



Lunenburg - Gilman Newsletter Volume 1 Issue 3 Summer 2025



This newsletter is the result of our work with the Vermont Council on Rural Development Task Force to Increase Community Events, Social Engagement, and Community Recreation.

Mission Statement: Our goal is to inform our community residents about activities, cultural and social events. We publish a newsletter four times a year. It is available at the Alden Balch Memorial Library, The Senior Center, The Lunenburg Variety Store, The Transfer Station, The Lunenburg and Gilman Post Offices as well as via email.

We invite members of committees, organizations, churches, and other groups to send us information about upcoming events (three months in advance) in time for us to publish the events. A suggested date by which to guarantee acceptance would be the following:

September 12th for the October-December Newsletter

December 12th for the January - March Newsletter

Please submit event information to email address:

lunenburggilman@gmail.com or by calling Carol Wenmark at (802) -892 -5914.

~~ If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter please send an email to the above address and we will add you to the list.

We welcomed a new Auxiliary Unit in Vermont for Moore- Fox Post #41 in Gilman and we appreciate the interest from the citizens as this will be another way to support the Gilman-Lunenburg Community while serving Veterans, military, their families and the community. Thank you to our 10 Auxiliary members who signed up and to our SAL member who will soon be helping to charter an SAL Squadron. If there is any more interest in seeing if you may be eligible to join the Post #41 American Legion family please reach out to me. In the Spirit of Service Not Self, [Corrinna E. Colson](#), ALA Executive Director **or**
Contact Carla Amadon by text at 1-802-535-2254




Summer Fun with Gilman Head Start!

Gilman Head Start will be hosting the following playgroups:

- June 7th** Messy Play 9:30-12
- June 18th** Playgroup 9:30-11am
- July 9th** Playgroup 9:30-11am
- July 23rd** Playgroup 9:30-11am
- August 2nd** Messy Play @ Old Home Day
Lunenburg Common
- August 6th** Playgroup 9:30-11am

All playgroups will be held at 2720 River Road unless otherwise noted



Office of
Head Start

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Please join us at 10:30 on the following Saturdays at
the Alden Balch Memorial Library

June 28th : Kick off summer at the community Hello Summer Event!

StoryWalk at **Fox Field at 10:00 (next to the Gilman School)**

July 5th: Local artist and board member, Elaine Rentz, will guide us
through an art project

July 12th : Local 4-H Ambassador, Liv Russo, will introduce us to
Frostbite, the calf and Snickers, the goat

July 19th : Come check out the Team O'Neil Race Car and meet one of
their drivers

July 26th : Celebrate your reading achievements with a pizza party

When you attend any of our Saturday events, you get a prize such as a fidget spinner and pop bracelet, just to name a few! When you participate in our "Read the Rainbow Summer Reading Challenge," you get additional prizes such as ice cream coupons, free books and fun art supplies.

Alden Balch Memorial Library
24 East Main Street
Lunenburg, VT 05906
802-892-5365

Questions? Reach out to Deb Thomas @ 802-224-6274
or Katie Carpenter @ 802-461-9027

2025 Lunenburg Community Volunteer Project



The Historic Gazebo on the Common in Lunenburg

This year we will be prepping for and painting the gazebo to revitalize one of Lunenburg's gems on the hill.

Are you interested in helping? Please let us know what day(s) and time(s) will work for you, weekdays or weekends! Call Chris at 802-892-6654 (landline with answering machine) or comments@topofthecommon.org

Connor Reynolds, a Life Scout in Troop 219, presented his Eagle Scout Service Project (benches for recreational enjoyment) at Lunenburg's Hello Summer event to Liz Benoit, Chair of Community Events, Recreation and Social Engagement.



OLD HOME DAY INFORMATION:

August 2 Lunenburg Old Home Day 9 AM to 3 PM on and around the common

It's an annual celebration of the town's history.

Activities for all ages, parade, vendors, live music, barbecue and more.

The theme is "Camping Fun"

For more information contact Dianne Peyton at 802-751-9279

or for parade info, Callie Smith at 603-991-7487

Community Garden located in Gilman, Vt behind Senior Center

Ambassador Girl Scout Hailey Williams has been working hard to earn her Gold Award. In collaboration with her project mentor, Sharon Eaton, and a dedicated team of volunteers, she has created a beautiful community garden and seating area behind the Gilman Senior Center.

The senior center will manage the garden this season, with the goal of involving community members in its upkeep starting next season. While the center is overseeing the garden for now, the fresh produce will still be available to community members.



For more details, please contact the Gilman Senior Center directly. Keep an eye out for an open house event this summer—everyone is welcome!

Celebrating Opportunities To Gather With One Another



April 18th Flashlight Egg Hunt saw 26 children. It was an enjoyable time for the youth hosted by Girl Scout Troop 30356. They received an anonymous donation to sponsor the event.



Gilman Head Start Hosted Touch a Truck event on May 2nd.

SO much fun at their Second Annual Touch-A-Truck Open House on Friday night!

A HUGE thank you to our community partners for bringing the vehicles 🍌



The Lunenburg Historical Society hosted an amazing concert on May 3rd. The Iron Sights 40th Army Band played to an enthusiastic crowd.

Members in attendance are looking forward to the band coming back to Lunenburg.



The Youth Focus Group met on Sunday, May 4th to learn about the two newly formed task forces and to start a youth outdoor trail crew to help with trail creation moving forward. They identified potential partners with the Lunenburg Elementary School, and are invited to attend task force meetings. The members joined community volunteers on May 17th and began making trail improvements to the wooded area between the former Gilman Middle School and the tennis court area., Members of the youth group are excited to share the word about the Hello Summer Celebration on June 28th.



On May 17th community members gathered at Fox Field to complete several projects. Those in attendance picked up trash, removed rusty broken pieces of culvert from the brook, removed rotted wood from the bleachers, dug up broken bases from the ballfield and refilled the holes. Additionally, benches were reinforced using salvageable boards from the old bleachers. The youth group joined in to begin work on improving the trails between the tennis court and the school house.



On Saturday, June 28th the community came out in support of the Hello Summer event hosted at the Fox Field in Gilman. Even though Mother Nature showered us a few times throughout the day, spirits were high and the energy was flowing.

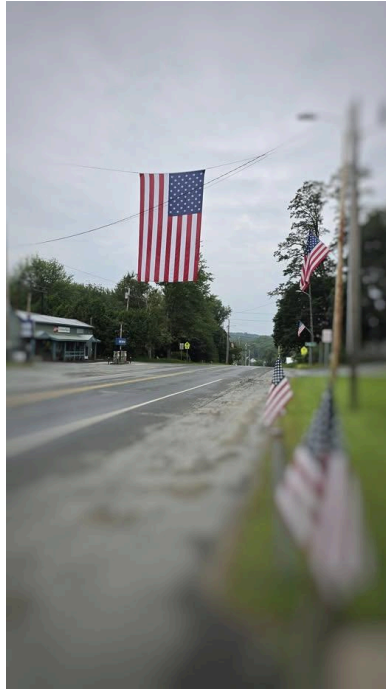
Save the Date

<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trekking on Tuesdays:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm</p> <p>Join neighbors and community members as we explore various routes and trails found within our community.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Where to Meet:</p> <p>1st & 3rd Tuesday meet at Gilman School parking lot.</p> <p>2nd & 4th Tuesday meet at Lunenburg Town Office parking lot.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays on the Common</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2:00 - 5:00</p>		<p>Visit local vendors each Wednesday. Fresh produce, eggs, baked goods, VT Maple Syrup, Flavored freshly Squeezed Lemonade and crafts.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Night Cornhole</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(beginning July 10th)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">on the lawn behind the Lunenburg Town Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 pm</p>		<p>For beginners and seasoned players alike, enjoy an opportunity to play cornhole with friends and neighbors.</p> <p>Some game boards will be on hand. You may also bring your own boards..</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drums Alive has moved to Fridays</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Gilman Middle School parking lot.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Drums Alive</p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is a fun way to exercise with music and friends.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet at the Gilman School every Friday at 5:30.</p>

July, 3rd 2025

5:00 pm

Hoist The US Flag over
US 2 in the Town of
Lunenburg



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community members to join
them in hoisting the flag.

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Anyone interested in putting
the smaller flags on the
utility poles along Main
Street, please contact
Carroll Macie.

July 12, 2025

6 pm -8:30 pm



Open Mic
@Congregational
Church building

July 15, 2025

Rail Corridor Meeting

6:00 pm

**At Gilman Senior
Center**



Presentation from Marianne
Borowski with Cross NH,
information on what they are
doing in NH

Meeting Held at the Gilman
Senior Center, 19 Parish St.
Gilman, VT

FMI contact ☐

lunenburgoutdoors@gmail.com

<p>July 19, 2025</p> <p>Headstone Preservation</p> <p>8:00 am</p>		<p>Join community members in preserving headstones at the Corner Cemetery. Work will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at 12:00 noon. FMI please contact Carroll Macie.</p>
<p>July 29, 2025</p> <p>Outdoor Recreation Asset Mapping Forum</p> <p>6:00 pm At Gilman Senior Center</p>		<p>We will meet to identify and record the many outdoor recreational assets our community has to offer. We encourage you to share your wealth of knowledge to enable us to prepare an accurate and comprehensive map of our outdoor recreation opportunities. FMI contact:</p> <p>lunenburgoutdoors@gmail.com</p>
<p>August 1st 2025</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>Hoist The US Flag over US 2 in the Town of Lunenburg</p> 		<p>Carroll Macie and “B” Thomas are inviting community members to join them in hoisting the flag.</p> <p>You do not need to have military service to volunteer .</p> <p>Anyone interested in putting the smaller flags on the utility poles along Main Street, please contact Carrol Macie.</p>

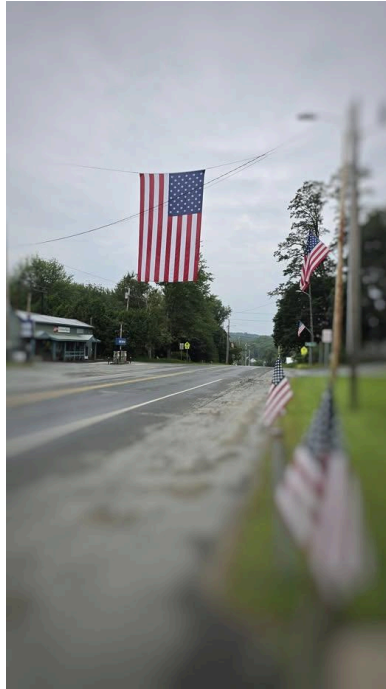
<p>OLD HOME DAY</p> <p>August 2, 2025</p>		<p>OLD HOME DAY sponsored by the Top Of The Common Committee.</p> <p>Reconnect with family, friends, and community members on this special day. You'll enjoy a parade, entertainment, stroll along the common to visit many vendors and so much more.</p> <p>FMI : www.topofthecommon.org</p>
<p>Covered Bridge Week</p> <p>August 2 - 9, 2025</p>		<p>Lunenburg shares the Mount Orne Bridge with our sister town, Lancaster, NH.</p> <p>Enjoy crossing through this historic landmark. Marvel at its architectural features.</p>
<p>August 9, 2025</p> <p>6 pm -8:30 pm</p>		<p>Open Mic @Congregational Church building</p>

<p>Rev Isadore H Fox</p> <p>Memorial Birthday Bash</p> <p>August 10th</p> <p>1 pm</p> <p>Gilman Public Gazebo</p>		<p>Please join us from 1-3PM on August 10th for live music and great food & beverages at the Public Gazebo in Gilman, VT.</p> <p>The featured band, Lake Effect, will be entertaining party goers from 1-3PM</p> <p>Complimentary Food catered by NEK Catering LLC</p> <p>Please bring a lawn chair</p> <p>Isadore LOVED a good party and so we want to honor her by doing something in her memory that she loved doing.</p>
<p>August 30th Town Wide Yard Sale</p> <p>Who: Any resident living in Gilman or Lunenburg.</p> <p>What: Community Wide Yard Sale happening the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend</p> <p>Where: Either at your personal residence or you may set up at the Gilman Bandstand or on the Common in Lunenburg.</p>	 <p>August 30th Town Wide Yard Sale</p>	<p>When: Saturday, August 30th 9am to 3pm</p> <p>How: Send an email to lunenburggilman@gmail.com with your name and address to be added to the master list before August 28th.</p>

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September 10, 2025

**R T T Task Force
Meeting**

6:00 pm



Monthly Meeting of the Recreation and Trails Task Force held at the Community Room at the Town Office Building

lunenburgoutdoors@gmail.com

September 13

**The Civil War
Hemlocks Re-enactor**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Discover what life was like on the battlefield during the Civil War as the Civil War Hemlocks set up on the Common in Lunenburg.

At 2:00 pm Howard Coffin presents *Vermont Women in the Civil War*.

September 13, 2025

6 pm -8:30 pm



Open Mic
@Congregational
Church building

September 20th

Grub on the Green

Noon to 2pm

Live music

Bring a dish to share



Hosted by Top of
the Common
Committee.

For more info:

www.topofthecommon.org

Lunenburg - Gilman Placemakers Where Great Things Happen

The Alden Balch Memorial Library



Tuesday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Wednesday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Story hour 10:30 am



Meetings Held At The Library:

Historical Society
7/16 @ 6:30 pm
8/20 @ 6:30 pm
9/17 @ 6:30 pm

Top Of the Common Committee
@ 2 pm 7/5, 8/9 and 9/16



At the Alden Balch Memorial Library

Local resident, Kat Colby, is offering educational services and support for all.

Services offered: Adult Diploma Program, GED Skill Building, Career Navigation, Support with College Classes, Computer Basics and more

Mondays & Tuesdays 9:00am - 1:00pm

Contact us at: 802-748-5624

katrin.colby@neklsvt.org



Lunenburg Town Offices
 New hours for the Town Clerk:
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:
 8am - 12 noon; 1pm - 3pm
 Tuesday: 9 am - 1 pm and 5 pm - 7pm
 Friday: Closed
 Saturday*: Open 10 am to 1 pm *on the
 first Saturday of every month

Lunenburg Food Shelf
 Is open during the Town Clerk's hours.
 Please stop in the office during those
 hours. Also available on Wednesdays
 from noon to 3 pm the side door to the
 community room is open and residents
 are invited to access the food pantry
 without needing to interact with the
 Clerk's Office.

Meetings Held at the Community Room

Selectboard Meeting:
 First Monday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Rec. Task Force July 9th, Aug 13th and
 Sept 10th at 6 pm

Polar Bears Club
 Third Thursday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Auditor's Meeting:
 Last Monday of the Month @ 6:00 pm

Fire Dist. #1

Second Wednesday of the Month
 @ 6:00 pm

(Meets in the Selectboard Rm.)



Held at the
 Town Offices Community Room

Instructor, Kat Colby,
 hosts yoga classes

Qigong Yoga Sun. & Wed. 9:00 am

Yin Yoga Fri. 5:30



Drums Alive

Friday evenings 5:30 to 6:30 pm

In the parking lot

Exercise, movement, music and laughter



NEW: STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE
Wed & Fri 10:30 am- 11:30 am
Bring hand weights if you have some.

Meal Site: Fri. 11:30 am -12:30 pm

BINGO: Mondays 6:00 pm

Bookin' It Book Discussion Club
3rd Tuesday of the Month



Lunenburg School

Task Force to Increase Events ,
Social Engagement and Recreation

No monthly meeting for July or August

September 16 @ 6:00 pm

Helpful resource, the Town Website: www.lunenburg-gilmanvt.gov
Additional helpful resource: [The North Star Monthly's event calendar.](#)
[Top Of the Common](#)

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