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September RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS





Need utility assistance?

If you are behind on utility payments but the Vermont Emergency Rental



Assistance Program (VERAP) was unable to help, there's a new program in place for those that didn't qualify for VERAP: VCAAP! The Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program helps Vermonters suffering economic hardship due to COVID-19 get help paying past-due balances for utility bills. And unlike VERAP, homeowners can apply for VCAAP! Applications will be accepted through December 15, but funds are running out fast! Ask your RC how to apply or check out the above link!

Winter is coming!



It's time to think about resources to help keep you warm! If you're in need



of vital repairs to your home like fixing your roof or furnace, the Champlain Housing Trust offers a \$2500 grant toward eligible home repairs. If the project exceeds \$2500, ask about their affordable loans. A family of 4 can earn up to \$76,700 and still qualify! Fuel Assistance can help pay part of your home heating bills whether you own your home or rent if you meet their income requirements (\$49,025 for a family of 4). Vermont Gas Energy Assistance offers a 20% discount to eligible

Vermonters if they are current Vermont Gas customers and meet their income eligibility (\$49,025 for a family of 4).



Check out a great deal on E-Bikes!

Did you know that if you qualify for Old Spokes Home's Everybody Bikes program OR if you meet certain income requirements (\$53,000 for a family of 4), you're eligible for an E-Bike at a subsidized cost of almost 35% off?



E-bike motors assist bicycle riders as they pedal, making longer distances and hills manageable. Fill out their subsidy request form to apply!

Did you use one of our free parks passes?

VT Parks Forever, which generously donated the passes, would love your feedback! Share a story or picture from your visit with your RC this month to get entered to win a \$25 gas card!

Looking for help with buying a home?

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity builds homes for those living in unsafe conditions, with expensive rent, or that



are being overcrowded. Champlain Housing Trust's shared equity program enables people to buy a home without a down payment and with a reduced mortgage. Both programs have eligibility requirements that must be met.

Ask your RC how to apply!



Mark your calendars!

9/4 End of CARES Act Unemployment programs 9/30 End of Full Plates VT program 12/15 Final VCAAP application deadline

For even more resources, join our Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/WorkingBridgesNorthwest/

Can't access these links? Ask your RC where to learn more!

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