



Community Circular

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Hello everyone,

Join us this summer for Customer Appreciation Days at your nearest Community National Bank! Details are below.

We have the final details for our trip to Alaska in 2026! If you missed out on this year's trip and are still interested in seeing Alaska, give us a call or stop by to pick up a brochure!

Wishing you a fun-filled summer with friends and family!

Shelly & Julie



MONDAY, JUNE 16th –
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th, 2025
Quebec City, Featuring
a Stay at the Iconic
Chateau Frontenac
– SOLD OUT

Our three-day/two-night adventure is packed with many “must see” places and features a stay at the Chateau Frontenac! Seen looming in nearly all photos of the city, the Chateau Frontenac is a one-of-a-kind, historic icon, that is synonymous with Quebec City. This trip is full of history, fantastic food and international beauty!

Departure Times:

- 6:00 a.m. St. Johnsbury
- 6:30 a.m. Barton
- 7:00 a.m. Derby



JUNE 20th, 21st, 22nd & 27th, 28th, 29th, 2025

Borderline Players presents...
The Prom – at the
Haskell Opera House **PROM**

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. • Sunday matinées at 3:00 p.m.

The musical follows four Broadway actors lamenting their days of fame, as they travel to the town of Edgewater, Indiana, to help a student solve a dilemma with her high school prom. Discounted tickets for Community Circle members are available at the MAC Center for the Arts in Newport or at the door with your membership card, or online at www.borderlineplayers.org.



JULY and AUGUST Customer Appreciation Days

Starting in July, Community National Bank will be hosting Customer Appreciation Celebrations throughout our communities. The celebrations at each location will look a little different, but the important part is that we are celebrating our customers and community members and saying thank you for banking with and supporting Community National Bank. We appreciate all of you! For more details, visit our website at communitynationalbank.com.

- ★ **July 10th:** Barton
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **July 11th:** Derby and Derby Line customers at the Derby office in Newport
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **July 14th:** Morrisville
9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- ★ **July 18th:** St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville customers at the Lyndonville office
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **July 25th:** Enosburg
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **August 14th:** Montpelier, TBD
- ★ **August 15th:** Barre
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **August 22nd:** Troy
11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.
- ★ **August 29th:** Island Pond
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th, 2025,
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wish Upon a Star
Vendor and Family Fair

A North Country Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser

This fun, family event will take place on the grounds at North Country Hospital on Prouty Drive in Newport. There will be vendors, face painting, games for kids, food trucks and more! Money raised at this event will support the Hospital Auxiliary's pledge to raise funds for "wish list" items that enhance patient care in various departments within the hospital and its medical practices.

Visit www.northcountryhospital.org for more information.



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TUESDAY, JULY 8th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Alaska Document Party with Lunch at the East Side Restaurant

Members traveling with us to Alaska are invited to our Alaska trip meeting. Our Collette representative, Andrew Leighton, will be with us to review all the trip details, travel documents, and answer questions. *RSVP 802-334-7915.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 2025, 10:00 a.m. Cady's Falls Botanical Garden in Morrisville – A Drive Yourself Event (at capacity)

Don and Lela Avery have been avidly collecting and propagating plants for over forty years and their stunning horticultural and botanical collections include some 1400 species. Their gardens contain many unusual Northern American natives. Come see for yourself why every summer their garden draws visitors from all parts of the country! *Event is at capacity – call to be added to the waitlist, 802-334-7915.*



TUESDAY, JULY 29th - SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th, 2025

Alaska Discovery Land and Cruise – 4 Nights on Land and a 7-Night Inside Passage Cruise – SOLD OUT

Our Alaska adventure is sold out. *Travelers should refer to their documents for itinerary and details. Details to follow for our 2026 Trip!*



AUGUST 1st - 3rd, 2025 VT Family Theatre Presents: Shrek the Musical

Shows on Friday and Saturday at 7:00p.m.

Sunday matinée at 2:00p.m. Shows are at the Orleans Municipal Building. *Tickets are available at the door!*



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9th, 2025 Derby Line Day

Hosted every year in Baxter Park, people of all ages can enjoy free music and activities. *Admission is free.*

Welcome Center Volunteer Greeters Needed

Vermont's North Country Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteer greeters for the Welcome Center, located on the Causeway in Newport, for a few hours per week or month. *Please contact Scott or Lisa Boskind at 802-766-5105 if you are interested or would like more info.*

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 27th - OCTOBER 1st, 2025,
from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

An Introduction to Piano for Adults with Pamela Taylor Music

Piano classes reimagined, where endless scales are NOT part of the curriculum! If learning to play piano and read music is on your bucket list – or perhaps you've been thinking of returning after not having played in decades – this program is for you! Music instructor Pamela Taylor invites you to a six-week **Introduction to Piano** in her cozy, modern, home studio in Newport – where learning is FUN! Pamela studied at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and has over thirty-five years of experience both as a performer and as a teacher. She's trained hundreds of piano and flute students of all ages and abilities and is excited to offer this opportunity exclusively for Community Circle members. *The price for this six-week program is \$270.00, including the book, and it is due at the time of registration. Additional lessons beyond six weeks will be available to anyone wishing to continue learning. Space is limited to eight students. Call to reserve your spot today, 802-334-7915.*

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. *Call if you'd like to be added to the waitlist.*



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2025, at
12:00 pm. and 2:00 p.m.

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

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.*



HILL
FARMSTEAD
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TUESDAY MORNINGS
American Mah Jongg Open Game Time
10:00 a.m. at the Goodrich Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2025, at 10:00 a.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 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.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.*

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

Casino Escape: Montreal - Ottawa - Akwesasne

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, NOVEMBER 19th, 2025, at 10:00 a.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.*



Boston Pops

EARLY DECEMBER, 2025 – DATE TBD

Holiday Boston Pops Concert and Overnight

Get into the holiday spirit with an overnight adventure! Celebrate the holiday season with us in Boston at the spectacular Symphony Hall for the beloved Boston Pops Holiday Concert. Enjoy the magic of the season with classics like "Jingle Bells," "The 12 Days of Christmas," and "Sleigh Ride." We're planning a mid-week overnight, and dinner after the show. We can't secure seats until the end of May but will be doing so before our next newsletter is released. *If you're interested in this trip, please let us know and we will share the dates and pricing with you in late May.* Our price will include round-trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, a show ticket, dinner, hotel stay, breakfast and driver gratuity. 802-334-7915.



SUNDAY, APRIL 12th -
MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 2026

Discover America's 250th Anniversary

See back page for full details.



JULY 14th - JULY 26th, 2026

Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

Back by Popular Demand! For anyone who missed out on joining us this year for Alaska, we've added another departure for 2026! This will be a 4-night Land Package followed by a 7-Night Inside Passage cruise. Brochures and registration paperwork are available now. *Please call 802-334-7915 to receive your information.*

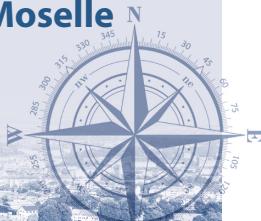
ALASKA 2026



AUGUST 24th - SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2026

Magical Rhine and Moselle N Rivers (at capacity)

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 12th - MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 2026 **Discover America's 250th Anniversary**

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 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 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 porterage 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.*



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**.

