

Town of Hinesburg

Celebrating 250 years

Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings. . .

- **Selectboard:** *Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Public Hearing for Water Supply Improvements Bond:** *Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Congratulations* – On Thursday, October 23rd, Abigail Mesec, wife of Officer Joshua Mesec gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Our best wishes go out to the family.
- *Halloween Safety* – Please take a moment to review the Halloween Safety Tips that is included in the weekly report.
- *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 3 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. (Note: The hours were extended to 3 pm).
- *Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol* – On Saturday October 25th, officers responded to Silver St. for a possible intoxicated male walking on the road. While talking with the male, his ride showed up. It was determined that the 46 year old female from Hinesburg was under the influence of alcohol. She was placed under arrest, transported to the station for processing and released on a citation to appear in court.
- *Special Detail* – During the week, an officer worked a special detail in South Burlington. During the shift, six electronic device citations were issued. The morale of the story however for one driver was if you are on a suspended license with no insurance and expired registration, don't text and smoke a cigarette next to the officer with your 10 and 3 year old children in the car (also a new law).

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- *Call Summary (10/14/14 – 10/28/14)*
 - 10/15 - EMS - Patient blacked out / dizzy
 - 10/16 - EMS - Fall from bunk bed - head lacerations
 - 10/17 - EMS - Abdominal bleed

- 10/18 - Fire - Fire - Mutual aid to Shelburne for station coverage
- 10/20 - EMS - Chest pains with difficulty breathing
- 10/22 - EMS - Possible Stroke
- 10/22 - Fire - Containers (2) 40 gallon in size found at town pit - hazmat team brought into clear the barrels
- 10/25 - EMS - Edema
- 10/25 - EMS - Lift Assist
- 10/26 - EMS - Lift Assist
- 10/26 - Fire / EMS - Possible Carbon Monoxide issue
- 10/26 - EMS - Pain in shoulder / lift assist
- 10/26 - EMS - Complications from cancer
- 10/27 - EMS - Abdominal pain
- 10/28 - EMS - Chest Pains
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- *Training –*
 - *Annual Halloween Party* - This week we will be preparing for the upcoming Halloween Party at the fire station.

Buildings & Facilities

- *Water Supply Improvements Bond Vote – November 4th, 2014* – The final public hearing will take place on 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 this last public hearing 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. The anticipated permitted

capacity of the wells totals 240 gpm. This meets existing system demand and provides for 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. For more information, please visit the Town website: www.hinesburg.org

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Voting* - The last day to register to vote is October 29th at 5 p.m. If you are unsure if you are already on the voter checklist, please feel free to give me a call at 482-2281 ext.223 to double-check. You can vote early anytime between now and the day before the election by stopping by the office or by requesting that a ballot be mailed to you. All early or absentee ballots must be returned by the close of the polls on Election Day.

As a reminder, please don't write in frivolous or silly names, or your mother, father, brother or sister on the write-in lines on the ballot. This creates more work for the volunteers who help out at the polls on election night as we have to track all names that receive "write-in" votes. Thanks for your consideration. Of course, if there is a legitimate write-in campaign for an actual candidate, you should feel free to exercise the right to cast your vote for whomever you choose.

- *Property Taxes* - Property taxes are due on November 17, 2014 by midnight. We don't come in to check the drop box at midnight, so for practical purposes anything that we have received by the time we arrive for work on the 18th will be considered timely. The best advice, of course, is not to wait until the last day!!!! Come in on Thursday or Friday and then you can sleep easy over the weekend knowing you don't need to worry about forgetting. Any cash payments should be brought in with the exact amount due or we may be unable to give you any change. See you all in November!!

Carpenter-Carse Library

- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Recreation Department

- *Insanity Class* - NEW Insanity class has begun on Thursdays from 5:40-6:30 pm taught by Hinesburg resident Kristin Kidder. There's still room in this cardio pumping class so join the fun! \$50 for 5-week session or pro-rated to \$10 per class whenever you join. Register with HRD, but checks are payable to instructor - Kristin Kidder.

- *AARP Driving Class* - HRD hosted an AARP Safe Driving Class on Tuesday, 10/28.



- *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 & Arts Class* - 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.
- *Winter Recreation Guide* - Working on Winter Rec. Guide. Please look for a copy posted online by next week.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!



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Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for children, but sometimes hectic for parents and guardians. This Halloween, take a moment to consider basic safety precautions to help make your children's Halloween a safer night of fun.

Before Halloween

- Choose bright costumes, and have children carry flashlights or glow sticks so they are easily visible. **(Hint – Try adding reflective tape to costumes and candy bags!)**
- Plan a trick-or-treating route in familiar neighborhoods with well-lit streets.
- Make sure children know your cellphone number, their home telephone number, and address in case you get separated. Consider giving them a cellphone so they can reach you easily.
- Teach children how to call 911 in an emergency.
- Teach children to say “NO!” in a loud voice if someone tries to get them to go somewhere, accept anything other than a treat, or leave with them. Tell them to try everything they can to escape, including yelling, hitting, and kicking.

On Halloween

- Make sure older children take friends and stay together while trick-or-treating.
- Never send younger children out alone – they should be with a parent, guardian, or another trusted adult.
- Always walk younger children to the door to receive treats.
- Don't let children enter a home unless you are with them.
- Be sure children do not approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them.

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

To learn more about protecting your child, visit missingkids.com/families.