

# Revival News & Notes



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## Waterbury Community Fair To Be Held March 5th

**R**evitalizing Waterbury will host its 5th annual Waterbury Community Fair on Sunday, March 5, from 12 to 3 p.m. at Thatcher Brook Primary School. As in years past, residents will have the opportunity to learn about the area's non-profit, civic and municipal groups with more than 40 organizations represented. There will also be an opportunity for folks to meet the candidates running for local positions at an informal meet-and-greet session scheduled for 2 p.m.

The theme for this year's fair is "Celebrating Our Town." Honoring the theme, two new events will take place: A Taste of Waterbury, a complimentary lunch from the donations of more than 30 local businesses, and an art show, which will display the works of over 20 local artists.

"A Taste of Waterbury and the art show concepts are another way to celebrate everything that is great about Waterbury," says Laura Parette, president of RW. "We are pleased to be able to expand the scope of this fun, family-oriented event."

A Taste of Waterbury will feature food from a variety of local establishments including Waterbury's new restaurants Maxi's and Hen of the Wood; fine dining restaurants such as Michaels on the Hill and Tanglewoods; the exotic tastes of Marsala Salsa and Sunja's

Sushi; as well as the casual food and beverages of Arvads, Full of Beans, The Alchemist, The Center General Store, and Waterbury Wings.

As part of the Fair's "Celebrating Our Town" theme, the art show will showcase the diversity of artwork coming from our community with displays ranging from photographs and paintings to pottery and glass.

"We hope to show at least one piece from the 20-plus artists in the Waterbury area," says Parette.

As area residents stroll around and learn about the many non-profit and municipal groups that serve our community, they can take a few moments to give their eyes a treat and get excited about the creative energy that's so alive right where we live. Professional artists as well as hobbyists will be represented.

Like last year, the Waterbury/Duxbury School Board will meet during the Fair to present its annual budget in preparation for town meeting. All are welcome to attend the

meeting, which will take place at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

For more information on the Fair, contact Maureen McCracken at 244-7943 or [maureen\\_mccracken@adelphia.net](mailto:maureen_mccracken@adelphia.net).

*RW looks forward to seeing you at the Fair!*



## Groundbreaking Scheduled for Waterbury Railroad Station Restoration

After many years of planning, RW is happy to celebrate the restoration of Waterbury's railroad station with a groundbreaking ceremony to be held on Monday, February 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Contractor K. R. Adams of Milton, Vt. began work on the project on February 1st and construction is expected to be complete in August.

The restoration of the Victorian Italianate railroad station, built in 1875, will begin with reinforcing the structure. The winter months will be spent renovating the building's interior for its new use as a Green Mountain Coffee Roaster's café and visitor's center and as a central Vermont tourist information center. Come spring

the baggage building will be rebuilt on the southern end of the station in likeness to the original structure and all exterior work including the center tower with bell shaped cupola, new roofs, and decks will be carried out restoring the building to its former beauty. During renovation, the station will continue to serve Amtrak passengers.

The groundbreaking ceremony will bring together the people who have supported this project, from state and local officials to businesses, organizations, and residents. All are welcome to attend.

### Capital Campaign Update

RW's Capital Campaign has \$255,000 left to raise to restore the railroad station. The campaign brochure recently went out to Waterbury businesses and was included as an insert to the February issue of the community newspaper Exit 10. For more information on the campaign and how to contribute, visit [www.RevitalizingWaterbury.org](http://www.RevitalizingWaterbury.org).



# Waterbury to Apply for Downtown Designation Status

by Tom Stevens

In December 2005, the Waterbury Village Trustees approved the formation of a Downtown Designation Committee as the beginning of the process to apply for "Downtown Designation."

The new committee, made up of members of RW, the Waterbury Community Development Committee, the Planning Commission and members of the public, will develop a three-pronged approach to the application: Economic Development, Design Control, and Publicity and Marketing. It is expected that after holding public educational meetings throughout the spring and summer that an application will be filed by October 1, 2006.

"We're pleased the Trustees approved this process," said Tom Stevens, chair of the committee and Select Board member. "Their support is necessary and we are excited to work with them to bring this program to our downtown."

Downtown Designation is a state-sponsored project that provides certain financial benefits to historic downtowns and economic centers. Towns need to develop a rigorous plan for planning and marketing their downtown, and make a commitment to running an organization. If approved by the Vermont Downtown Program, Downtown Designation will qualify property owners in the Downtown District with tax benefits based on restoration and fundamental improvements, and will help qualify the Downtown District for improved status while applying for grants.

If Downtown Designation status is approved, RW has agreed to be the non-profit corporation that oversees the program.

The committee has already started planning work for the appli-

**Annual Meeting - Please Join Us!**

*Good Food • Good Company  
Great Year • Great Community  
Festive Atmosphere • Our 15th Anniversary*

**Saturday, March 11th at 6:30 pm • Potluck**  
**47 Valley View Rd., Waterbury Center**  
 (white home on the corners of Loomis Hill and Valley View Rd)

**6:30 pm-7:30 pm social • 7:30 pm business meeting**

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cation process, and will be developing a budget for this preliminary work. It is planning to hire a person to facilitate the application process. RW board members Jack Carter and Tammi Cody were recently named vice chair and secretary of the committee, respectively.

For more information on the Downtown Designation program, visit [www.historicvermont.org/programs/downtown.html](http://www.historicvermont.org/programs/downtown.html).

**RW meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm at the Chittenden Bank.**  
**Future meeting dates: April 11th • May 9th • June 13th**

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