

WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS!

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congratulations class of 2016!



Presenting... The Class of 2016!

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| * Lubna Abdulkhaleiq | * Zu Ti Nar |
| William Francis Alger | Esther Nibitanga |
| *† Oo Mai Be | Abhishek Niroula |
| Phul Maya Bhattarai | Andy Pham |
| *† Ra Mat Bi | Fallon Sierra Perrault |
| * Brandon Bigelow | Hom Pradhan |
| Daphne Cavanaugh | Alan Priebe-Carter |
| *† Edmund Shing Do | Ganesh Rai |
| *† Hau Trang Duong | Sabrina Schmidt |
| Kip Nolin Dubie | * Abdullah Ali Shakir |
| Olivier Enwa | Idris Sheikh-Bile |
| Jonathan Fay | Sadie Speirs |
| Derek Foerster | * Ledania Taylor |
| Matthew Guilmette | Kirsten Flo Vincent |
| Niha L. Jackson | Alyssa Lee Winegar |
| Anthony James Jones Jr | *† Ball Wit |
| *† Taylor Lorraine Langlais | *†‡ RoZe Yar |
| *† Hannah Joy Little | Khalil Young |
| Mon Maya Luitel | |
| * Yasin Ali Malawia | * Honor Student |
| * Susmita Mangar | † National Honor Society Member |
| Omar Mitchell | ‡ National Technical Honor Society |
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Congratulations to all 2016 Scholarship Recipients!

Here is a list of the members of the Class of 2016 who were honored with financial awards at the graduation ceremony:

GREEN AND GOLD SCHOLARSHIP -

The University of Vermont awards this full-tuition scholarship for eight semesters provided that full-time enrollment and at least a 3.0 GPA are maintained. The student who has attained the highest academic distinction at the end of their junior year shall be the recipient. The Green and Gold Scholar for Winooski High School is **Edmond Do**.



CLASS OF 2003 SCHOLARSHIP

The class of 2003 scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class, and exhibited genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. The 2016 recipient of the Class of 2003 scholarship is **Hau Duong**.



WINOOSKI EAGLES SCHOLARSHIP

The Winooski Eagles Scholarship is presented to a deserving student continuing his/her education. The 2016 recipient of the Winooski Eagles Scholarship is **Abdullah Shakir**.

SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP -

The Service Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student who volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance within the school and/or within the community. The 2016 recipient of the Service Scholarship is **Oo Mai Be**.

VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD –

The VFW Community Service Award is presented to two graduates in recognition of outstanding community service. The 2016 recipients of the VFW Community Service Award are **Taylor Langlais** and **Hom Pradhan**.

MAIDA F. TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIP

The Maida F. Townsend Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated a love of learning, an openness to the richness of differences among people, and a willingness to use his/her time and talent in service to others. The 2016 recipient of the Maida F. Townsend scholarship is **Hannah Little**.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP -

The Academic Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to two students who excel academically. The 2016 recipients of the Academic Scholarships are **Hannah Little** and **Edmond Do**.

VERMONT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP -

The Vermont Honor Scholarship, initiated by the Vermont Legislature, is presented to a student with outstanding academic achievement going on to college. The 2016 recipient of the Vermont Honor Scholarship is **Hannah Little**.

STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Student Council Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who has made notable contributions to bettering WHS, who has served his/her community, who is active in school activities, and who handles responsibilities willingly and efficiently. The 2016 recipient of the Student Council Scholarship is **Ro Ze Yar**.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

AWARDS - These awards, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to two graduates who have shown the most improvement during their four years of high school. The 2016 recipients of the Board of School Directors Award are **Ganish Rai** and **Zu Ti Nar**.

WOODY AND SUSAN MARTEL

SCHOLARSHIP - The Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student with financial need who is pursuing higher education and who has participated in athletics, attained good grades, and been a good school and community citizen. The 2016 recipient of the Woody and Susan Martel Scholarship is **Brandon Bigelow**.

WINOOSKI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Education Association Scholarship is presented to an individual entering the field of education in recognition of exceptional contributions to school activities and all around excellence in academics. The 2016 recipient of the Winooski Education Association Scholarship is **Oo Mai Be** and **Hom Pradhan**.

BEVERLY POULIN MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP - The Beverly Poulin Memorial scholarship, in memory of Beverly Poulin, is given to one male and one female going into the STEM area and who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. The 2016 recipients are **Ra Mat Bi** and **Edmond Do**.

WINOOSKI BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Business Department Scholarship is awarded to students who have excelled in Business classes and are pursuing a degree in business or a related field. Recipients will have demonstrated a desire to learn about business, by challenging themselves to learn beyond the classroom and contributing their knowledge to class discussions. This scholarship is paid for by fundraisers done in the Winooski High School Business Department. The 2016 recipient for the Winooski Business Department Scholarship is **Taylor Langlais**.

CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP - The Challenge Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a well-rounded, highly motivated student (in the top 25% of the graduating class) who has overcome obstacles in achieving his/her success. The 2016 recipient of the Challenge Scholarship is **Ro Ze Yar**.

PTO SCHOLARSHIP - The PTO Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a student who is pursuing a career in education and who has displayed community involvement through school or work experience. The 2016 recipient for the PTO Scholarship is **Oo Mai Be**.



FRIENDS OF WINOOSKI SCHOLARSHIP - The Friends of WHS Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to two students who have shown an over-all commitment to and involvement with the high school in multiple and varying ways. The 2016 recipients of the Friends of WHS Scholarship are **Taylor Langlais** and **Brandon Bigelow**.

ALS FRENCH FRY'S SCHOLARSHIP - The Al's French Frys Scholarship, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is presented to a graduate with financial need, planning on a 4-year post-secondary program. The 2016 recipient of the Al's French Frys Scholarship is **Zu Ti Nar**.

THE BOB WEIS SCHOLARSHIP - A scholarship awarded to a student who demonstrates his/her curiosity about the world through asking questions and demonstrating determination in the pursuit of understanding. The 2016 recipient of The Bob Weis Scholarship is **A.J. Priebe-Carter**.

VFW SCHOLARSHIP - A scholarship presented to a student with a GPA of a 3.0, pursuing a degree, who has fulfilled their community service and has been involved in sports and other extra-curricular activities. The 2016 recipient of The VFW Scholarship is **Hannah Little**.



CAROL L. KESSLER, R.N. MEMORIAL AWARD - The Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is presented to a student or students who are in the upper 25% of the senior class and who have demonstrated a love of life, acted as role models or mentors to peers, and who, preferably, are intending to continue their education at any accredited post-secondary institution to pursue a career in healthcare or a related field. The 2016 recipient of the Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is **Ro Ze Yar**.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - The Leadership Scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and exemplified positive attitudes. The 2016 recipient of the Leadership Scholarship is **Taylor Langlais**.

PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIP - The part-time scholarship, sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, is awarded to a student in the top 25% of of the senior class, who have financial need, and a dedication to pursue a post-secondary degree on a part time basis. The 2016 recipient of the Part-Time Scholarship are **Esther Nibitanga** and **Susmita Mangar**.

CLASS OF 2013 SCHOLARSHIP - A scholarship for a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class and exhibited a genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. This years recipient of The Class of 2013 scholarship is **Ra Mat Be**.

JOHN J. MALCOVSKY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - The John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is given to a deserving student who has participated actively in community service. The 2016 recipient of the John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is **Edmund Do**.

WINOOSKI BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Booster Club Scholarship awards four athletes who participated in sports throughout high school, especially their senior year, and demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities on and off the playing field. The 2016 recipients of the Winooski Boosters Scholarship are **Brandon Bigelow**, **Taylor Langlais**, **Oo Mai Be**, and **Ball Wit**.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP - The Mayor and City Council Scholarships, co-sponsored by Dollars for Scholars, are presented to one male and one female student who have shown the most improvement over the four years of high school. The 2016 recipients of the Mayor and City Council Scholarships are **Lubna Abdulkhaleiq**, and **Ball Wit**.

THE VERMONT BASKETBALL COACHES' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - Presented to a graduate who was nominated by the coach and chosen by the state committee: This years winner is **Brandon Bigelow**.



Winooski Youth Assets

By Sean McMannon, Superintendent of Schools

One of the most staggering data points I found when I arrived at WSD three years ago was that ~40% of our Winooski Middle/High School (WMHS) students “felt like they matter to people in the community” as reported by the Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Report in 2013. Frankly, it broke my heart to know that our students felt this way and I knew we needed to work on building the positive assets of our students. I am proud to report that in the recent 2015 YRBS report 53% of WMHS students “felt like they matter to people in the community”. The VT state average is 53%. Our work as a community is really making a difference and our students are feeling it! Other indicators from the recent 2015 YRBS report that show we are making improvements for Winooski youth are:

- Over 71% of our Winooski Middle/High School (WMHS) students “agree that teachers really care about them and give them lots of encouragement”. The VT state average is 63%. This is up from 57% in 2013.
- Over 53% of our Winooski Middle/High School (WMHS) students “agree that students help decide what goes on in the school”. The VT state average is 46%. This is up from 43% in 2013.
- 69% of our high schools students reported that “they will probably or definitely complete a post high school program” which is up from 64% in 2013.
- In the recent 2015 YRBS, WMHS students report being bullied at a lower rate than the VT state average for the first time.

In addition, I would like to share a framework to understand how we, as a community, can go about building assets in our students. These building blocks of development are how we can all support your young people in tangible ways to grow their external and internal assets.

External Assets

SUPPORT

1. Family Support | Family life provides high levels of love and support.
2. Positive Family Communication | Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.
3. Other Adult Relationships | Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
4. Caring Neighborhood | Young person experiences caring neighbors.
5. Caring School Climate | School provides a caring, encouraging environment.
6. Parent Involvement in Schooling | Parent(s) are actively involved in helping the child succeed in school.

EMPOWERMENT

1. Community Values Youth | Young person perceives that adults in the community value youth.
2. Youth as Resources | Young people are given useful roles in the community.
3. Service to Others | Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.
4. Safety | Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.

BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Family Boundaries | Family has clear rules and consequences and monitors the young person's whereabouts
2. School Boundaries | School provides clear rules and consequences.
3. Neighborhood Boundaries | Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.
4. Adult Role Models | Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.
5. Positive Peer Influence | Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.
6. High Expectations | Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.

CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF TIME

1. Creative Activities | Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
2. Youth Programs | Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations.
3. Religious Community | Young person spends one hour or more per week in activities in a religious institution.
4. Time at Home | Young person is out with friends “with nothing special to do” two or fewer nights per week.

Internal Assets

COMMITMENT TO LEARNING

1. Achievement Motivation | Young person is motivated to do well in school.
2. School Engagement | Young person is actively engaged in learning.
3. Homework | Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
4. Bonding to School | Young person cares about her or his school.
5. Reading for Pleasure | Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.

POSITIVE VALUES

1. Caring | Young Person places high value on helping other people.
2. Equality and Social Justice | Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
3. Integrity | Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.
4. Honesty | Young person “tells the truth even when it is not easy.”
5. Responsibility | Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.
6. Restraint | Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES

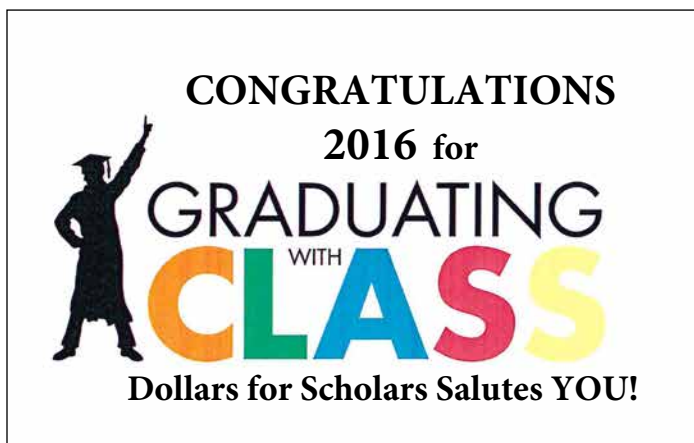
1. Planning and Decision Making | Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.
2. Interpersonal Competence | Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
3. Cultural Competence | Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.
4. Resistance Skills | Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
5. Peaceful Conflict Resolution | Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

POSITIVE IDENTITY

1. Personal Power | Young person feels he or she has control over “things that happen to me.”
2. Self-Esteem | Young person reports having a high self-esteem.
3. Sense of Purpose | Young person reports that “my life has a purpose.”
4. Positive View of Personal Future | Young person is optimistic about her or his personal future.

(Source: <http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18>)

Please join me in making Winooski a city where every child is safe, healthy and feels like they matter! Thank you for working with WSD to benefit our students!



School Board Update

by Mike Decarreau, Winooski School Board President

Welcome to summer. The end of another school year. In this edition there are two updates that we need to pass along.

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

1. School Board Vacancy:

We have an opening on the school board that we need to fill. We received a letter of resignation from Mohamed Abdi unfortunately. He is seeking his post secondary degree and will have to spend another 6 months out of the country for his studies and he felt that this would not allow him to fulfill his duties to the Board. We thank Mohamed for his willingness to get involved and appreciate his time on the Board. This now opens up a seat from August through our February meeting.

We will be holding interviews on July 13 at 6:30 pm in the school library. This is a chance to get a flavor for this position. We have Budget meetings in November and December as well as negotiations this fall with teachers and support staff. The position will open up again in March and will have to be re-elected at that time.

If you are interested and would like more information please give me a call at 802-310-4032 (after 6pm weekdays, anytime weekends.)

2. ACT46 Update

Regarding ACT46 and our efforts to enter into a merger study to comply with the requirements of this legislation: As background, ACT 46 is an effort to control school spending in the face of decreasing student populations. It calls for districts that are not Pre-K-12 AND larger than 900 students to enter into merger studies to come into compliance with this configuration. Winooski is a PreK-12 district but we have ~ 850 students.

Superintendent McMannon met with local districts (Burlington, South Burlington, Colchester) to discuss the most advantageous merger opportunities for Winooski. Having recently completed a study with the Burlington School District and determining that it was not a good fit financially it was decided that a study with Colchester would be the best fit. The Colchester School Board decided to not take action on this request to do a study so we are left with two options. We can work to find another district to work on a merger study with or seek a waiver from the State Board of Education. We are very close to the student limit and have the preferred configuration. Seeking a waiver means that we would continue as a single district with our own budget and a single staff. A merger would mean a combined vote on a common budget with another district and a shared staff (most likely at the district office level). We would be interested in your thoughts on this. If you would like to give input we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail me and I will consolidate the feedback received for our deliberations in late summer on our next steps. (Mdecarreau@wdschools.org)

Have a great summer.

CITY AND SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winooski 2016 Free Summer Food Service Program

by Colleen Sullivan, VYT AmeriCorps VISTA Food Systems Specialist, Community Services Department - City of Winooski

The City of Winooski will once again be providing **free meals to children** through the Vermont Department of Education's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Funded by the USDA and administered in Vermont by Child Nutrition Programs at the Vermont Agency of Education, the SFSP is designed to ensure that children who rely on low-cost meals during the school year continue to have access to healthy food throughout the summer. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Children do not need to be enrolled in any recreational or childcare program to receive free meals. **All children 18 years of age or younger will be served** at the locations and times listed below except on Monday, July 4, due to the holiday. Please contact Ethan Hausman in the Winooski Recreation Office at coordinator@winooskivt.org or (802) 777-1621 for more information.

The City of Winooski has also partnered with NOFA-VT and the Winooski Farmer's Market to serve free lunches at the market for the month of July. Children 18 years of age or younger are eligible to receive free meals. The City's Farm Crew will also be selling produce at the markets on July 10, 17, 24 and 31.

WHERE TO GO:

O'Brien Community Center

Mondays through Fridays
11:30am - 12pm
June 20th - August 19th

Winooski Library

June 14 through August 6
Tuesdays through Fridays
12pm - 5pm
Saturdays 10am - 2pm

Winooski Farmer's Market

Sundays: July 10, 17, 24 and 31
10 am - 2pm

Rice Memorial High School News

by Susan Cain O'Brien

Rice Memorial, located in South Burlington is a Roman Catholic school, which exists to guide its students toward the realization of their God-given potential. Rice teaches students to recognize and develop their unique gifts by inspiring them to love learning, to serve others and to seek God.

2016 Graduates

Rev. Msgr. Bernard W. Bourgeois, principal of Rice Memorial High School, proudly announces the graduating Class of 2016. Of the 101 graduates, more than 90% will be moving on to college. The following Winooski residents were among the graduating class: **Evan Chagnon, Muya Abdikadir, Hayden**

Kjelleren, and Ann Tran. Ann received the Excellence in Visual Arts Award, the Linda Gerlach Award, and the John W. Donoghue Senior Excellence in English Award.



National Honor Society Inductees

Rev. Msgr. Bernard W. Bourgeois, principal at Rice Memorial High School proudly announces the following Winooski residents were inducted into the Rev. Raymond A. Adams National Honor Society: **Kayla Corrigan and Cole Thornton.**

Membership requirements include: a grade point average of 90, faculty and peer review of demonstrated character and leadership qualities, and outside service to the community.



Stay in Touch: Join Front Porch Forum!

Front Porch Forum's mission is to help neighbors connect and foster community within the neighborhood.

Go to www.frontporchforum.com to sign up for this free community resource.

Remember the 2015-2016 School Year with a Yearbook!

JFK Yearbooks are now on sale for \$10.00. They can be purchased in the JFK office or in room 27.

You Can Help!

The PTO is continuing to collect Box Tops this year. Please save them over the summer and bring them to school.

Your child's teacher can send them to the office for collection. This year we earned \$1,795! Thank you!



July News from JFK

by Sara Raabe, Principal

Students have left for the summer, but that does not mean the building is quiet or empty! In June, 27 adults participated in a 4 day Responsive Classroom training. Another 28 adults will participate in the course in August. Also in June, a team of 8 adults attended the EST institute in Killington to work on our JFK Multi Tiered System of Support. We will be rolling out the new system in the fall to students and families.

Summer School is in July this year. The weeks are July 11th, July 18th, and July 25th. Each week summer school will run Monday to Thursday, 8am to 12pm. Students will be fed breakfast and lunch each day. Summer School is a wonderful opportunity for all of our JFK students to continue to grow and learn during the summer months. A huge thank you to Katherine Blair for organizing summer school this year.

While our teachers are busy learning and planning this summer, our amazing maintenance and custodial staff are

busy in the building. In addition to all of the regular summer work, we are moving 14 classrooms over the summer. Next year, Kindergarten will stay where they are. 1st grade will move into the hall by the music and art rooms. In the main hallway, classrooms will start with 2nd grade, and move up in grades as you move down the hallway, ending with 5th grade by the back doors. These moves will allow grade level classrooms to be next to each other. This allows for more collaborative planning for teachers. A huge thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for all of their hard work to make this possible!

As I finish my first year at JFK as principal, I want to thank all of the staff, students, families, and community for their support. JFK is a wonderful school with a committed staff. I am honored to be able to work here as the school principal. Have a wonderful summer!

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

20/20 Vision: A Bright Future Coming into Focus

By Leon Wheeler, Middle/High School Principal

[Posted by a parent in the Winooski Front Porch Forum 6/11/2016]:

“My daughter just finished 7th grade at Winooski Middle School and I wanted to share something that I overheard her say last week while she was having dinner with some friends who attend another local middle school. Her friends were complaining about their teachers, that they didn’t like them, that their teachers were boring, etc. My daughter paused and then said “I’ve had some of the best teachers of my life in middle school.””

Yesterday our school year officially concluded with the graduation ceremony for the Winooski Class of 2016. Streamed live by RETN so that family, friends, and community members unable to attend in person were able to participate in this important milestone, this year’s ceremony included the conferring of diplomas to thirty-two students who have met the requirements and demonstrated they’re ready for college and career.

Two nights earlier, over fifty 8th grade students were recognized for having met the middle school expectations and demonstrated that they’re high school ready. This Stepping Up Ceremony, like Graduation is a tradition that has long been a part of our middle/high school culture. It’s truly exciting to be here in Winooski during this time when personalized and student-centered learning is honoring individuality and focusing

on developing the six life skills we’ve identified as our Graduation Expectations (GX).

During the last week of school, June Expo (JunePo), one of our important new traditions, took place. Every student in the middle and high school presented two major projects they had been working on through the semester, including a speech (Communication GX), and a visual display from a research project (Critical Thinking GX). This is the third 6-12 Expo for our students, and their growth as communicators, critical thinkers, and learners is clearly evident! In her speech, one student identified the impact of “perspective” in understanding Shakespeare’s “Hamlet.” Those in the group recognized how “perspective” was informing each speech: “My Immigration Story,” “Human Trafficking,” “Child Labor,” “What I Learned from Foods Class,” “Should We Celebrate Columbus Day?” The skills our students are developing, shaped by their life experiences and our district-wide commitment to Culture and Community, are paving the way for the youth of Winooski to shape a bright future starting with our own school and city! 2020 Vision – personalized relevance and rigor are coming into focus!

Thank you for dreaming together, and for believing in our school, our staff, and our students. Together we are making a difference!

Have a great summer.

Winooski High School Athletic Banquet

by Dennis Barcomb, Winooski High School Athletic Director

The 72nd Winooski High School Athletic Banquet, sponsored by the Winooski Boosters and the Athletic Department, was held on Sunday, June 5th. The banquet was a celebration of sports across the entire school year. Here were the award winners as selected by the coaching staff:

Freshman Girl Award: Amna Cicak and Nicole Laplante

Freshman Boy Award: Andi Siki

Sophomore Girl Award: Lydia Nattress

Sophomore Boy Award: Elli Nahimana

Junior Girl Award: Mariah Metivier and Vishnu Khatiwada

Junior Boy Award: Eddy Lamson

Senior Girl Award: Niki Dang and Taylor Langlais

Senior Boy Award: Brandon Bigelow and Eh Man

Mona Williams Fan of the Year Award: Charlie and Nancy Littlefield

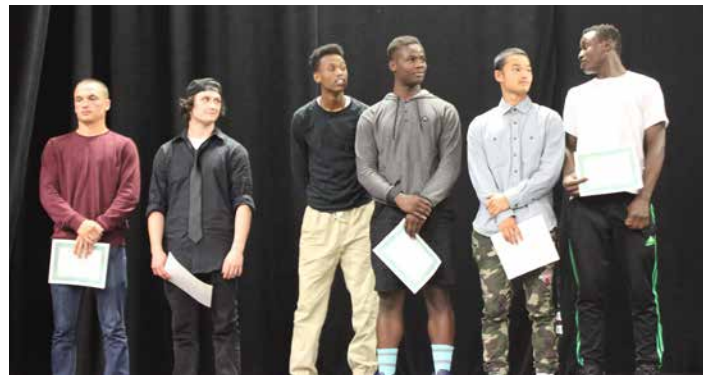
Scholar Athlete Award: Taylor Langlais

Ralph Lapointe Award: Brandon Bigelow

Lady Spartan Award: Mariah Metivier

Spartan Award: Brandon Bigelow

Special thank you to all of the Boosters and Booster President Lori Lambert for their help making it a special evening



The Winooski PTO Thanks You

By Tammy Cusson-Ducharme, PTO President

As school comes to an end and summer vacation for the children is in full swing, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the PTO for all of their hard work this year. We are a small but mighty group and accomplish many things throughout the year including continuing to provide end of the year field trips to students in K-8, organizing monthly dances for middle school students to enjoy, and sponsoring our teacher-run Fun Fair for JFK students. The PTO also provides teachers with a little additional grant money to purchase items for their classrooms and the list goes on.

I would also like to thank the many teachers, parents, community members and business, as well as former PTO members who continue come back and help out. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!

The PTO serves students in grades K-12 and is always looking for new members. If you are interested, new to the community or just have questions, please check out our information at the school website (www.wdschools.org) or call me at 923-6670. Happy Summer Everyone!

8th Graders Receive “Moving Up” Awards

by *Laura Graves*

The following awards were given to 8th grade students “moving up” to high school next year. Congratulations to everyone!

Vermont Association for Middle Level Education - Scholar Leader Awards - Public recognition to students who have distinguished themselves in outstanding scholarship and leadership. Awarded to **Tabarik Abdulsalam** and **Dhiraj Dhakal**.

Almedina Orucevic Award - Recipient demonstrates qualities of friendship, musical talent, helpfulness, thoughtfulness and loyalty. Named after a former 8th grade student who passed away. Awarded to **Kusa Daud**.

Little Spartan Award - Recipient demonstrates patience, persistence, respect, inquiry, and a desire to learn, listen, share and understand. Awarded to **Adison Granger**.

Resiliency Award - Established by Lynn Granger, retired teacher, and given to individuals who have overcome adversity in their lives. Awarded to **Sa Me Lar, Ajip Khan, Tabarik Abdulsalam, Johnny Ross**

Good Citizenship Award - Given to students who inspire enthusiastic school spirit, strengthen student self-esteem, promote appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and build responsible, knowledgeable citizens. Awarded to **Ubah Hussein, Keshab Bista, Milan Magar**.

This year at the Moving Up Ceremony, two students shared their talents. **Adison Granger** performed a song on the cello and **Tabarik Abdulsalam** read two original poems: “Go For It” & “Where I’m From.”

It was a wonderful evening of celebration.



A Thoughtful Display of Sportsmanship

By *Sue Messier*

The middle school softball team reached out to a student from the Fairfax softball team who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer. Winooski presented the Fairfax softball team with a Winooski Spartan’s t-shirt with well wishes written on it for the player. The Fairfax team was very appreciative.” After the game, the Fairfax athletic director sent the school the following note: “I just wanted to thank you on behalf of all of us here in Fairfax, This has been a really emotional time for the entire school community with the recent diagnosis, and what an amazing gesture of all that is good about sports demonstrated by your MS softball team. You, your coaches, your athletes, and your school are a truly class act.Thanks.

Arts and Academic Awards for 8th Graders

At the middle school town meeting on May 27th, 8th graders received arts and academic awards. Here is a table with the awards and recipients.

President’s Award for Academic Achievement

The purpose of this award is to recognize students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects but do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence. This award should not be compared to the President's Award for Educational Excellence or be seen as a second tier award, for it recognizes a very different type of academic achievement. It is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school, often in the face of special obstacles to their learning.

Awarded to Lek Nath Luitel, **Susmita Rai, Tabarik Abdulsalam** and **Milan Mangar**

Math/STEM

Awarded to **Dhiraj Dhakal** and **Cory Simpson**

Science/STEM

Awarded to **Xavier Clark** and **Adison Granger**

Humanities

Awarded to **Fiona Taylor** and **Ines Horozovic**

SIM/P.E.

Awarded to **Ajip Khan, Keshab Bista, Austin Benoit** and **Sierra Davis**

A Field Trip to UVM

By Chris Magistrale



On the morning bus ride from Winooski Mills to UVM

Field trips are awesome! What a perfect day for 8th graders to visit the University of Vermont campus for a day of learning, activities and college exposure. Middle schoolers started their day by walking to the Winooski circle where they were shown how to catch the CCTA bus into Burlington. Sa Me Lar remembered the ride over to campus, “getting to the UVM school was great. Especially the people I was riding and walking with, it’s nice to walk outside with your friends and get some more exercise and have some fun experiences with people you don’t usually have classes with.”

At UVM, we met up with a Ph.D. Candidate and Educational leader Steve Netcoh, who has worked closely with Winooski 8th graders this year as an advisor and community consultant. He brought us on a walking tour of the UVM campus, ending at Living and Learning. At L/L, 8th graders were greeted by snacks, drinks and Upward Bound college students from Saint Mike’s and UVM. They answered questions and talked to the kids about college life and high school leadership opportunities. 8th grader Keshab Bista summed up the experience, “when we were talking to the Upward Bound students they taught us a lot about how if you work hard in high school then college won’t be so hard. They all have been there and done it so it’s helpful to get



Touring the Main Campus

advice from people that have experience.”

After this greeting, we split into two groups. The first group made their way to the Athletic department of UVM to meet with an assistant from the UVM soccer program. Coach Cornier took the kids on a tour of the UVM sports fields, facilities and the weight room. Coach emphasized the required commitment for students to compete at the D1 athletic level, while also harping on the importance of academics in the role of a student-athlete. 8th grader soccer star Lek Nath enjoyed “meeting with the UVM soccer coach, that was really fun. He taught what you have to do to succeed at sports in college, and how hard you have to work to make the team.”

The other group headed across campus to interview and converse with English Department professor Tony Magistrale. He met us in the stained glass Dewey Lounge in the English Department and talked to us about life in the Humanities Department of a university. Abshira Abdirahman reflects, “meeting professor Magistrale was my favorite part. He was awesome and knew so many things about American history. I felt like I was in a church when he took us to his meeting place, but it was a great experience to see the colorful windows.”

Finally, we met with the Engineering Department, where we were shown the STEM buildings and introduced to possible Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics courses at UVM. “Something that stood out to me was how the place looked inside, all the labs. Thinking about leaving high school and



English Professor Magistrale and 8th graders at lunch



The Athletic Group heading to Patrick Gymnasium with Mr. Netcoh

going to college and how the place looks different than most classrooms makes you think about the future,” commented 8th grader, Fiona Taylor. Middle schoolers really seemed to value talking with people on campus, Brandon Jarvis reflects, “the trip gets kids thinking about what they wanna do when they go to college.”

On the way home, students chose to forgo the bus ride, instead returning to Winooski by foot invigorated and exhausted. Ali Hussein reflected, “the walk there, and the walk back. Woah. We talked a lot during the way home, but my legs will never be the same now after that walk.”

Many of us needed to rehydrate and take a load off our feet once back in the confines of the middle school. As we consider ideas for next year, this field trip offered great experience and exposure for our 8th graders who are preparing for high school. And it was cheap to execute! Hopefully, this kind of experience will become a rite of passage for all students matriculating from middle to high school (and eventually college!). “All 8th graders should have the same experiences at certain time, it would be interesting what the next 8th graders have to say,” Aze Zar, 8th grade.

COMMUNITY NEWS



City Council Update

by Robert Millar

In recent months, the City Council and Administration have been working hard to pass updated rules and regulations to ensure our city has the best, most efficient governance possible. Most recently, we passed overhauls of our City Ordinances and Zoning. It's important to note, though, that all of these efforts have been years, if not decades, in the making. And none of this progress could have been accomplished without the ongoing efforts of dozens of citizens and city workers and officials, all of whom deserve our thanks and recognition for their work.

In May, the Council passed a complete overhaul of the City Ordinances, some of which had not been reviewed in decades. Former Police Chief Steve McQueen was instrumental in this task and it could never have been accomplished without his work. The entirety of our ordinances have now been streamlined and modernized.

This is not to say we are done with them, or that the new ordinances are set in stone. This is a living document, as all our city's guiding regulations are and should be. One of our key goals as a Council is not just to pass updated rules and regulations, but to ensure that in the future all our ordinances, policies, procedures, zoning, etc., are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The other major document the Council passed recently is a review and modernization of our Unified Land Use and Development Regulations – our zoning rules. As a former member of the Development Review Board, I can definitely speak to how necessary this was. No longer will the DRB, Council, or City Administration be stuck with outdated, mimeographed zoning rules from decades past. This review also included moving zoning in the “Gateway Districts” (Malletts Bay Ave, Main St, and E Allen St) to what is known as form based code. As the name suggests, this form of development regulation is focused more on the form of new development, ensuring it is appropriately scaled and fits the aesthetics of our city and its neighborhoods. Special thanks for this accomplishment go to former Mayor Michael O'Brien, who has worked on this effort for years, as a Councilor, Mayor, and, most recently, as a member of the Planning Commission.

As with the ordinances, the Council and City Administration will be reviewing the new zoning from day one. Even as we passed these regulations, it was with the understanding that every aspect of these documents is open for review and revision. We will not simply put them on the shelf; in fact, we are now working on a schedule to examine some issues that have already been raised.

These documents are available on the city website at www.winooskivt.org and I encourage you to take a look. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Council or to the City Administration. We would love to hear from you! And if you'd like to get more involved in future efforts, there are always openings on City Boards and Committees, including two committees being formed right now, Finance and Capital Planning. Contact the city or check out the city website for more info.

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Winooski Farmer's Market — Now Open!

by Maura O'Neill

Join us each Sunday from 10am-2pm on Winooski Falls Way for the Winooski Farmers Market through October 9th.

Each week we have live music, prepared food, craft and agriculture vendors, plus a free raffle and of course the Power of Produce (POP) Club For Kids ages 5-12.

The POP Club is our free kid's program in which kids get a Passport to Health (we hold onto it for the season), and \$2 worth of wooden market tokens to buy fruits, vegetables and food bearing plants. Each week the kids participate in an educational activity and receive a stamp in their passport along with \$2 worth of tokens.



Community Center Coffee Hour

Please join us from 9:00-11:00 am on Fridays! Come have coffee, tea, sometimes juice, and a bite-size pastry, courtesy of Starbucks on Williston Road. Contact 655-1392, ext. 10 for more information.

Gardeners: Plant an extra row for the Food Shelf!

We would be most grateful if you could plant an extra row of veggies or think of us when you have a surplus. Favorite veggies include tomatoes, green beans, summer squash, zucchini, corn, potatoes, onions, carrots and beets. If you have fruit trees that provide more than you can use, please think of us. To arrange a drop off time at the Winooski Methodist Church please phone 310-8240. Thank you and happy gardening!

2016 Summer Swimming & Recreation Opportunities

By Ethan Hausman

In light of Myers Pool not opening this summer, the City of Winooski Community Services Department has lined up alternative swimming opportunities and a range of other summer activities for kids, teens, adults and families. Please check the City's webpage (www.winooski.org/summer2016) for the most current information and program details. Winooski Recreation staff-- reachable at (802) 777-1621 or coordinator@winooski.org -- can be contacted with questions or for help with registration. Many of these offerings will run through mid-August, and the various programs are summarized below.

FREE SWIMMING (INDOORS): Open swim blocks are being offered exclusively for Winooski residents at the Greater Burlington YMCA (266 College Street, Burlington). Any Winooski residents—adults, children, and families—can swim for FREE during these times by pre-registering for a Winooski resident pass. Winooski swimmers can continue to swim for free on Thursdays evenings (4:30-6:30PM) and Saturday afternoons (2:30-4:30), but other open swim blocks may also be opened to those from Winooski. Please call the Winooski Recreation Office for the most up-to-date list of free Open Swim blocks.

DISCOUNTED SEASON POOL PASSES (OUTDOOR SWIMMING): The City of Winooski has partnered with the Town of Essex to subsidize season passes at Sand Hill Pool for Winooski residents. Season passes for individuals, couples, and families are discounted 50% from normal (non-resident) rates to make them more affordable for Winooski swimmers.

While July 1 was the original deadline for purchasing a discounted season's pass to Sand Hill Pool, the offer will be extended through July as funding allows. If you are interested in purchasing a season's pass after July 1, please contact the Winooski Recreation Office to ask about the 50% discount. Recreation staff will accommodate requests for pass discounts to the extent possible.

Free Youth Swimming Programs

SWIM LESSONS FOR KIDS (Camp SPLASH)

The Y is once again providing FREE swim lessons for Winooski kids and teens, ages 3-18, through their Camp SPLASH Program. All lessons this summer will be hosted at the 266 College Street location and families can choose among several 3-day sessions offered on different weeks. Camp SPLASH sessions are 3 consecutive days-- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays-- with the daily lessons at 11 - 11:45am. Registration for Camp SPLASH is handled by the Y.

City Rec Staff will be providing transportation to/from Camp SPLASH swim lessons for the week of August 15 only. Parents who are unable to bring their children to lessons will need to sign up for the August 16-18 session of Camp SPLASH and then register their child separately for the (free) transportation option.

Camp SPLASH sessions

- July 26 - 28
- August 2-4
- August 9-11
- August 16-18

*transportation option available for kids age 6 and up.

SWIMMING & BEACH TRIPS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

City staff will be bringing groups of kids and teens, ages 8-18, over to the Burlington Y for indoor swimming during the Open Swim blocks listed above. City staff will also be leading afternoon excursions to Bayside Park in Colchester and Oakledge Park and Leddy Beach in Burlington, as well as other local swimming areas. There is no cost for these trips and registration can be completed online at www.winooskirec.com.

Other Activities and Field Trips for Winooski Youth

Winooski Recreation staff will be bringing kids and teens on regular field trips to a range of interesting activities and locations throughout the summer, Mondays - Saturdays. Examples are below, and activities are FREE unless otherwise specified:

- LL Bean paddleboarding and kayaking Adventure Courses at Leddy Beach (\$5) – more info below
- Indoor tennis at The Edge
- Indoor climbing at metroROCK (\$5)
- Bowling at Sparetime
- ECHO and Shelburne Farm & Museum trips
- Hiking and biking excursions
- Lake Monsters games
- Disc Golf in Winooski parks and visits to local courses
- Capture the flag, dodgeball, indoor/outdoor group games

LL BEAN ADVENTURE COURSES

Kids ages 10 and up can be signed up for L.L. Bean Adventure Courses on Tuesday afternoons in July. Youth will be given priority, but adults can also sign up for these courses if there are extra spots. Participants need to be registered in advance (cost is \$5/trip) and can opt for either kayaking or paddleboarding on Lake Champlain. This is a great deal-- these offerings are normally \$25! Youth scholarships are available. Sessions are 90 minutes out on the water, and more details can be found at: <http://bit.ly/LLPaddle> OR <http://bit.ly/LLKayak>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility: Unless otherwise specified, offerings are for Winooski resident youth ages 10-18.

Cost: Many of these youth programs are completely free; all others are discounted to be very affordable (usually \$5 per child trip), with full scholarships available upon request.

Registration: Most of these offerings require pre-registration and a signed liability waiver to reserve a spot. Registration can be done online at www.winooskirec.com (search programs for "Summer 2016" for a full list of activities and trips). Those who are unable to register online can do so over the phone by calling Winooski Recreation at (802) 777-1621.

Scholarships: Any Winooski resident can request a scholarship to cover registration fees that pose a barrier to a child's participation. Scholarships can be requested online (www.winooskirec.com) or paper scholarship applications can be filled out at City Hall or the Winooski Rec Office at the O'Brien Community Center.



Empty Bowls

by Barbara Crandall and Amy Lothrop

As a part of the Spring Into The Arts week 2016, JFK Elementary School hosted our annual Empty Bowls Dinner. There are many volunteers who worked to make this fundraiser such a success.

Students and Girl Scouts from Troop 30187 made bowls to be sold at the event. The hand built clay bowls were created in their art classes. All monies went to Winooski's own food shelf, the Little Green Pantry in the United Methodist Church on West Allen Street. Teachers provided delicious soups such as Mrs. Johnson's Vegetable, Mrs. Moulton's Garden Veggie, Ms. Forbe's Alphabet Chicken, Ms. Lapointe's Corn Chowder, Ms. Benoit's Roasted Butternut Squash, Mrs. Braun's Lentil, Mrs. Knapps Corn Chowder, and Mrs. Thompson's Veggie with Chicken broth soup.

A special thanks to Lan Nguyen for the delicious Pho bar and our local Misery Loves Company for the wonderful rolls that they donated and to Girl Scout Troop 30187 for serving and bussing tables.

This event was a great success not only creating awareness of a need in our community, but allowing us to come together to fight hunger. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's dinner!



Gabriella carrying the American flag in the Winooski Memorial day parade.

Girl Scouting Update

by Amy Snow Lothrop

May was a busy month of community service for Girl Scout Troop 30187. We started the month by participating in Green Up day to clean up Landry Park. Next, we served soup during the Empty Bowls dinner at JFK. It was wonderful to see the bowls that we had made, sold to raise money for the Winooski Food Shelf. Thank you again to Mrs. Crandall for teaching us how to make the bowls.

It was our honor to march in the Winooski Memorial day parade as a Color Guard. We led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance during the ceremony honoring our fallen soldiers. Our troop completed their Global Action project by voting to spend \$275 of their troop funds to send a Girl to school for life. Heifer International will use the money to purchase farm animals and training for a family. The additional income from farming will now be used to pay for her schooling costs.

We remembered to squeeze in some fun too! Joan Vincelette taught the girls cupcake decorating to complete our Simple Meals badge. At our badge festival, the Scouts learned outdoor skills like tent building, knot tying, reading topographical maps, sewed traditional sit upons and fire safety. We put that last skill to good use by making S'mores!

It is never too late to be a Girl Scout or volunteer to be a guest speaker or helper. Contact Amy Snow Lothrop at amylothrop@comcast.net or 802-373-7288.



Mindfulness on Tuesdays for July

For the month of July only, we have switched our practice from Thursdays to Tuesdays. Starting in August, we will be back to the Thursday schedule.

For July -- please join us from 6:30-7:30 pm on Tuesdays at the Senior Center, 123 Barlow Street, for a free mindfulness session. Come join your neighbors for 20 minutes of guided mindfulness practice and then discussion. Mindfulness is relaxed and focused attention. It helps us deal with stress better and be happier! Newcomers are welcome. Led by volunteer Andrea O'Connor. Sponsored by the Center of Mindful Learning, Johnson, Vermont. More info and practice meditation sessions at www.mindfulcities.org.



Discounted Summer Bus Passes for Youth Ages 7-17

By *Ethan Hausman*,
Recreation & Parks Manager

CCTA wristbands are available for sale at Winooski City Hall. They allow kids and teens ages 7-17 UNLIMITED rides on CCTA buses from June 13 – August 25. The City is offering these to Winooski residents at a discounted price of \$20, and half-price scholarships are available. Scholarships for wristbands can be requested online (www.winooskirec.com) or by filling out a basic application at City Hall.

Please note: wristbands allow kids and teens to ride CCTA without adult supervision. No adult accompaniment is provided for bus trips that are not associated with Winooski Rec programs.

CCTA wristband prices:

- Non-residents: \$25
- Winooski residents: \$20
- Scholarships: \$10

What is YouthBuild?

By *Julie Hankins*, AmeriCorps YouthBuild Community Partnership Coordinator

YouthBuild is an alternative high school completion program that serves men and women ages 16-24. YouthBuild students have the opportunity to gain meaningful job skill training in construction and weatherization, engage in leadership development, and complete 675 hours of community service. While fulfilling their high school completion requirements, YouthBuild members earn industry recognized certificates, like NCCER, OSHA-10, First Aid and CPR, and Work Keys. Additionally, students serve their community as part-time AmeriCorps members, and can qualify for an education award to use towards college or training programs.



What's happening at YouthBuild?

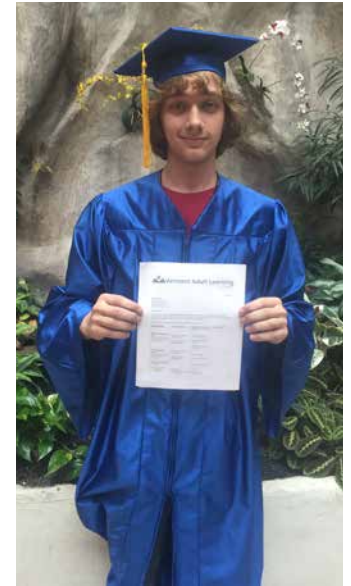
Classroom: Students have been learning about race, gender, and identity. They have also spent time analyzing the demography of Burlington. Students are gearing up to participate in a summer college class with Vermont Tech.

AmeriCorps: Students served with Burlington Department of Park and Recreation to build a compost system for the community gardens, spruced up the gardens at the Respite House, prepared the Salmon Hole for summer, and prepped the Shelburne Museum for a new art exhibit.

Celebrations: Our weatherization Crew completed their 101st weatherization project! On June 23rd, we are celebrating the accomplishments and achievements of our latest graduates, with a ceremony at the waterfront.

We would like to congratulate Matt and Derek, who came to YouthBuild from WHS, on completing their high school diplomas and internships with Bike Recycle Vermont. Further, both of these incredible young men have been hired to work at Skirack.

Recruitment: YouthBuild is recruiting for our fall crew, if you are interested in learning more about YouthBuild, contact us today at (802)658-4143 x 27 or stop in at 266 Pine Street in Burlington..



July Celebrations

By Scott D. McGivern, Lieutenant, Winooski Police Department

When I think of July, I think about summer, hot weather, and Independence Day. The inclination to celebrate the Fourth of July is to do so with fireworks. Fireworks, even small ones are dangerous. This is why they are closely regulated. I know there are multiple instances when experts, people who produce and discharge fireworks, were injured or even killed. On New Year's Eve 2016 a well known professional football player was injured and lost parts of two fingers when he lit a firework he was holding.

Both at the state and municipal levels there are laws and ordinances in place prohibiting the selling, transporting, possessing, and using of fireworks. Businesses and individuals may apply for permits to sell, possess, transport, or ignite fireworks. Vermont statute does allow for anyone who has reached the age of majority to apply for a permit which is issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

When applying for the permit the applicant has to show a reasonable and lawful purpose for having the permit. The applicant must also be able to demonstrate their competency in handling fireworks.

Other than community celebrations and fireworks shows, few permits are issued. This is because governing bodies place a priority on the safety of all community members. If you are not provided a permit and you sell, possess, transport, or ignite fireworks you could be charged with a crime. The remaining fireworks will also be confiscated.

Please celebrate our nation's independence safely, respectfully, and legally.

News from the Library

By Amanda Perry

Learning Express Program

Thinking of taking the ACT, SAT or PSAT test in the fall? Prepare now using Learning Express! Access free test preparation tools here at the library. There's even help for writing college admission essays! You don't even need a library card for this service, just visit winooskilibrary.wordpress.com or drop by the library to get started.



Free Meals for Winooski Youth

The library will be serving youth meals this summer: Tuesday through Friday from 12:00pm to 5:30pm and Saturday from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. Lunch will be served to youth ages 18 and under.

The library is located at 32 Malletts Bay Avenue and is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am to 6:30pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Get a Library Card!

We encourage all community members to register for a library card. Please visit the library online at winooskilibrary.wordpress.com or contact us at 802-655-6424 or winooskilibrary@winooskivt.org.

Winooski Food Shelf Schedule for July

By Linda Howe

Saturday, July 9th	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Fresh fruit, veggies, bread, pastry and deli items
Wednesday, July 13th	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pantry staples, meat and eggs
Saturday, July 23rd	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Fresh fruit, veggies, bread, pastry and deli items
Wednesday, July 27th	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Pantry staples, meat and eggs

Food Shelf policy: Winooski residents may access the pantry staples one Wednesday each month. Folks can come both Saturdays to stock up on bread, pastry and some fresh fruit and veggies. Hannaford's provides Saturday's food. New clients should bring proof of Winooski residency such as a utility bill.

Any Winooski resident in need is welcome. You might have just lost a job, become ill or injured and can't work, had a new baby or have large medical bills. We all have experienced sudden life changes. The Food Shelf is here to help support you. [For questions call 318-0460.](tel:318-0460)

Where to find us: The Winooski Food Shelf is located in the United Methodist Church at the corner of West Allen and Follett Streets. There is a bus stop on that corner. We do not provide rides so please bring a wheeled cart or suitcase and some reusable bags to lug your food home.

Senior Center News

By Barb Pittido, Winooski Senior Programs Manager

Come grow with us!
 Our fiscal year begins July 1st, and along with that our 2016-17 Senior Center Membership begins as well! Your \$5.00 yearly membership is an investment in a mission to keep seniors active, connected and engaged in growing!

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“We grow neither better nor worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.”

 — May Lamberton Becker

We offer many programs for 55+ folks. Meals, exercise, art, technology workshops, Bingo!, volunteer opportunities, and much more! We are a fun-loving group of seniors who are from all walks of life and all parts of the area. Our membership is open to everyone! We invite you to stop by and check us out!

A huge thank you goes out to the kind folks of Operation Bloom for the creation of beautiful container gardens and the beginning of a Pollinator garden at the Senior Center. We are grateful for our little City’s partnerships. There are so many ways to grow together!



The Winooski Senior Center... the most exciting place in Winooski! We are located at 123 Barlow Street. Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm, Thursdays until 2:30pm. You can reach us by phone at 802-655-6425 or by email at seniorcenter@winooski.vt.gov

COMING UP:

- July 5 - Senior Lunch & Meeting
- July 5, 12 & 19 - Technology Workshops
- July 10 - Senior Teddy Bear Picnic
- July 12 - Fiber Arts Studio
- July 14 - Bastille Day BINGO!
- July 22 - UVM presentation on Village to Village
- July 26 - Last Tuesdays B'day Lunch
- Aug 2 - Senior Lunch & Meeting
- Aug 18 - Beach Blanket BINGO!
- Aug 30 - Last Tuesdays B'day Lunch



EVERY MONTH

- **Do Drop In** - (Mon 9-11a) Join us for coffee, treats and great conversation! FREE!
- **Tai Chi** - Mondays 10-11am advanced class, 11-12pm for arthritis, 5:30-6:30pm for wellness FREE!
- **Open Art Studio** - (Wed 9a-12p) Try a new skill and be creative with fellow art & craft lovers. Snacks provided. FREE!
- **Senior Lunch** - (Thurs 11:30a) Join us for a great lunch and great company! \$4.00 RSVP
- **BINGO!** - (Thurs 12:30p) Always a blast! Free Popcorn! \$10.00
- **NEW! Last Tuesdays** - 11:30 lunch and Birthday celebration \$4.00. RSVP
- **NEW! Walking w/ Megan** - Thurs 9:30a (July - Aug 11) meet at 83 Barlow Patio. Weather permitting. FREE!
- **Van rides** to The Winooski Food Shelf, Shaws, Hannaford's & the Mall and the Winooski Memorial Library. Call for times. FREE!



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WSD ENDS STATEMENT

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college and career ready at a cost supported by a majority of the Winooski community. WSD students will lead healthy, productive and successful lives and engage with their local and global community.

ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

The Winooski School District is a PreK through 12 system that is housed in one educational center. At press time, there were 410 students attending JFK Elementary (grades PreK-5), 161 attending Winooski Middle School (grades 6-8), and 234 attending Winooski High School (grades 9-12).

One of the most diverse school districts in the state of Vermont, Winooski's teachers and staff are highly involved in professional development programs that help increase student achievement, address the needs of a diverse student population, and allow students to thrive in an engaging environment with high expectations.

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