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Brattleboro Town Report now available

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BRATTLEBORO — The 2025–26 Brattleboro Town

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Report is currently on the town’s website, Brattleboro.gov.

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It can also be found at bit.ly/857-report, as well as at

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Brooks Memorial Library.

9 ***Mott examines 'The Pursuit of Happiness' at***

10 ***Putney Library***

11 PUTNEY — Constitutional scholar Meg Mott delves into
12 the meaning of “The Pursuit of Happiness” as it applies to our
13 founding documents in a talk at Putney Public Library, 55 Main
14 St., Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. This talk is free.

15 “Two hundred and fifty years ago, a new nation was
16 brought forth by a People who had the gall to think they could
17 govern themselves,” wrote Mott in a news release. “As long as
18 each citizen worked to improve their character, the nation as a
19 whole would stay free. The term of art for this personal
20 improvement was ‘the Pursuit of Happiness.’”

21 This talk will examine what that term originally meant,
22 which civic virtues were promoted in Vermont, and how we
23 might promote more happiness in today’s politics.

24 ***Learn about bluebirds in Vermont***

25 LONDONDERRY — On Thursday, March 19, from 5 to
26 6:15 p.m. at Flood Brook School, the Londonderry Conservation
27 Commission will feature veterinarian Dr. Ron Svec presenting a
28 family-friendly program entitled “It’s All About the Bluebird!” that
29 will look at the history, life, and nesting of the eastern bluebird.

30 Svec, a veterinarian, Dummerston Conservation
31 Commissioner, and member of the North American Bluebird
32 Society, says their growing numbers in Vermont “is a story of
33 success due in most part to citizen conservationists’ efforts to
34 provide nest boxes to ensure their survival.”

35 Participants will learn about the preferred habitats
36 bluebirds as a way to understand what is needed to do to attract
37 them to Vermont homes, as well as how to provide safe and
38 successful nesting boxes.

39 ***Vernal Equinox Celebration at West Village***

40 ***Meetinghouse***

41 WEST BRATTLEBORO — The musical duo Sharon &
42 Daniel will lead a “Vernal Equinox Celebration” Friday, March

43 20, at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by All Souls
44 Unitarian/Universalist Church and will be held at the West
45 Village Meeting House, 29 South St.

46 Organizers wrote in a news release that “the highly
47 participatory gathering will feature singing, dancing and
48 merriment of all manner, including a percussion jam and Flower
49 Parade.”

50 “The Equinox is when the length of the day and night are
51 equal at 12 hours each.” Daniel Kasnitz said in the news release.
52 “With this change and the turning towards the warm weather,
53 spring ushers in new life and growth — a time of beginnings and
54 renewal. We will be playing songs that honor the Vernal Equinox
55 and the new opportunities it brings.”

56 For more information, contact Kasnitz at 802-380-1369.
57 Admission is free of charge, or by donation, and family friendly.
58 The celebration will be preceded by a potluck dinner starting at 5
59 p.m.

60 ***Rabies clinic in Wilmington***

61 WILMINGTON —A rabies vaccination clinic for dogs
62 and cats will take place Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to
63 noon at the Wilmington Fire Department, 40 Beaver St. Park at
64 the Old High School and walk to the left side of the fire station to
65 side door.

66 Dr. Miles Powers, DVM, will be present for rabies shots
67 for \$25 and distemper shots for \$30, or \$50 for both shots. Cash
68 or check payment only. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be
69 in a carrier.

70 The Wilmington Town Clerk will be present to register
71 dogs for the town of Wilmington.

72 ***March-Aritaville at RFPL celebrates fiber*** 73 ***crafting***

74 BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, March 21, from 11
75 a.m. to 1 p.m., join the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65

76 Westminster St., for March-aritaville, a free celebration of warmth
77 and fiber crafting.

78 "It's March outside, but in the library, we will warm up
79 with cozy crafts and summery vibes," organizers said in a news
80 release. "Join fiber enthusiasts who will teach needle felting,
81 knitting, and crocheting for all ages."

82 All materials are provided. They say participants should
83 "your flip flops and your creative energy, and come visit for for
84 crafting, snacks, and lemonade."

85 For more information about this and other programs, call
86 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library.

87 ***Vermont Crankie Fest comes to NEYT***

88 BRATTLEBORO — On Saturday, March 21, New
89 England Youth Theater, 100 Flat St., presents the seventh
90 "Vermont Crankie Fest," with a free family concert at 3 p.m.
91 featuring Stefan Amidon, Brendan Taaffe, and Mary Alice Amidon
92 and a 7:30 p.m. concert with Maisie O'Brien, Storm Welch,
93 Maria Pugnetti joining Taaffe.

94 Crankies are illustrated scrolls that are cranked from one
95 side to another in a wooden box. They have been growing
96 steadily more popular over the past 15 years, with crankie fests
97 popping up around the country.

98 Live ASL interpretation for both shows will be provided
99 by Nicole Comtois. Tickets for the 7 p.m. show are \$25 general
100 admission (\$35 generous) at tinyurl.com/vtcrankfest.

101 ***Community jam at Newfane's Union Hall***

102 NEWFANE — On Saturday, March 21, from 6:30 to 9:30
103 p.m. at Union Hall on Church Street, the Newfane Community
104 Jam Project is kicking off the Union Hall music season with a
105 show featuring an eclectic set of classic rock tunes, performed by
106 Newfane friends and neighbors.

107 "We have been rehearsing all winter, and we are ready
108 to rock," wrote organizers in a news release. Doors open at 6:30

109 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Donations are accepted and
110 appreciated. For more information, visit musicatunionhall.com.

111 ***Guilford Church Sugar-on-Snow Supper is***

112 ***March 21***

113 GUILFORD — The Sugar-on-Snow Supper at Guilford
114 Community Church will be held Saturday, March 21. There are
115 three seatings to choose from at 4, 5:30, and 7 p.m. Prices are
116 \$15 adults, \$7 children age 11 and under, and \$3 for
117 preschoolers.

118 The menu features baked ham, baked beans, deviled
119 eggs, potato salad, cole slaw, freshly made baked rolls and
120 doughnuts, sugar on snow, dill pickles, and coffee, ice tea, or
121 milk.

122 A half-gallon of maple syrup will be raffled off during
123 each seating. The money raised helps underwrite the many local
124 charities the church supports with its outreach. For reservations or
125 more information, call 802-254-9562 or email
126 guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com.

127 ***Interfaith Gathering for Peace in Bellows Falls***

128 BELLOWS FALLS — First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls
129 will host an interfaith service for peace Saturday, March 21, from
130 6 to 7 p.m. They invite community members of all faith traditions
131 to gather for an evening centered on peace, unity, hope, and
132 compassion.

133 “All are welcome to attend,” organizers wrote in a news
134 release. “We invite you to come as you are and bring friends and
135 neighbors to share in an evening of reflection, connection, and
136 shared commitment to peace.”

137 For more information, contact the church at 802-436-
138 3220, fcbellowsfalls@gmail.com or fbbfpastor@gmail.com, or
139 visit the church at 9 Church St.

140 ***'Blue Door' soup supper in Saxtons River***

141 SAXTONS RIVER — All are invited to the Community
142 Building, 24 Main St., Sunday, March 22, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., to
143 gather with friends and neighbors for a free soup supper. It will
144 be followed by a conversation with Richard and Pete Stickney
145 about "Farming: Then and Now."

146 Visitors are asked to use the back (Blue Door) entrance
147 off River Street. Donations to 24 Main Street Community Building
148 are welcome.

149 ***'What's in a Name: Seeking Stories for Place-
150 Based Art' in Putney***

151 PUTNEY — To honor and remember Eva Mondon, Alice
152 Holway and Carol Brown, Windham & Windsor Housing Trust is
153 seeking stories to shape artwork at the site of the new housing
154 complex at Alice Holway Drive at a story-gathering event at
155 Yellow Barn on Main Street Tuesday, March 23, from 4 to 5:30
156 p.m.

157 Organizers invite anyone to share their stories about
158 Holway, Brown, Mondon, or the Aiken Nursery, How has this
159 land been shaped by river and human activity over time? This
160 gathering encourages longtime residents, new neighbors, and
161 friends of Putney to share stories (or to simply listen).

162 The product of this gathering will be a digital scrapbook
163 that will provide the basis for artistic interpretation and rendering
164 of a 7-by-11-foot mural at Alice Holway Drive.

165 If you're unable to make it to the event, they will have a
166 Zoom connection for hybrid participation. For more information,
167 go to bit.ly/857-matriarchs.

168 ***District 7 informational meeting set for March***

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170 BRATTLEBORO — District 7 residents are invited to
171 attend a community informational meeting Thursday, March 26,
172 at 6 p.m. in the Music Room at Academy School on Western
173 Avenue. The meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to

174 learn more about key issues facing the town and to share their
175 ideas and priorities for Brattleboro's future.

176 The meeting will include discussion of several important
177 topics, including the Fiscal Year 2027 Town Budget, an overview
178 of the Finance Committee report, and Open Town Meeting
179 articles that will be considered by voters. Additional discussion
180 will focus on failing infrastructure in town and planning for both
181 the next five years and the next 25 years in Brattleboro.

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