

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Village Steering Committee:** *Monday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Drug Take Back* – The Hinesburg Community Police, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency, will hold another drug take back on April 26th at the Kinney Drugs in Hinesburg. The hours will be 10 am to 2 pm. Those residents unable to make it on that day can drop off medication to the police department.
- *Fraud Advice* – Thieves are unbelievably creative in trying to have you part with your money. They are adaptive to changes in public awareness and come up with new scams before the public can be notified. Craigslist and Money Grams have given them previously unheard of methods to get money. More than ever, “if it’s too good to be true, it probably is.” A big scam is the time sensitive method where a grandchild has been arrested in Canada or a friend is in desperate need of money. There is nothing so time sensitive that you cannot call the Hinesburg Police and have us check it out. This is a major community service we can provide ANYTIME you are asked to send money.
- *Motor Vehicle Accident* – On Wednesday, April 2nd, at 6:30 am, Hinesburg Police and Hinesburg Fire and First Response responded to a one vehicle accident on Silver St. near Coyote Ridge. The male driver was able to crawl out of the vehicle that was on its roof. While members back boarded the patient, others set up the portable heater to keep the patient warm until the arrival of St. Michael’s Ambulance. Well-coordinated job by all.
- *Agency Assist* – On Wednesday, April 2nd, S. Burlington Police came to Hinesburg to investigate the theft of a gun from a firearms dealer. The suspects were juveniles and with the assistance of the Hinesburg officer, the gun was recovered the next day and the juvenile cited into court.

- *Family Fight* – On Saturday, April 5th, an on duty and two off duty officers responded to Birchwood Lane for a family fight between mother and daughter. The exact details of the confrontation were undetermined but neither parties wanted any law enforcement action. A civil standby was conducted until the daughter left the residence.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (3/25 – 4/7/14)*
 - 3/25 - EMS
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 - 3/26 - EMS - Child w/head pains
 - 3/27 - Fire/EMS - CO detector
 - 3/29 - EMS - Chest pain
 - 3/29 - EMS - Allergic reaction
 - 3/30 - Fire/EMS - single car motor vehicle crash (MVC)
 - 3/30 - EMS - Difficulty breathing
 - 3/31 - EMS - Kidney issues
 - 3/31 - EMS - Diabetic emergency
 - 3/31 - EMS - Dizziness
 - 4/01 - EMS - Injuries from fall
 - 4/02 - Fire/EMS - single car rollover MVC
 - 4/04 - Fire - CO detector
 - 4/05 - EMS - Injuries from domestic dispute
 - 4/05 - EMS - Numbness, possible heart attack
 - 4/06 - EMS - Abdominal pain
 - 4/06 - Fire - Fire on porch (extinguished prior to arrival)
 - 4/06 - EMS - possible heart attack
 - 4/07 - Fire/EMS - four car MVC
 - 4/07 - EMS - Diabetic emergency
- *Training Update -*
 - Last week we reviewed calls and our run reports as part of our CQI.
 - This week we have fire training and will be training on pumps.
 - The EMS District 3 has its annual CQI meeting and monthly board meeting.

Recreation Department

- *Register for Spring Sports by 4/11* - Final deadline for Tee Ball, Farm League, and K-1-2 Lacrosse is Friday, 4/11.
- *7/8 Boys Lacrosse Practice Begins* - 7/8 boys lacrosse will begin some indoor practices on Sat. 4/12 at The Edge.
- *American Red Cross Babysitting Class* - Still room in the Babysitting Class scheduled for Sat. 4/19 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Town Hall. Cost is \$85. Register with HRD.

- *Dog Obedience* - Still room in the Dog Obedience Class schedule for 5/1 through 6/5/14 from 6-7 pm at Town Hall. Cost is \$70 residents and \$75 non-residents. Register with HRD.
- *AARP Driver's Safety Class* - Hosted an AARP Safe Driver class on Tuesday, 4/8 in the first floor conference room.
- *Piano Recitals* - Piano recitals have been scheduled. Mary Beth Bowman's recital will be on Tuesday, 5/20 at 5:30 pm and Andrea Haulenbeek's recital will be on Wed. 5/21 at 5:30 pm. Both recitals will take place in the Flex Space at HCS.
- *Spring Sports* - Spring Sports will start the last week of April - 4/28 through 5/2.

Planning & Zoning

- *DRB Hearings on Hannaford Closed* – At their 4/1 meeting, the DRB finished taking evidence and testimony on four applications related to the Hannaford supermarket. All four have to do with associated offsite revisions to adjacent properties – e.g., boundary line adjustments, Aubuchon site plan changes (revised access and parking), and Automotion site plan changes (parking and landscaping). The DRB is now deliberating on decisions for these four applications.
- *Planning for “See What You Got” Tours* – In June and July, we plan to hold a couple of tours of completed development projects in the village growth area for DRB members, Planning Commissioners, and anyone else interested to take a closer look at what’s been approved and how it turned out. My hope is that this will be an engaging “out of the conference room” experience, and will help us identify what worked and what didn’t. This should help in future development review by the DRB, as well as help the Planning Commission see which regulations might need revision. It’s also a great way to take a look around, and think about our community vision – are we making strides to implement it, does the vision itself need to be revised. Worth thinking about as we set about updating our Town Plan.
- *Haystack Crossing Project* – A memo summarizing compliance issues discussed at the 3/18 DRB meeting was sent to the applicant (Black Rock Construction), and is posted on the project webpage on the Town website (www.hinesburg.org). Comments from the Energy Committee and the Village Steering Committee are also posted on the website. The applicant is working on revisions to the plan. The DRB review of this project will continue at the May 20 meeting.
- *Sidewalk Feasibility Study* – With the help of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, we will be taking a look at the feasibility and potential cost of priority sidewalk segments. This sort of information is critical to winning the State and Federal grants that we typically need to complete new sidewalk projects. Currently, there are seven potential/future sidewalk segments in the village growth area for which we don’t have feasibility or cost information. There’s also a long-standing need to assess the possibility of a Richmond Road sidewalk (from Texas Hill Rd to Mechanicsville Rd) to connect the Town’s most densely

settled area to the village area sidewalk system. We don't have the funds to study all of this as part of this project, so more later on what we choose to investigate.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Next Toddler Story Time* ~ April 15th ~ for children up to 3 years of age
This half hour story time starts at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Sara welcomes walk-ins! We have room for more toddlers at this story time.
- *Weekly Preschool Story Time* ~ 11 a.m. ~ for children 3-5 years of age
This hour long story time is offered every Tuesday! Preschoolers can join Sara for stories, songs, and games. Fourteen children and eight adults attended this week's session and made wax paper moon pictures.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

- *National Library Week* - April 13 – 19th, 2014, *You belong @ your library*
- *National Poetry Month* - Submit a poem during the week of April 13-19th expressing why you love visiting your library.....and win a prize! Put your name, phone number and age category (child, teen or adult) along with your entry in a box at the library, and we will let you know if you are a winner.
- *THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS* - An Orson Welles Classic ~ showing Tuesday, April 15th @ 6:30 p.m. Come join the library's film discussion group for an evening of great free entertainment and a lively discussion!
- *April Library Displays*
 - Money Smart Week [VT Dept. of Libraries: \$\$ [Visit the resource page @ MoneyEd.Vermont.gov] \$\$ Poetry
 - Autism Awareness Month
 - Think Spring: Blind Date
 - Maple Sugaring
 - Frogs
 - In the Glass Case
 - 3rd Generation Tea Cup Collection - Compliments of Suzanne Richard. This pretty collection of varied teacup styles brings a welcome splash of color to the library.

OTHER NEWS

- *Carpenter-Carse Library Board of Trustees Meeting* - At the March 19th meeting Trustees welcomed newly-elected member Paul Lamberson to the group. Paul has taken over the position recently held by Jane Starkweather. A motion was made to appoint Jim Jarvis to the remaining open seat left by Chris Boerner. Jim was appointed. Welcome aboard!

Town Administrator

- *Planning Commission Vacancy* - The Hinesburg Planning Commission currently has one (1) vacancy. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please submit your application and letter of interest via email to rmarshall@hinesburg.org, by Wednesday, April 30th. The Selectboard will interview applicants at their meeting on May 5, 2014.

You may access an application form on the Town website at the following link:
http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf

- *Champlain Housing Trust/Green Street Village Apartments* – I have been working with Amy Demetrowitz of Champlain Housing Trust to gather all of the necessary documentation in order to submit the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Block Grant. We have now completed all required documentation and submitted the application on April 8th.
- *Town Administrator Selection Committee* – The Town Administrator Selection Committee held their initial meeting on April 2nd in order to develop a timeline, consider additional sources for advertising, and review what attributes would be important for this role. The deadline for receiving applications will be April 18th. After that point, the committee will begin their process of going through the resumes and narrowing down the potential candidates. For more information regarding this committee – i.e., members, anticipated timeline, etc., please visit the Town website at the following link:
<http://www.hinesburg.org/town-administrator-search-committee/>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- *Cathedral Square/Housing Vermont (Kelley's Field)* – Cindy Reid of Cathedral Square and Kathy Beyer of Housing Vermont attended the April 7th Selectboard meeting to introduce improvement projects that are planned at Kelley's Fields. Cathedral Square Corporation and Housing Vermont are teaming up to rehabilitate and preserve the affordability of 24 senior apartments at Kelley's Field. Planned improvements to the property include new roofs, insulation, siding, windows, and new gas boilers. In addition, the plan is to update kitchens and baths, add energy efficient lighting and drainage improvements. At least two apartments will be made fully handicapped accessible, and a new entrance will be made to the community room. The result will be an energy efficient, accessible and updated development to continue to serve seniors affordably in Hinesburg. Both Cindy and Kathy will return in June to hold a public hearing in order to garner support for applying for Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) grant to fund these improvements.

- *Leavensworth Road Culvert Issues* – Hinesburg resident, Paul List was present to provide the Selectboard with a brief update regarding his request that the Town install additional culverts under Leavensworth Road as a potential solution to alleviate the flooding that occurs in the fields he leases. He will return to the April 21st SB meeting where this conversation will continue with the presence of some of the engineers that worked on the LaPlatte Corridor study that was completed in 2007.
- *Public Safety Facility* – The Selectboard discussed information provided by Ashar Nelson (Vermont Integrated Architecture) regarding the status of the Public Safety Facility. Currently there is a need for additional funds due to Act 250 permitting requirements of the new Police station, final landscaping of the police station, etc. that weren't included in the original budgeted amount. The Board decided to continue this discussion at their April 21st meeting.
- *Organizational Cultural Analysis & Intervention* – Ann Janda, Hinesburg resident and University of Vermont Master of Public Administration (MPA) student, has written an organizational cultural analysis & intervention reports, using Hinesburg Town Hall as her study, for her MPA class. The project's purpose was to gain insight in the culture of an organization in order to identify areas that are working well and areas that may need adjustment, as supported by social science and best practice literature. Ann will be present at the April 21st meeting to present a brief summary of her work and offer the Selectboard and the public and opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. This will be timely information as we begin the search for a new Town Administrator and look ahead on the growing pressures of Town Hall staff moving forward. You may access copies of her two reports from the April 7th Selectboard meeting packet on our website at the following link:
http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/14-0407/

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