



Community Circular

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HAPPY Fall

Our Alaska group returned home in mid-August from an incredible adventure. From the unbelievable beauty of Denali National Park to the sights and experiences of our 7-day journey through the Inside Passage, it was non-stop fun! If you missed out on this year's adventure, we have a couple of cabins left for our repeat Alaskan adventure on July 14th-26th, 2026. Stop by or give us a call!

Also in 2026, we're celebrating America's 250th anniversary in a BIG way! We have seven seats left on our spectacular eight-night itinerary (by deluxe motorcoach) that focuses on the history of American independence. In addition to all the major sites, we will be dining in historic taverns, visit West Point, and stand on the Lexington Battle Green 250 years after those first shots of the Revolutionary war were fired. It's going to be an amazing experience! Details inside.

Shelly & Julie

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon



Cribbage Open Game Time – Upstairs at the Goodrich Memorial Library



All you need to bring is your cribbage boards, cards and \$2.00. If there is enough interest, we will continue through the fall and winter months.



TUESDAY MORNINGS American Mah Jongg Open Game Time

10:00 a.m. at the Goodrich Memorial Library.

MONDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8th - NOVEMBER 10th, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. OR THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11th - NOVEMBER 13th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.



Country Line Dancing with Lauren

Come join the party! We're getting back into the swing of things this fall with our popular line dance classes with Lauren, with two sessions to choose from. Each ten-week session is \$70.00 and is due at the time of registration. Space is limited, call to reserve, 802-334-7915.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2025



Downeast Clambake – SOLD OUT

Discover the coastal charm of Ogunquit and York's seaside Sohier Park to see Nubble Lighthouse at Cape Neddick. We'll also make a stop at Stonewall Kitchen in York for shopping and lunch before departing for home. We'll depart from Derby at 7:30 a.m., Barton at 7:50 a.m., and St. Johnsbury at 8:30 a.m. Call if you'd like to be added to the waitlist.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2025, at 12:00 Noon

Made in VT: Hill Farmstead Brewery – A Drive Yourself Event



HILL FARMSTEAD BREWERY

Learn about the history and legacy of Hill Farmstead Brewery, a family-owned and operated brewery in Greensboro Bend. Built on family land in agricultural use for over 220 years, the Hill family legacy spans eight generations. In addition to the history, we'll visit their taproom and learn about the brewing operation, the beers they make, how they got their names, and sample four two-ounce pours. You'll have plenty of time to select your favorite beer and great food and enjoy the grounds with some of the most breathtaking views in the Northeast Kingdom! The cost is \$15.00, due when you sign up. Space is limited, call us to reserve your seat, 802-334-7915.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2025, at 10:00a.m.

Medicare Boot Camp with Andrea Labor, State Health Insurance Program Coordinator



Just in time for the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period, our boot camp will cover all the ins and outs of Medicare and prescription drug plans and a question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. We'll meet in the Community National Bank Community Room. Enter from the Crawford Road entrance off Route 5, park in the back parking lot and follow the sidewalk to the Community Room. *Seating is limited and you must pre-register for this free event, 802-334-7915.*



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th,
2025, from 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.



Shred Event

Every 2 seconds someone's identity is stolen, but you can take steps to protect yourself. Join us to fight back against fraud at our free drive-through document shredding day, sponsored by AARP Vermont. We'll be set up in the upper back parking lot of Community National Bank in Derby. Enter from the Crawford Road entrance and join the lineup, pull up and unload your documents, and they'll be shredded on-site. *Please, no more than 3 bags or boxes per car. Note: please do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to start time, as we need space for the shred truck to set up.*

SEPTEMBER 26th, 27th, 28th & OCTOBER 3RD,
4th & 5th, 2025



Borderline Players presents...

Clue! – Haskell Opera House

A whodunit play based on the Hasbro board game. The show follows six guests who are invited to a dinner party at Boddy Manor, where they discover the night is full of twists and turns, murder, and blackmail. The guests must work together to figure out who the culprit is. Friday and Saturday evening shows and Sunday matinées. Visit www.borderlineplayers.org for show times. *Discounted seats are available online at www.borderlineplayers.org, at the MAC on Main Street in Newport and at the door.*

SUNDAY & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th & 29th, 2025



Casino Escape: Montreal – Ottawa – Akwesasne – 3 Rooms Left!

This overnight getaway will feature stops at the Montreal Casino, Lac-Leamy Hotel-Casino in Ottawa and Akwesasne Mohawk Casino in Hogansburg, NY. Each stop will include meal credits or vouchers and free-play credits.

We'll travel by deluxe motorcoach and spend one night at the beautiful Hilton Lac-Leamy, which is connected to the casino. Rates are: \$355.00 single occupancy; \$295.00 per person double occupancy; and \$278.00 per person triple occupancy. Our trip includes \$77.00 in food vouchers and another \$90.00 in Free Play, round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, one night at the Hilton, baggage handling and driver gratuity. *Payment is due when you sign up with us. A valid passport or enhanced driver's license is required.*



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.



Lunch at The Dinner House at Runaway Manor, West Glover

After an eight-month hiatus to find a new restaurant location, Parson's Dinner House, formerly of Barton has reopened its doors as **The Dinner House at Runaway Manor** in West Glover. Specializing in upscale American cuisine and specialty cocktails as well as creative desserts, Executive Chef owners, Steve and Maria invite Community Circle to enjoy a three-course lunch in the comfort of their luxurious countryside manor.

Our special meal will feature a salad, your choice of entrée, dessert, one glass of wine or beer, plus tax and gratuity.

Dinner House Salad – baby lettuces, black quinoa, champagne-walnut oil vinaigrette, local vegetables, pepitas and VT fresh cheese.

Choice of entrée:

- Sautéed breast of "free range" chicken with a wild mushroom-tarragon sauce, potato croquette and maple glazed baby carrots
- Poached Faroe Island salmon with a dill hollandaise, jasmine rice and crispy brussels sprouts
- Angel hair pasta with a fresh tomato pomodoro sauce, basil, toasted garlic, white wine and extra virgin olive oil

And for dessert, pumpkin-apple bread pudding with maple whipped cream.

The price is \$39.00 per person and is due at time of registration. Seats are limited, call us with your menu selection and to reserve your seat at 802-334-7915.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 2025, at 10:00a.m.



Tech Savvy: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI Workshop: Unlocking the Benefits and Navigating the Risks of Modern AI

Join Community National Bank's VP and IT Manager, Rich Stovall, for an engaging and educational AI session. This workshop will introduce AI with a focus on how it can empower and enrich daily life while ensuring participants remain informed and safe in the digital world.

What You'll Learn:

- **Practical Applications of AI for Everyday Life** – Find places where AI may enhance your day-to-day life.
- **AI Media Literacy** – How to recognize AI generated content online and beyond
- **AI Safety and Privacy** – Gain tips on how to interact safely with AI tools, protect your personal information, and recognize scams that may use AI technologies.



This class is ideal for anyone interested in learning more about AI, regardless of experience. Our workshop will be friendly, interactive, and easy to follow. *Seating is limited. Call us to reserve your space, 802-334-7915.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.



Tech Savvy: Digital Photography Management for Apple iPhone & iPad

We're back in the classroom to help you enhance your skills in managing all those photos on your phone, as well as learning things you can do with them! Our class will cover cloud storage options and how it works; how to group photos into albums on your iPhone; how to create iMovies using your photos and lastly, how to upload digital photos in apps such as Shutterfly and



Snapfish to create photobooks. We'll meet in the Community Room at CNB in Derby. Enter from Crawford Road, park in the upper back parking lot and follow the sidewalk to the Community Room. Bring your iPhone or iPad. *Seating is limited for this free class. Call to reserve your seat, 802-334-7915.*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th, 2025

Holiday Pops Overnight Getaway – SOLD OUT

Enjoy the magic of the season with an overnight trip to see and hear the **Boston Holiday Pops** performance of beloved holiday classics under the esteemed conductor, Keith Lockhart. Historic Symphony Hall, with its stunning architecture and renowned acoustics, provides the perfect backdrop for this magical holiday tradition, which we'll enjoy from our seats in the First Balcony. Before the show, we'll enjoy a family style Italian lunch at the legendary Maggiano's Little Italy.



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LITTLE ITALY

Our trip will include:

- Round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation
- A three-course lunch
- A ticket to the show
- One night at the Hampton Inn
- Breakfast on Friday morning
- Driver's gratuity.

Following breakfast on Friday morning, we'll depart for the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua for free time to enjoy shopping and lunch on our own. We'll depart from Derby at 7:30 a.m., Barton at 7:50 a.m., and St. Johnsbury at 8:30 a.m. Our ETA back in Derby on Friday is 4:30 p.m. Rates are: \$339.00 per person, double occupancy; \$319.00 per person, triple occupancy; and \$419.00 single occupancy. *Call to be added to the waitlist, 802-334-7915.*



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 2025, at Noon

Holiday Meal at the East Side Restaurant, Newport

Get into the holiday spirit with your Community Circle family at our annual holiday meal at the East Side! In addition to the fabulous food, service, and Christmas atmosphere the East Side is known for, we'll enjoy a musical performance by the North Country Union High School band. Music Director Bill Prue will be leading his talented group of young musicians through a collection of songs including a few holiday hits. Our meal will include a starch, vegetable, entrée choice, desert, coffee, tax and gratuity for the all-inclusive price of \$40.00.

Entrée options:

- Roasted New York sirloin
- Lobster Ravioli with seafood sauce
- Black Forest Chicken – rolled with ham and prosciutto, Chef's mushroom sauce

Payment is due at the time of registration, along with your meal selection. Call to reserve your seat, 802-334-7915.



MONDAYS EVENINGS, JANUARY 5th - APRIL 6th, 2026

from 5:30-6:30 p.m. OR THURSDAY MORNINGS,
JANUARY 8th - APRIL 9th, 2026 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Country Line Dancing with Lauren

Come join the party! Stay active this winter with Lauren's Country Line Dancing! With her toe-tapping music and enthusiasm, you simply can't keep your feet from dancing! *The cost for this 14-week series is \$98.00 and is due at time of registration. Call 802-334-7915 to register.*



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Tech Savvy: Apple iWatch

Melissa Tinker, our resident tech guru, is returning to the classroom with us, this time to help you learn all about your Apple iWatch. We'll meet in the **Community Room at Community National Bank in Derby**. Enter from the Crawford Road entrance off Route 5 and park in the back parking lot. Follow the sidewalk to the Community Room. **Limited availability. Call to reserve your space, 802-334-7915.**



MONDAY, APRIL 13th - TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 2026

Discover America's 250th Anniversary

We have seven seats left for this amazing, once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our country's independence! Celebrate the marking of America's 250th anniversary with a journey from *"the Cradle of the American Revolution"* through the historic hubs of New York and Philadelphia and to the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. We'll be traveling by deluxe motorcoach for the full nine days and then fly home from Washington, D.C.

Day 1: Sunday, April 12th, 2026, Boston, MA

Today we travel by motorcoach from Derby to **Boston**, a city bursting with character and Revolutionary history. Have the evening for dinner on your own and to relax before beginning an exciting eight-day historical experience!

Day 2: Monday, April 13th, 2026, Boston-Lexington-Concord-Boston

Today we venture to **Lexington** and **Concord**. Begin at Lexington Battle Green, where the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired on April 19th, 1775. With our guide, we continue to Concord on a drive that follows the same path that British troops marched that day, learning more about Concord's historical significance. Step inside **Wright Tavern** in the center of Concord, where the minutemen and militia gathered before battle, and see the **Old Hill Burying Ground**. Head to the exact spot where the *"shot heard 'round the world"* was fired – the **Old North Bridge**. And at **Robbins House**, explore stories of the home's former inhabitants with notable ties to African American history. This evening, celebrate the start of our journey with a welcome dinner in Boston's famed **North End**.

Day 3: Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, Boston – West Point, NY – NYC

We're off to New York City today. But first, a visit to **West Point** highlights why George Washington considered it the most important military post in America. During our guided tour, learn about garrisoning of West Point during the Revolutionary War and the present role of the United States Military Academy in training the leaders of tomorrow. We'll get a glimpse into the cadet experience and take in the view from **Trophy Point** overlooking the Hudson River. Then, arrive in New York, New York!

Day 4: Wednesday, April 15th, 2026, NYC

Start the morning like a New Yorker with breakfast at a local diner. Then, delve into historic New York on a blended panoramic and walking tour. Glimpse into **Central Park**, pause beside the poignant **9/11 Memorial**, see **St. Paul's Chapel**, where George Washington prayed following his inauguration, and view *(cont. on back page)*

Discover America's 250th Anniversary (cont.)



Trinity Church, where Alexander Hamilton was laid to rest. Convene for lunch at New York's most historic tavern – a favorite watering hole among several Founding Fathers, where George Washington famously gathered with a group of officers to celebrate after the last British troops left American soil. Tonight, you have the option to take a seat at one of Broadway's biggest hits: **Hamilton**. Experience the revolutionary musical that shines a spotlight on Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton.

Day 5: Thursday, April 16th, 2026, New York City - Philadelphia, PA

On to Philadelphia! Embark on a tour of the "birthplace of America." Step inside Independence Hall, the location of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the drafting of the Constitution. See an iconic symbol of freedom, the Liberty Bell. This afternoon, head to the Museum of the American Revolution, where everything you've retraced on the journey so far comes together. Tonight, dinner is on board the legendary Moshulu, the world's oldest and largest square-rigged sailing vessel still afloat. Docked at Penn's Landing, experience maritime history on this tall ship turned restaurant.

Day 6: Friday, April 17th, 2026, Philadelphia-Valley Forge – Arlington, VA – Washington, DC.

En route to Washington, D.C., we stop at Valley Forge National Historical Park, the winter encampment of George Washington's Continental Army. Step back in time while visiting Washington's Headquarters with your local park guide. Later, arrive in the United States Capital, your home for the next three nights.

Day 7: Saturday, April 19th, 2026, Washington, D.C. – Arlington, VA – Washington, D.C.

Set out to see Washington, D.C. Founded in 1790, this vibrant city is known for its political and historical significance, iconic landmarks, and cultural diversity. We go on a guided tour of the U.S. Capitol then, visit Arlington National Cemetery, where over 400,000 service members and notable figures are honored and remembered. A narrated tour takes us to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Kennedy grave sites. A day in the capital brings a deeper connection to America's history, leadership, and progress throughout its 250 years as a nation.

Day 8: Sunday, April 19th, 2026, Washington, D.C. – Mount Vernon – Washington, D.C.

Today we'll take in views of the National Mall, White House, and other monuments and museums, including the World War II Memorial, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial. Head to Old Town Alexandria nestled along the Potomac and enjoy time to stroll the cobblestone streets (cont. in next column)



before a visit to Mount Vernon, the beloved home of George Washington. Explore the mansion, wander the gardens and grounds, and visit the Washingtons' Tomb. Here, you'll also have your choice of two tour options. This evening, toast to a fantastic historical journey over a farewell dinner.

Day 9: Monday, April 20th, 2026, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Our tour includes:

- Round trip transportation from Derby (with pickups in Barton and St. J)
- 8 nights hotel (and tax)
- Baggage portage at all 4 hotels
- 12 meals (8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners)
- Services of a Collette Tour Manager who handles the specifics of the day-to-day itinerary
- Step-on tour guide services as specified in the itinerary
- Admissions to the highlights outlined on the itinerary
- Trip cancellation and interruption insurance.

Rates are: Double occupancy is \$4,798 per person; single occupancy is \$6,198; triple occupancy is \$4,748 per person. A deposit of \$1,127 is due at registration. Final payment is due on January 5th, 2026. Call the office with questions, to receive a color trip flyer, or to register, 802-334-7915.



TUESDAY, JULY 14th – SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 2026



Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

Back by Popular Demand! For anyone who missed out on joining us this year, we have three cabins left! This is a 4-night Land Package followed by a 7-night Inside Passage Cruise. Call for details!



AUGUST 24th - SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2026



Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers (at capacity)

This trip is at capacity. Call for details and to be added to the waitlist.



Motorcoach Departure

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled departure tour.



Stay up to date on events, what's happening, and what's in the pipeline by following us on Facebook at **CommunityCircleClubVT**.