



NEWBROOK NEWS

A quarterly newsletter by and for the townspeople of Brookline and Newfane

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ARCH BRIDGE BEING REBUILT

By Erica Walch

Repairs to the Arch Bridge in Williamsville began in March. The project is expected to conclude in October.

Built around 1900 and reconstructed in 1934, the Arch Bridge brings cars, motorcycles, pedestrians, bicycles and the occasional horse over the Rock River. It is made of concrete and has been deteriorating for years. A 2014 report by VTrans noted that it was in poor condition. Well now that it's 2022, repairs are underway.

A new concrete arch is being constructed and the old one will be removed in April (this timeline is to mitigate impacts to the bats that live under the bridge, according



to a February 2022 article written by Chris Mays in the *Brattleboro Reformer*).

During construction, this part of Depot Road

will be closed to through traffic and people on that end of Depot Road, Sunset Lake Road, and Duke Road will need to go back to

Route 30 and get on Grimes Hill Road if they want to head west to South Newfane, Brookside, or points further south.

One of the unknowns with the project is what the state of the bedrock on the riverbank is. The condition of that material will impact how quickly the project progresses.

The total cost of the project is \$4.6 million dollars and the work is being done by Renaud Brothers of Dummerston. Federal, state, and town resources are funding the project.

The first version of the bridge was rebuilt in about 30 years, and that version started failing after about 60 years. The new bridge is expected to last about 50 years without major repairs.

WHAT VOLUNTEERING MEANS TO ME

By Jane Douglas

I met up with some of my former co-workers for lunch a few weeks ago. Some of them, like me, are retired, but the rest were still complaining about their jobs. One guy raised his glass for a toast. "Here's to retirement, when you have all your time to yourself!"

I burst out laughing! The other retirees just exchanged knowing smiles. Time to myself? Then I proceeded to tell the poor working stiffs what my free time is really like, now that I've been retired for a few years.

I've become an expert at

GoToMeetings, because I'm the Newfane representative to the Governing Board of DVFiber, the group bringing high-speed broadband to the currently unserved and underserved households of 24 towns in southern Vermont. All our meetings, both board meetings and committee meetings, are on GoToMeeting.

And I just love Zoom! Zoom meetings are for the Tai Chi of Vermont board meetings, of which I am treasurer. And Zoom is how the Newbrook News committee gets together, of which I am a member. The Planning Commission meet-

ings (yes, I'm a planning commissioner, too) are still mostly on Zoom twice a month, although I could go to the town offices in person. But I've grown used to not having to hop in the car and drive through the cold and dark!

Some things are still in person, with mandatory masks, such as the South Newfane Cemetery Trustees monthly meetings. And everyone wears a mask at the weekly class I teach of Tai Chi for Fall Prevention, in my free time.

"Wow," said one of the guys, "it's like you've traded in one job for a dozen

jobs! How much do you get paid for all that?"

"Nothing. It's all volunteer."

Now, I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it really is a lot of work! Lots of reports to read, articles to write, classes to prepare and practice for, people to talk to, things to arrange. My work week certainly adds up to more than 40 hours. But these are all jobs that need doing, and so now that I have lots of free time, I do them, for my neighbors and my community.

Retirement isn't Free Time, it's Payback Time. Do you have some time to spare?

SPRING EXHIBITS AT THE CROWELL GALLERY

By Lee Anne Parker

The Crowell Art Gallery is located in the Moore Free Library, 23 West Street in Newfane and is open when the library is open.

Each month the gallery features original artwork by local artists. There is often a reception where visitors can meet the artists.

April

Students from NewBrook Elementary will return to the Crowell Gallery after a two-year hiatus.

April is The Month of the Young Child and focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families and recognizes the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. No reception for this show.

May

Mary Therese Wright presents "Formations: A visual exploration of shape and



mass" Paintings in casein, walnut ink and charcoal. pm.

Her work references issues of personhood, place and change. Wright's work employs the history and contemporary understanding of myth to speak its message. "Hillside" by Wright is shown above.

Reception Saturday May 14, 1-3

June

The "Friday Morning Artists" a group that works together in the Crowell Gallery on Friday mornings will show the public what they've been creating over the past few years.

Reception date TBA.

Spring Will Be

By Jean Allbee

From stark, dark
winter's cold
buds burst,
unfold,
red first;
chartreuse filigree,
emerald river
moss greenery,
leafing tree.
From stark, dark
winter's cold
spring will be.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE FIRE DEPT.



By Gary Lavorgna, Captain, NewBrook Volunteer Fire & Rescue

We don't only fight fires or respond to medical calls. Much work takes place behind the scenes to support the mission of our department.

Recruiting for and running weekly bingo games and providing refreshments. Ordering bingo supplies and booking rentals of the hall. Organizing fundraising events such as our Open House BBQ, Silent Auction, and Coin-Drop. Preparing our annual appeal letter and writing thank-yous to our donors.

Entering data from our calls into a federal incident reporting system to make us eligible for grants. Writing grants to replace our aging trucks and equipment. Maintaining the building and grounds: mowing the lawn and plowing snow, replacing light bulbs, coordinating trash removal and recycling. Ordering water, energy drinks, and snacks to carry in our trucks; kitchen supplies; batteries for our portable equipment. Issuing and maintaining pagers and radios.

The majority of these tasks is carried out by volunteers in the department. But residents often donate their skills and time, by designing and creating signage, or maintaining our water system, or carrying out electrical and plumbing repairs, for example. We are privileged to operate in a community with so many dedicated individuals.

Thank you, volunteers!

JOIN US! Sunday, May 29th at the 6th Annual Soup Fest & Silent Auction



To celebrate the 5th anniversary of The Historical Society of Windham County's West River Railroad Museum

NEW THIS YEAR!

The Soup Fest & Silent Auction will be held outdoors at the West River Rail Museum on Cemetery Hill Road in Newfane Village, starting at 1:00pm.

The annual Soup Fest & Silent Auction raises funds to support the Historical Society of Windham County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum.

DO YOU HAVE ANY AUCTION ITEMS TO DONATE? CALL 802 365-7766

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See the Historical Society's website for more details: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org

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December calls:

1 Fire (pellet stove)
7 Medical
1 Lock-out
2 Lift assists
4 Odor investigations
1 MVA w/o injuries
1 Mutual Aid to W. Brattleboro

January calls:

1 Fire (dryer)
9 Medical
1 Lift assist
3 Smoke investigations
1 MVA w/injuries
1 MVA w/o injuries
1 Mutual Aid to W. Dover
1 Mutual Aid from E. Dover, et. al.

February calls:

14 Medical
1 Lift assist
1 Smoke investigation
4 MVA w/o injuries
1 MVA w/injuries
1 Mutual Aid from E. Dover

MVA: Motor Vehicle Accident

Service Call: water in basement, lifeline activation, falls, etc.

BROOKLINE MEETING HOUSE EVENTS

By Lee Anne Parker

The Brookline Meetinghouse, located at 632 Grassy Brook Road and known locally as the Historic Brookline Church, has been owned by the Town of Brookline since 2014. A committee of volunteers interested in historic preservation and community development, appointed by the Selectboard, oversees fundraising and improvements to the building

to promote and develop the site for future cultural events and social gatherings.

The Meetinghouse will begin holding **First Saturday of the Month open houses** May 7th from 10 – 1 pm. Come and tour this 1836 Baptist church that is undergoing restoration and rejuvenation. Learn more about the life and times of the early settlers to the Brookline and Townshend area and share your own

stories of the early years.

May 28th Plant Sale – The Brookline Meetinghouse will be offering a selection of perennial bedding plants to help raise money for ongoing renovations during the hours of 9-11 am. Anyone interested in helping supply plants should drop them at the Meetinghouse Friday afternoon (May 27th) or Saturday, the day of the sale (May 28th) before 9 a.m. The Brookline

Meetinghouse improvements are funded by individual donations, voter approved appropriations and public and private grant foundations focused on preserving our heritage.

For more information contact the Town of Brookline or visit www.brooklinevt.com

RELIGION NOTES

Brattleboro Area Jewish Community offers services three Saturdays per month at 10:00 AM and a musical service the last Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. Weekly Jewish meditation group on zoom.

Passover services scheduled to be virtual at time of press. Call BAJC at 802-257-1959 for more information.

Newfane Congregational Church offers services Sundays at 10:00 AM Call 365-4079 for details about regular and Easter services.

Our Lady of Mercy and the West River Missions Roman Catholic Church offers Mass Sundays at 10:30 AM in Townshend (Putney church currently closed). Easter Mass Schedule in Townshend:

April 14, Holy Thursday 6PM
April 15, Good Friday 6PM
April 16, Holy Saturday 6PM.
April 17, Easter Sunday 10:30AM

Call 802-387-5861 for more information



MEMORIAL DAY FLAG WAVE

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service to our country. The Newfane GOP Committee will again hold a flag waving event at noon on Memorial Day (Monday, May 30th) along Route 30 in the center of Newfane Village.

There will be a few extra flags available or you can bring your own. All are welcome.

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TOWN MEETING RESULTS & VACANT POSITIONS

BROOKLINE

75 votes were cast on Feb 28 by Australian ballot.

Elected were:

Town Moderator: David Y. Parker, Jr.

Town Clerk: Guy Tanza

Town Treasurer: Guy Tanza

Delinquent Tax Collector:

Guy Tanza

Selectboard Member (3 year term): none

Selectboard Member (2 year Term): Stanley Noga, Jr.

Cemetery Commissioner (5 year term): none

Trustee of Public Funds:
Guy Tanza

Several other positions were unfilled. Brookline needs people to fill these positions.

Not all appropriation requests passed. Visit Brookline Town Hall to see which were voted down.

NEWFANE

310 ballots were cast for the Australian ballot. Elected were:

Town Moderator: Deborah

Lee Lusk

Town Clerk: Carol Hesselbach

Town Treasurer: Melissa

Brown

Selectboard Member (3 year Term): Ann Golob

Selectboard Member (1 year term): Jeffrey Chevalier

Selectboard Member (1 year term): Katy Johnson-Aplin

Delinquent Tax Collector:
Melissa Brown

Lister (1 year remainder of 3 year term): Beckley "Linda" alley Gaudette

West River Unified District

School Director: Emily Long
The following positions are unfilled:

- Lister (3 year term)
- Lister (2 year term)
- Town Constable

All other articles passed. To see the appropriation votes, visit Newfane Town Hall

FAMILY MEAL TIME IDEAS: DINNER TOGETHER

By Elisha Underwood

"Dinner Together" is a program designed to strengthen family connections by providing caregivers and youth opportunities to express care, provide support, share power, challenge growth, and expand possibilities

through the preparation and eating of family meals. Windham County Prevention Partnerships (WCPP) will be launching a free text messaging program available for anyone who is interested.

For eight weeks, you will

get a text message on Thursday afternoons, containing family-friendly meal recipes and activities to strengthen family connections during mealtime and beyond. The first texts will start on March 20, 2022, registration is rolling

and you can start any time before May 2022. To sign up please visit windhampartnership.org

If you have any questions reach out to Elisha Underwood at wrwthrives@gmail.com

SIGNS, SIGNS, EVERYWHERE SIGNS

Have you noticed the blinking "Your Speed Is" signs leading into the Villages of Williamsville (Speed Limit 25 mph) and Newfane (Speed Limit 30 mph on Rte 30 and 25 on West St)?

The two new ones were installed over the winter and located on the way into the two villages. Neighbors say the signs are helping to slow the traffic. Thanks to the Newfane Selectboard for making these signs happen.



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Any amount is welcome! And if you want to volunteer your time, we'd love your help.

MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April is the Month of the Young Child. There are events throughout Windham County to celebrate.

The Crowell Art Gallery will be featuring the art work of NewBrook students in April and Timson Hill Preschool will host a Paint Your Own Pottery Event on April 23rd. Register for the pottery event by emailing director@timsonhill.org

Find all the Windham County events at the Rockingham Library's web site: rockinghamlibrary.org/calendar

NEWFANE FLEA MARKET BACK

The Newfane Flea Market returns to Route 30 on Memorial Day weekend. It will be in the same location, but under new management.

The Newfane Flea Market first opened in 1967 and

many locals and tourists have fond memories of visiting this beloved local landmark.

The new version of the flea market will include local farmers and food vendors as well as

people selling crafts, vintage items and antiques.

The market will be open Sundays from 9-2, rain or shine, and will run from Memorial Day

weekend through October 30th.

To become a vendor or to be added to an email list that will send out information about the market, contact Julia Tadlock at newfane flea@gmail.com or phone 845-430-0190

The NewBrook Newsletter is an all-volunteer production. In addition to articles submitted by our faithful readers, the crew that conceived and produces the newsletter is:

- Priscilla Cotton
- Jane Douglas
- Jen Frey
- Missy Stearns
- Dan Towler
- Erica Walch



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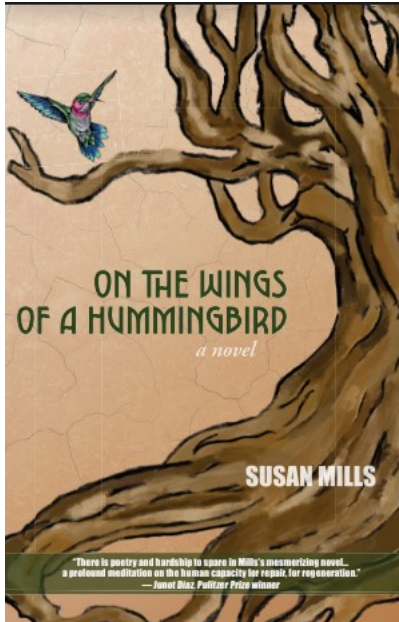
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LOCAL AUTHOR'S DEBUT NOVEL



By Susan Mills

On the Wings of a Hummingbird is the debut novel of local Newfane author Susan Mills. It will be released on May 2 by Apprentice House Press. It's a great book for fiction-lovers, socially-conscious teens and adults, and book groups.

The book tells the story of 15 year old Petra who must grow into the lessons of the Mayan hummingbird as she carves her future out of a childhood scarred by gang violence

in Guatemala.

Petra's childhood friend Emilio had a hand in their friend Justina's murder, and his father is the local gang leader's right-hand man. Betrayed by Emilio and abandoned by her mother who has fled to the U.S., Petra now fears for her own life.

Petra ultimately flees to the U.S., but the pressures follow her there. As she attempts to reconcile with her mother over the abandonment, her mother disregards the danger and pushes Petra to forgive Emilio despite her alarm when he shows up near

their home.

The novel explores forgiveness and redemption, how to heal oneself and find a future of integrity with friends and community who have participated in atrocities.

Junot Diaz, Pulitzer Prize winner, says: "There is poetry and hardship to spare in Mills's mesmerizing novel... A profound meditation on the human capacity for repair, for regeneration."

COMMUNITY MEMORY PROJECT GROWS

By Beckley Gaudette

In the Fall of 2020, the Moore Free Library received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to start a community-wide interviewing/oral history project to preserve the memories of residents of Newfane, Williamsville, South Newfane and Brookline. This is the Community Memory

Project. The project is now in its 2nd year. There are over 65 interviews on the project site.

New interviews posted include:

- Julie Nichols who owned the West River Lodge in Brookline
- Howard Osgood, Brookline
- Dorothy (Dot) Maggio, Brookline
- John (Bud) Pyatak, Williamsville
- Ruth Hamilton Daigneault who

grew up in Newfane Village

Go to the library web site (moorefreelibrary.org) to listen to the recordings. If you don't have internet access, you can use a computer at the library.

We are always looking for people to share their memories and stories. If you currently live in Newfane or Brookline, used to live in those towns or have a sig-

nificant connection to our shared history, we would like to speak to you. Beckley Gaudette is the Coordinator of the Community Memory Project. She may be reached at the library (802-365-7948) or email MFLcommunitymemory@gmail.com.

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MEALS ON WHEELS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



Volunteers Jesse Anderson, Dan Towler, and Dennis Hunt

By Thomas Simmons

March 2022 marks fifty years since Meals on Wheels, a federal program that delivers meals to seniors, was founded. And here in Vermont, it has become a lifeline for many of our neighbors. “I began preparing meals for Wardsboro and Jamaica residents, and then Townshend,” said Stephanie Schryba, the owner of the Townshend Dam Diner. “Then, when Valley Cares ended their programming, I picked up Grafton, Athens, Londonderry, and then Newfane.”

The area served by the intrepid volunteers and Dam Diner staff covers the largest geographic spread of any Meals on Wheels operation in southern

Vermont. Each month, more than 1200 meals are prepared by Stephanie and delivered by volunteers to area residents who can’t leave their homes. 38 seniors in Newfane (including Williamsville and South Newfane) receive 248 meals per month.

Sporting a Cape Cod “Elder Care” hat from his Massachusetts volunteer days, Dan Towler was thoughtful as he waited for the packaged meals to be loaded into his car for his Townshend route. “I wish more people would sign up for this – it’s a great service and ensures that people who remain at home get good, nutritious food. I know there are many more out there who

could benefit from this.”

Dan may get his wish, as the number of meals delivered in the area grew 8% each month during the last quarter of 2021.

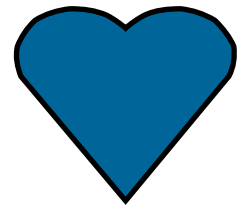
“It’s based on nutritional needs, but there is also the social aspect of having a friendly face come to the door,” says Wendi Germain, the Nutrition & Wellness Director of Senior Solutions,

which provides substantial support to the program. “For many, these drivers may be the only face they see all week. We so appreciate these volunteers. I can not overemphasize how critical it is to have public support for these programs, through both volunteerism and donations.” Wendi noted that Meals on Wheels operations across Vermont rely heavily on public donations to keep them running.

Those wishing to volunteer drive time or donate, or to sign up for home-delivered meals may contact Wendi at 1-802-755-7295, or email her at

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FAMILY MEMORIES OF THE OLD DAYS

By Karen Bailey Cawrse

My father's parents were born in Newfane in the late 1800s, but later both families moved to Agawam, Massachusetts where they fell in love, married, and lived the rest of their lives. They were married for fifty-seven years.

My grandmother, Effie Electa Perry, was born in a house on Marlboro Branch Road across the street from the South Newfane-Branch Road Cemetery. In 1906, to prepare for their move to Agawam where they had secured employment doing farm and dairy work, the family auctioned off whatever they didn't need and charged a relative with selling the farm. It sold for \$900 to Clarence Moore. The summer of 2004, firefighters from nine departments in Vermont and New Hampshire responded to a blaze that destroyed the 200-year-old farmhouse. At that time, the house was owned by Peter Lilienthal, who was in the process of renovating it.

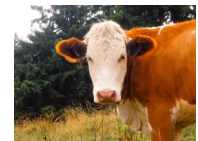
My grandfather, Chauncey Dennison Bailey, was born in a house (destroyed by a flood) near the top of Stratton Hill. His father, Dwight Elmer, was a

butcher by trade. In 1903, he bought a farm in Agawam where he and his wife Minnie (Stedman) would run a dairy farm, but they retained the property on the hill. As a teenager, my grandfather would drive a team of horses eighty miles one way from Agawam to South Newfane to log ash from their wood lot for the basket mill in Williamsville. The trip, eighty miles one way, took two days with a stopover in Leyden. When she lived in South

Newfane, grandma reminisced about helping her mother, Evelyn, and "members of [her] generation" making batches of sweet and sour pickles and relishes and canning corn, tomatoes, and even meat. Then.

Often, the men worked on the roads to pay off their taxes and then gathered around the wood stove at the general store

to snack on crackers and cheese and chat. The store sold wooden boxes of London or Jersey Crème crackers. One variety was imprinted with the image of a cow. Grandma writes in her memoir: "We used to put a whole cracker in our tomato soup and delight in watching the cow grow."



Williamsville, Vermont, 1911. This load of ash logs are from the Stratton Hill lot, for the Basket Shop in Williamsville. Dwight E. Bailey on the load, Chauncey D. Bailey who drives the team. Photo by Porter Thayer.

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LIBRARY BOOKS TAKE READERS AROUND THE WORLD

By Julie Lavorgna

Books set in other parts of the world have always appealed to me. Violet Kupersmith's *Build Your House around My Body* takes us to Saigon (Ho-Chi-Minh City), where a young Vietnamese-American woman has arrived to teach English. Nothing turns out the way she had hoped. In fact, one day she disappears. As the book moves back and forth in time to explain what has happened, we meet an array of colorful characters who inhabit the gritty underside of the city and the stunning countryside of the highlands. The book is at times funny, spooky (the Vietnamese belief in ghosts plays a large part in the story), but resonates with the country's

colonial and war-torn past.

In Andrea Lee's *Red Island House* a rich Italian businessman has built an ostentatious villa in a beachside village in Madagascar, where he and his Black American college professor wife, Shay, spend their vacations. Uncomfortable in her role of "lady of the manor," Shay immerses herself in the culture of the local community whose struggling and superstitious citizens have their own stories to tell.

Sarah Moss's *Summerwater* offers us another set of unique voices. Holidaygoers are beset by a week of rainy weather in a rustic camp on the shores of a Scottish loch with nothing more entertaining to do than muse on their own lives and comment on the activities of their neighbors. Moss is brilliant in getting

into the minds of her characters, whether teenagers, millennials, or oldsters. And, as in so much of British fiction, the inevitable theme of class arises.

Back on our own continent, *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson is set in a small village in Northern Ontario. The narration moves back and forth between the present day and decades past as Kate, a young university professor, remembers the struggles that she and her siblings underwent in the wake of their parents' sudden death. Lawson is adept at describing the complicated emotions that beset families and the long-term repercussions that arise in the wake of choices made—or not made.

These books—and many more—are available at the Moore Free Library.

GRACE COTTAGE NEWS & EVENTS



By CJ King

Grace Cottage Hospital's Emergency Department will soon be undergoing some improvements. Plans are in the works for a portico that will allow ambulances to back up undercover so patients won't be exposed to the elements. The nurses' station is being

redesigned for better efficiency of emergency care and inpatient services. And an alcove for patient intake will improve patient privacy. Environments for Health Architecture

out of Williston is designing the new layout. Renovations are expected to be completed this year.

Good news for those who have loved ones in the hospital: visitors are again welcome. Currently, up to two visitors can visit one patient at a time, between the hours of 1-7 pm daily. The hours may be expanded soon, so call

802-365-7357 for updated information. Visitors will be asked screening questions to determine whether they may have been exposed to COVID recently and all visitors must wear masks inside the hospital.

Patients coming to the clinic for primary care visits or to the outpatient rehabilitation department will still be screened for COVID, but this will occur at the intake area rather than at the door.

Wellness classes (Fall Prevention, Tai Chi, Yoga) are not yet scheduled to return, but that may change soon. The cafeteria

also remains closed to visitors until further notice. Outdoor hospital events are being planned, such as the Spring Into Health 5k Walk/Run (Saturday, May 7th) and the Tour de Grace Bicycle Rally (Saturday, June 25th). Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day will happen on Saturday, August 6th and donations for the white elephant tent, the live auction, and the other booths will be accepted beginning in June.

For more information on Grace Cottage events, visit gracecottage.org/events or call 802-365-9109

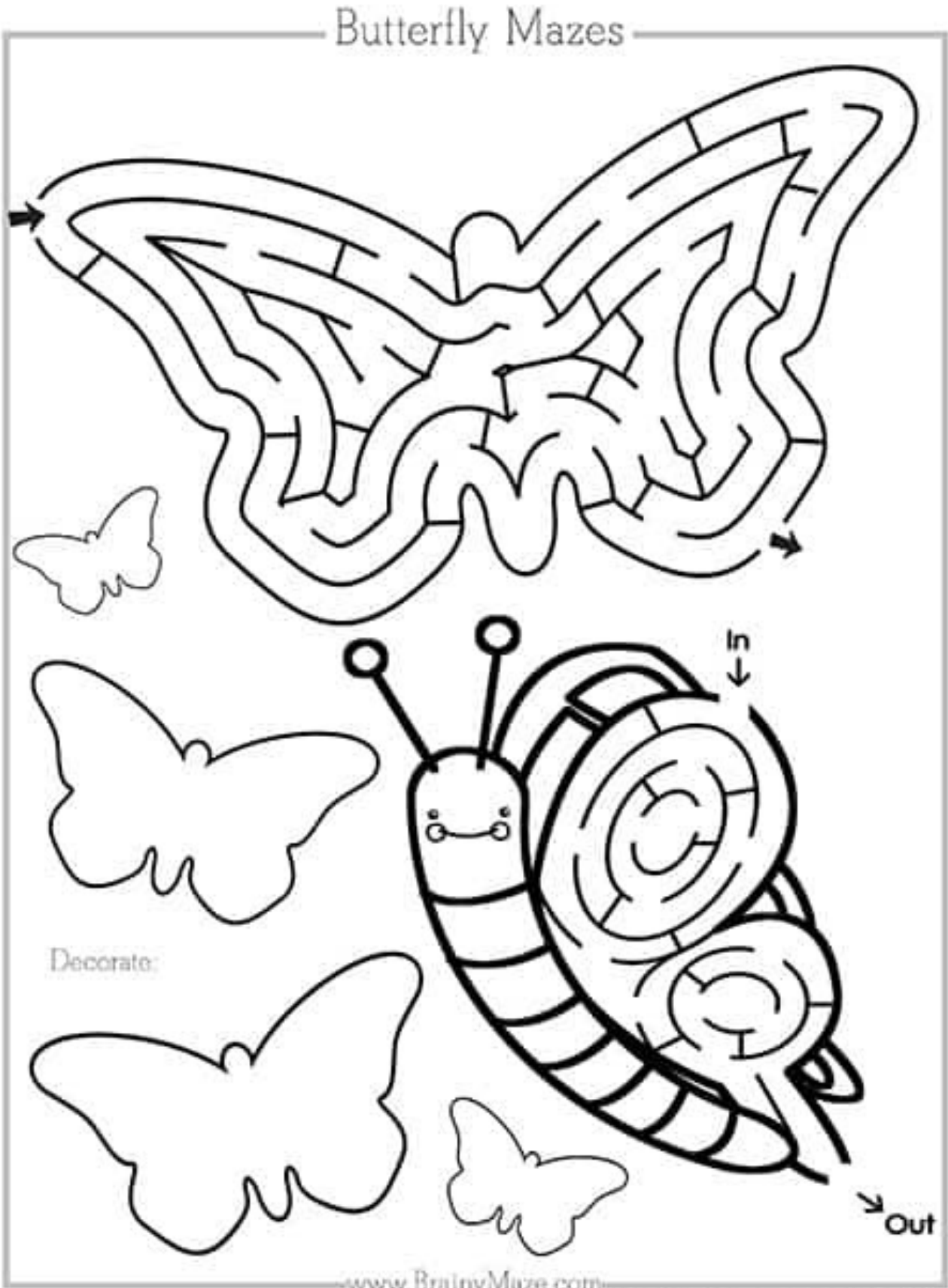
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The newsletter's editorial board reserves the right to edit all submissions for clarity and length.

Deadline for submissions for the July/Aug/Sept 2022 issue is Friday, June 3rd

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This is an all-volunteer group that helps community members with one-time needs and short-term needs (shopping for homebound or vulnerable). They also coordinate delivery of free meals during COVID. Contact them to give or receive help.

Emergency:	Enhanced 9-1-1	911
Fire:	NewBrook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid, Keene, NH	1-603-352-1100
Ambulance:	Rescue, Inc. Brattleboro Grace Cottage Hospital , Townshend	254-2010 365-7676
Police:	Windham County Sheriff, Newfane EMERGENCY Non-Emergency	365-4949 365-4942
Mental Health:	Mental Health Services of Southern VT	1-800-622-4235
Domestic Violence:	Women's Crisis Center, Brattleboro	254-6954
General:	United Way Helpline	211
Runaway:	Youth Services of Windham County, Brattleboro	257-0361
Temporary Shelter:	Morningside Shelter	257-0066