

WESTFORD NEWSLETTER January 2017 Town Office Notes

Happy New Year!

Selectboard Budget Informational Meeting

The Selectboard will hold an informational meeting **Thursday**, **January 12**th **at 7pm** at the Westford School in the Common Area to present the draft town budget. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to provide feedback prior to finalization of the budget before being voted on in March 2017.

Petition Deadlines

Petitions for articles to be considered for inclusion in the warning for Town Meeting are due by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 18th. Petitions must be signed by at least 5% of the registered voters (a minimum of 75). Please be sure that the person signing the petition is a registered voter and that their name is legible.

Petitions for elected offices (e.g. Selectboard, etc.) can be picked up at the Town Office and must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30th. Petitions must be signed by a minimum of 17 registered voters. Please contact the Town Office for a complete list of offices with terms expiring in March 2017.

Important Dates - Town Meeting

- January 12th (Thursday) Selectboard budget informational meeting, 7pm at the Westford School in the Common Area.
- January 18th (Wednesday) 5pm deadline to file petitions signed by at least 5% of the registered voters (a minimum of 82) with the Town Clerk for articles to be considered for inclusion in the warning for Town Meeting. Be sure that the person who signs the petition is a registered voter and signs their name as it appears on the checklist.
- January 30th (Monday) 5pm deadline for filing with the Town Clerk nominating petitions and consent forms for local offices to be filled by Australian ballot. Please make sure your name is as it appears on the voter checklist and to fill in the office you are running for (including length of term) <u>before</u> circulating your petition.
- March 1st (Wednesday) 5pm deadline to submit an application for addition to the checklist, or to file a written notice of intent to apply for those who are not eligible to register to vote but will be by Town Meeting.
- March 6th (Monday) 5pm deadline to request an absentee ballot.
- March 6th (Monday) 7pm, Town Meeting and public hearing for Australian ballot questions (including town budget), at the Westford School in the gym.
- March 7th (Tuesday) Voting day for Australian ballot articles. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm in the Westford School gym.

If you have any questions concerning Town Meeting, please call or email the Town Office.

Holiday Giving - Hannaford Gift Cards

Contributions to purchase Hannaford gift cards for those in need hit a record high this holiday season! Twenty-four Westford families received cards due to the generosity of townspeople. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the February Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, January 25th.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS & THANKS

As 2016 comes to an end, the Planning Commission would like to thank Westford residents for their consideration and support of two major property acquisitions during the past year.

First, the Town was almost unanimous in its support for the transfer of two parcels of School property to the Town. It is clear that Town residents value these parcels and want to protect access for all residents in the future. The next step in this process is for the Westford School Board to transfer the two parcels to the Town before June 30, 2017. The School Board and the Selectboard are currently working on draft use and easement agreements and they welcome your participation and input to that process.

Second, on November 8, the Town of Westford took an exciting step forward in creating a legacy for our community when residents voted in favor of the Jackson Farm & Forest Project and the establishment of a new town forest. The Westford Planning Commission thanks the community for taking the time to understand the importance of this project and for its willingness to fund the project through a municipal bond.

Jackson Farm & Forest Project - Voting Results

Yes - 812

No - 365

Still, a few more things must happen in order for this opportunity to become a reality.

- 1) The farmland must be separated from the forestland. The former will continue to be farmed by a local farmer and protected by a Vermont Land Trust conservation easement. The latter will become Westford's New Town Forest and also protected by a Vermont Land Trust conservation easement.
- 2) A fundraising campaign will take place. While the Project is currently 93% funded, the final \$45,000 will be raised through private donations. A local committee is working to raise this amount between now and April 30, 2017. In the month of December, the local committee is focused on requesting Leadership Donations of \$1,000 or more.

Thank you once again to Lynn and David Gauthier for granting us this opportunity, the Vermont Land Trust for their guidance and assistance, and the local residents who have been working so diligently on this project for the past year and a half.

For more information on the Jackson Farm & Forest Project visit https://westfordvt.us/jackson-farm-and-forest-project/.

For more information on Leadership Donations please contact Elise Annes at the Vermont Land Trust at (802)262-1206 or elise@vlt.org.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SENIOR LUNCHEONS

We are not taking a break this year! Senior luncheons will be held during January and February.

After a very positive feedback from the volunteers, I decided to extend the luncheons during a couple of the dreariest and longest 2 months of the year. Our weather has changed over the years and we have more snow in March and April than we do during January and February. So, our next luncheon will be held on January 9th at the Red Brick Meeting House on the Common at noon. If we do get a major snow storm or it is extremely cold, we will cancel. We have everyone's telephone number and will give you a call that morning or the night before if we know that far ahead. Please put the date on your calendar and try to come. It will brighten your January.

Please spread the word to others that may not read their newsletter. We want to get the word out. Due to weather conditions, our December luncheon was not as well attended as previous months. So, if, you see someone in the grocery store or out about, mention this to them. As always, we like to see new faces. Hope to see you there! Carol Howrigan, President 878-3090

ESSEX WESTFORD SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH: As you may have read on Front Porch Forum the search for a Superintendent for our new school district is reaching its final stages. The Advisory Committee chose three finalists out of a field of 28 candidates. The three candidates are Jay Badams, Beth Cobb and Ned Kirsch. Here is a brief summary of their resumes:

Ned Kirsch is serving his seventh year as superintendent of schools in the Franklin West Supervisory Union (Fairfax and surrounding towns and Bellows Free Academy). Ned served as Essex Middle School Principal for ten years beginning in 2000 and as co-Principal of Edge Academy. Ned also has administrative experience in Milton, Peoples Academy and Washington Central SU. Ned earned his law degree (JD) from Vermont Law School and his C.A.S. from the University of Vermont in Educational Leadership.

Beth Cobb is in her fifth year as Superintendent in the Orange East Supervisory Union (Bradford, VT and surrounding town; Oxbow Union HS) where she also served as associate superintendent and curriculum director. A former teacher, Beth previously served in the St. Johnsbury School District coordinating staff development. She is a graduate of Lyndon State and earned her Master's Degree from Southern NH University.

Dr. Jay Badams is currently Superintendent of Schools in Erie, Pennsylvania (12,000 students). He has served in that capacity since 2010 and has been primarily associated with that school system since 1997 in various capacities including as a special educator, curriculum specialist and director of high schools. He earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania.

Community members are invited to forums with each candidate as follows:

Ned Kirsch - Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 Beth Cobb - Wednesday, January 4th at 7:40 Jay Badams - Thursday, January 5th at 6:30

The forums will take place in the library at Essex High School. Each attendee will be given an opportunity to provide the school board with written feedback following the forum. We urge you to attend and help our board make this important decision.

FY18 BUDGET: The board will be conducting budget workshops every Tuesday evening in January. The workshops on the 3rd and the 17th will be part of our regular monthly meeting. The others will be only for budget. Our new CFO, Deac Decarreau, has prepared a base budget for FY17 by combining the budgets of all four of our merging school districts. Growth will be measured from the baseline. We will keep track of transition costs, those that will go away when the transition is complete, separately. The work promises to be challenging.

TRANSPORTATION: The board has had several in depth conversations about transportation for students in our new district. Watch for announcements of public engagement opportunities in the near future. By law, transportation opportunities must be equitable but not necessarily equal. We must take into account factors such as health, safety and distance from school. So for example, the policy might say that the district will transport all students who live more than "x" miles from school in communities with maintained sidewalks and all students in communities without maintained sidewalks. This is a complex conversation and one that the board must complete before finalizing its budget.

BLOG: We would remind you that the board maintains a blog at <u>essexwestford.blogspot.com</u>. Please visit the site for current information on the board's work.

Martha Heath and Andre Roy

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Happy 2017 to everyone!

With this month's installment of School Board notes, I'd like to highlight a few things that will be new/different as we continue our transition to the unified district. As with any change, there can be some confusion or discomfort as we set new routines. Having seen the dedication of our new unified board and the large body of work in front of them, I am choosing to assume best intentions, and I encourage others to do the same. Don't hesitate to ask a quick question if anything comes up.

A quick look at what to expect:

- We will **not** be seeing school budget materials from the Westford School Board moving forward. This is now the
 responsibility of the unified board. Budgets are being formed now and will be voted at a special election after town
 meeting day. As such, don't expect to see school budget info in the Westford Town Report or at the usual "Joint
 Meeting" in January.
- We will be electing two Westford School board members at town meeting day. Even though the new district starts on July 1, 2017, our legacy board must still complete the financial audit of the previous fiscal year. The legacy board will disband by the end of the calendar 2017 year after completing these required tasks.
- Your budget input is still needed! The Westford portion of the unified budget is still very much a reflection of our town's educational expectations. The financial reports will try to break out our respective budgets in a way that makes them easy to compare to previous years. Please consider joining the unified board meetings or contact our unified board members to make your voice heard.

Respectfully,
The Westford School Board
Mark Drapa, Christian Frenette, Martha Heath, Kim Phinney, Andre Roy

VERMONT INCOME TAX FORMS

- 3 Easy ways to get your Vermont Income Tax forms from the Vermont Department of Taxes
- 1. Download, complete and print fillable PDF forms from the web: www.bit.ly/vttaxforms
- 2. Order forms by email: tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov
- 3. Order forms by phone: call toll-free in the U.S. at (855) 297-5600

WINTER ROADS & NEW ROAD CREW MEMBERS

Now that winter has settled in, the Town of Westford would like to remind residents of its Winter Road Policy. The policy can be found in this newsletter and on the Town's website at https://westfordvt.us/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Winter-Road-Policy.pdf.

Please note - the Town has two new road crew members. Mark Brito was hired in July and Scott Bushey was hired in August. This is their first winter plowing Westford roads. The Town appreciates your patience as Mark and Scott become accustomed with winter maintenance of our town roads.

TOWN OF WESTFORD - WINTER ROAD POLICY Adopted by the Selectboard on December 13, 2012

The Westford Highway Department has the responsibility of maintaining 39.4 miles of town roads, of which 36.9 miles are gravel and 2.5 miles are paved. This policy is based on the goal of obtaining safe highway travel surfaces during winter months. It is our goal to achieve this at the earliest practical time and in the most cost efficient manner during and after a storm event. Providing bare, dry travel surfaces during a winter storm event is not practical and therefore not expected.

Each winter storm event is unique. It is impractical to develop specific rules on winter maintenance operations. Therefore, the judgment of the Road Foreman often governs the quantities and type of applications used to control snow and ice.

Snow Plowing

The Town of Westford begins plowing when snow has accumulated 2 to 3 inches. Plowing may begin as early as 4:00 a.m. and stops when the storm has ended or 10:00 p.m., whichever comes sooner.

Sand

Sand will be applied to all gravel roads. With the use of sand in winter maintenance material, some particles may be as large as 3/4" in size and may cause windshield damage. Travelers should use caution and avoid following other vehicles or town trucks too closely. The Town will not pay for any vehicle repairs, such as the replacement of windshields. When ice is present under the sand, instant stops are impossible.

Plow Routes

Each plow route takes approximately 4 hours to complete, sometimes longer depending on the storm. This means if plowing started when there was 2 inches of snow on the road, by the time the truck finishes the route there is the potential for up to 6 inches or more of snow on the road again. Therefore, during a heavy snowstorm, at times there will be snow on the roads. There shall be no riders in the town trucks other than the operator of the truck and authorized town officials. All town trucks shall be pulled to the side of the road when the operator is using a cell phone.

Freezing Rain

It is important to note that salt or sand is less effective if applied before the rain stops. There is little the Westford Highway Department can do during a freezing rainstorm. Salt and sand will be applied to the roads sparingly during the event and more aggressively as needed once the storm is over.

Bare Roads

The Town of Westford does not have a bare road policy. Travelers who use Town roads should exercise due care and reasonable caution while driving during the winter months.

Mailboxes

The Town will not repair or replace mailboxes damaged by snow or ice clearing operations. Heavy snow coming off the plow blade will often knock over and damage mailboxes/posts that have not been adequately mounted and maintained or braced, or those mailboxes with doors left open. Also mailboxes/posts may be damaged by private contractors or homeowners during driveway clearing operations.

Trash Placement

Trash and trash receptacles should be placed in a manner that will not interfere with winter road maintenance. The Town will not be responsible for damage to trash receptacles or trash clean up as a result of its obstruction of snow removal.

Parked Vehicles

No vehicle shall be parked on the Town's right-of-way from the start of precipitation until 48 hours after the storm ends. The Town reserves the right to tow parked vehicles at the owner's expense. The Town is not liable for damages incurred to vehicles parked in the Town's right-of-way.

Plowing Across Town Roads

The practice of plowing snow from driveways across Town roads is prohibited. Residual snow creates a dangerous obstruction (piles, ridges, etc.). Snow shoveling into the roadway will cause similar problems. Once frozen, the piles/ridges can cause vehicles to lose control and can also cause damage to vehicles and town trucks and equipment. Generally, the Town will warn the responsible resident for a first occurrence. Subsequent violations may result in further action, which may include but is not limited to fines.

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westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com

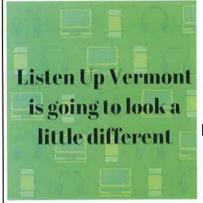
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Travel Talk- 7-8:30pm - Wednesday, January 11

Destination: Peru

Presented by: Julie Miller & Mark Winer During our month long visit, we saw Lima, spent several weeks at a school in Cusco, toured the Sacred Valley and Machu Pichu and did some high altitude trekking in the Andes.





Listen Up VT is Changing January 9-10!

No need to panic! You will still be able to download audiobooks and ebooks for FREE. You will now be asked for a password - YOUR PASSWORD IS YOUR LAST NAME WITH THE FIRST LETTER CAPITALIZED. Call Bree with any questions or if you would like to set up this free service on your phone,

iPad, tablet, ereader or computer. Change is good, right?

Beginning Knitting Two Part Class - Sign up! Thurs., Jan. 12 and Fri., Jan 13 from 6:30-8:00pm

Learn a new skill in the New Year! Instructor Marianne Bassford and other Westford knitters will help you complete a simple project. No supplies needed, everything provided. This is great for older tweens and adults! Please sign up so we can have enough supplies.



Library Hours

Wednesday: 1-7pm 10am-7pm Thursday: 1-7pm Friday: 10am-2pm Saturday:

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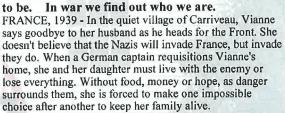
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The Nightengale

Adult Book Group January 18 7:00-8:00pm Pick up your books at the front deski

We will be reading The Nightingale by: Kristin Hannah

In love we find out who we want



Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteenyear-old girl. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets and falls in love with Gäetan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. (from Amazon.com)

Early Literacy Storytime :Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11am No registration required!

1/12/17: Theme: Diversity/Tolerance (MLK) 1/5/17: Theme: Cats 1/26/17: Theme: Dragons/Chinese New Year 1/19/17: Theme: Birthdays

Storytime consists of several stories around a theme, as well as a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it!

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WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY http://westfordpubliclibrary.org

January Library Events

January 4 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
January 9-10 - OverDrive/Listen Up VT migration
in progress - Password=Last name (1st
letter capitalized)

January 11 - Travel Talk 7-8:30pm Destination:
Peru, Presented by: Julie Miller and Mark
Winer, refreshments served.

January 12 - Beginning Knitting Class - Part 1 6:30-8:00pm, taught by Marianne Bassford, no experience or supplies needed.

January 13 - Beginning Knitting Class - Part 2 6:30-8:00pm - continuing from the previous night, we'll finish the project

January 18 - Adult Book Group - 7-8pm, refreshments served

January 21 - Amber Haller Art Show, 10:30am-Noon, Come meet the artist and view her work, refreshments served.

January 27 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover - Drop off stuffed animals for the sleepover by 7pm January 28 - Breakfast with your stuffed animal at the Library - 9-10am - pick up of animals needs to happen by 2pm.

Crazy 8's Club 2-5 Wednesdays 3-5pm Crazy 8's Club K-1 Thursdays 3-5pm Storytime every Thursday 11am

Amber Haller Art Opening Show Saturday, January 21 from 10:30am-Noon

Amber Haller is a photographer who happily resides in Westford, Vermont where she finds endless sources of inspiration on which to focus



her camera! This will be her second show at the Westford Library and she is excited to be able to share more of her work with everyone.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Breakfast with the Animals!
Sleepover: Drop off by 7pm Jan. 27
Breakfast: Jan. 28 from 9:00-10:00am

We're having a stuffed animal sleep over at the Library! Drop off one of your furry friends anytime the week of 1/25-1/27 and the animals will have a fun sleepover at the Library the night of January 27.

Bree will treat them to a good time and then you can pick them up and have breakfast with your animal at the Library! Breakfast will be from 9:00-10:00am - all animals should be picked up on Saturday by 2pm.

Bree will have a slideshow ready of all the fun things they did at the library that night. Will they get into trouble? Be well behaved? We'll have to see!





Weekly in January and February
Grades K-1 - Thursdays (begins 1/5)
Grades 2-5 - Wednesdays (begins 1/4)
Bus transport provided from school, pickup at
Library between 4:30-5:00pm.
Classes are FULL!

The Library is **no longer accepting donations** of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations in the spring of 2017. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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Westford Recreation Department

The Westford Recreation Department was created to provide recreational, educational, athletic, cultural, and entertainment activities to all Westford residents and neighbors. We strive to offer programs for a wide variety of ages, abilities and interests. We depend on community input, support and volunteers to make these programs successful.

Adult Pick Up Basketball



Wednesdays November 16th - May 31st 8:00pm - 9:30pm WES Gym

Adult Yoga

Gentle Yoga Flow with Kim Horton, RYT

Wednesdays December 7th -January 11th 8:45am - 9:45am All levels welcome!

Red Brick Meeting House

6 weeks: \$60 for series or \$12 drop-in

Practice a gentle, but dynamic flow sequence to open and strengthen the body. Focus on linking breath to movement, increasing energy and calming the mind.

You can expect a friendly and supportive class environment. Contact Kim with any questions~ Kim@annecy.us



Power Flow Yoga

Wednesdays January 5th - February 9th 6:15pm - 7:30pm All levels welcome! Red Brick Meeting House 6 weeks: \$72 for series or \$13 drop-in



Recreation Department Committee Members

Bekah Gwozdz, Coordinator 662-1042

Danielle Vierling

871-9404

Maureen Carpenter

893-5096

Jeff LaBossiere

373-9980

Martha Bennett

878-9269

Meredith Irish

Nancy Volkers

Greg Baker

324-5537

Email: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

Afterschool Programs

Nordic Skiing

Fridays January Through March Exact Dates TBD 3:00pm - 4:45pm Grades 1-8

\$20 with own equipment / \$40 with equipment rental Grades 1-2 must be accompanied by an adult



We are still in need of coaches for this program!

If you are interested in coaching, please call (802)662-1042 or email WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

Program Fee is waived for coach's children.



Art Club

Thursdays January 19th - February 23rd 3:00pm - 4:30pm Grades 3 - 5 WES Art Room 6 Weeks: \$85/participant

Minimum: 6 Maximum 15(ish)

Come explore a variety of art mediums!

WES Chorus

Tuesdays February 7th - March 28th
3:00pm - 4:30pm
Grades 3 - 5
WES Music Room
6 Weeks: \$40/participant
Minimum: 10

Final Performance: March 19th 7pm

















Young Yogis with Kim Horton

Weds Jan 16th - Feb 6th 9:00am - 10:00am PK and up

RBMH * \$40/participant

This class is designed for pre-school, home-schooled and/or parents and children who just want a time to have fun practicing yoga together!

Class will begin with some kid friendly breathing exercises and a short yoga story.

After children will explore fun poses inspired by animals and nature beside you, with you and through activities with other young yogis.

Class will end with children using breathing buddies (little stuffed animals) placed on their bellies for final relaxation. You and your young yogi will walk away feeling lighthearted and free.

Westford Recreation Department—Registration Form

NAME (Parents)			
ADDRESS		TOWN	ZIP
E-MAIL ADDRESS (only to be used	for WRD mailings)		
HOME PHONE		ALT PHONE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT		PHONE	
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Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT 05494





TOURNAMENT

January 14th & 15th
Westford Ice Rink on the Common

\$15/Player (Grade 9 and Up)

Minimum 5 players required per team

Team Registration Due Jan 6th!

(Only 22 Slots Available!)

First Come - First Served!!

(\$20/player for tournament day additions to roster)

This is NOT ice hockey!

No Skates are needed - players wear their own boots. We'll provide broomsticks and balls.

Teams may be co-ed.

All players (or parent if under age 18) MUST sign our participation waiver. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Minimum \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve slot.

Exact times and schedules determined by the number of teams and will be emailed to the team leaders one week prior to the tournament.

Make checks payable to Westford Rec Send completed registration form to: Westford Rec; 1713 VT Rte 128; Westford, VT 05494

Food and refreshments will be for sale at the Red Brick Meeting House throughout the tournament.

Proceeds benefit RBMH Restoration and Westford Recreation programs and equipment purchases.

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WESTFORD MUSIC SERIES

Presents

CODE 11

Date: Sunday January 8, 2017

Time: 4-5 pm

Where: UCW White Church, Westford, VT

Contact: Marjorie Hamrell 879-4028; mhamrell@comcast.net

The Westford Music Series features a returning favorite state and local band, Code 11. This talented group of 5 musicians formed in 2007, has quickly grown in popularity and gathering a loyal following. They are known for writing and performing original songs and music in addition to their strong range of classic rock, modern rock and blues favorites.

Code 11 has become a 'regular' at Block parties, concert stage, farmers' markets, 4th of July celebrations and other venues. The players include Frank Ammirato (Drums), Michelle Bolz (Bass), Otto Funke (Lead Guitar), Mark Goldstein (Lead vocals and Guitar) and Bill Hill (2nd Lead Guitar). They all share vocals. This concert is guaranteed to offer wide appeal to young and old and take the frost off a winter afternoon. Concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

United Church of Westford January Schedule

January 8 & 15, 8:30am - Worship Services with Rev. Katherine Arthaud January 8, 4-5pm - Free concert, Code 11. See additional information in this newsletter.

We are an Open and Affirming Christian church. All are welcome!

DO YOU NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

Vermont Health Connect's Open Enrollment period runs now through January 31, 2017 - and if you don't have health insurance, or would like to make a change to your existing health plan, Open Enrollment is the time to do it. Depending on your income, you may also qualify for significant reductions to your health insurance premiums, meaning that you can sign up for great health care that won't break the bank.

Ways to enroll:

- Visit Vermont Health Connect online at https://portal.healthconnect.vermont.gov/VTHBELand/welcome.action,
- Call them at 855-899-9600, or
- Visit one of their in-person assisters

Before January 15 for coverage starting by February 1, 2017 and before January 31 for coverage starting March 1, 2017.