

The Winooski Newsletter

A newsletter created in partnership by the City of Winooski and the Winooski School District.

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WINOOSKI SCHOOLS
We are the future.

Letter from the Mayor

By Mayor Kristine Lott



Hello, Neighbors.

In 2023, the State Legislature passed the Housing Opportunities Made for Everyone (HOME) Act 47; legislation intended to address the statewide housing crisis. The HOME Act compels Vermont cities and towns to update local zoning laws to support increased housing development, reduced parking requirements, and increased density. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to maximize the HOME Act changes in service of affordable, 3BR+/
family-sized units, and homeownership opportunity – our housing priorities.

The Commission has spent the past 5 months working through our Unified Land Use and Development Regulations (ULUDR) to meet the intent of the law and Council direction but is also mindful of community impact. For example, much

of Winooski's residential district was built before any zoning regulations were in place at a higher density rate. In many cases, the HOME Act density requirements will better match what has already been built. The Home Act also guided the commission to consider adjusting existing incentives for priority housing, green building standards, and multi-modal transit options, where the HOME Act's density requirements are greater than what we've previously established.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing last month to take public comment on the proposed changes, which will ultimately be forwarded to the City Council for consideration. Our Planning and Housing Commissions have also begun considering additional changes to support priority housing development. This could include a mandate for new development to replace any housing units lost, such as 3 bedroom+ units, or inclusionary zoning, which requires a certain % of Affordable units, as we continue working to ensure new housing built in Winooski meets the needs of residents and our community's vision to ensure a mix of quality housing that maintains and enhances Winooski's unique sense of place and supports the needs of the entire community.

Apply to a Winooski Board, Commission, or Committee

By Paul Sarne, Director of Communications

Are you looking to get more connected to our community and shape this city? We're seeking residents willing and able to serve and engage in the work of our boards, commissions, and committees. Each of the positions below have terms expiring on June 30, 2024. Current members may reapply, and residents not currently serving are welcome to apply. Residents with related experience, skill sets, and interests are encouraged to apply or ask questions about these incredible opportunities! The City Council and staff welcome diverse voices. If you've never served on a board, commission, or committee, we will do our best to support you. To learn more and apply, visit the news updates section at winooskivt.gov. Positions include:

- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission - Board of Representatives
- Development Review Board
- Finance Commission
- Housing Commission
- Inclusion and Belonging Commission



- Municipal Infrastructure Commission
- Planning Commission
- Safe, Healthy, Connected People Commission
- Winooski Memorial Library Committee – Regular and Youth Members



From the Superintendent

By Wilmer Chavarria, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Winooski families,

Over at the schools, we've welcomed the warmth of early summer by celebrating learning and showcasing student talent. If you have students in the district, we hope that you can accompany us for any of the activities organized in your student's classroom or school or for the several upcoming events open to the public. Remember to follow us on Instagram or Facebook to stay up to date with happenings around our schools. We are very active there, thanks to our Director of Communications, Miriam Greenfield.

As we wrap up the school year, I'd also like to highlight our most important celebration—our high school graduation. When the time comes to send our students off to greater things, I am reminded of how much this moment means to everybody involved. To students, it signifies a significant milestone in their lives, especially when this moment was the product of dedication and perseverance through the countless obstacles young people

often face in our world. To teachers and staff, it is like seeing our own children leave us, but happy to know that we had a part in their development. To caregivers, it means different things for different people, but the most common feeling is an extreme sense of pride and strong hope that this moment propels our young ones to greater success and fulfillment. And to our school district, it means that we've once again made strides toward meeting our "Ends Statement," or our stated purpose of graduating students' college and career-ready, who will lead "healthy, productive, and successful lives" and who will "engage with their local and global community."

I want to send my sincerest congratulations to our graduating students. As a former high school teacher, I know how much it took for you to get to this point. I am, and we all are, so proud of you.

School Board Update

By Robert Millar, Board of School Trustees

Summer is nearly here! As I write this update in early May, temperatures are still a little chilly at times, but there's no denying that full Summer is just around the corner. Plants are growing green and lush, animals have emerged, and people everywhere seem just a little happier.

And, of course, construction season is in full swing! This year, Winooski's long-awaited Main Street Revitalization project has started. This project will completely transform Main Street for the better in the coming years, but in the meantime, it will also cause a lot of disruption and street closures, including at the entrance and exit to the Schools. If you haven't already, you can learn more about the project and sign up for updates by visiting <https://www.winooskivt.gov/mainstreet>.

I know it's been said before, but I want to take a moment to once again thank the community for supporting our schools on Town Meeting Day. There's no denying it's been a difficult year for education in Vermont, but Winooski showed overwhelming support for our students and their futures, even in the face of so much uncertainty and misinformation from all sides. Thank you again for your support!

So, what has the Board been up to since then? As always, our primary focus has been to review, update, and add to our policies as needed. One policy I am particularly proud of that just passed this month is our updated policy on Search and Seizure of Students by School Personnel (Policy C21). As you might imagine, this is a complicated and important issue, and we reviewed several versions over multiple meetings and requested feedback from as many stakeholders as possible, including students themselves. We feel the final policy gives personnel the tools they need to ensure a safe school environment while also

ensuring student and parent rights are valued and protected.

But the thing about policy is it's never truly done! We'll return to this policy in time, as we do with all our policies, to ensure they continue to meet the needs of an ever-changing education environment. And when we do, it's always important for us to hear from you! Our job isn't to set policy in a vacuum but, hopefully, as much as possible, to set policy that meets the will of our constituents, the residents of Winooski, and the needs of all the stakeholders involved.

With a budget in hand, we've also been looking ahead to the new year. Among other things, we've approved a school year calendar and a slight delay in the start of the student day (from 8:00 to 8:15) at the recommendation of the Superintendent. We also recently ratified a contract with our Support Staff Union. We're very proud that we were able to come to a timely agreement with staff that makes important investments while also being well within the budget you supported in March. Thank you to everyone on both negotiation teams and the Administrative staff whose work and due diligence made the process so smooth and successful!

Another thing we've been working on is increasing our engagement with various community groups in the City, building on work done during the budget process. But you don't have to wait for us to come to you! **As a reminder, our regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month, at 6pm at the School Library, and we are always happy to have public participation.** Virtual participation options are available, as well. You can always contact us anytime using the contact information at the back of the newsletter.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Winooski School Antiracism Steering Committee Update

By Christie Beveridge, Program Director, UP for Learning

The Winooski Antiracism Steering Committee (ARSC) is tasked with implementing the six demands of the Winooski Students for Antiracism (WSA): to form a truth and reconciliation commission, hire and retain more faculty of color, establish a multilingual mentoring program, implement an ethnic studies curriculum, conduct an equity audit of the school, and host a yearly workshop for students where they can learn about their civil rights.

On Monday, May 6th, the ARSC held a powerful Dialogue Event for members of the Winooski School community at the O'Brien Center. The goal of the event was to kick off the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, one of the six WSA demands. Close to 50 people attended the event, participating in fun community building activities and facilitated conversations. They also enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Waterworks Food + Drink.

During the evening, youth from the ARSC shared the progress that the team has made toward implementing the WSA demands, and showed a short video about the work of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada. Melody Mackin, a member of the Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission (VTRC) also spoke of the commission's work on the state level. After the presentation and dinner, participants split up into three groups, in which ARSC youth facilitated dialogues about experiences of race and racism in school.

Some of the questions the youth posed included, "What is an aspect of your race or ethnicity that makes you feel good or proud?" and "In what ways does your race or ethnicity impact your experiences with school? Has it ever contributed to a problem or uncomfortable situation?" The conversations were powerful and informative, with community members sharing their personal experiences and actively listening to the other participants.

The facilitators created space for open and respectful dialogue, and, at the close of the evening, many attendees expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage in such vulnerable conversations. They commented on the skill of the youth facilitators, and that they were leaving feeling educated, hopeful, inspired, and proud.

The team's next steps are to review the themes that emerged from these conversations, and brainstorm ways to share them out with the larger Winooski community. Later that same week, St. Michael's College Professor Jolivette Anderson-Douoning facilitated a workshop for Winooski Middle School students, leading them through discussions and activities on knowing their civil rights. Dr. Anderson-Douoning will be facilitating similar workshops for students in the high school as well as parents/caregivers next year.

If you have any questions about the work of the ARSC, or would like to be involved, please contact Christie Beveridge at christie@upforlearning.org

Around the District

By Miriam Greenfield, Director of Communications

Preschoolers Harmonize with Local Trumpet Virtuoso, Mr. Tim!

Our preschoolers are diving into the world of music! Recently, we were delighted to welcome Mr. Tim, who serenaded us with his trumpet melodies. Through this enchanting experience, our young learners explored the diverse sounds of the trumpet and even discovered some tips on how to play it themselves!



Dr. Anderson-Douoning Inspires Winooski Middle Schoolers in Civil Rights Workshop!

We were honored to welcome Dr. Jolivette Anderson-Douoning to Winooski Middle School! She led an inspiring civil rights workshop, engaging our middle schoolers in meaningful discussions and activities. Moments like these genuinely shape our students' perspectives and empower them to make a difference.

We're incredibly grateful for Dr. Anderson-Douoning's dedication to education and equity. Thank you for inspiring the leaders of tomorrow!





Around the District

By Miriam Greenfield, Director of Communications

Our Lunch Heroes: Bringing Joy and Flavor to the Winooski School Cafeteria!

At Winooski School, we don't just serve lunch; we celebrate our Lunch Heroes like rockstars! Our cafeteria is filled with laughter, cheers, and the aroma of delicious meals. With capes fluttering and spatulas in hand, our Lunch Heroes swoop in to save the day, one meal at a time. Whether concocting culinary creations or simply brightening our day with their infectious smiles, these everyday superheroes



make lunchtime the highlight of our day. Here's to our Lunch Heroes!

Celebrating Staff Appreciation Week at Winooski School District

It was a fantastic week! We want to extend a huge thank you to the incredible PTO for organizing the ice cream truck, coffee truck, treats in the staff rooms, and delicious lunches from local Winooski restaurants. Your thoughtfulness made our week extra special. And to our dedicated staff members, THANK YOU for your hard work, passion, and dedication. Your efforts make a difference every day, and we're grateful for each of you.



Health Office News

By Liz, Emily and Shannon

It has been a joy to serve the needs of your students this year. To date, the health office has logged over 5,000 student visits district wide, triaged hundreds of phone calls and sent many students to the dentist via SSTA transportation. Our School Based Health Center (SBHC) served several hundreds of students this year through 3 days a week of onsite operations or televideo appointments. Our amazing dental hygienist, Tracy, worked on site several days a week providing cleanings, screenings, sealants and fluoride treatments to students.

Immunizations:

If your child is going to be in kindergarten then they will need an updated copy of immunization records. Please make sure they have had 5 doses of DTP/Dtap, 4 doses of IPV, 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 2 doses of MMR and 2 doses of Varicella. If they don't then please call your child's primary doctor to schedule an appointment for them.

If your child is entering the 7th grade, please make sure they have had their 2nd dose of Varicella and a tdap booster.

Do you exempt your child from immunizations? If yes, please make sure to stop by the health office before 11am on June 13th to fill out an exemption form for next school year. Otherwise, they are available on the Vermont Department of Health's website. Remember without updated immunizations, a renewed exemption form or a doctor's note stating their next appointment they can't start school in the fall!

Medical Conditions:

Does your child have asthma and/or allergies? If so, then please get the asthma/allergy action plan completed over the summer and have an inhaler, spacer and/or epi pen ready to bring in on the first day of school. It can also be faxed to 802-383-6017.

Medications:

JK students: We kindly request that parent(s) or a designated adult pick up their children's prescription medication(s) by 11am on Thursday June 13th.

MSHS students: MSHS students are allowed to pick up their own epi pens and/or inhalers. All prescription tablet medications must be picked up by a parent or their adult designee by 11am on Thursday June 13th.

All Students: Any prescribed medications left after this selected date and time will be disposed of at the Winooski Police Department.

We have enjoyed serving the health needs of your kids this year and wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy summer.

The health office wishes to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the following professionals and businesses: Shannon Fountain, WSD Health Office Assistant; Dr. Heather Link, SBHC Provider and WSD Medical Liaison; Libby McDonald, NP- SBHC Provider; Sherry Larose, PA SBHC Provider; Tracy Towers, 802 Smiles; WSD Liaisons, WSD Teachers and Support Staff; WSD Maintenance Staff; WSD Administration; SRO Jason Ziter; TLC sub nursing; Brianna Owen, The University of Vermont DHHDB Educational Services Program; Kaitlyn Kodzis, VDH State School Nurse Consultant; Jessica Declair, VDH representative; Chittenden County Lead Nurses; UVM School of Nursing; WSD PTO; Howard Center School Based Clinicians and other staff; SSTA; Community Health Centers of Burlington - Medical and Dental; Vermont Department of Health; UVMCC Primary Pediatrics; UVMCC Pediatrics Endocrinology; UVMCC Pediatrics Nephrology team; UVMCC Pediatrics Neurology team; UVMCC Pediatrics Urology team; UVMCC Pediatrics Orthopedic team; St. Mike's Rescue; WSD Medical Emergency Response Team; and other local pediatric and family practices.

We want to sincerely thank you for collaborating and working with the health office staff to service the needs of the Winooski students throughout the year. We appreciate each one of you.

2024 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 hours of the program.

Students who are not registered in programming are also eligible for meals. **Starting on Monday, June 24th**, students may come to the Myers Memorial Pool for lunch. Meals at the pool will be available at 12:30pm Monday-Friday. This meal service will run through August 16th.


Every child in Winooski, aged 0-18, is eligible for 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 http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html 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


SCHOOL MENUS




Winooski Elementary School Breakfast June 2024

Menus are subject to change


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Blueberry Bread Slice Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	4 Cinnamon Granola Breakfast Round Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	5 Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	6 Iced Breakfast Bun Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	7 Chocolate Chip Muffin Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety
10 Blueberry Bread Slice Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	11 Cinnamon Granola Breakfast Round Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	12 Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	13 Iced Breakfast Bun Asst. WG Cereal w/Animal Crackers Assorted Fresh, Dried or Canned Fruit Milk Variety	






Winooski Elementary School K-8 Lunch June 2024

Menus are subject to change

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chicken Wing Bar Hand Cut French Fries 24 Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	4 Taco Bar w/ Hard or Soft Shell Garden Salsa Rice Pilaf Homemade Cheese Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	5 Homemade Cheese Pizza 26 Strawberry Spinach Salad 26 Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	6 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Caesar Salad 27 Garlic Breadstick Homemade Cheese Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety Birthday Celebration	7 Fluffy Pancakes Sweet & White Homefries 28 Real Maple Syrup Twin Turkey Sausage Patties Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety
10 Chicken Patty Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Oven Baked Potato Puffs Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	11 Creamy Macaroni & Cheese Fresh Broccoli Salad Homemade Cheese Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety Taste Test Event	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Garden Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	13 Dress Your Own Burger on a Bun Homemade Potato Salad Pizza Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Variety	



Meals Are Free To All Students


Adult Breakfast \$2.90
Adult Lunch \$4.75
Milk \$0.50

Please Click Links Below for Nutrition Information on Daily Options:
Fresh, Dried, or Canned Fruit,
Skim White Milk, 1% White Milk,
& Fat Free Chocolate Milk
Offered With All Meals.

[Milk](#) [Condiments](#)
[Fresh, Dried Or Canned Fruit](#)

Pay for meals on-line. Click on Link Below:
[LINQ Connect ONLINE PORTAL](#)

Please advise us if special meal accommodations are required for allergens or other special dietary needs.
Click Image Below for employment opportunities





City Clerk's Office Reminders

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

Please note, Winooski City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, in observance of Juneteenth.

Dog Licenses: Per state statute, all dogs owned in the City of Winooski must be Registered with the City Clerk on or before April 1. Now that it is May, the costs are as follows:

- New dog licenses (for those who have just moved to Winooski): \$14 (altered) | \$18 (unaltered)
- New licenses for existing dogs after April 1: \$16 (altered) | \$20 (unaltered)

Elections: To register for the upcoming Primary and General elections, please register at olvr.vermont.gov. To request an absentee ballot, please visit mvp.vermont.gov or contact us at the Clerk's Office or visit winooski.vt.gov/vote to learn more.

Reappraisal 2024: The Change of Appraisal notices will be mailed to all property owners in the next few weeks. There will be opportunities to file an informal or formal grievance in June. Please visit our website at winooski.vt.gov/reappraisal for further information.

Residents may also find these resources helpful via the Vermont Department of Taxes:

Renter Credit (money returned to you after you file your taxes) is available to eligible Vermonters if: You rented in Vermont for at least six months You were not claimed as a dependent You meet the income eligibility limits based on your family size For details, please visit tax.vermont.gov/individuals/renter-credit.

Property owners who live on their property should have declared their homestead with the Vermont Department of taxes by April 15th. If you did not file by this date, a penalty will be applied. Homestead declarations must be made even if you do not believe you owe property taxes in order to qualify for Property Tax Adjustment. Filing a Homestead Declaration is easy and can be done online at the Vermont Department of Taxes website at tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration. Be sure to file your homestead and or property tax adjustment claim even if you do not have to file Federal Income Taxes.



Main Street Revitalization Project

Throughout construction, the Project Team is sharing weekly project updates to keep the public informed about construction activities and impacts to traffic and parking. Visit the project website at winooski.vt.gov/mainstreet to view these updates or sign up to receive them by email. Multilingual project updates are also available on the website in 14 languages.

This construction season began with crews installing new sewer lines along the west side of Main Street. In June, crews will continue to install new sewer and water systems along Main Street. Activities will take place Monday through Friday between 7am and 7pm. There may be night and weekend work when needed.

During construction, Main Street is reduced to a single lane, allowing northbound traffic only. Southbound traffic will be sent to Weaver Street. The detour is in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are times when traffic from side streets will not be allowed to turn onto Main Street due to work within the intersections. Travelers should be alert, use caution, slow down, and pay attention to signs and flaggers.

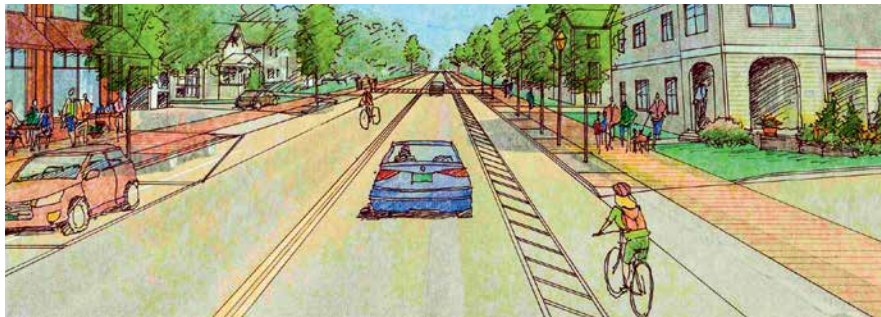
On-street parking is not allowed on Main Street within the active work zones during work hours. Look out for temporary No Parking signs. On-street parking is also reduced along the entire length of Weaver Street to keep clearance for emergency vehicles. There is no parking allowed on the east side of Weaver Street south of the Stevens Street intersection and on the west side of the street north of Stevens Street.

Construction activities will require short temporary impacts to driveways and utilities. If you live in or own property along Main Street and would like to be contacted about direct impacts by phone, please fill out the form on the project website at winooski.vt.gov/mainstreet. The contractor will also notify impacted property owners with flyers and by knocking on doors.

Questions or comments? Contact the project team at 802 595 4399 or info@winooskimainstreet.com.

**WE ARE
OPEN**

Businesses are Open During Construction!



Main Street Revitalization
winooski.vt.gov/mainstreet



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Winooski Recreation and Parks

802-777-1621 | recreation@winooskivt.gov
winooskivt.gov/recprograms

The Myers Memorial Pool will open Sunday, June 2! Pool passes now on sale at winooskivt.gov/pool

YOUTH

VT Patriots Spring Soccer

U6/U8/U10/U12 | April 29–June 15

Tennis in the Parks

Grades 1–5 | Tuesdays, May 14–June 18

Outdoor Adventures

Ages 8–12 | Thursdays, July 11 – August 8

Swim Team

Ages 5–18 | M W F, June 10 – August 5

Swim Lessons

All ages | All summer long, June 17 – August 24

Junior Lifeguarding

Ages 11–15 | Saturdays, June 22 – July 20

Skateboarding with Burton Chill

Ages 10–1–17 | Wednesdays, July 10 – August 7

ADULTS

Yoga Vinyasa Flow

A18+ | Mondays & Wednesdays, June 3 - August 28

Winooski Bike Gang

18+ | Wednesdays, April 17 – September 25

Winooski Running Club

18+ | Wednesdays, May 1 – September 4

Tennis in the Parks

18+ | Wednesdays, May 15 – June 19

Aqua Aerobics

18+ | Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 18 – August 22



Winooski Memorial Library

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

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10am–6pm

Thursday & Friday: 10am–5pm

Saturday: 10am–2pm

Drop-in programs:

YOUTH

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

Pokémon Club | Ages 8+ | Wednesdays | 3:30pm

Weekly Storytime | Birth & up | Thursdays | 10:30am

Cardboard Kids | Ages 8+ | Thursdays | 3:30pm

STEAM Ahead | Ages 5+ | Saturdays | 10am

Dad Guild Playgroup | Families/Youth | Sat, June 15 | 12:30pm

ADULTS

English Conversation Group | Ages 18+ | Tue & Thu | 11am

Winooski Reads Book Club | Ages 18+ | Tue., June 25 | 6pm

Celebrate Summer Reading With Jason Chin | Ages 18+ |

- Tue., June 18 | 4pm

We're thrilled to welcome local author/illustrator and Caldecott medalist Jason Chin as we kickoff our 10 week summer reading program! Learn about his journey as an artist, hear selections from his work, and sign up for this year's summer reading challenge. All ages, all welcome.

Winooski Library Committee: Seeking Youth Member!

Do you or someone you know live or go to school in Winooski and are entering or currently in grades 8–12? The Winooski Library is accepting applications for our Youth Member Position to serve alongside current members of the Winooski Library Committee! Applicants should have an interest in learning more about the library and a desire to bring a youth perspective to our library services for the community.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Winooski Senior Center

123 Barlow Street | 802-655-6425

seniorcenter@winooski.vt.gov

winooski.vt.gov/seniorcenter

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am–12pm

Thursday: 9am–2pm

TUESDAYS

New American Lunch & Learn

10am–1pm

WEDNESDAYS

Grab-n-Go

10am–12pm | 60+ | \$5 suggested donation

Nutritious takeout meals from AgeWell

Call to RSVP by 12pm the previous Thursday

Breakfast Café

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

Enjoy freshly made breakfast sandwiches, fruit, treats, and drinks

Quilting Workshops

10am – 12pm Free | Call to Register

May 22 - July 24 with the Mill Museum

THURSDAYS

Sit Down Community Meals

12pm | 60+ | \$5 suggested donation | Call to RSVP by 12pm the previous Monday. Healthy sit-down lunches from AgeWell

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Senior Summer BBQ | Free | Thursday June 20 at Noon | RSVP by 6/13

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

Meals on Wheels - Please call AgeWell at 802-863-0360 to find out the eligibility requirements. Volunteers are always needed.



Thrive After School

Hey there, summer campers — are you ready for the best summer ever? We've got tons of fun activities planned for you. We'll start by exploring nature and learning about the world around us. Then, we'll travel through time and discover different cultures. And after that, we'll become mad scientists and experiment with all sorts of cool things. And let's not forget about the mysterious creatures in the ocean! We'll have a blast together and make memories that will last a lifetime.

- Grades K–5
- Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm at the Winooski School District

Camp Themes and Dates:

- **Nature Explorers:** June 24–28
- **Time Travelers:** July 1–3
- **Around the World:** July 8–12
- **Olympic Weeks:** July 15–19
- **Mad Science:** July 22–26
- **Mysterious Ocean:** July 29–August 2
- **Summer Favorites:** August 5–9



Scan the QR code to learn more about and sign up for anything on these pages!
winooski.vt.gov/programs

DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTIES

Presented by



WINOOSKI WEDNESDAYS JUNETEENTH Edition

June 19, 2024 5-8pm

featuring

- Performances by Kerubo, A2VT, and DJ Kwame Dankwa
- Black Makers Market
- Community Mural Painting
- Free food from Mulu's Kitchen & Catering
- Drinks from The Monkey House
- Story Walk from Winooski Memorial Library
- Free Chair Massage from Homebody Massage
- Bubbles and Face Painting from Fun Factor Inc.
- Free Photobooth from Activ8
- Mini Golf from The Portable Mini Golf Company



THANK YOU!

\$15,498/15,000

Thank you for making Downtown Block Parties happen! Thanks to the generosity of 79 patrons and 12 local restaurants, we exceeded our goal of \$15,000 which the Better Places program will triple to \$45,000 to invest in Rotary Park!



- Community Campaigner (\$10) - 12 donors
- Garden Gnome (\$25) - 24 donors
- Party Animal (\$50) - 12 donors
- Safety Star (\$100) - 14 donors
- Backer of Basics (\$250) - 3 donors
- Performance Protector (\$500) - 6 donors
- Illuminator (\$1000) - 1 donor
- Captain Crowdfunder (\$2000) - 2 donors
- Mosaic Manifestor (\$3500) - 1 donor



2024 Summer Events



- May 26 - Winooski Farmers Market Opens
- Jun 9 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Jun 19 - Winooski Wednesdays: Juneteenth
- Jun 23 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Jun 30 - French Heritage Day at WFM
- Jul 7 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Jul 10 - Winooski Wednesdays
- Jul 21 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Jul 28 - Youth Vendor Day at WFM
- Aug 4 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Aug 14 - Winooski Wednesdays
- Aug 18 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Sept 1 - Fiber Fair at WFM
- Sept 1 - Sunday Service Dance Party
- Sept 11 - Winooski Wednesdays: Pride
- Sept 29 - Best Pooch in the Noosk at WFM
- Oct 20 - Onion Fest/Closing Day at WFM

Visit downtownwinooski.org/events for more info!

Winooski Food Shelf

24 West Allen Street | winooskifoodshelf.org

- Saturday, June 8th: 9:30am–11am
- Wednesday, June 12th: 1pm–3pm
- Saturday, June 22nd: 9:30am–11am
- Wednesday, June 28th: 1pm–3pm

The Winooski Food Shelf is busy! We now have over 350 Winooski households accessing our services. The line moves right along since we hand out pre boxed veggies on Saturdays and bagged pantry staples and veggies on Wednesdays. We also have eggs and meat. We currently have Halal chicken. We have no diapers.

Food Shelf policy: Clients may come one Wednesday and two Saturdays each month. New clients must bring a utility bill or lease. Winooski residents can also access Feeding Chittenden, 228 North Winooski Avenue in Burlington.

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 (June 19th) at 9am to help bring inside and shelve the food dropped off by the Vermont Foodbank truck.



Promoting Community Connections

By Paul Detzer, Development and Communications Engagement Manager

Community Education Series: Free Substance Use and Our Community Recording Available

Howard Center provides multiple services for opioid use disorder within a harm reduction framework. Our Spring Community Education Series addressed substance use in our community, including programs and services that provide treatment and efforts to create a bridge between people who use drugs and recovery, followed by a question-and-answer period. Watch the recording of last month's session to learn about the science of substance use, options for treatment, and the benefits of harm reduction. Watch it here: howardcenter.org/ces2024.

Leadership Transition

As we approach summer, Howard Center warmly welcomes Sandra McGuire, MBA, as the new Chief Executive Officer starting June 1, 2024. After a decade as Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Sandy succeeds Bob Bick after a legacy of transformative leadership. Sandy recognizes the rising needs in our community and is committed to continuing Howard Center's welcoming, inclusive, and equitable environment for employees and clients alike.



Winooski Partnership for Prevention

By Kate Nugent, Executive Director

This month, WPP Substance Use Prevention Educator Mukhtar Abdullahi visited advisories to survey students on their perceptions and beliefs related to substance use. In partnership with school staff, faculty, and administration, the students are helping Winooski better understand the specific challenges and opportunities to reduce youth substance use and make it easier for youth to grow up healthier. To celebrate and thank students, Mukhtar distributed astronaut ice cream sandwiches which were a big hit!



This year, the WPP has worked with the Screenagers film to help youth, families, and folks whose jobs interface with both strengthen our understanding of the world youth are growing up in and how we adults can best help them grow up as safe and healthy as possible. This month, we wanted to highlight the blog Screenagers also hosts, because, as parents ourselves, we found it had some pretty helpful suggestions about navigating conversations with our teens. We thought we'd share an excerpt and the link to the whole post below, and please always feel free to reach out to the WPP for more ideas, as well.

Link: screenagersmovie.com/blog/5-ways-to-have-healthier-parent-child-conflicts

Finally, we hope that folks keep these resources in mind when they decide it's time to try quitting tobacco or to get help with alcohol or cannabis use that has become a problem. Vermont has some great, free resources to help you, including:

- 802Quits (also helps with vape quitting)
- VTHelpLink (substance use addiction or dependence, or screening, if you're not sure)

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you around Winooski and or at the Farmer's Market this summer!

CCTV Center for Media & Democracy

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CCTV Center for Media & Democracy is celebrating its 40th anniversary this June! CCTV was founded to open the doors of local democracy and put media in the hands of the people. Today, that mission has never been more important. CCTV's media education, community history, and coverage of local government and activism is at the heart of our region's media ecosystem. We work to ensure every member of our community can be heard and connected with local decision-makers!

P.S. Join us to celebrate 40 years of CCTV at the Intervale Barn in Burlington on June 13 from 5–8pm and learn more about how you can be involved in the future of community media!



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