

BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter
Benson, VT

MAY | JUNE 2024



Hello everyone!

THANK YOU for reading the Benson Bulletin.

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We are now offering an email COLOR version of the Benson Bulletin.

We realize a lot of folks in town either don't "do" email, or don't have a good internet connection, but the goal is to reduce the size of the mailing (and therefore the cost to the town of printing and postage).

We want everyone who wants one, to get one, whether through email or regular mail.

If you would like to receive the Benson Bulletin in your email going forward, send an email to benсонnews@shoreham.net.

The more folks who go with the email option, the more money we can save the town.

Those names not submitted for an email version will remain on the mailing list and continue to receive the paper version.

There is a Benson Bulletin page on the website, and it has all the recent editions online. Each edition will be available as a pdf file. This will be another option for people to read it. If you don't want email, and you don't want it mailed, you will still be able to access it through the website. So send an email or call the Town Office if you want your name removed entirely.

Or drop us a line just to let us know what you think of the "new and improved" Benson Bulletin!

BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm
Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Every 2nd Monday (Senior Lunch) 10:30 am to 1:30 pm



Follow us on Facebook: [Benson Vermont Public Library](https://www.facebook.com/BensonVermontPublicLibrary)

New books will be ordered soon.

Visit Benson Vermont Public Library on facebook for book updates!

Did you know... The library has a collection of Vermont books.
This includes Vermont authors and stories about Vermont!

Did you know... You can use the library internet anytime?
The password is on the door for use even when the library is closed.

**We would like to thank Barbara Hemingway and Dale Sweet
for their time and efforts on the Library Board. Thank you!!!**



BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

This BVS contribution comes with a smattering of news for May and June. We are excited about all of the events happening during the next 2 months:

- Girls on the Run for grades 3rd - 6th April - June
- Girls on the Run 5K
- Velocity Club
- Theater Club presentation
- Sewing Club
- K- 6th all school hike @ Mount Independence
- School Pride Fridays through May
- Grades 4-5-6 field trip to the Maritime Museum
- Middle School Step-Up Day for 6th grade
- High Notes Music field trip 5/31
- 6th grade field trip to Lake St Catherine
- The 3rd K - 6 STEAM week "Ramp & Roll Challenge" 5/13
- BVS Family Picnic 6/7
- BVS Bike & Groove event 6/10
- BVS PBIS Celebration Day 6/12
- Last Day of School (half day) 6/14

May and June find our Benson BEARS working towards their independent academic and social-emotional goals and continuing to foster and expand their work with partners and teams. Assessments (both formative and summative) support teachers in planning and implementing instruction to support our learners as they prepare to move their skills to the next level. Examples of student work are spilling out from bulletin boards to the hallway walls as preparations begin for the Night of Arts/Celebration of Learning are underway.

Our amazing P.E. & Health Teacher, Kristina Knockenhauer was recently awarded the Rising STAR Award from S.H.A.P.E. (Society of Health and Physical Educators). It was my absolute honor to nominate Kristina and speak about her exceptional contributions in her professional field.

With the weather (finally) bringing some blue skies and warmer temps, students will be heading outdoors to look for signs of spring and begin the shift to enjoying instruction, weather permitting, all around our campus. The nature trail will soon be in shape for visitors as we welcome back the variety of birds in our area. The birdhouses in front of the school are bustling with bluebirds and sparrows! We invite the community to come and ride bikes, play games, swing, and enjoy the playground over the summer months.

Please note that there will be an Informational Meeting for the 3rd budget re-vote on Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:30 pm at FHUMHS. The 3rd budget re-vote will be on Thursday, May 9th.

As always, the BVS staff appreciates our community for your continued support!

Amy Roy M.Ed., Principal, Benson Village School Please visit our website: <http://benson.svuvt.org>

Also, check out our Facebook page!



SENIOR LUNCH

The traditional Senior Lunch will be on May 13th and June 10th at 12 noon. It's held in the Community Hall first floor. The cost for seniors, those over 60 years of age, is \$3.50 but families and friends under 60 are welcome as well for \$4.00. Please reach out to Marcia Anderson to make reservations by the Friday before at 802-537-2313.



Bone Builders

Meets on Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall. The program is free and weights are provided. Strength training exercises will improve bone mineral density and help prevent fractures, help strengthen your core and prevent or delay cognitive decline. Less than an hour of strength training per week may reduce risk of heart attack and stroke by 40 to 70%! If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.



BENSON READING GROUP

For our May meeting, The Reading Group will join with the Orwell Reading Group on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6 p.m. We will be discussing the Vermont Reads 2023 book selection Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo. Teenager Lily Hu lives in San Francisco's Chinatown in the 1950s and has a passion for rockets and space exploration. She and her new friend Kathleen sneak out at night to the Telegraph Club, which hosts performances by Tommy Andrews, a woman who dresses and performs in a traditionally masculine style. Kath and Lily's interest in each other continues to grow despite the very real danger faced by two girls falling in love in 1954.

The Reading Group will meet at the library on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 4 p.m. to discuss Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts. Maud Gage Baum, widow of the author of the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, met Judy Garland on the set of *The Wizard of Oz* in 1939. Maud immediately connected to Judy--especially when Maud heard her sing "Over the Rainbow". This wonderfully evocative two-stranded story recreates Maud's youth as the rebellious daughter of a leading suffragette, and the prairie years of Maud and Frank's early days when they lived among the people--especially young Dorothy--who would inspire Frank's masterpiece. Woven into this past story is one set in 1939, describing the high-pressured days on *The Wizard of Oz* film set where Judy is being badgered by the director, producer, and her ambitious stage mother. As Maud had promised to protect the original Dorothy back in Aberdeen, she now takes on the job of protecting young Judy.

*Copies of the books are available in the library.
You are welcome to join us for an interesting discussion.*

The Town of Benson is Now Online!

You may have heard that the Town of Benson has a new website. It is located at www.bensonvermont.gov and it's our hope that you can use it to find all the town information you need in one location on the internet.

Features include: a calendar with all select board meetings, town clerk payment reminders, and other town events; a comprehensive list of town documents, including agendas and meeting minutes; links to schools, emergency management and local places of interest; and of course, Latest News and Current Updates to keep you informed.

In addition, we have started an official Facebook page. You can find it by searching Facebook for [Town of Benson, Vermont](https://www.facebook.com/TownofBensonVermont). We hope to use Facebook, in conjunction with our website, to get timely information out to the people of Benson, including weather-related info, emergency management, and public events.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

- 13 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 13 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 15 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 27 Town Offices Closed for Memorial Day
- 27 Memorial Day Observation 11 am
- 28 Select Board Meeting 7 pm

JUNE

- 10 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 10 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 19 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 19 Town Offices Closed for Juneteenth
- 24 Select Board Meeting 7 pm

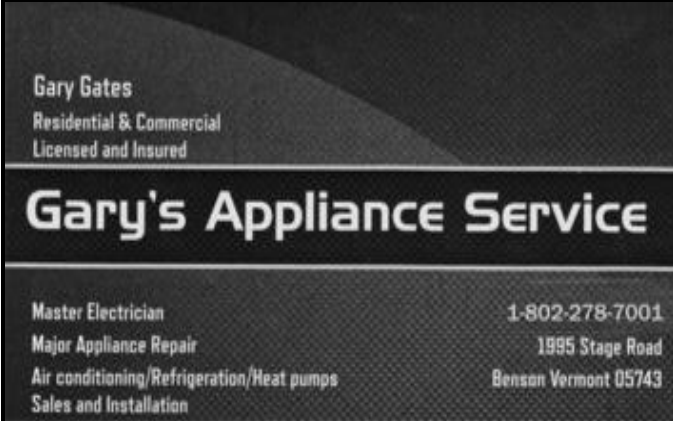
Town Office Notes

- Are you the owner of one of Benson's nearly 300 dogs? **Dog tags for 2024 (Yellow this year!) have arrived at the town office.** All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed on or before April 1st. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required for registration. Late fee costs are \$11.00 for spayed or neutered animals and \$17.00 for all others. The first time a dog is registered in Benson a spay/neuter certificate must be shown in order to receive the lower rate. Not sure if your pet needs a shot this year? Call the office to see what we have on file or to notify us that you no longer own a dog.
- Your current **transfer station permit** expired on March 31st. New permits are now available and may be purchased from the Town Office for \$35.00 (no increase from last year). Both dog licenses and transfer station permits can be handled by mail and/or using the secure drop box. Just give me a call for the details.
- **Sewer Bills Due June 15th: The second payment on Benson 2023-2024 sewer bill will be due on Monday June 17th.** There is no grace period---all payments not made at the Town Office or postmarked by that date incur a one-time penalty of 8% and immediately accruing interest charges at the rate of 1% for the first three months and 1 ½% per month thereafter. **If the payment is not made by June 17th you will owe an additional 9% interest and penalty.**
- **Reminder:** There is now a secure drop box located at the southwest corner of the Town Office building where tax payments may be left at any time.

Heidi Chandler
Clerk/Treasurer
802-537-2611

Town Office Hours:

Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri 9AM – 3PM
Wednesday 3 – 7PM



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Jeanne Bartholomew Realty

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- New Listing~ Hubbardton Lake Hortonia~ fully furnished 6 bedroom 2 bath home with attached garage and outbuildings on 2.7 acres. This cape style home also comes with your own private dock and access to the Lake. \$235,000
- Benson Perch Pond~ improved lot with private frontage, ROW access, septic with leach field, Electric Hub, new docks and deck.. nicely landscaped and all set for your Camper to hook up. Enjoy peaceful, non - motorized Perch Pond for swimming, fishing, camping and canoeing etc. offered for \$135,000
- Benson Perch Pond ~ one acre unimproved lot with 150 ft of your own private pond access. Soils do not perc but great spot for camping and parking your camper/tent.. ~ offered \$50,000
- Benson ~ 2.5 acre unimproved lot with lots of privacy.. Dirt road location.. lots of possibilities! offered for \$35,000
- New Listing~ Benson wooded 97 acres. This lot has marketable timber including hardwoods and softwoods. Terrain is varied with level areas and steeper slopes. Property is private and located on a year round dirt road.. call for further details

Properties continue to sell very well in the area and new listings are needed and appreciated!

Give Jeanne a call for a “no-obligation” confidential chat!

Other listings available.. give me a call and let’s see how I can help you!!

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*May 27th Memorial Day....a day of remembrance, honor and tribute for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.*

*Home of the Free because of the Brave*

*May 12th Happy Mothers Day!*

*June 16th Happy Father's Day!*

*June 13th LAST day of school*

*Wishing a happy, fun and safe summer to all!*

## THE WHEEL INN

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# PLANT SWAP & SALE

**11-2 PM**  
**MAY 18, 2024**

*At the Park Gazebo in  
 Downtown Fair Haven, rain or shine!*

**SWAP FOR SWAP OR \$5 EACH**

Drop off swappable plants and receive  
**1 SWAP TOKEN** per plant. Drop off at  
 Slate Valley Cares on the week of 5/13  
 OR at the gazebo by 11AM on 5/18.

- PLEASE LABEL CONTAINERS
- NO INVASIVE SPECIES

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