RECREATION NEWS

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Tuesday Morning Forest Walks

Beginning June 7th and lasting through September the Tuesday



Morning Walkers will meet each Tuesday at 9am sharp at the Brook St. parking area for a brisk morning nature walk around the Town Forest. All ages are invited. Walks will be cancelled if there is heavy rain. Come once or walk all season! For more information or rain

Marianne 802-476-418 checks contact at or at mkotch731@gmail.com. There will also be group walks every other Sunday starting June 12th. Samantha Ryan will be leading these walks. She may be emailed at SamanthaR@sbelectronics.com.

Rockfire returns for $\frac{Rockfire}{\text{its 5}^{\text{th}} \text{ year!}}$ Rockfire has received "Top 10 Event" recognition from the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and it's easy to see why, with its unique



combination of art, music and fire that has become an annual event in the Town Forest. This year's activities - from night time disc golf, to outdoor music, to releasing lit sky lanterns - will take place 7 pm Friday June 24th through Sunday June 26th at two locations, the Vermont Granite Museum and the Barre Town Forest. For full schedule and details visit www.rockfirevt.com. Tickets are available by calling the Barre Opera House at 802-476-8188 or can be purchased on site the day of the events. All benefits will go to the preservation of Barre's historic quarry lands.

Millstone Relay is a 7 mile long mountain biking relay race on July 30^{th.} Registration begins at 8 am and the race starts at 10. It is expected to be on the Town Forest trails until 6pm. Riders may race individually or in teams of two or three. Juniors welcome. Participants can register on the day of at 8 am or online at http://www.gearworksproductions.com/millstonerelay/registration. For more information call GearWorks productions at 207-221-0203 or email info@gearworksproductions.com. Other Town Forest users: Please note that more mountain bikers than usual may



be on the trails July 29th and 30th, as Trail Passes for Friday and Saturday are included with registration fees for this race.

<u>Spring Run</u>

Get ready for this year's 5K Spring Run! It will take place on Saturday May 21 at 9 am at the Barre Town recreation area. There is a \$5 registration fee and runners can either preregister by using the registration form which can be obtained at www.cvrunners.org (and click on CVR Races) or register on race day from 7:45 am -8:45 am. All benefits will go Barre Town recreation department to support future recreation events. For more information see www.cvrunners.org or contact Andrea McLaughlin at ajvtskier@msn.com or 476-4417.

Fairy House Building and Storytime

Preschoolers through primary grade children and their parents are invited to a Fairy House Building Storytime in the Town of Barre Forest on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Meet at 1pm sharp at the Brook St. parking area in Websterville to follow children's librarian and



award-winning bagpiper Ian Gauthier to the forest for stories and time to build your own fairy house. Please dress warmly and with sturdy shoes. Sponsored by the Town of Barre, the Aldrich Public Library, and the Friends of the Barre Town Forest. For more information, please call Marianne Kotch at 476-4185. In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

Susan G Komen 5K

On September 10th Central Vermont Medical Center will host a Susan G. Komen 5K starting at 9:30am on the Millstone Hill West Bike Path. There is \$20 registration fee. For more details or if you'd like to volunteer please contact Kim Kiniry at 371-4597 or Kimberly.kiniry@cvmc.org.



Heritage Festival 5K Trail Fun Run or Walk

On Sunday July 31st Central Vermont Runners and RehabGYM will be sponsoring the Barre Heritage 5K starting at 44 Brook Street Town Forest Entrance at 9:00 am. All ages welcome. Registration is \$5. See www.cvrunners.org (click on CVR Races) for more information or call Jackie Jancaitis at 802-479-4000.



The Town Recreation Board will host a series of ice cream socials, one at each neighborhood playground, this summer. The Board will give out ice cream starting at 6:30 pm and finish at 7:30 pm (or while supplies last). The dates and locations are July 12, Lower Graniteville; July 19, South Barre; July 26, East Barre; August 2, Upper Graniteville; August 9, Upper Websterville; and August 16, Trow Hill. Bring the family out for a treat and playtime. Call the town offices at 479-9331 if you have a question. Come cool off with us!

<u>Revitalize Trow Hill Playground!</u> <u>Community Build Weekend</u>



Can you use a shovel, turn a wrench, pour concrete, or hold bulky shapes in place? Then come to Trow Hill Playground (291 Hill St.) and help your neighbors install the exciting new equipment for this playground! 30 volunteers are needed each day, Sat May 21 and Sun May 22, but more hands make light work, and we're

happy to have you for just one day if you can't make both. Lunch and beverages will be provided to volunteers. For more details about the revitalization effort, daycare details for Community Build Weekend, or to RSVP, check the recreation section on the town website, or contact Elaine at <u>ewang@barretown.org</u> or 479-9331.

Spring Into Summer Fest!



Come celebrate the return of nicer weather with the Barre Town Recreation Board's Spring into Summer Festival! Saturday, June 4th from 10 am - 2 pm at the Barre Town Recreation Fields. Craft goods, Real Bounce, face painting, kite building, B-Rex Challenge for kids, touch-a-truck and more! Interested in selling craft goods? There is a \$20 fee for crafters and \$30 for hostesses. For more information

contact Tracy Wright at 802-476-6125 or check the town website.

Reserving Picnic Shelter

The picnic shelter in the recreation area is a popular spot for reunions, parties, showers and club, group or business picnics.

Many Saturdays and Sundays already are reserved. Act now to see what dates are available and reserve a time. The shelter reservations are listed on the Recreation Calendar (<u>www.barretown.org</u>). A form to reserve the shelter also is available on line (at the town website, click onto Permits and Forms). In lieu



of using the computer, *call Tina Thurston at 479-9331*. There is a minimum \$50 fee for reserving the shelter. Groups or individuals reserving the shelter receive a reservation certificate. For smaller gatherings, especially with younger children, two free alternatives are the South Barre (Wilson Street) and East Barre (Pleasant Street) playgrounds. Electricity, restrooms and water are not available at these sites.



<u>Tennis Lessons</u>

Tennis lessons will be offered this summer for boys and girls grades 3rd-6th (Tue-Fri am) and for adults 7th grade and up (Tue, Wed, and Thur. evening). Registration forms can be obtained from www.barretown.org or the town manager's

office. Forms can then be mailed to Kelly Cleveland, 337 Beckley

Hill Road Barre, VT. 05641. In-person registration will be available Thursday May 26-27, 6 pm – 7 pm, rain or shine at the Recreation Complex tennis courts. Contact Kelly Cleveland at krc67stang@gmail.com for more information

Summer Soccer Camps

Vermont Voltage Soccer

The Vermont Voltage soccer club will conduct a week long, halfday soccer camp at the Barre Town Recreation Area August 15-19. The camp/training hours are 9:00 am to noon. The camp is for boys and girls age 5-18. Brochures are available in the Municipal Building and at some neighborhood stores. For more information

contact the Voltage at (802)527-1077, or voltagecamps@gmail.com. A registration fee (tuition) is charged.

<u>Capital Soccer</u>

Capital Soccer Club from Montpelier is offering a half-day (9am to noon) camp June 20-24 at the Barre Town Recreation Area. It is designed for ages



6-15 and offers training for beginners to advanced players. For more information and to register visit their website at <u>http://capitalsoccer.net/camps-clinics-programs/summer/barre-camp</u>. A fee is charged.

Good Goals

Good Goals Soccer will offer two week-long day camps at the East Barre Fields (Pleasant Street). Their camps also are 9am to noon. The two weeks are June 20-24 and August 15-19. For more information and to register email info@goodgoalssoccer.com.

Montpelier Ultimate Frisbee



Montpelier Ultimate is hosting Summer Middle School Ultimate Frisbee Camp! Middle school-aged beginners or veterans of ultimate Frisbee will love spending the day

learning new tricks and techniques. Camp runs from July 4th to July 8th each morning at the lower soccer field at the Barre Town Recreation Area. Cost is \$150 per participant. To register use this QR code or email <u>anneofvermont@gmail.com</u>. For more information call Anne Watson at 802-595-1734.

Youth Track and Field

Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Departments are once again joining together to sponsor the Barre Youth Track Team! Boys and girls ages 7-14 may join to improve their throwing distance, increase running speed and develop their self-confidence. Practice is 5:30-6:30 pm on Monday and



Thursday evenings from June 13 to July 21 leading up to the 2016 State Track meet on July 23 in St. Johnsbury. Registration fee is \$30. Check the town website for registration details.

Enjoy the outdoors!