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We hope you enjoy it.
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Roxbury's Independence Day
Sunday, July 3rd, 10am - 2pm!
by Mary Bouchard

The day's events are coming together, thanks to the many wonderful volunteers
and donations!

The parade begins at 10am, followed by a bake sale, rummage sale, book sale, and of
course the famous chicken BBQ. We also have a local Talent Exhibit, with over a dozen
entries so far, and we are still working to get live entertainment... if you or anyone you
know is musically inclined and would like to play for a crowd, we would be happy to
have you. There are several new floats this year, as well as some from past years includ-
ing tractors and trucks. You will see fire engines, a pair of oxen, Windridge campers,
classic cars, horses and decorated bikes.

The chicken BBQ will start around 11am, and the Volunteer Fire Department will be
up and cooking first thing that morning. Tickets for lunch are \$8 for children, \$10 for
seniors, and \$12 for adults. All proceeds will benefit the RVFD.

The church will accept donations for the rummage sale beginning June 21st, and the sale
will run from 9am-5pm on July 3rd. A handcrafted quilt by Susan D'Amico (shown at
left) will be raffled off at the end of the day.

The library will pick the winning tickets for its annual raffle at 2pm, so be sure to buy
that lucky ticket! The library trustees are accepting baked goods at the firehouse starting
at 10am on the morning of the 3rd. Bring us your best creations to satisfy everyone's
sweet tooth!

The local Talent Exhibit will be held in the RVS cafeteria/Town Hall, where you can
witness the amazing talents of our friends and neighbors. Planning for our Village Park
is underway; walk around the site and view the future plans.

Looking forward to everyone reconnecting and enjoying the day!
For any questions or suggestions please contact Mary Bouchard at 485-5585 🏠



Giant water slide at RVS! The PTO rented a 22-foot inflatable water slide from Sky High Slides and Such
for the school's annual field day on June 6.



Raffle Quilt by Susan D'Amico



Roxbury PTO

Roxbury PTO finished up the year with a splash! We rented a 22-foot inflatable water slide from Graniteville company Sky High Slides and Such for the school’s annual field day on June 6. The kids were so surprised and excited!

We also provided movie cards to Capitol Theater in Montpelier to the 5 RVS 4th grade graduates, and bug-catching kits for the graduating preschoolers!

And we took part in the last postcard brigade of the school year--the brigade created messages of appreciation for every MRPS district staff member on a monthly basis. Stay tuned for more opportunities to get involved next year!

We are holding a short meeting on Wednesday 6/22 5pm at the school playground to finalize plans for our participation in the July 3rd Parade and start talking about next year. Do you have ideas? Please share with us! What type of activities would you like to support in the school? What type of fundraisers should we hold? How can we connect better to the other Montpelier Roxbury parent-caregiver groups?

Some thoughts include: creating a teacher wishlist, supporting a trip to an apple orchard, holding a wreath fundraiser, sponsoring a movie night at the school, and pulling together a duck race fundraiser for July 2023. So many great ideas, but we need your support to get it done. Consider how you can get involved. Any effort, big or small, is appreciated. Email us at roxburypto@gmail.com.

Thanks!
Chris and Kelly 🏠



“Summertime” by Heidi Albright

Summer School

*That leaf taught me
by floating and falling,
fluttering and fluctuating
that the tiniest thing casts a shadow*

*The sunlight descending behind the mountain
showed how quickly my long shadow
disappears from its path on the lawn
blade by blade*

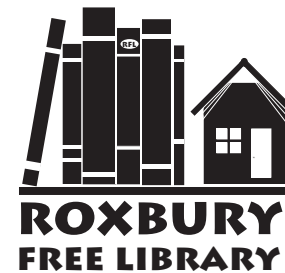
*What my grandsons teach me:
When behind my back they dart
Faster than light
From one side to another
As my neck swivels to catch them --
Despite all appearances
They are somewhere near*

*In the dark night
my cat’s steady purr sounding before her
announces her arrival on my bed
and
sometimes when she’s asleep
her tail alone
curving here and there
responds
to the nonsense I am speaking*

(“Now it’s the dog’s turn,” says a grandson)

*What the dog teaches me:
That most of what we want to say
can be said
wordlessly
Those eyes*

-Jane Pincus 🏠



Roxbury Free Library Notes

Summer Reading

You did it parents, you got the kids through one more school year. Now, to get them through one more summer... Lucky for you the RFL is a great resource in fighting off boredom. Plus, we’re a great force in supporting learning. Let the RFL help you both entertain and educate your kiddos this summer. We’re expecting to host an informal youth book club meeting regularly at the RFL on Tuesdays in July and maybe into August if interest holds. We haven’t heard from as many early-literacy parents (i.e. PreK and K), but would be happy to organize some regular early literacy activities if there is interest. We are planning a couple youth programs for the second half of August to conclude the regular gatherings. Commit to as much or as little as makes sense to you. Summer Reading Logs and other information are available at the RFL now. Please reach out with any questions. Also, as always we have passes available to borrow to gain you either free or reduced admission to institutions across Vermont. You can borrow from the RFL a pass to access ECHO, VINS, Shelburne Farms, State Parks & Historic Sites, and the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center. Please contact us with any questions.

We’ve heard rumblings that the old book club may be building up interest in reigniting their regular meetings. Are you interested in joining a reading club in town? Please let us know.

July 4th Fundraisers

On July 3rd there will be a fundraiser **Bake Sale** with multitudes of great products to top off your BBQ lunch at the Fire Station. Also on July 3rd is a **Book Sale** which will be held at the Community Center. Hours will likely be 10:00 - 2:00 or so. Donations can be dropped off at the Community Center either on the 2nd or the morning of the 3rd (you can leave them on the porch if no one is there on the 2nd). Please note, the following items will not be accepted: magazines, encyclopedias, text books, VHS tapes. What great finds will you leave with?

The RFL Board of Trustees has organized another fantastic fundraiser **Raffle** for you to bid upon. We have been selling tickets since Green Up Day and the winners will be drawn at the end of the book sale on July 3rd. Winners do not need to be present to win their prize. Any questions, please contact the RFL.

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20

Prizes include:

- Golf Package (nine holes of golf at the Northfield Country Club for two players, includes a cart rental and two boxes of golf balls (Northfield))
- Tea lover’s Selection and Tea strainer from Sweet Fern Gardens (Roxbury)
- \$100 worth of assorted cuts of beef from Flint Brook Farm (Roxbury)
- \$100 gift certificate to Frazier’s Greenhouse (Roxbury)
- \$100 gift certificate to Bear Pond Books (Montpelier)
- \$100 gift certificate to Katie’s Jewels (Montpelier)

Tickets are available at:

- Roxbury Free Library during business hours
- Roxbury Country Store
- Northfield Farmers’ Market
- RFL Book Sale on July 3rd

Garden Tour

Between 10:00 and 2:00 on July 9 come spend a few hours visiting with your community members and seeing what they’re growing this summer. We are organizing a tour of the flower and vegetable gardens throughout the community. Are you interested in having your garden in the tour? Great! Please reach out to the RFL and we’ll get you in the tour directory. All that is required is that you be around your garden during the tour hours. Maps will be available through the RFL. No RSVP required for participants.

Finally, since our last issue went out, nearly every day there has been on average one new item added to the RFL collection. We currently have 8271 items for you to access. So many good things to take advantage of. See you at the RFL soon, or give us a call or send an email if home delivery is how you want to access the collection.

Your RFL staff,
Ryan, Caitlyn, and Lisa 🏠



Church Rummage Sale

Please don’t forget to check out the Roxbury Church Rummage Sale on Sunday, July 3rd, open from 9am to whenever people stop showing up. 🏠