



The Village Improvement Society of Thompson, Inc.

2017 Newsletter: *From the Common*



Message from the VIS President

Dear friends,

Very soon (fingers crossed) the greening of Thompson Common will begin. Mother Nature does the majority of what makes the common look so beautiful year round, but the truth is that she gets a lot of help from people like you.

Thanks to your support, we're able to keep lawns trimmed, trees healthy, leaves raked, branches cleared, shrubs trimmed, and flower beds cultivated and colorful. Your financial support is absolutely essential to these efforts, but equally important is your generous donation of time, energy, work, and talent. That's what really makes the common beautiful.

Please consider renewing your support this year*, and keep an eye out for info about events throughout the year.

As the new VIS president, and on behalf of the VIS membership, I'd like to **thank Bob and Caroline Sloat for their years of service** to the VIS as co-presidents. Their dedication, organization, and leadership exemplify the spirit that has kept the VIS active for 172 years.

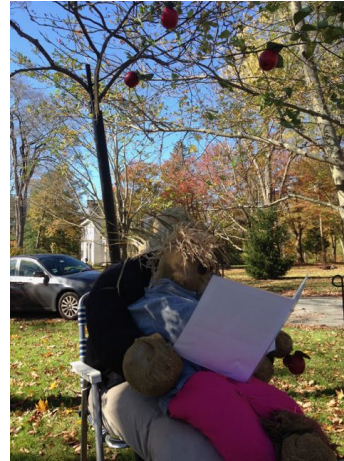
John Beaupré, President, VIS

**We are now able to accept membership donations by credit card via PayPal on www.thompsonvis.org.*



Visit our new Facebook page
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2016 Scarecrow Decorating Contest! See all the entrants online at thompsonvis.org.



Many thanks to generous sponsors:

- "A Christmas Carol" @ The Bradley Playhouse
- Empire Buffet
- Fort Hill Farms Corn Maze
- Monte Bianco Restaurant
- Quaddick Country Store
- Riverside Pizza
- Soleil & Suns Bakery
- Stop & Shop
- Table Talk Pies
- Thompson House of Pizza

2017 CALENDAR (so far...)

Saturday, April 8: Easter egg hunt (rain date April 15) ~ by Thompson Recreation

Saturday, April 22: **spring cleanup**, 9am until complete (rain date April 29)

Sunday, June 4 (tentative): President's Circle (\$100+ donation) brunch, 11am – 2pm

Saturday, October 21: **scarecrow contest** set-up

(vote for your favorites from October 22 – 28)

Sunday, October 29: scarecrow contest awards, 11am

Saturday, November 4: scarecrow tear-down

Saturday, November 4: **fall cleanup**, 9am until complete (rain date November 11)

Saturday, November 18: annual meeting, 11am

December 2 – January 6, 2018: Christmas tree lighted

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