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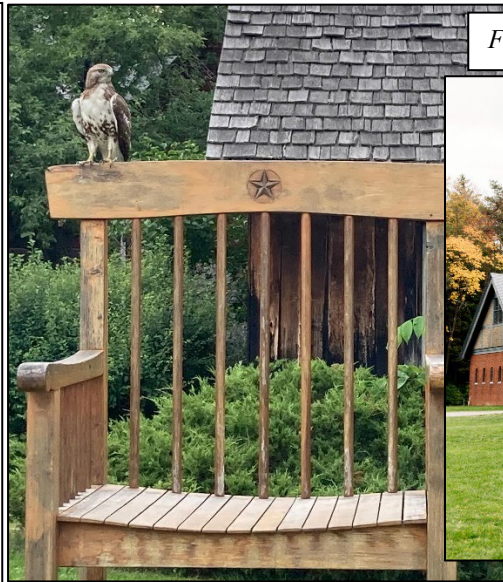
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Town Manager Report: October 2024



Fall foliage amazes

Shelburne, and all of Vermont, puts on an amazing show of fall colors. I hosted some family visiting and showed them around. They were four of the two million visitors our state hosts every autumn. Fall tourism generates half a billion dollars in taxable sales for the state economy and our budgets. I see beautiful fall colors, but also the green of healthy municipal finances!



From the desk of Matt Lawless



Scout the hawk credit Shelburne Museum

Coach Barn credit Shelburne Farms

November Election Details

Over half of Shelburne's registered voters have cast early ballots –thank you! Vermont does an outstanding job with ballot access and options to encourage high voter turnout. Every vote counts!

- Polls are open 7am to 7pm on Nov. 5th
 - Town items are on the back of the ballot
 - Same day voter registration is allowed.
- Come on down and vote, even if you have just moved to town!



Spooky Fun

October 27th was a beautiful, perfect day for Halloween fun around town. Shelburne's Halloween parade showed off some amazing costumes and community floats! From police and fire to library and parks & rec, our team came together with many local volunteers to make a special day. My small part was to help judge the costume contest.

Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- November 1:** Dedicate new Hullcrest playground
- November 5:** Election Day
- November 11:** offices closed for Veterans Day
- Nov. 16:** Dedicate new LaPlatte bridge
- Nov. 28-9:** offices closed for Thanksgiving

What's new around town



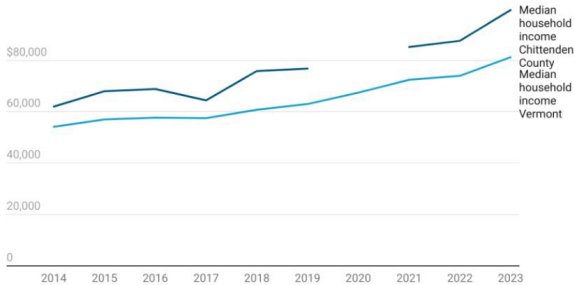
Construction Push during the last warm days

From bridges and sidewalks to playgrounds and the library, construction crews were busy on Town property in October. Locals know that warm days in autumn are fortunate, a chance to race to completion on work before winter comes. Cold-weather construction is possible, but often more expensive: concrete, for instance, needs heating and chemical additions to cure properly. To save money, municipal construction projects sometimes shut down during the winter. So it's good news to complete the Hullcrest Park and LaPlatte Bridge projects now! Congratulations are also in order to our Water Department. They have replaced and upgraded every water meter in town, an outstanding effort.



Town construction projects underway

Growth in median household income, Vermont and Chittenden County



Source: Vermont State Outcomes Report using U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data • Created with Datawrapper
 Data from The U.S. Census Bureau / Graph by April McCullum (Vermont Public)
 The median household income in Vermont rose 9.8% between 2022 and 2023 — which is more than double the national average. In Chittenden County, the median household income rose 13.7%.

Good news in the economy

Vermont Public shared some encouraging news this month: Census data showed Vermont's median household income jumped 9.8% from 2022 to 2023. That's over twice the national stat of 4.0%. Chittenden County's rise was 13.7% (the rest of the state had less growth). The Chittenden median household income is \$99,587. Median means that half make more and half make less. Vermont has a tight labor market, with larger raises likely for many workers. The Census highlighted that income gains were unequal: men's earnings increased more than women's. Disparities within the whole.

Native American Heritage Month

November is a special time to celebrate traditions, languages, and stories from our indigenous communities. In Shelburne, we held a ceremony with Community School Students, our Equity & Diversity Committee, and Chief Don Stevens of our state-recognized tribe, the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation. We must respect our history and all of our neighbors, and care for the land, waters, and animals we share here together. This partnership extends my previous work with the Monacan Nation in Virginia. Of personal connection, my newest baby cousins are members of Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and Virginia.

