



# Village News

## September 2020

### Grant Funds Available to Assist with Past Due Utility Payments

#### Apply Today!

If you have suffered economic hardship due to COVID-19 and are struggling to pay for your utilities, such as your electric bill, help is available! The Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP) is offering small subsidies to utility customers with past-due balances. Funds are limited, so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

To learn more about the program and apply online, please visit

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/>

For assistance applying, please call your local Community Action Agency.

Capstone Community Action (Central Vermont): (802) 851-4000 or 1-800-639-8710

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### Help Your Community by Completing the 2020 Census

We need everyone living in Vermont to be counted to ensure our taxpayer dollars come back to the state, and to ensure our legislative districts are accurate.

Almost fifty percent (49.5%) of Lamoille County households have yet to respond or be counted by an enumerator.

The 2020 Census ends on September 30th, please *take five minutes* at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or call [844-330-2020](https://844-330-2020) to make sure you are counted!

### Members Sought for Johnson Racial Justice Committee

The Village of Johnson Board of Trustees and Town of Johnson Selectboard have voted to form a Racial Justice Committee for Johnson. Each Board will appoint three members to the committee. Therefore, the Village is seeking letters of interest from Village residents who would like to be considered for an appointment to the committee.

If you would like to be considered for one of the three committee appointments by the Village Trustees, please submit a letter of interest to Meredith Dolan, Village Manager, via email at [vojmanager@townofjohnson.com](mailto:vojmanager@townofjohnson.com), by mail at PO Box 603, Johnson, VT 05656, or by using the drop box at the Municipal Building by Friday, October 2, 2020. Please make sure to include your contact information in your letter.

If you are not a Village resident, but are a Town of Johnson resident interested in the committee, please contact the Town Administrator, Brian Story, via email at [tojadministrator@townofjohnson.com](mailto:tojadministrator@townofjohnson.com).

**Has COVID-19 caused you to fall behind on your utility bill?  
The Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP) can help.**

**VCAAP provides eligible Vermont utility customers with small grants for unpaid and past due balances that create risk for disconnection. To qualify:**

- The past due balance must be more than 60 days old
- The past due balance must apply to service provided on or after March 1, 2020
- Customer must certify and attest to a COVID-19 related economic hardship

### **How to Apply For VCAAP:**

**Use the online application portal at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/>**

**If you cannot apply online, call or visit your local Community Action Agency.**

**BROC- Community Action in Southwestern Vermont: (802) 775-0878 or 1-800-717-2762**

**Capstone Community Action (Central Vermont): (802) 479-1053 or 1-800-639-1053**

**Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity: (802) 862-2771 or 1-800-287-7971**

**Northeast Kingdom Community Action: (802) 334-7316**

**Southeastern Vermont Community Action: (802) 722-4575 or 1-800-464-9951**



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Village of Johnson • Village of Jacksonville  
Ludlow Electric Light Department • Lyndonville Electric Department  
Morrisville Water & Light • Northfield Electric Department  
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