

Guilford Cares Report

BY RICHARD DAVIS

Guilford Cares continues with the mission of filling in gaps in services for elderly and disabled in our community. Transportation was identified as a major need, and we have established a small group of volunteers for that purpose. We work closely with Meals on Wheels to provide drivers for the Guilford route (which is a long one, mileage-wise).

We received another Successful Aging Grant from the Council on Aging for South-eastern Vermont, part of which will be used to establish some local nursing services for those who fall through the cracks. We are pursuing other grants to make this a more regular service, and to make this a pilot project for other Cares groups. We intend to support and supplement what our visiting nurse organization does already, not to replace any of their services.

We intend to pursue a more formal status, and file for a 501c3 status. We are in touch with other Cares groups in nearby communities to share ideas and resources.

We are hoping to do a major fundraiser this year, and may be contacting some of you for your help.

We would appreciate as much input from the community as we can get. We need feedback, suggestions, identification of needs, ideas. Anyone who is willing to volunteer in any capacity is encouraged to call us.

Main contact phone is Richard and Sue Davis, 254-2240.

From the Town Clerk /

Treasurer's Desk:

BARBARA OLES,
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2006. The legislature has changed the expiration date on rabies vaccinations. Now if the vaccination was a primary vaccination, then the vaccination is a one year vaccination. If the vaccination was a booster, these certificates are now valid for three years from date of booster. The legislature also added a license fee surcharge of \$2.00 per license for the purpose of funding a dog, cat and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program. The cost for a dog license will be \$11.00 unless the dog is neutered or spayed; then the license will cost \$7.00. If you have any questions concerning the expiration date of the rabies vaccination, please call the office at 254-6857 and we will help you.

REMINDER: Please remember to file your Declaration of Homestead Form (HS131) by April 15th. This is an annual obligation for all home owners of the state. There is a penalty if you file late and it also makes for a lot more work in this office if adjustments have to be made.

My assistant, Roberta Bremmer, officially retired as of January 19th. I thank her for all the great work she did for me over the past three and a half years. Her sunny disposition and pleasant manner was a great asset to this office and she will be truly missed. Congratulations Roberta, and enjoy your leisure time!

Poets Afield is Afoot!

Our Guilford Poets Afield project, funded by the Vermont Arts Council, is underway at Guilford Central. Thanks to Addie Minott and Mary Sargent of the Guilford Historical Society, Hazel Phelps and Peg Barry of the Brattleboro Historical Society, and to Dana Sprague of Brattleboro for assisting with this project. If your family happens to have a background in local baseball, the Civil War, World War II, sugarhouses, hunting, schoolhouses, snowboarding or mountain biking, and you are interested in talking to students, please contact Stuart Strothman, middle school language arts teacher, at gazette@guilfordschool.org. Also, check our photo site at flickr.com--key in poetsafield. Thanks!



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