



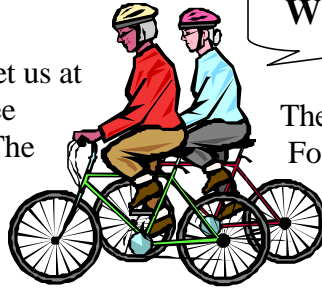
Winooski Parks and Recreation Department

Monthly Update for May

You can always find this Update and more information at www.onioncity.com
To receive this update every month by mail or e-mail please contact Julia 655-6410 or julia.e.jackson@gmail.com

Green Up Day!

Green Up Day is Saturday, May 5th! Meet us at Landry Park between 8:30-9am for coffee and bagels, and to get your green bags. The greening will take place between 9am-noon at Landry Park, and a few other community locations. Please bring your own rakes, gloves, and other clean up tools if you can! After the green up, meet us back at Landry at noon for a BBQ. Green up Day is a statewide event that promotes the greening of Vermont! For more information contact us at 655-6426 or julia.e.jackson@gmail.com.



We're moving!

Foster Grandparents

The Winooski Family Center is looking for a Foster Grandparent to help them fulfill their mission of providing a safe and nurturing environment for children, birth to school age. The Foster Grandparent Program is a program of the United Way of Chittenden County Volunteer Center. Imagine feeling joy every day from the love and wonder of children eager to spend rewarding time with you. Call Patti at 651-5360 at the Foster Grandparent Program today and see if this opportunity is right for you!

Winooski Girls Day!

Over 60 women and girls of all ages joined us on Saturday April 28th for the second annual Winooski Girls Day! Throughout the day girls made journals, decorated their Girls Day t-shirts, learned about Abenaki culture, made casts of their handshake with another girl, took silly pictures and made picture frames, learned how to bellydance, planted seeds, and learned how to use a jigsaw! We also made over 50 game bags filled with fun things for kids in the hospital at Fletcher Allen. Winooski Girls Day was brought to you by Robyn Bahar from Casey Family Services, Cat Pisha from the Winooski Family Center, and Erin O'Neil, Julia Jackson and Erin Buckwalter from the City of Winooski. We'd like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for their donations and hard work!

Winooski Swim Team

Swim team registration will be held May 2nd from 6-8pm at the Winooski School Cafeteria. You can also pick up a registration form at City Hall. Completed registrations can be returned to Matt Villemaire, 27 East Allen St. Winooski, VT 05404. If you have questions please contact Sandy Dion 655-0584.

Memorial Day Parade

Come to the Memorial Day Parade Saturday, May 26th. The parade starts at noon at the School. From there it heads down Main Street, on to LaFountain Street, and ends at Richard's Park. The BBQ and ceremony will be held at 1pm at Richard's Park/the Armory.

Operation Bloom Plant Swap

The Annual Plant Swap with Operation Bloom will be Saturday May 12th at Richard's Park (Dion and LaFountain Street).

Get Moving Winooski!

Have you signed up yet? What are you waiting for? It's spring, time to Get Moving, Winooski!

This community wide program helps you and your family set goals to be active 30 minutes a day for five days a week. Sign up to receive community support, prizes as you complete each six-week session, be eligible to win monthly raffle prizes, and participate in on-going free activities in Winooski and the Champlain Valley. You can find more information at www.onioncity.com. Sponsored by Parks and Recreation and Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community. Contact Julia or Erin 655-6410.

The winners of April's raffle were Eric Aurland in the youth category and Malissa Morgan in the adult category. Congratulations!!!

Winooski Community Potluck

The next Winooski Community Potluck will be May 17th at the Winooski School Cafeteria.

PLEASE NOTE! We have changed the potluck time. Potlucks are now from 5:30pm-7pm, NOT 6pm-8pm. This month's potluck is sponsored by the Winooski Community Development Department. Come learn about the Community Center coming to Winooski in the fall!

Fathering Group

The Fathering Group will be held Monday evenings at the Winooski Family Center from 5:30-7:30pm.

The Fathering Group will include meaningful discussions on fathering, parenting and families; an opportunity for dads and children to socialize; a children's playgroup with activities and field trips; and a free meal. This group is for expectant dads and dads with children ages birth to 6. Please contact Bobby Riley at 324-6431 or brileyvt@verizon.net for more information.

Nurturing Program

Families with teens, sign up for a spring parenting class through the Nurturing Parenting Program. The program start date is now May 3rd. The program will take place Thursdays from 5:30-8pm at JFK School. Topics include: learning nurturing communication strategies; how to recognize each other's needs; understanding adolescence; and ways to build personal power, self-esteem, and self-concept in your teens. This program is free and dinner, childcare, and transportation are provided. Contact Bob at 655-6426

Advisory Board

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st from 6-8pm at City Hall. The June meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 5th.

Parks and Recreation Wish List

We would appreciate a donation of any of the following items: shovels, hoes, trowels, pitchforks, garden gloves, harvesting baskets, folding table (about 3x5 ft), rain gauges, wheelbarrows, and metal or plastic shelving.

WCSPC

The Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community will be meeting on Wednesday, May 9th at 3:15pm in room 211 in the High School. All community members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there! Contact Julia or Erin for more information 655-6410.

Gilbrook Fishing Clinic

The Annual Gilbrook Fishing Clinic will be Saturday, May 19th from 9am – noon. Meet at Gilbrook Natural Area. The Clinic will be followed by a fishing derby from 1pm-4pm. For more information contact Bob DiMasi at 655-6426.

Winooski Community Gardens

The following Community Garden Events are free and open to the public:

May 19th: 11am-1pm Winooski Community Garden Kick-off and *Gardening 101* workshop

June 16th: 11am-1pm Garden Potluck and *Garden Pests* workshop

These events are held at the Landry Park Community Garden (the rain site is the Senior Center). For more information contact Erin Buckwalter 655-6410 x31 or ebuckwalter@gmail.com

Memorial Day Parade Committee

Active volunteers are needed to help us revive the tradition of an annual Memorial Day Parade after three years. Contact Parks and Recreation if you are interested.

Winooski Farmers' Market

The Winooski Farmers' Market will be open this year from June 7th through October 18th on Thursdays from 3:30-6:30pm in front of the Champlain Mill. Julia 655-6410 x13.