

Wheelock Community Initiative 2022

Wheelock Community Initiative (WCI) formed in 2018 to build community, encourage neighbors to get to know and trust one another, and create economic and social opportunities for all residents including elders, families, working people, and non-residents to develop a vibrant town. We are grateful to the Town of Wheelock for being our fiscal agent and for maintaining our funds in a reserve account. Our website is <https://wheelockcmtty.org/>.

2022 Activities The pandemic again upended event plans as did lack of accessibility to Town Hall. In June we held an outdoor **community yard sale** there. In June and the fall we supported the **Sheffield Food Pantry's** food drives, advertising drop-offs at Wheelock Town Hall, thanks to our town clerk for making the space available. We delivered 18 boxes of non-perishable food and books, and 4 boxes of toys to the Pantry, which serves Wheelock residents and others within a 20 mile radius of Sheffield Town Hall. We also solicited financial donations and the Pantry very much appreciated receiving over \$1,875. Thanks to all who participated! Additionally, we delivered 6 **welcome baskets** to new residents. Thank you Green Mountain Books, Lyndonville House of Pizza and Two Tamales for gift certificates.

News You Can Use We renamed our newsletter *The Miller's Run*, and it is now called **Wheelock News**, to reduce confusion with the school's efforts. This free, two-page monthly print newsletter with community and selectboard news is available the second or third Saturday each month in waterproof boxes outside Town Hall, the Transfer Station and Wheelock Store. Special thanks to editor Eileen Boland. **Don't miss out on a single edition!** Share your email address by writing to wheelockcty@gmail.com and we will send it directly to you! We NEVER share our list. Using our email list and Front Porch Forum, we sent out timely and useful **public service updates** and promoted **Sheffield's clothing swap**.

WindowDressers <https://windowdressers.org/> This Maine-based program is growing throughout VT, NH and ME. Community volunteers of all economic and social situations come together to produce low-cost, custom, interior mounted storm windows, improving the warmth and comfort of interior spaces, lowering heating costs, and reducing carbon dioxide pollution. No special skills are required. WCI actively promoted the fall **2022 community build in Sutton**. 4 Wheelock residents volunteered and 17 households got inserts including 2 in Wheelock. A total of 178 inserts were made for homes in Sutton, Lyndon and Wheelock. Let us know if you would like to join the effort in 2023.

WCI is all volunteer and we welcome new participants! Join the steering committee, or your role could be as simple as one small task for one event. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, please reach us at wheelockcty@gmail.com or 802-626-3109. Or contact a member of the steering committee.

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