

# BENSON *Bulletin*

Community Newsletter  
Benson, VT

JULY | AUGUST 2024



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We are now offering an email COLOR version of the Benson Bulletin.

We realize a lot of folks in town either don't "do" email, or don't have a good internet connection, but the goal is to reduce the size of the mailing (and therefore the cost to the town of printing and postage).

We want everyone who wants one, to get one, whether through email or regular mail.

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Those names not submitted for an email version will remain on the mailing list and continue to receive the paper version.

There is a Benson Bulletin page on the website, and it has all the recent editions online. Each edition will be available as a pdf file. This will be another option for people to read it. If you don't want email, and you don't want it mailed, you will still be able to access it through the website. So send an email or call the Town Office if you want your name removed entirely.

Or drop us a line just to let us know what you think of the "new and improved" Benson Bulletin!

## BENSON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tuesday 10 am to 1 pm  
Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Every 2nd Monday (Senior Lunch) 10:30 am to 1:30 pm



Follow us on Facebook: [Benson Vermont Public Library](#)

### New in Childrens:

*Who Pooped on Me?* Author: David Cunliffe

*The Story of Ferdinand* Author: Munro Leaf

### New in Juniors:

*Lemonade Wars* Author: Jacqueline Davies

### New in Adults:

*Gather* Author: Kenneth M. Cadow    *Lessons in Chemistry* Author: Bonnie Garmus

*The Cemetery of Untold Stories* Author: Julia Alvarez

*Remarkably Bright Creatures* Author: Shelby Van Pelt

*Dreamland* Author: Nicholas Sparks    *City of Girls* Author: Elizabeth Gilbert

Visit [Benson Vermont Public Library on Facebook](#) for book updates!

Did you know... There is still time to sign up for Summer Reading Bingo –  
just stop in at the library to learn more!

**Thank you to everyone that helped and to those who attended our Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!**



## BENSON VILLAGE SCHOOL - Go BEARS!

Here's the scoop for July & August!

New BVS Staff:



Mrs. Bethany Link will be joining the BVS family this fall as our 3rd Grade Teacher

Due to student numbers, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will run as single grades for 2024 - 2025. Our 4th - 6th grades will be departmentalized again with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Schuyler. Mrs. Schuyler will teach 4th, 5th, and 6th grade math/Social Studies, while Mrs. Miller will teach ELA and Science to 4th, 5th, and 6th at each grade. Both educators have done a masterful job of providing our older students with direct, grade-level instruction.

104 students will be walking through the door on August 28th!

Our Back-To-School visit is planned for Monday, August 26th from 3:30 - 5 pm. This will be a very informal event as staff will not be working on classroom spaces until Tuesday but we welcome families to stop by and say "Hello!" and pick up their child(rens') beginning of school paperwork packet.

Benson will be hosting the SVUVT Board meeting on October 21st @ 6:30 pm so mark your calendars.

With the budget passing on the 5th vote, we are excited to announce that for the 7th year, our families do not need to purchase any supplies (other than a water bottle) for their children to start the school year off. We continue to pull from the supply created 6+ years ago when individual classrooms were culled.

Our playground is open to the public and we welcome families to come and enjoy the field, play some frisbee, or just kick a ball around. The parking lot is great for learning to ride a bike!

Amy Roy M.Ed., Principal, Benson Village School Please visit our website: <http://benson.svuvt.org>  
Also, check out our Facebook page!



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## JULY

- 4 Town Offices Closed Independence Day
- 8 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 8 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 17 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm
- 22 Select Board Meeting 7 pm

## AUGUST

- 2 Family Day Block Dance 6-10 pm
- 4 Family Day & Benson Burdock Festival
- 5 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 12 Senior Lunch 12 noon
- 13 Town Offices Closed / Voting (State Primary)
- 19 Select Board Meeting 7 pm
- 21 Reading Group (Benson Library) 4 pm



# Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day! Sunday, August 4, 2024, Rain or Shine

We invite you to be a part of Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day! This day is open to everyone and anyone, you do not have to be from Benson to participate!

Come celebrate with us!



Benson Family Day is upon us! Come on out and celebrate the community! You can start your day off with a little shopping at our farmers market while listening to music provided by Bill Moore Music. Vendors will be up and running by 10 a.m. This year's theme is Welcome to the Jungle!

We are kicking off Benson Family Day with the Block Dance on Friday, August 2 from 6-10 pm. Come on out and get in the mood with a "block" dance on the town lawn! Music will be provided by Bill Moore of Pittsford. Concession food will

be available to purchase. The music begins at 6 pm.

The parade line up begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, with kick off at 11:00. Do you have what it takes to be the best there is? There will be prize money for the top 3 floats. New this year to honor our own beloved Dr. Nancy, we will honor her with the pet section. Bring your best show animals, whether it be equine, bovine, feline or any other animal to compete for prizes.

Back by popular demand this year will be the sawdust pile. Come dig for the hidden treasure. There will be two different age group digs, 12:30-12:45 will be for our littlest people, ages 2-5. At 12:50, our older children, ages 6-10 will be able to dig for their jungle treasure.

Benson United Church will be holding their annual tag sale from 9:00-1:00, along with doing a hymn sing at 10:00. The Benson Library will be holding their annual book sale... be sure to check their [Facebook page](#) for more information!

And let's not forget the Burdock's! You can enter all 3 categories or just one. The categories consist of Tallest, Theme Related and Most Creative. Burdock entries must be brought to the front of the town offices no later than 9:30.

Ongoing all day will be face painting, selfie photo booth, the big air bounce house with double slide, t-shirt sales, door prizes (must visit the t-shirt booth to get a ticket), cotton candy, popcorn, music and vendor sales.

Follow us on [Facebook at Benson Burdock Festival & Family Day](#) for updates! If you are interested in being a part of the vendor market, or for any other questions or inquiries, contact Sue Brown at 537-4474 or by email at [redwolf363@aol.com](mailto:redwolf363@aol.com)



# BENSON READING GROUP

The reading group will meet at the library on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss *The Marsh Queen* by Virginia Hartman. Loni Mae Murrow's life as a bird artist at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, is tidy, until she's abruptly summoned back home to the wetlands of northern Florida, where she grew up. Her mother, critical and difficult, has grown frail and been resentfully consigned to assisted living, and her younger brother, Phil, needs her help. Going through her mother's things when she returns, Loni finds a cryptic note from a woman whose name she doesn't recognize: "There are some things I have to tell you about Boyd's death," it reads. Boyd is her father, who drowned in a boating accident out on the marsh when Loni was twelve and Phil just a baby. She finds herself drawn into a dangerous quest to discover the truth about how he died. At last moved to avenge the wrongs done to her family, Loni has to decide whether to join the violence or end it.

The reading group will meet at the library on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Alison Pataki. Marjorie's journey began gluing cereal boxes in her father's barn as a young girl. No one could have predicted that C. W. Post's Cereal Company would grow into the General Foods empire and reshape the American way of life, with Marjorie as its heiress and leading lady. Before turning thirty she amassed millions, becoming the wealthiest woman in the United States. But it was her life-force, advocacy, passion, and adventurous spirit that led to her stunning legacy. And yet Marjorie's story, though full of beauty and grandeur, set in the palatial homes she built such as Mar-a-Lago, was equally marked by challenge and tumult. She was a wife four times over.

Copies of the books are available in the library.  
You are welcome to join us for an interesting discussion.

## The Town of Benson is Now Online!

You may have heard that the Town of Benson has a new website. It is located at [www.bensonvermont.gov](http://www.bensonvermont.gov) and it's our hope that you can use it to find all the town information you need in one location on the internet.

Features include: a calendar with all select board meetings, town clerk payment reminders, and other town events; a comprehensive list of town documents, including agendas and meeting minutes; links to schools, emergency management and local places of interest; and of course, Latest News and Current Updates to keep you informed.

In addition, we have started an official Facebook page. You can find it by searching Facebook for [Town of Benson, Vermont](#). We hope to use Facebook, in conjunction with our website, to get timely information out to the people of Benson, including weather-related info, emergency management, and public events.

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## NUMBER, PLEASE

Where can the Town reach you? A landline? Then we're okay. But we won't have your cell phone number unless you give it to us. Email information is a great time-saver, also. We have already collected some of these, but we still have a lot missing.

Your contact information is especially important for the upcoming reappraisal, and will save lister time and money doing our part to schedule appointments and notify you of reappraisal happenings.

Catch the listers at the office, call at 537-2614, or email your information to the office at [listers@shoreham.net](mailto:listers@shoreham.net). Reach the Town Clerk at [bensonclerk@myottmail.com](mailto:bensonclerk@myottmail.com), or call 537-2611.

# 2024 BENSON SCHOLARSHIPS

## Benson Community Scholarship

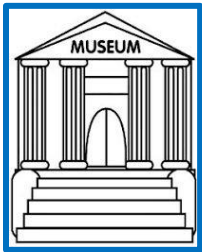


In recognition of the fact that small rural communities thrive most effectively when citizens are involved, the Town of Benson votes to honor a qualifying senior who has made a significant contribution to our community with a \$1000 scholarship. This year, thanks to generous donations, we were able to honor two students. The awards went to Breanna Munger, daughter of Dan and Mary Ann Munger and Katrin Shaw, daughter of Eric and Christina Shaw.

## Eaves Memorial Scholarship

Funded by a private donation, this scholarship awards \$1000 grants to two young women from Benson planning to pursue further education. The scholarships went to Breanna Munger and Katrin Shaw.

Congratulations to all of the Benson eighth-graders and FHUHS seniors (and their families)! Best of luck to you all in achieving your goals for the future.



## **Benson Museum**

The Benson Museum summer hours are 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays or by appointment. We will be open on Family Day from 10 a.m.-1 p.m

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- Benson Perch Pond ~ one acre unimproved lot with 150 ft of your own private pond access. Soils do not perc but great spot for your camper/tent.. offered for \$50,000
- Benson ~ 2.5 acre unimproved lot with lots of privacy. Dirt road location, lots of possibilities! offered for \$35,000
- Benson wooded 97 acres. This lot has marketable timber including hardwoods and softwoods. Terrain is varied with level areas and steeper slopes. Property is private and located on a year round dirt road, call for further details
- West Haven 124 acres of beautiful farmland. 60 acres of hayland and 60 acres of woods with plenty of Hubbardton River frontage. \$275,000

### **New Listings in Benson:**

- 2 unit completely renovated Apartment House, both units presently rented. Good income and investment! Located in downtown Benson on a one acre lot, room to grow! \$329,000
- Benson 5 bedroom 3 bath 2 story Colonial with large attached shop. Owner has done some nice renovations including interior paint, new kitchen, wiring, plumbing and more. \$259,000
- Benson Country Home on 40 mostly wooded acres. This double wide home has been well cared for and is an overbuilt display model with many extras. A 3 bedroom 2 bath well-insulated home with large inviting living area with Fireplace. New heat pump/AC unit and generator, plus propane heat make it an easy and affordable comfy home. There is an additional rustic cabin ideal for a shop or renovate it for additional living space. Home is tucked up in the woods offering plenty of privacy, and wildlife. \$349,000

*Give Jeanne a call for a "no-obligation" confidential chat!*



*Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July to everyone,  
have a safe and fun summer!*



## Slate Valley Cares and Rutland County Free Clinic Partnership: Integrating Health and Nutrition

In May, Slate Valley Cares forged a new and promising partnership with the Rutland County Free Clinic (RCFC). This collaboration represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide comprehensive support to our community, addressing both food security and health needs.

Starting this month, RCFC will be hosting free health screenings at Slate Valley Cares. These screenings will be available to all members, providing vital health checks such as blood pressure, glucose levels, and blood oxygen levels. This initiative ensures that our community members have access to essential health services, promoting overall well-being.

Furthermore, RCFC will establish a permanent self-check station at our facility at 49 Main Street, Fair Haven. This station will be equipped with the necessary tools for members to monitor their health parameters regularly. By providing these resources, we empower individuals to take charge of their health, identify potential issues early, and seek appropriate medical care when needed.

In addition to the self-check station, RCFC will also participate in Slate Valley Cares food-related events whenever possible. This presence will underscore the intrinsic link between nutrition and health, educating our community on the importance of healthy eating habits. By integrating health screenings with food programs, we aim to create a holistic approach to well-being, recognizing that food security and health are deeply interconnected.

This partnership with RCFC is a testament to our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our community members. By providing access to health services alongside our existing programs, we offer a more comprehensive support system, addressing multiple facets of well-being.

### Green Up Day Success!

The tire disposal container was a huge hit (we actually filled 3.5 of them!), the town estimates there were at least 75 garbage bags collected. Thank you to the CATS Club for their efforts once again – they reported 45 bags, and also to the local Girl Scouts for their help.

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## SENIOR LUNCH

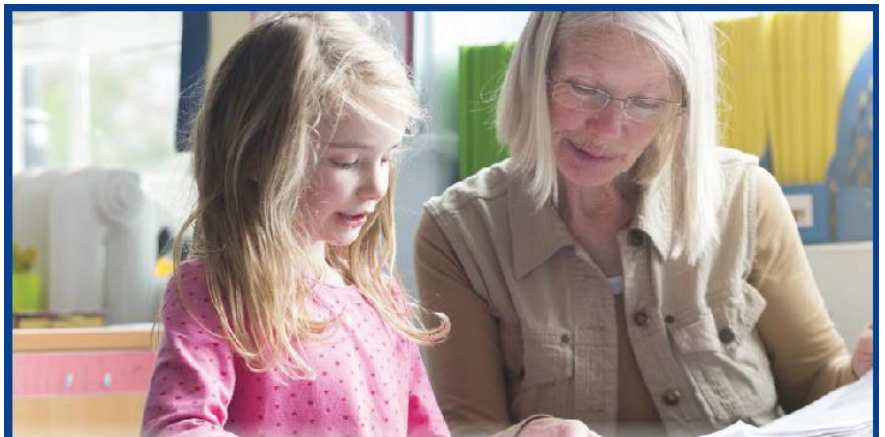
The traditional Senior Lunch will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. It's held in the Community Hall first floor. The cost for seniors, those over 60 years of age, is \$3.50 but families and friends under 60 are welcome as well for \$4.00. Please reach out to Marcia Anderson to make reservations by the Friday before at 802-537-2313.



## Bone Builders

Meets on Monday and Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Community Hall. The program is free and weights are provided. Strength training exercises will improve bone mineral density and help prevent fractures, help strengthen your core and prevent or delay cognitive decline. Less than an hour of strength training per week may reduce risk of heart attack and stroke by 40 to 70%!

If you wish to join our group, call 802-537-3021.



Join the Green Mountain Foster Grandparent Program today. Our program is open to income eligible individuals age 55+ who can serve 10 or more hours per week in a classroom setting. You do not need formal experience in mentoring or tutoring. Foster Grandparent Volunteers assist in the development of social skills, reading skills, math skills, motor development, and independence. Benefits include: a non-taxable hourly stipend, mileage to and from



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## Benson Village General Store update:

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10th, at 6:30 in the church basement. We will be introducing our new project manager, Elisabeth Kulas! Many of you may know Elisabeth from the work she did on the senior housing project behind the church. She brings a vast wealth of knowledge and experience to our project.

There will be a lot to discuss. We have a Request For Proposal out to a number of architectural firms so that we can get initial drawings and a more accurate idea of the cost of this project, This information is critical for fundraising. We are in the process of writing up a Letter of Intent to purchase the site.

We also made the first cut for a very promising community trust grant! We should know the final results by August.

In the very near future, we will have to address some very important decisions. Such as, what to do with the existing gas pumps, and whether or not to attempt housing on the second floor. For this reason, we would like as much input as possible from everyone on the committee. Now is the time to make your opinions known!

Anyone who would like to attend, but can't make the meeting in person - I will send out a zoom link.

Hope to see you all there *(from Jean McKeever)*

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