

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.



Congratulations, Graduates!

By WMHS Co-Principals Jean Berthiaume and Kate Grodin

"We have learned to fly in the sky like birds and swim in the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers,"

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dear Class of 2024,

The quote by Dr. King during his 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech gives us hope when we think about all of you stepping forward into your post-Winooski High School life. Why? Because you have "learned this simple art of living together as brothers and sisters." More than ever, our country and our world need young people who know how to live, learn, and converse in a diverse environment.

We know that many things make learning and attending school in Winooski special, the most important of which is how to be part of a community. As you move on from this place, may you take all that you have learned, experienced, and gained from each interaction that you have had in the classroom, in the halls, and on the field or court and make the world a better place in some way, shape, or fashion. Your education is more than the courses you have taken; it reflects all the learning experiences you have had over the course of your high school career.

Use good judgment and the big and small lessons you have learned to make a difference in the lives of others, your community, and, ultimately, yourself.

Best of luck to you, and please let us know all the fabulous things you do in this world.

Presenting... the Class of 2024!

Congratulations to all graduates! We are so proud of you.

- Ahmad Abdilah
- Sherihan Ali Abdulaziz
- Nurta Ahmed
- Saruro Mohamed Ali
- Razan R. Alrubaii
- Zahara Mohamed Aweys
- Raseda Be
- Cameron Luke Bushway
- Alexander Michael Chagnon
- Ryan Charbonneau
- Liam Chase
- Nadja Zipporah-Helene Douning
- Nick Ferdinand
- Nixandy Ferdinand
- Samuel A. Freije
- Amisha Gurung
- Ateet Gurung
- Suvisha Gurung
- Khadija O. Hassan
- Jean Heintz
- Nadine Ikizakubuntu
- Khushi Kaushal
- Abdoul Lailati
- Sean C. Larkin Jr.
- Christopher M. Lavalette
- Bhumika Magar
- Sarbin Majhi
- Passy Matendo
- Fatuma M. Mayange
- Hawa Mayange
- Apolina Mbeleci
- Deanna Yolanda McCoy
- Amira Sarah Mohamed Oussaid
- Jessica N. Mujawimana
- Elie Muzaliwa
- Rachid Muzaliwa
- Thera Margaret Neilson
- Tai Nguyen
- Samuel Paul Parris
- Taylor C. Parrott
- Jasuwa Pradhan
- Umesh Pradhan
- Graham James Resmer
- Makaylah Senna
- Natayah A. Stewart
- Sanii Tru Stewart-McIver
- Ciara M. Sylvestre
- Sandhya Tamang
- Trinity Roseann White
- Suzana Wilondja



From the Superintendent

By Wilmer Chavarria, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Winooski community,

It was a joy to say good-bye for the summer to many of our students and staff. Time flies when you have fun and working with young human beings is a sure way to have fun. Staff lined up at the exits to cheer as our students left. Our students' smiles as they waved good-bye made all of this work worth it. I am always inspired by these moments but also reminded that while we let them go for a while, someone else must look after them when they leave our premises. That is you and all of us together. Whether you are a parent, caregiver, neighbor, friend, family member, or a resident of Winooski, please keep in mind that keeping children safe and happy benefits us all. In this light, we must all do our part in ensuring that kids are protected, supported, and positively challenged in their growth. During summer, this becomes more important because many no longer have the predictable structures, routines, and guidance that our teachers and staff provide for most of the year. Even students and families that take advantage of our summer programming still experience a change in routines and only a limited number of supports and options. Your help when students are not in school is appreciated.

Speaking of which, the Winooski Early Childhood Program is

offering an inclusive two week summer program for all returning preschool students. Extended School Year (ESY) services will be provided for eligible Pre-K students during this time. The program will continue to practice classroom routines and activities that support social-emotional, physical, and intellectual development. Extended Year Services (ESY) will be offered to eligible students of all other grades across the district starting in July. Qualifying students will receive programming that is reflective of their individual needs including individual, small and large group instruction. Students will receive support in both academics and functional skills depending on their individual needs with a focus on building relationships and student independence. If your child has special or unique needs and you have not heard about this, please contact us.

Our district offices continue to remain open through the summer, so please feel free to reach out for any needs. If you have students attending our schools, you will receive more communication regarding readiness for the next school year as the time approaches.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

School Board Update

By Kamal Dahal, WSD Board Vice-Chair

First, I congratulate WSD's graduating class of 2024!

All the hard work and dedication of our students over the years has finally paid off. As a community leader responsible for Winooski's primary education, I am thrilled to see our efforts reflected in the smiles and joy of graduates walking to receive their certificates. Whether or not you have a child in school, I encourage all Winooski residents to join the board on witnessing the results of your investment. Besides the certificate ceremony, you'll also hear incredible stories of resilience and hope from our students. For many who grew up in unprivileged parts of the world, earning a high school diploma may have once been seen as an impossibility. However, despite challenges, our students have shown remarkable resilience and determination in their educational journey, and inspiring others along the way. As our graduates move on to the next part of their lives, I believe they will also hold on to the valuable lessons, friendships, and memories they've made. Their achievements show their strength, and I am confident they will succeed in whatever they do next.

I believe graduation is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of public education in our community; it serves as the foundation upon which we build our future. It not only provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the world but also helps them make informed decisions and contribute to society, which aligns with our school district's end statement. Moreover, the benefits of education extend beyond personal development; they influence our

community, economy, and democracy. By investing in education, we invest in a brighter and more prosperous future for everyone.

Although I am a relatively new resident of this town and did not have the opportunity to witness the transformation of Winooski as many of you have, I have learned about the remarkable changes the school has undergone over the past couple of decades. In many ways, we stand out compared to the average school in Vermont. Our school is the most diverse district in the state, with a significant number of students who speak languages other than English at home. This unique aspect brings distinct needs and challenges. Nevertheless, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our incredibly hard-working and talented staff and administrators, we have not only succeeded in educating our students but also in serving the parents and the broader community. As a neighbor and fellow resident of Winooski, I am immensely proud of the uplifting community and culture we have cultivated at our school.

Investing in education is one of the most important commitments we can make as a community. Quality education opens doors to opportunities, breaks the cycle of poverty, and fosters innovation and progress. By supporting our schools, we are ensuring that future generations have the tools they need to succeed and lead meaningful lives.

Our graduates this month are a testament to the power of education. They have worked hard, overcome challenges, and achieved something truly remarkable. As they move forward, they carry with them the lessons, friendships, and memories they have made here. Their success is our success, and it reminds the board of why we do what we do.

2024 Graduation Scholarships and Awards

The recipient of the University of Vermont Green and Gold scholarship is **Jean Heintz**. Five seniors who received scholarships from their Tech programs are **Christopher Lavalette, Raseda Be, Cameron Bushway, Suvisha Gurung,** and **Taylor Parrott**.



THE KYLE TIPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Kyle Tipson Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Kyle, a graduate and lifelong member of the Winooski Community. It is given to 2 students, who are continuing their education and have participated in sports for at least 2 years. This year's recipients are: **Sam Parris** and **Jean Heintz**.

MAIDA F. TOWNSEND SCHOLARSHIP - The Maida F. Townsend Scholarship, is given to two students who have demonstrated a love of learning, an openness to the richness of differences among people, and a willingness to use his/her time and talent in service to others. This year's recipients are **Apolina Mbeleci** and **Passy Matendo**.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - The Academic Scholarships, is presented to two students who excel academically. This year's recipients are **Jean Heintz** and **Razan Alrubaii**.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AWARDS - These awards are presented to two graduates who have shown the most improvement during their four years of high school. This year's recipients are **Suzana Wilondja** and **Nadja Douning**.

BILL EVERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Bill Everts Memorial Scholarship, given in memory of Bill Everts, is given to a senior who is the first in their family to go to college. This year's recipient is **Abdoul Lailati**.

NICHOLAS CUSSON-DUCHARME ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP - The Nicholas-Cusson Ducharme Athletic Scholarship is given in memory of Nicholas Cusson-Ducharme to a hard-working, dedicated, student athlete who has participated in athletics throughout high school, especially their senior year, while demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. This year's recipient is **Alex Chagnon**.

WINOOSKI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP - The Winooski Education Association Scholarship is presented to two individuals entering the field of education in recognition of exceptional contributions to school activities and all around excellence in academics. This year's recipients are **Ahmad Abdilah** and **Passy Matendo**.

SKILLS AND TRADE SCHOLARSHIP - A scholarship awarded to a senior furthering their education in a skill or trade. This year's recipient is **Sherihan Abdulaziz**.

CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP - The Challenge Scholarship is presented to three well-rounded, highly motivated students who have overcome obstacles in achieving his/her success. This year's recipient are **Nadine Ikizakubuntu, Bhumika Magar** and **Hawa Mayange**.



THE PTO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP - The PTO Education Scholarship is presented to a student who is pursuing a career in education and who has displayed community involvement through school or work experience. This year's recipient is **Ciara Sylvestre**.

THE PTO SCHOLARSHIP - The PTO Scholarship, is given to two students who have shown an overall commitment to and involvement with the high school in multiple and varying ways. This year's recipients are **Nick Ferdinand** and **Sanii McIver-Stewart**.

VERMONT HONOR SCHOLARSHIP - The Vermont Honor Scholarship, initiated by the Vermont Legislature, is presented to a student with outstanding academic achievement going on to college. This year's recipient is **Nixandy Ferdinand**.

CAROL L. KESSLER, R.N. MEMORIAL AWARD - The Carol L. Kessler, R.N. Memorial Award is presented to a student or students who are in the upper 25% of the senior class and who are intending to continue their education in healthcare or a related field. This year's recipients are **Khushi Kaushal** and **Nixandy Ferdinand**.

PERSISTENCE SCHOLARSHIP - The persistence scholarship is given to 4 students who have shown perseverance through all they have faced to make it to high school graduation and plan to pursue a post secondary education. This year's recipients are **Christopher Lavalette, Sam Freije, Sandhya Tamang,** and **Amisha Gurung**.

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JOHN J. MALCOVSKY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP - The John J. Malcovsky Community Service Scholarship is given to a deserving student who has participated actively in community service. This year's recipient are **Razan Alrubaii** and **Graham Resmer**.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - The Leadership Scholarship is given to two students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities and exemplified positive attitudes. This year's recipient is **Raseda Be** and **Taylor Parrott**.

CLASS OF 2013 SCHOLARSHIP - A Scholarship for a senior who has demonstrated dedication to his/her class and exhibited a genuine care and respect for Winooski High School. This year's recipient is **Fatuma Mayange**.

VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - The VFW Community Service Award is presented to two graduates in recognition of outstanding community service. This year's recipients are Sam Parris and **Saruro Ali**.

VFW SCHOLARSHIP - A scholarship presented to a student pursuing a degree and has been involved in other extra-curricular activities. This year's recipient of The VFW Scholarship is **Amira Mohamed-Oussaid**.

Winooski Antiracism Steering Committee Wraps Up an Amazing Year of Action

By Christie Beveridge, Program Director, UP for Learning

On Monday, June 3rd, the Winooski Antiracism Steering Committee (ARSC) held their final meeting of the year. The team took time to reflect on their many successes, as well as identify priorities for the future of the team. They also took part in a community mosaic activity led by local glass artist Terry Zigmund. Throughout the month, residents are designing individual squares with colored glass that corresponds with their connection to the city: red for those who have lived in Winooski their entire life, blue for those who moved to Winooski from another town in Vermont, green for those who moved to the city from another state, yellow for those who moved to Winooski from another country, and orange for those who no longer live in the city but have roots there. The completed mosaic (288 squares) representing the vibrant cultural diversity of the city will be displayed in Rotary Park, in the center of downtown Winooski.

The team made a great deal of progress this year on achieving three of the 2020 Winooski Students for Antiracism (WSA) demands, including implementing yearly Civil Rights Workshops, creating a Multilingual Mentorship Program, and forming a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. On May 6th, they held a Community Dialogue Event on where close to 60 community members gathered to learn about the work of the ARSC, and to share their experiences with race and racism in schools. The team also created, distributed, and analyzed data from a school-wide survey, which helped them reflect on the progress they have made towards the demands, as well as learn about additional needs that are emerging from the student body.

We are incredibly proud of this team. When asked what excited them the most about their work with the ARSC this year, one youth responded, "I enjoyed the Community Dialogue the most because we got input and stories from the community." An adult member of the ARSC responded, "Seeing and being a part of this group and witnessing massive growth within each and every human involved in/with the WSD ARSC! One word I hold is gratitude." If you have any questions about the ARSC, or if you would like to learn about how to be involved, please contact UP for Learning Program Director Christie Beveridge, christie@upforlearning.org.



Kindergarten Planted a Tree!

By Sarah Forbes, ML Teacher

Over the past few months, kindergarten has been doing a deep dive into the importance of trees in our lives. We started by talking about how trees are plants that are alive and how we know, and then we discussed all the things trees give us: wood for furniture and houses, clean air for us to breath, shelter for animals, and sap for maple syrup. We read so many wonderful books about trees, including *The Tree in the Ancient Forest*, *A Tree is Nice*, *Be a Friend to Trees*, *Mama Miti*, *The Things That I Love About Trees*, and *We Planted a Tree*. Kindergarten students learned how to paint watercolor trees, and wrote about how we depend on trees and how we can enjoy trees. Finally, in collaboration with UVM, the city of Winooski's tree committee and Horsford Garden & Nursery, we planted a sugar maple tree behind the playground where it will eventually provide wonderful shade for all of our school community, and leaves to play in in the fall! Kindergarten students were able to help plant the tree by adding soil around its root ball, and helping to give it its first drink of water.

Celebrating the End of the School Year: Festivities Across Schools

By Miriam Greenfield, Director of Communications

As the school year drew to a close, students and staff across the district embraced the spirit of celebration and reflection on a year of hard work and achievements. Each school found unique ways to mark this milestone, from joyful games at Landry Park to adventurous activities at Camp Abnaki.



JFK Elementary School's Splash and Play Day at Landry Park

The students of JFK Elementary School enjoyed a fun-filled day at Landry Park. The sunny weather provided the perfect backdrop for swimming, games, and laughter. Teachers and parents volunteered to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all, making it a memorable event for the young students. The park echoed with the sounds of splashing



water, cheers, and the joy of friendships strengthened over the school year.

Winooski Middle School's Adventure at Camp Abnaki

Winooski Middle School students ventured to Camp Abnaki for an exciting day of activities. The camp offered a variety of experiences, from canoeing and archery to team-building games and nature hikes. These activities provided fun and adventure and fostered camaraderie and teamwork among students. The day at Camp Abnaki was perfect for middle schoolers to cap off the year with a sense of accomplishment and unity.

A Special Send-Off for Seniors

The seniors were given a heartfelt send-off on their last day of school. This unique tradition saw the graduating students walking through the halls of the district's single-building campus, greeted by enthusiastic cheers and applause from their younger peers, ranging from kindergarten to eleventh grade. This event was a poignant moment for our seniors, marking the end of their high school journey and the beginning of new adventures. The cheers and well-wishes from their fellow students and teachers created an atmosphere of pride and celebration, making it a day the seniors will hold dear in their hearts.



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



Letter from the Mayor

By Mayor Kristine Lott

Hello Neighbors, summer is upon us, and we have a lot going on in Winooski.

Construction on Main Street continues, but remember that businesses are open! Remember to think local when you need to shop or dine and support Winooski businesses. While construction is tough, we'll have a beautiful new Main Street we can all be proud of with improved biking and pedestrian accesses, more space, new trees, utility improvements, and so much more. If you haven't sign up for the weekly email updates at winooskivt.gov/mainstreet.

Another exciting infrastructure



update: the **Burlington/Winooski River Bridge Replacement project** will be adding a traffic signal to the intersection of Hood, E. Spring, and E. Allen Streets at no cost to Winooski! Signals were the approved alternative to address safety concerns at Hood's Crossing outlined by the East Allen Street Gateway Enhancement Scoping Study (2020). The Vermont Agency of Transportation anticipates detouring traffic through this area during the Bridge project starting in 2027, so there's value to installing this early.

Congratulations to Downtown Winooski for receiving a **\$30k Better**

Places grant from the State to fund some exciting enhancements in Rotary Park including community art, tree and event lighting, plantings, and new events like block parties! Visit downtownwinooski.org/events to see their exciting summer lineup of events.

Finally, last month the City Council and staff leadership team held our **Strategies and Priorities summit**. This annual discussion helps align our priorities and resources, ensuring we stay on track with our shared community vision (winooskivt.gov/vision). This year, we took a step back to look at data on demographics, affordability, municipal debt, and infrastructure needs. I'll share a more detailed update next month on what we learned and what it means going forward in a sustainable way.

From Your Local Representative

By Representative Daisy Berbeco

The legislative session has ended and I'm so happy to be back home in Winooski. Now that my first term has ended, I have spent some time debriefing and assessing whether I did enough, if my work had the intended impact, and if the system truly allows our unique city a fair chance at getting our needs met. Here are my freshman thoughts so far:

The potential to maximize opportunities for Winooski was proportional to how adept I was at navigating the power structures in our state. The biggest barrier to being effective is pushing on the wrong levers for change. Polishing the levers is an art, rooted in authentic and open communication.

Nothing I accomplished was accomplished alone. Behind the scenes are dozens of the best administrative experts and legal



Winooski Representatives Taylor Small (left) and Daisy Berbeco (right)

counsel in the country, and people who keep us safe in the building. No bill passed without collaboration across each committee of jurisdiction and hours of stakeholder testimony to guide that.

Good work takes a broad spectrum of possible stakeholders into account and is designed for the ends of that spectrum—not the people in the middle. We fail to make our state better for everyone when we only consider the average person. Be inclusive if you want your work to last.

Legislators are generally good. Every person in the State House is there out of a unique commitment to making the world a better place—and our ability as a body to see beyond our political labels to do that, can give all of you hope.

For more, please catch up with me at daisyforwinooski.com.





City Clerk’s Office Reminders

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

Please note we will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

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 July, 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 (August 13) and General (November 5) 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 winooskivt.gov/vote to learn more.

Tax/Utility Bills: The next tax & utility bill will be mailed on or before July 15, 2024. Please note: Only one tax bill is mailed during this time with the four installment due dates.



Main Street Revitalization Project: Groundbreaking Ceremony and Ongoing Construction

The City of Winooski held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 21, 2024 to celebrate the start of construction for the Winooski Main Street Revitalization Project. The project team would like to thank the federal, state, and local officials who spoke during the event and everyone who attended in support of this important infrastructure project. A special thanks to Winooski VFW Post #1767 for hosting!

Construction for the Main Street project is ongoing. Crews continue to install new water and sewer systems along Main Street. Activities will take place Monday through Friday between 7am and 7pm. There may be night and weekend work if needed.

The Project Team sends weekly project updates to keep the public informed about construction activities and impacts to traffic and parking. Visit the project website at winooskivt.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.

Construction activities will require short temporary impacts to driveways and utilities. The contractor will notify impacted property owners by knocking on doors and posting flyers.

During construction, Main Street is reduced to a single lane, allowing northbound traffic only, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Southbound traffic will be sent to Weaver Street. Side streets may be closed at their intersections with Main Street as needed. 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. 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. Look out for temporary No Parking signs in the project area.

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



Winooski Recreation and Parks

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

The Myers Memorial Pool is open! Visit winooskivt.gov/pool for passes, programs, hours, and more.

YOUTH

Swim Team

Ages 5–18 | M W F, June 10 – August 5

Swim Lessons

All ages | All summer, June 17 – August 24

Junior Lifeguarding

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

Skateboarding with Burton Chill

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

Outdoor Adventures

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

Tennis in the Parks

Grades 1–5 | Mondays & Wednesdays, July 8 – 24

Grades 6–9 | Saturdays, July 13 – August 24

Recreation & Parks Summer Camps

Very Merry Theatre | July 8 – July 12

Art in Our World | August 12 – August 16

Xtreme Games | August 19 – August 23

ADULTS

Winooski Bike Gang

18+ | Wednesdays, April 17 – September 25

Winooski Running Club

18+ | Wednesdays, May 1 – September 4

Yoga Vinyasa Flow

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

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 | Outside, weather permitting

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

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

Lego Club | Ages 4+ | Thursdays | 3:30pm

STEAM Ahead | Ages 5+ | Saturdays | 10am

Dad Guild Playgroup | Families/Youth | Sat, July 20 | 12:30pm

ADULTS

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

Morning Coffee Social | Ages 18+ | Friday, July 12 | 9am

Winooski Reads Book Club | Ages 18+ | Tue., July 30 | 6pm

The Busy Morning Duo – Storytime & Sing-along: Friday, July 26 at 10:30am

The Busy Morning Duo (Linda Bassick and Greg Rothwell) are publishing a children's book based on the song "Squirrel in a Tree" from their album *Maple's Busy Morning!* Join them at the Winooski Library for a book reading of "Squirrel in a Tree: A Maple's Busy Morning Adventure" and an interactive sing-along.

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

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 July 25 at Noon | RSVP by 7/18

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 Winooski & Winooski Organics present...

DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTIES

WINOOSKI WEDNESDAYS Rotary Park Concert & Marketplace Summer Breeze Edition

featuring

PONTOON

Yacht Rock Vibes

DJ Ron Stoppable

- Food from Sarom's Café
- Popsicles from Curly Girl
- Drinks from the Monkey House
- Local Vendors
- Photo Booth from Activ8
- Mini Golf
- Bubbles & Carnival Games



Wednesday, July 10th 2024

5:00PM - 9:00PM A FREE EVENT!



BARR HILL



@downtownwinooski

#downtownwinooski

Winooski Food Shelf

24 West Allen Street | winooskifoodshelf.org

It is time to update our client data. Please bring a gas, electric, or phone bill or a lease so we can update our records. Winooski residents may access the food shelf one (1) Wednesday and both Saturdays.

- Wednesday, July 10, 2024: 1 PM - 3 PM
- Saturday, July 13, 2024: 9:30 AM - 11 AM
- Wednesday, July 24, 2024: 1 PM - 3 PM
- Saturday, July 27, 2024: 9:30 AM - 11 AM

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 9 AM to help bring inside and shelve the food dropped off by the Vermont Foodbank truck.

Town Meeting TV



Starting this month, Town Meeting TV is hosting primary election forums with statewide and Winooski candidates. These interactive election forums allow you to hear directly from candidates so you can make informed decisions at the **August 13th Primary**.

Call 802-862-3966 during live forums to have your questions answered. For a full schedule of primary election forums, please visit www.cctv.org/primary.

WPP Update for July

By Kate Nugent, Executive Director



This past month, the WPP hosted a free online screening of *Screenagers Under the Influence* which exceeded our expectations in terms of the number of unique views (120). This film is so effective in conveying the best current strategies for preventing substance use disorders, and is entertaining, as well as informative, that we hope as many folks as possible are able to check it out before our time with it ends in September! And though the free online screening option has ended for now, be on the lookout for more opportunities before then. You can also subscribe to the *Screenagers* blog and get helpful supportive resources regularly: screenagersmovie.com/blog

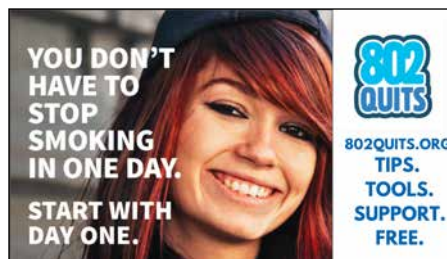
In other news, the **WPP Above the Influence** after school program came to a close for the school year in June, and we're so proud of the students for bringing awareness to the needs of youth. We also want to thank the after school program, school health faculty, guidance counselors, healthcare providers, and administrators especially for their ongoing support and collaboration. We are lucky and grateful to be able to work with such talented and caring partners.

Be on the lookout for **summer opportunities to volunteer** with the WPP and for youth programming to start up again in the late summer and early fall. In the meantime, if you are looking for healthy, fun activities for the youth in your life, we'd love to hear from you, and also recommend you check out the City of Winooski's recreational offerings, the Meyer's pool at Landry Park, and the trails and fields that are available around the city for frisbee, walking, or meeting up with friends for a picnic.

When you decide to quit, help can make the difference. Vermont has free help:

- 802Quits (also helps with vape quitting)
 - VTHelpLink (for alcohol, Cannabis, and other substances)
 - 9-8-8 (Suicide and crisis helpline)
- 802Quits is offering rewards, also!

Customized resources and rewards are available for special populations like Medicaid Members (rewards up to \$150), LGBTQ, American Indians and pregnant Vermonters (rewards up to \$250). Those who use menthol tobacco products can earn incentives with program enrollment (rewards up to \$150). Thanks for reading and we hope you have a safe, healthy summer.



Safe Recovery Program

By Paul Detzer, Development and Communications Engagement Manager

Data suggest overdose fatalities can increase during the



summer months in Vermont. To help the community stay safe, Howard Center's Safe Recovery program offers free and anonymous Fentanyl and Xylazine test strips. No appointment is necessary to receive test strips or other services. For more information, call Safe Recovery at 802 488 6067, Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-5pm.

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for a **Community Paint Day**; July 13 from 3-6pm. Howard Center and community collaborators will be co-creating a large exterior building mural on the corner of Clarke and Pearl Streets in Burlington.



Howard Center proudly observes Disability Pride Month this July, honoring the achievements and diversity of individuals with disabilities. We are committed to creating a more inclusive environment that empowers all individuals to reach their full potential.



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