



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Energy Commission:** *Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Commission:** *January 27th meeting has been CANCELLED!*
- **Traffic Congestion Community Forum:** *Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Reminder* – There have been several posts regarding a suspicious vehicle in Huntington and we also received several calls. In all cases, the calls came in without license plate information and as long as two days after the vehicle was seen. We ask to be called immediately when a suspicious vehicle is spotted in an attempt to identify the vehicle and occupants.

Hinesburg Fire & First Response

- Calls (from 1/6/2015 through 1/19/2015)
 - 1/06/2015 EMS – Dehydration
 - 1/07/2015 Fire/EMS - Carbon Monoxide (CO) detector alarming
 - 1/07/2015 EMS - Disoriented with head ache
 - 1/08/2015 EMS - Lift assist with head laceration
 - 1/09/2015 EMS – Lift assist
 - 1/12/2015 Fire – Mutual aid to Shelburne for wires down / motor vehicle accident – Dorset St / 4 Corners
 - 1/13/15 Fire/EMS – Multi car crash with injuries – Rt116 south of CVU Rd.
 - 1/14/15 EMS – possible overdose
 - 1/14/15 EMS – chest pain
 - 1/14/15 EMS – difficulty breathing
 - 1/15/15 EMS – lifeline activation
 - 1/15/15 Fire/EMS – Smell of propane in residence

- 1/16/15 Fire – Alarm sounding – nothing found.
- 1/16/15 Fire – Fire alarm activation (accidental pull)
- 1/17/15 Fire – Fire alarm activation – faulty alarm.
- 1/18/15 EMS – rapid heart beat
- 1/18/15 Fire/EMS – Single vehicle crash with Injury – Silver Street
- 1/19/15 Fire/EMS – Single vehicle crash into tree.
- 1/19/15 Fire/EMS – Single vehicle crash into pole.
- Training
 - *SBCA Training* - On 1/14/15 we had SCBA training
 - *Annual Business Meeting* - We have our annual business meeting scheduled for 1/21/15

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office

- *Dog licenses are here!* - You have until April 1st of each calendar year to obtain a license for your dog(s). We will need a current rabies certificate for each animal. The fee is \$8.00 each and will rise to \$12.00 after April 1st. Four dollars of each license goes to the State of Vermont for rabies eradication and spay and neuter programs. If we have your rabies certificate on file, you don't need to bring anything with you. Feel free to bring your dog in for a visit when you come. We have biscuits and love visits from dogs!
- *Town Meeting information* - The last day to file a petition to run for office for the various town positions that are up for election in March is Monday, January 26th at 4 p.m. Nominating petitions require 30 signatures of registered voters. The deadline for filing petitions to get articles onto the town meeting warning is Tuesday, January 20th @ 4 p.m. These petitions require 5 percent of the registered voters in the town, or approximately 185 signatures. I always recommend getting around 200 minimum in case some people who sign are not on the checklist. If you haven't already registered to vote, and you would like to participate in town meeting activities, you have until Wednesday, February 25th to submit your voter registration form.

Recreation Department

- *LWCF Grant* - The Recreation Coordinator started working on the LWCF grant for the Bissonette Rec. Fields.
- *3rd/4th Grade Girls Basketball* - The 3/4 girls basketball team hosted Shelburne on Sat. 1/17.
- *3rd/4th Grade Boys Basketball* - 3/4 boys Hinesburg 1 traveled to Central School in So. Burlington and Hinesburg 2 went to Hunt School in Burlington.
- *Arts & Crafts* - A new session of Arts and Crafts started on 1/16.
- *Smugg's Sundays* - Skiing and riding can be affordable! Smugg's Sundays through HRD offers discounted lift tickets, rentals, and lesson - Adults are \$25 per item and youths are \$20 per item. January 25, February 1, 8, March 1 and 8. Sign up by noon on Thursday before and meet Coordinator at Smugg's on Sunday from 8:30-9:30 am to pick up tickets and rentals. All forms are available at www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html or at Rec. Office. For questions contact HRD at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Board of Trustees* monthly meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28th @ the Library.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

- *Baby and Toddler Story Time* - Offered on Tuesdays @ 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 and other caregivers.
- *Preschool Story Time* - Offered on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. ~ for children 3-5 years of age. Preschoolers can join Sara for an hour for stories, songs and games.

OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Lego Club* – Children ages 6 and up are invited to meet in the library’s Community Room on Thursdays after school from 3-4 p.m. to enjoy Legos, board games and snacks.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group* – The next discussion features *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. The March selection is: *Paris Stories* by Mavis Gallant. Meetings are held in readers’ homes with refreshments served. Please phone Elizabeth at (802)793-7552 for more information.
- *Vintage Book Sale* – Old books have a unique appeal. Books in our eclectic assortment are priced from \$3.00-\$100.00. Both adult and children’s books are available. Higher priced items have been appraised. All proceeds are used for the purchase of new books.

JANUARY EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- *Tea Party Storyhour* - Thursday, January 22nd, 6-7p.m. Cozy up with a cup of tea as we take a journey to other fantastical tea parties. We will read books, have a real tea party, and save some time for crafting as well. Wear your tea party attire! All ages welcome; recommended ages 3-8.
- *Concert with Mr. Chris* - Saturday, January 31st - Join us for a sweet sing-songy time with local children’s musician Chris Dorman. He has wee ones in mind when performing and engages young children with music which “inspires laughter, wonder, and warmth between parents, and caregivers, and their children.” We are thrilled to have Chris here and plan to get cozy in the community room! Everyone welcome; recommended ages 0-8.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In the Glass Case* – We currently have a collection of Hummel figurines courtesy of Dona Walker.

Book Displays:

- *Picture Books – Winter*
- *Martin Luther King*
- *Librarian Sara shares her reads*
- *New Chapter Books*
- *“Keep calm and clean out your closet”* – January is National Get Organized Month – GO!!
- *Creative Pursuits*
- *Be Well/ Be Fit*

In the Community Room:

- *2003 Hinesburg Community Quilt Project* – Four quilts made for the 2003 Hinesburg Community Quilt Project are on display at the Library. The delightful squares were made by many hands, and provide a colorful and rich snapshot of our town. Included are some historical photographs of Hinesburg and artistic creations by community members. The project was funded by the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association and the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Suzanne Richard, now on the Carpenter-Carse Library staff, coordinated this project. New members of our community as well as old-timers are encouraged to take a look at these treasured quilts.

OTHER NEWS

- *New Books/Films* - Many new books are now on the shelves, as well as new films arriving every week. A small shipment of backordered books arrived on Tuesday.
- *Blood Pressure Monitor Lending Program* - We will be participating in a new pilot program that is part of the “Million Hearts Initiative” whereby public libraries lend blood pressure monitors; these are not yet ready for lending. The Library is partnering with Hinesburg Family Health; physicians there will refer patients to us. We will be lending each device with an information packet containing helpful instructions and facts to promote good health.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Selectboard

- FY16 Budget – The Selectboard’s work on the proposed FY16 budget continues on January 26th. To see the various drafts of the FY16 budget, and to view any supporting materials, visit the Board’s meeting packet archives (beginning at 11/17/14 meeting): http://hinesburg.org/archives/select_14archive.html Once the Board has set its proposed budget for Town Meeting, the documents will be available under the “Quick Links” section titled, “Budget.” The current draft proposes a nearly 2.5% increase in expenditures, though due to the lack of fund balance (to apply to lowering the tax rate, as in years past) and minimal grand list growth, the tax rate impact is currently projected as an increase of 3.8 cents from the FY15 approved rate.

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