



*Dana Rogers, Whitefield Trash Service* Photo by Tony Marple

## Need Help? Call Town Office

By Lise Hanners

Because of the prior generosity of Whitefield residents, several emergency funds have been established in our Town to assist people in need. This year a donation was made to Jellison Fuels to provide emergency heating fuel to Whitefield residents. In addition, a fund created in previous years can be used for emergency assistance with heating fuel, propane, or firewood. Two additional funds are available for help with rent, food, and other needs. Whitefield residents who need support from any of these funds should call Yolanda Violette at the Whitefield Town Office (549-5175) and she will assist with filling out the simple, newly drafted Whitefield Emergency Assistance Form. The General Assistance fund is also available, should a resident meet the requirements of support. General Assistance forms may be requested at Town Office as well. The Food Pantry is open the first Friday of the month from 10:00-2:00 and every Saturday from 10:00-12:00 except for the Saturday following the first Friday. Anyone wishing to donate to the heating assistance fund may do so by mailing it marked "heating assistance donation" to the Town Office, Attention Yolanda.



*It took only two hours for our volunteer crew to refill our beautiful newly renovated Library with books.*



*Surrounded with books, our volunteers are ready to organize the library and complete the "finish" work on our new bathroom, kitchen & hallway. Our goal is to be ready in the Spring to begin exterior renovations.*

## A view from Whitefield Students

### The Cold

By Hannah Ratcliff

The cool, gush of air that fills my lungs as I take a deep breath lopes  
throughout the rest  
of my body.

The icy atmosphere around me  
forces me to shiver, my teeth  
chattering at a steady  
rhythm.

The trees are bare, and the only  
living animals I see are the sor-  
row- filled crows that caw  
every night at this exact time.  
Screeching to one another com-  
municating in some  
foreign way.

Snow banks tower in front, and  
behind me maybe even all around  
me. They are mighty  
tall and almost look like the  
mountains that you hear about so

often. The one's way far

from your own home. It confuses me, and razzes my brain how an  
environment can be  
so dreadful yet calm.

How even though the screeching fowl that torment me every evening  
can be so  
reassuring.

Someone tell me how the fragile, naked, trees can be so breathtaking  
to look at.

Along with the grand snow banks that only reap what you sow.  
I've come to the conclusion that I do.

I do like the cold.



*Photo by Lana McCormick*



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### Winter

By Maddie Andreasen

There's snow on the ground  
That's a sign of winter  
Frost on the window  
Here it is again  
Iceicles hanging from ledge  
That's winter alright  
Now it will never end

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# Whitefield Historical Society "Just Yesterday"



This child's red wooden sled was found in Mike Sodano's barn. The Sodano's farm was the former Donovan, Kinsella, Vigue property. The sled was donated by Mike to the Historical Society. We wondered if it would go as fast as the modern plastic sleds.

*Courtesy of Whitefield Historical Society*

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## Select Board Notes

December 15-January 15, 2021

By Lise Hanners

Below are issues of likely interest to the residents of Whitefield from the Select Board meetings of the previous month. For a complete description of the issues before the Board each meeting, please click this link: <https://townofwhitefield.com/agendas-minutes/> to go to the Town website and read the Select Board minutes.

The Select Board voted to delay the 2021 Town Meeting until June 5 because of the continued severity of the pandemic. The Board completed a first draft of the 2021-2022 budget but has delayed convening the Budget Committee until March 2. The Town still needs two more volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee; please contact Yolanda Violette at Town Office (549-5175) if you are interested.

Whitefield elections will still be held in March as usual. Two open seats are available for School Board and three seats are available for the Planning Board. Please step up to support your town and run for these seats!

Town Office will be painted when the weather improves. Eugene Winchenbach Painting won the bid and will perform the work.

With Yolanda Violette, the Board drafted a Whitefield Emergency Assistance Request Form, that can be used by Town residents seeking support for heating fuel, rent, food and other needs. This form is much simpler than the information needed for support by General Assistance and the Board is hoping that residents in need will take advantage of funds available in Town.

## Great after school opportunity for kids!!!

The 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program has partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley to offer academic enrichment and support to students in grades 3-8. The program will be held at Chelsea Elementary school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:30-4:30 and will offer a rich variety of hands-on activities that provide students with alternative learning opportunities. The goals are to improve students' grades and standardized test scores from fall to spring, escalate students' goals and leadership skills, and educate students using a variety of enrichment activities. Don't miss this amazing opportunity for your child.

If you are interested in signing up your child or have questions about the program please contact Meagan Soule, Program Coordinator at [msoule@svrsu.org](mailto:msoule@svrsu.org) or [msoule@bgck.org](mailto:msoule@bgck.org).

Here are some program quick facts:

\*For Whom: Grades 3-8 Whitefield/Chelsea Students

\*Days of Operation: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

\*Times: 2:30-4:30

\*Cost: FREE

\*Transportation: Transportation to and from is provided by school bus or by parent pickup

\*Open February and April Vacation weeks!!!

\*Closed on snow days, early release days and holidays

### Chelsea and Whitefield Students Grades 3-8

### Camp Chelsea February Vacation

FREE CAMP Grades 3-8 Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday from 8-12

Looking for something to do over February Break, Come to Camp Chelsea for Four Days of Learning, Laughter, Outdoor fun, Field Trips, STEM Activities, and More.

Transportation: Free to and from Camp by bus Time: 8 am-12 pm

Cost: FREE

Breakfast and Lunch Served Daily Grades: 3-8

Location: Chelsea Elementary



For More information and Registration please contact:  
Meagan Soule: Camp Chelsea Coordinator ([msoule@bgckv.org](mailto:msoule@bgckv.org))

## FEBRUARY 2021 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE GROUP OR MEETING PLACE TO SEE IF YOUR EVENT IS STILL OCCURRING**

- 1st**     **ROADS COMMITTEE**, Central Fire Station, 4:00 pm
- 2nd**     **SELECT BOARD** 6 pm Central Fire Station
- 5th**     **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
- 11th**    **RSU 12 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** 6:30—9:00 pm
- 13th**    **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm
- 16th**    **SELECT BOARD** 6 pm Central Fire Station
- 17th**    **PLANNING BOARD**, Town Office 6:00 pm
- 20th**    **WHITEFIELD FOOD PANTRY**, St. Denis Hall, 10-12 pm



### Patience

By Debbie Rogers

Welcome 2021! We are so happy you're here! It has been exceedingly difficult this past 10 months, abiding by the rules, practicing safe contact or no contact with our family and friends. During the lockdown we were, for the most part, all incredibly careful. Wearing masks, limiting our contact, washing hands, surfaces, clothing, and basically avoiding the multiple ways you could become a statistic of the Covid virus. The benefit of all that care was that Maine stood out in the country as having extremely low transmission of the virus and low numbers of sick individuals.

Fast forward to the holidays and the virus is spreading at an alarming rate. Today we had 704 new cases, 11 died and 70 hospitalized. Also, the current number of our family and friends that have had the virus is extremely alarming. No longer is it so easy to say you do not know anyone that has been affected by this disease.

Understanding that we are all tired of the extreme rules that have become the norm, we need to be just a little more patient. Our family and friends are all ready to visit, enjoy grandchildren and grand nieces not to mention our wonderful friends who make our lives fuller and happier. However, with the pandemic at an alarming growth rate, not only in our small community, but on the entire planet, we need to consider being patient for a little longer.

We have a vaccine, we are all (for the most part) using masks and being aware of other's spaces. It will be better this Summer when we can all be outside again, and a larger portion of the population have been vaccinated. So, hang in there, be careful, continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask. We have been very blessed so far, let us try and keep it that way. We are all in this together.



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1. Blaze King wood stove for sale. In good condition, huge wood stove. \$800 OBO 485-3991
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