

Aldrich Public Library



**"Celebrating A Century"
Aldrich Public Library's 100th Year**

Aldrich Library's Centennial Celebration, a community open house, took place throughout the library building on Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2008. Attended by more than 2,000 people, the celebration was filled with fun for the whole family and offered an exciting blend of music, magic, arts and crafts, history, balloons, birthday cake, and ice cream. Admission, activities, and refreshments were free to all.

The library's 100th birthday party began at 1 pm with a ribbon-cutting ceremony piped in by Ian Gauthier on the Highland bagpipes. Brief remarks by Barre City Mayor Thom Lauzon were followed by greetings from Barre Town Selectboard member Jeff Gagne and Aldrich Library Board President Nancy Pope. Making a special appearance to honor the hometown library she loved as a child was folk singer-songwriter Lui Collins, a native of Barre who is one of New England's finest musicians. Renowned for her original songs and adaptations of traditional tunes, Collins has been performing, writing, and recording for over 35 years.

Magician and hypnotist Marko The Magician presented his special show "The Magic of Books" in honor of the Aldrich Library's 100th birthday. The PanAshe Steel Drum Band enlivened the festivities with their trademark joyful Caribbean sound. The children's dance group The Bosnian Lilies performed traditional dances of their native Bosnia. Aged from 3 to 15, the Bosnian Lilies symbolize Vermont's new ethnic settlers.

Throughout the afternoon, library trustees and staff were on-hand to welcome guests, and volunteers served refreshments including birthday cake, ice cream, popcorn, cider, apples, and cheese.

Artists and craftspeople provided hands-on family fun all afternoon, including tables for such "make-it-and-take-it" crafts as centennial bookmarks, calligraphy, mini-books, newspaper hats, birthday buttons, and more. Featured artists included Bette Godfrey, Alyssa Campbell, and others. Stacey Potter and Rosie Grout painted young faces, and Janki and Krishna Patel stenciled henna patterns on many hands.

Barre Historical Society trustee Marjorie Power assembled an historical display comparing the architecture of the Aldrich Library and that of Melrose, Massachusetts, likewise the work of architect Penn Varney. Artifacts from Aldrich Library's 100 years of service to Barre City and Barre Town were on display.



Photo by Alan Rogers

"The Bosnian Lilies" perform a native dance during the 100th anniversary celebration.

Aldrich Public Library was built with funds from the estate of Leonard Frost Aldrich. The library was dedicated on September 22, 1908, when the doors of the handsome classical revival brick building were opened to the public. Above the main entrance and flanked by polished stone columns is a carving in Barre Granite which depicts the passing of the torch of knowledge. Portions of the library were remodeled in the 1980s, and an addition measuring 8,000 square feet was completed in 2000. These changes provided space for books and media, for the Milne Community Meeting Room, and made the entire building fully accessible.

The library's centennial will be celebrated in an illustrated booklet about the library and its first 100 years. The library staff and trustees are completing work on a new long-range plan for the library, and are preparing to launch a capital campaign to build the library's endowment.

How The Aldrich Library Is Funded

Of the library's \$350,000 operating budget for FY 2009, about 28% came from Barre Town and 28% from Barre City appropriations. The remaining \$150,000 is raised each year from private donations, a few grants, and a small endowment. Fundraising events held throughout the year benefit the library, and we solicit funds directly from many generous donors in our community through our annual fund appeal.

In FY 2009, Barre Town's appropriation for the library was \$13.50 per capita. The State average for library funding is \$23.43 per capita. If the Town were to contribute at the level of the State average, the Town's appropriation would be approximately \$177,962. The library's goal is to match the State average over the next 3 to 5 years. Many Vermont municipalities contribute more than \$23 per capita to their local library, such as Brattleboro, Bennington, Burlington, Montpelier, Rutland, St. Albans, Springfield, and Waterbury. Montpelier's

Kellogg-Hubbard Library has a budget 3 times the size of ours and twice the tax support but the same number of people to serve.

Payroll expense accounts for about 64% of Aldrich Library's annual budget. The library has a staff of 4 full-time and 7 part-time employees. Staff wages range from \$8.95 to \$12.90 an hour. The director is paid a salary. We have the help of about 85 volunteers, including 7 trustees, 4 of whom live in Barre Town. After four years as library treasurer, Marilyn Blake passed on her duties to new library trustee Tommy Walz. Many thanks to both of them for their generous contribution of time and expertise!

We are working to implement some energy savings recommended by Rob Spring, of the Snell Group, and we expect to save money on heat and electricity in coming years.

We encourage everyone in Barre Town to visit both the main and branch libraries and enjoy the services we provide. If you don't find what you want, ask the friendly librarians. Our sincere thanks to the Selectboard, Budget Committee, and taxpayers of Barre Town for your support! See you at the Aldrich Library!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Lane, Library Director

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www.aldrich.lib.vt.us

Barre Area Development Corporation

Barre Area Development, Inc.'s (d.b.a. BADC) Articles of Association and Mission Statement state that BADC's "principal function shall be for the purpose of promoting and increasing the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Barre and the Town of Barre, and of neighboring towns and cities; by endeavoring to induce industrial, commercial, recreational, agricultural, and other enterprises to locate or remain in the said city and town; by locating or securing financial and other aid in assistance to such enterprises; by furthering and promoting general business interests in said cities and towns; and by holding such real and personal property as may be necessary or convenient for such purposes".

Since being formed in 1961, BADC is responsible for the development of Wilson Industrial Park (WIP) and the Malden Mills building in Barre Town, along with the Allen Street Light Industrial Park and the Beck & Beck building in Barre City. Wilson Industrial Park currently has fourteen tenants and approximately 80 acres still available for development. Additionally, numerous small businesses have been lent a hand in finding new or larger quarters or have been helped in relocating their business to the area.

BADC's business development program is accomplished by networking and working locally with the Central Vermont Economic Development Council, Regional Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, and a number of other state, regional, and local community organizations. BADC has and will continue to work in partnership with both municipalities and the above-mentioned resources to advance those proposals identified as important to the well-being of the community.

Recent endeavors have resulted in BADC hiring a fulltime Executive Director. Darren Winham, who was raised in Vermont, has a decade of experience in economic and community development. Darren has served as Chief of Economic Development and Housing in Lassen County California, Business Development Specialist for the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and, most recently, as Energy and Construction Lead for the Business Relations Group sector of the United States Department of Labor in Washington DC. Darren maintains an office in Barre City Hall.

With the assistance of Barre Area Development, many exciting projects are coming to fruition in Barre Town at the WIP. SB Electronics (SBE) is building a 52,000 square foot building and expects to hire 140 employees over the next two years. SBE, who makes power rings for plug-in hybrid vehicles among other products, received an over \$9 million grant – which was matched by state and local resources. As part of that match, Barre Town is expanding the road and utilities in WIP. Northern Power Systems (NPS), who is seeing expansion domestically and internationally, has been steadily hiring high-wage positions over the past year and expects to hire at least 60 more employees over the next five years. As part of their investment, NPS is beautifying their facility in Barre Town.

Another interesting development concerning BADC includes a new website, which we expect to be launched early in 2010. This website will include

a three-dimensional tool that will allow for virtual creation of sites in WIP. This tool will provide potential investors and business owners the ability to electronically design a property, building, parking or other structure. Finally, BADC partnered with Vermont Small Business Development Centers (VtSBDC) to receive from USDA Rural Development a Rural Business Enterprise Grant to assist 30 selected businesses in Barre Town, Barre City and Berlin. The participating businesses will benefit from intensive work on strategic, financial, and operational areas with an emphasis on the goal to strengthen and grow each business while creating new jobs in the area. BADC will work with SBDC to develop and deliver this resource.

Businesses or individuals wishing information or assistance should contact Darren Winham, Executive Director, by emailing info@badc.com or calling (802) 476-0660.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Barre for their continued support of BADC's endeavors.

Elected Officers as of July 2009

President – Robert Hutchins (Lajeunesse Interiors)

Vice President – Nancy Gale (Town & Country Associates)

Secretary – Kevin Spaulding (Miles Supply)

Treasurer – Al Flory (Community National Bank)

Past President – Walter Poczobut (Chittenden Bank)

Barre Area Senior Center

The Barre Area Senior Center membership of about 300 senior citizens aged 55 and older includes members from Barre City, Barre Town, Williamstown, Berlin, East Montpelier, and Plainfield.

The Center offers several programs for seniors including Seniors in Motion, foot care clinic, income tax preparation, driver safety program sponsored by AARP, as well as a walking program every Tuesday and Thursday from May through October. We have card games every morning as well as Monday afternoon.

During the past year (thanks to many volunteers), members and guests have enjoyed a variety of dinners ranging from our annual picnic to monthly meals served at the Center and luncheons on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. We also have arranged bus trips for the seniors to Lake George, the Holiday Inn Dinner Theater, Indian Head for their holiday show, and Stowe.

We offered informative programs at our monthly meetings. We have had speakers from the Attorney General's office speak about scams and neighborhood watch, Harriet Hall from the Association of the Blind and Pat Carruth spoke about the services offered by that office, and Robin Bellville from the Council on Aging spoke about programs and services offered to seniors.

We donated several hundred pounds of food to the Backpack program at the Food Bank and donated the contents of the mitten tree to the Battered Women's Center. We participated in Homecoming Day activities with a baked goods, craft sale and flea market. We also joined in the Scary Barre Trick or Treat candy giveaway on Halloween.

Our Board of Trustees offers guidance and support for these programs, and the officers plan monthly meetings and a monthly newsletter to keep the members informed of the activities.

The Barre Area Senior Center is open daily for conversation, coffee, and cribbage. We welcome all seniors in the area to join us for coffee and to meet old friends and make new ones. All of the above activities help to further our goals of keeping seniors and caregivers vital and engaged members of the community through social, educational, and health-related activities.

For more information, call (802) 479-9512 or visit us at 135 North Main Street in Barre.

We thank the Town of Barre for their continuing support.

Battered Women's Services & Shelter

BWSS is excited and inspired by the new directions that the movement is taking. Our work as advocates is becoming more preventative in nature, increasingly pro-active and wider in scope. The programs provided by BWSS have been evaluated and accordingly modified to better reflect these new directions. BWSS continues to take steps to increase our contacts with other service providers. We recognize the importance of having these community connections. It is our hope that the new directions we are moving in will increase the overall accessibility to services for all victims, and create long-term, positive changes for everyone.

Throughout fiscal year 2009, BWSS staff and volunteers were kept extremely busy providing the following services:

- › Responded to 4,536 hot line calls, an increase of almost 25% in calls compared to the previous year.
- › Shelter services were provided to 24 women and 18 children for a total of 1,021 bed nights, with an average stay consisting of 42 nights.
- › Our school programs and on-going school support groups reached a total of 1,660 students in Washington County through the 120 presentations held – almost double the number due to the combined efforts of our co-facilitators.
- › BWSS provided community presentations to 535 individuals through the 39 presentations offered to individuals and professionals in Washington County.
- › Advocates provided support to 97 plaintiffs during Final Relief From Abuse Hearings, and assisted 101 individuals file for temporary orders.
- › Court Education Program was presented to 192 individuals.
- › Over 1,500 people received direct services from BWSS, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteers.
- › BWSS offered numerous evening support groups, reaching a total of 17 women. This evening group was also able to offer child care to 8 children of the participants.
- › Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of our Board members and hot line, shelter, and community events volunteers. Our 20 dedicated and generous volunteers contributed over 8,000 hours to the work of BWSS.

Our services include:

- Shelter - Emergency shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic abuse.
- Shelter Youth Program - Available to children staying in shelter.
- Toll Free 24-Hour Hot Line (1-877-543-9498)
- Emergency, Civil, and Criminal Court Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Prevention Education - Offered to schools throughout Washington County.
- Educational Presentations - Offered to civic organizations and businesses.
- Information & Referral - Information about domestic violence and community resources, as well as individualized advocacy and referrals.

Central VT Adult Basic Education

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education is a non-profit organization serving the residents of Barre Town for over 40 years. It is the only organization in this region which provides free, individualized tutoring in basic reading, writing, math, computer operation, and English as a second language for any person who is at least 16 years old and who is out of school. CVABE also has the area license to give the GED exam leading to a high school equivalency credential.

The Barre Learning Center is where CVABE's main office (476-4588) and largest learning center is located. Teachers also travel to work sites, homes, libraries, and other community locations to accommodate individual situations.

The Barre Learning Center is, in addition, dispatch central for the outreach and instruction CVABE provides throughout Washington, Lamoille, and Orange counties. Each year 800-900 students enroll in CVABE's free programs. The organization is able to accommodate this many students because of the generosity of our dedicated community volunteers. Together with them, staff can make sure the men and women in the region who need to learn basic literacy skills, who need help to get a high school credential, or who need to learn English, are given every opportunity to learn in an atmosphere suitable for adults.

Barre Town's support over the years has been critical to the continuation of CVABE's free, local service. This support, approved each year by the voters, has helped us provide the kind of individualized learning programs needed by those who may have failed in previous, more traditional school settings. CVABE contracts through the VT Department of Education to provide adult literacy services to the central region, and is committed to energetic fundraising from the private sector. CVABE remains deeply appreciative of Barre Town's support of \$2,900, and has not increased its request to the voters for several years.

Twenty-four residents of Barre Town came to CVABE for help in FY '09 and four of them attained their high school credential. For many of our students, their lack of literacy skills or their lack of a diploma have been serious impediments to getting a job, or keeping a job, or being able to progress in a job. For many others, their own lack of a basic education have hindered them from helping their children achieve in school. CVABE has capped costs at less than \$1,500 per year to provide the average adult or teenage student with individualized instruction.

The Barre Learning Center offers free individualized tutoring for Barre Town adults and teens. Among other learning opportunities, there is a computer lab at the Learning Center for students to learn the basics of operating a computer. We have a family literacy program where we work closely with the school system so that parents can be informed participants in their child's education. We have small group instruction in English for immigrants and refugees. We help develop work skills among students about to enter the job market for the first time as well as those returning to the workforce. We offer regular GED testing at the Learning Center, and we have organized and maintained the Depot which remains the only education center in the state for young people who have dropped out of school or who are referred by the public school because they are at risk of dropping out.

Central VT Community Action Council

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (CVCAC) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland counties. CVCAC's programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 14,923 individuals in 7,801 Central Vermont households through Head Start/ Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including Emergency Food, Crisis Fuel, and Home Weatherization assistance.

Programs and services accessed by 496 Barre Town families with 785 residents this past year included:

- 189 households with 355 individuals were provided with emergency services, including food from our food shelves, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 53 households with 136 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 7 households received free assistance with completing and filing taxes with the IRS, receiving the full benefit of refunds, credits, and rebates which were due.
- 11 children participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 16 additional family members.
- 2 Head Start parents participated in Vermont Family Matters to strengthen family relationships.
- 9 homes were weatherized benefitting 9 families and 24 individuals. 2 households had faulty heating systems repaired, and 1 household had a system replaced altogether at no charge.
- 69 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or expanding a business.
- 1 individual received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 19 child care providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 133 children in their care.
- 7 individuals learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.

CVCAC thanks the residents of Barre Town for their generous support this year!

Central VT Council On Aging

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older Central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For more than thirty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful, and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Barre Town.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are information and assistance; community and home-delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support services and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp outreach; and assistance with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include the Senior Companion Program, Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps, and Home Share of Central Vermont.

Older residents of Barre Town often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and/or to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and State resources. Cheryl Torres, CVCOA Case Manager for Barre Town, can be reached at 476-1692 or ctorres@cvcoa.org. In fiscal year 2008-2009, CVCOA served 346 residents of Barre Town.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private non-profit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, State and Federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older Central Vermonters provided by Barre Town.

Central VT Economic Development Corp.

CVEDC provides a suite of programs and services that include assisting existing businesses; assisting businesses planning an expansion; promoting our region to those businesses considering relocation to Vermont; and working on improving the infrastructure necessary for economic growth in Vermont. CVEDC has and will continue to work in partnership with all the Central Vermont municipalities and community stakeholders to advance those initiatives identified by the Town of Barre as important to their residents and the economic well-being of the community. In addition, the issues of workforce development, telecommunications, and housing remain top priorities for CVEDC.

This past year, CVEDC has assisted two Barre businesses with proposed expansions. In partnership with the Barre Area Development Corporation, SB Electronics and Northern Power Systems were supported in their applications for the Vermont Economic Growth Incentive (VEGI). Both businesses were awarded approval by the Vermont Economic Progress Council for VEGI incentives. CVEDC will continue to assist these companies as they move forward with their expansion plans. These projects represent an addition of over 200 new job opportunities during the next five years along with the construction of a new state-of-the-art 50,000 square foot facility in the Wilson Industrial Park for SB Electronics. Both projects will take place in the Town of Barre.

CVEDC continues its focus on the issue of our telecommunications infrastructure. Our infrastructure must extend into our rural communities in order to maintain our viability, preserve our landscape, and retain the next workforce generation. This initiative is scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2010 and to date has brought high-speed wireless internet to over 100 residents/businesses in our outlying rural communities.

Workforce development is still at the forefront of CVEDC's efforts, and we work closely with area businesses and the Central VT Workforce Investment Board on this issue.

The Small Business Development Specialist Dave Rubel is co-located with CVEDC and continues to provide the Town of Barre residents with information and assistance regarding starting a new business or providing assistance to an existing business with marketing, financing, or other information. "How To Start Your Own Business" seminars are offered on a monthly basis. CVEDC and the SBDC this past year co-hosted three E-Commerce Forums for businesses involved with E-Commerce. Both CVEDC and the SBDC will continue to host additional forums that will address the specific needs of business in the E-Commerce sector.

We encourage you to visit our web site at www.central-vt.com/cvedc. One of the features is the ever expanding commercial/industrial sites data base. CVEDC will post all available commercial/office/industrial space for lease or sale that is submitted to us.

We greatly appreciate the support given to the CVEDC by the Town of Barre, and we look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship in the future.

Central VT Home Health & Hospice

Central VT Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a 98-year old not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association governed by a local voluntary board of directors. Serving the residents of 23 Central Vermont towns in the comfort and privacy of their own homes, CVHHH is committed to providing comprehensive, high-quality, medically-necessary home health and hospice care to all Central Vermonters, regardless of ability to pay, geographic remoteness, or complexity of health care needs. The agency also promotes the general welfare of local community members with long-term care and health promotion activities including flu and pneumonia vaccinations, health screenings, foot care clinics, international travelers' health clinics, and caregiver support. In addition to direct patient care, our hospice program offers comprehensive bereavement services and volunteer training.

CVHHH Services to Town of Barre - 7/1/08 to 6/30/09

<u>Program</u>	<u># Visits</u>
Home Health Care:	
Skilled and high-technology nursing	3,208
Home health aide service	3,193
Physical therapy	1,168
Occupational therapy	223
Speech therapy	40
Medical social service	141
Hospice Care:	
Nursing	530
Aide service	747
Therapy	48
Caregiver support contracts	181
Volunteer visits	232
Bereavement contacts	394
Long Term Care:	
Case management	340
Aide and attendant care	3,514
Maternal Child Health:	<u>73</u>
Total Visits/Contacts	14,032
Total Patients	309

Town funding will help ensure CVHHH continues these services in Barre Town through 2008 and beyond. For more information, contact Judy Peterson, President/CEO, or Barbara Butler, Community Relations & Development Director, at 223-1878.

Central VT Regional Planning Commission

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) is a consortium of 23 towns and cities in Washington County and western Orange County. CVRPC provides a forum in which municipalities work together to address regional issues and opportunities. It also offers its member communities professional assistance with local planning efforts through its experienced and knowledgeable staff. During this year, significant time was spent by staff working with member municipalities on mapping, analyses, and policy review in order to understand how current bylaws are likely to influence future development patterns.

The Commission also focused on implementing goals contained in the Regional Plan and the Regional Transportation Plan. CVRPC assisted towns with implementation of the regional housing distribution plan contained in the Housing element of the Regional Plan. Staff provided technical assistance on flood hazard bylaw updates. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee continued to evaluate the regional inter-modal transportation needs and problems and make recommendations to the State Transportation Agency on projects that should be included in the Agency's 5-year capital program. Staff assisted towns with their portion of the application for Federal Stimulus (ARRA) funds. CVRPC continued its work on the development of regional and local pre-disaster mitigation plans, population and housing growth projections, and review and approval of town plans as required by statute. CVRPC also completed assessments on 5 brownfield sites in the Region and is looking for additional commercial/industrial sites that may be contaminated and would qualify for a brownfields assessment. As an outgrowth of the Central Vermont Economic Collaborative, CVRPC completed the analysis of undeveloped parcels in proximity to existing sewer infrastructure to see if a greater housing density would be feasible. Staff also developed a regional map of sewer and water service areas.

CVRPC assisted the Town with: invoicing FEMA for the Honey Brook grant, traffic counts, impervious surfaces mapping, pre-disaster mitigation planning and mapping, Act 250 project review, town plan review and approval, zoning assistance, culvert inventory, updating the town's zoning map, performed a fluvial geomorphic assessment of the Honey Brook, and assisted with the sidewalk study.

CVRPC continues to work with local officials to provide GIS mapping, including planning maps for a variety of projects and municipal plans, fluvial erosion hazard areas, and bicycle and pedestrian path suitability maps. CVRPC is helping local energy committees with energy-related issues that affect the cost of heat, gas, and food. The Commission also provides model bylaws and assists municipalities in the administration of grants. Additional information on the Commission can be found at www.centralvtplanning.org, including our Blog and a place to add comments.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another year of serving our member communities and the Central Vermont region.

Central VT Solid Waste Management District

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's mission is to provide leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. To meet this goal, the District Board of Supervisors developed and adopted a Zero Waste Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) titled *Working Toward Zero Waste*. With Zero Waste the goal is to no longer produce "trash" which needs to be disposed of, but to instead be able to utilize the materials as resources for the production of something new and needed.

Perhaps the biggest story of FY2009 was the economic recession and how hard it hit recycling markets. Instead of getting paid \$2/ton for the recyclables collected at CVSWMD depots, for example, the District now has to pay \$20/ton. The payment used to help offset the costs of operating the depots; now those costs need to be absorbed by other programs or budget areas, which is growing increasingly difficult. In response, many haulers and bag drops began to charge up to one-half the cost of trash disposal to help cover their costs. The District board has chosen to not charge for household recycling at this time, but may have to revisit this decision depending on how the recycling markets rebound.

Here are some of the highlights of the District's FY2009 program work. Our full FY09 annual report is available online (www.cvswwmd.org). Please contact the District with questions or concerns at 802-229-9383 or comments@cvswwmd.org.

- **Organics Diversion Programs** – With food scraps comprising about 20% of the waste Vermonters produce every year, this waste stream is a critical one to tackle. In response, the District has developed a 3-pronged approach to reaching the key sources of this waste: businesses/institutions, schools, and residents.

During FY09, the 49 participants in the Business/Institution Organics Program (up from 39 participants in FY08) diverted an estimated 790 tons of food scraps to composting, while the 18 K-12 schools in the School Organics Program diverted an estimated 90 tons of food scraps to composting. As FY2009 came to a close, Barre Town Elementary School had diverted a total of 50 tons of food scraps from the trash through their participation in this program – an estimated 16.8 tons in FY09 alone.

The District's Residential Organics Program aims to help residents manage their food scraps right where they are produced – at home. In FY2009, the District offered its composting booklet (*The Dirt On Composting*) and free plans for building three different styles of compost bins on its web site. In addition, the District co-sponsored seven Green Cone sales events to increase access to this useful backyard food digester that accepts meat, dairy, and other food scraps not typically put into compost bins. For more information, see www.cvswwmd.org/wp/home-composting-green-cones/.

- **Recycling** – During FY2009, field staff handled a significant quantity of material brought to the 9 District-run and/or underwritten depots, including more than 1,199

tons of mixed recycling; 70 tons of tires; 147 tons of scrap metal; 228 tons of cardboard; 15 tons of used oil; 1.3 tons of used antifreeze; and 1,427 tons of trash.

Materials accepted at the depots include: #1-#7 plastics (which include yogurt and cottage cheese containers), newspaper, junk mail, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, and all glue- or staple-bound publications (paperback books, phonebooks, etc.). The Barre Town depot offers the full range of recycling services, from tires to scrap metal and hard cover books. See www.cvswwmd.org/wp/items-accepted-at-each-depot/ for a complete list of items accepted.

Barre Town is one of the District communities that is fortunate to have a facility located within the town. The CVSWMD Recycling Depot at the Wilson Industrial Park is currently our largest facility and, while payment for trash and other materials by users reduces the cost of operations, the District provides the additional revenue needed to run this facility.

- **Hazardous Waste** – 602 households and 28 businesses utilized the five collections held during FY2009. Educational materials were distributed at the events to help residents reduce the quantity of hazardous materials used and the quantity requiring disposal. Collections are held from Spring through Fall each year. The May 2009 collection in Barre Town was the largest Barre Town event ever, with 145 households and 5 businesses participating.
- **Electronics Collections** – The District collected more than 54 tons of electronics (computers, TVs, stereos, printers, copiers, fax machines, cell phones, etc.) for recycling through an ongoing collection at its Barre Town Recycling Depot and at special collections held in Bradford, Tunbridge, and Hardwick.
- **Web Site** – The District continued to revise and update its web site in FY2009, including ongoing updates of the popular *A-Z Guide To Waste Reduction and Resource Handling* database and the Reuse Business Database.

Family Center of Washington County

The Family Center of Washington County fosters the positive growth and development of young children and their families. The Family Center's array of services includes: infant and toddler preschool and after-school child care programs, playgroups for children from birth to five, parent education and outreach activities for mothers and fathers, training for child care providers, assistance to parents in finding and paying for child care, and planning and coordinating the Central Vermont Building Bright Futures Council's region-wide programs for parents as first teachers of their children.

Among the 360 individuals in Barre Town who benefitted from the Family Center's programs and services from July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 were:

- 116 who consulted our child care and other resource and referral services receiving assistance in finding suitable child care to meet their needs, answering questions related to child care and child development, and receiving information about other community resources available for them.
- 43 families who received assistance paying for child care.
- 75 licensed and registered child care providers and other support agencies who consulted our provider support services, and received monthly newsletters and training on a wide variety of topics through home visits, conferences, workshops. 16 of these providers received intensive mentoring at their child care program.
- 6 children and 7 adults who participated in our playgroups. Playgroups are free, open to all families with children birth to five, and have no eligibility requirements. Children have a chance to play with others in a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment. Parents talk to other parents, draw upon each other for support, learn new skills from Playgroup Facilitators, and get information about community resources.
- 6 adults and 3 children who participated in Parent Education Workshops and related activities for children.
- 2 children who attended our nationally accredited preschool.
- 35 children and parents who attended our community events.
- 34 individuals who were served by one of our specialized home visiting services, providing parent and family education and support.
- 16 community members and child care professionals who planned local and regional Building Bright Futures Council activities.
- 1 child who received transportation assistance through our van.

We are grateful for the support shown by the voters of Barre Town. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Lee S. Lauber, Executive Director, at 262-3292, Ext. 118, or email us at familycenter@fcwcv.org or visit our website at www.fcwcv.org.

Green Mountain Transit Agency

The Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) Board of Directors and staff wish to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Barre for their continued support of GMTA public transportation service.

The mission of GMTA is to enhance the quality of life in Vermont by delivering safe, convenient, and more environmentally efficient transportation solutions. GMTA collaborates with area organizations, such as the Central VT Council on Aging, to offer rides for medical treatment, meal site programs, senior center, shopping trips, and human service needs. GMTA offers the scheduling and payment of rides and provides transportation through volunteer drivers and/or bus service. GMTA not only provides the means for transportation, but also the administration and operational skills required to coordinate these vital services.

For FY09, GMTA provided transportation services to a total of 87 Barre Town residents who qualified for Medicaid and/or Elderly and Disabled funds. A total of 8,368 trips were provided equaling 143,579 miles traveled!

GMTA believes all people should have the means to access needed health care, particularly those living in more rural locations that are dependent on critical care services for dialysis and cancer treatment. In addition, GMTA provides many residents with service to medical appointments at facilities such as the Barre Community Health Center, Central VT Medical Center, Plainfield Health Center, Fletcher Allen Health Care, local drug stores for prescription pick-ups, and to more distant facilities such as Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Boston medical facilities. In addition to medical transportation, we collaborate with human service programs which support the specific needs of transit dependent residents, such as early child care education, back to work training through Reach Up, assistance in substance abuse recovery, dialysis care management, access to vocational rehabilitation, risk management services or other State services for aging and independent living programs.

GMTA provides transportation service for Barre Town residents seeking access to senior and adult day centers like the Barre Senior Center, Project Independence, and the VT Association for the Blind. Organizations such as these are vital community resources which support the well being of our senior and disabled community members.

GMTA wishes to thank Charles "Chip" Castle, a well-respected Barre Town Selectboard member and Barre Senior Housing representative, for his service on the locally appointed GMTA Board of Directors from 2006-2009. We are extremely grateful for the dedication Chip offered in support of the GMTA mission and towards the continued well being of the communities in which we service. Thank you Chip, and we wish you all the best. GMTA also wishes to thank Barre Town residents Joanne Tremblay, George Schwarzer, Wayne Kilmer, Deb Davidson, and Tawnya Kristen for their ongoing commitment and care to support the mission of GMTA. Thank you for your wonderful work!

For additional information on GMTA services, call 223-7287 or go to www.gmtaride.org.

Green Up Vermont

“A strong sense of community spirit” is how Green Up Day 2009 (May 2, 2009) was described by many participants. Many towns reported record turn-outs, and numerous volunteers reported less trash than in previous years.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization working to enhance our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town’s help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12% of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 14% of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies, including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

Mark your calendars: May 1, 2010, the first Saturday in May, is when Green Up Day celebrates its 40th anniversary! Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends, and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!

For more information, call (802) 479-1229, email www.phwc@sover.net or visit us at 553 North Main Street in Barre.

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

People's Health & Wellness Clinic

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a brief report to the citizens of Barre Town. Here are statistics coincident with your fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30,2009:

Unduplicated patients from Barre Town:	41
Total patient visits from Barre Town:	103
Total PHWC unduplicated patients:	579
Total PHWC patient visits:	1,315

The People's Health & Wellness Clinic provides primary health care and wellness education to Central Vermont residents who meet our income guidelines and who cannot otherwise afford these services. 2009 marks our 15th anniversary of service to Barre Town and the Central Vermont community.

As we mentioned last year, we now screen every patient for eligibility in any of the State's health insurance programs and Central Vermont Medical Center's patient financial assistance program. We assist patients with filling out the forms and all the way through the application and enrollment process, including helping them find a primary care doctor once they have insurance.

Because of the economy in the summer of 2008, we saw a 26% increase in the number of new patients. As we entered Fall, we found that people were putting off health care as they struggled to deal with home heating, gas, and food prices. Luckily, that trend has eased, and we finished on June 30 with "only" a 7% increase in new patients.

We appreciate the support of Barre Town's residents as we continue to provide needed health care to Central Vermont's uninsured and underinsured residents.

Project Independence

Project Independence, at 420 Washington Street in Barre, is Vermont's oldest adult day health service. We are a non-profit with 33 years of caring for the frail, elderly, individuals with dementia, and adults with severe physical and emotional impairments. Our service allows loved ones to be cared for in a homey, warm and loved environment. Most of our participants have been coming to Project Independence for many consecutive years. This allows the families to maintain their professional lives as well as gain some respite. We believe in supporting our State's plan of "Aging in Place".

Our staff has long tenure with Project Independence as well as the highest quality of skills in geriatrics and the highest amount of compassion. The staff includes: 2 RNs, 3 LNAs, 2 LPNs, 1 PCP, activity coordinator, and a 20-year gifted staff member whose specialty is working with people with dementia. We also staff a professional chef, a certified van driver, an office administrator, as well as an Executive Director. Our staff carries out a full calendar of adult-appropriate activities each day, 3 outings per week to their favorite eating establishments, as well as weekly bowling and walking the mall for exercise.

Project Independence adult day health care will provide you, your family member, or the person for whom you care, with high quality professional services including, but not limited to:

- an individualized Plan of Care
- daily health monitoring and nursing care and liaison with physician and other health professionals
- therapeutic exercises and/or activities indicated by your physician or Home Health nurse
- daily transportation: to our site, for special trips and other needs, and year-round "field trips"
- 2 nutritionally-sound meals per day and an afternoon snack prepared on-site by our chef
- assistance with activities of daily living and personal care services (e.g. recreational activities, art, poetry, and other workshops) and socialization
- daily exercise and strength-building provided by trained staff with occupational and physical therapy support
- social work services: counseling, advocacy, education, etc.
- podiatry; mediation and spirituality sessions; respite
- a safe, nurturing, stimulating yet comfortable environment, and more.

We care for an average of 28 people each day. We also have 6 trained volunteers, and we welcome others who would like to spend some time with us. Our transportation is contracted through Green Mt. Transit Authority. They have the most courteous and kind trained drivers assigned to our routes. The vans are handicapped accessible, air-conditioned, clean, and safe.

Thank you, Barre Town! We could not fulfill the services of Project Independence without your support.

RSVP

RSVP and the Volunteer Center for Central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom is a program for people who want to help meet community needs through volunteer service and the meaningful use of their skills, knowledge, and talents.

Barre Town was able to benefit from RSVP services in two ways last year. The RSVP Coordinator involved 42 residents of Barre Town in volunteer service with non-profit and public organizations throughout Central Vermont.

Those organizations are as follows: Aldrich Public Library, American Red Cross, Barre Opera House, Bene-fit Shop, Central Vermont Council on Aging, Central Vermont Medical Center, Central Vermont Community Action Council, Community of Vermont Elders, Everybody Wins Vermont, Family Court of Washington County, Friends of the State House, Green Mountain United Way, The Galley/BHA, Vermont Foodbank, Vermont Historical Society, Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and Woodridge Nursing Home.

The volunteers at these organizations donated 2,523 hours of service, which enabled these organizations to expand or continue their services to area citizens, many of whom are Barre Town residents. We calculate that Barre Town RSVP volunteers provided the equivalent of \$46,473 worth of services to the area.

In addition to involving these volunteers, RSVP made available insurance, transportation reimbursement, recognition, and training to all of its members.

We are proud of the work that these volunteers contributed and believe they helped make Barre Town a better place for its residents.

Anyone wishing to know more about RSVP, or wanting to become a volunteer, should call 828-4770 or stop in to see us at our donated space in the Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin, or visit us at our web page (www.VolunteerVt.com).

Sexual Assault Crisis Team

The Sexual Assault Crisis Team (SACT), at 4 Cottage Street in Barre, is a private, non-profit organization that offers free of charge advocacy for male and female victims of sexual violence. This advocacy includes emotional support for both one-on-one and groups, 24/7 emergency hotline (479-5577), legal support, medical and hospital support, emergency overnight shelter support and shelter use for victims/survivors and their non-offending family members during the legal process including court, depositions, rape exam recovery, time before or after individual counseling sessions through private therapist, and other times when victims/survivors need a private space or bed for an hour or a day. SACT provides education around all sexual violence issues for Washington County schools K-12 and colleges, service groups, and other public organizations.

The mission of SACT is to provide education on sexual violence to the community, to provide advocacy services to all victims of sexual violence, and to work collaboratively with other community organizations on prevention strategies regarding sexual violence. Historically, SACT has been a leader in providing training and educational presentations to schools, community groups, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and other organizations.

SACT operates using paid staff and volunteers. During 2008-2009 we had 8 volunteers from local communities (including 3 Norwich nursing students) who trained for 30 hours to provide confidential advocacy to victims by responding to hotline and shelter calls. During 2008-2009, SACT received 1,018 calls for services including crisis calls for sexual assaults, requests for emotional support, hospital advocacy, criminal justice advocacy, hotline, information, referrals, and requests for education and training. During fiscal year 2008-2009, SACT provided services to 90 new, unduplicated clients and responded to the needs of 59 additional clients already working with SACT. These clients included 24 males and 66 females ranging in age from 6-60 years of age. SACT has focused this year in working with the elderly who experience sexual violence within their living environment. SACT served survivors who suffered from a variety of abuse, including sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, stalking, pornography, human trafficking, and elder abuse.

SACT provided Washington County schools with sexual violence education and materials, and worked collaboratively with Norwich University to educate all incoming students around prevention of sexual violence and presented to several classes including the Nursing Program and Criminal Deviance class.

SACT provided shelter for male and female survivors of sexual violence. SACT also provided shelter for male victims of domestic violence and for special needs victims, primarily those needing a handicapped accessible facility or needed to have their 24-hour care provider stay in shelter as well. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, SACT provided shelter for 16 people, including 5 adult females, 9 adult males, and 1 female child for a total of 147 bed nights. SACT remains dedicated to providing services to all survivors of sexual violence and remains committed to identifying new needs and meeting that challenge.

Washington County Youth Service Bureau

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is an important resource to the residents of Barre Town.

The Washington County Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club is a private, non-profit social service agency that has served young people and families in the area since 1974. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the Bureau provided the following services to a total of 33 youths and other family members in Barre Town:

- 12 teens and families were assisted by the Country Roads Runaway Program that provides individual, family, and group counseling as well as assistance to runaway and homeless youth, 24-hour crisis intervention, and emergency temporary housing for youth.
- 4 teens were provided with substance abuse treatment by a certified drug and alcohol counselor.
- 7 teens participated in the Transitional Living Program that helps homeless young people make the transition to independent living.
- 5 family members (3 teens and 2 children) participated in the Teen Parent Program that helps teen parents and pregnant teens build parenting and life skills, continue their education, and create healthy homes for their children.
- 5 community members were served through the 35th annual community Thanksgiving dinner organized by the Bureau.

Referrals to the Bureau come from parents, teachers and other school staff, the Vermont Department of Children & Families, the Vermont Department of Corrections, churches, police officers, and young people themselves. Many referrals are received through the agency's 24-hour crisis telephone service.

The Bureau's services are funded by donations, fundraising events, private foundations, local town governments, insurance payments, as well as State and Federal grants.

For information and assistance, call the Youth Service Bureau/Boys & Girls Club at 229-9151 or visit our web site at www.youthservicebureau.info. Crisis assistance is available 7 days a week/24 hours a day.