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*October 1 and Nov 5: FCS PTO meetings at FCS 6:15 PM*  
*October 2 and 16: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM*  
*October 3: Commodore Parent Teacher Group meeting VUHS Library 6:30 PM*  
*October 6: Fire Department Open House Fire Station Rt. 7 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*  
*October 6 – 7: Loise McClure of Lake Champlain Maritime Museum at Burlington*  
*October 10: Soup to Nuts at Bixby Library 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM*  
*October 13 and 27: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card parties 6:30 PM*  
*October 14: Ferrisburgh Historical Society "Colonial Meetinghouses" 2:00 PM*  
*October 27: Pancake Breakfast Ferrisburgh Fire Station 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM*

Visit the Ferrisburgh Fire Department for some fun this October! On Saturday, October 6, the Fire Department will host an Open House from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. There will be tours of the fire station, equipment demonstrations, fun activities for the kids, and hot dogs and drinks. On Saturday, October 27, the Fire Department's annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held serving up lots of pancakes and Vermont maple syrup. Come to both these events, visit with your neighbors, and support our Fire Department and its many dedicated volunteers!

All are encouraged to visit the Bixby Library – on-line ([www.bixbylibrary.org](http://www.bixbylibrary.org)) – to see the schedule of all their fall and winter events Consider attending the session with writer Rebecca Rupp on October 10, who will present "Soup to Nuts: An eccentric history of food." The history of what and how we eat encompasses everything from the prehistoric mammoth luau to the medieval banquet to the modern three squares a day. This talk explores the rocky evolution of table manners, the not-so-welcome invention of the fork, and the surprising benefits of family dinners. What's the story of chocolate? Why do Irish eat corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day? Why are turkeys called turkeys? And what are sugarplums anyway? Visit the Bixby for this event and many other goings-on such as children's story hours, the famous Bixby book sale, and a sessions on fiction writing this fall!

Are you looking for a way to get involved at VUHS? The Commodore Parent Teacher Group is always looking for new members to work toward their mission of promoting family involvement in the school, improving communication between parents, teachers and administrators and providing enrichment programs for students. For those interested, the next meeting is on October at 6:30 PM in the VUHS library. If you can't commit to meetings but want to get involved, follow the goings-on via the Commodore PTG distribution list. You will receive not only agendas of our monthly meetings but also periodic requests for help with different school initiatives that might be a better fit for you and your schedule! Contact Lynne Rapoport at [lrapiroort@anwsd.org](mailto:lrapiroort@anwsd.org), if you are interested or you are welcome to just attend any of the meetings.

Consider joining the Commodore Boosters! The purpose of the Boosters is to support, encourage, and advance athletics at the Vergennes Union Middle and High Schools. Over the years the Boosters have funded uniforms, goal posts, dugouts, wrestling mats, and a whole host of other items and events that support our students in their sports and physical activities programs. Booster Club meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month during the school year. Meetings are usually in the VUHS Library, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Check the VUHS Sports Calendar to verify time and location each month: <http://vergennessuhd5.tandem.co/>

Rokeby Museum will be open until the end of October, so there is still time to visit its many exhibits and to tour this historic home of the Robinson family. The permanent exhibition of "Free and Safe: Underground Railroad in Vermont" chronicles the stories of Simon and Jesse, two fugitives from slavery who found shelter at Rokeby in the 1830's. The 2018 special exhibit is *The Fabric of Emancipation*, featuring pieces by eight of the country's preeminent fiber, textile and needle artists. The works are defined by some element of thread construction, but are diverse in presentation, including quilting, embroidery, mixed media, costume, and fiber fusion. Each work speaks to the artist's view of the African Diaspora and his or her own personal historical interpretation.

On Sunday, October 14 at 2:00 PM, the Ferrisburgh Historical Society will host Paul Wainwright who will discuss "*Colonial Meetinghouses and their role in the community.*" New England's colonial meetinghouses embody an important yet little-known chapter in American history. Built mostly with tax money, they served as both places of worship and places for town meetings and were the centers of life in colonial New England communities. Using photographs of the few surviving "mint condition" meetinghouses as illustrations, this presentation by photographer Paul Wainwright tells the story of the society that built and used them, and the lasting impact they have had on American culture. Paul Wainwright holds a PhD in physics from Yale, and his book, "A Space for Faith: The Colonial Meetinghouses of New England," was published in 2010. This event will be held at the Ferrisburgh Town Offices and Community Center and is free and open to the public.

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum continues its 2018 season into October. Visit their website for fall events and activities at [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). Of special note is the return of the 1862 replica canal schooner, the *Lois McClure* to Burlington. She will have returned from her summer long journeys along the Hudson River and Erie Canal. The public can tour the Lois McClure on the weekend of October 6 -7, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the Burlington waterfront.

The "King Pede" card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of October 13 and 27. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Pede is an unusual game that involves "trick-taking" techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking!

NOTE: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column, so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at [smwkersch@comcast.net](mailto:smwkersch@comcast.net). You are able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at [www.ferrisburghvt.org](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).