

# Friends of Montpelier Parks News



## Mill Pond Park

**Thanks to** two weeks of help from an amazing VYCC crew, a week of work from this years International volunteers and a number of community volunteers. The Mill pond park is nearly complete!

We planted numerous trees, riverbank plants and native flowers (including blueberries), worked on removing invasive species, put in a pathway, a steps and a place for launching boats. Numerous people have already launched from the park!



Why call it Mill Pond Park? We are told that the dam down river was put in to create water power for a mill

Support from **VHCB** as well as the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**. and so the dam created a "pond" behind it.... hence Mill Pond Park.

## VISTA MEMBER SELECTED!!!

Working cooperatively, the Conservation Commission and the Parks department has secured a Vista member position and selected Alethea Jones to work on conservation and parks projects! Her Americorp Vista position starts September 28th upon which she will work on open space and river conservation projects as well as working with volunteers on parks projects. She holds a bachelors degree in Environmental Science obtained from the University of Vermont.

Over the past year she has worked with the Green Mountain Club as a Summit Steward and Caretaker for Camels Hump State Park. This past spring she was Involved with environmental education for the Keewaydin Foundation. Most of her fun time includes "ripping it up" on the slopes each winter snowboarding that is.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the local community on various river restoration projects. The challenge of working with local organizations and the community on open space planning looks to be challenging, but I feel I'm up to the task."



## Ways to help the Parks

**Help transplant trees for the tree fundraiser.**

**Funding for the Vista position. The parks and conservation commission *need \$2000* to finish off our \$5000 match for our full time position. (see Vista description near address)**

**Donate a computer (lap top?)**

**Provide space in your barn or garage to store tractor or electric car**

**Buy some parks hardwood lumber (good wood from storm damaged trees)... ash, some cherry, rough cut 1"**

**Help with the Enchanted Forest Event**

**geoffbeyer@vtlink.net**

## Enchanted Forest Revived

A group is working to put together an Enchanted Forest event for this fall!! We would appreciate help to enable it to happen!

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 4 1pm Tour of Hubbard Park**

**led by Geoff Beyer**

**as part of a walk in the park series organized by**

**Ann Fergeson.**

**October 15th The Enchanted Forest 4-8**

**Details still being worked on/ volunteers needed!**



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## International Volunteers!!

Nine people from the “far reaches” of the world came last summer to help improve our parks, learn english and have a unique experience.

This amazing group helped create the Mill Pond park, built a few benches, worked on the peace park, built a new outhouse and few up a couple trails!

Oriol and Klara, from Spain, Christina from Austria, Michela from Italy, Celestin, Victor, and John from France

and Andre-Victor from Belgium, and Kate Douthat a local resident.

**Thanks to the Coop, the Christ Church, Shaws, First in Fitness, Manghis Bread and the Capitol Theater** for all they did make their stay possible and welcome!

Two volunteers from one from France, John and one from Montpelier, Kate Douthat, were long term interns, and were both an enormous help!!!!



### Tree Sale:

Autumn is a the great time of year to transplant trees! There will be a

parks tree sale **October 1st through October 18th**, at least. “Why sell the parks trees”...because we have a ongoing management plan that directs us to keep a majestic softwood stand, just that... a majestic softwood stand. Many hardwoods are trying to “move in” the softwood stand. So we want to give them a new home. There are variety of native trees available! A variety of sizes and species available including red, sugar, and striped maple; beech, red oak, mountain-ash, white ash, and white pine . Come and choose a tree and we will dig it out and send it home with you complete with care and maintenance instructions. Call for a Saturday appointment or about picking out a tree to reserve ahead of time.

Cost ranges from \$10 to \$50, varying with the size of the tree. For an additional donation we can try to arrange a volunteer to transport your tree(s) to your home and plant it for you!

If you have any interest in volunteering for Hubbard Park; working on the softwood management, tree sale, or river restoration projects please contact Montpelier Parks at 802-**223-7335** and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Many Thanks** to numerous recent volunteers.... including.....

**Jane Werly** : a huge help planning and planting the Mill Pond park

**Tino Obrien**: Stone bench here, key person in making the beautiful stone bench in the Mill Pond park!

**Tom Zeller** much help around the parks and get the parks computers “up to date” and networked.

**Tony Facos** diving help to clean up the river near the mill pond park

**Ben Cohen and Josh Kelly** cutting up dead trees in or near pathways

**Peace park crew: WILF** These volunteers continue to do an amazing job nurturing a beautiful garden of flowers there and wonderful community space

**Staff from the Trust for Public Lands** who volunteered half a day on the Mill Pond Park.

**Charles Davis** who has helped to make the parks a beautiful place for years.

**Dan Levine** who has just started to volunteer on a regular basis and has already made a difference!

Many thanks to the **park commissioners** and **many others!!!!**