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4 ***Water quality report now available***

5 BRATTLEBORO — The Brattleboro Water Department’s
6 annual Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report for
7 2025 is now available. This report can be viewed online at
8 brattleboro.gov/water-supply.

9 Printed copies are available at the Department of Public
10 Works, the Tri-Park Co-op office, the Town Clerk’s office, and at

11 the Interstate 91 Welcome Center in Guilford. Questions about
12 this report can be addressed to the Department of Public Works'
13 Water Treatment Division at 802-257-2320.

14 ***Food drop in Putney***

15 PUTNEY — The next Putney food drop will be Thursday,
16 April 23, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. The Vermont Food Bank and Putney
17 Foodshelf co-sponsor this service, free and open to all, offering a
18 selection of produce and assorted foods.

19 Putney Food Drop is located at 78 River Rd. More
20 details, including a map, can be found at
21 putneyfoodshelf.org/food-drop.

22 ***Local reptiles spotlighted in Dummerston***

23 WEST DUMMERSTON — The Dummerston
24 Conservation Commission presents Jim Andrews speaking about
25 local reptiles Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Dummerston
26 Community Center, 150 West St.

27 Andrews is a herpetologist and Vermont Reptile and
28 Amphibian Atlas founder and coordinator. He will provide a
29 PowerPoint presentation on "The Reptiles of Windham County,"
30 with a focus on the identification, natural history, and
31 conservation of Windham County turtles and snakes.

32 He will also show how folks can contribute to the
33 atlas effort and fill in data gaps by photographing and
34 reporting the reptiles they find. This program is open to all and
35 free of charge, although donations will be welcome to help cover
36 costs.

37 ***Board game café at RFPL***

38 BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m.
39 to 1 p.m., all are welcome to join the Rockingham Free Public
40 Library for a board game café. Participants can try a new game or
41 play an old favorite. Puzzles available as well. This event is for
42 people of all ages and all levels of game-playing experience.

43 In addition to providing games and lots of space for
44 game play, the RFPL will have refreshments. The board game café

45 will have adult games of all types including party games, strategic
46 and collaborative games, building games, classics, and more.
47 Games geared toward children and families will be available in
48 the Youth Department.

49 ***WSWMD's Swap Shop is open for season***

50 BRATTLEBORO — The Windham Solid Waste
51 Management District's (WSWMD) Swap Shop is now open for the
52 2026 season every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon through Nov.
53 21. Users may drop off gently loved, working items in good
54 condition and search for something useful for the home, hearth,
55 and garden at the same time.

56 The Swap Shop at WSWMD is completely volunteer run.
57 They will inspect items prior to unloading to make sure they are
58 not damaged or broken. Damaged materials can be disposed of
59 at the transfer station for those who have an access sticker,
60 subject to applicable fees.

61 Visit windhamsolidwaste.org/transfer-station/swap-shop
62 to find out what the Swap Shop at WSWMD accepts for
63 donations and see what might be found.

64 ***Brattleboro Area Farmers Market opens May 2***

65 BRATTLEBORO — The Brattleboro Area Farmers Market
66 will open its 2026 season Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
67 at 570 Western Ave.

68 The market, which will be open rain or shine every
69 Saturday through Oct. 31, features a variety of goods from local
70 farmers, food producers, and artisans. Every week there are many
71 choices of fresh produce, baked goods, handmade items, and
72 more.

73 "The opening day of the market is always a special
74 moment," said organizers in a news release. "It's a chance to
75 reconnect with our community, support local producers, and
76 celebrate the start of the growing season."

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