

# MUNICIPAL DISPATCH

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF WATERBURY



Skip Flanders talks trains, joins wife Cathy as Parade Grand Marshals



Train Day at the train station



Community Pool Fun

photo courtesy K. Lisiaus



General Lafayette returns to Waterbury

photo courtesy S. Flanders



Ambulance station ribbon cutting

photo courtesy WASI



NQID parade

Wrapping up June with a full weekend of events.

## This Month's Spotlight:

- ✓ **Board and Committee vacancies** - Conservation Commission, Housing Task Force, Recreation Committee, Tree Board
- ✓ **Summer recreation** - Learn about the pool resurfacing and all the summer fun the Recreation Dept. has planned for adults and kids.
- ✓ **Municipal Calendar** - See all department, board, and committee meetings at a glance, with links to each meeting's details. Also learn about key dates and other events the town is hosting.
- ✓ **Library policy updates** - Age requirements for unattended children in the library have been revised.
- ✓ **Roadwork reminders**

## BETTER CONNECTIONS FOR SAFETY IN WATERBURY CENTER

The Town of Waterbury has received a \$97,500 grant from the State of Vermont Better Connections program to undertake a study that identifies ways to improve the safety and accessibility of the Waterbury Center Village Center (also known as the "Triangle" and its immediate surrounds).

Duncan MacDougall, Katie Gallagher, and Tom Leitz are leading the project and reviewing RFP submissions to recommend an experienced consultant team that will support the project by undertaking an inventory of existing conditions, engaging with the community to create a shared

vision, and developing a multimodal transportation plan that brings this vision to life.

Community members have submitted their interest in serving on either the steering committee or the advisory committee. The appointment of the steering committee by the Select Board is expected to be included on the July 7<sup>th</sup> agenda. A consultant team will be selected in the following weeks.

Read the [RFP here](#).  
Visit the [Better Connections in Waterbury Center](#) page.





Kids get a close look at an ambulance and construction equipment at the Fathers' Day Touch-a-Truck event on June 15.

*photo courtesy R. Muse*

## THIS MONTH IN RECREATION

**July 3** – Dinoman in Space! 11am in Rusty Parker Park. Free!

**July 18** – Waterbury Pickleball Classic – a beginner & intermediate pickleball tournament

**Swim Lessons** – Start June 23; 2-week sessions. \$100 for residents, \$140 for non-residents. Swim lessons are open to ages 6 months and above.

**Youth Tennis Lessons** – Start July 15; Grades 5–8<sup>th</sup>. \$75 for residents, \$85 for non-residents.

**Adult Tennis Lessons** – Start July 15; Beginner lessons. \$85 for residents, \$100 for non-residents. Tennis lessons are a partnership with USTA.

**Adult Pickleball Lessons** – 2-hour sessions 7/14 and 7/16. \$35 for residents/\$45 for non-resident per lesson.

## POOL UPDATE

At town meeting day, voters passed funding to resurface the shallow end of the Waterbury Public Pool. The pool resurfacing was recently completed in time for the summer pool season. The Town contracted with Vermont Protective Coatings for the work. The fiberglass recoating of the shallow end addressed some of the bubbling felt underfoot as well as smoothing the end between the zero-entry and the asphalt walking area.

The Waterbury Public Pool was built in the 1940s with the last significant upgrade occurring in the 1960s. Recoating the shallow end of the pool has addressed known imperfections in the pool. However, Waterbury Recreation kindly reminds people that the structure of the pool is still roughly 83 years old. Always be cautious and swim with care!

## SUMMER TIME, FUN TIME!

### Recreation Updates from Director Katarina Lisaius

**RECAP June 14:** Waterbury Recreation partnered with Bernie Sanders for a free throw competition. The event, held at Brookside Primary School, was an opportunity for children and youth to share their basketball skills with Senator Bernie Sanders and compete for the top awards. There were over 100 children and youth in attendance from all over Vermont, accompanied by about 120 adults supporting the basketball stars. Senator Sanders spoke directly to the young people in attendance, emphasizing the importance of getting outside and getting away from screens. The senator is concerned that screen time is replacing interacting with one another face-to-face and can negatively impact our communities. Every participant received a free basketball to continue to pursue outdoor recreation instead of screen time.

**RECAP June 15:** We partnered with Waterbury Library to host a Touch-A-Truck event. Town vehicles, emergency vehicles, local contractors, and a racecar driver joined forces at Dac Rowe fields for a kickoff to summer reading. The event brought together the Children's Room, Brookside Primary School, and other local organizations in support of a unified launch of summer. Participants climbed in the vehicles, played with The Children Room and Library toys, listened to music from Brookside Principal Neville turned DJ, and enjoyed hot dogs with the Recreation Department. It was a terrific start to the summer season!



*photo courtesy K. Lisaius*



## COMMITTEE & BOARD VACANCIES

### Conservation Commission

- term ending April 2029

### Housing Task Force

- term ending April 2026

### Recreation Committee

- term ending April 2026

### Tree Board

- term ending April 2027

To volunteer for one of these positions, download and complete the application form [HERE](#) or contact Municipal Manager Tom Leitz at [tleitz@waterburyvt.com](mailto:tleitz@waterburyvt.com).

## ROADWORK PROJECTS

### KNEELAND FLATS ROAD

Paving is scheduled for July, with exact dates yet to be determined. Roadwork is weather-dependent.

### STOWE STREET BRIDGE

Crews have demolished the existing bridge. Next, they will begin channel excavation and slope work in preparation for the installation of the cofferdams.

Anyone needing the shuttle service for local assistance around the construction area should contact Municipal Manager Tom Leitz at (802) 244-4300.

[READ ABOUT  
THE PROJECT](#)

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## LIBRARY POLICY UPDATE

### Unattended Children in the Library

After a great deal of thought, discussion and concern we've decided that it's time to change our policy around unattended children in the library. Under our newly revised policy, **effective July 1, any child in fourth grade or below must be supervised by a caregiver over 16 while in the library**, unless attending a library program they have registered for in advance. Read the full policy [HERE](#).

The Library and Recreation Dept. are collaborating to address afterschool needs; look for more information later this summer.

Questions?

Email Library Director Rachel Muse at [rachel@waterburypubliclibrary.com](mailto:rachel@waterburypubliclibrary.com) or call 802-244-7036.

## SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays \*  
6:30 p.m. and on Zoom  
\* 5th Mondays when applicable.

## EFUD MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
4:30 p.m. and on Zoom

See calendar for link to agendas and Zoom meetings. Want meeting agendas sent directly to your inbox? Click below:

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## Do you own a rental property?

As part of the rental registry ordinance passed in May 2024, all rental properties within the Town of Waterbury are required to be registered.

**REGISTRATION IS FREE.**

For questions, contact  
Zoning Administrator  
Mike Bishop  
[mbishop@waterburyvt.com](mailto:mbishop@waterburyvt.com)

**REGISTER  
HERE**



**NQID PARADE  
GRAND MARSHALLS  
SKIP & CATHY FLANDERS**

## THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

TO VIEW THE VERY FULL LIBRARY AND RECREATION  
CALENDARS, PLEASE CLICK THE FOLLOWING:

[Public Library](#)

[Recreation](#)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
			12 – 4 p.m. <a href="#">Grievance hearings</a> 4 p.m. <a href="#">Cemetery Commission</a>	<b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> for staff development day	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> – Library and Municipal Office CLOSED	11 a.m. – 3 p.m. History Center Open
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. History Center Open	6:30 p.m. <a href="#">Select Board</a>	6 – 7:30 p.m. <a href="#">Conservation Commission</a>	2 – 4 p.m. <a href="#">Flood Resilience</a> 4:30 – 7 p.m. <a href="#">EFUD</a>		10 a.m. – 12 p.m. <a href="#">Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class</a>	7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. <a href="#">American Red Cross Blood Drive</a>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	5 p.m. <a href="#">Library Commission</a> 6 – 8 p.m. <a href="#">Planning Commission</a>	5 – 7 p.m. <a href="#">BCA meeting</a>	4:30 – 6 p.m. <a href="#">Historical Society</a> 6:30 p.m. <a href="#">DRB</a>	6 – 8 p.m. <a href="#">Housing Task Force</a>	10 a.m. – 12 p.m. <a href="#">Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class</a>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2 p.m. <a href="#">Historical Society Program</a>	6:30 p.m. <a href="#">Select Board</a>	6:30 – 8 p.m. <a href="#">Recreation Committee</a>			10 a.m. – 12 p.m. <a href="#">Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class</a>	
27	28	29	30	31		
	5 – 6 p.m. <a href="#">Natural Disaster Preparedness Committee</a> 6 – 8 p.m. <a href="#">Planning Commission</a>					