

American Legion Post #79 of Thetford

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans, their families and the community at large. We speak at schools on flag etiquette, participate in parades carrying our National Colors and provide gravesite services for fallen comrades.

Our meeting house is located on Thetford Hill, across from the elementary school. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, except during January and February.

For the last seven years the American Legion has donated a decorated Christmas tree to a needy family. Each year we select the family from a different surrounding town. This has become a tradition; where the giving is enjoyed as much as the family who receives the tree.

This year we had two fund raisers to offset building maintenance costs and American Legion community support funds. The yard sale and raffle raised over \$2,000. A significant portion of the monies went to replace the oil furnace with a gas furnace .Thanks to those who donated to make these projects successful.

Flags for all known veteran's graves are put out before Memorial Day. Please notify the Legion of any veterans buried in the town so that a flag can be placed at their gravesite.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably during all wars and conflicts. We ask that you join us in remembering our fallen comrades.

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THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF FAIRLEE
SUMMARY REPORT

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary data for FY '09 show that VCIL responded to over **1,450** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **300** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted **360** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. We provided **255** individuals with assistive technology and delivered meals to **520** individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we now have four branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Windham and Rutland Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '09, **3** residents of **Fairlee** received services from the following programs:

- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund
- Information and Referral (I&R)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: **1-800-639-1522**, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

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Celebrating 20 Years of Service

ANNUAL REPORT – 2009

To the Citizens of the Fairlee:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the citizens of Fairlee. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to your community since July 1, 1990. This year, UVA responded along with Fairlee Fast Squad to 119 emergency calls. Of those calls, 59 patients were transported to DHMC, 5 to Cottage Hospital, , and 2 to the VA. The remaining 53 calls (45 %), no patient was transported, therefore no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding.

From a business perspective, 2009 has been an extremely challenging year. Fixed fee schedule reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service, and prevents us from increasing our user fees to offset rising costs. In June, Vermont cut their Medicaid reimbursement rate by 2 %, further reducing revenues.

We expect 2010 to be just as challenging. Effective January 1, Medicare rates are slated to decrease by 5%. With Vermont's enormous budget deficit, further cuts in our VT Medicaid reimbursement rate can't be ruled out. And no one knows what impact health care reform will have.

Based on a compromise agreement in 2009 with our member towns, we are increasing our per capita charge \$2.50 to \$20.00/ per capita. To put things in perspective, in 1990 we provided a basic level service at a cost to the towns of \$14.00 per capita. Twenty years later, we are providing an advanced level service at a cost to the towns of \$20.00 per capita. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service. Currently only 32 households in Fairlee are receiving the benefits of our subscription program. The yearly membership fee of \$45 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee, or online at <http://www.uppervalleyambulance.com/site/services/subscriptions/>.

We hope you will join us in July, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors and stop by to visit, or have your blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator, if you have any questions concerning our service. Fairlee currently does not have a representative on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving, or would like further information, please contact the Fairlee Selectman's office.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry Lancaster
Chair

Upper Valley Services, Inc.

Upper Valley Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency, which provides a variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Orange County. We also provide a statewide crisis program, for the more challenging individual, which is located in Moretown, VT.

The services that we provide are as follows:

Residential Supports – These supports range from minimal supports to individuals, 24 hour supports in a Group Home setting, and 24 hour supports through contracts with private providers, Developmental Home Providers, who take the individual into their home.

Community and Social Supports – These supports include volunteer sites, community integration, social interaction, etc.

Vocational Supports – These supports include 1:1 training for competitive employment as well as job development services for those who do not need the continual 1:1 job support. In the Town of Bradford, we operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center as a job site for those individuals who wish to work there.

Service Coordination – These supports are available to support natural families, guardians, consumers and providers with coordination of services needed by the consumer. Our service coordinators provide 24 hour/7 days a week emergency response.

Assessments and Evaluations – These services determine the eligibility of any individual who requests services from Upper Valley Services. State regulations require that individuals requesting services meet specific eligibility and System of Care priority requirements.

Crisis Services – This service is a statewide service available to any agency/family where the consumer meets entrance criteria. The Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services determines if the consumer meets the criteria for entrance into this program. This is a short-term program, usually not more than two weeks, with assistance to families/agencies with reintroduction into their own communities.

Family Respite – This service provides limited funding to assist families in keeping their family member with developmental disabilities within their natural home.

Recreation Council of Rivendell
A Council of the Community School Organization (CSO)

The Recreation Council of Rivendell offers sports programs for the students in our District. We offer soccer, basketball, skiing/snowboarding, skating, baseball, softball and T-ball. An Athletic Director with assistance from Program Coordinators work together to make sure the programs continue to run with great success. Some of our sports programs are divided into two offerings (Recreation program and Travel Teams). The Recreation Program participants meet for 6 Saturdays. Teams are arranged by age and the focus is skill development with some games amongst each other. Travel team students are arranged as Grade 3-4 teams, and Grade 5-6 teams.

Below is the break down for last fiscal years sports programs:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Travel</u>	<u>Rec</u>
Soccer	50	54
Basketball	58	32
Skiing	60	
Snowboarding	8	
Skating	39	
Baseball	51	
Softball	29	
Tee-ball		28

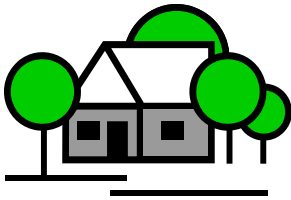
We offer financial assistance to help cover the cost of the programs.

Each sport would not be able to run as smoothly as they do without all the Volunteers. We want to thank all volunteers/coaches for the time and effort they put into our sports programs for the children. If you want to know more about our programs please look for our annual report we produce at the end of every school year, check our website www.cso-rivendell.org or read one of our quarterly newsletters mailed to each postal patron within the Rivendell district.

Appropriation Request for 2010: This year we are asking Fairlee to appropriate \$1175, 25% of the total Budget request of \$4700.00 from all Rivendell member towns and based on ADM (average daily membership) for grades K-6. Fairlee has 60 of the districts current ADM total of 234.

Thank You for your continued support.

Shiloh Flint
Athletic Director



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To: Fairlee Commissions, Departments, and Community Groups
From: Orange East Senior Center
Date: October 26, 2009
Subject: Annual Report

Thanks once again to Fairlee residents for their annual appropriation to Orange East Senior Center. A huge thank you to our volunteers who donated 4,270 hours assisting us on-site, and our volunteer drivers who drove 13,650 miles, ensuring those in need received hot meals. This year we served 800 meals to Fairlee residents.

OESC made available hearing aid, flu, and foot clinics, exercise class, balance class, line dancing, exercise room, donated medical equipment, as well as income tax preparation, Medicare Part D and Medicaid, Living Will Assistance, and workshops of interest to senior citizens. OESC worked with Upper Valley Services to provide space for cooking, scrapbooking classes for both programs to enjoy. We also made space available to cribbage, TOPS, AA, ALANON, Karaoke, and indoor winter flea markets. We raised funds by sponsoring raffles, Penny auction, community picnics, Holiday Bazaar, Texas Holder games and renting our space for functions.

We serve congregate meals here five days a week. Unfortunately, Federal and State funds have not kept up with the increasing need for senior services, forcing us to dramatically increase our fundraising efforts. Town funds accounted for one third of our income, while meal recipients and fundraising receipts followed close behind.

Our strengths lie in our ability to offer various events and activities to the public, however a major area of improvement lies in sparking support from the public for these events and activities. Donated and appropriated funds, as well as our activities and events helps ensure our goal and ability to honor our commitment to see that no senior in our service towns goes hungry or is placed on a waiting list for Meals on Wheels.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria R. Chaffee
Executive Director

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for civil offenses of underage drinking.

A total of 197 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2009. Of this amount, 80 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 117 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. During FY09, OCCDP processed 9 cases in which the offender resided in Fairlee and/or the offense occurred in Fairlee. OCCDP's operating budget was \$96,395.00.

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Fairlee appropriated \$ 175.00 for FY09 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation request for FY10.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

Town Report Information

George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report

Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2009 working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$90,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks, recreational trails and playgrounds, providing Electronic Benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets, promoting local agriculture, whole farm energy audits and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization. In Fairlee we provided a \$7,000 Better Backroads grant for improvements to Quinibeck Road.

We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Ken Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Fairlee, VT

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Fairlee residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 1,286 homecare visits to 60 Fairlee residents and provided approximately \$38,608 in uncompensated care.

Home HealthCare: 1,047 home visits to 42 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: 92 home visits to 5 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 94 home visits to 6 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 53 home visits to 7 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Fairlee's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)