

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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October 9, 2013



Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Hannaford Act 250 Hearing:** *Monday, October 14th from 8:00am-5:00pm (Main Hall)*

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day; however, the building will be open for the Hannaford Act 250 Hearings.

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *DUI Accident* - On Thursday, October 3rd, an officer responded to Richmond Rd. for a report of a vehicle accident and mailboxes hit. The officer found the pickup off the road and the driver with the vehicle. It was determined that the 58 year old male from Hinesburg had been drinking and was subsequently arrested for DUI. He was transported to Shelburne for processing and cited into court. This is the male's second DUI accident on Richmond Rd.
- *Vehicle Break-In* - On Sunday, October 6th, a vehicle break-in was reported to the Hinesburg Community Police. The driver's side window was broken out and an iPhone, purse and wallet removed from the vehicle. Our neighboring communities have been experiencing a number of these crimes in recreational areas where people leave their vehicles and walk from the area.

These are crimes of opportunity initiated when a thief sees something they want. It is important to remember to keep valuables out of sight and better yet, not in the vehicle at all. When you look through your wallet or purse, think about the aggravation of having to cancel credit cards, get a new operator's license and worse, what else was in there including your address or Social Security number. Coming from California, I am pre-paranoid and lock my vehicle in my driveway during the daytime if I am sitting on my porch. Vermonters do not always want to admit that it is a different time.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Special Election* - There will be a Special Election on November 5, 2013. The election was triggered by the circulation of a petition with the following Article: *Shall the changes to the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations approved on September 9, 2013, by the Hinesburg Select Board be repealed?* There will also be a second ballot from the Champlain Valley Union High School which is a bond vote for \$1,500,000 for improvements to the school's athletic fields. Both of these ballots are now available in the clerk's office for early voting. You can come in anytime between now and Election Day during regular office hours to obtain your ballots and either take them home with you or vote here in the office. You can also request that the ballots be mailed to you by calling the town clerk's office at 482-2281 ext.223 or by e-mailing mross@hinesburg.org. If your request for the ballots is via e-mail, please be sure to include your mailing address so that we can send you the ballots. The last day to register to vote if you are not already a registered voter is Wednesday, Oct. 30th at 5 p.m. Thanks!
- *Posting Land* - Hunting is a long-standing tradition in Vermont, and the cooler days of fall mean that hunting season is upon us. Bow season started this past weekend with rifle season to follow beginning November 16th and running until the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Many people are happy to continue to allow hunting on their property, though some do call to inquire about posting their land and what the options are. If you want to allow hunting, fishing, & trapping on your property, but are concerned about the safety of your house, barns and livestock or domestic pets, one option you have available is to use the "Safety Zone" signs which are available in the clerk's office free of charge. These signs create a buffer around residences and outbuildings of up to 500 feet. People are prohibited from doing any of the above activities in the safety zone. The signs should be posted at the corners of the "Safety Zone" and no more than 200 feet apart. If one wants to prohibit hunting, shooting, trapping & fishing on their entire property, they must register the land at the Town Clerk's Office and pay a \$5.00 fee. They must then obtain the signs and post them at the corners of their property and at intervals not to exceed 400 feet. The land must be registered each year, and the signs must be re-dated each year in order for the posting to be legal.

Many landowners are happy to have hunters use their land for hunting, fishing and / or trapping, though some prefer that hunters ask permission prior to exercising their right to do so. Please go to the following link for more information: http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_hunteraccess_landownertips.cfm.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Boil Water Notice* - The Boil Water Notice issued on September 27th has now been lifted. If you have any questions, please contact Rocky Martin at 482-2281 ext. 229 or via email at hinesburgpw@gmavt.net.

Carpenter-Carse Library

Calendar

- *Staff In-service/Training* - The library will be closed for Staff In-service/Training on Thursday, October 10th. No public business will be conducted in the library or by phone that day. Regular hours will resume Friday, October 11th.
- *Story Time* – Our next “double story time day” is on Tuesday, October 15th; toddlers start at 9:30 a.m. and preschool children arrive at 11:00.
- *Youth Book Discussion* - A Youth Book Discussion at the library will take place on Thursday, October 17th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Come join us to discuss a terrifically spooky book recommended for readers from 4th Grade to adulthood; it’s a book about the value of friendship and individuality, but with a twist. If you like books with an eerie setting and a creepy atmosphere, with disappearances and a nightmare of an institution, you will want to give this book a try. It may remind you of *Coraline*. It will be fun to see how this novel affects different readers.
- *Book Discussion Group* - The October 17th Book Discussion Group focuses on the novel: *Canada* by Richard Ford. All are welcome! The November selection is: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.

Other News

- *New Books* - New books for adults and children arrived early this week. Many will be on the shelf by the end of the week, and more are on the way!
- *Book Donation* - Nancy Wood has presented Carpenter-Carse with a special gift of 18 brand new sports books for the library’s youth collection. These books will no doubt be well-read by lots of kids and parents in our sporty town! Thank you, Nancy! Library Staff will need a few days or even weeks to get all these new titles on the shelves.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Recreation Department

- *Charlotte Jamboree* - Eleven soccer teams participated in the Charlotte Jamboree on Saturday, October 5th.
- *Soccer Season Ending Soon* - Warm agreeable weather continues for our soccer program, which is winding down. Last day of the program is Saturday, October 12th.
- *Slots Available in Babysitting Course* - Still room in the Babysitting Course scheduled for Friday, 10/18 from 9:00 am till 3:00 pm in the French Room at HCS. Take advantage of no school that day and become certified!! Contact HRD to register - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *AARP Driver’s Safety Course* - Still enrolling for the AARP Driver Safety Class scheduled for Tuesday, 10/29 from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm in the first floor conference room at Town Hall. AARP members pay \$12. Register with HRD.
- *Recreation Budget* - Began working on 2014-15 budget, which is due 10/15.



Jim Warden's Dog Obedience Class



Construction Progress of New Police Station as of 10/4/2013

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