

Town of Hinesburg

Weekly Update

October 15, 2014

Celebrating 250 years

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Energy Committee:** *Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Public Hearing for Water Supply Improvements Bond:** *Monday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- **Food Drive** - On Saturday November 1st, the Hinesburg Community Police and the Hinesburg Fire Department will be sponsoring a food drive for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The hours will be from 9 am to 2 pm and this will be the fourth year of this successful project. This is one of the biggest times of need with the holidays coming. We look forward to seeing you.
- **New Cruiser** – The first of two new cruisers is on the road. The Ford Interceptors replace the 2006 and 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe's at approximately a 20 cent per mile difference. The next several years will test the vehicles to see if the entire fleet can be transitioned to these vehicles or will one or two vehicles have to remain four-wheel drive.



Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (10/07/14 – 10/13/14)*
 - 10/07 - Fire - Large volume of black smoke in area.
 - 10/08 - EMS - Patient dizzy / passed out
 - 10/10 - Fire / EMS - Two car motor vehicle crash (RT 116 & CVU RD)
 - 10/10 - Fire - Brush pile burn
 - 10/13 - EMS - Fall with possible injuries
 - 10/13 - Fire/EMS - Individual stuck on ladder about to fall.
- *Training –*
 - *Physical Exertion Test* - Our physical exertion test was held on 10/8. All members that are interior firefighters needed to "pack up" in full turnout gear to run through various physical challenges that included dragging a rescue dummy, crawling through obstacle course, crawling with tools, raising a ladder, climbing ladder, stretching a hose line, charging hose line and hitting a target, carrying our "high rise" pack through an obstacle course, and finally going through a room in the firehouse with noise/effects to perform search and rescue operations. After each candidate completed the course they were met by EMS who took vitals and acted as a rehab unit.
 - *Business Meeting* - This week is our normal business meeting.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Supply Improvements Bond Vote – November 4th, 2014* – The final two public hearings will take place on October 20th and November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Voting will happen on November 4th from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Please come to these public hearings to find out more information!

Currently two wells supply water for the Town water system's 721 residential customers, 61 commercial businesses, Hinesburg Community School, CVU, Fire Department, Police Department and other Town buildings and provide fire protection via fire hydrants throughout the village area. Water produced by these two wells is very hard and contains iron and manganese. Iron and manganese do not pose health risks but cause staining and discolored water which are a nuisance to system users. Hard water causes scale build-up on equipment and fixtures and is problematic for water heating equipment. These wells have been impacted by low levels of MTBE, a gasoline additive no longer in use. One of these wells has declined in yield over the years but because of the level of MTBE contamination, the best method (hydro fracking) to increase its yield is out of the question due to further MTBE contamination. The wells were originally permitted at 190 gallons per minute (gpm) and now have an approved yield of 120 gpm. Because of this diminished capacity, the Town has been issued a Notice of Violation by the State and no new connections will be allowed until we resolve the issue.

More than a year ago, the Town began the process of identifying a site for a new well to replace the existing wells. In all, 10 sites were evaluated. Brad Wainer's

generous donation of an easement to the Town on his Shelburne Fall's Road property would allow the Town to drill two new wells. One of these wells has the potential to be permitted for 240 gpm which would meet the existing system demand and provide for some new project connections in the short term.

The Bond Vote scheduled for November 4, 2014 is for a \$1,500,000 project to include necessary infrastructure to connect the new wells to a control/treatment building, provide treatment for water softening and iron and manganese removal, and piping connection to the existing distribution system. This will provide water system customers better water quality with no MTBE contamination and correct our State permit violation. The bond will be repaid by new and existing water system customers with no impact on Town property taxes.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Election Day November 4th* - We have had around 80 early voters thus far and have been adding several new people to the voter checklist. You can come in to vote early or request that a ballot be mailed to you. You can also request ballots for family members and we can mail them the ballots as well. You cannot carry home a ballot for a family member, however. If you enjoy the hustle and bustle of Election Day, we will see you on November 4th! The last day to register to vote if you aren't already on the Hinesburg Voter Checklist is Wednesday, October 29th at 5 p.m. Please feel free to call us at 482-2281 ext. 2 if you have any questions regarding voting!
- *Property Taxes Due* - Property taxes are due November 17th since the 15th falls on a Saturday this year. If you escrow your taxes, please contact your mortgage company to be sure they have the most up to date information regarding your amount due. Escrow companies may send you a letter indicating they have released the funds, but usually that means they have released them to a central processing bank, not to the town. They will then amalgamate many payments together before forwarding to us closer to the due date. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have regarding your property taxes.

Recreation Department

- *FY16 Budget Work* - Working on budget for fiscal year 2015-16 due on 10/16.
- *Insanity Class* - NEW Insanity class began on Thursday, 10/9 at 5:40 pm taught by Hinesburg resident Kristin Kidder. There's still room in this cardio pumping class so join the fun!
- *Dog Obedience Class* - Last Dog Obedience class with Jim Warden finished up on Thursday, 10/9 with another class of canine graduates.
- *Successful Soccer Season* - LAST DAY of youth soccer was Sat. 10/11 for grades 1-6 and Sun. 10/12 for Kindergarten!! We ended a very successful season with scrimmages for the 1/2 coed teams, a 3/4 boys game, and 3/4 girls game to culminate the season. Both the 5/6 boys team and 5/6 girls teams participated in the Newbury Cup tournament in Shelburne. Congratulations to all players on a very successful season. Thank you coaches for your time and generosity. Thank

you Henry Moreno for being the referee coordinator - and even covering games when we were short refs!! Thank you CVU Men's Varsity Soccer team and Coach Katie Mack for covering our Kindergarten soccer program. A tremendous commitment for the season.



Ryan Gardner's 3-4 Boys' Soccer Team

- *Ultimate Frisbee Tournament* - Ultimate Frisbee hosted a tournament at Lyman Park on Sat. 10/11 from 1-5 pm.



Ultimate Frisbee Team (NEW Program) - Tremendous undertaking and successful program by Dan Opton

- *Training for Warrior Class* - New Training for Warrior class starts on Mon. 10/20 at 6:00 am. Class is FULL.
- *Sign up for Youth Basketball!* - Program is for grades K-6 and held in HCS gym. Grades 1-2 will focus on drills and play in-house games. Grades 3-6 will have one mid-week practice and play home and away games within the greater Burlington area through CVRA - Champlain Valley Recreation Association from 1/10/15 - 2/14/15. Program starts on 12/6 and runs through 2/7/15 for K-2 and 2/14/15 for 3-6. Sign up by 11/21 and pay \$40. Afterward is \$50. Deadline is 11/28. For more information contact HRD at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230. Forms are available at www.hinesburg.org, via email, or hard copies are available at Rec. Office.
- *Literature and Arts* - Still room in Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple. Tuesdays from 2:45-4:15 pm starting 11/4 through 12/16 in the HCS Art Room. Cost is \$105. Register with HRD. Forms can found at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation, via email at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or call with questions at 482-2281 ext. 230.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

Meetings

- *Staff Meeting* – Monday, October 20th @ 3:15 p.m.
- *Library Board of Trustees* - Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, October 22nd @ 7 p.m. at the library

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.
- *Toddler Story Time* - The next story time for toddlers will be Tuesday, October 21st @ 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 seven children attended the *colors* story time. Good news! In November we will offer toddler story times weekly.
- *No Lego Club This Week* – (Since *Lego Club* follows the school calendar) The normal schedule of every Thursday from 3-4 resumes on October 23rd in the library's community room. There are plenty of Legos to start a project and continue to work on it over the weeks! Ages 6 and up are welcome. There will also be board games and snacks. Free! Please note that parents and guardians must sign a Carpenter-Carse Library waiver stating that they assume all responsibility for transportation to and from Lego Club at the library. The Library cannot be held responsible for the safety of your child during drop-off or pick-up to/from Lego Club or other after school events.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group*
Thursday, October 16th, @ 7:00 p.m.
Thursday's selection is *No Time Like the Present* by Nadine Gordimer. For November, readers chose *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans in Their Epic*

Quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics by Daniel James Brown. Meetings are held in readers' homes with refreshments served. Please phone Carol at 482-3193 for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Classic Films of the 1950's*, a Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Carpenter-Carse Library – Friday, October 17 @ 7:00 p.m. Rick Winston will show clips from several acclaimed films of various genres from that era and discuss their significance. The '50's were a fascinating time for Hollywood films. Several directors who began their careers in the silent era (Wilder, Hitchcock, and Wyler) were in their prime. Independent films were gaining a foothold. New stars arose and social attitudes were beginning to be addressed. For more information, contact Jane Racer at 482-2878. carpentercarselibrary@gmavt.net.
- *Slightly Spooky Story Hour* - Thursday, October 23rd @ 6 p.m. - Wear your favorite PJ's for some slightly scary books, crafts and snacks. We will get in the mood for upcoming Halloween festivities. Children of all ages are welcome with an adult; recommended ages: 2-6 yrs.

Exhibits and Displays at the Library

- *In the Community Room* – “Evolving” – An Autumn Exhibit of Artwork by Nini Crane. Mixed medium paintings inspired by the four seasons of Vermont including landscapes, nature, flowers, trees, and scenes from travels. Don't miss this lovely exhibit. Nini's works of art are for sale.
- *In the Glass Case* – A new collection in our glass case features bird sculptures and statuettes, large and small, compliments of Ellen Foster. Many bird species are represented.
- *Book Displays:*
 - Autumn
 - Halloween
 - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

OTHER NEWS

- *Fall Saturday Hours* - Saturday hours this fall are: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- *Parking Lot Paving Project* - Rox Asphalt, LLC is scheduled to begin work on a parking lot paving project at the Library on October 27th. For details on any changes to library hours, please consult carpentercarse.org or check with library staff closer to the start date.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

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