



Happenings



BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Reminder to the Community on VTP Events at the Clubhouse:

The Clubhouse Committee is our first-line ensemble that originates and organizes many of our community events, but it cannot be expected to create and provide an exhaustive list. That is why the Board refined both the role of committees as detailed in the VTP Handbook and the types of clubhouse events as detailed in the Clubhouse Rules (both posted on the VTP website). Here you will find the description of **Community-wide Non-exclusive Events - YOUR chance to define a clubhouse event.** Once it is approved and put in place, you have the Clubhouse Committee available to help answer your event questions, as well as the Communication Committee's full support for advertising and promotion. YOU ARE NOT ALONE! So be creative and contribute to the whole community.

Sunday, March 8th



**THANK
YOU!**

Without anyone asking him, Lee Vellieux has been faithfully taking the Clubhouse garbage and recycling cans out and back every week.

Stephen Umbro's son, Jeffrey Umbro, has made a long-term loan of his PA system to the VTP Clubhouse and Board.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE:

Game Night: Tuesday, March 3rd from 6:30-8:30. Game Night is the first Tuesday of the month.



BOWLING: The VTP Bowlers are eager for more residents to join in the fun. They typically meet at 3:30 at the Exeter Bowling Alley. Questions? - contact Denice Anderson 603 759 5622

BOOK CLUB:

March's book, *The Heavan and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride, will be discussed on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 PM. Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 PM. If you want to get a headstart, April's book is *My Friends* by Fredrick Backman. The books are available at the Mary E. Bartlett Library.

Maintenance Committee:

The Maintenance Committee reminds us of this update regarding propane gas.

Our unit's burn propane gas in different locations; the furnace, hot water heater, range and cooktop in some units, and the fireplace in some units. It has been a long, cold winter and these devices have been exercised, and the propane has been flowing. Propane gas is infused with a chemical (ethyl mercaptan) that will provide a "rotten egg" odor, some people refer to it as a "skunk odor", to warn you of a leak. Propane is 1.5 times heavier than air and will settle in low-lying areas.

Odor detection is a last line of defense. The Maintenance Committee recommends that a propane gas detector be installed on each level of your unit. There are numerous detectors available locally at Lowe's (First Alert), Home Depot (Kidde), Walmart (Kidde & GasKnight), and via the online approach at Amazon (numerous 2 pack and three pack) and other distributors. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when installing the propane detector.

If you detect the propane odor:

EVACUATE

- Do not use your cell phone or use light switches as they cause sparks

CALL 911 and then call Palmer Gas and Oil (your supplier) at 603-898-7986.

SHUT OFF GAS

- If you know where the valves are located and are confident in doing so, shut off the gas at the tank or as it enters the unit.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

HURRAY! The long-awaited **VTP Directory** is available for residents to register their contact information. On February 18th an email blast was sent to all residents with a link to a Survey Monkey form. All residents who wish to be included in the VTP Directory need to complete the form. Detailed information can be found in that email. The Directory will be solely for VTP residents' private use (**it must not be shared with any outside entity**) and will be made available to all residents. Following is the same link. **[VTP DIRECTORY FORM](#)**

The Communications Committee invites you to enter the **VTP Photo Calendar Competition**. Submit any photo taken of the VTP for a chance to appear in our 2027 VTP Calendar. The calendar will be available for purchase (at cost) at the end of 2026. Submitted photos will be displayed at the 2026 Annual Meeting where all residents can vote for their favorites.

Requirements: Photos must be taken on VTP grounds. • Photos must be in JPEG format. • We need images representing all seasons. • Please do not include people. • Submission grants VTP rights to use your photo in the calendar. • Unlimited photo submissions. • No restrictions on when photos were taken. • Start date is now. Last day to submit photos is September 15, 2026. (This will give us time to print and create a display for voting at the Annual Meeting.) • Submit photos to VTPNHClubhouse@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting information to be included in the monthly **Happenings** will be the 24th of each month, except for the months when **The Heron** is published (January, April, July and October).

VTP Marketplace: VTP Marketplace is for things you need, want to sell, wish to find a good home for, etc. Contact Michele Bergeron at mjbergeron603@gmail.com to have it posted. • Include your contact information, and we will post it. We request that whatever you post is from a VTP community member.



- Priced at \$31,500
- One-owner Blue 2021 Jeep Gladiator Overland truck (off-road rated 4WD, though only has highway miles)
- 6-cylinder engine with 6-speed Manual Transmission (<30,000 miles)
- Insulated Body-colored hardtop (with removeable top panels & sliding rear window)
- Top-of-the-line (manufacturer-installed) Audio
- Body-colored fenders; Bed lining & hard bed cover
- Weathertech floor mats (front and rear) & backseat cover
- Convertible top; Trailer hitch
- Dealer-provided Paint Protection & undercoating – entire vehicle
- Leather interior (saddle-colored) with protectant finish
- No rust, small dent in tailgate
- Regularly maintained at local dealer

Joe Massey
603-702-1049

Paula Furlong
781-254-5336

CONTRIBUTORS WANTED:

Do you entertain your friends with stories, have you done such interesting things or been to unique places? Why don't you write an article for **The Heron**? Two current topics are: 'Surprising Connections' (about VTP residents who've lived/worked in the same place in their lives before VTP) and 'Giving Back' (about volunteer experiences). Add your story to these topics or start a new theme. Send your article to John Edmonson at gargoyle783@aol.com .

VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED:

Volunteering is a boon to everyone. For our community, having volunteers reduces the costs of maintaining VTP as a fun, comfortable, and attractive place to live. The volunteers get a sense of fulfillment and camaraderie. Join the fun by volunteering for:

Insurance Committee – contact Gene Stilwell at Gene.Stilwell@comcast.net
Clubhouse Committee- contact Karen Dooley at karen_vtp@yahoo.com
Communication Committee – Michele Bergeron at mjbergeron603@gmail.com
Maintenance Committee- Jim Peschel at jmpeschel@hotmail.com

BRENTWOOD RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Please note that the new name for the Brentwood Rec Dept. is the **Brentwood Parks and Recreation Commission**. You may find information on Rec programs on the Commission's website, on the last page of the monthly Brentwood Newsletter, and at their office at Brentwood Town Hall. Upcoming events in **March** include a bus trip to the **Currier Gallery of Art** with a guided tour, and **Bingo** (1 to 3:30 pm) on March 17. Looking ahead, mark your calendar for a **spring luncheon** on April 8, the annual **Brentwood Gathering** on April 17 and the **Mother's and Others Brunch** on May 9. All are welcome. The Brentwood Rec Dept. is currently making plans for the 250th Anniversary Celebration. Information will be forthcoming.

BRENTWOOD TOWN:

All the following meetings will be held at Swasey Central School at 355 Middle Road. On March 2nd at 6 PM, the meeting discussing the School District budget and candidates will be held. On March 10th from 7 AM- 7PM, the **vote** on the School District Budget and Board Candidates will be held. **Brentwood's Town meeting** will be on March 14th at 9 AM, where warrants will be presented. Further information is in the February Brentwood Newsletter.

FOOD PANTRY:

NH state law requires all towns to have a food pantry and Brentwood's is located at Pilgrim Congregational Church, UCC, at 197 Middle Road. It is staffed and open on Thursdays from 1 to 3 PM. If you know of any Brentwood residents who need help paying for groceries, please tell them about this service. Those who cannot get to the pantry during the above hours should call Jacky at 617-413-9629 or Linda at 603-321-7724 to arrange a convenient time for food pickup.

VTP continues to be a very generous supporter of this project, especially in the areas of canned meat, hearty soups and other nonperishable sources of protein like peanut butter, nuts and beans. These items may be left in the bins at the back of the VTP kitchen.

Visit the VTP website to stay up to date! VTPNH.net **Keep your eyes open for a new password coming soon!**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Regards, Ruth Kogel 516 972 6996 Newsletter Team