

The Winooski Newsletter

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From the Superintendent

By Wilmer Chavarria, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Winooski Community,

Over at the Winooski schools, we are paying very close attention to the developments in Montpelier. Throughout this session, we have been worried about the fast pace in which some decisions have been made without the appropriate level of thoughtfulness and without the inclusion of the voices of the people most impacted by these changes. By the time you receive this letter, many changes will have taken place that I cannot predict, mainly because significant modifications are made to the language of the education bill almost daily. Regardless, I invite you to remain informed and to contact our legislators with your thoughts. Three Senators and two Representatives are there to look out for you:



- **Senator Phil Baruth** (Phone: 802-503-5266; Email: pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us)
- **Senator Martine Larocque Gulick** (Phone: 802-828-2228; Email: mgulick@leg.state.vt.us)
- **Senator Tanya Vyhovsky** (Phone: 802-316-8329; Email: tvyhovsky@leg.state.vt.us)
- **Representative Daisy Berbeco** (Phone: 802-828-2228; Email: dberbeco@leg.state.vt.us)
- **Representative Chloe Tomlinson** (Phone: 802-828-2228; Email: ctomlinson@leg.state.vt.us)

I will work with our board to keep you informed if anything significant happens. We continue to actively advocate for ways to protect our schools' services while avoiding an unsustainable tax burden on our residents. The legislature has the power to do both.

On a different note, I extend my sincere gratitude to our teachers and staff for their tireless work this year. As we come to a successful conclusion of the school year, I want to celebrate the staff that cherish and nurture our students and spend every day ensuring that your children have a productive, meaningful, and joyful time in their school. Teaching is exhausting, especially when you do it well and give it your all, so I hope our staff have a restful and enjoyable summer. I am grateful for our staff, as I know students and families are too.

2025 Summer Meals for Winooski Students

By Sarah Haven, Director of Finance & Operations

The Winooski School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

As always, students participating in summer programming offered through the Winooski School District or the City of Winooski will have access to breakfast, lunch, or both, depending on the program's hours.

Students who are not registered in programming are also eligible for meals. Starting on Monday, June 23rd, students may come to the Myers Memorial Pool for lunch only. Meals at the pool will be available at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This meal service will run through August 22nd.

Every child in Winooski, aged 0-18, is eligible for FREE summer meals. Summer meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027), found online at <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf> and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to the USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442 or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

Necessities Store and Veggie Van Go Summer Schedule

As summer approaches, the Winooski School District is sharing updates on important community resources available during the break.

Necessities Store

The WSD Necessities Store will be closed during the summer months. The store will reopen in the fall when school is back in session.

Veggie Van Go

Veggie Van Go, a partnership with the Vermont Foodbank, will continue to provide free fresh produce to families throughout the summer. The monthly distribution will take place from 9:00am to 10:00am at Winooski Schools on the following Fridays:

- June 20, 2025
- July 18, 2025
- August 22, 2025

School Board Update

By Robert Millar, Board of School Trustees

It's been a wet, rainy spring in Vermont this year, but as I write this update in mid-May, I realize that summer is finally in the air. And I don't know about you, but I am ready for it!

For the District, the return of nice, sunny weather also signals the end of another school year, a time of significant transition and excitement for our students. For all of them, it means change, whether moving to a new grade, up to a new school, or for our graduating seniors, on to the next stage of their lives, whatever that may look like. It may feel like an ending for some, but it's an exciting new beginning! And it's certainly not an end for your Board of School Trustees, whose work continues even in the Summer months.

At our most recent meeting on May 14th, we continued our usual policy work, finalizing some minor changes to our Asset Protection policy and continuing our work on adjusting our Communication and Support to the Board policy. This policy focuses on how the Superintendent communicates with the Board and ensures we have what we need to do our work well. Our recent discussions about this policy were a great example of how our policies are "living documents" that must be reviewed regularly to continue to reflect the Board's goals. We've made some minor additions to the policy to ensure the Superintendent and the Board remain on the same page regarding what needs to be communicated, especially in the modern environment where information travels faster than ever.

Among many other updates, we also heard from Superintendent Chavarria about his plans for administrative

restructuring for the coming school year. The most significant changes will be at JFK Elementary School, where an Assistant Principal position will be created. This change will be budget-neutral by reducing an administrative position in the District Office. Additionally, the Pre-K program will become part of the greater Elementary School, and the program director will join the school's administrative team as Co-Principal for Early Learning and PK-5 Support. Finally, the middle and high school co-principals will have their responsibilities adjusted and their separate roles more distinctly defined.

The Board asked many questions and shared our thoughts about these changes. Still, it's important to remember that under Policy Governance and according to our existing policies and procedures, that's where our role ends. The administrative team reports to the Superintendent, who is also responsible for defining their roles and responsibilities, hiring them, and evaluating them. The Board has one employee under our governance system whom we are responsible for hiring and holding accountable to our policies: the Superintendent himself.

As always, there were many more things discussed and decided at our meeting, but rather than me taking up more of your time getting into them, I highly suggest you get out and enjoy the warm weather while you can! And, when it inevitably rains again, remember that our meetings are recorded, and you can always catch up on them online at www.mediafactory.org/winooski-schools. In the meantime, if you ever have any questions about our work, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thriving Together

By Erin Bonsall & Rebecca Ludden

The Middle/High School Intensive Needs Program has been reinvented during the 2024-2025 school year to reflect a model centered around inclusion, collaboration, and the belief that each student in our program is capable of becoming a success story.



One of the most significant shifts in our program has been our commitment to inclusive education. Our students now have increased opportunities to learn and socialize with their peers in general education settings. This inclusive approach benefits students

with special needs and creates a more empathetic understanding of school culture. Classmates learn to appreciate diversity, practice kindness, and work together across differences.

At the heart of these changes is the accrual of our very own classroom space, which has become key to delivering whole-group, specialized learning opportunities in reading, math, independent living skills, social-emotional learning,

and community learning opportunities. We've embraced a flexible, individualized approach that meets students where they are and helps them build academic skills and confidence. Following this model, students have participated in off-site pre-vocational programs, the CHILL snowboarding program, and various community outings.

The progress we've made is a testament to what's possible when we work together—with a belief in every student's ability to succeed and a shared sense of ownership and responsibility in cultivating that success. Our vision is that our special education program will continue to grow and no longer be viewed solely as a place for academic support—a thriving, dynamic part of our school that inspires growth, inclusion, and possibility.





Important End-of-Year Dates and Events at WSD

By Miriam Greenfield, Director of Communications

As the school year comes to a close, we have several exciting events and important dates to mark on your calendar. Please take a moment to review the schedule and ensure your student is ready to celebrate a fantastic year of learning and growth!

Middle School Trip to Camp Abnaki

WHEN: Wednesday, June 4th

Our middle schoolers will enjoy a day outdoors at Camp Abnaki—filled with fun, team-building, and memorable activities.

Collaborative Art Night

WHEN: Thursday, June 5th, 5:00–7:00pm

WHERE: All around JFK Elementary
WHAT: Join us for an evening of creativity and community hosted by JFK art and the PTO! Come celebrate our students' artistic talents and contribute to a collaborative project.

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

WHEN: Friday, June 6th, 2:00pm

WHERE: WSD Cafeteria

WHAT: Join us in celebrating our 5th graders as they prepare to begin their middle school journey!

JFK All-School End-of-Year Celebration

WHEN: Tuesday, June 10th (Rain date: Wednesday, June 11th)

This annual tradition brings the whole school together for fun activities, games, and community spirit!

To make sure your student is ready for a day of fun, please send them to school with: a bathing suit, a towel, a sun hat, sunscreen and bug spray applied before school, comfortable shoes, weather-appropriate clothing. Need to borrow a bathing suit? Please let your student's liaison or classroom teacher know as

soon as possible so we can make sure the right size is available.

High School Sports Awards Night

WHEN: Wednesday, June 11th, 6:00–8:00pm

WHERE: Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Come celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of our student-athletes across all seasons!

8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

WHEN: Thursday, June 12th at 6:00pm (Doors open at 5:45pm)

WHERE: Performing Arts Center (PAC)
This special event honors our 8th graders as they prepare to transition to high school.

Middle School Dance to follow from 6:45–8:30pm

Last Day of School

WHEN: Friday, June 13th

Please note there will be an early release at 11:00am.



High School Graduation

WHEN: Saturday, June 14th at 1:00pm

Join us in celebrating the Class of 2025 as they graduate and move on to new adventures!

We look forward to ending the year strong with these special events and hope to see you there!



Mapenzi Selemani Shines at the National Poetry Out Loud Competition

By Miriam Greenfield, Director of Communications

Winooski High School junior Mapenzi Selemani recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to represent Vermont in the *National Poetry Out Loud* competition. This prestigious opportunity brought together talented student poets from across the country. Accompanied by English teacher Ms. Caitlin, her sister Ketila, and close friend Bora, Mapenzi delivered powerful recitations of three poems that captivated judges and audience members alike.

Her performance earned her the distinction of regional finalist and honorable mention, a significant accomplishment on a national stage. But the trip wasn't just about poetry—it was also a chance to engage with the nation's leaders. While in D.C., the group visited Capitol Hill and participated in one-on-one conversations with Senator Peter Welch and Representative Becca Balint. Both lawmakers were deeply impressed by Mapenzi and her peers, remarking on their poise, insight, and passion.

We are incredibly proud of Mapenzi for her talent and courage and for representing our school, city, and Vermont on a national platform. Congratulations!

Award Winners from VT Wildlife Education Fund Competition

By Emily Jacobs, Grades 7/8 Art Teacher

This spring, six Winooski middle & high school students had their artwork selected into the Vermont Wildlife Education Fund's annual art competition & exhibition — a prestigious statewide art showcase celebrating Vermont's wildlife. Not only that, but three of these artists — Kahmiley Kasongo (Grade 8), Jenny Paw (Grade 8), and Legacy Sinclair (Grade 11) were awarded Honorable Mentions with cash prizes! We are so proud of these young artists and that the artistic talent of so many Winooski students was showcased in the exhibition this year. Congratulations to our three award winners, and also to Ankita Dhungana (Gr. 8), Addie Montague (Gr. 7), and Asher Weissberger (Gr. 7) — each of whom also had work selected for display in the exhibition.



"Baby Bear in the Birches"
Jenny Paw,
Grade 8



"Pine Elfin's Journey"
Kahmiley Kasongo,
Grade 8



"Devil's Horse"
Legacy Sinclair,
Grade 11

Beyond Borders Publication Celebration

By Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver

On Thursday, May 15, students in Global Explorations had a book and website launch party for their book, *Beyond Borders: Narratives Across Generations and Continents*. This class, Global Explorations, grew out of a question: What would happen if we created opportunities in school for students to learn about where they are from?



In this course, students study the three major countries from which

our refugee population has come: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia, and Bhutan. In these units, students learn the history of these countries and the underlying reasons why refugees from these countries were forced to flee their homeland. At a time when immigrants are once again being politicized and the victims of hateful rhetoric, it is important to remember that no one wants to leave their home. But yet, due to violence, war, persecution, ethnic cleansing, and natural disasters, millions of people were forced to leave their homeland. Migration is a human right.

The unique and special thing about Winooski is that you have students from migrant families next to students who have been in Vermont for generations. The richness that this diversity of experience produces is unmatched. Our classroom discussions are lively and full of debate, and they are a space for students to truly learn from one another.

In this project, students were tasked with telling the story of Winooski, including community members, family members, or each other. In this book, we wanted to capture the stories that make up our diverse and unique community. Students conducted intimate interviews and unearthed family stories that might have been lost. For many students, this was their first hearing about a family member's experience fleeing their country. They are now the keepers of these stories.

"We got to hear from our parents for the first time," said Nabina Basnet, who interviewed her grandfather.

"I got to learn my own family's history," said Rehema Jima. "Things that I didn't even know yet. It was really meaningful to me to have this opportunity."

The book and website can be viewed here: <https://sites.google.com/wsdvt.org/beyond-borders-narratives/home>.

<p>Lunch Entree 2 Beef Cheeseburger Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Roasted Potato Lettuce & Tomato Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 3 Loaded Baked Potato Chipotle Chicken Soft Tacos Southwest Crunch Salad Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Fresh Roasted Broccoli with Garlic Pico de Gallo Daily Salad Bar Grains Whole Wheat Dinner Roll</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 4 Curry Chicken Curry Chick'n Cheese Pizza Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Green Beans Daily Salad Bar Grains Brown Rice</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 5 Spaghetti with Meatballs Meatless Meatball Marinara w/ Spaghetti Chicken Caesar Salad Buffalo Ranch Chicken Sandwich (Scratch) Vegetables Calabacitas con Elote (Squash with Corn) Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree Hot Honey Glazed Chicken Thigh Honey Glazed Chick'n Roasted Chicken Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Vegetarian Baked Beans Daily Salad Bar Grains Rice Pilaf</p>
<p>Lunch Entree 9 BBQ Chicken Roasted Chicken Vegetarian Chef Salad Vegetables Steamed Corn Daily Salad Bar Grains Mac & Cheese</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 10 Chicken Quesadilla Taco Cheese Quesadilla Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Fire Roasted Black Beans Pico de Gallo Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 11 Hot Dog Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Caesar Wrap Vegetables Chili Roasted Sweet Potatoes Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 12 Chickpea Masala Cheese and Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Cheese Pizza Vegetables Kale Roasted Red Peppers Daily Salad Bar Grains Brown Rice</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 13 Oven Fried Chicken Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Hawaiian Chicken Wrap Vegetables Garlic Roasted Green Beans Daily Salad Bar Grains Cilantro Lime Brown Rice</p>
<p>Lunch Entree 16 Chicken & Andouille Jambalaya Red Beans & Rice Southwest Crunch Salad Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Seasoned/Roasted Carrots Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 17 Chicken Al Pastor Tacos Chicken Quesadilla Chef Salad with Turkey Ham Black Bean Soft Tacos Vegetables Creamy Pinto Beans Pico de Gallo Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 18 Beef Cheeseburger Gardenburger® Veggie Burger Creamy Buffalo Chicken Salad Wrap Garden Salad with Cheese & Egg Vegetables Roasted Potato Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 19 Piri Piri Chicken Greek Chicken Wrap Chicken Caesar Salad Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Collard Greens Daily Salad Bar Grains Jollof Rice</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 20 Chicken Aioli Sandwich Pasta Bar Vegetables Italian Herbed Sauteed Zucchini Broccoli Daily Salad Bar</p>
<p>Lunch Entree 23 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Southwest Crunch Salad Turkey Ham & Cheese Hoagie Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Granola & Yogurt Parfait Vegetables Tomato Soup Carrot Slaw Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 24 Ground Turkey Tacos Hawaiian Chicken Wrap Chef Salad with Turkey Vegetables Fiesta Corn Pico de Gallo Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 25 Hot Dog Grilled Cheese Sandwich Mixed Green Salad with Cheese Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Baked Beans Daily Salad Bar</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 26 Sweet & Sour Chicken Teriyaki Tofu Cheese and Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Vegetables Honey Ginger Green Beans Daily Salad Bar Grains Fried Rice</p>	<p>Lunch Entree 27 Cheesy Baked Ziti Chicken Ranch Wrap Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Lemon Pepper Broccoli Daily Salad Bar</p>
<p>Lunch Entree 30 Huli Huli Chicken Southwest Crunch Salad Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Meal with String Cheese Vegetables Seasoned/Roasted Carrots Daily Salad Bar Grains Hawaiian Mac Salad</p>				

ALL MEALS ARE FREE for all students.

At every meal, assorted fruit is served, and low fat milk or fat free chocolate milk is available.



Letter from the Mayor

By Mayor Kristine Lott | klott@winooskivt.gov | 802 766 1988

To the Winooski Community, I'd like to focus on recognizing **community concerns** over ongoing federal actions that threaten and harm our community members. Winooski has long been committed to equity, welcoming, inclusion, and belonging, and we're lucky to live in a state that shares these values. The Vermont Attorney General's Office is actively taking legal actions that help protect Vermonters: <https://ago.vermont.gov/ago-actions>. Since 2023, Vermont has enacted some of the strongest protections in the nation for reproductive rights and gender-affirming care. Last month, **Vermont's Shield Laws Bill (S.28)** was delivered to the Governor's office after the House and Senate final approval. S.28 is designed to strengthen legal protections for Vermont individuals and providers in accessing and providing reproductive health care and gender-affirming care. Organizations like the Pride Center of Vermont (www.pridecentervt.org) and Outright Vermont (outrightvt.org) continue to provide resources available to Winooski residents. **Winooski's annual Pride event** is on September 13, 2025, and provides a fantastic opportunity to show your support: downtownwinooski.org/events/pride.



Vermont's standard for **Fair and Impartial Policing Policy**, followed here in Winooski, outlines that citizenship or immigration status are not factors used to initiate arrests. Our local police do not investigate civil immigration laws, nor will they ask about or investigate a person's citizenship or immigration status unless status information is an essential element of a crime. **Other regional organizations** continue to provide critical services for our new American neighbors: ACLU Know Your Rights: aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights; VT Language Justice Project Know Your Rights multilingual videos: vtlanguagejustice.org/rights; Immigration Advocates Network and Pro Bono Net: immi.org; Vermont Asylum Assistance Project: vaapvt.org; AALV: aalv-vt.org; The Center for Justice Reform at Vermont Law and Graduate School: vermontlaw.edu; Legal Services Vermont: legalservicesvt.org. Winooski remains committed to our legacy of welcoming and opportunity. To our trans, non-binary, gender non-conforming, refugee, and immigrant neighbors: You are welcome and wanted here. Together, we will continue to strive for a community where safety, respect, and dignity are guaranteed for all.

From Your Local Representative

By Representative Chloe Tomlinson

Many constituents have expressed concerns about federal overreach, funding cuts, and erosion of civil liberties. In addition to tackling education reform, property tax relief, housing, and healthcare costs, the legislature has also focused this session on protecting Vermonters' rights and access to essential services in response to harmful federal policies under the Trump administration. Below are key legislative updates addressing these issues. While some of the bills referenced below have already been signed into law, most are in the final stages of the legislative process and may still change during conference committee negotiations. **LGBTQIA+ Rights:** S.123 allows Vermonters to renew their IDs early to maintain access to self-attested gender markers, responding to anticipated federal restrictions. H.98 creates a "confirmatory adoption" process to help LGBTQIA+ families ensure parental rights are recognized across state lines. H.461 expands unpaid leave to cover a broader range of family relationships. S.28 (a shield bill) strengthens protections for those seeking or providing reproductive and gender-affirming care. **Immigration:** Anti-discrimination language from H.169 was folded into the housing omnibus bill (S.127), prohibiting housing discrimination based on immigration status. S.44 limits



Representatives Chloe Tomlinson (left) and Daisy Berbeco (right)

local cooperation with ICE by requiring the Governor's approval (in consultation with the Attorney General) for any agreements with federal immigration enforcement, even during state or federal emergencies. H.98 also includes a "standby guardianship" provision so families can plan for care of children in the event of detention or deportation. **Federal Funding:** Legislative committees have examined how federal cuts could impact Vermont. The Joint Fiscal Office provides a tool to track the Trump administration's policy and its fiscal effects: ljfo.vermont.gov/subjects/federal-funds-links. Provisions are under consideration in the state budget (i.e. the "Big Bill") to establish a process for responding to federal funding losses while the legislature is out of session. While much of this work has been defensive—mitigating harm rather than advancing new initiatives—it remains essential. These policies are a response to real and immediate threats, and though I wish we could spend all of our time building toward our state's long-term future, this is what the moment demands. We must do everything we can to protect the rights, dignity, and well-being of Vermonters. If you have questions, suggestions, or would like updates, please reach out: ctomlinson@leg.state.vt.us.

Crews are working Monday through Friday, 7am to 7pm, to upgrade the roadway and City's infrastructure along Main Street.



Main Street Revitalization

winooskivt.gov/mainstreet

You're invited! Join us for the **Main Street Project Open House** on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, from 6–8pm at Winooski City Hall (27 West Allen Street). Residents are invited to learn more about the project, meet the project team, ask questions, sign up for updates, and learn more about the business support marketing campaign (Winooski Mosaic). From late March through May, crews finished installing the new sewer main and services and most of the water infrastructure upgrades for the project. Crews also installed sidewalk and brick pavers between Maple and Spring Streets and carried out stormwater and conduit duct bank work between Spring and Bellevue Streets.

In June, the crews are scheduled to finish stormwater system upgrades throughout the project limits and will continue with sidewalk installation and roadway construction between Spring and Stevens Streets (excavation, drainage, gravel, grading, curb, and paving). Conduit duct bank and vault installation between Spring and Burling Streets is also planned. The schedule may change due to weather, field conditions, subcontractor availability, and other factors. Throughout construction, Main Street between Maple Street and Tigan Street is reduced to a single lane, allowing only northbound traffic. Southbound traffic detours to Tigan Street and Weaver Street. This traffic pattern will remain in place 24/7 for most of the construction season. Additional impacts include short-term side street closures, on-street parking restrictions, and temporary driveway access and utility interruptions for project abutters.

Stay Informed:

- Weekly email updates: sign up at winooskivt.gov/mainstreet
- Multilingual updates are available in 15 languages
- Property owner/resident/business notifications: The contractor will inform project abutters about utility or driveway interruptions in advance using door hangers or by knocking on doors

Questions/Concerns? Our public information team is here to help: 802-595-4399 | info@winooskimainstreet.com

- **Damage Claims:** If your personal property is damaged due to construction, there's a process in place to help. Contact the public information team for more details.



City Hall Reminders

Open 8am – 4pm, Monday – Friday
winooskivt.gov/clerk | 802 655 6410

Short-Term Rental License Applications: Last year, new housing ordinances were enacted in Winooski that address short-term rentals. Now, short-term license applications for owner-occupied and non-owner occupied properties must be submitted for the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 license year. The deadline for existing short-term rentals is Friday, September 26, 2025. Owners found operating without an active license could receive penalties and fines up to \$800 per day, and may revoke your ability to obtain a short-term rental license for the following year. For full details and to apply, please visit winooskivt.gov/str.

Quarterly tax bill and utility bills will be mailed on or before July 15, 2025 with a due date of August 15, 2025. Please note the tax bill is sent out once a year! To learn about payment options and details, please visit winooskivt.gov/pay, or contact the City Clerk's Office.

The **Burlington Lead Program is offering a free Inspection, Repair, and Cleaning (IRC) class** to rental property owners and childcare facility operators on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 10am–4pm in Winooski at the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC) Building (10 East Allen Street). This in-person training provides the required IRC certification - learn how to protect your tenants, families, and clients and comply with the latest Vermont Lead Poisoning Prevention Law regulations. To sign up, visit burlingtonvt.gov/159/Burlington-Lead-Program. Questions? Call or email Sean Melinn, Lead Program Specialist: 802-865-5323 | smelinn@burlingtonvt.gov. The Burlington Lead Program is offered through Burlington's Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO), who has supported lead mitigation in Winooski for 20+ years.

Learn more! Stop by the Winooski Farmer's Market on Sunday, July 29, 2025, from 9am–2pm and connect with the Burlington Lead Program. Learn about our efforts, how to sign up for the program, and about lead paint safety. Bring your small household items, such as a child's toy or antique artifact (limit of 2 per person) to be tested for lead. Results are instant!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Recreation and Parks

802-777-1621 | recreation@winooski.vt.gov

The **Myers Memorial Pool** opens Sunday, June 8 for the 2025 season! For passes, programs, schedules, and more – visit winooski.vt.gov/pool.

YOUTH

Vermont Patriots Soccer

U6 | Saturdays, May 3 - June 14

U8 - U12 | Weeks of April 28 - June 8

Tennis in the Parks

Grades 1-5 | Mondays and Wednesdays, July 14 – 30

Budding Gardeners Camp

Grades K-5 | Monday - Friday, June 16 – 20

Very Merry Theatre Camp

Grades 1-6 | Monday - Friday, June 23 – 27

CHILL Skateboarding Camp

Ages 11-17 | Monday - Friday, July 7 – 11

Art Fusion Camp

Grades K-5 | Monday - Friday, August 11 – 15

Olympians Camp

Grades K-5 | Monday - Friday, August 18 – 22

Swim Lessons

Ages 0-18 | Monday - Saturday, June 14 - August 18

Winooski Waves Swim Team

Ages 5-18 | Monday, Wednesday, Friday, June 9 - August 4

ADULTS

Winooski Bike Gang

Ages 18+ | Mondays and Wednesdays, April 16 – Sept 29

Winooski Running Club

Ages 18+ | Wednesdays, April 30 – September 1

Tennis in the Parks

Ages 18+ | Saturdays, July 12 - August 16



Winooski Memorial Library

32 Malletts Bay Avenue | 802-655-6424 | library@winooski.vt.gov
winooski.vt.gov/library

Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 5pm | Saturday: 10am - 2pm

Summer Reading Kickoff - Friday, June 20 at 3:30pm: Join us for our annual summer reading kickoff featuring an amazing storytime event and what marks the start of our 10-week literacy and play based programming for Winooski youth. Free, no registration required.

Urban Plant Walk - Saturday, June 7 at 10:30am: Take a stroll with local illustrator and author Maggie Herskovits for a guided walk around Winooski to visit a diverse scene of urban habitats and meet the plants that call them home! Learn key identification characteristics, plant history and geography as well as fun facts about plants and the ruderal (urban) ecosystem. All ages. Free, no registration required.

YOUTH

Library Playgroup | Birth & up | Tuesdays | 10:30am

Baby & Toddler Storytime | Ages 0-2 | Thursdays | 10:30am

Preschool Storytime | Ages 3-5 | Fridays | 10:30am

STEAM Ahead | Ages 5+ | Saturdays | 10:30am

Birding for Kids | Ages 8+ | Saturday, June 14 | 10:30am

ADULTS

Monthly Book Group | Ages 18+ | Last Tuesday of each month |

Monthly Writing Group | Ages 18+ | Call or email for specifics

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Winooski Senior Center

123 Barlow Street | 802-655-6425

seniorcenter@winooskivt.gov

winooskivt.gov/seniorcenter

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am – 12pm

WEDNESDAYS

Breakfast Café

9am–11am | Priced by donation | Drop-in

Enjoy fresh breakfast sandwiches, fruit & drinks

Senior Community Connections

9am – 12pm | FREE | Drop-in

Play games, puzzles, craft, sew, and more!

Sit Down Community Meals

12pm | 60+ | \$5 suggested donation

Call to RSVP by 12pm the previous Wednesday.

Healthy sit-down lunches from AgeWell

THURSDAYS

New American Community Connections

10am – 1pm | Games, Activities & Lunch

FRIDAYS

Singing for People with Memory Loss

10:30am – 11:30am | FREE | Starts June 20

Senior Swim at the Myers Pool

Fridays June 20 – August 29

11:30am – 12:30pm | FREE for all folks 55+

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Coffee Chat about Dyeing with Plants Workshops

June 4 | 10am – 12pm | FREE | Drop In

New American Connections Celebration

June 12 | 10am – 2PM | FREE

Call to Register | Space is limited

Dyeing with Plants Workshops

June 18 & June 25 | 10am – 12pm | FREE

Call to Register | Space is limited

Bone Builders Exercise

FREE | Monday & Wednesday | 2 – 3pm

Meals on Wheels

Please call AgeWell at 802 863 0360 for eligibility

Volunteer drivers are always needed!



Thrive Afterschool

winooskivt.gov/thrive

Thrive Summer 2025: Hey there campers – are you ready for the best summer ever? We've got tons of fun activities planned for you! Registration for Thrive Summer opened on February 1, 2025, and we encourage families to sign up soon. We'll be exploring nature, celebrating different cultures, and enjoying STEAM activities, and trips to the Myers Memorial Pool all summer long. Join your friends and neighbors to make some lifetime memories!

- Grades K- 5 (must have completed Kindergarten)
- Monday – Friday
- 8:30am - 5pm at the Winooski School District

Summer Camp Dates and Themes:

- June 23 – 27 – Outdoor Explorers Week
- June 30 – July 3 (partial week) – Bouncing off the Walls!
- July 7 – 11 – Crazy Critters Week
- July 14 – 18 – Thrive on Wheels Week
- July 21 – 25 – Music Week
- July 28 – August 1 – Water Week

State scholarships have expanded and offer some level of support for most Winooski families to pay for Thrive. Applications are encouraged – visit dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/ccfap for more info or email thrive@winooskivt.gov for help.

Thrive Afterschool is accepting new students for the remainder of the school year and as a state-licensed program, most families are eligible for help with program costs. For more info and to sign up, visit winooskivt.gov/thrive.

Sign up for
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winooskivt.gov/programs

DOWNTOWN WINOOSKI AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Downtown Winooski

downtownwinooski.org

Support businesses on Main Street during the **‘Winooski Mosaic’** campaign! Visit downtownwinooski.org/mosaic and follow us on social media to learn more. With the tagline “Temporary Routes, Permanent Progress,” the initiative aims to maintain business patronage and community engagement during the Main Street Revitalization Project and includes everything from print and digital advertising, social media content, wayfinding signage, business highlights, and exciting programs for gift cards, receipt raffles, delivery options, and opportunities to share your experiences supporting businesses.

The **Farmers Market** continues weekly in June with French Heritage Day capping off the month on June 29th! Now in its 20th year, French Heritage Day celebrates Vermont’s rich French history and heritage, as well as Québécois culture. We invite local historians and friends of all backgrounds to join us in celebration with music, cuisine, education, and activities! This year’s celebration will feature a Pouding Chômeur & French Bread Baking Contest as well as Junior and Professional Waiter Races! We are looking for bakers and waiters to show their stuff in these contests! For more info, including how to enter, visit downtownwinooski.org/french-heritage-day.

The Winooski **Juneteenth** celebration will be Friday, June 20th in Rotary Park from 5 – 8 PM, kicking off our summer series of Downtown Block Parties! We are so excited to bring the park to life with live music, food, kids activities, community resources, the unveiling of last year’s community mural, and more, all in celebration of Black joy and liberation! Visit downtownwinooski.org/juneteenth for details. Interested in being a volunteer crossing guard to make the Rotary safer for our events? Please email info@downtownwinooski.org!

Winooski Food Shelf

winooskifoodshelf.org



Winooski residents may access the food shelf one (1) Wednesday and both Saturdays.

Wednesday, June 11	1 – 3pm
Saturday, June 14	9:30 – 11am
Wednesday, June 25	1 – 3pm
Saturday, June 28	9:30 – 11am

Where to find us: We are located at 24 West Allen Street inside the green United Methodist Church. Our phone is 802-655-7371.

Volunteers needed: Please reach out to us at our e-mail: winooskifoodshelf@gmail.com. We need volunteers to pack produce boxes and pantry staples. We especially need help the third Wednesday of each month at 9am to help bring inside and shelve the food dropped off by the Vermont Foodbank truck.

Howard Center

howardcenter.org



June is Pride Month; a time to honor love, identity, and the LGBTQIA+ community. It’s also a time to learn about LGBTQIA+ history, listen to local voices, and speak up against discrimination. The Pride Center of Vermont offers events, resources, and opportunities to connect year-round at pridecentervt.org. The celebration of Pride continues in our community well beyond June. Burlington’s Pride Week in September offers another meaningful chance to show support and build connection. Howard Center helps people and communities thrive by providing supports and services to address mental health, substance use, and developmental needs.

Town Meeting TV

cctv.org



Celebrate 41 years of community media with CCTV Center for Media & Democracy! Join us on Thursday, June 12th from 4–7pm at the Burlington Friends Meeting Bassett House, 173 North Prospect Street.

All are welcome! Come learn about your local community media center and the CCTV Archives - a collection of over 40,000 programs dating back to 1984! For more information, visit cctv.org. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Brewer at outreach@cctv.org.



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