

## TOWN OF WINHALL VERMONT

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*Town of Winhall Newsletter ~ Feb/March 2023*

### ***Housing Committee***

The Selectboard is looking at forming a Housing Committee to research issues with regard to accessible housing in Winhall. There is a severe shortage of housing in our area for the “missing middle” - people who would like to settle down and buy a home in order to live and work in our area. Two of the Selectboard members went to a housing conference and there are many exciting programs to assist.

If you are interested in being a part of researching solutions in the new year, please email Julie Isaacs at: [julie@winhall.org](mailto:julie@winhall.org)

Wondering how to dispose of household items like batteries, paints, hazardous wastes, computers, electronics, vacuums, or food scraps?

Visit the A-Z Disposal Guide at:

[https://www.winhall.org/?p=Solid Waste Info](https://www.winhall.org/?p=Solid+Waste+Info)

## **Reminders**

**Renew Your Transfer Station Permit Annually**

**Winhall has a parking policy in effect**

**November 1 until May 1**

**Cars can be towed and fines incurred**

**More info: <https://winhall.org/pdf/ParkingOrdinance14Signed.pdf>**

**STATE OF VERMONT  
BENNINGTON COUNTY, SS:  
TOWN OF WINHALL WARNING**

The inhabitants of the Town of Winhall qualified to vote in the annual Town Meeting are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mountain School at Winhall at 9 School Road in said Town on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00AM to transact the business below, to be done from the floor as well as Australian ballot for elected officials and ballot articles. On March 7, 2023, polls will be open from 10:00AM to 7:00PM.

Any voter unable to come to the polls may request an absentee ballot by contacting the Town Clerk no later than 1:00PM on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Vermont's Elections Management Platform has streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can check registration status, access voter-specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours, view a sample ballot, and request/track an absentee ballot. We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>. Online voter registration is available at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>.

Elizabeth Grant, CMC/CVC  
Winhall Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WINHALL, VERMONT  
TOWN MEETING WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Winhall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Mountain School at Winhall at 9 School Road on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 to transact the following business;

(The polls will be open for voting on Articles requiring Australian ballot at 10:00AM and will close at 7:00PM.)

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers as required by law. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town approve the budget proposed by the Winhall Select Board as presented in the 2022 Town Report? (Floor Vote)

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters appropriate \$25,000 to the creation of a regional Recreation Director position, in cooperation with adjacent municipalities? Should this article pass, this position would be funded contingent upon all of the other municipalities participating in the funding of the position; without such cooperation, this \$25,000 appropriation would be placed in the General Reserve Fund to be used for other purposes. (Floor Vote)

ARTICLE 4: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Winhall Select Board  
E. Stuart Coleman, Chair  
William Schwartz, Vice Chair  
Julie Isaacs, Member

## WINHALL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Winhall Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at The Mountain School at 9 School Street in Winhall, Vermont on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business.

- Article 1: To elect one (1) School Director for a three-year term (to be voted by Australian ballot).
- Article 2: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year (to be voted by Australian ballot).
- Article 3: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
- Article 4: Shall the voters approve tuition payment of the announced tuition rate of The Mountain School at Winhall in the amount of \$18,000 for grades K-6, and \$19,300 for grades 7-8, for the 2023-2024 school year for resident pupils who attend The Mountain School at Winhall? [BY PETITION]
- Article 5: Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$4,523,694, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,146 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.4% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article 6: Shall the voters approve payment of the announced tuition rate of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$19,987 for the 2023-2024 school year for resident pupils in grades 9-12 who attend Burr and Burton Academy?
- Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the School Board to transfer any unassigned General Fund surplus existing on June 30, 2023, an amount estimated to be \$199,079, to the Tax Stabilization Fund?
- Article 8: Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the Bus Reserve Fund?
- Article 9: Shall the Winhall Town School District advise the School Board, the Vermont General Assembly and Governor that:
1. Because our district does not operate a public school, students have the ability to choose from a variety of public and independent school options;
  2. The electorate does not support the public funding of any school that discriminates against students or staff on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity;
  3. The electorate supports the current structure of independent schools having autonomy over their governance and operations within the current regulatory framework. This structure of oversight has enabled our district to make school education available, as required by the State of Vermont, while maintaining confidence that the public and independent schools serving our students provide a high quality of education; and
  4. The electorate opposes efforts to change the current structure in a way that eliminates educational opportunities made possible by our current practice of school choice. The electorate believes our current local educational system, in a great example of Vermont traditions, has evolved within this current structure, through a high level of community commitment and an appropriate exercise of local control, to provide high quality, equitable educational opportunities for our students.
- Article 10: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian ballot. For the purposes of Australian balloting, the polls will be open at The Mountain School at 9 School Street in Winhall, Vermont from 10:00AM to 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

The legal voters of Winhall Town School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 11th day of January 2023.

WINHALL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Jennifer Samuelson, Chair  
Dean Gianotti, Jr., Vice Chair/Clerk  
Meridith Dennes

*~ A Reminder from the Highway Department ~*



The highway department would like to remind everyone that the town has a no parking policy on the town roads from November 1 until May 1 with a \$50 fine and vehicles will be towed. The reason we have this parking policy is because it is difficult for the highway trucks to get down the roads with the size of the trucks we use. The plow is a total of 11 feet long and the wing on the side of the truck is 10 feet long so the total width of the truck going down the road is 12 feet wide. It also makes it hard for the Rescue Department to access people if the road is blocked. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call at the highway garage at 802-297-2120.

Please be mindful of the road conditions as they can change in the blink of an eye. We have a “safe roads at safe speeds” policy, not a “bare road” policy, so there will be times when roads will be tricky. We also would like to remind people that mailboxes are the homeowner’s responsibility. Please keep them cleaned out and ensure that they are set to the postal service code.

For more information on setting and maintaining a mailbox, refer to USPS guidance located here:  
<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Thank you from the Town of Winhall Highway Department team:  
Trevor, Kenny, John, Dusty, Donnie

**From the Fire Department ~**

The Winhall Fire Department has taken 21 emergency calls to date for the month of January. The majority of the calls are for automotive accidents, and automatic fire alarms. We did one technical rescue emergency, extricating an injured snowmobiler from the VAST trail system. We did two nights of training for January. We have taken in two new members for 2023. We have taken delivery of a used Winhall Police cruiser. Thank you to the Winhall Chief of Police and Select Board for making this happen. This vehicle will be used as a first response/chiefs vehicle, which will allow an officer to respond to the scene of an emergency call to start the scene size up and give details to incoming members.

Always try to remember to open your chimney flue before starting the fire in the fireplace or woodstove. If you cause a fire alarm in your residence, and it is due to cooking. Please let the alarm company know that it is caused by cooking and the fire department is not needed. Make sure you have all the contact names and numbers to the appropriate people, including the contact number of your alarm company if you rent out your residence. These should be posted in a convenient spot where all occupants know where the list is. These contacts might be needed if there is a emergency call to your residence. If you are interested in giving back to your community and want to become a member, please contact us via phone at 802-297-9823 or by email at [membership.winhallfd@gmail.com](mailto:membership.winhallfd@gmail.com).



Join us for our first  
Social Mixer!

7pm Mon. Feb. 13th

Come for Community Building  
and light refreshments!

\*Let's talk about what we do at the Winhall  
Community Arts Center.

\*What would your family or business like to see  
happen in our Little Town?


\*Would you and your children would like to become  
more involved with our community? Let's talk  
about the many opportunities available!

Would your business like to be a part of our  
happenings at the Center?

Winhallcommunityartscenter.org  
FB-Winhall Community Arts  
Center  
Instagram - 802wcaac



Call Laura for more info  
802-342-7810

The  of our Little Town!



# PARENTS WELLNESS SHARE AT THE WINHALL COMMUNITY ART CENTER

Lead by Madeline Mindich L.Ac, and  
Doula  
sliding scale \$20-40 per session,  
scholarships available  
Fridays from 1:00-3:30pm  
2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/10, 3/31

## **A COMMUNITY CIRCLE WHERE THE LITTLES CAN PLAY AND THE PARENTS CAN TAKE TURNS RECEIVING ACUPUNCTURE.**

THIS CIRCLE IS A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND FOR OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY. IT IS ALSO A CHANCE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS PARENTS AS WE TAKE TURNS LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER'S CHILDREN SO EVERYONE PRESENT CAN TAKE A TURN RECEIVING ACUPUNCTURE FOR STRESS RELIEF, IMMUNE SUPPORT, GENERAL WELLNESS OR ANYTHING AILING THEM. LIGHT BITES AND TEA/ COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS ACCESS TO THE ART CENTER'S AMAZING ART SUPPLIES.

CONTACT MADDY AT [LITTLESEEDSWELLNESS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LITTLESEEDSWELLNESS@GMAIL.COM) OR (516) 383-2644 FOR QUESTIONS OR TO LEARN MORE. TO SIGN-UP VISIT [WWW.WINHALLCOMMUNITYARTSCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.WINHALLCOMMUNITYARTSCENTER.ORG)



THE WINHALL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER PRESENTS:



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS  
COMMUNITY  
ACUPUNCTURE & REIKI

SECOND WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM  
2/8, 3/8, 4/12

*Join us monthly for an evening of Community Healing Arts*

Participants will enjoy a 45 minute session where they will receive community-style Acupuncture & Reiki for health and wellness. Everyone is welcome to join for tea, light bites and arts & crafts after their session.

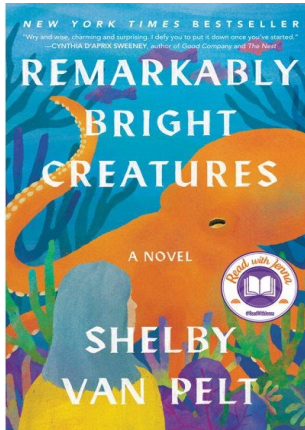
With L.Ac Madeline Mindich  
Reiki Practitioner Jessica Flannery  
and Laura Gianotti

Sliding Scale \$20-50, Scholarships Available

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## Winhall Memorial Library News

Winter Hours:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10AM - 5PM  
Saturdays 9AM - 12PM



### February Book Discussion

Our next regular discussion group will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 5 pm.

Join us to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

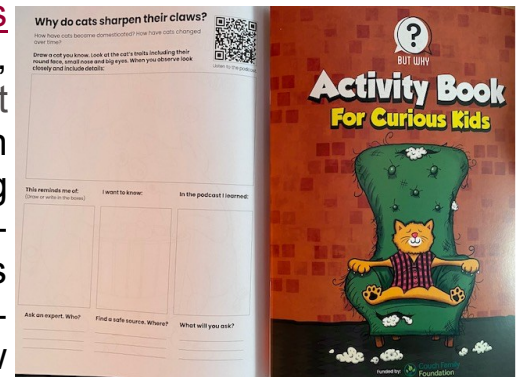
### Vacation Storytime - Tuesday, February 21

Join us from 10:30-11:15 to listen to stories and craft a homemade snow globe, followed by free hot dogs! (or veggie dogs)

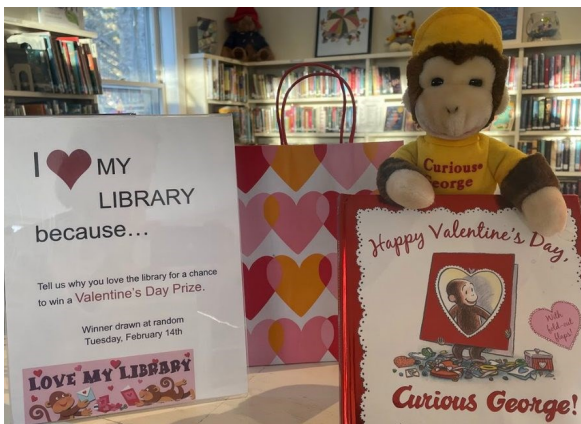
Register online [CLICK HERE](#) or call the library 802-297-9741.

### February Vacation Free Activity Books

Vermont Public's [But Why Podcast for Curious Kids](#) tackles topics large and small, about nature, words, and even the end of the world. The But Why activity book is intended for children in **kindergarten to grade 3** to complete during the February school break. The book connects listeners to a QR code and interactive activities. Podcasts can be a fun and interactive way to engage as a family together in living rooms or classrooms. Let us know if you would like one. We have a small number.



Thanks, Vermont Public!



*Tell us why you love the library for a chance to win a **Valentine's Day Prize**.*

*Email or fill out our form on your next visit.*



THE WINHALL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER PRESENTS:



## FIX IT LAB

SATURDAY 2/11 & 2/25  
1PM-3PM

*Introducing a new monthly offering at WCAC. Bring your broken things, small appliances, electronics etc. and we'll try to fix them! (or at least diagnose what's wrong..)*

These labs are for people with broken things or appliances laying around that they don't want to throw out. Or for people who like to fix things and want to show up and help other members of their community.

Lead by Wiktor Wadolowski  
by donation

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## Greetings from the Winhall School Board!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14th, at 5pm and we'd love to hear from you! In preparation for Town Meeting, we will be hosting an interactive Q&A session around our budget. This is your opportunity to have your questions answered! Please join us virtually (call-in information will be provided in the Agenda) or in-person on the second floor of the Town Offices.

We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting, too! Remember: if you aren't there, your voice won't be heard!

Interested in joining the Winhall e-mail list?

E-mail: [townadmin@winhall.org](mailto:townadmin@winhall.org) with the subject line "Subscribe".

Information, news, agendas, meeting minutes available at: [www.winhall.org](http://www.winhall.org)

# February 2023

# Winhall Community Arts Center.Org

The ❤️ of our Little Town! Call Laura @ 802-342-7810

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>● <b>Parents Wellness Share- Join Acupuncturist Maddy Mindich for an afternoon of Community Acupuncture. Bring your children for supervised play downstairs while you have an acupuncture session upstairs! \$20-\$40 sliding scale-scholarships always available! Call Maddy @ (516) 383-2644</b></p>			1	2 <b>Open Art 1-3 Free</b>	3 <b>Richard Simmons 9-9:45 free</b>	4
5	6	7 <b>Coffee &amp; Crafts 1-3 Free</b>	8 <b>**2nd Wednesday Community Wellness Acupuncture/Reiki/ Art 6:30pm</b>	9 <b>Open Art 1-3 Free</b>	10 <b>Richard Simmons 9-9:45 free</b>	11 <b>Fix-It Lab 1-3pm Bring your broken small appliances/electronics and we will try to fix them together! (Donation)</b>
12 <b>Stitch and B'tch 11-3 free</b>	13 <b>**An Evening of Brainstorming! What is WCAC? 7pm</b>	14 <b>Coffee &amp; Crafts 1-3 Free</b>	15	16 <b>Third Thursday Luncheon 12:00 free</b>	17 <b>Richard Simmons 9-9:45 free</b>	18 <b>NEW! Fix-It Lab 1-3pm Bring your broken small appliances/electronics and we will try to fix them together! (Donation)</b>
19 <b>SPECIAL EVENT!</b>	20	21 <b>Coffee &amp; Crafts 1-3 Free</b>	22	23 <b>Open Art 1-3 Free</b>	24 <b>Richard Simmons 9-9:45 free</b>	25 <b>Fix-It Lab 1-3pm Bring your broken small appliances/electronics and we will try to fix them together! (Donation)</b>
26	27	28 <b>Coffee &amp; Crafts 1-3 Free</b>	<p>● <b>**2nd Wednesday Community Wellness Join Maddy, Jessica and Laura the 2nd Wednesday of each month for an evening of Community Acupuncture, Reiki and Crafting sliding scale \$20-\$50 Scholarships available</b></p>		<p>● <b>***An Evening of Brainstorming! What is WCAC all about? Share your thoughts on what you would like to see happen at the Center. Learn about becoming a board member! Enjoy community and refreshments!</b></p>	