

Spring Newsletter 2014

March 2014



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

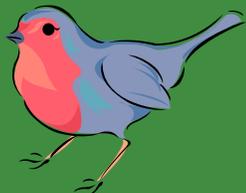
- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 3-18 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 4-8 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 5-20 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 3-25 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 4-22 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 5-27 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 3-5 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 4-1 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 5-6 at 7:00pm

Did you know?

Dorset was recently ranked # 9 on the list of 24 small New England Towns you must visit!

See the list at:

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/adamdavis/charming-small-new-england-towns-you-absolutely-need-to-v>



Town Meeting Traditions



Dorset residents gathered on the cold evening of March 3rd to discuss the business of the Town and School District.

Pictured above, Dorset State House Representative Patti Komline gives voters an update about issues in Montpelier. Patti presented information about the expected rise in property taxes due mostly to the Act 60/68 education funding formula; in addition Patti briefed voters on anticipated health care reform changes.

On Town Meeting night Dorset voters approved a list of non-profit appropriations, a change to create the Town Clerk as a salaried position, and set tuition rates for Burr and Burton and Long Trail Schools.

On Election Tuesday, voters approved both Town & School budgets and an article to spend \$10,000 to install a generator at the Dorset Town Offices. Thanks to all that came out to vote, and thanks to the volunteers and poll workers that assisted in the democratic process!

TOWN PLANNERS COMPLETE 2013 BUILD OUT STUDY PROJECT:

Recently the Dorset Planning Commission completed the 2013 build out study project with the Bennington County Regional Commission. Final build out maps will be presented by the BCRC on April 1st. The maps portray potential growth and development patterns for Dorset in the next 20+ years. This process will serve as a resource to town officials when developing long term planning strategies. Maps and information from the project can be found on the Planning Commission portion of the town website: www.dorsetvt.org

The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm/
www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org



New Saturday hours, the library stays open until 3pm on Saturday!

March Artist of the month: Rebecca Raymond

Rebecca has been the visual arts teacher at MEMS since 1991, she teaches kindergarten through 8th grade children the importance of the arts. Her portfolio includes both watercolor and oil paintings. Rebecca lives in Wells with her husband Jim.



The Dorset Library enriches the lives of all children who attend the Dorset School by making bulk loans of books, audios, puppets, explorer packs and videos to the school upon a teacher's request.

Contact us: 867-5774 or dorsetlibrary@aol.com

Updates from The Dorset School

The mission of The Dorset School is to provide a foundation of educational excellence that helps every child realize his or her intellectual, moral, physical and creative potential.



Thank you to Jim Salsgiver, School Board Member for making educational funding, which is often highly confusing, a little more transparent! Many community members asked for a copy of Jim's explanation: the paper can be found at:

https://brsu.haikulearning.com/brsu/thedorsetschool/cms_page/view

Upcoming Activities for Kids:

- Equinox Lacrosse Association - Spring Registration
- Tennis Lessons Offered by Dorset Field Club
- The Dorset Field Club offers after school tennis program to students ages 5 - 16.
- Spring Manchester Parks & Recreation programs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

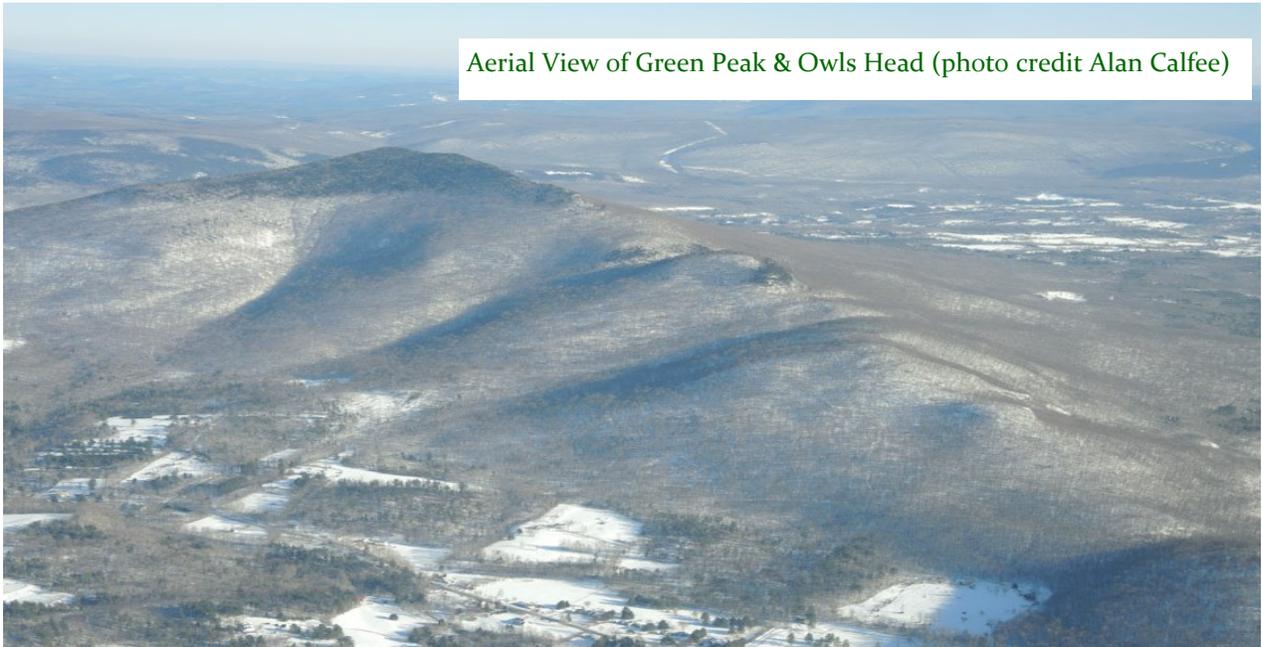
3/28 to 4/9- Art from the Schools - at the Southern Vermont Art Center

4/14 to 4/18 Spring Recess

5/23 DPV "Family Fun Night"

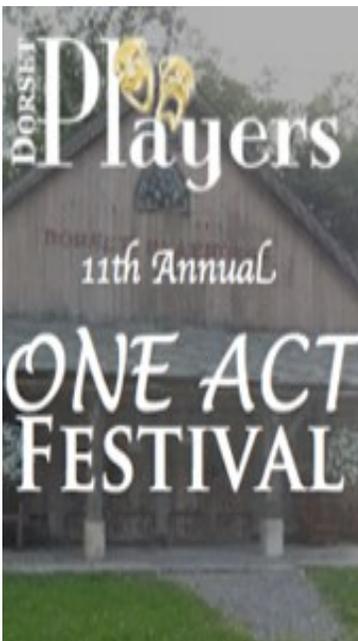
The Dorset School, 130 School Drive Dorset - Principal Rosanna Moran—362-2606—rmoran@brsu.org

Around Town



Aerial View of Green Peak & Owls Head (photo credit Alan Calfee)

Dorset Players 2014



April 4- 5 at 7:30 pm

April 6 at 2:00 pm

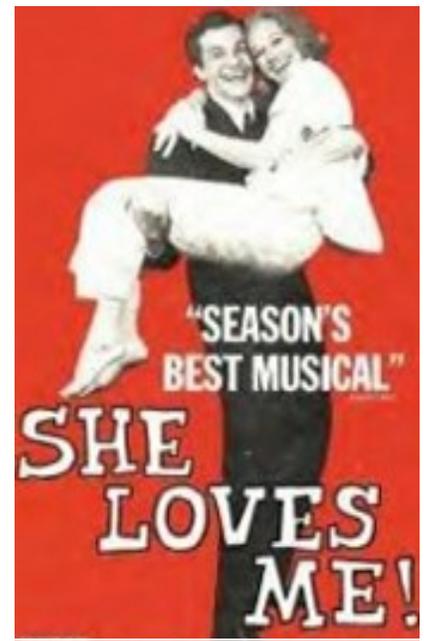
Celebrating our **11th Annual One Act Festival**...where we discover acting and directing talent, turn the stage over to new voices, showcase creative material...and take some chances on stage and behind the scenes. Produced by Kevin O'Toole.

Sponsored by Express Copy

An intimate and touching show, featuring music by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick (**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**) and book by Joe Masteroff (**CABARET**), **SHE LOVES ME** is considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written.

Georg and Amalia are two feuding clerks in a European parfumerie during the 1930's who secretly find solace in their anonymous romantic pen pals, little knowing their respective correspondents are none other than each other. **DIRECTED BY: Jeffrey Linebeck**

SPONSORED BY: Anetics, Equinox Terrace, Haskins Gas, Homestead Landscaping, and RE/MAX Four Seasons



May 14-16 & 22-24 at 7:30 pm

May 18 & 24 at 2:00

Events & Updates:

Attention Dorset Dog Owners:



Get your dog license from the Town Clerk's Office by April 1st to avoid penalty. Contact the Town Clerk with questions: 362-4571 X 2



I matter... You matter... Each person matters...

You Are Never Alone Foundation

invites you to be our guests as we remind each other we matter at:

I matter... You matter Family Events

March 28th from 6:00PM to 8PM

at the Riley Rink at Hunter Park in Manchester, VT
Enjoy music, farm animals, face painting, pizza, beverages, desserts.

March 29th from 1:30PM to 3:30PM

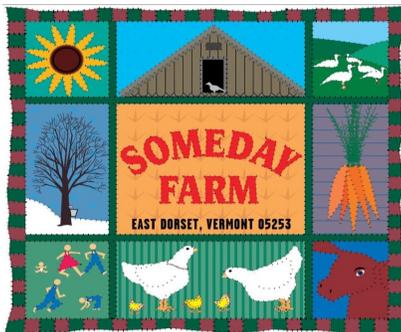
at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, VT.
Join the Veterans for music, fun and refreshments following the Ceremony to Raise the 55 Commemorative Flags.

Each guest will receive an **I matter... You matter Caring Coin** to keep and one to share as a reminder that each person does matter...

Caring is Contagious!!!

You Are Never Alone Foundation is a Vermont 501(c)(3) volunteer, non-denominational organization that values each person. Our wooden Vermont crafted Caring Coins are reminders of a caring connection and hope.
PO Box 523 Dorset, Vermont 05251
www.YouAreNeverAloneFoundation.org info@YouAreNeverAloneFoundation.org

Local "spotlight": Someday Farm



Someday Farm started the first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in Vermont in 1984 and has continually progressed as a full-time family farm. For the past twenty-nine years, the hillside farm has achieved great respect throughout New England for their business practices and community involvement. The farm processes fifteen hundred pheasants, fifteen



Farm Stand at JK Adams

hundred roasting chickens, and five hundred turkeys annually at the state-inspected processing facility. When the market presents itself, the farm utilizes its Certified Tree Farm status and sustainably log their 120 acres for the lumber industry. On six acres, Someday Farm propagates over 100 varieties of organic vegetables and fruits. Farm owner Scout Proft's family has owned the property since the 1930's. All products are available at the Dorset farm stand open May to October while the pheasants appear on the menus of fine restaurants in the area.

CONGRATS TO SCOUT PROFT ON WINNING: "NOFA-VT "FARMER OF THE YEAR!" February 2014"

Visit: www.somedayfarmvt.com for more information

Recreation 2014—[Visit www.dorsetvt.org](http://www.dorsetvt.org) for info!

Lawrence School for Young Children



A 5-STAR PROGRAM IN VERMONT'S STEP AHEAD RECOGNITION SYSTEM!

P.O. Box 914; East Dorset, Vermont; 05253

(802) 362-1992 CALLSYC@HOTMAIL.COM

2014 SUMMER CAMP (June 16th - August 8th)

SEPARATE PROGRAMS for 1-2 year olds, 3-5 year olds, and 5-7 year olds

(Scholarships are available for Dorset children. Applications must be submitted to the town by June 15th. Discounts are also available as well.)

This year's camp will include anything and everything that is fun!

Our 5-7 year olds will: *visit the Saratoga Children's Museum *boat ride and fish on Tinmouth Pond; *enjoy a day trip to the Billings Farm and Museum *enjoy gymnastics classes at Head Over Heels; *visit the Pember Museum in Granville *visit the farm at Merck Forest *pick - and undoubtedly eat - berries. * Hullabaloo classes with Ms Alexandra; *visit with a llama, a pony, the rescue squad, and various tractors and trucks; *play in our bounce castle; *venture down our large water slide*

SPRING/ SUMMER AT MANCHESTER PARKS & REC!



- **Manchester Youth Baseball visit: www.mybvt.org to register or for more information**
- **Equinox Explorers Camps**
- **Preschool Community Soccer**
- **Swim Lessons**
- **Check out the events in the new Park House**
- **Precision Walkers**

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL • Dorset residents receive a 25% discount toward Long Trail School Summer programming

- **Visit Emerald Lake for FREE!**

Volunteering is vital to our community.....

The

Collaborative

Supporting Substance Free Youth

802-824-4200
www.thecollaborative.us

We welcome volunteers to lend a hand and share their talent to help with the success our events and to support our healthy communities and substance free youth.

Volunteer opportunities range from assisting with events to office assistance and mailings to becoming a mentor to sharing a skill or teaching a craft with after school children to marketing...

We Need You! Let us know how you'd like to help.

Visit our website www.thecollaborative.us and fill out the volunteer form or call our office 802-824-4200

***We are currently looking for volunteers for:

West River Trail Run

Online Auction

Enrichment opportunities with Middle School Students

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring 2014 Hazardous Waste Day: Saturday May 10th from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Arlington Memorial High School.

Visit www.bcrevt.org/Programs/Solid_Waste/#HHW

Vermont Sugar Makers Open House Weekend: March 22-23, 2014



Be sure to get out on the road for Maple Syrup's best weekend of the year. Many area sugar-houses are open to the public this weekend, come watch sugar makers as they boil up Vermont's most famous product!

- Havoc Hill Sugar House: 190 Havoc Hill East Dorset, VT 362-4136

Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the recording of all land records, maintaining all vital records, supervising elections, issuing fish & wildlife licenses, dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

- ◆ By April 1st, dogs living in Dorset must be registered with the Town Clerk's Office.
- ◆ Dog Licenses are \$10.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$14.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Proof of a current rabies vaccine is required. After April 1st the fees increase to \$12.00 and \$18.00

Recent Property Transfers (Jan 1st to present)

Seller	Buyer	Location	Price
Raymond F Downs, Jr	Gergory & Elizabeth Hopper	205 Turkey Run Ln	\$ 1,000,000.00
Charles Mauro	Katherine Buchmayr	36A Marisa Ln	\$ 350,000.00
Roberta W Knight	Anna M Bovienzo	352 Spruce Ln	\$ 575,000.00
Charles Mauro	Sandra W Sheppard, Trustee	36B Marisa Ln	\$ 350,000.00
Robert & Diana Thompson, Trustees	United Congregational Church Inc of Dorset	109 Church St	\$ 600,000.00
Robert & Judith Weiss	William Venezia & Josephine DePaul	4129 Route 30	\$ 223,250.00
P Kenneth & Caroline Himmelman	Anthony Surratt & Rodney Harrington	15 Spruce Ln	\$ 600,000.00
Richard Cepela & Linda Cepela Farrand	Edward & Urszula Knowles	284 Dorset Hollow Rd	\$ 65,000.00
Marguerite Freeman	Matthew & Hayleyanne Van Der Kar	3811 Dorset West Rd	\$ 125,000.00
Charles Mauro	The 2014 Red Tail Trust	Lot B-6, Red Tail Ln	\$ 150,000.00
Alan Murray	Dorset Saltbox LLP	3341 Route 30	\$ 220,000.00
Judith Dorsett	John & Mary Allen	253 Owls Head Hill Ln	\$ 350,000.00
Gardner Post	Michael & Tara Pollio	329 Read Farm Ln	\$ 465,000.00
John & Mary Allen	David Kleiner, Trustee	886 Upper Hollow Rd	\$ 955,000.00
J Alden Nichols	Charles Mauro	1741 Upper Hollow Rd	\$ 150,000.00
Penelope Bell	Grigsby & Patricia Markham	119 Myrickview	\$ 296,250.00
Sandra Petry	Jane Petry	35 Butternut Glen	\$ 60,000.00
John & MaryElla Donleavy	Weichert Workforce Mobility Inc	255 Spruce Ln	\$ 1,377,500.00
Hopkins Family Trust	Labrunn, LLC	Land, Morse Hill Rd	\$ 100,000.00
Bayview Loan Servicing LLC	William & Roberta White	38 Dorset Village Ln	\$ 16,900.00
Antony & Carol Milsom	Oliver Associates LLC	1060 Upper Hollow Rd	\$ 1,079,000.00

Questions? Call 362-4571 x 2 , Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, MMC, CVC

Dorset Farmer's Market Farmers have CSA's available! Spring is almost here! That means the Dorset farmers market will be outside very soon. Still buying your produce from the grocery store? Consider a buying a CSA share from a local farmer at the Dorset farmer's market. Shares are available for both vegetables and meat, and can be picked up every Sunday at the market. You'll be amazed at the variety, quality, and quantity of what comes from the ground or is raised in Vermont! You'll have produce that will stay fresh much longer and you'll be contributing directly to the local economy. Be sure to visit: www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com for info.



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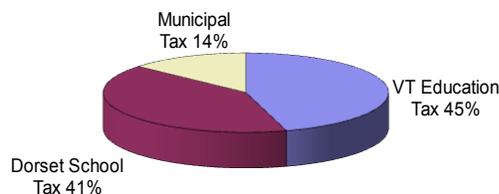


Dorset News & Events

Vermont's Education

Funding Formula needs to be replaced:

Dorset Property Taxes 2013-14



The chart above shows the breakdown of property taxes in Dorset. Under ACT's 60/68 Dorset sends 45% (\$4,617,192) of taxes collected to the State of Vermont, this money is then sent to receiving school districts through the Education Fund. Only 55% of a Dorset tax bill stays in Dorset to operate the School District (\$4,168,457) and Town. (\$1,379,574).

This year the Dorset School Board put forth a budget with an increase pegged closely to inflation at a little over 2 percent. However, due to the flawed funding formula local homestead education property tax rates will rise by \$0.1365 or 10 percent.

The average assessed value of a home in Dorset is \$385,000. The average homestead property tax bill will increase by \$525.52.

Our local State Representative Patti Komline has been hard at work at bringing up a discussion repealing and revamping the education funding system in Vermont. Be sure to lend your support to this effort.



On Thursday **March 20th** the Dorset Historical Society presents the Third Thursday Lunch Lecture with Ted Hopkins. Ted will discuss "The Hobby of Antique Tool Collecting", as he has collected Stanley tools for over 50 years.

Third Thursday Lunch Lectures Series, 12pm at the Bley House Museum. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

April 17: "*Vermont Hospitals in the Civil War*" by Michael Sherman

May 14: "*Robert Frost: The People, Places, and Stories Behind His New England Poetry*" by Lea Neuman

June 19: "*Colonel William Marsh in Vermont in the American Revolution*" by Wilson Brown

July 17: "*The Old Country Fiddler*" in conjunction with the Vermont Humanities Council, by Adam Boyce

August 21: "*The History of New England Braided Rugs*" by Tracie Salmon

September 18: "*Bears!*" by Forrest Hammond

October 16: "*Edward Hopper in Vermont*" by Bonnie Clause

Information: dorsethistory.org or 867-0331.

Dorset Historical Society, Kent Hill Road & Rte. 30, Dorset.