



LAMOILLE NEIGHBORS

Call 802-585-1233 if you need help registering for an event or need transportation. Office hours are Monday and Friday from 12-4 and Wednesday 9-1.

October 2nd, 9 a.m., Additional Hike. We are adding a hike, not on our usual Mondays, for those who would like some challenge. Mt. Piscah is a gorgeous hike anytime, but in the fall it's really special. We will do it as a through hike from south to north, so will spot cars. We will figure out the details once we know who has registered. The trail is about 4.6 miles with 1460 foot ascent. The trail up is steep but is in good condition. The descent has one very steep section that is rocky and a few stream crossings on rocks (with poles they are doable). The rest of the trail is a fairly easy descent. Plan on this being the only thing you do that day because we want to stay together as a group and have no time restrictions. We will have lunch together at one of the amazing lookouts on the top. It's truly a stunning hike and worth the effort! **Bring poles. It's important to register [HERE](#) so we can coordinate vehicles.**

Sunset Walk, October 4th, 6 p.m. We will meet at Michael Wickenden and Debbie Wheeler's home, 446 Tenney Hill Rd. Hyde Park. We will do a 1 mile easy dirt road walk. Snacks will be provided. Bring a chair for goodies and conversation. Register [HERE](#).

Our monthly Coffee Hour, October 6th, 10:00 a.m. at the Congregational Church in Hyde Park. Our only goal is to talk and laugh. If you would like to participate, Register [HERE](#) or call 802-585-1233.

Article discussion group October 4th and 18th. We meet every other week on Zoom. We limit this group to 10 participants. We do have one opening left, if you'd like to join. Register [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Lamoille Neighbors Foliage Tour Monday, October 9th, from 1-4 p.m. Not all leaf peepers are out of state tourists! Come join the fun as we take our own tour of Lamoille County and its beautiful (we hope) foliage. Travel will be provided by volunteers and their automobiles. There will be a stop along the route where people can stretch their legs and purchase a snack. Register [HERE](#) or call 802-585-1233.

Hike October 9th, 9:30. We'll hike a 4-5 mile loop. More details to come once we explore the area. Trails are wide and considered easy to moderate. Trails are located behind Hazen Union High School in Hardwick. Make sure you registered so we can send you more details. Register [HERE](#).



Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate at the Fledermaus Barn in Johnson. Friday, October 20th, from 2 - 4 p.m. The Fledermaus Barn is a European style cafe located off the beaten path in Johnson. Come and enjoy teas, coffees, confections and light savory fare in a gorgeous fall setting. The cost is \$25.00, but pay what you can and Lamoille Neighbors will subsidize the rest. Register [HERE](#) or call 802-585-1233.

Hike October 30th, 9:30. We will hike to Taylor Lodge from the Lake Mansfield Trout Club. You will see private road signs but continue until you see the Trout Club and the hikers parking is up on the right. The round trip hike is 3.2 miles with 650 elevation gain. Plan on 3-3.5 hours. Bring poles. Register [HERE](#).

Weekly Yoga with Faith Bieler, Thursdays at River Arts at 9 a.m.. All levels welcome. E-mail lisadiamondstein@me.com if interested and not already registered.



Sue Moore opened her home on August 19th for music with Joe Ciccolo. It was an old fashioned kitchen tunk! A great time was had by all.



Report on our sunset walk-On one of the hottest days of summer, September 6th, four Lamoille neighbors had a lovely stroll on Pixie's road. At that time of day the road was shady and the air had just a little breeze. Afterwards we enjoyed visiting as the sun set. -Sue Moore



Two hikes were led by Nancy Banks. One up to Beaver Meadow and the other on the Reservoir Rd. in Johnson.

Welcome to Our New Member June Charbonneau from Stowe and to our new volunteer Iwona Alicia Villa from Eden Mills.



June Charbonneau

MEET VIVIAN NORTON - YOUR LAMOILLE NEIGHBOR



Vivian has an excellent memory and recalled that she was born in 1931 on "The Munson Block" on Lower Main Street in Morrisville. Levi Munson owned the famous Munson Store which would have been located across from the brick building now home of Bourne's Energy. Her maternal grandparents, the Hulls, owned a farm on Cleveland Corners Road in Hyde Park. Vivian was amazed to hear that both Pixie and Joan now live on that same road!

She lived with her parents and sister on Maple Street. Her schooling took place at the Morrisville Graded School and Peoples Academy. After graduation, in 1949, she married Robert who'd served with the U.S. Navy on a hospital ship. They had three children: Sheri, Scott and Steven.

Vivian worked in many places in Morrisville including the business office at Copley Hospital, Barbour Real Estate, Tomlinson's Deli Store and Howard Manosh's business to name a few. She also babysat and sold Avon products.

She belonged to The Morrisville Congregational Church, joining in 1951. Her days were also filled with volunteering: for her church, Copley Hospital Gift Shop and The Rebekah Lodge. Her favorite pastime was driving her car around the county. At 92 she no longer drives but still plays whist, reads, cooks, bakes and visits with her friend Beth, another Lamoille Neighbor. Her favorite companion is "Miss Kitty" who was hiding when I visited. She will be sure to come out when called for supper. — Interview by Joan Greene

Condolences to Lamoille Neighbors member Donna Stafford.

Below is an abbreviated obituary.



Michael S. Stafford, 78, of Morrisville died on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023.

Born July 30, 1945, Mike strived for and successfully completed the goals he set for himself.

Rather than being drafted, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was posted to Germany. He was honorably discharged after two years, nine months, 14 days and seven hours. Continuing his education, he moved to Erie, Pa., to attend Gannon University where he completed a degree in industrial management.

Upon graduation from Gannon, he then finished a degree in civil engineering at Notre Dame. With both those degrees he began a long career with Stone and Webster Engineering. As construction manager he managed many industrial projects throughout the United States.

Ghana also benefited from his expertise in construction management, overseeing the building of oil-fired electrical generation plants, one in Sekondi-Takoradi and the other in Tema. On those projects he mentored and became close friends with his “Ghanaian sons.”

Retiring from Stone and Webster he founded Staff Sterling Management, a construction management consulting firm in Vermont. He consulted on many municipal and private projects in the state and on other projects, including chemical demilitarization for the U.S. Army.

Mike is survived by the love of his life and his wife of 55 years, Donna Stafford of Morrisville and his sister, Patricia Stafford-Sturk of Clinton, Mich.

May he hike and ski many more trails with his friends and dogs.

Vanessa, our employee extraordinaire, will be leaving Lamoille Neighbors for a full time position at the Family Center. We are very sad to see her go. There will be time to say goodbye and to celebrate the time we’ve had working with her.

If you know anyone who might be interested here is a brief job description.

Lamoille Neighbors Seeking Part Time Office Manager - Morrisville

The primary objective of this position is to be “the voice of Lamoille Neighbors” by performing all office duties associated with members and volunteers. We are seeking an independent, motivated employee who has an interest in working with older adults and has excellent office, computer and communication skills. This position will be approximately 15 hours/week. Lamoille Neighbors is an equal opportunity employer. Please send resume and cover letter to lisadiamondstein@me.com



Diversity is a source of strength, creativity, and innovation for Lamoille Neighbors. We commit to creating an environment that welcomes and values the contributions of each member, volunteer and staff person and respects their identity, culture, background, and abilities, thus enriching Lamoille Neighbors.

October Birthdays

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Lindy Date
Pat Modzelewski
Dan Young
Janet Larson

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