

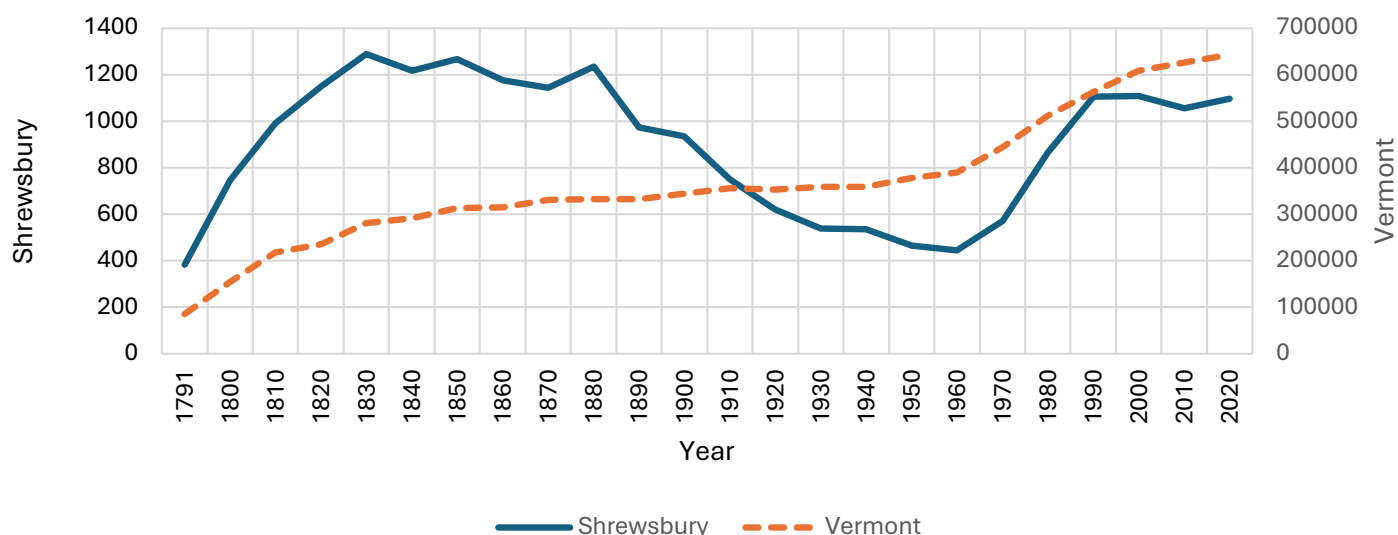


Times of Shrewsbury



July 2026

A LOOK BACK: SHREWSBURY & VERMONT POPULATION 1791-2020



Shrewsbury's population history is interesting. There are less folks living here today (1,083) than in 1830 when the population peaked at 1,289. Of course, the economy and social patterns have varied over the past 250 years.

From the time before the American revolution into the 1800's land was the primary driver in the Vermont, and Shrewsbury, economy. By 1840 there were 1.7 million sheep in Vermont and Shrewsbury had its share. Shrewsbury's economy was centered on farming, dozens of small family farms and upwards of 15 schools.

The railroad made a dramatic impact starting in the 1850's. Ice-cooled railcars allowed Shrewsbury milk and cheese to make its way to Boston. However, the railroad also made sheep farming more economical in the mid-west, crashing that market crashed here. The railroad also expanded jobs in the lumber, granite, marble and slate industries.

With foreign immigration bolstering those trades, Vermont's population was relatively stable going forward, but Shrewsbury's declined dramatically. In 1880 we had a population of 1,235, dropping to just 445 by 1960. WW1, the Depression, WW2, the post war industrial expansion and, later, unprofitable milk pricing did not help rural Shrewsbury. In 1880 there were 35,000 farms in Vermont. By 1960, only half that number existed, just 14,300. Shrewsbury seems to follow suit (presently that number has dropped in half again to approximately 6,500).

However, the 1970's saw a young generation moving into Vermont, and into Shrewsbury, with our town population almost doubling from 570 (in 1970) to 1,107 by 1990. For the past 30 years Shrewsbury's population has been relatively unchanged, although the resident population is much more diverse and less tied to the land.

Today, we are at 1,083 people, 206 shy of our peak almost 200 years ago.

~Article and graph by Mark Youngstrom

USPS Mail Collection

Earlier this year the USPS announced that the mail collected daily will go out the morning of the following business day (Monday thru Saturday). Mail collected Saturday on the route or from the collection boxes at the post office will not go out until Monday. Mail will not be postmarked the same day. Date-sensitive mail should be mailed a few days in advance.



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The Vermont General Assembly is in session January thru June. To view committee member-ships, bills that have been introduced, track each bill's progress, and review committee agendas go to www.leg.state.vt.us. During the week you can contact your legislator by leaving a message at the State House by calling 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228 (the Sergeant-At-Arms' Office).

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TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

The Times of Shrewsbury is published monthly from February through December, and compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal of informing townspeople of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

All submissions must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length, clarity, and general community appeal. All others will be printed when space allows. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to these guidelines.

A submission that is critical of a named entity (individual or organization) must be sent to the named entity and the Times, along with a copy of this policy, by the 10th day of the month. The named entity's reply in writing to the submitter and to the Times is due by the 20th of the same month at which time both the submission with reply or the submission alone (if no reply is received) will be considered for publication in the next issue at the discretion of the editors.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, nature reports, family event announcements, feature articles, or letters that are not commercial. Also, there is no charge for notices of free items.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is 5pm on the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's Times.

Ads in the Times are for area businesses, local non-profit events, and local ballot elections. Event ads must include the sponsor's name and contact information. Political ads must focus on Shrewsbury ballot initiatives or candidates wishing to represent Shrewsbury. Any informational piece with specific party or vote appeal will be considered an advertisement.

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

Full page	\$110	(7.5" w x 9.5" h)
Half page	\$60	(7.5" w x 4.5" h or 3.5" w x 9.5" h)
Quarter page	\$15	(7.5" w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5" w x 4.5" h)
Business card	\$10	(3.5" w x 2" h)
Classified ad	\$5	(15 words or less)

Payment due by the 20th of the month prior to publication.

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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 26	6pm	*Summer Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Meeting House with Mojo Birds
June 27	10am	**It's Dam Interesting" – Cold River Restoration Projects sponsored by SCC
June 28	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
July 5	4pm	*Writers' Group meets at the Library
July 7	12noon	*Go-Bead Crazy" workshop for 6 th -10 th graders at the Library
July 10	6pm	*Summer Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Meeting House with Tony's Polka Band
July 12	5pm	*Man With A Plan with Filmmaker John O'Brien
July 14	7pm	*Baroque to Bluegrass at the Shrewsbury Community Church (upstairs at the Meeting House)
July 18	4-6pm	*Kids' Art Show Opening at Pierce's Store
July 19	4pm	*Famous Book Club meets at the Library
July 19	4-6pm	*Wine Class at Pierce's Store
July 24	6pm	*Summer Concert Series at the Shrewsbury Meeting House with Rustie Bus
July 26	1-4pm	*Botanical Printing Workshop at the Russellville School House
July 26	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library and via Zoom
July 28	12noon	*Prayer Shawl group meets upstairs in the Meeting House
Aug 1	4:30pm	Lepidoptera (story telling) with food at Pierce's Store
Aug 1	5pm	*Sandglass Theater presents <i>Puppet Crimes</i> at the Russellville School House
Aug 2	9am-1pm	*Blueberry Festival at Pierce's Store

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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Deadline for submission to *Times of Shrewsbury* is by 5:00pm on the 20th of each month.

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays--May-Oct: 9-10am; Nov-Apr: 10-11am at Meeting House
Development Review Board	4 th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1 st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
Planning Commission	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office; No meeting July & August
Prayer Shawl Group	4 th Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays @ 10am Shrewsbury Library & via Zoom wildernessfriends@gmail. com
Selectboard Meetings	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	1 st Tuesday - 5:15pm at 1049 Upper Cold River Road
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open every Sunday 1-3pm July 5 to October 25; Appointments 802-712-7373
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Clerk's Office	492-3511	Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1pm; Wednesdays 1pm-6pm (Fax 802-492-3383)
Town Garage	492-3656	(Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)
Listers	492-2009	Available by appointment
Treasurer's Office	492-3558	Monday 9am-12noon
Transfer Station	492-3867	Sunday 8am-4pm ~~ Wednesday 12noon-6pm
Library	492-3410	Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10--2noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050	Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net	(email list for Urgent and reminder news)
Cuttingsville Post Office:	802-230-1996	<u>Window Hours:</u> Mon–Fri 7:30am–10:30am and 11:30am–2:30pm; Sat 8am–11am <u>Lobby Hours:</u> Mon– Fri 7:30am–5:00pm and Sat 7:30am–11am
Burn Permit:	Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642	
Health Officer:	Catherine Schneider 802-774-8024	
Animal Control Officer:	Rutland County Sherriff Dept 1-802-775-8002	
1 st Constable:	Robert Littmann 802-774-8835, 2 nd Constable: Steve Walsh 802-492-3572	
Game Warden:	Tim Carey 793-2776	
Emergency Management	Aaron Korzun 492-3362	Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877
Medical-Police-Fire Emergency Dial	911	Ambulance 773-1700 Rutland Hospital 775-7111

[Updated 4/20/2026]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Town Office.

May 20, 2026: Minutes from Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. *Town Clerk:* Rebecca Rice. *Admin Assistant:* Alaina Cimonetti.

Active Participants: Laura Black *Planning Commission* (Remotely). Catherine Schneider *Health Officer* (Remotely). Mimi Burstein *Vermont Master Property Assessor* (Remotely). Dan Cavoto *Road Commissioner*.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Report from the Town Health Officer and an Excess Weight Permit for Structural Wood Co. Seconded by F. Wyatt. All in favor, motion approved.

Grand List Extension Request: Mimi Burstein *Vermont Master Property Assessor* has requested 30 days to complete Shrewsbury's Grand List due to her workload. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the 30-day extension request for M. Burstein. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Note: Assessors will contact homeowners before visits. You can expect letters related to reappraisal in April or June of 2027.

Easement for Northam Road Culvert: Jack Facey who is Legal Counsel for Shrewsbury was unable to come.

New Business/ Open to the Public: The speed cart is out on Lincon Hill and will be running soon.

Discussion of Wing for the F-600: D. Cavoto wants to discuss the new plow for the F-600. He believes it would be helpful for salting the roads in winter, and employees wouldn't need a CDL to use the plow allowing for a more accessible position. D. Cavoto would like to use the Equipment Sinking Fund to buy this attachment. The Selectboard supports the purchase of the Wing using the Equipment Sinking Fund.

Report from the Town Health Officer: A dog bite occurred on April 25 reported on April 30 and the victim believes the dog should be put down. C. Schneider will be contacting the victim to file a report to the Rutland Sheriff's department who is the Animal Control Officer.

Excess Weight Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the following Excess Weight Permit for Structural Wood Co. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the bid for \$24,377.00 from Hawley Electric Inc. to upgrade the electrical service and install two new heat pumps at the Town Office. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 5/6/2026 Selectboard meeting minutes with the clarification that the sentence "He noted that the classifications could continue to change as the process evolves" is a reference to the discussion referring to Act 181 and not the Rutland

Regional Plan. The correction of the names Rich Biziak and Adrienne Raymond and adding the distinction of Planning Commission to Melissa Reichert. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Note: From now on only active participants of meetings will be named along with their reflective positions. Passive attendees will not be listed.

Review Orders: M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #5A for a total of \$4,550.86 and Road Orders #5A for a total of \$16,352.18. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alaina Cimonetti
These minutes are unofficial until approved by the
Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
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### June 3, 2026: Minutes from Selectboard Meeting

**Present at meeting:** *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. *Town Clerk:* Rebecca Rice. *Admin Assistant:* Alaina Cimonetti.

**Active Participants:** Laura Black *Planning Commission*. Ethan Pepin *Rutland Regional Planning Commission*. Maggie O'Brien *Rutland Regional Planning Commission*. Dan Cavoto *Road Commissioner*. Sharon Winnicki *Shelter Manager*.

The meeting was convened at 6:31 PM.

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: An Excess Weight Permit for HOP Energy and a Sheriffs Contract for July 2026-2027. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

**Road Commissioner Report:** Looking to get started on prepping for culverts and paving. The new temporary road connecting to the garage and transfer station is also completed. F. Wyatt is looking into fixing up the speed sign on Lincon Hill.

**Traffic Control Plan Summer 2026: (Corrected to Traffic Count Plan 2026)** Ethan and Laura are looking to get an overall understanding of the traffic patterns and number of cars on a 5-year basis. They are looking to start in mid to late July. The Selectboard agreed with the list they created of roads to focus on, it includes Cold River Rd, Town Hill Rd, Russellville Rd, Mt. Holly Rd, Eastham Rd, and Spring Lake Rd. It will track volume and speed. The Selectboard is suggesting doing the study during school hours as well as considering the construction schedule on the Northam Culvert and the Mountain School Road Dam Project.

**Excess Weight Permit:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve the following Excess Weight Permit for HOP Energy. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(Continued)

**Sheriffs Contract July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027:** The Selectboard reviewed the contract and agrees with the terms. Their compensation is capped at \$26,312.84. A. Korzun made a motion to accept the Sheriffs Contract for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**Local Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Maggie O'Brien *RRPC* is here to present the midpoint draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan has been reviewed and approved by the LHMP team. This plan is made possible by the Municipal Planning Grant. She is looking for feedback on section 5 focusing on the ranking of hazards. The top hazards are flooding, extreme cold, invasive species, and draught. It also summarizes who, what and where is a risk. Soon the plan will be entering a 20-day public review comment period where the public and officials can provide feedback on the plan. The LHMP will be available to the public to review at our website: <https://tinyurl.com/shrewsbury-lhmp26> and there will be a physical copy at the town office to review. Comments can be sent to Maggie O'Brien ([Maggie@rutlandrpc.org](mailto:Maggie@rutlandrpc.org)) or Alaina Cimonetti ([admin@shrewsburyvt.org](mailto:admin@shrewsburyvt.org)), and there will be a public comment period at the next scheduled Selectboard meeting on 6/17.

**New Business / Open to the Public:** Sharon Winnicki expressed her concern for the town shelters in the Town Office and wants to pursue improvements. The 7/15 Selectboard meeting will be moved to 7/22.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 5/20/2026 minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #6 for a total of \$29,061.43 of which \$8,000 will be taken from the Town Office Reserve Fund as a deposit for heat pump installation and electrical service improvements at the Town Office. Correcting Selectboard orders 2A to \$4,536.80. Also approving Road Orders #6 for a total of \$25,932.18. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:43 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Alaina Cimonetti*

*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting*

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June 17, 2026: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: *Selectboard Members:* Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti. *Town Clerk:* Rebecca Rice.

Active Participants: Dan Cavoto *Road Commissioner.* Steven Nicholson, Sharon Winnicki
The meeting was convened at 6:34 PM.

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Work in Right of way permit for Eustis Cable on 7202 Cold River Road and a discussion on the use of the Line of Credit. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

Road Commissioner Report: Eastham Culvert near the intersection of Mount Holly Road Emergency Project. The culvert is 20 feet deep and has failed. We have been granted a permit for a temporary emergency culvert repair. We anticipate the project will cost approximately \$27,000.00 and we intend to use Highway Supplement Reserve funds and our line of credit to finance the emergency project.

The Road Construction and Road Closures:

Lincoln Hill will be closed June 23, 2026, from 8AM-3PM below Adams Road to Route 103 for a Culvert Replacement.

The Mountain School Road dam replacement will start beginning this week. Transfer Station access will be available through the temporary road. The Mountain School can be assessed through the temporary road as well.

We also expect the Northam Culvert project will begin in July. Please anticipate Northam Road to be closed in the vicinity of Mountain School Road for the month of July, possibly continuing into August. Access to the Transfer Station, Mountain School, and Town Garage will be available through the temporary access road.

Please visit the Town of Shrewsbury website and the Selectboard/Emergency Management Facebook page for updated information.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Comment:

Members of the public shared their concerns with the draft of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Suggestions include adding more emphasis concerning invasive species, specifically the Emerald Ash Borer and its impact on infrastructure and environment as well as the increased risk of wildfires. We also reviewed the comments from the Planning Commission regarding the plan. A complete list of concerns will be made available to the LHMP team.

Selectboard and Road Commissioners priorities for the LHMP are concerning flood risk structures: 5290 Cold River Road River Erosion, Intersection of Crown Point and Eastham Road Culvert, Sargent Brook Culvert, Copperas Hill Road Culvert, Smith Brook Bridge on Lincoln Hill Road, Johnson Pond Culvert, Northam Road Culvert #B1. All of these structures have the potential of failing during a sustained weather event.

Excess Weight Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the excess weight permit for McElwain Contracting. M. Cimonetti Seconded. All in favor, approved

Work in Right of Way Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the permit for Eustis Cable on 7202 Cold River Road for the purpose of installing Comcast cable. M. Cimonetti seconded. M. Cimonetti. All in favor, motion approved.

Line of Credit: A. Korzun made a motion to authorize the treasure to access the line of credit as needed for operating expenses. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. All in favor, approved.

New Business / Open to the Public: None

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(Continued)

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 6/3/2026 minutes with follow correction, changed draught to drought under the LHMP section. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: M. Cimonetti made a motion to approve the Selectboard Orders #6a for a total of \$11,674.51. Also approving Road Orders #6a for a total of \$23,462.26. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marc Cimonetti

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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### MOJO BIRDS

#### Friday, June 26 @ 6 PM at the Meeting House

We are thrilled that they will migrate back to our concert series once again, bringing joy to our audience as they have before. We've got a large space for dancing, and dance we will!



Mojo Birds formed their funky flock in Durango, Colorado, bringing together musicians from across the country and around the world, and notably...Shrewsbury's own Silas Hamilton on bass and vocals. Joining Silas are Brian Aherne- slide guitar, mandolin, vocals; Alexi Leon-Harootunian- percussion and vocals; Jay Harootunian (hailing from Plymouth, VT) -guitar and vocals; Ted Moore-drums, percussion, vocals; and Alex Taub-organ, piano, Wurlitzer, vocals.

The result is a tight-knit, groove-first sound built for celebration—rootsy, soulful, feel-good, with a little Afro-Peruvian spice.

Attendance is Pay What You Can, please be as generous as you can. We have NO business sponsors and are totally supported by our listening audience. All proceeds go to the musicians and the historic Shrewsbury Meeting House. Indoors if it rains!

**Food service begins at 5:30, music starts at 6 pm.**

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*Submitted by the Shrewsbury Selectboard*



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### Upcoming Events & Announcements

WE'RE BACK IN FULL SWING!

Sunday July 19th - 10am-11am

Wildflower Arrangements

🌻📅 To get us back in the crafting spirit, our host, Lauren Escott, will lead us in creating beautiful wildflower arrangements in jars. Will be so lovely to enjoy the local flora on our own countertops.

Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> - 9am-1pm

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop 🎨

👋 Our very first extended craft workshop as we welcome local instructor Sarah Hathaway of The Bur-Ger Farm" for a special 4-hour Barn Quilt Painting Class! Participants will create their own beautiful painted barn quilt. Great for beginners or experienced painters to join!







## NEWS FROM MONTPELIER

The Vermont legislature adjourned sine die on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> officially ending the 2025-26 biennium. This means it spent a total of 21 weeks, or an extra 3 weeks in session. Many feel it was a session which refined or in some instances "corrected" what had been passed in the previous sessions when there was a supermajority especially regarding education reform and land use policy.

**H955**, the education transformation bill, became the single most important bill of the session for many lawmakers. Vermont's education crisis is apparent when one looks at the numbers. Spending has risen 40% over the last 5 years. The student population has dropped from 110,000 to fewer than 80,000. In order to not have property taxes rise by nearly 12%, \$100 million in surplus funds had to be used this year to hold the average education property tax increase to roughly 3.5%. **H949**, which is the so-called "yield bill" sets the property dollar equivalent at \$9,401, the income yield at \$12,960, and the nonhomestead rate at \$1.643 per \$100 of equalized value. It is the second consecutive year lawmakers had to come up with one-time money to use as temporary fix for a structural problem.

It might be tempting to look at these numbers and blame our public school teachers, support staff, administrators, and school boards. That would be unfair and a mistake. Vermont's education problems are systemic and demographic-based. Educators are doing their best to deal with a system that has increasingly become chaotic.

According to projections from the Agency of Education, K-12 enrollment peaked 30 years ago. Currently, Vermont has 74,000 K-12 students and will likely bottom out at around 62,000 K-12 students in our public schools.

The Governor signed the bill on June 17<sup>th</sup> and here are the highlights:

- **Creation of merger committees statewide**  
School districts across Vermont will be grouped into regional merger committees that are tasked with studying and recommending potential governance consolidation opportunities. The conference committee finalized 20 regional groupings covering districts throughout the state.
- **Continued movement toward regionalization**  
While mergers are not directly mandated, districts are expected to participate in a formal review and planning process that is intended to encourage larger, more regionally coordinated governance structures.
- **Foundation formula transition**  
The bill continues Vermont's transition toward a foundation funding formula, which would significantly change how education funding is distributed beginning later this decade. Several timelines in the bill were accelerated during negotiations.
- **Limits on tuition and supplemental spending**  
The agreement includes guardrails intended to control future spending growth, including restrictions on schools charging tuition above public tuition amounts and limits on supplemental district spending above educational opportunity payments.

- **Legacy debt aid**

The bill creates a new legacy debt aid structure that would provide districts with 75 percent aid on eligible school construction debt approved before the end of 2024, though eligibility is tied to participation in the merger process.

- **Class size and operational standards**

The conference committee also refined definitions and implementation timelines around class size standards and district quality requirements.

In my view, the second most significant bill enacted last year was the partial repeal of **Act 181**. Passed in 2024, with very close margins in the Senate, the bill was then vetoed by Governor Scott but was overridden by the super majority at the time.

Rural Vermonters mounted a fierce grassroots backlash against **Act 181**, citing the land-use law as state overreach that trampled property rights, devalued land, and penalized rural communities. This intense opposition successfully forced Democratic lawmakers to join with Republicans and Governor Phil Scott to enact a partial repeal which was in **S 325** and signed by the Governor on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The most controversial provision was a permitting requirement for private roads longer than 800 feet, which landowners argued made creating new homesteads prohibitively expensive and restricted how they could use their property. Proposed maps designating fragile ecosystems and "Tier 2" and "Tier 3" conservation zones stirred up fears that local landowners would be unfairly burdened by strict development regulations to combat forest fragmentation. Many rural residents felt the law was pushed through by urban-centric planners and a legislative supermajority without properly considering the needs and input of rural communities. There will be further considerations of land use policies when the Legislature convenes again next January.

Other bills of note that were passed in this pass session were:

**H 739** where Vermont becomes the first U.S. state to ban the toxic herbicide paraquat, which is heavily linked to Parkinson's disease. Signed into law in May 2026, **House Bill 739** prohibits the sale and use of the chemical effective November 1, 2026. While the general sale and use of the chemical end in late 2026, the law allows a phased transition period. State regulators can grant special permits to farmers allowing limited use for specific fruit orchards and berries until December 31, 2030.

**S 64** which is the so-called Optometry bill. Vermont's primary eye care bill, **S.64**, expands the scope of practice for optometrists. Passed by the legislature in May 2026 and signed by the Governor on June 17, 2026, the bill creates an "advanced therapeutic procedures specialty", allowing qualified optometrists to perform certain surgical and laser procedures currently restricted to ophthalmologists. Other provisions of the bill: Optometrists who obtain the specialty can perform certain laser treatments for glaucoma and post-cataract haze, administer specific therapeutic injections, and remove small benign lid lesions. The bill explicitly prohibits optometrists from performing complex surgeries, such as

## NEWS FROM MONTPELIER (continued)

retinal procedures, most types of lens implants, and surgeries requiring general anesthesia. To perform these advanced procedures, optometrists must complete specified educational hours, a supervised clinical preceptorship and pass national board examination. Licensees holding this advanced specialty must complete additional continuing education requirements every two years and strictly report any adverse events. Supporters (including the Vermont Office of Professional Regulation) pushed for this legislation to help offset a perceived shortage of eye surgeons, particularly in rural Vermont, enabling residents to access care more quickly.

**H.577** (often called the Vermont Prescription Drug Discount Card Program) is a newly enacted state law that gives all Vermont residents access to a free pharmacy discount card. Signed into law on June 16, 2026, the legislation allows the state to pool its purchasing power by joining **ArrayRx**, a coalition of states that negotiates lower prices on prescription medications.

**H951** is the budget. General Fund appropriations total \$2.57 billion, a 2.88% increase compared to fiscal year 2026 adjusted appropriations. \$215.11 million is transferred to other funds and reserves, including a one-time \$100.90 million transfer to the Education Fund for property tax relief. Total appropriations from all funds (unduplicated) are \$9.38 billion, a 2.10% change from fiscal year 2026 appropriations.

**H 938** Vermont Bill H.938, signed into law, overhauls the state's homelessness response system. It reduces the state's reliance on the emergency hotel and motel voucher program and replaces it with the "Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum," a tiered network of shelter options, preventative services, and permanent housing supports. Here are key provisions of the bill:

- **Continuum of Care:** The bill establishes a tiered system to address homelessness, ranging from early eviction prevention and diversion to specialized shelters and individualized case management.
- **Motel Voucher Reductions:** It restricts and phases down the state's heavy reliance on private hotels and motels. This includes lower caps on how many rooms the state can use annually and strict time limits on individual stays.
- **Budget Allocations:** The law authorizes a total expenditure of \$82,634,153 for fiscal year 2027, prioritizing shelter development, rental assistance, case management, and the implementation of the new continuum.
- **Disability Protections:** It integrates specific disability accommodations into shelter services, requiring case management tailored to the unique needs of vulnerable populations.
- **Program Administration:** It shifts the administration of emergency housing placements from the Department for Children and Families (DCF) Economic Services Division to the Office of Economic Opportunity

**Data Centers:** Governor Phil Scott vetoed **H.727**, a bill regulating large-scale data centers, saying it would add unnecessary regulation beyond existing oversight through Act 250, environmental permitting, and utility regulation. While acknowledging concerns about large-scale data centers, the governor warned the measure could discourage investment and job growth in advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, clean energy, and other key Vermont industries. Legislators were ultimately unsuccessful in overriding the veto.

**S.327** eliminates the 2027 sunset on Vermont's Employment Growth Incentive, making the program permanent. The maximum incentive drops from \$15 million to \$10 million, but permanence is the headline. The bill also allows businesses to round cash transactions to the nearest nickel as penny production winds down.

**H.942** carves convenience stores out of Vermont's unit pricing requirements. The amendment defines a convenience store as a retail establishment selling motor fuel, tobacco, made-to-order food, snacks, and beverages — explicitly excluding grocery stores, drug stores, and dollar stores.

Starting July 1, 2028, if a customer claims their vehicle loan was coerced, lenders must halt collections within 10 business days, complete an investigation within 30 days, and — if the claim is validated — forfeit any right to collect a deficiency balance after repossession. Gov. Scott has signed the bill. Lenders and vehicle sellers had raised concerns about fraud exposure and legal uncertainty.

**Act 97** gives Efficiency Vermont broader authority to spend thermal energy funds on fossil fuel reduction programs through 2029. The change allows incentives for geothermal and air source heat pumps. At least 60% of those funds must target weatherization and thermal efficiency; at least 60% of that weatherization spending must serve low- and moderate-income customers.

Some of the information contained here is from vtdigger and vt daily chronicle. This will be my final report on the legislation passed in Montpelier.

~Senator Brian Collamore, Rutland Senate District  
bcollamore@leg.state.vt.us or 802-773-1365.

### FREE Medical Equipment

Medical assist equipment donated by Shrewsbury residents who no longer need them are available at no cost on a loaner basis. Including many wooden crutches, adjustable aluminum crutches, walkers, rollators, commodes, shower seats, bedpans, toilet safety bars, wheelchair, and more. If you need equipment or have an items to donate, call Donna Swart at 773-7403.





### New Sugar Maple in the Center

The line of old sugar maples along Town Hill Road and Lottery Road at the Center certainly have a history. I was once led to believe these old trees were planted as part of a state-wide effort in the late 1800's but I can find no evidence of that. Instead, it appears they were planted by landowners to provide shade, visually enhance the roadways and provide easy access to sap for sugaring. Whatever the evolution, these old granddaddy trees make our town center and many of our roadways a pleasant tunnel of foliage to drive, bicycle or walk. And, particularly in Shrewsbury Center, they handsomely surround the Meeting House, the historic Buckmaster Inn, Smith/Maple Crest Farm (Gleason House) and the former Phineas Page house. All three houses were taverns long ago and early town meetings were held in the Page and Gleason houses before we had a meeting house.

So, when two large old maples died and had to be cut down by the town in front of the Buckmaster Inn, The Meeting House Committee and the Conservation Commission agreed to split the cost of replacing them with a new sugar maple. Greg McGown (McGown Landscaping) kindly obtained and delivered a larger caliper sugar maple, at cost, from a wholesale nursery in New Hampshire and Patrick Angstadt (Riverwood Lawncare) donated his services to plant it. As you drive through the Center, notice this nice new tree at the Lottery Road fork in front of the Buckmaster Inn. Thank you Greg and Patrick !! ~Article by Mark Youngstrom

## 250 AMERICA'S ANNIVERSARY

### Words and Events that Shaped our Nation

2026 marks the 250th year, the Semi-quincentennial, of the birth of our nation. Commemorative events will be taking place in Vermont and around the country.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to the United States to mark the centennial of the Declaration of Independence, the end of the Civil War and slavery, and French-US friendship. It was designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and completed in 1886. For an event in 1883 to raise funds for construction of the pedestal of the Statue, the poet Emma Lazarus wrote this poem which is engraved on a bronze plaque below the Statue.

### The New Colossus

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow's world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

For more information on Vermont events, go to: <https://anniversary250.vermont.gov/> or <https://www.vermonthumanities.org/programs/attend/vermont-250th/> ~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson



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### Shrewsbury Marching Musicians

The three musicians in the center are all from Shrewsbury! Marching in the Mill River Union High School Band in a recent Rutland parade were Forest (clarinet), Cora (clarinet), and Ethan (trumpet).

*Photo taken by Steve Costello reprinted with permission from The Rutland Herald*





## LAUREL GLEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF 1894

Thanks to your donations, over the past month, the kitchen stair project has been completed, and we have new, stable, attractive and completely functional stairs at the kitchen entrance of Laurel Hall. The Construction Crew from Stafford Tech did a wonderful, professional job. And thanks to generous donations, the very reasonable cost of the repairs was covered in full! Our supporters are the best! This couldn't have happened without your help.

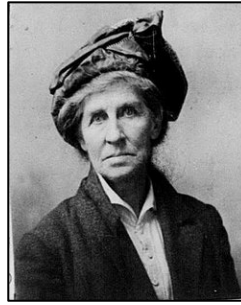


We held a few private tours this month. It is great fun to talk about Mr. Bowman and his remarkable life with people who are enthusiastic about learning his rags-to-riches story. The most recent tour was a high school group learning about paranormal investigations. They brought a great deal of interesting equipment and spent the morning exploring the corners of the Laurel Glen to see if they could receive any word from "the other side". They suggested that they "got readings" with their equipment, and they hope to come back again to explore further. The teenaged investigators brought a mascot who oversaw the activity at the mansion. He seemed to enjoy the visit as much as they did



Another private tour was to familiarize a young person with stories of lovers buried in the cemetery, with a focus on Taddie and Marshall. This was in preparation for a pop proposal that took place a few days later. How fun to be involved in helping facilitate a marriage proposal!! You never know what might happen at Laurel Glen!

**Did You Know?** Marcia Newell Martin, known as Minnie (1850-1926) was the daughter of one of Jennie Bowman's sisters. When John P Bowman passed away, he left his homes in Stony Creek and Cuttingsville to Minnie and a cousin, Jenny Gifford of Ohio; Jenny never resided in either Bowman home. Minnie maintained the houses where she lived parttime and shared with her daughter, Edith. A recent online search uncovered this photo of Minnie in her later years.



Support the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association of 1894 and Friends of Bowman Mansion. Send your tax-deductible donations to Friends of Bowman Mansion, P. O. Box 416 Cuttingsville, VT 05738. Or use our GoFundMe link. Like us on Facebook

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Check out our website [www.bomanmansion.org](http://www.bomanmansion.org)

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~Submitted by Freddie Monder





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### THE SVFD NEEDS YOU!

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## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Happy summer from your Fire Department. As we have told you, SVFD members get together most Thursday evenings to prepare for any emergency. Not every member can make every session – we are all volunteers. Those who can show up, and together we keep the Department prepared as a team. In this month's article we will review the varied things that SVFD has done on Thursday evenings since our last article for the **Times**.

On **May 21** members convened at Cuttingsville Station for a training session -- a refresher course on the route of the Long Trail (and Appalachian Trail) through Shrewsbury. We reviewed the trailheads where first responders can stage when we are called upon to assist a patient in distress. Thousands of hikers walk largely unseen through town on the Trail in the summer months. Accidents inevitably happen, and every year SVFD gets called out to assist. This session helps our volunteers know where to respond to reach those needing help on the trail.

On **May 28** members met at Spring Lake Ranch for a tour of the recent construction and renovations there. Opening soon will be the new Banks Community Center and three adjacent buildings, with twelve units of transitional living housing. Nathan Hewitt – SLR's Director of Facilities – walked us through the new buildings, educating us on the sprinkler systems and access points. We also inspected renovations to the Main House, with special attention given to the location of the new apartments in the building where staff members now live. Preplanning for calls to a complex like the Ranch is important. This inspection has us better prepared for our next call there.

On **June 4** we held a business meeting – something we traditionally do on the first Thursday of every month. At this meeting (among other things) we discuss the emergency calls from the previous month. Were there things we could have done differently? We also prepare a schedule of activities to be conducted in the weeks to follow. Read on.



**Bridge Bath!** Firefighters Tim Peer and Isaac Day on the nozzle washing the Brown Bridge.

On **June 11** SVFD met at the Brown Bridge, at the request of Shrewsbury Road Commissioner Dan Cavoto. Highway Department members had swept and otherwise worked on the historic covered bridge, but the Town wanted SVFD to assist by washing the structure. It was a perfect opportunity for our firefighters to train again with "Rescue 1" and become more familiar with SVFD's

new mini pumper. This collaboration was a win-win situation for the Department, the Town and the State.



Recently Russ, Ethan, and Keith practiced car cutting with the SVFD extrication tools

*Photo by Becky Severy*

On **June 19** (the last Thursday before the **Times** deadline) members gathered on Shunpike Road at the home of property SVFD Lieutenant Paul Stewart. On this evening members practiced with SVFD's vehicle extrication equipment on an automobile donated for this purpose. As you know, many of the Department's calls involve motor vehicle accidents. Modern cars are built to absorb the force of a crash, but that designed collapse can also result in entrapment. SVFD has hydraulic tools on our trucks which can be used to free trapped occupants. Extrication can be dangerous, and needs to be done safely. A successful extraction takes practice, which is why we hold a training session like this whenever we have the opportunity.

We hope this review of the varied sessions conducted in just the past month will help you appreciate how Fire Chief Phil Severy keeps members well trailed, as well as the skill and dedication of our volunteers. Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, America! Enjoy celebrating our country and its ideals, but as you do so remember to BE SMART and STAY SAFE.

*Submitted for the SVFD by Barry Griffith*



### BURN PERMITS

If you are plan to burn brush you **MUST** call for a burning permit. **Contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr 802-282-3642.** The landowner is responsible to control a brush fire, ensure you have proper tools, water supply, and people to assist in containing the fire.





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# 2026 SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## **The Hills Are Alive With the Sound of Music in Shrewsbury**

Mark your summertime calendars! Now in its 7th season, the Meeting House will once again become a community hub for the 2026 concert series, with exceptional music, food vendors, and neighbors enjoying a summer evening together. Attendance is by Free Will contribution. All proceeds go to the musicians and the historic Shrewsbury Meeting House.

Food vendors and food available starting at 5:30pm  
All concerts are on Fridays at 6:00pm  
(Indoors if raining)

**June 26 Mojo Birds**  
**July 10 Tony's Polka Band**  
**July 24 Rustie Bus**  
**Aug 7 Jonathan Lorentz Group**

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## **TONY'S POLKA BAND** **Friday, July 10 at 6pm**

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Polka is a joyful, high-energy folk dance and musical genre that brings people together for face-to-face social interaction while serving up upbeat, undeniably cheerful melodies. We've got lots of room for dancing, and dance we will!

**Spring Lake Ranch will provide food starting at 5:30pm**



## **RUSTIE BUS**

**Friday, July 24 at 6pm**

Rustie Bus is heavily influenced by the bands of the 1970s; when things were groovy and the sound was big. They've been making a name for themselves, playing around Vermont at venues like The Country Girl, The New American Grill, Off the Rails, and they've also gained popularity with appearances at events such as the Best of Vermont Festival, BBQ and Brew festival, 4th of July fireworks at Okemo resort and Rutland's Seven to Sunset Series. An average set list could include The Doobie Brothers, ELO, Chicago, Tom Petty, Wings and the Allman Brothers, as well as originals. This is a big band with a big, fun sound. Shrewsbury's own Marcos Levy is on keyboards, and he is joined by Eric King on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Erik Werner on bass and backing vocals, Jamie Snook on lead Guitar and backing vocals Ross Vumbaco on drums, and Zach Trepanier on saxophone. Come dance and sing along...you'll know the words!

**Shrewsbury Community Church will provide  
food starting at 5:30pm**

We are hoping to see the much-awaited return appearance of the 802 Ice Cream Bars!

Attendance is Pay What You Can, please be as generous as you can. We have NO business sponsors and are totally supported by our listening audience. Proceeds go to the musicians and the historic Shrewsbury Meeting House.

Questions? Want to receive updates about any upcoming concert, menu, etc? Please send your email address to singtolive57@gmail.com

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS & COUNTING

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Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm  
Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm  
Friday 10 am to 12 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

Want to know if the Library has a particular book or DVD?  
Want to put a hold on an item or renew one you've borrowed?  
Please visit [www.shrewsburylibrary.org](http://www.shrewsburylibrary.org).

To suggest a book to add to our collection, please contact DONNA SWARTZ for Children's and Young Adult titles ([donnaswartz44@aol.com](mailto:donnaswartz44@aol.com)) and JOAN ALESHIRE for Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)). We can request books on Inter-Library Loan, if the cut in federal funding allows. We will buy books depending on our budget and our collection's needs.

THE COOLEST PLACE IN TOWN: Check out the Library if you want a cool spot to read and relax on the hottest summer days and evenings!

### SAVE THESE DATES!

Saturday, August 1 @ 5 pm:

SANDGLASS THEATER: *Puppet Crimes* @ Russellville Schoolhouse

Saturday, August 29:

Library Dinner & Street Dance @ Meeting House

Saturday, September 19 @ 7 pm

Poetry Reading @ Library

### Coming Events:

Sunday, July 12 @ 5 pm: John O'Brien brings his classic comedy, *Man with a Plan*, with farmer Fred Tuttle, to the Library. See Sandy Bragg's article in this *Times*!

### Continuing Programs:

Sunday, July 5 @ 4 p.m.: WRITERS' GROUP: If you have poems or short prose pieces (stories, personal histories) to share with our supportive, friendly group, please join us. For information, contact Penelope Weiss: [pw9@earthlink.com](mailto:pw9@earthlink.com) or Joan Aleshire: [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, July 19 @ 4 pm: The next Famous Books Book Club book is: *Walden & Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau. Copies of this double edition will be available in the library. Contact Joan if you need another copy: [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, July 26 @ 7 p.m. In-person & via Zoom: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* by Max Tegmark. Print copies are available in the library. Please contact Margery Salmon to get an e-book or another print copy: [salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net).

### New Books include:

- \* *The Book of Birds: A Field Guide to Wonder and Loss* by Robert Macfarlane.
- \* *Whistler* by Ann Patchett: A new family novel by this popular author.
- \* *Land* by Maggie O'Farrell: A new historical novel by the author of *Hamnet*.
- \* *Pollock's Last Lover* by Stephen Kiernan: A WWII novel by the VT writer.
- \* *God Forgives, Brothers Don't: The Long March of Military Education and the Making of American Manhood* by Jasper Craven



### Can you name it?....The FINAL answer!!

Becky Bates has received several responses to her query in the May 2026 issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury* about the "mystery" item she found in the woods on her property. It's 14 1/2" in diameter. Photo on left is looking down into it, and photo on the right is the other side.



A definitive answer about its identity came when Chet Brigham called Becky and said that the "horn-thing" she found in the woods was an Atwater Kent Radio speaker, circa 1925. Apparently, they were very popular early home radios. She looked them up on the internet (see photo above), and she thinks Chet is exactly right. Mystery solved!



## Shrewsbury Historical Society

[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

Shrewsbury Historical Society invites you to our museum, open for visitors Sunday, July 5 from 1-3 pm and every Sunday afternoon until October 25.

Please join us in a new tradition: honoring individuals and groups who enrich the current history and character of our town. When a couple of these wonderful Shrewsberries expressed embarrassment at being singled out ("wait till I'm dead!"), we invited them to help us acknowledge their unique contributions to our community, and make their stories accurate and true. It's their story, after all, and if we have it wrong, they can help us correct it. We are simply seeking to be aware and grateful for the gems in the treasure box that is Shrewsbury.

For many years, the Pinkowski's of Clarendon stored a number of antique farm implements in their barn. These are now back home and several are on display in the museum. They are heavy objects, made from iron, wood, leather, pottery and glass, puzzling to our modern eyes. We will show you how they were used, back in the "olden days" before molded plastic, and when horsepower had four legs and was fueled by grass and grain. Come see the apparatus that produced hundreds of pounds of top-quality butter here in Shrewsbury!

Come get acquainted with the story of John P. Bowman who made his fortune turning cowhides into leather during the Civil War. The Laurel Glen Cemetery Association invites you to visit the Bowman Mansion on the hill across the road from the museum, and to marvel at the tomb he constructed for his family in 1880. (See more information on this historic treasure elsewhere in the Times.).

The *Times of Shrewsbury* and posters around town will be announcing special events of historic interest.

The museum welcomes visitors 1-3pm Sundays from July 5 to October 25, or you may call for an appointment: Brian Winkler at 802-492-3324, Grace Brigham at 802-492-3458 or email Julianne Sharrow: [julanne@vermontel.net](mailto:julanne@vermontel.net) and please check out our great website: [shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

~Submitted by Grace Brigham

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## The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley



The kids had a great year doing community service and other special projects at church, in the community and the world! We ended the year by making wind chimes out of recycled tableware! We will be back in September with a new theme and a new schedule!

Watch the times for details. A Very Big Thank you to our leaders Cortney Allard, Anissa Park, and Lynette Over!



We had a great time putting together Disaster Kits for Church World Service! We put together school kits, hygiene kits, and period packs. We were able to complete 46 kits! These kits are sent to areas where disasters have occurred. Thank you to everyone who made monetary donations to help with shipping costs and purchasing and everyone who helped assemble the kits! Together we can make a difference!

### The Importance of Tradition

We live in the present yet are often very aware of both the past and the future. Both the past and the future can be healthy or unhealthy pulls for us. There is the balance of the advantages of planning for things in the future with the flexibility to adjust as things happen that disrupt our plans. We can learn from the past. Good habits that have been practiced can lead to good outcomes in the future.

We all have some good and some painful memories from our past. Some of them are very old. We can get stuck in the past and think that certain things will always play out the same as they did when we were young. We can also learn from the past. What worked at the time but no longer works and needs to change? What mistakes have we made and what can we learn from that so we don't repeat the mistakes of our past? What worked really well that we want to remember and replicate?

This is where history and tradition come in. Shrewsbury has a great history in the Northam church. It's a great, wonderful old building. It's a total joy to preach in. I could whisper and be heard in the room. The simplicity of the building is solace

for my soul. I look around and can envision the chairs in the choir filled with people and the beauty of the sound. I had the honor of putting flowers in the box outside. We will be worshipping there in the months of July and August. All are welcome, even if you just want to peak in and look as you go by one day. ~by Karen Braeutigam

### Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

July & August Services are at the historic Northam Church on the Cold River Rd next to the Town Office and just around the Corner from Pierces Store. Hope to see you there!

Sun, July 5, 1030am Worship Service and Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sun, July 12, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sun, July 19, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Sun, July 26, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam at the Northam Church.

Tues, July 28 @ 12noon Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs in Meeting House. All are welcome! Dessert, coffee, and tea served. Bring a bag lunch if you like. Come and we will teach you to knit or crochet! For info call Roxanne 802-492-3675.

### Community Food Shelf

Free Community Food Shelf at the Library in the front entry way. Those in need are welcome to help themselves any time the Library entryway is open.

Limited hours are:

Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12noon; and, Sat 10am-12noon.

Food Delivery and Assistance If you are unable to get to the Food Shelf at the Shrewsbury Library, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items not available on the shelf, we can provide grocery gift cards. Call Karen at 802-558-5991 or Sue at 802-779-4360 or 802-492-3738.

### Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Julianne Sharrow 802-492-3361, or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4360
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Sue Kelley 802-779-4360, 802-492-3738; or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs (food, heating, gasoline, etc). If you or a neighbor are in need, please let us know!
- Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Roxanne Ramah 802-492-3675





### Gary's Grove

Many Shrewsberries travel along the Cold River Road to Rutland. Before one gets to the Upper Cold Road intersection leading to the Brown Bridge, the road makes a sweeping curve to the left and back again. This is where the road was moved several years ago due to an impending landslide as the Cold River continues to eat into the steep embankment far below. The inside of that curve is Gary's Grove, named after our dear departed but not forgotten State Forester, longtime neighbor and community volunteer, Gary Salmon.

Gary was larger than life. A bull in the woods, he could go for miles, always eager to talk about trees, wildlife, geology and any other subject, with a loud booming voice and an infectious laugh. That deep voice also could be heard in the bass section of the annual Messiah concert at Grace Church, at the State Fair manning the Forest & Parks exhibit, or from a boat with his wife Marjorie as they fished lakes and ponds across the state. Gary loved the woods and, in particular, the trees. He cataloged the biggest trees of each specie in Shrewsbury and was always excited to visit any tree with a neighbor to see if it could make the list. He loved trees, his community and life in general.

So, in recognition of Gary, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission, for years, has been planting that small area on the Cold River Road with native tree and shrub species. Red oak, shadberry, white pine, red maple, elderberry, dogwood, American hazel, witch hazel and high bush cranberry have all been planted. As you drive by and see saplings marked with survey flagging, or a few folks cutting the grasses and brush, know that this small section of town land is informally known as Gary's Grove and these plantings will someday be the big trees and native species that Forester Gary Salmon would have enjoyed walking among and telling folks about.

*~Article by Mark Youngstrom*

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Join Sofia Botti and friends for an hour of music and conversation ranging from Bach Inventions to fiddle tunes. Free-will donations benefit Bridge to Rutland and all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Shrewsbury Food Shelf. Light refreshments afterward. This concert kicks off a week of events for Tamarack Brook's inaugural season.

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A special thank you to Martha for starting Emma's first garden just before her first birthday. We appreciate the kindness she brings to our family and are so thankful Emma gets to learn from her.

*~Submitted by Jack & Stephanie Wright*





## SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

### Important Dates:

August 26 - First Day of School for 2026-2027 School Year

Summer Garden Time with Ms. Bonafine!!!!

Every Wednesday this summer, Ms. Bonafine will be gardening in our school garden at 9am. Please feel free to join her as a family to care for and tend our awesome garden on any Wednesday that you are available. We are looking forward to a beautiful harvest this Fall!

Field Day: We had an EPIC Field Day again this year with outstanding coordination by Sarah Bolster and Ali Wilson along with a huge number of caregiver and community volunteers. We are so grateful for the outpouring of energy, love and support our community gives our students and staff at SMS. The games, activities, food and FUN were amazing! We also had our awesome Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department volunteer their time to support our water games and a SUPER SOAK at the end! This event is so important to our students and is truly special to see our community come together to create this for SMS! Thank you!

All School Music Concert and Graduation: Our caregivers and community members filled our school with support as



**Pre-K team**

(L to R) Pre-K Para: Liz Spencer: Pre-K Para: Ella Norton, and Teacher/Director: Melissa Hollinger

each of our classes, our SMS Band, and our SMS Chorus performed songs! We also celebrated our amazing grade 6 students who graduated and are heading to Mill River Union High School this Fall. The celebration concluded with a slideshow of photos of our 6th grade students growing up as well as a cupcake reception sponsored by our awesome SMS PTO. We are so proud of all of our students and how much they have grown and bloomed this year!

Pre-K Donuts with Grown Ups: Friday, June 12 Our Pre-K team welcomed the caregivers for our 3- and 4-year-old Pre-K students into the classroom for a special ceremony and celebration of an amazing year of learning!

SMS Step Up Day: On the last day of school, each grade level of students visited their classroom for next school year. Students were able to meet their teacher, enjoy activities with their classmates and get a glimpse of the exciting things they will be learning when they return after summer break!

Four Winds Learning Experiences: Our students LOVE this program! We are looking for more volunteers to lead our students in learning about nature and exploring the outdoors. Please reach out to me or Gretchen Gould at dtvermont@hotmail.com

I am always available to support our school families and connect with community members. Please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at kimonetti@millriverschools.org if you have any questions or concerns.

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal

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Pre-K students at Donuts with Grown Ups Celebration

## SMS YEAREND CELEBRATIONS



Each team made a flag that stated their team's name and all the multi age learners signed it.





### Five-year Wildlife Road Crossing Project Concludes



On May 27, the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission hosted a community celebration of its Wildlife Road Crossing Project at the Meeting House. Local and state officials, volunteers, and Shrewsbury residents gathered to learn about the project's results. The program opened with project leader Linda Shelvey's slide show of the project's highlights – including a video of the rare Canada lynx crossing Coldham Road!

Keynote speaker Jens Hilke, Conservation Planner from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife (VFW), spoke about the importance of preserving wildlife corridors by maintaining connectivity between forest blocks. Retired VFW biologist Kim Royar shared information about efforts in Mount Holly to secure conservation easements to enable greater connectivity between forest blocks. Bree Furfee, VFW Furbearer Leader, rounded out the evening with information about why the Canada lynx visited Shrewsbury in the summer of 2024, and how it is unlikely that mountain lions will return to Vermont.

The goal of the Wildlife Road Crossing Project was to identify wildlife road crossings in Shrewsbury by observing the number and variety of animals whose travel corridors intersect town roadways. The project was conducted over a five-year period, and Volunteers identified and logged over **1,725** animal tracks. It is the hope of the Conservation Commission that this data will be used to educate landowners and town officials about the importance of conserving forested land in wildlife corridors by:

- Encouraging conservation easements by landowners near wildlife crossings
- Protecting habitat next to roads
- Limiting forest fragmentation near wildlife crossings and corridors
- Encouraging conservation of land/wetlands on both sides of the roads to maintain connectivity
- Promoting improved bridges and culverts for wildlife passage
- Evaluating culvert/bridge effectiveness for wildlife/amphibian crossing so replacements can be more effective for flooding and wildlife

Under the guidance of Linda Shelvey, volunteers logged hundreds of hours scanning our town's roads for signs of wildlife crossing activity. Highlights of this monumental effort include the following amazing facts:

- Total volunteers participating: **19**
- Number of road sections surveyed: **17**
- Total number of surveys throughout the five-year project duration: over **350**
- Surveys of bear corridor areas: **52** visual identifications of bear sign, tracks, or bears themselves
- Multiple sightings of a **rare Canada Lynx** were recorded during the 2023-24 project year
- Number of species identified: **18**
- Approximate number of tracks logged: **1,725 plus!**

Other highlights of the project included the presence of multiple moose in various locations, and long-tailed weasel, bobcat, opossum, racoon, skunk, mink, porcupine, and fisher tracks. Deer were the species that crosses Shrewsbury roads most frequently, followed by coyote, grey foxes, bobcats, red foxes, bears, and fishers.

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission would like to thank Linda Shelvey for her tremendous tracking expertise and tireless leadership, as well as the team of dedicated volunteers who braved cold and snowy conditions to make data collection for this project possible.

~Article by Michele Greene; Photo by Tim Stout

### Your Conservation Commission wants you to know...

That we cannot recycle film type plastic at our transfer station so it all goes into the compressor which adds costs for our town and ourselves.

That Price Chopper and Market Basket 32 have an active program collecting this type of plastic that will reduce waste for our town and will recycle it into other goods. Other food stores like Aldi and Hannaford's also have collection boxes.

What type of plastic are we talking about? Any type of "stretchy" plastic film like grocery, produce or bread bags, Ziploc and resealable food storage bags, bubble wrap and plastic shipping envelopes, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves and any type of pallet wrap!

This means plastic that s t r e t c h e s when pulled – it cannot be torn like paper or is shiny and crinkly, like candy bar wrappers or frozen food bags.

Those of us with large plastic film wrap from sawdust shavings or wood pellets can save money by setting it aside and turning it in to be recycled! I keep a bag behind the kitchen door to place film plastic in and just bring the bag to turn in when full. And I place all my large horse shaving bags into one of them until full and then drop it off.

Save money. Feel good about pulling harmful plastic out of our waste stream! ~Submitted by Louise Duda





What is going on at the road to the elementary school???!! Why is the dam being removed? Won't it wash away the culvert below where it crosses Northam Road? And who is paying for all this work?



## It's Dam Interesting! Cold River Restoration Projects

**Saturday morning June 27 at 10am**



Find out the answers to these questions and more when Katie Stiles, District Manager of Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District, leads us in a discussion about the ongoing dam removal and culvert replacement. We will discuss why dams are being removed and the importance of replacing our dated and ill-fitting culverts in the name of aquatic organism passage, water quality, flood resilience, and wildlife habitat!

While working for Vermont's Green Mountain Conservation Camps, Katie discovered the joy of communicating about stewardship, conservation, and ecology. Since then, she has

worked for Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and US Forest Service Fish & Wildlife Department and earned her Master's degree in Restoration Ecology and Habitat

Management. Katie joined RNRCD in 2025 with enthusiasm to grow the District's breadth of work. Katie is passionate about supporting conservation actions on the small scale - in your backyard and neighborhood - to develop a culture of local stewardship and community-informed conservation.

Rutland NRCD is now reviewing the 2013 Cold River Corridor Plan in order to identify new projects and re-prioritize potential ones. Come armed with ideas for the future and a thoughtful mind for ecological discussion. Park at the transfer station and Town Garage area where we will meet at 10am. Wear walking shoes as some construction will have already disrupted the earth and we'll also walk down to the culvert.

*~Submitted by Louise Duda*



## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission

### Trail Camera Picture of the month

Summer is an exciting time of year for avian enthusiasts. A chorus of birdsong meets each Summer is an exciting time of year for avian enthusiasts. A chorus of birdsong meets each dawn, nests are constructed, and hatchlings are fed. Much of this activity occurs far up in the forest canopy or in dense brush, away from prying eyes and predators. In a few short months nests will be empty and the symphony will have faded away, so now is the time to get out your binoculars, bird book or bird identification app and check out your feathered neighbors! You can learn more about Vermont's birds at :

<https://www.audubon.org/vermont/birds>.

This month's trail camera photos feature a variety of birds throughout the seasons in Shrewsbury – a barred owl hunting frogs in a vernal pool , a red-bellied woodpecker in spring, wild turkeys in winter and spring, and aruffed grouse in fall. Photos courtesy of Linda Shelvey and Michelle Greene. Send your wildlife photos to Michelle Greene at [michelle.a.greene247@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.a.greene247@gmail.com).







The Mountain School Garden was all planted up at the end of the school year, and Ms. Bonafine is caretaking it for the summer with some dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all the SMS students and teachers that have set this year's garden up for success!

We are actively keeping an eye out for the yearly rise of Rose Chaffer beetles in the orchard, and are prepared to intervene with manual removal and surround. Stay tuned for updates.

This summer, we are excited to host another botanical art workshop at the Russellville Schoolhouse on **July 26 from 1-4pm**. In this hands-on 3-hour workshop, you will learn everything needed to begin printing your own cyanotypes and anotypes in the sunshine by using natural materials, including birch bark, beetroot juice, and turmeric powder. All materials are included; if you have specific plants or objects, you'd like to try printing, please bring them with you. And if you'd like to experiment with printing your own photographs onto natural materials (smartphone pictures are fine!) please email one image to instructor Benjamin Aleshire at [benaleshire@gmail.com](mailto:benaleshire@gmail.com) a week before the workshop, so he can prepare the negatives. \$20-\$40 sliding scale. Rain date: Sunday, August 9, 1-4pm

Benjamin Aleshire is a photographer and writer living in Shrewsbury, VT. His photographs have been exhibited most recently at Foam in Burlington, and the BCA Center, at the Burlington Airport, and the United Bakery Gallery in New Orleans. Currently he serves as creative director of Aleshire Gallery, a cooperative darkroom and art space in Brandon, VT.

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at [educate.sage@gmail.com](mailto:educate.sage@gmail.com), Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit [www.sagevt.wordpress.com](http://www.sagevt.wordpress.com). Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date event details at ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at [www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation](http://www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation)

*Submitted by Stephen Abatiell*

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## The Roving Reporter Asked:

**Tell me about your first car.**



- "It was a blue 1965 Chevy Impala, 280... or maybe a 289. What did it mean to me?...it meant to me that I needed to make more money so that I could get a better car!" ~JP
- "It was a 1929 Model A coupe; that I bought at the age of 14 from a family in Mt Holly for \$25...or maybe \$40. I drove it without a license, no insurance, no registration from Mt Holly to Ludlow; the steering wheel came off in my hands, but I put it back on and drove back home! It was exciting!" ~GP
- "It was a white Ford Fairlane convertible. It was old as the hills when I bought it...probably a 1950's...Big car, Big motor, and Lot of fun! I parked it behind my house during the winter one time, and a family of rats moved into it...and that was the end of that car!" ~SC
- "There was a taxi cab company that ran into trouble with the IRS, and their entire fleet went up for auction...so I got a Checker Cab (white body with red top) for about \$50...it was Red Top Cab MA81212 and had a two-way radio. A friend and I drove it across country, and in west Texas we were pulled over by a cop who had silver aviator glasses and extra pointy cowboy boots. He looked at all our documentation, and everything was fine. His only question to us was "how much do you want for that radio? I should have kept that car!" ~SB
- "It was a 1966 Ford Mustang, and it had a rumble seat. My dad gave it to me, and I loved that car. I learned to drive with it, drove it to Vermont, to college, and to work. It's still sitting in the yard...it was even a planter at one time." ~DP
- "It was a white Bugeye Sprite! It was a stick drive which I had never driven, ...so it took me longer than it should have to drive the 35 miles home! I always had two-seater British cars (tiny cars) after that. When I moved to Vermont, people told me they'd probably find me in a snow bank in the spring. Today I have a Buick!" ~LA
- "It was a Red 1956 Ford Fairlane. It was the first retractable hard top which went into the trunk. I got that when I was in high school, and it meant a lot to me!" ~ES
- "It was a used black 1941 Mercury that I bought for \$15 in the fall and sold it for \$25 in the spring. It was a four door, three speed with a clutch, standard shifter on the column ("three on the tree"). I was 14 years old....and had no license plate, no driver's license, no insurance, and no registration! I would be the guy who drove all the kids around; it was a lot of fun!" ~DB

*Note from the Roving Reporter: Sometimes I thought a time limit should have been set on responses to this question! People were enthusiastic & full of memories!*



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### Fred Tuttle Comes to Shrewsbury!

The Shrewsbury Library will screen John O'Brien's classic comedy, *Man With a Plan*, on **Sunday July 12 at 7pm**. The film follows the unlikely political career of Tunbridge dairy farmer Fred Tuttle, as he decides to run for Congress so he can make enough money to pay for his father's hip replacement. Celebrating

the 30th anniversary of its release, *Man With a Plan* remains as hilariously relevant today as it was in 1996.

Two years after the film was released, life imitated art as Tuttle joined and won an actual U.S. Senate primary, defeating Republican millionaire Jack McMullen. In a famous Vermont Public Radio debate, Tuttle challenged Harvard-educated McMullen to pronounce "Calais," and state the number of teats on a Holstein. Despite outspending Tuttle by a large margin (over \$500,000 to Tuttle's \$200), McMullen lost the primary to Tuttle by 10 points (55% to 45%).

After winning the GOP nomination, Tuttle announced he would vote for the incumbent Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy.

Tuttle passed away in 2003 but his legacy lives on. Filmmaker John O'Brien, now a Vermont legislator representing Tunbridge and serving on the Tunbridge selectboard, will join the Shrewsbury Library screening for Q&A after the film. Free will donation for admission. Come early to reserve a seat! ~Article by Sandy Bragg

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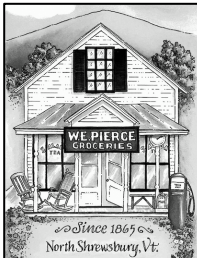
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### News from Pierce's Board

At Pierce's Store, we are excited to be getting into the swing of summer! The part-time residents (myself and my family included) are returning for the beautiful Vermont summer, and our general store is buzzing with activity!

June saw a well-attended and fun wine-tasting with excellent live music. And our managers, Elena and Harry, continued their effort to ensure Pierce's is a well-stocked store with a diverse inventory that meets the needs and wants of Shrewsbury residents. As a reminder---if there is something you think we should carry, please tell us! We can't promise we'll stock everything, but we want to hear from you!

On a personal note, my teenage son Fred is volunteering regularly at Pierce's this summer, so stop in and say hi to the newest member of the Pierce's team. Fred is really enjoying the chance to meet lots of folks in our community that he doesn't see when he's off at boarding school.

Coming up, please be on the lookout for our blueberry festival and our art show; we will share details of both events on our website at [piercesstore.com](http://piercesstore.com). And if you'd like to volunteer, we'd welcome your involvement!

*Submitted by Paul Titterton  
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### Watson Wheeler Shrewsbury Cider Update

A quick update on the upcoming special Shrewsbury cider: Watson Wheeler received 28 fantastic suggestions for the name of the new cider. It is a difficult decision, and they have been super busy bottling, grafting, transplanting, weeding & mulching. I'm expecting the news later this summer along with a date for the release party when we can all sample the new Shrewsbury cider! ~Sandy Bragg

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New Wine Class: What Makes Wine Exceptional? Sunday July 19 from 4 to 6pm

Pierce's Store will be hosting a hands-on event investigating what's so special about fancy, high-priced wine. In this interactive session, we will compare no-frills table wines with their more upscale cousins to collectively answer the question: *What exactly are we getting when we pay those extra bucks?*

During the class, we will sample six different wines: two whites and four reds. Three will be everyday bottles (\$15 or less) and three will be special-occasion splurges (\$25 and up). We'll share our impressions as a group and compare our findings with the broader consensus of wine experts and online reviews.

To cover the cost of the wines, participation will be **\$25 per person**. Because of limited space, the class will be limited to 35 people, and advance reservations will be required. You can sign up at Pierce's Store or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for "Super-Wines"). No advance payment is required – you can pay when you arrive at the class.

Whether you want to refine your palate or just taste some interesting bottles, please join us for good wine and great fun! ~Submitted by Sandy Bragg



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