

FROM THE TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

This is the time of year for taxes and elections in the office, which makes it very busy. We have already had over 100 requests for early voter ballots.

Taxes have been billed out in the amount of \$3,601,299.03. The tax rate for this year is, for non-residential, \$1.8153, and for homesteads \$1.9498. The Town's share is \$.4201 and the School's share is, \$1.3952 and \$1.5297 respectively. Tax bills are due once a year in Guilford on October 15th. Since the 15th fell on a Sunday, the due date was actually the 16th. Taxes came in very well, with collections of \$3,603,690.19 received in a timely manner.

All homestead owners should have received a letter from the State concerning tax changes for 2007. The "Declaration of Vermont Homestead" and the application for property tax adjustment will be on one form, called HS-122. This form must be completed by all resident homeowners, and filed by April 17, 2007. Your property tax adjustment will come directly to the Town next year, so filing promptly will aid in getting the information to this office before tax bills are issued. This action will eliminate many added hours of adjustments to tax bills, and mortgage companies getting the wrong information.

I hope your Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are full of blessing and joyous times.

Barbara Oles, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Community Reading Buddies

BY SUSAN HESSEY

Do you love kids? Does curling up with a cute kid and a good book once a week sound like your idea of a great time? Well, we've got a great opportunity for people just like you! One aspect of this year's Action Plan is a focus on helping Guilford School's students improve their reading fluency. Joy McCarrick, Action Planning Team member, is looking for volunteers who can read with elementary students for 30 minutes a week. We all hope that

many people will come forward so that this program can thrive. At the same time, Guilford's youngest residents will have the opportunity to get to know more people in their town. If you have 30 minutes a week to offer, please join us in the fun of teaching and spending time with the town's kids. You can reach Joy at 257-3034 if you'd like more information about scheduling or transportation. Call today!

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