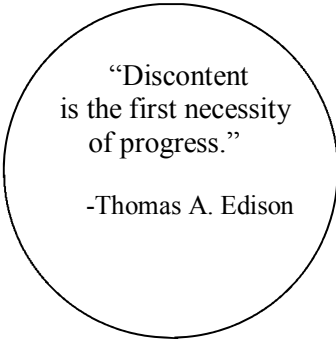


# *WEST SIDE STORIES:* *Amusing News From* *NeighborWorks of Western Vermont*



**W**elcome to *West Side Stories: Amusing News from NeighborWorks of Western Vermont!* Spring is not too far off, and with spring comes new life. Keeping with that theme here are two short stories for your enjoyment. One is about reincarnated soda bottles. The other highlights the creation of a new class designed replenish the good name of those in early stages of foreclosure.

## **New Workshop @ NeighborWorks!**

NWWVT has developed a foreclosure intervention workshop called *Financial Fitness for Foreclosure*.

The workshop is for homeowners who are worried about foreclosure or are in the beginning stages of foreclosure. Topics covered included how to prioritize debt, foreclosure timelines, what to expect from your lender if you do miss a payment, and how to budget to avoid problems.

The group format also allows homeowners to meet others in similar situations, learn techniques other use, and help alleviate the feeling of isolation people often feel under financial stress.

Workshops are free, taught by a certified housing counselor, and will run regularly starting in mid-March. If the homeowner wants more counseling after the completing the workshop, or the counselor thinks the homeowner is in need of further assistance, follow up appointments are scheduled. Workshop material is tailored to the specific situations and needs of attendees. Advance registration is required. NWWVT created the workshop to supplement our current foreclosure intervention program.

For more information on NeighborWorks of Vermont’s foreclosure intervention program or for the Financial Fitness for Foreclosure workshop, please visit [www.nwwvt.org/delinquency.htm](http://www.nwwvt.org/delinquency.htm) or call 438-2303 x 210.

## **Home Buyer Education**

### **March 10 & 11**

West Rutland  
@ NWWVT  
5-9pm

### **March 13**

Middlebury  
@ Ilsley Library  
10am-5pm

### **March 14**

Bennington  
@ Bennington Free Library  
10am-5pm

Call 438-2303 x 210 to Register

**An addition to the list of NWWVT Sponsors posted in the last newsletter: NeighborWorks America, of course! Thank you NeighborWorks, and especially our colleagues in Boston. Your continual support helps make our world go ‘round!**

## **Soda Bottle Carpet**

For the first time in NWWVT history recycled soda bottles were part of a home rehab project.

Post-consumer products (a fancy term for things made from recycled material) are popping up everywhere, and now they are integrated into rehab projects. Soda bottle carpet is pretty much what it sounds like. Carpet made mostly from post-consumer plastics, mainly soda bottles.

“It’s the perfect green product,” said NWWVT green construction manager, Ken Welch. “It is recycled, uses minimal energy in manufacturing, doesn’t adversely effect indoor air quality, and helps keep our road sides clean.”

We can feel a bit better about drinking soda- and who knows, the bottle you recycle today could reincarnate as carpet in your home.

Do you need repairs to your home? Know someone who does? Give NWWVT a call today! 438-2303 x 210

