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1 Our Putney Future comes together Jan. 29 to celebrate  
2 progress

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6 In 2022, Putney community members turned out in  
7 record numbers to discuss the future of their town and choose  
8 priorities that would help move toward those goals.  
9 The Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)  
10 and community groups are celebrating the momentum of Our  
11 Future Putney by coming together Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 8  
p.m. at Putney Central School to celebrate their progress. The

12 event will include a free community dinner from The Putney  
13 Diner and Putney General Store, time to connect with neighbors,  
14 and an opportunity to brainstorm points of vision for the future of  
15 Putney.

16 Our Future Putney was a three-month Community Visit  
17 facilitated by VCRD to help the community identify and take  
18 action on important priorities. Community Visits help towns  
19 identify and prioritize goals, foster local leadership, and connect  
20 to resources to achieve their goals. Through the Our Future  
21 Putney process, community members chose three community  
22 priorities for action and signed up for task force groups to move  
23 them forward.

24 "The celebration will be a chance for Putney community  
25 members to hear updates from their neighbors about what's  
26 happening with downtown vitality, community gathering, and  
27 housing," Alyssa Johnson, VCRD Community Visit program  
28 manager, said in a news release. "Local groups will be tabling  
29 and looking for volunteers to keep up the energy, and there will  
30 be an opportunity to brainstorm points of vision for the future of  
31 Putney. Whether you were part of the 2022 events or not, we  
32 hope all Putney community members will join us for a free  
33 dinner and opportunity to connect with neighbors."

34 "So much has happened since the first Community Visit  
35 by VCRD," said Mike Cosco, owner of the Putney General Store  
36 and chair of the Our Future Putney process. "Each of the three  
37 task forces accomplished a lot of important work and the stage  
38 has been set for the next chapter. We hope to see the same  
39 massive turnout on Jan. 29 as we did in 2022 when this all  
40 began."

41 For more information on accommodations or  
42 transportation, contact Alyssa Johnson at [alyssa@vtrural.org](mailto:alyssa@vtrural.org) or  
43 802-222-6896. To sign up for free childcare or to learn more  
44 about Our Future Putney, visit [bit.ly/FuturePutney](https://bit.ly/FuturePutney).

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