

The Winooski Newsletter

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WINOOSKI SCHOOLS
We are the future.

From the Superintendent

By Wilmer Chavarria, Superintendent of Schools

As spring takes hold in Winooski, our schools are filled with a renewed sense of energy and possibility. Classrooms are buzzing, outdoor spaces are coming back to life, and students and staff are leaning into the final stretch of the school year with focus and purpose. By the time this reaches you, we will be entering the last six weeks of school, a meaningful window to celebrate growth, deepen learning, and prepare for important transitions.

We want to make sure families are aware of a few important end-of-year dates. **Middle School Moving Up Day** will take place on **Tuesday, June 9**. **The last day of the school year is now Wednesday, June 10**, and the **Winooski High School Graduation** will be held on **Saturday, June 13**. These milestones mark not only the end of a school year but the culmination of hard work, resilience, and achievement across our community.

Safety and communication remain a top priority for our district. Our School Safety Coordinator continues to partner closely with Winooski Police Department Lieutenant Charkalis to stay ahead of

any community updates or concerns that may affect our students. In addition, the Winooski Police Department is actively recruiting for a dedicated District Liaison Officer (DLO), reinforcing a shared commitment to maintaining safe, supportive environments for all students and staff. Saja Almogalli transitioned to an exciting new chapter in her career outside Vermont earlier in the Spring but we hope to find someone as outstanding for the future.

In relation to our advocacy work, the American Immigration Council has invited our district to contribute our experience and insight to its upcoming national immigration policy vision and strategy. This is a significant acknowledgment of the work happening here in Winooski. At a time when immigration is at the forefront of national conversation, Winooski's voice will help shape humane, effective, and realistic policy approaches. Being invited to the table reflects the strength and integrity of



this community as a model for others.

We are also excited to expand student voice and leadership through a new opportunity with the Winooski Board of Education. Two students will be selected to serve as board members, attend monthly evening meetings, engage in

discussions, and learn firsthand how effective governance works. Student members will be supported by a mentor, have the opportunity to earn academic credit, and serve as representatives of Winooski's values and commitment to excellence. This is an important step in ensuring that student perspectives are part of the decisions that shape their educational experience.

As we move through these final weeks, we remain grounded in what makes Winooski special: a strong sense of community, a commitment to one another, and a belief in the potential of every student. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

School Board Update

By Elom Essiba, Board of School Trustees



I am honored to share this update and continue the important work of serving our school community. I want to begin by expressing my sincere appreciation for the continued support and engagement from our

families, staff, and community members. Your involvement remains essential to the strength and success of our schools.

I am pleased to share that the District

has officially completed the purchase of the property on Normand Street. Following the community's support during Town Meeting Day, this milestone reflects a shared commitment to thoughtful investment in our students and the future of Winooski. With the purchase now finalized, we are moving forward with the next steps to assess our options for using the property for educational programming.

At the same time, we are continuing

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

—Peter Drucker

to strengthen how we lead as a Board. One of the most meaningful steps we have taken is the approval of a new policy to include

student representatives on the School Board.

This work is directly connected to The Winooski Schools' Promise to our Community:

All students will graduate from the Winooski School District (WSD) college

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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.

Including students at the Board table brings this promise to life. It ensures that decisions are informed by the voices and experiences of those most directly impacted.

Education is not just about preparing students for the future—it is about trusting them to help shape it today.

Under this new policy:

- Two student representatives will be selected each year through a structured process approved by the Superintendent.
- Students will serve two-year terms, with at least one representative entering 11th grade or below to ensure continuity.
- Student representatives will participate in discussions and have the opportunity to cast advisory votes on Board motions.
- Each student will be paired with a Board member mentor for

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

—Nelson Mandela

guidance, training, and ongoing support.

- Students will receive monthly training and will be supported in building the skills needed to succeed in this role.
- Student representatives will receive a stipend, based on budget capacity, and will be eligible to earn academic credit for their service.

The selection process will include student nominations, a campaign period, and a student vote, followed by Board interviews and final

selection. Once selected, students will be fully integrated into Board work, including sharing updates during meetings and participating in trainings and leadership opportunities.

This work reflects a broader commitment—to invest wisely, to lead with intention, and to ensure that every decision we make keeps students at the center. As we look ahead, we are not simply planning for the future—we are actively building it.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.



Free Dinner & Voter Registration Night!

Join us at the Winooski School District on **Tuesday, May 12** from 6:00–7:00 PM for a free dinner and an opportunity to learn about voting rights and register to vote. This is a great opportunity to learn more, get registered, and make your voice heard in the community

Thank you Waterworks Food + Drink

By Suzanne Skaflestad, 21C Director

On March 25, 2026, the Jr. Iron Chef Winooski MS Wild Chives winners and the HS Wild Onions made a celebrity appearance at Waterworks Food + Drink serving their Cafeteria Gone Wild Corn Dogs and Cauliflower Steak Au Poivre with Crispy Onions to diners.

A portion of the proceeds from the evening was donated to the 21C Afterschool Program.

Congratulations again to the Wild Chives: Mieke Gray, Gus Williams, Rose Willard and Ishaan Yadav!

A special shout out to our Wild Onions HS Team: Kamiya Coleman, Aili Olson, Say Ku Paw and Anisha Tamang. The judges had many positive comments about their dish, teamwork and creativity.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come by and support the students and enjoy their delicious meal.

Thank you, Adriana Penalosa-Kirby for helping prepare the students for the competition.

A special THANK YOU to Adam Raftery and Cristina Martin from Waterworks for sharing their expertise every week for over eight weeks leading up to the Jr. Iron Chef competition.

Winooski School District Special Education Legal Notice

Per the Vermont State Board of Education the Special Education Office of the Winooski School District hereby gives notification of the destruction of Special Education records of many students who graduated or attended the Winooski Schools during the following school years: 2020-2021. Be advised that select information from these Special Education records may be useful later for non-educational purposes such as qualifying for social security benefits. If you wish to collect these records before they are destroyed, please contact Lori Aldrich at 802-383-6009 or at laldrich@wsdvt.org. The deadline is 30 days from this ad.

2026 FREE Summer Meals for Winooski Students

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 22nd, 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 14th.

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



First Grade Celebration of Learning

By Brian Beadle

It was morning.

The glorious, rising sun was aglow in the deep blue sky.

The school bus-yellow sun saw families, older siblings, teachers, and administrators gathered together to listen to first grade poets share their writing,

Writing which was a culmination of their studies of The Sun, Moon, and Stars module.

The morning of April 3rd was celebration time. In packed classrooms, some so full that they were standing room only and spilling out into the pod, first grade writers took to makeshift podiums, raised microphones, and proudly read poems they had written at the end of our Sun, Moon, and Stars module.. Brave little readers serenaded guests with their thoughtful, smile-inducing, cute-as-can-be stanzas. After every student shared, guests walked around and got to see up close, the beautifully decorated student books that contained a total of three space themed poems. Thanks to teacher-created questions written in half a dozen languages, guests asked their writers about what they learned during the course of the past couple of months.

A couple of months before, our exploration of this topic began by building background about celestial bodies, reading fiction, and exploring what inspires authors to write creatively. We next explored nonfiction books about space, focusing on the guiding question of "What patterns can we observe in the sky?" Little first grade minds were blown as they learned that the earth's spinning causes day and night, that the moon does not create its own light, and that stars (those tiny, shining objects in the sky) are actually bigger than the earth...among many other fascinating facts/patterns.

Adorned with all of this new knowledge, we turned to creative writing - narrative poems specifically. Students used a model text and a model structure to write a poem about the sun, a 2nd poem about the moon, and a final poem about combining the sun, moon, and stars.

It was a little later in the morning.

The lemon-yellow sun was surrounded by fluffy white clouds suspended in bright blue.

This time the sun saw proud-as-can-be family members, teachers, and students smiling from ear to ear.

Well done first grade friends,
 Like the stars on a clear night,
 You shined incredibly bright!

Who Am I? Creativity Capstone Showcase at Winooski High School

In Creativity Capstone, students took on a powerful question: *Who am I?* Through their art, they explored identity in thoughtful and deeply personal ways—turning reflection into visual expression.

As they developed their ideas and brought their projects to life, students considered big questions: Where have I been? What defines me? What do I care about? What challenges have I faced—and what goals lie ahead?

The result is a collection of work that is honest, creative, and uniquely theirs. Each piece tells a story, offering a glimpse into the experiences, values, and aspirations that shape who our students are becoming.



Great Dumpling Challenge

Last month, sixth graders took part in the 6th annual Great Dumpling Challenge, a celebration of creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning. Working alongside helpers, students created and shared their dumplings, marking an exciting culmination of their work.

The event served as the final experience in an interdisciplinary expedition across math, science, and social studies. In math, students explored ratios, rates, unit rates, and percents, applying proportional reasoning to develop and refine their recipes. In science, they grew the herbs used in their dumplings through hydroponic systems, designing experiments to test how variables such as water temperature, light exposure, and nutrient levels influenced plant growth. In social studies, students learned about different forms of government and applied that learning by creating a fair process to elect judges for the challenge. Throughout the expedition, students practiced modeling, collected measurements, and analyzed data to deepen their understanding.

Thank you to Mrs. Keller, the 6th grade team, parents, and staff whose support made this experience so meaningful for students.



Building Financial Futures: Winooski Celebrates Financial Literacy Month

April is Financial Literacy Month, and at Winooski, students didn't just learn about money—they lived it.

Throughout the month, advisories took part in friendly, money-themed challenges to earn points, building both teamwork and real-world financial skills along the way. Students also had the chance to win individual prizes, including gift bags filled with items generously donated by financial institutions and organizations.

To celebrate, advisories got creative with FUN, money-themed photos showcasing their new gifts. But the learning went deeper, too. Students reflected on their financial futures by completing prompts like:

- A financial goal I have is...
- The best financial advice I've received is...
- One thing I want to learn about money is...
- A smart financial habit I have is...
- A financial mistake I made and learned from is...

At Winooski, personal finance isn't just an elective—it's a graduation requirement. Every student builds essential life skills in budgeting, saving, credit, and planning for their future.

Looking to go even further? Our business courses offer dual enrollment opportunities, allowing students to earn college credit through CCV in courses like Intro to Business and Accounting.

Preparing students for life beyond the classroom isn't optional—it's essential.

A special thank you to our community partners for supporting this work and investing in our students' futures.



4th Annual Unheard Stories Community Performance

Join us for the fourth year of *The Unheard Stories Project*—an evening of storytelling, reflection, and speaking out. This youth-led, after-school program brings together Winooski teens with immigrant and refugee experiences to share their stories of identity, background, and what it means to navigate this moment in time.

The final performance is the culmination of a year of weekly gatherings filled with conversation, games, creative expression, and connection. Through skits, poetry, and personal storytelling, students explore both what they share and what makes each of their experiences unique.

This event offers a powerful window into the layered, complex lives of young people in our community.



WHEN: May 15 & May 16

TIME: 6:00pm

WHERE: Winooski Performing Arts Center

All are welcome. Donations are appreciated.

If you're unable to attend but would like to support the continuation of this important space for students, donations can be made via Venmo: @unheardstoriesprojectvermont

Follow along on Instagram: @Unheard-VT

<p>ALL MEALS ARE FREE for ALL students.</p> <p>At every meal, assorted fruit is served, and low fat milk or fat free chocolate milk is available.</p>				<p>Cheese Pizza 1 BBQ Chicken Cheese Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>
<p>Chicken & Waffle 4 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Homefries Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Chicken Pot Pie 5 Bowling Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Macaroni & Cheese 6 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Steamed Broccoli Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Chicken Patty 7 Sandwich Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Roasted Potato Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Cheese Pizza 8 Hawaiian Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>
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<p>Chicken Tenders 25 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Mashed Potatoes using Real Potatoes, 1/2 c.S (VT) Steamed Corn Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Brown Gravy Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Chicken Tikka 26 Masala Tacos Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Roasted Chickpeas Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing Local Cabot Sour Cream</p>	<p>Cheesy Pizza Pasta 27 Bake Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Green Beans Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Chicken Lo Mein 28 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Steamed Broccoli Daily Salad Bar Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Whole Grain 29 Cheesy Breadstick Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich Daily Salad Bar Marinara Dipping Sauce Whole Grain Graham Cracker Mozzarella String Cheese Assorted Yogurt Cup Assorted Salad Dressing</p>



Letter from the Mayor

By Mayor Thomas Renner

It's finally spring in Winooski. After a long and often challenging winter, it's refreshing to see the days getting longer, the weather warming, and our community coming back to life. This time of year always brings a sense of renewal, and lately I've found myself reflecting on the deeper meaning and symbolism of spring.

For many of us, the past several months has not only been defined by the cold and darkness of winter, but also by uncertainty and concern about what's happening in our country and here in our state. These moments can feel heavy at times. But spring reminds us that change is constant, that growth follows hardship, and that brighter days do come. Just as the seasons turn, we have reason to believe in renewal — in our community, in our shared work, and in the connections, we build with one another. At City Hall, that sense of renewal is reflected in the work we're doing together.

City Council has been actively discussing our boards, commissions, and committees and the needs and priorities of our community. We held a special meeting to have this important discussion on April 27th, you can view the details at winooskivt.gov/agendacenter - and we'll have more to share on this in the coming months. I would also like to thank the residents who have come to city hall to provide public comment and feedback to City Council. I always appreciate hearing from



you and seeing people in Council chambers during our meetings.

As you may have already seen, construction activity has resumed along Main Street. This marks the final year of this construction season, and we appreciate everyone's continued patience as this important work moves forward. These improvements are investments in the long-term vitality, safety, and accessibility of our downtown. You can stay

up to date on project timelines, traffic impacts, and updates at winooskivt.gov/mainstreet, and also the Main Street section of this newsletter. Spring is also a time for reconnecting with one another, and I want to encourage residents to take advantage of opportunities to gather in community.

Green Up Day is on May 2! Visit winooskivt.gov/greenupday to learn more about this beloved Vermont tradition and what you can do to clean up the community. You can also visit downtownwinooski.org to see what events are coming up this summer! And with warmer weather just around the corner, it also means **pool season is not far off.** Residents can now begin planning ahead and obtaining pool passes for the upcoming season. Find more information at winooskivt.gov/pool.

Thank you, as always, for your continued engagement and for helping make Winooski a safe, healthy, and connected community.

From Your Local Representative

By Representative Chloe Tomlinson



The mid-session “crossover” deadline—when bills must move from the House to the Senate to stay alive—was a busy stretch. Here are a few key updates, though please note that details may have evolved since this was written. As always, feel free to reach out with questions or for the latest information at ctomlinson@leg.state.vt.us.

State budget: The House's proposed budget (H.951) totals \$9.3 billion, just \$7 million above the Governor's recommendation. It prioritizes investments in housing, food security, and other essential needs. Notably, it includes \$500,000 for NOFA-VT to sustain the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs—initiatives that support both food access and local farms and are popular at the Winooski Farmers' Market. The budget also allocates \$200,000 to Vermont Legal Aid to fund an immigration attorney, expanding access to legal representation for those in need.

Transportation: Vermont's Transportation Fund continues to face challenges due to declining revenue, particularly from the gas tax. This shortfall has already led to a reduction of 62 positions at the Agency of Transportation. The House's version of the transportation bill (H.944) introduces a Mileage-Based User

Fee (MBUF) for electric vehicles, intended to offset lost gas tax revenue. While this is a step toward long-term sustainability, it will not fully close the funding gap. The bill also expands revenue generation options for Green Mountain Transit (GMT), increases funding availability and flexibility for active transportation projects, and supports Drive Electric Vermont in helping residents transition to EVs.

Immigration-related bills: Three significant Senate bills crossed over to the House: S.208, which sets statewide standards for law enforcement identification; S.209, which addresses civil arrests in sensitive locations; and S.227, which establishes immigration-related protocols in schools. House committees have been reviewing these proposals. Notably, the Senate removed a provision in S.209 that would have barred civil arrests in government buildings. I am advocating for its reinstatement as the bill moves forward in the House. **Education reform:** The House Committee on Education has spent most of this session working on reform proposals building on Act 73. Much of the House's approach draws from the Redistricting Task Force's recommendations, but the bill is evolving quickly. I encourage you to follow updates, including those shared on Front Porch Forum, and share your thoughts as this process continues.



City Hall Reminders

Tax and utility payments are due on Friday, May 15, 2026. Postmarks are not accepted as on-time payments. Learn more and make your payments at winooskivt.gov/pay, or visit the City Clerk's Office for assistance.

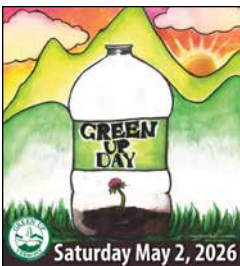
Winooski City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, for Memorial Day.

The State-wide Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 from 7am to 7pm at the Winooski Senior Center. To register to vote and learn about elections in Winooski, visit winooskivt.gov/vote or contact the City Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be mailed up to August 6, 2026.

The **Infill Housing Campaign** is hosting a series of workshops over the coming months with opportunities to learn from both peers and professionals about small-scale housing development in existing neighborhoods. We will demystify the process for people interested in building an accessory dwelling, converting a single home to a duplex, and other ways to build with an existing lot.

- **Workshop #1: How to Build a Home in Your Back Yard- Part 1**, Saturday, May 16th, 9–10am, Burlington City Arts, 135 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401, Lorraine B. Good Gallery
Topic: Panel discussion of ADU homeowners who are willing to share their experience and answer questions!
- **Workshop #2: How to Build a Home in Your Back Yard- Part 2**, Monday, June 22nd, 5pm, South Burlington (exact location TBD)
Topic: Peer Presentation/Questions and general permitting requirements

For more information and to register please visit ccrpcvt.org/our-work/economic-development/housing/infill-housing-campaign



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Main Street Revitalization Project Update

winooskivt.gov/mainstreet

Crews returned to the project area in early April to bring in equipment and materials and to set up traffic control signs. Construction began in mid-April.

This is the final construction season for the Main Street Revitalization Project! Major construction is expected to finish this summer, with the full project scheduled for completion in the fall.

Construction will require lane shifts, lane closures, and short-term side street closures with temporary detours. Flaggers and uniformed officers will direct traffic in work areas. There are no plans to resume 24/7 long-term travel restrictions in the project area.

The long-term detour on Weaver Street will not be needed. Two-way traffic on Main Street will remain open.

Other impacts may include on-street parking restrictions and short-term interruptions to utilities and driveway access. Most construction work will take place on between Stevens Street and the Colchester town line, including sidewalks, brick and permeable pavers, streetlights, trees, landscaping, final paving, and installing permanent markings. Traffic and pedestrian signals at the Winooski Fire Department and at the Main Street and Spring Street intersection will also be upgraded this season.

Stay Informed: the City of Winooski is sharing weekly updates about the construction schedule and impacts on the project website at winooskivt.gov/mainstreet and to an email list. You can sign up on the website or contact the public information team. Project information is available in 15 languages on the website. Questions or concerns? Contact our public information team: info@winooskimainstreet.com | 802 595 4399

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Recreation and Parks

802 540 1476 | recreation@winooskivt.gov
winooskivt.gov/recprograms

Myers Memorial Pool

Season passes and swim lessons are open for registration!
Visit winooskivt.gov/pool to sign up today. Opening Day is Sunday, June 7, 2026

YOUTH

Youth Climbing

Ages 5-8 | Tuesdays, April 28–June 2
Ages 9-13 | Thursdays, April 30–June 4

Vermont Patriots Youth Soccer

U6 Clinic | Saturdays, May 2–June 13
U8-U12 | Weeks of April 27–June 7

USTA Tennis

Grades 1-9 | Mondays and Wednesdays July 6–22

Winooski Waves Swim Team

Ages 4-18 | Monday, Wednesday, Friday June 8–August 3

Junior Lifeguarding

Ages 11-15 | Saturdays, June 20–July 25
Ages 11-15 | Monday–Thursday, August 3–6

Rec Summer Camps Completed grades K-5

Outdoor Adventures Camp | June 15–18
Dream Team Sports Camp | August 10–14
Creative Spark Camp | August 17–21

Chess Wizards Camp

Grades K-5 | June 22–26

Chill Skateboarding Camp

Ages 11-17 | July 6–10

Very Merry Theatre Camp

Grades 1-5 | July 13–17

EVENTS FOR ALL

Green Up Day

All ages | Saturday, May 2 | 8:30–12pm @ Senior Center
Memorial Park cleanup 12-2pm | Food & Guided Walk



Winooski Memorial Library

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

**** CLOSED THROUGH EARLY JUNE ****

We're on the move! The transfer of day-to-day management of the O'Brien Community Center from the City of Winooski to the Champlain Housing Trust was successfully completed in 2024. The City and Champlain Housing Trust have agreed to a redevelopment plan for the O'Brien Community Center, located at 32 Malletts Bay Avenue, including significant environmental remediation, construction, and renovation, resulting in a new and improved community center for the residents and visitors of Winooski to enjoy for years to come. To begin this process, the Winooski Memorial Library will temporarily relocate to the vacant space at 65 Winooski Falls Way (formerly leased by Commodities Market).

TIMELINE & SERVICES

Starting May 3, 2026

- Closed for the remainder of May
- All in-person services and programs are paused
- Online services are available 24/7 for Winooski Library cardholders at winooskivt.gov/library
- Printing services are available at the City Clerk's Office located at Winooski City Hall (Monday–Friday, 8am–4pm)

Between June 1–15, 2026 (TBA)

- Reopen at 65 Winooski Falls Way (temporary location)
- Hours: Tuesday–Friday: 10am–5pm, Saturday 10am–2pm
- Closed: Sunday and Monday

- View all programs, events, and services at winooskivt.gov/library
- The 24/7 book drop-off will be located outside the entrance
- Live in the neighborhood, but don't have a library card? Sign up at winooskivt.gov/library or stop by
- Call or email for assistance: 802 540 1719 | library@winooskivt.gov

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Winooski Senior Center

123 Barlow Street | 802-655-6425

winooskivt.gov/seniorcenter

seniorcenter@winooskivt.gov

TUESDAYS

Singing Group - Session ends May 19

- 10:30am–11:30am | Free | Drop-in
- Music can help sustain cognition and quality of life

WEDNESDAYS

No meal programs on May 20th

Breakfast Café

- 9am–11am | Priced by Donation | Drop-in
- Enjoy fresh breakfast foods, fruit & drinks

Senior Community Connections

- 9am–12pm | Free | Drop-in
- Come and play games, puzzles, crafts and more!

Sit Down Community Meals

- 12pm | 60+ | \$7 suggested donation
- RSVP by 12pm the previous Wednesday
- Healthy sit-down Meals from Age Well

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Mobile Pet Food Shelf

- Sunday May 24 | 1–3pm | Free | Pet food and items for those in need

Medicare Fraud Presentation & Lunch

- Friday May 27 | 12–1pm | \$7 suggested donation | RSVP by May 13

Bone Builders Exercise | Free | Monday & Wednesday | 2–3pm

Meals on Wheels | Call Age Well at 802 865 0360



Thrive Afterschool

winooskivt.gov/thrive

The 2025/2026 Thrive Afterschool year continues with excellence! Spaces for the September 2, 2025–June 5, 2026 Afterschool program are still available! Additionally, Thrive has more fun options with availability coming up! Families can enroll online at winooskivt.gov/thriveprograms or with a paper application that must be returned to Program Director, Evelyn Monje.

Early Release Days | May 7, May 8, and May 22

From 11am–5:30pm, Thrive will offer childcare enriched with play and movement.

Summer Camps | June & July 2026

Thrive will be offering 7 weeks of fun and excitement during Thrive Summer! We always take a dip at the pool, spend time having fun in the sun, and make lots of new friends! Sign up at winooskivt.gov/summer.

Visit winooskivt.gov/thrive to learn more and register for any of our programs. For more information, contact Evelyn Monje, Thrive Program Director: emonje@winooskivt.gov | 802-233-8188.

Sign up for
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DOWNTOWN WINOOSKI AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



Downtown Winooski

downtownwinooski.org

It's May and you know what that means — event season is here! We are so excited to welcome you back to our events this summer.

Winooski Farmers Market

The market opens May 17th and continues until October 25th. We'll be out at 20 Winooski Falls Way in front of the Champlain Mill from 10am–2pm every Sunday. We're excited to introduce a new special event at the market on May 31st: the Winooski Service Carnival! Held in partnership with Lions Club District 45, the Service Carnival will feature over a dozen local organizations that are here to serve you but also provide opportunities for you to get involved with the community. Enjoy fun activities, the first POP Club of the season, and even a visit from Champ.

Mark your calendars for all the special event days at the market:

- **May 31:** Community Service Carnival
- **June 28:** French Heritage Day
- **July 26:** Best Pooch in the 'Noosk
- **August 30:** Fiber Fair
- **September 27:** Youth Vendor Day
- **October 25:** Halloween at the Winooski Farmers Market

Downtown Block Parties

We can't wait to get back out in the Rotary with you all to celebrate our community with music, food, and fun activities! This year, we are moving back to Wednesdays at 5–8pm and taking a little break in August.

Mark your calendars for the three Block Party dates:

- June 17 (Juneteenth)
- July 15
- September 16 (Pride)

Want to get involved? We have tabling opportunities for community groups and organizations as well as volunteer opportunities. Email us at info@downtownwinooski.org.

Winooski Food Shelf

winooskifoodshelf.org

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



Saturday, May 9	9–11am
Wednesday, May 13	12–3pm
Saturday, May 23	9–11am
Wednesday, May 27	12–3pm

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

A Welcoming Space for Mental Health Support:
Mental Health Urgent Care: 1 South Prospect Street, Burlington | 802 488 MHUC (6482)

Open Monday through Friday, 9am–5pm. Mental Health Urgent Care (MHUC) offers walk-in care for adults looking for mental health support or experiencing a mental health crisis. After a guest is greeted and welcomed, the next step is often a conversation about what's

going on in the guest's life and what brought them to MHUC.

The MHUC team can often provide immediate support in a trauma-informed setting. They also provide assistance connecting to community resources. Services are free. Learn more: howardcenter.org/programs/mhuc

Our mission is to help people and communities thrive by providing supports and services to address mental health, substance use, and developmental needs.



Center for Media and Democracy

cctv.org

Seeking two creative and curious individuals to document the story of our community this summer. The Nat Ayer Community Media Fellowship is a **paid, six-week summer internship** designed for media makers interested in community storytelling. Work hands-on in a public access television station environment, gain practical experience in video production and editing, with completed work airing on Town Meeting TV. Send an email with your résumé and a cover letter to twashington@cctv.org. Email outreach@cctv.org if you have any questions.



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