

# Good news, fun news, news you need to know

## SHELBURNE, MA NEWSLETTER



### July, 2023 Celebrate Summer!

Native strawberries are in, and that means my favorite supper of fresh local tomatoes and corn on the cob will be here soon. I love this time of year when the local fields produce an abundance of wonderful, healthy goodness and our heroic farmers deliver vital sustenance to the community. Thank you to all our farmers and others engaged in agriculture!

The contract with our consultant for the Town's **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Planning Grant** from the MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs has been finalized!

The organizational meeting with our consultant Weston & Sampson, is set for July 12, and I expect the kickoff meeting with our Core Team will take place in the beginning of August. Look for news about that next month.

On a personal note, this will be my last edition serving as the newsletter editor. My goal when volunteering for this role was to make the newsletter esthetically pleasing, friendly, and broad in scope in order to help foster the social ties that are critical to building a **resilient community**. Facing the challenges of the twenty-first century will require a **collective** effort that welcomes everyone, and I saw the newsletter as a perfect vehicle to enhance **cross-community communication**. The Selectboard has proposed that the newsletter become more formal and under their editorial control, which unfortunately does not align with either my vision or the way I wish to communicate. I have **thoroughly enjoyed** serving in this role and meeting so many new people! I **admire** everyone's care and **dedication** to the Town of Shelburne and look forward to engaging with you again during the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) project in the coming months. If you are interested in serving as the **next editor**, please send an email to [E-Newsletter@townofshelburnema.gov](mailto:E-Newsletter@townofshelburnema.gov).

Remember to send your 100-250 word submissions for next month's newsletter by **July 21** to [E-Newsletter@townofshelburnema.gov](mailto:E-Newsletter@townofshelburnema.gov), and be sure to **include the name of your group or committee** in the subject line of the email and any attachments (e.g., "EnergyCommittee-August"). Thank you!

*Tricia Yacovone-Biagi*

# Town Hall News

Bridge Street Construction and other repairs top the news from Town Hall this month.

**Bridge Street Paving.** The first layer of pavement has been installed. Final road surface paving will occur in the fall.

**Sidewalks.** New sidewalk construction will continue on the south side of Bridge Street, from Memorial Hall to the Mechanic Street intersection. The contractor has been instructed to maintain building access at all times and will install temporary ramps to building entrances. Once the sidewalks are installed, the contractor will begin repair of the Memorial Hall ramp and install business stair railings. The contractor and sidewalk subcontractor will not be on site the week of July 3. **Target Completion Date: July 28.**

**Trees.** Trees will be planted in the fall.

**Traffic and parking changes during construction.** Pedestrian traffic will be accommodated to ensure that patrons have safe access to local businesses. Police details will be used to control traffic, as directed by the Police Chief. Sidewalk construction will also **temporarily eliminate parking** in the section of sidewalk where work is occurring. Paving will require that traffic be **detoured**.

## PROPERTY OWNERS:

Please pass all this information along to your business and apartment tenants.

**Memorial Hall Access will be restricted** in this phase of the Bridge Street Construction project. In late June or early July, the **stairs and handicapped access ramp** providing access to Memorial Hall will be removed and reconstructed by the contractor. The contractor estimates that the work will take approximately one week.



During that time, individuals will have the option of accessing Memorial Hall during normal business hours by using the **alleyway on Bridge Street** (near the iconic bowling alley sign) and entering via the back door. Individuals with physical limitations can call the Town Hall in advance of their arrival and staff will be happy to accommodate your requests in-person on Bridge Street.



**Repairs to the south side pedestrian walkway of the Iron Bridge** are slated for **mid to late July**, according to the Mass.

Department of Transportation, District One Office. The schedule is contingent upon the availability of steel material.



**Repairs to the Memorial Hall Elevator** are underway. The elevator became non-functional in early January. Members of the Selectboard earmarked more than \$118,000 in America Rescue

Plan Act (ARPA) funds for its repair. Completion of the repair is anticipated by the **end of July**.



### **Town Collector and Treasurer** Angelina J.

Bragdon, CMMT sent tax bills at the end of June for the first and second quarters. The first quarter is due on **August 1**. The second is due on November 1. You can pay your taxes using the [online payment center](#) or by enclosing a check in the **gray lockbox** inside the foyer at the Town Hall.

The Town of Shelburne voted to adopt the **Community Preservation Act (CPA)** at last year's Town Meeting and Elections. This law requires the Town to place a **3% property tax surcharge** on each parcel of taxable real estate. Eligibility for an exemption of the surcharge is available by annual application to the Assessor's Office for qualifying individuals. Please see the "Information about the Community Preservation Act" notice at the end of the newsletter for more details.

You can reach our treasurer at [treasurer@townofshelburne.ma.gov](mailto:treasurer@townofshelburne.ma.gov) or via phone at: (413) 625-0300, ext. 6. Look for her informative newsletter on the town website at <https://www.townofshelburne.com/p/24/Tax-Collector-and-Treasurer>.

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## Fire Department News

Shelburne **Fire Chief John Taylor** provides guidance on how to properly handle batteries to prevent fires. He says, "While charging a battery seems an insignificant and unimportant task, **don't be complacent.**"

**Lithium-ion batteries** are now in common use to supply power to many kinds of devices

including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode. **See flier** at the end of the newsletter.

**Identification:** Rechargeable batteries will indicate the type of **material used** with a full description or abbreviation on the unit: Lithium-ion (Li-ion), Nickel-Metal Hydride (NiMH), and Nickel-cadmium (NiCad or Ni-Cd) are common.

**Follow the recharging recommendations** below for all these types of rechargeables, however, lithium-ion batteries have experienced the most problems with overheating and fires:



Don't recharge batteries or devices on soft surfaces like on a bed, couch or rug to avoid the device overheating.



Place the unit on a **solid, non-combustible surface**. Keep a watchful eye on the device when charging. Don't leave chargers plugged in when you are away or asleep.

**Disposal: Don't throw batteries in the trash.** We are told that you can dispose of old rechargeable batteries at Home Depot, Staples or through the local Solid Waste District (413-772-2438).

**Signs of a Problem:** Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: **odor, smoke, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises.** If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire, like outside, and call 9-1-1. If you can't move it safely, exit the building, and call 9-1-1.

# Selectboard notes

**Veteran's Memorial Relocation.** The Selectboard has approved funding the relocation of the Veterans Memorial from its current obscure location behind Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, to Main Street adjacent to the Arms Library who graciously agreed to host the memorial. The move was done at the request of local veterans as the new location is on the annual parade route.

**Streetlight Conversion Update.** After voting to proceed with conversion of the town street lights to energy-saving LED lights at no cost, the board has put that approval on pause, tabling the issue until August 1, to allow the town Energy Committee time to present an alternate approach of pursuing a plan for town purchased and maintained street lights.



Photo: Paul Franz

**Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Grant Award.** The Town of Shelburne has been awarded \$187,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, which coupled with matching funds, will be used to support the

renovation of the Memorial Hall Theater. The Town of Shelburne has earmarked \$150,000 in matching funds. Members of the Memorial Hall Association will raise the remaining \$37,000 for the first phase of the project.

The project focuses on improving accessibility and the design, rehabilitation and replacement of the theater's 100+ year-old wooden floors and seating.

**Highway Pole Barn.** Materials for the new pole barn at the town garage are expected to arrive soon. The bidding process to secure a contractor to erect the structure continues.

## Boards & Committees

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Revisions to the Town's marijuana regulations were adopted by the Board of Health on June



14, 2023. The revised regulations go into effect on August 1, 2023. A copy of the updated regulation can be found on the Board of Health's

web page at [www.townofshelburne.com](http://www.townofshelburne.com)

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Boettner sends in lots of great information about Mass Save®, learning more about solar, energy assessments, and LED streetlights.

**Mass Save®:** The Energy Committee is collecting **testimonials** to add to the Shelburne portal of Mass Save ([www.masssave.com/shelburne](http://www.masssave.com/shelburne)). Please

contact our Energy Efficiency Advocate, Cynthia Boettner at 413-325-5564 or [Cynthia.boettner1@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.boettner1@gmail.com) to share your thoughts or ask questions.



Register for a Mass Save **Home Energy Assessment** at [www.masssave.com/Shelburne](http://www.masssave.com/Shelburne) or call 413-232-9922. Partner

company Revise can perform the assessment and recommended upgrades, and apply the Mass Save® incentives. If you want a different company to perform the assessment and/or recommended measures, please contact our Energy Efficient Advocate (above) for advice.

**Free public webinar!** Learn about **roof readiness, rebates, incentives, and how to compare quotes** in this free webinar sponsored by the Green Energy Consumer's Alliance (<https://www.greenenergyconsumers.org/>) and their partner EnergySage, which simplifies the research and decision-making process through its online platform where you can compare up to seven quotes for solar, "privately and with no sales pressure."

**September Solar Fair.** The Energy Committee is considering holding A Solar Fair for some time in September. If you're interested in helping with the planning or sharing your experiences with solar, please contact [energy@townofshelburnema.gov](mailto:energy@townofshelburnema.gov)

**LED Streetlight Update.** As noted by the Selectboard, the Energy Committee is studying LED streetlight options that the town may want to consider as an **alternative to Eversource's offer**. We have contacted RealTerm Energy (RTE), which specializes in LED streetlight conversions and offers turnkey upgrades for

small- and medium-sized municipalities. RTE's proposal offers roughly an **80% energy saving**, with an operating savings of about **\$5000 per year** compared to what Eversource has offered to install. We are investigating options for covering the upfront cost of the RTE proposal.

**Coming in August!** From August 14-28, 2023, Mass Save® sponsors will have a special offer available for small businesses (including farms), non-profits, and houses of worship to receive a **no-cost, no-obligation building energy assessment**. The normal "up to 70% discount" on certain energy-saving upgrades increases to "up to 90%" during this period. Visit [eversource.com/mainstreets](http://eversource.com/mainstreets) or send your questions to [energy@townofshelburnema.gov](mailto:energy@townofshelburnema.gov).

## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEES



*Shelburne Falls Urban Tree Walk, June 10, 2023*

The Open Space and Recreation Committees submitted a joint article for this month's newsletter to share what they've been doing on town issues in addition to creating all the wonderful activities they're known to set up around town, like the Shelburne Falls Urban



Tree Walk from June 10 shown above. Jim Perry of the Open Space Committee says the walk was “a really informative and enjoyable walk and tour of the village.”

In preparation for the update of Shelburne’s **Open Space and Recreation Plan**, the Open Space and Recreation Committees created a survey for all residents, so that we could find out what you think and how you feel about **open space and recreation resources within our town**. The public survey was heavily promoted and available and open from November 15, 2022 to January 31, 2023. We received 252 responses, which is considered to be a very high rate of completion. Thank you!!

Here is a link to a full assessment of the public survey including public responses and comments:

[https://www.townofshelburne.com/files/Shelburne\\_OS RP\\_Survey\\_Results\\_summary\\_05-31-2023.pdf](https://www.townofshelburne.com/files/Shelburne_OS RP_Survey_Results_summary_05-31-2023.pdf)

- **252 surveys were completed.** The optional written comments indicate that residents put thought and care into sharing their ideas about open space and recreation.
- **Top open space interests** were the need for: increased **access to the Deerfield River**; more **trails**; **open space** and **farmland** conservation and preservation; and more **public spaces and parks**.
- The **top open spaces and lands used for recreation** in town are the Bridge of Flowers (Shelburne Falls Fire District-owned), the Pothole viewing area (town-owned since 2022), Audubon’s High Ledges (nonprofit-owned), the Fire Tower Trails (mostly private), Arms Cemetery

(privately-owned), and the park at Water & Main Streets (church-owned).

- **The highest priorities** identified for expanding or creating recreation resources would be to provide increased: access to the Deerfield River for a variety of uses; hiking and walking trails both in the village, outside of the village, and linked with areas of town; public restrooms; access to the Potholes; and bike paths/trails/lanes.
- **If the town increased its offering of recreation activities**, respondents were most likely to participate in nature walks or guided hikes, fitness classes, or arts & crafts activities.

Currently, most of the land available for open space and recreational trails is under **private or nonprofit ownership**. This is largely due to the lack of public lands in Shelburne and the complex, multi-level review and approval process the Town of Shelburne relies on for considering development of any new municipal trails.

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## PLANNING BOARD

The Shelburne Planning Board **welcomes our newest member Faith Lally Williams** who was elected to the seat vacated by new Selectboard member Rick LaPierre. Faith has lived in Shelburne since 1988 and is co-owner of Mapledgee Jerseys Dairy Farm with Peter Williams. She is a founding member of the Dairy Farm Cooperative Our Family Farms, and is currently the Senior VP of Property and Asset Management for Way Finders, Inc., which she joined in 2005. She’s been a member of the

Franklin County Regional Housing Authority since 2019 and on the Board of Directors for Rural Development, Inc., since 2020. Faith clearly brings lots of experience to the table and we're happy she decided to serve our town!

The **next meeting** of the Shelburne Planning Board is **July 11 at 6:30 pm** over Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3122115885>  
Meeting ID: 312 211 5885 Passcode: 056099  
Or call in at: 1 929 436 2866. The agenda will be posted at <https://townofshelburne.com/f/0/12/>.

Professional Geologist Kimberly Noake MacPhee of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) will be our guest as we start to discuss ways that **climate-resilient zoning changes** could protect water quality and river health as part of her grant-funded **Watershed-Scale Zoning Project** involving Shelburne, Greenfield, and Bernardston. (Please note that this **corrects my error** in last month's newsletter that stated she would start the project in August.) Zoning with the watershed in mind will improve and protect water quality, reduce flooding and stormwater runoff, increase climate resiliency, and protect wildlife habitat.

July's meeting will be the **first of six meetings** to review applicable sections of the bylaws and develop draft updates. There will also be three working group meetings with the Planning Boards of the three participating towns. There will be **opportunities to collect public input** about the proposed zoning bylaw changes during the process, and of course, any proposed bylaw changes are subject to a public hearing and vote at Town Meeting.

A member of our Planning Board also attends the meetings of the **Regional Planning Board** for the FRCOG. After the annual election to various board positions, attendees heard a presentation from FRCOG Transportation Program manager Beth Giannini with updates about the Regional **Transportation Plan**. She noted that the intersection of Route 2 and Colrain-Shelburne Road was identified as a 'hot spot' of concern.



Assisting municipalities with **assessing transportation infrastructure** most at risk to the effects of climate change, and **increasing accessibility** to outdoor recreation sites are two of the top recommendations for focus. Giannini also provided updates on the **Valley Flyer** (now permanent service), **East-West Rail** Development (needs more study), and **Northern Tier Rail** Study (currently reviewing costs and economic opportunities). She said the Western MA Rail Commission will release its findings later this year.

Next, Andrea Donlon, a Senior Land Use and Natural Resources Planner at the FRCOG provided details about the **Proposed Recreation Facilities** within the FERC Relicensing agreement. New amenities for recreation will include **cartop access** locations to the river, a walkable **portage** around Turners Falls Dam, two **paddle-in camping** locations, and a website that provides flow and water-level notifications in real time.

# Arms Library

There's lots going on at the Arms Library this month. Give them a call at **413-625-0306**, email [armslibrary@gmail.com](mailto:armslibrary@gmail.com), visit [www.armslibrary.org](http://www.armslibrary.org) or the [Facebook page](#), or [sign up for](#) the weekly newsletter.

**"Find Your Voice!" and explore with us** this summer at the Arms Library. Read, track what you read throughout the summer, earn prizes, eat ice cream, hang out with new friends, and be ready to show your improving reading skills in the fall.

We have **seven weeks of programs** that explore different ways of finding our own voices in the world, whether it's astronomy, photography, environment, art, science, music, or woodworking. We're able to accommodate most ages, to make something easier or more challenging!

**July 1, 1-2:30 pm: Astronomy.** Bring your family Saturday to the Arms Library for a special program of Astronomy, Space and Science! In a hands-on program designed for all ages, participants will soar to the sky with a custom-designed starscape t-shirt.

**July 8: Arts & Recycling.** Bring your family in to create a beautiful, decorative box out of found items.

**July 15, 1-2:30 pm: Making Cyanotypes.** Sun Printing.

**July 29, 1-2:30 pm: Journaling Outside.** What do you see? Feel? Hear? Taste? Understand? We will walk about and take time to write in brand new notebooks from the library.

Our Find Your Voice Summer Reading Program is made possible by The Friends of the Arms Library, MA Library System, Boston Bruins, and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.

## OTHER JULY PROGRAMS

**July 8, 11 am: Kites & Things That Fly!** Led by Dr. Bill Strader, who writes, "I'm a lifelong kite flyer! I love watching, supporting and flying kites and things that fly! So how about coming to see a veritable plethora of kites and things that fly! We will see a wide variety of kites, assemble some...and even make your own Scottish Sled Kite!"

**July 9, 1 pm: Music of Appalachia and Beyond – Carrie and Michael Kline**



Behind the Arms Library during our Shelburne Falls June Art Walk, and Shelburne Falls 4th Annual Porchfest. Michael and Carrie weave songs and stories about time with family and friends, spiritual times, all wrapped in a patchwork quilt of vivid imagery. **All ages.**

**July 29th, 6:30 pm: D.K. McCutchen Author's Talk.** Leapfrog Press' Global Fiction Prize winner reads from the gender-bender, post-apocalyptic speculative-fiction, *JELLYFISH DREAMING*. (Jellyfish will be served and books signed.) **16 years and up.**



# Emergency Management Director's Page

Ever wonder what emergency management is all about? Until I took on this job as Shelburne's Emergency Management Director, I had always pictured emergency management as one group of people working on their laptops in a building while another group worked at the actual scene assisting or rescuing others.

Well...in reality that's just the half of it. Much of what these dedicated heroes do is accomplished ahead of time before an emergency strikes. And Shelburne, although not on par with state or national capabilities or size, needs its own **team of dedicated achievers** willing to help in times of crisis.

*I emphasize the word **'team'** because individuals must become **unified to effectively respond** to any incident.*

If you are one of those who has it in you to serve your community, then come join our Emergency Management team, either on the **Emergency Management Committee** or the **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team**, which is activated during an emergency incident.

An Instructor Team will allow you to share your knowledge and skills with others and enhance our overall capabilities. What's more, our entire community will benefit by building a well-organized, highly trained, extremely motivated group of volunteers who are dedicated to serving their neighbors.



**Communities are stronger** when people take action and work together for a common purpose. Our common purpose in emergency management is to save life and property. Interested in helping? Contact me at [EMD@townofshelburnema.gov](mailto:EMD@townofshelburnema.gov).

As always, stay safe and remember what Ben Franklin once said: "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

**Tom Williams**  
Emergency Management Director

# Other news

## SENIOR CENTER

Center Director Juli Moreno announces an exciting new event and puts out a **call for volunteers** to help with the Center's home repair program, described in last month's newsletter. Please contact the Center at 413-625-2502 to sign up for activities, visit the Senior Center's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MainStreetShelburneFalls/> or go to the [website](#). Activities are shown in this newsletter's calendar.

## Home Repair Helpers Needed!

Do you know how to put in an air conditioner? Or maybe you're handy with screens, windows,



or cupboard handles. Basic woodwork and light fixtures, these are many things our Home Repair Volunteers do for folks.

We're looking for **new volunteers** to help out the people who need this program. If you, family, or a friend have the ability to make a repair or help with house needs, we'll train you on the program, provide mileage reimbursement, and do it all within your time availability. Even an hour or two a month will go a long way in helping a senior stay safely at home! Call 413-625-2502 or email [teddydoucette@crocker.com](mailto:teddydoucette@crocker.com).

## The Adventurer Club is Here!

The Adventurer's Club is a fantastic opportunity for folks to embark on **fun and unique escapades** each month! On July 28th at 10 am, we're heading to Berkshire East for an adrenaline-pumping experience on the

Mountain Coaster. Feel the wind in your hair as you navigate the twists and turns of this exhilarating ride, surrounded by stunning mountain vistas. It is \$20 for each ride down the mountain. For more information and to become an Adventurer, contact Juli at 413-625-2502.

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## PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

**FRCOG's Community Health Educator, Epidemiologist** Maureen O'Reilly informs us about a free event to keep us safe from ticks:

In the last few newsletters, you've heard a LOT about ticks! This time, you're invited to a **free community event to prevent tick bites**.

Tick-borne illnesses, like Lyme disease and anaplasmosis are preventable by preventing tick bites.

**On July 29th from 10 am - 1 pm** bring your shoes to Aubuchon/Shelburne Farm and Garden to be treated in order to help prevent tick bites. **Treating shoes and clothing with permethrin**, a chemical that comes from the chrysanthemum flower. Permethrin is an odorless and invisible insect repellent that is applied to fabric. Permethrin is non-toxic to humans but deadly to ticks.

Why shoes? When ticks attach on your shoes, they want to crawl up your legs to bite. Treating shoes turns them into protection from you and into ticks' enemy: treated shoes are deadly to ticks for weeks.

**What to expect:** At the event, we'll spray a pair of your shoes with permethrin and hand them back to you in a paper bag, where they should remain for ~24 hours to dry. You will need to

wear a pair of shoes that you do not want to treat.

This event is brought to you by the Cooperative Public Health District of the FRCOG and on behalf of the Boards of Health of West County towns! Want to read more? Read this EPA fact sheet on permethrin treated clothing.

## Legislative News

*This page will provide information from our local elected officials. This month features MA Rep. Natalie M. Blais.*

### REP. NATALIE M. BLAIS



I am proud to have served as the State Representative for the 1st Franklin District since 2019. As a result of redistricting, our district looks very different today than it did back then! It includes Ashfield,

Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Whately and Precincts 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Greenfield. Believe it or not, our impressive **district spans over 450 square miles**. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you to bring our voices to Beacon Hill.

There were nearly **8,000 bills** introduced this legislative session and every bill will have a hearing before a committee. One of the silver linings of the COVID-19 pandemic is the

opportunity for you to **participate in committee hearings virtually**. If you want to weigh in on a bill, you can now submit written testimony, testify virtually from your home computer or phone, or appear in person in the State House. If you're interested in learning more about how to participate in the process, please reach out to my office.

And while legislation is often top of mind for constituents, I want you to know that if you are in need of **assistance** with a state agency, I am happy to help whenever possible. Some of the most common areas we are contacted about include veterans affairs, section 8 housing, utilities, unemployment, registry of motor vehicles, and MassHealth. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out to me for assistance at 413-362-9453 or [Natalie.Blais@mahouse.gov](mailto:Natalie.Blais@mahouse.gov).

The Greenfield Recorder reported "State Rep. Natalie Blais, D-Deerfield, will hold **office hours** for constituents of her 1st Franklin District at the Greenfield Senior Center on **Monday, July 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.**"



# July 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>Senior Center activities shown in color.</b>						<b>1</b> 1-2:30 pm Astronomy @ Arms Library
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> 4 pm LEGOS @ Arms Library	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2-6:30 Farmers Market	<b>8</b> 11 am Kites etc. @ Arms Library
<b>9</b> 1pm Music of Appalachia @ Arms Library	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Yoga 4 pm LEGOS @ Arms Library	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12 -2 pm Wind-chimes Craft 2-6:30 Farmers Market	<b>15</b> 1-2:30 pm Making Cyanotypes @ Arms Library
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11-12:30 Library Grant - Community Conversation	<b>18</b> 1 pm Movie: <i>80 for Brady</i>	<b>19</b> 8:30 am Yoga 4 pm LEGOS @ Arms Library	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12-1:30 pm Memory Café 2-6:30 Farmers Market	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					*also 6:30 pm Author Talk @ Arms Library on July 29

## Notes

### Upcoming dates to remember

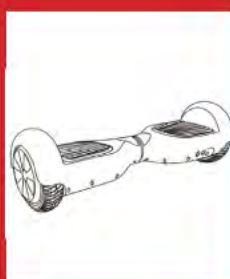
**August 1** – Tax bills due

**August 26** – Energy Committee booth at Grange Fair

**September (TBD)** – Solar Fair

## DANGERS OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

### Safety Tips & Precautions



Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries have increased dramatically in New York City with deadly consequences. These rechargeable batteries are found in electric bikes and scooters, cars, laptops, tablets, phones and common household devices. Lithium-ion battery fires have caused deaths, serious injuries and devastating damage to property around the city.

#### ALWAYS

- ALWAYS purchase and use devices certified by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory UL (Underwriters Laboratory) and the most common laboratories



- ALWAYS follow the manufacturer's instructions for: charging and storage.
- ALWAYS use the correct battery, cord and power adapter
- ALWAYS plug directly into a wall electrical outlet for charging.
- ALWAYS keep batteries and devices at room temperature.
- ALWAYS store and/or charge batteries away from anything flammable.
- ALWAYS keep away from heat sources.
- ALWAYS bring batteries to NYC Battery Recycling Centers. Find one at [nyc.gov/batteries](http://nyc.gov/batteries).

#### NEVER

- NEVER use aftermarket (or generic) batteries or chargers
- NEVER plug into a power strip or overload an outlet.
- NEVER overcharge or leave battery charging overnight.
- NEVER charge a battery or device under your pillow, on your bed, or near a couch.
- NEVER leave e-bikes or e-scooters unattended while charging.
- NEVER block your primary way in or out of a room/space
- NEVER place batteries in Trash or Recycling bin. It is illegal.





# SUNDAY JULY 9 2023

**SHELBURNE FALLS**

**PORCH MUSIC FESTIVAL**

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