

Spring Newsletter 2018

April 2018



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 4-17 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 5-15 at 7:00pm
- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 4-24 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 5-22 at 6:00pm
- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 5-1 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 6-5 at 7:00pm

Did you know?

To burn brush or wood debris on your property you need a burn permit.

For burn permits contact:

East Dorset:

Doug Beebe

362-1950 or Howard

Towsley 375-5006

Dorset:

Shawn Hazelton

375-4233

Public Notices:

Dorset Fire District #1

Annual Meeting

- ◆ Monday May 14th at 7:00pm at the Dorset Fire Station

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT BOND VOTE INFORMATIONAL MEETING MAY 7TH BOND VOTE: MAY 14TH 10AM TO 7PM AT THE DORSET FIRE HOUSE

WARNING

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 14, 2018

The legal voters of Dorset Fire District No. 1, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Dorset Fire House, 2788 Route 30, in the Town of Dorset on Monday, May 14, 2018 between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of Dorset Fire District No. 1 in amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of constructing water system source, storage, treatment, transmission and distribution improvements, such improvements estimated to cost Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000)?

The legal voters and residents of Dorset Fire District No. 1 are further warned and notified that an informational hearing will be held at the Dorset Fire House, 2788 Route 30, in the Town of Dorset on Monday, May 7, 2018, commencing at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) for the purpose of explaining the subject proposed water system improvements and the financing thereof.

The legal voters of the Dorset Fire District No. 1 are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 2484 of Title 20, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

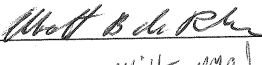
Adopted and approved at a duly convened meeting of the Prudential Committee, of Dorset Fire District No. 1 held on April 9, 2018. Received for record and recorded in the records of Dorset Fire District No. 1 on April 10, 2018.

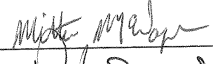
ATTEST:




Fire District Clerk

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1







Prudential Committee

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW WATER SOURCE PROJECT
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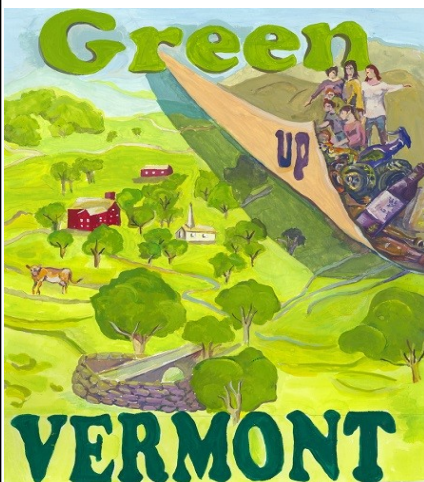
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PUBLIC NOTICE: FIREWORKS

All fireworks, not including sparklers and novelty sparkling items, are illegal in Vermont except for permitted, supervised, public displays. If you plan to use fireworks for a public fireworks display you must obtain a permit **BEFORE** you purchase the fireworks. There are both civil and criminal penalties for violations of the fireworks laws. VT Towns require a permit for any fireworks display. A permit may be obtained from the Fire Chief (**Dorset FD: 375-4233/ East Dorset FD: 375-5006**) after it is determined by the Fire Chief that the fireworks display will be handled by a competent operator in a manner that will not be hazardous to people or property. After a permit has been granted it is only lawful for that one display. Application for a permit must be made at least 15 days in advance of the fireworks display.

Please be considerate of your friends, neighbors, and their pets when it comes to fireworks!



GREEN UP IN DORSET:

DORSET MEET AT DORSET CHURCH AT 9AM - KIM RIZIO IS THE COORDINATOR 867-5717

EAST DORSET MEET AT TOWN OFFICES AT 9AM - JOHN LAREAU IS THE COORDINATOR

Green Up bags can be picked up at either location. Remember to report your activity to the coordinator.

Once finished the bags can be left on the roadside as they will be picked up by the Road

Crew the following Monday.

Please don't handle sharp objects without gloves. If you find hypodermic needles, please mark the location and report it to Sgt. Jesse Bravata 442-4900 or jesse.bravata@benningtonsheriff.org

Welcome to our 36th year of summer fun and learning at its best!

LTSummer 2018 dates:

July 9-13

July 16-20

July 23-27

July 30-Aug. 3 Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm



To register visit: longtrailsschool.org/ltsummer




Join us for a special screening of

SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 pm
followed by panel discussion

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL

screenagersmovie.com   

The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: Mon to Friday 11am to 5pm
& Sat: 10am to 3pm

LONG TRAIL SCHOOL EXHIBITS AT THE DORSET LIBRARY IN APRIL

The Dorset Village Library is pleased to partner with the Long Trail School to feature a number of student artists representing Long Trail's grades 6-12. Dynamic two and three dimensional art will be on display from classes such as middle school Art Exploration, upper school Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Design and International Baccalaureate Visual Art Program.

Anharad Llewelyn and Hakan Brosnan teach Long Trail's art classes from middle school through the advanced upper school courses. Llewelyn, a Dorset resident, is in her 10th year at LTS and specializes in two dimensional art instruction. Brosnan, who is from Middletown Springs, is in his 7th year at LTS and specializes in three dimensional work and graphic design. Their goal in teaching is to create a love and appreciation for art from a variety of cultures, styles and media..



APRIL EVENTS:

COLORING FOR ADULTS

Come relieve some of your daily stress with the library's new 'coloring for adults' group! The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 10th and 24th from 5-6pm. We will have a selection of books and pages for you to color: birds, mandalas, gardens, animals and more. We will have a selection of colored pencils and crayons, but feel free to bring your own supplies.

KNITTING NIGHT

April 3rd and 17th
5-6pm

Join us for knitting night! All levels and ages welcome!

COMING SOON!

MAY 19th: PUG PARTY!

DORSET LIBRARY ANNEX IN EAST DORSET TOWN HALL

There is a new selection of books at the Dorset Library Annex. We would also like to remind patrons in East Dorset that the Dorset Library Annex is located inside the town hall and is open during their regular hours. New books, DVDS and audio books will be rotated on a regular quarterly schedule (the next rotation will be in May).

Help contribute to the Dorset School Tech Fund!



COMMUNITY CHALLENGE TELL A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND

Electronic Recycling
at
The Dorset School
Saturday, April 28, 2018
9 am - 12 noon

Event
open
to all!

Not limited
to Dorset
residents.

Hosted by
The Dorset Teachers' Association
and
The Dorset Energy Committee

To raise money for The Dorset School's Technology Fund

A wide variety of electronics and accessories will be accepted including:

- Computers (laptops, desktops and servers)
- Printers
- Ink Cartridges
- Toner Cartridges
- Televisions (all types and sizes)
- Monitors (all types)
- UPS Battery Back-ups
- Stereo Equipment
- Satellite Dishes (any size!)
- Game Consoles (Wii, Playstation, etc.)
- Digital Cameras
- Cell Phones
- Mobile devices
- MP3 Players
- Small Household Appliances
- and more.....

Anything with a power cord or is wireless

* There is no charge to drop-off items. Monetary donations will be accepted and proceeds will go towards the school's Technology Fund.



Please contact
Phyllis Tate at
PTate@brsu.org or
call the school at 362-2606
with questions.



The Dorset Outdoor Scene:

Owls Head Town Forest: Now moving into it's 3rd year after the expansion, the Owls Head

Town Forest offers a unique recreation experience where history meets natural beauty. The centerpiece hike on the property runs from the trailhead 0.45 miles (uphill) to the Gettysburg Quarry. Be sure to stop and read about the property at the kiosks along the way (pictured: a kiosk during the March 2018 snow).



Upon reaching the Quarry be sure to sign into the log book, hidden in mason jar between two large marble rocks. Before leaving the Quarry make sure that you take in the view of the Dorset Valley from Art's Bench, directly in front of the Quarry perched on the old marble dump. Up and back the hike takes a little over an hour. The Owls Head Town Forest trailhead is located off Black Rock Lane (near Dorset Quarry on Route 30), follow the brown signs to the parking area. Black Rock Lane is a private road, be good to our neighbors, they are good to us! For more info visit: www.dorsetvt.org/hike

Humphreys: Mountain biking more your thing? Visit the Humphreys loop trail off Church Street in Dorset Village. Built by Northshire Area Trail Systems (NATS) this single track biking trail winds up Kellogg Hill 2.5 miles and offers features like boardwalks and old apple orchards with a view of historic Dorset Village. All parking for the trail is located at The Dorset Green on Church Street. Directions to trailhead: head west on Church Street, turn left on Dorset West Road travel 150', entrance to trails on right. The NATS group has also been working diligently with the US Forest Service to build additional trails off Grouse Lane in Dorset Hollow. **Be sure to visit: www.natsvt.com to learn more and support the effort!**

Mad Tom Notch: In 2016 the US Forest Service re-opened the Mad Tom Notch hiking trail after being discontinued since the 1970's. The USFS conducted a large amount of trail work and the result is a beautiful climb through the notch to Forest Road 21 in Peru. This trail directly connects to the Long Trail & Appalachian Trail. Along the trail are historic remnants from the SL Griffith Logging Company days, when the vast area was timbered and the notch was used as a lumber spout. All this activity made Silas Griffith of Danby Vermont's first millionaire. Parking for the trail is located off Mad Tom Road in East Dorset Village.



Support the Dorset Players!

90th Season ★ 2017-2018



Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday, June 1st * 6:00pm to 10:00pm
AT
The Dorset Inn

Variety of Appetizers

Beer & Wine

Five Course Dinner

Live Entertainment

Dessert Buffet

Hours of Fun

*Please join us at our fundraiser dinner in support of
maintenance and repairs for the playhouse.*

Tickets are \$100 per person * Call (802) 867-5570 x2
or email info@dorsetplayers.com

Art Seed at Marble House Project!

MARBLE HOUSE PROJECT

ART MADE—FARM GROWN—COMMUNITY ENGAGED

ART SEED at Marble House Project. A full day event featuring work from the artists in residence including performance, open studios and readings. ART SEED is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

Saturday May 4th from 12 - 5

Saturday June 2nd from 12 - 5

Saturday June 30th from 12 - 5

Mission

Marble House Project is a multi-disciplinary artist residency program that fosters collaboration & the exchange of ideas by providing an environment for artists across disciplines to live and work side by side. Our residency program is uniquely curated to bring together a diverse group of artists to facilitate exchange of different expertise, histories, techniques and perspectives. With a focus on conservation of natural resources, integration of small-scale organic food production and the arts, residents sustain their growth by cultivating and participating in the surrounding grounds, working on their artistic vision and forging partnerships within the community. Marble House Project is founded on the belief that the act of creating, whether in the studio or in nature, is how human potential expands and community thrives.



**MARBLE HOUSE PROJECT / 1161 DORSET WEST
ROAD / DORSET, VT / 05251**

info@marblehouseproject.org

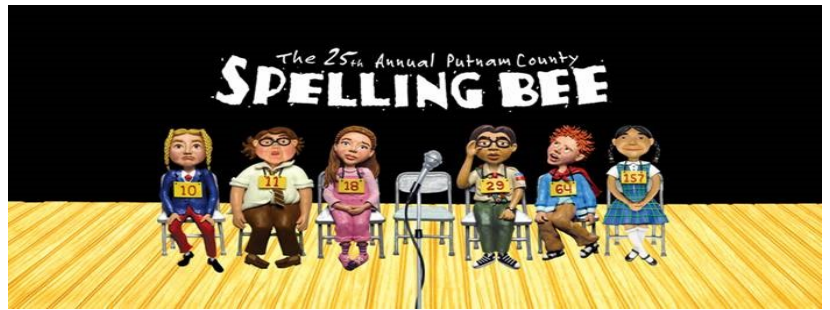


ART WORKS.

**National
Endowment
for the Arts**

arts.gov

Go to the theater!



Directed by Todd Hjelt with music direction by Gary Schmidt and choreography by Erika Schmidt, this musical centers on a spelling bee held in a middle school gym where six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee run by three equally quirky grownups.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19, May 25 & 26 at 7:30 pm and on Sunday May 20 & 27 at 2 pm. Tickets are available online at dorsetplayers.org

Thank you to our Sponsors – Vermont Renewable Fuels, Haskins Gas, Spivey Lemonik Swenor, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, Thebault Design, Vermont Country Store, Perfect Wife Restaurant and Tavern and VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region



SMALL TOWN....BIG THEATRE Visit: dorsettheatrefestival.org for tickets and information about the upcoming season!

2018 marks Dorset Theatre Festival's 41st season of theatre that matters. Don't miss our four main stage productions or our new Pipeline Series presentations to be announced soon...

Spring HHW is May 12th in Bennington:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

For Residents & Small Businesses of
Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Pownal,
Rupert, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and
Woodford



Saturday May 12, 2018
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Bennington Transfer Station
904 Houghton Lane
Bennington, VT 05201

The collection is free for residents. Proof of residency will be required. Small businesses must pre-register and prepay for the amount delivered by April 27, 2018.

WHAT TO BRING: Any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. Examples include:

Cleaners (Drain, Bathroom, Toilet, Oven, Carpet, Upholstery), Bleach, Disinfectants	Oil Based & Latex Paint, Lead Based Paint	Gasoline, Kerosene
Glues, Adhesives, Resins	Stains, Varnishes, Turpentine, Shellac	Antifreeze, Brake, Transmission, Radiator, Wiper Fluids
Floor, Metal, Furniture Polishes	Wood Preservatives, Fillers, Putty, Adhesives	Engine Degreaser, Cleaners
Hobby/Art Supplies, Photo Chemicals	Paint Stripper, Thinner, Solvents	Car Cleaners, Wax, Polishes
Mercury Items, Including Switches, Thermometers, Thermostats, Fluorescent Tubes And Compact Fluorescent Lamps	Acids, Alcohol, Lighter Fluid	Pesticides, Insect Sprays, No-Pest Strips, Flea And Tick Control
Nail Polish or Remover, Perfume, Hairsprays and Aerosols, Air Fresheners	Roofing tar, Creosote	Herbicides, Fungicides, Fertilizers
Alkaline And Rechargeable Batteries, Auto And Mower Batteries	Creosote, Asphalt, Driveway Sealer	Muriatic Acid, Naphtha, Camphor, Mothballs
Pool chemicals		

This event **DOES NOT ACCEPT** televisions and computers. However, these are accepted at the transfer station during normal hours free of charge. In addition, used motor oil, propane tanks, furniture, bulky items, mattresses, scrap metal, tires, or appliances are accepted for a fee at the transfer station during regular hours. Visit:

<https://www.casella.com/locations/bennington-vt-transfer> for more information

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Prescription drugs, sharps (i.e., needles), dried and hardened latex paint, radioactive materials, smoke & carbon monoxide detectors, or explosives (ammunition & fireworks).

Compost Bin Sale – 2018

The Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance is selling two types of compost containers. This offer is for residents of the Towns of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Glastenbury, Manchester, Rupert, Pownal, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland and Woodford.

Soil Saver Composters for \$50.00. These provide an easy way to convert common yard and food waste into fertilizer that you can use in your garden, flowerbeds or to fertilize trees. The Soil Saver is 28” wide by 28” deep by 32” high and can serve a household of up to five people. The locking lid helps to keep animals out of the compost. There are two sliding doors for easy removal of compost and a self-watering lid feature.



Busch Kitchen Composter (\$10.00), These can be used to store food scraps in the kitchen until you can take them to your back-yard composter. It has a filter for eliminating odors and a capacity of 1.3 gallons.

We are taking orders now for distribution at two locations:

1. The Bennington Highway Garage on Orchard St. in Bennington on *May 8, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM*
2. The Yellow Barn in Arlington on *May 9, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM*

We will hold a brief workshop and question and answer session at each site from 4:00 to 4:30 PM and a Vermont Master Composter will be available for questions.

You can choose which site you can pick your order up from, until we sell out at that site, so check on that when you order. Quantities are limited. We cannot make special arrangements for pickup at any other location or outside of those times.

DORSET FIRE DISTRICT WELL SOURCE PROJECT:

In the most recent Sanitary Survey the State of Vermont required the Dorset Fire District to find a solution to the problem with lacking volumes of water to service the system. As a result of this, expansions of properties on DFD water have been halted.

At this point DFD has acquired a site in the village, drilled the initial well, and will begin pump testing the well very soon. The project timeline has been pushed along as fast as possible under the State permitting guidelines. Water Quality and pump testing information will likely be finished by the end of May/early June. After this design and construction for connecting to the system will round out with the eventual connection to the water system. At this point the target timeline for the new water source to come online is the end of September/early October 2018. There are still points along the way that could slow this process down, but DFD is hopeful that the timeline will be met.

After the new water source is brought online DFD will commission a “hydraulics study” to provide a baseline for planning future system improvements. One early focus will be on multi user service lines and possible upgrades needed to regain fire department use of hydrants in the Village.

On May 7th there will be an informational meeting at the Fire House at 7pm to further detail the projects that will be included in the \$700,000 bond. The Bond vote will take place on May 14th from 10am to 7pm at the Dorset Fire House. This will be followed on May 14th at 7pm by the Dorset Fire District Annual Meeting.

Town Clerk's Corner

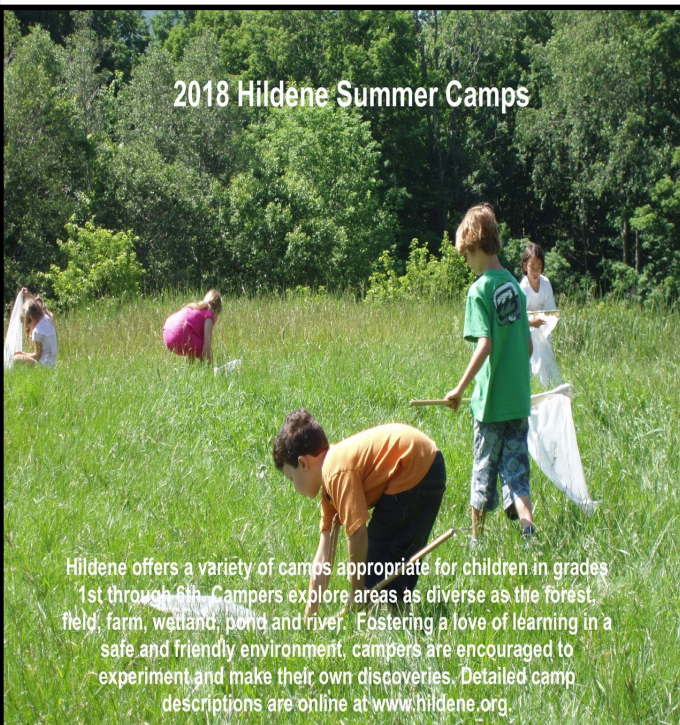
The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the recording of all land records, maintaining all vital records, supervising elections, dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

- ◆ Dog Licenses were due by **APRIL 1st**: Dog Licenses are \$11.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$15.00 if the dog is not spayed or neutered. Proof of a current rabies vaccine is required. After April 1st the fees increase to \$14.00 and \$20.00

Recent Property Transfers (Dec. 2017 to present)

Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:	Assessed Value:
Robbins	Campney	2798 Morse Hill Rd	\$450,000	\$639,400
Greenberg	Clark	184 Windward South	\$390,000	\$375,000
Devenish	Boudreau	390 Owls Head Hill	\$810,000	\$1,005,800
Engard	Dillon	75 Timberbrook	\$285,000	\$315,400
Veniero	Cesar	2438 Danby Mountain	\$159,600	\$221,500
Steinberg	Erbland	322 Green Peak Orchard	\$500,000	\$621,300
Nassivera	Kenny	18 Marsh Lane	\$610,000	\$636,600
Sheedy	Levine	80 Leary Lane	\$119,000	\$154,300
Van Dyk	Mellor	751 Black Rock Lane	\$265,000	\$392,300
Kutchukian	McIntyre	362 Morse Hill Rd	\$192,600	\$185,300
Sands-Miller	Powell	397 Fern Hill	\$750,000	\$952,000
Gregory	Ross	143 Spring Hill	\$570,000	\$592,240
Edholm	Sailer	147 Mad Tom Rd	\$315,000	\$341,400
Troumbley	Thebault	o Peach Street	\$24,720	\$48,000
Aptekar	Theophilopoulos	633 McNamara	\$245,000	\$523,400

Questions? Call 362-4571 x 2 , Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, MMC, CVC



2018 Hildene Summer Camps

Hildene offers a variety of camps appropriate for children in grades 1st through 6th. Campers explore areas as diverse as the forest, field, farm, wetland, pond and river. Fostering a love of learning in a safe and friendly environment, campers are encouraged to experiment and make their own discoveries. Detailed camp descriptions are online at www.hildene.org.

2018

Green Mountain Conservation Camp

It's time to register for the **2018 Green Mountain Conservation Camp** at Lake Bomoseen, or Buck Lake this coming summer. Camp stays are filling up fast! **REGISTER NOW!!** The application process is simple, and done completely online. For Youths ages 12-16 years of age these week long camps are owned and operated by the State of Vermont, and offer hands-on learning experiences about fish, wildlife, ecology, botany, forestry, hunter firearm safety, outdoor first aid, and so much more. Visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com to find camp availability and then follow the application process.

90% scholarships are available through the Manchester Rod & Gun Club For all Youths within a 30 mile radius of Manchester, VT. All you have to do is contact Club Member Carol Dupont at 362-5556, and request your \$225 scholarship authorization prior to filling out the online camp registration form.

If you need help with the online application, a Rod & Gun Club Representative will help you.

Town of Dorset

112 Mad Tom Road
PO Box 715
East Dorset, VT 05253

Phone: 802-362-4571
Fax: 802-362-5156
Email: townmanager@gmail.com
Website: www.dorsetvt.org

VERMONT Summer Festival



COMING SOON!

DORSET IS HOME TO THE
VERMONT SUMMER HORSE
FESTIVAL
LEARN MORE AT:
VT-SUMMERFESTIVAL.COM

Spring Events in and around Dorset

DORSET CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



**SATURDAY
APRIL 28 2016**

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

**Outside Sales Begin at 8:30 am
NO EARLY-BIRD SHOPPING!**

RECREATION INFO:

Dorset Residents:

Did you know the Town offers a discount on:
MPR Summer Programs

- Long Trail Summer Programs
- Free Entry at Emerald Lake State Park
- Recreation Scholarships
- Swim Lessons at Lawrence School

How to claim the discount:

Simply fill out the reimbursement form with proof of payment and residency and the Town will send you a check for the discount. Reimbursement forms can be found online at www.dorsetvt.org or can be picked up and dropped off at the Town Office or emailed to: townmanager@gmail.com



Lunch time

Lecture Series:

April 19 — Dr. Robert Treat — Changes in the Northshire Over 75 Years

May 17 — Nora Rubenstein — The Art of Spinning

June 21 — Michelle Pagan — The Art of Textile

Hikes

June 16 — Art Gilbert & Jon Mathewson — Gettysburg Quarry and Owl's Head Meet at DHS 9:00am

June 23 — Art Gilbert & Jon Mathewson — Freedley Quarry Meet at DHS 9:00am

PO Box 52 · Route 30 at Kent Hill Road
Dorset, VT 05251 USA · 802-867-0331

E-mail: info@dorsetvthistory.org

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 10-4 p.m.

Saturday, 10-2 p.m.

2018 Burr and Burton Summer Camps



Register at camps.burrburton.org