

# JFK Weekly Newsletter

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**Friday, November 21, 2025**

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## Free Community Thanksgiving Meal at Papa Frank's

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Day meal in honor of giving back to our community!

Papa Frank's Italian Restaurant in Winooski will be serving a free community Thanksgiving meal (we're serving all the classic turkey-day favorites!) for anyone looking for food, company, and a place to spend the holiday. All are welcome!

- When: Thursday, November 27, 2025
- Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Where: Papa Frank's Italian Restaurant, W Center St, Winooski, VT

This meal is held in honor of Karen Paquette, the late wife of longtime owner Moe Paquette, who always dreamed of hosting a space for people to have food and company during the holidays.

What You Need to Know:

- Dine-In or To-Go: You are welcome to sit down with neighbors and friends, or grab a to-go meal if preferred.
- Delivery Available: Can't make it out? Call ahead to reserve a delivered Thanksgiving plate!
- Phone: (802) 655-2423
- Reservations: Not required, but calling ahead to let us know you plan to join is helpful!
- Donations: Accepted but absolutely not required.

We can't wait to celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving with you!

*Posted on Front Porch Forum by: Emily Laughlin, Papa Frank's Italian Restaurant*

## Winooski Community Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair – November 22!

Join us for the Winooski Community Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 22 from 9AM–4PM at the Winooski School District! With over 100 artists, makers, and food vendors, it's





the perfect place to do some shopping while supporting our community. Admission and parking are free.

The Winooski PTO is also hosting a raffle with fantastic prizes, including gift certificates to local restaurants, a Vermont Teddy Bear, photography sessions, fitness packages, grooming

certificates, and more.

Raffle tickets:

- 1 for \$2
- 3 for \$5
- Arm's length for \$20

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the fair. Winners will be drawn at 3:30 PM on November 22. For questions, email [winooskiptocraftfair@gmail.com](mailto:winooskiptocraftfair@gmail.com).

Come enjoy a festive day of community, creativity, and family fun—we hope to see you there!

## Support for Families: Weekly NEC Store & Hot Meals

Thank you to everyone who joined us this week for the first NEC Store opening and community meal. We know that some weeks can be harder than others, and we are committed to supporting our Winooski community.

We will continue to offer weekly food pick-up and hot meals every Wednesday from 3:00–5:00 PM, with a warm meal served at 4:00 PM for the next four weeks.

Upcoming Wednesday meal dates:

- November 26
- December 3
- December 10
- December 17

Families are welcome to stop by during these times to pick up groceries, choose from non-perishable items, and enjoy a hot meal. No sign-up is required.

If you have any questions or need additional support, please reach out. As always, we are all here to support each other and our community.



## JFK Calendar

November 24, 2025 - November 28, 2025

No School PK-12

November Break

December 24, 2025 - January 2, 2026

No School Prek-12, Mid Winter Break



## JFK Elementary

Website: [wsdvt.org](http://wsdvt.org)

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