that they would like added to the survey on behalf of the Committee.

**Broomball Event:** The Committee discussed the broomball event (at the temporary skating rink) on February 4 and proposed to have a second broomball event in coming weeks, weather permitting.

#### **New Business**

**Next Event Brainstorm:** The Committee discussed sponsoring another event. Members are to bring ideas for the event to the next Committee meeting.

### **Recreation Committee ~ 3/11/24**

*With thanks to David Levant, Sec.*

Members Doug Fontein, Robbie Leeds, Martha Stanley, David Levant, and Colleen Balch were present in person. Gail Fallar also was present in person.

**Next Meeting:** The members agreed that the next meeting of the Committee will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024 at the Town Office.

#### **Old Business**

**RPPC Survey of Tinmouth Residents Regarding the Town's Recreation Opportunities:** The Committee

reviewed the draft survey questions prepared by Greg Poelker-McKee of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission (the “RRPC”) in connection with the RPPC Survey process. The members discussed the draft questions and proposed changes.

**Ice Rink:** The rink was drained and disassembled on March 17th. Cat Yoder, Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker and Jen Galusha will be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss how the rink was used and where it might be relocated next year.

**Next Event Brainstorm:** The Committee discussed sponsoring another event, including an event for the Tinmouth Fun Day in July. Possible future events mentioned included a pickleball open house for people who have never played before; bingo; and board games (chess). Members should bring their ideas for future events to the next Committee meeting.

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[www.rutlandfree.org](http://www.rutlandfree.org)

**~ Nature Notes ~**

March was a wild month! Came in like a lamb, Spring (on the calendar) arrived with a 22” snow fall, that melted in a few days, and then March went out like a lamb!

But April began as the lion - with another severe storm – lots of high winds, sleet, snow, power outages, the works!

Crocuses blossomed, only to be frosted and frozen, daffodils are up and budded, but don’t dare open quite yet.

Woodchucks, geese, ducks, have all been spotted – as well as a Mama bear and small cub on the back deck looking for a snack in the compost bucket! No peepers or wood frogs as yet.

And on April 8<sup>th</sup>, many folks took a the time to observe the moon moving in front of the sun, mid afternoon. While Tinmouth was not in the path of ‘totality’, and it didn’t get black, it was eerie and the temperature dropped about 10 degrees. It was fascinating to watch and as the moon slide by the sun, we were treated to a Happy Face smile as the sun didn’t quite disappear.



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# PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K REGISTRATION FOR 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

## What is it?

A chance for you and your child to visit our pre-k program and begin registration.

## Who is this for?

Any family that resides in the Mill River School District towns of Clarendon, Shrewsbury, Tinmouth, and Wallingford with a child 3 - 4 years of age.

Preschool child must turn three years old on or before August 31, 2024

Pre-K child must turn four years old on or before August 31, 2024

*Enrollment is available on a limited basis*

<http://mruusd.org>

## When?

(By appointment only)

Clarendon Elementary

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Shrewsbury Mountain

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tinmouth Elementary

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Wallingford Elementary

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Contact?

Please call Sarah Bolster, Pre-K Coordinator at (802)786-3998 x218 for more information and to schedule an appointment.



~ Legislative Contact Info ~

The Vermont General Assembly is still at work. If you wish to contact your State Senators or Representatives, here is the info:

You can call the Sergeant-at-Arms at 1-800-322-5616 and leave a message, or use email addresses below.

*Rutland-Bennington District –*

Rep. Robin Chesnut-Tangerman:

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*Rutland County Senators-*

Sen. Brian Collamore: bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. David Weeks: dweeks@leg.state.vt.us

Sen. Terry Williams: tkwilliams@leg.state.vt.us

You can also access the Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us). There you can find who is on which committee, what bills have been introduced, track each bill's progress, review committee agendas, etc. There is a wealth of information available. You may also be able to watch debate live via video links.


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**Vermont's Trout Season Opens April 13**

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's trout fishing season opens Saturday, April 13.

Despite lingering snow cover in some areas of the state, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season if they keep a few strategies in mind.

"Just like any other time of year, anglers fishing early in the spring should adjust their tactics based on conditions," said State Fisheries Biologist Shawn Good. "Trout will become more active with warmer water temperatures. If you can find a good location and present your bait or lure without spooking the trout, you'll have a good chance of catching a few fish, and enjoy a nice day outside."

Larger baits can often be more effective for enticing early-season trout into biting. Spin-anglers should try nightcrawlers, egg imitations, or bright colored spoons and spinners. Fly anglers may find success in the early season by drifting large, more visible flies such as [wooly buggers](#), streamers, or [San Juan worms](#) along the bottom in slower pools and runs.

While Vermont offers excellent and diverse fishing opportunities for wild trout, stocking also occurs in many lakes, ponds, streams, and rivers where wild trout populations are low or absent. This generally happens each year once the ice has melted and following spring runoff.

Good also reminds anglers to check the [department's website](#) frequently as updates are made to the Trout Stocking page. "This is a great tool for anglers to see what nearby waters have been stocked, as the page gets updated several times per week," said Good. Visit this link

<https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/FishStockingSchedule.aspx> and click the "See What's Been Stocked" button to stay informed as the spring progresses.

Anglers who like to fish and release their catch don't need to wait for opening day. Nearly all waterbodies are now open year-round to catch-and-release fishing for trout in Vermont. Check the [2024 Vermont Fishing Guide and Regulations](#) which is available free from license agents, and it is on Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website at this link: <https://www.eregulations.com/vermont/fishing/>

A helpful overview of the fishing regulations can be found at: [Updated Fishing Regulations Overview | Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department \(vtfishandwildlife.com\)](#)

The department reminds anglers that in almost all cases regulations have been simplified. For any river, stream, lake, or pond not listed in the [Index of Rivers and Streams](#) or [Index of Lakes and Ponds](#) go to [General Fishing Regulations](#) on page 52.



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~ April 2024 Calendar of Events ~

<b>Dog Licenses Due</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Town Office</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Rabies Clinic</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12-2:00</b>	<b>Wallingford Town Hall</b>
<b>Solar Eclipse Event</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2:15 – 3:30</b>	<b>Church Parking Lot</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>Cemetery Association</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Old Fire House</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b><i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Don't Miss It!</b>	
<b>Dead line to return Survey</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Please return to RRPC ASAP. Thank you!</b>	



*The Town Office will be closed April 27 through May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly.*

~ May 2024 Calendar of Events ~

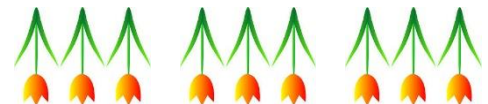
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Fire House</b>
<b>Green-Up</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Start time at Transfer Station</b>
<b>Annual Plant Sale</b>	<b>May 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Squier Family Farm Stand</b>		<b>McNamara Road</b>
<b>Select Board</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b>Recreation Committee</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office/Virtual</b>
<b>Planning Commission</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Town Office &amp; Virtual</b>
<b><i>Tales of Tinmouth</i> Deadline</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Don't Miss It!</b>	

*Transfer Station hours are Wednesday 4:00 – 7:00 pm & Saturday 8:00 am – noon.*

~ **Sunday Church Service ~ 9:00 AM All are welcome! ~**

~ *The Library is open Thursdays 2:00-5:00 PM ~ And the first Saturday of the month, 10-noon.*

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