



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Community Forum (Sustainable Economic Development):** *Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Uneventful Week* - With 34 cases this week, we did not have any cases of note. We wish everyone a safe week and I would not mind another report like this next week.

Town Clerk & Treasurer's Office

- *Dog Registration* - Don't forget to register your dogs by April 1st! We look forward to seeing you soon, and as always, dogs are welcome to join you for a visit!

Recreation Department

- *Smugg's Sunday* - We had 48 people participate in the last Smugg's Sunday program on 3/9. Thanks to Darcie Thorburn for being the Smugg's on-site Coordinator this season!
- *SIGN UP for Spring Sports!!* - All details and forms are available at www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html and hard copies are available at the Rec. Office. Please note some deadlines are in March, so don't delay! Spring is coming!!
- *Spring/Summer Recreation Guide* - The Spring/Summer HRD Rec. Guide is also available online at www.hinesburg.org/recreation.html and full of activities and upcoming events. Mark your calendar for Green Up Day on 5/2, think of a cool July 4th Theme, contemplate doing a float, and see our Concert in the Park line up for the summer. There are plenty of activities for kids like golf camp with Barry Churchill, recreational track & field, horseback riding at Livery Stables for the April break and this summer, discounted swim lessons at The Edge, the American Red Cross Babysitting Class on Sat. 4/11, with more after-school options of Arts & Crafts with Chris Billis, After-School Dance with Miss Jeanne, and even an Easter Cookie Decorating Class with Wendy Frink on Thursday, 4/2. Preschoolers need not be left out of the mix with Miss Jeanne's Friday morning dance class and Little Strikers

Soccer on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 am at Town Hall Field. There are adult activities too - Dog Obedience with Jim Warden returns, golf lessons, pickle ball, a boater safety class, and one session left of Driver Education.

- *Classes Full* - Sorry, the After-School Golf program and Kevin Browne's Session 1 Driver Education class are both FULL.
- *Afterschool Dance/Literature & Arts* - A new session of After-School Dance and Literature and the Arts begins.
- *Annual Hinesburg Children's' Choir Concert* - Mark your calendar for the Annual Hinesburg Children's Choir Concert. May 21st at 7:00 pm at the United Church. Join Director Andrea Haulenbeek and 28 HCS students in 2nd-4th grade for an end of the year choral celebration.

Carpenter-Carse 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.
- *Fourth Friday Family Fun Night* - "The Boxtrolls" – Children and adults are invited to cozy into the Community Room for a movie and popcorn on Friday, March 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All movies will be rated PG or G. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Free.
- *Monthly Carpenter-Carse Book Discussion Group* – The next discussion features Paris Stories by Mavis Gallant. Readers will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th. Meetings are held in readers' homes with refreshments served. Please phone Carrie at 482-4565 for more information.

SPECIAL MARCH EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- *Film Discussion with Larry Parker* – On March 17th at 6:30 p.m. the Adult Film Discussion Group is showing Spike Lee's film, "Do the Right Thing." The controversial movie takes place all in one day as racial tension in a tough Brooklyn neighborhood reaches a breaking point. This 1989 Universal Picture release still draws acclaim from critics and movie watchers. Larry Parker, former Associate of the Savoy Theater and the Green Mountain Film Festival, will generate an insightful and lively discussion following the film. This is a FREE event and Yolo popcorn was donated by Steve Faust. Join us!

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In the Glass Case* – Mexican Ceramics from the Collection of Daphne & Dona Walker. Birds and animals are depicted in interesting forms and lovely natural tones, with tribal decoration.

- *Book Displays*
 - Maple Sugaring
 - New Youth Fiction & Nonfiction
 - New Picture Books
 - Junior Graphic Novels
 - Women's History Month: Celebrate the Women in your life!
 - Ireland
- *In the Community Room - Art Exhibit: March 2nd through April 13th - Drawn to Words - An exhibit of drawings by Miriam Adams that center on the theme of books and words. Miriam Adams' work derives from a deep love of drawing, its rhythms and sinuous lines, its intimacy. Objects are isolated and re-combined conceptually to explore relationships and emotions. The goal is to create a heightened awareness, a quiet balance of movement and stillness. Words and poems are integrated with the visual image in a continuing search to express ideas and memories of experience. The drawings are in graphite and watercolor on paper, an inherently simple and direct technique allowing for a subtle play of line and color. The work has been exhibited mainly in the Northeast, particularly in Vermont, New York, and Boston. The library will receive 25% of any sales.*

OTHER NEWS

- *New Books* – New books from our March order continue to arrive and are being prepped for circulation.
- *Online Language Instruction* - Online Mango Languages instruction, available through our web site, now offers Cherokee!
- *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.
- *Jigsaw Puzzle* – There is a new 500 piece jigsaw puzzle on our puzzle table; patrons enjoy this relaxing pursuit.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html*

Planning & Zoning Department

- *Haystack Crossing Project* - The Development Review Board is still deliberating on a sketch plan decision for this subdivision review. The DRB closed the sketch plan review on February 17, and will issue a decision by April 3.
- *Hinesburg Center Phase 2 Project* – The DRB reviewed revised sketch plans for this subdivision at their March 3 meeting, and continued the review to the March 17 meeting in the hopes of getting additional feedback from the Selectboard on the developer's proposal to help fund public infrastructure (e.g., Town Green improvements) in return for residential density bonuses as laid out in the Zoning Regulations.
- *Norris Project* – The DRB begins the final plat review for this 24-unit project at its March 17 meeting.

- *Grant Award Ceremony* – On March 11, at the statehouse, the Governor and the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development will announce \$4.3 million in Community Development Grants. The Town of Hinesburg is receiving a \$675,000 award to help fund affordable housing as part of the Green Street project (to be built off Charlotte Road in the village area).
- *Town Plan Update* – Work on the Town Plan update continues with suggested revisions rolling in from a variety of Town boards and committees. Many thanks to all our volunteers and Town staff for helping revise and update the vision for Hinesburg’s future. The Planning Commission will be discussing all of these suggested changes in March and April (and probably into May) – hopefully culminating in a public hearing on a new Town Plan in June. For more information see the Town Plan webpage at http://www.hinesburg.org/townplan_current.html

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming Applications for DRB Review:

- *Leslie Morrissey*: Conditional Use Permit for Inn – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a single-unit Bed & Breakfast in an accessory structure. Property Location: 125 Swamp Road in the Rural Residential 2 Zoning District - *This application is scheduled for the March 17th DRB meeting.*
- *Hinesburg Center LLC*: Conditional Use Review for Commercial Space Greater than 1000 sq. ft. – The applicant is requesting a conditional use permit for a commercial space greater than 1000 sq. ft. in the lower level of the building at 52 Farmall Drive in the Village Zoning District. The proposed tenant will be a physical therapy practice with a small retail gym component. *This application is scheduled for the March 17th DRB meeting.*
- *Jeff & Jean Davis*: The applicants are requesting a Transfer of Land to Adjoiner to merge two lots owned by the applicants, Subdivision Approval to do development on the land being transferred, and Conditional Use Approval to expand the existing, non-complying structure. This property is located at 187 Shadow Lane in the Shoreline Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the April 7th DRB meeting.*
- *Wind Energy: Jan Blomstrann* (owner of Renewable NRG Systems) has submitted a sketch plan for a proposed PUD subdivision of a 66-acre parcel she owns on the east side of VT Route 116 – largely in the Village Northeast Zoning District. The proposed master plan includes 101 potential dwelling units and approximately 180,000 sq. ft. of new office/manufacturing building space. More information can be found on the Town website at www.hinesburg.org. *This application is scheduled for the April 7th DRB meeting.*
- *William & Colleen Mackinnon*: Sketch Plan application for a 2-lot subdivision – The applicants are requesting sketch plan review for a proposed two lot subdivision on their 11+ acre property at 99 Black Dog Lane. This parcel is located in the Agricultural Zoning District. *This application is scheduled for the April 21st DRB meeting.*

Planning Commission

- The Hinesburg Planning Commission is bringing two experts to the Town Hall on Wednesday evening (March 11) at 7pm to share their thoughts on sustainable economic development. In addition to the presentations, there will be time for Q&A and conversation. Everyone is invited, and free desserts will be provided. This is the fourth in a series of community forums related to the update of the Town Plan - more information at http://www.hinesburg.org/townplan_current.html. Speakers include:
 - Bruce Seifer, author of "Sustainable Communities: Creating a Durable Economy"
 - Bill Maclay, Maclay Architects and author of "The New Net Zero"

Bruce Seifer is best known locally for his work with the City of Burlington in their Community Economic Development Office (CEDO). Bruce led Burlington's economic development efforts for three decades - marketing and assisting in the implementation of numerous economic policy initiatives and providing assistance to over 4,000 businesses and numerous non-profits. He is currently engaged in developing and speaking at forums designed to promote the implementation of sustainable economic development policies in other cities and towns across the nation. For more information about Bruce and his book, see <http://www.durableconomy.com>

Bill Maclay is known here in Hinesburg as the architect for the Renewable NRG Systems facility. He is the founder and president of Maclay Architects located in Waitsfield. Bill and the firm have continuously been involved in research on all aspects of environmental design including sustainable design, indoor air quality, building science, material selection, and related issues. For more information about Bill, his firm, and his book, see <http://www.maclayarchitects.com>



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