

Revitalizing Troy Committee

Quarterly Community Newsletter

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Dear Community,

Summer is here! We hope this newsletter finds you healthy, happy, and well. We've had some really exciting events since the last newsletter, and more to come. We aim to enhance 'Things to do' and improve our town communication through this newsletter. **We are looking for someone skilled in grant writing and securing donations to help us with our funding and applications. Additionally we are looking for someone to manage our calendar of events** If you feel inspired to help with either, please email RevitalizingTroyVT@gmail.com! Once we get the calendar up and running we look forward to booking more events at the Poulin building! Some of you have reached out about volunteering to host events and we're so excited to take you up on that! Enjoy the news→

The Town of Troy and Village of North Troy News

- **Renovations update!** The grant work is still moving forward. The village offices, Poulin Building and Town office will be starting renovation work this summer with new roofing, solar panels, heat pumps, windows, and a new furnace being among some of the improvements! The hope is that work will be completed within a year.
- The Historical Society is opening again for the summer on June 22, July 20th, August 17th and September 7th, with appointments always available on request call 802-988-2663. Much hard work goes into maintaining this resource. Come check it out. <https://www.troyvt.gov/>
- Stop by the Swimming hole off River Road this summer! It passes through village property, but is owned and maintained by the Vermont River Conservancy. Please be respectful and pick all trash up so we can all enjoy this beautiful spot, and watch out for the poison ivy. Website: <https://vermontriverconservancy.org/sites/big-falls-of-the-missisquoi-river-access>

Recent Achievements by Revitalizing Troy Committees:

We have been very busy the past few months!

We hosted three Movie and Game Nights for the youth! They have been a fun success. Our final one before summer break was mid-May. The event is supported by local community organizations and volunteer adults but hosted by the RTC youth Committee. The kids have demonstrated enormous respect and responsibility in the space and we are so excited to see them have a safe third space to use and interact in their community on Friday nights. Thank you to Ms. Cricket for the donation of the popcorn. The pizza was donated each night by local community members and other fundraising efforts. The students would love to continue these Friday fun nights. In order to make this a reality we still need donations, volunteers and **Pizza sponsors**. Please reach out if you can help with this, or pass our information along if you know someone might be interested in helping!

We also hosted 3 FREE community dinners, games, and music nights this year at the Legion, and served over 170 people our final night! Since the inception of these community dinners in 2024 we have served OVER 1000 FREE meals!! We had volunteers and support from every corner of town come together to help make this a reality including Troy School and PTA, Legion Members, North Troy firefighters, Ladies Auxiliary, the Library, NCSU community schools office, the fantastic musicians, local stores that posted our flyers and **of course our dedicated Revitalizing Troy Committees**. Watching the kids run around together on the grass, and multiple generations of long time Troy residents mingling with our newest residents has been a joy for everyone! So much dedication and care went into supporting these events, we are so optimistic that as we continue to gather we can continue to build our community stronger and more connected than ever!

Please let us know what you think about outdoor recreation in the natural areas around the village. Please do this short 2 min survey to let us know what you think <https://forms.gle/j3hmMbyqdAatSU8g7>

Revitalizing Troy Committees (RTC) Exciting Plans for summer:

- Movie nights for families of young kids are on the way at the Poulin Building this fall.
- Hoping to continue Teen Nights on Friday evenings!
- We are hoping to establish a North Troy Community Center. We are pursuing some possibilities but if you have a suggestion let us know!
- We are looking for a space to build a community playground- let us know if you have any ideas.
- We are working on establishing a Community kitchen and pantry if you have ideas and/or can offer support please contact us.
- The RTC members have all been working hard in our individual committees, but would like to meet as a larger group this summer, especially to welcome in the newest members and help everyone feel plugged in. **RTC meetings in the outreach office in the Town Office Building on 7/9 and 8/13 6:00 - 8:00 pm**
- We are working In collaboration with the Rand Memorial Library to have a youth Cooking Event. Keep your eyes peeled for flyers!
- We will be hosting a **summer teen movie night** pizza and Popcorn on **July 18th, 3:00- 6:30 pm** meet at the North Troy Village Office.
- In collaboration with MRBA We will be hosting a **Community Water Walk** on Saturday **July 19th, 2-4pm**. Meander along the river to identify local geology and habitat. People of all ages are welcome to attend. Meet at Village Wastewater/ Recreation tennis courts.
- In partnership with MRBA and Troy school we are bringing Elliot Cluba, owner of Herbs and Arrows, a wilderness and traditional skills educator, to offer **FREE teen adventures– Kids ages 10-17 register at town office or email RevitalizingTroyVT@gmail.com**
 - [Teen Fire Skills– July 7th, 11am-2pm](#) Meet at the American Legion. Come learn to safely harness one of the first tools that set humans apart from all other organisms, with fire stories woven in. From matches and lighters, to flint and steel, tinder bundles, fire structures, embers from fungus, and friction fire, there is fun to be had for the whole family, or just the eager pyro looking for guidance.

- [Teen River Fun and Exploration July 14 11am-2pm](#) Meet at the American Legion. Can you say you really know where you live? Without direct knowledge of the birds, trees, animals and our surroundings as a whole, we are lost. Explore a small part of the great Missisquoi River, and learn to know the place you call home the way your ancestors did, with stories, games, and your senses as your guide.

Poulin Building Offerings:

There is a community room available to rent free of charge if you have something you'd like to volunteer to teach or share with the community, such as yoga, knitting, or line dancing! There is a nominal fee to rent the space if you charge for your class. Contact townoftroy@comcast.net to schedule!

Troy School News:

- The students performed the play Annie, they did a fantastic job!
- We had Jeh Kulu Week Long Drumming Residency take place the week of May 5th through 9th. On May 9th our student performed to Troy families/community members- We had about 200 people in attendance. They did a fantastic job!
- Students enjoyed meeting a published author, Alison McGhee last week
- Last day of school is June 13th!
- Lots of summer fun to be had! Sign up for Summer Camp Encore program
- Thank you to the community for brainstorming with us on the growth of our school.

North Troy Library (Rand Memorial) News:

Check out the library's new website! <https://www.randmemorial.com/>

- The library hosted a BBQ and dance party on May 31st **celebrating our 100 year anniversary!** As a community we should celebrate the many librarians and community members that have kept our library alive for 100 years! Thanks for joining the celebration!
- The kids garden was put in last spring and was planted out again with starts planted by the kids during Friday storytime with generous donations from

community members! If you're able to help with weeding, planting, shoveling dirt, etc. please reach out to Jenn at RandMemorial@gmail.com.

- Join us for Story Time on Fridays from 10am-11 am, all ages welcome! June 27th is our last storytime before transitioning to our summer programming (Color Our World). The toddler age program is full, but there's still plenty of room in the school-age group on Fridays! Please call/email or stop by the library to register by June 13th. Storytime will begin on Fridays again starting September 5th!
- Monthly adult book club is ongoing, currently meeting on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm both in person and virtual.
- Thursday Free Soup Days at the library were a success! Paused for the summer, but look out for it again in the fall!
- Come use our discount passes available for the Echo science center in Burlington, Vermont Historic Sites, and Vermont State Parks—come borrow a pass and enjoy!
- We would like to start up a Classic Book Club for kids aged 8-13. If interested, Contact Jenn at RandMemorial@gmail.com.

River Association offerings:

There are many exciting events held by the upper Missiquoi and Trout River Wild and Scenic Committee this summer! From Paddles to Swimming Hole Clean Ups to a BBQ down at Braults! Check out their events page for more details! <https://www.umatrvt.org/events>

It's in the works to have a community boat rack installed so that people can borrow boats for free. Located at the base of big falls. More details on timing to come.

More things to do in our NEK of the woods:

- Jay Rec trails has amazing hiking trails and fun events for the kids all year long, check out their website or just show up to the trail head off Cross Road and hike the easy trail to the picnic area. It's shady and lovely!
- Some of the local kids are participating in Cub Scouts (co-ed) through Pack 828 in Newport, it's always open to registration and they have

many fun summer events planned! Meets weekly at the American Legion in Newport.

- We've had more homeschoolers in the area recently that are looking to connect with other homeschoolers, if you're interested in getting connected, reach out to the RevitalizingTroyVT@gmail.com
- There's a splash pad across the border in Mansonville, Canada that many local families visit in the warmer months, and it's a great opportunity to connect with our northern neighbors!
- Newport has many events going on, check out their website for more info: <https://discovernewportvt.com/newport-events/>
- Local newspapers are a great resource for what's going on in the area. The Barton Chronicle, The Newport Daily Express, and the Caledonian Record are a few.

Thank you for being a vibrant part of our community, and we look forward to an amazing summer together!

****More Information on the Revitalizing Troy Committees****

Last year, a group of Troy School youth with the help of their teacher developed the Revitalizing Troy Committee. They have proposed several initiatives to improve our community. Adult volunteers were recruited to join the committee. Together, we have been working hard to follow the youths' lead in making our community a safer and more enjoyable place to live. You can check out our Facebook page for updates

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61562917769545>

or email us: revitalizingtroyvt@gmail.com

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support any of these initiatives, please send a check or money order to the Town Clerk's office at 142 Main St., North Troy, VT 05859. Make checks out to the Revitalizing Troy Committee. If you're interested in helping Revitalizing Troy initiatives, please contact us at RevitalizingTroyVT@gmail.com