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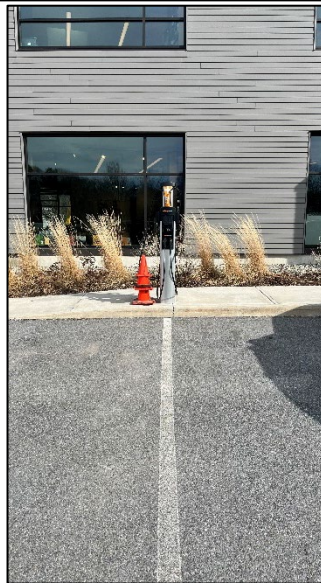
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Amphibians Crossing

This time of year, when nights are warmer and often soggy, thousands of amphibians make a quiet crawl around Shelburne's wetlands. This is part of the life cycle for frogs and salamanders. It often goes unnoticed, except when squished creatures linger on the side of the road. To raise awareness and improve the survival rate, the Selectboard voted to support a one-night closure of Pond Road to through traffic. The exact date depends on the weather: look to Front Porch Forum and other local news. Volunteers with Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas will track the movement of critters like this spotted salamander. If you're driving at night near wetlands, please use extra caution and help keep our delicate, slimy neighbors alive!

From the desk of Matt Lawless



New EV Chargers at Work

The first days of spring also mean warmer earth and easier work for all kinds of construction trades. Last year, the Town won grant funding from the state government and Green Mountain Power to install more charging stations for electric vehicles. Kudos to LaFreniere Electric for a smooth installation.

We added a second station at the library, for the general public to use. There is also one in the employee parking area of town offices, for commuting staff and the Town's own fleet of electric vehicles, which will grow. In both locations, the charging is not free, and the Town recoups the cost of power and maintenance. But it's a convenient service for residents and staff alike! Sign up with the Charge Point app.

Notable Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

- April 4:** deadline for Lifeguard applications
- April 3, 17:** regular Planning Commission
- April 11, 25:** regular Selectboard meetings

What's new around town



Staffing at Shelburne Rescue

Shelburne Rescue is growing! Town Meeting authorized increased funding for staffing, and a new ambulance is on order. Rescue is also enhancing their life-saving equipment, ordering new defibrillators for response to heart attacks. Rescue is now hiring for full-time and part-time positions, with options for certified paramedics or advanced EMTs. These teams drive the ambulance and provide essential medical care. There are also various options to volunteer, if you have other professional or personal commitments.

Congratulations to our newest hires and promotions in Rescue, Jenna Gagne and Lillian Hand!



Parks & Rec Warmups

Shelburne Parks & Recreation also have signs of spring and summer to come. We're welcoming seasonal maintenance worker Franc Gambatese back to the team, along with many other lifeguards, camp instructors, and coaches. It's the first full year with the new beach house! Remember that beach stickers are a great deal for Shelburne residents, and a perk for our Town staff.

Camps and sports teams are filling up fast, so sign up soon!

Consider automatic bill payment

Automating the payment of property taxes and utility bills is a win-win. Residents and businesses save a stamp and are assured never to incur a penalty from forgetting a deadline, and the Town's staff work proceeds more efficiently, with less paperwork in deposits and accounting. Nationwide, a growing share of all household bills are paid this way.

The Town has a simple form to enroll in electronic transfer. It's a highly secure process directly between banks. Visit the Finance website details and instruction on how to automate your tax or utilities bills:

www.shelburnevt.org/190/Finance

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Never worry about paying your bill on time.

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