

# Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

## Weekly Update

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### August 8, 2014



#### Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Village Steering Committee:** Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)
- **Planning Commission:** Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)
- **Town Forest Committee:** Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)

#### Weekly Updates from Departments:

##### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Vandalism* – In June, the sign in front of Town Hall was vandalized by unknown persons rearranging the letters to spell different words. Ordinarily, this would not amount to a big police issue except for the racial undertones which is completely unacceptable. The sign was altered again with inappropriate language as well as a speed limit sign and a road sign also being defaced with racial slurs. After the second time, a surveillance camera that was purchased to watch over the construction of the new police building was installed on town hall. When the vandalism happened the third time, it was caught on video. At 12:11 am on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>, three eighteen year olds and one seventeen year old were identified and plans are underway to determine the next course of action.
- *Citizen Dispute* – On Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to Birchwood Lane for a dispute between roommates. It was determined that there was no physical altercation and one of the males was taken to ACT 1 for intoxication.
- *Citizen Dispute* – On Wednesday morning at approximately 3:30 am, an officer was called out to the same residence indicated above when the roommate came home and broke in due to the residence being locked.

##### Buildings & Facilities

- *New Sidewalk* – Work began this week on the new sidewalk between Charlotte Road and Hinesburg Community School. Construction is expected to be completed in mid-October. Please expect some traffic delays due to this project as you travel through the village on Rte. 116.

## **Town Clerk & Treasurer**

- *Primary Election* - The Primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm. The last day to register to vote in this election, if you are not already on the Hinesburg voter checklist, is Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Ballots are now here and you can come in to vote early in the Town Clerk's office or you can request a ballot by mail. There are 4 ballots (Democrat, Republican, Progressive and Liberty Union) and you can only vote in one primary even though you receive all 4 ballots. The 3 un-voted ballots are discarded into the unused ballot envelope. You must return all 4 ballots to the clerk's office in order for your vote to be counted.
- *General Election* - The General Election will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Recreation Department**

- *Vermont State Track Meet* - Congratulations to Hinesburg residents Jacob Ashe, Ashton Barbeau, Quinten Barbeau, Patrick Bilodeau, Henry Frost, Cole Glover, Miles Glover, Ali Drew, Julia Grant, Ava McDonald, and Jasmine Nails for their participation in the Champlain Valley Track & Field program at the VT State Meet in St. Johnsbury on 7/26! Thanks go to our outstanding coaches Nora Kaszubowski and Tova Tomasi for another amazing season!!



- *Soccer registration is underway!!* - Information and a registration form can be found on our website [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org) under Recreation, can be sent via email at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net) or hard copies are available outside of the Rec. Office. Register by 8/22 and save \$10! Final deadline is 8/29. Coaches are still needed. Please contact the Rec. Dept. for information
- *The Fall Recreation Guide* – The guide is complete and posted online. Full of popular favorites like after-school horseback riding, golf, Hinesburg Children's Choir, arts and crafts with Chris, the babysitting course, pre-school dance with

Miss Jeanne, Little Strikers pre-school soccer, dog obedience, AARP safe driver class, Zumba, and yoga and some new spins on an old favorite like the haunted house cookie making with Wendy and Jazzercise passes for classes at Shelburne Health & Fitness. Hard copies will be mailed to all residents next week.

- *Hart & Mead Concert* - We enjoyed hearing *Shellhouse* perform at last week's Hart & Mead Concert in the Park. Our final concert of the season was held on Wednesday, featuring the Hinesburg Community Band! Top Dog Grill returned again with grilled items, cold drinks, strawberry shortcake and ice cream and a good time was enjoyed by all!



- Ultimate Frisbee - NEW this fall is Ultimate Frisbee for middle schoolers. Spearheaded by resident and Ultimate enthusiastic Dan Opton!! Sign up with HRD. Program starts 8/26.

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### CALENDAR

#### MEETINGS

- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 27 @7 p.m.

### REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *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. Recent story time themes were veggies and taste and windy days (children made wind socks). Attendance at our July story times was sixty-one children and thirty-one adults.
- *Toddler Story Time* - The next story time for toddlers will be Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. Caregivers of babies and toddlers 3 years old and younger are invited to come and enjoy this special time with their little ones. This week's theme was pigs. Attendance at the two July sessions was six children and six adults; this week we saw ten children and 5 adults.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group*  
At the July discussion, the following plans were made for August and September gatherings:  
Dates: Thursday, August 14 and Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, both @ 7 p.m.  
Books, respectively: *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan; *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson  
Please phone Diane at 482-4455 for information on meeting locations or with other questions. Refreshments will be served.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Pajama Story Hour* – All ages are welcome at the August 21<sup>st</sup> PJ Story Hour. Join Sara at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

### Book Displays at the Library

- Summer Reading Suggestions - Adults
- Fizz..Boom..Read! Summer Reading Program 2014
- Summer Reading Suggestions - Children
- Growing Season! Gardening for all Ages
- Summer Camping & Outdoor Pleasures

### OTHER NEWS

- *A message from Sara and Judy, Summer Reading Club leaders* - We've had a wonderful six weeks! We've investigated food science and made our own butter and ice cream; we've used our observation skills to determine whether items will sink or float in water. We've grown a garden and observed its changes throughout the weeks. In our third week we had performer and musician Matthew Whitten visit and we sang songs about gas and earth science. Scott McLaughlin, a state archeologist, joined us one week and we "dug up" an historical site and used clues to figure out what had been there a couple of hundred years ago. Another week we had guest "Dr. Fuzzywig" (Kristen Littlefield), teaching us about bioluminescence and we made our own glow-in-the-dark sea creatures to take home with us. Summer Reading Club ended with a BUZZ! We had local bee expert Steve Silverman presenting on the biology of bees as well as how to keep them. On Monday we were blessed with the presence of The Very Merry Theater Company presenting *Once on this Island*. It was a lot of fun watching the local teens perform! On Tuesday the library hosted a multi-age book discussion on award-winning book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. We covered topics including bullying and kindness. Lively

discussion was had with a nice group including four children and seven adults. Each week we have read a story that goes along with our theme. Approximately 30 children between the ages of 6 and 11 have joined us each week. It has certainly been a Fizz, Boom, Read fun time!

- *New books on the children's shelves:* 35-40 new books arrived last week. This week nineteen new books and two audiobooks were added in the adult collection.
- *Art Class* - On July 15 local resident Barb Forauer taught an art class on "painting" with sharpie markers. Thirteen adults took part in the class to create botanical pillows. The technique creates an effect on fabric resembling watercolor painting. Each fabric design was incorporated into a pillow and stuffed with dried lavender. Attendees were excited to try a new craft and loved the class. We thank Barb for sharing her expertise and talents at the library.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* – [http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl\\_programs.html](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html).

### **Town Administrator**

- *New Town Administrator Starts* – This week was the first full week for Trevor Lashua as the new Town Administrator. Please call, email, or drop on by with any questions or concerns, or just stop in to meet the, "new guy." [tlashua@hinesburg.org](mailto:tlashua@hinesburg.org). We will have a *Meet & Greet* on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Town Hall to officially welcome Trevor to Hinesburg. Please look for more information soon.
- *Thank You to Local Youth* – We would like to extend a huge thank you to the youth group at the Community Alliance Church for volunteering to help clean windows and porches at the Town Hall today. We truly appreciate your efforts!
- *Committees, Boards and Commission Openings* – Currently we have many vacancies on various boards, committees, and commissions in Town. If you are interested in providing service to your community in this way, please visit the Town website at the following link: <http://hinesburg.org/vacancies.html>

### **Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

#### **Selectboard**

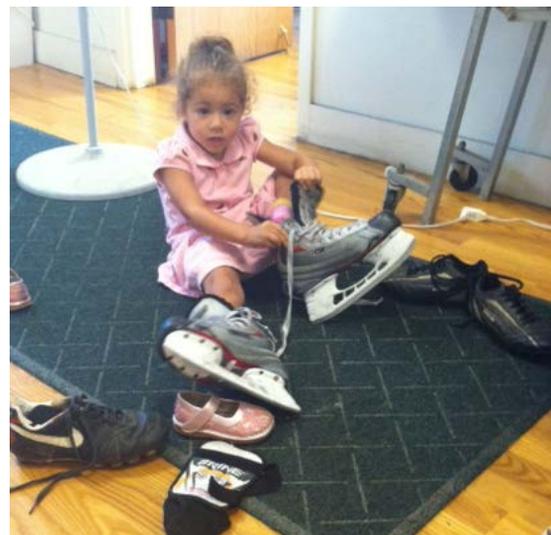
- *Open Meeting Law Changes* - The Legislature significantly amended Vermont's Open Meeting Law this year. Changes include new requirements for posting meetings, creating and altering agendas, posting minutes onto a municipal website, and for entering into Executive Session. The amendments also include specific steps that must be taken when there is an allegation that a public body has violated the law. The VLCT Municipal Assistance Center has prepared a list of frequently asked questions that explain the recent changes to the law along with information about existing requirements. The VLCT 2014 Open Meeting Law FAQ's is available at the following link: [www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT\\_Open\\_Meeting\\_Law\\_FAQs\\_June\\_2014.pdf](http://www.vlct.org/assets/MAC/VLCT_Open_Meeting_Law_FAQs_June_2014.pdf)

These changes will significantly impact all municipalities, including Hinesburg, as it will apply to all Boards, Committees, and Commissions serving our Town. This new law took effect July 1, 2014 but all Vermont municipalities will have one year to get their procedures in order before any violations under this new law can be acted on. Renae Marshall, Special Projects Coordinator and Aaron Kimball, Webmaster, are working together to help this process move forward as efficiently as possible. See below for a training opportunity on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- *Summer Meeting Schedule* – Beginning in June, the Selectboard adjusted their meeting nights and times, in some cases. The Selectboard will return to their normal Monday meeting schedule in September. The August and September schedule is as follows:
  - Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
  - Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
  - Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
    - 6:30 p.m. – Meet & Greet with Trevor Lashua (our new Town Administrator)
    - 7:00 p.m. – Open Meeting Law Training/How to Run an Effective Meeting (All Boards, Committees, and Commissions are invited!)



Andrea Haulenbeek and grandson Carter Ciffo take advantage of the Cleat Bin at HRD - "Got Cleats? Drop them. Need cleats? Take them."



Katherine Ciffo decides to skip soccer season and go straight to hockey season!

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