



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, November 25th at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Rescue Dogs/Puppies* - In October, Brigitte with VT Dog Rescue of Hinesburg made a request to use the police garage every other Sunday evening to facilitate the transfer of dogs brought up from South Carolina to adoptive and foster homes here. I was somewhat hesitant but agreed to give it a try. Not knowing what was going to happen, I discovered there were very caring people and lots of very lucky dogs and puppies. What I also learned was why dogs were being brought up all the way to Vermont from South Carolina. A very sad situation.

As a result of the two dog and puppy transfers that have occurred, we as a department decided we could do more than just give some space for a couple of hours. We have decided that we would contribute financially as well as become a location that people could drop off donations. In talking with Brigitte, the most needed items for all dog breeds and sizes are as follows and can be dropped off at the station:

- Dog Toys
- Nyla Bones
- Mylar Bones
- Kongs
- Healthy Treats
- Crates (all sizes)
- Blankets
- Beds (all sizes)
- Financial Contributions

To learn more about VT Dog Rescue, their website is VTDogRescue.com

- *IRS Scam* – Several residents have received calls from someone claiming to be from the IRS. This person says that they will be arrested if they do not pay their back taxes. One resident went to her bank and luckily they were able to convince her that it was not real.

THE REAL IRS DOES NOT CALL ANYONE ON THEIR PHONE. THERE IS NO WHERE ON YOUR TAX FORM THAT ASKS FOR YOUR PHONE NUMBER SO THE REAL IRS DOES NOT EVEN HAVE YOUR PHONE NUMBER. Unless you have initiated the call, no one ever needs any personal or financial information from you.

- *Lockout* – On Tuesday, November 17th, an officer responded to a residence on North Rd. for a 1 ½ year old that was locked in a bedroom. The officer was able to open the door without problems.
- *Neighbor Dispute* – On Tuesday, November 17th, officers responded to Wile St. for a reported assault that had occurred. Order was restored and it was alleged that one person assaulted another person. The incident was documented and will be submitted to the State's Attorney for review.

Recreation Department

- *Youth Basketball* - Youth Basketball starts on Saturday, December 5th. Coaches meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd at 6 pm in the main room at Town Hall. CVRA scheduling meeting is Tuesday, 12/8 at 8:30 am at Colchester Parks & Recreation.
- Some more Winter 2016 Offerings...that didn't make it in the HRD Rec. Guide.
 - *Pre-School Play Yoga* - Through the use of music, art, song, and yoga-style games, children gain the benefits of yoga while hopefully developing a life-long love of the practice. Silly yoga sequences enhance concentration skills while refining motor co-ordination. Yoga games teach co-operative play and refined listening skills, which are essential for success in school. Thematic ideas such as peace, respect, gratitude & acceptance will be presented at an age appropriate level. Little yogis learn best through social interaction, repetition and play. Yoga classes will incorporate guided movement with music, simple child friendly yoga chants to encourage developing verbal skills and will sometimes incorporate thematic literature. Students should bring a mat and wear loose, easy-to-move-in attire.
Who: 2.5 – 5 years
When: Mondays, **Session 1:** 1/4 – 2/15 minus 1/18 MLK holiday (6 classes) and **Session 2:** 3/7 – 4/11 (6 classes)
Where: Main room at Town Hall
Time: 9:30-10:15 am
Cost: \$70
Teacher: Ashley Williams-Wenschhof, CYT
Register with HRD! hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230
 - *After-School Dance with Francesca* - Funk it up with a hip-hop dance class after school, full of popular music and cool dance routines.
Who: K-2 graders
When: Mondays, **Session 1:** 1/4 – 2/15 minus 1/18 MLK holiday (6 classes) and **Session 2:** 2/29 – 4/4 (6 classes)
Where: Flex Space at HCS
Time: 2:50-3:45 pm
Cost: \$70
Teacher: Francesca Arnoldy
Register with HRD! hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230
 - *Winter Adventure Camp* - Come to Common Ground Center in Starksboro for two fun-filled days in the snow! With 700 acres to explore children will snowshoe, track and learn about wildlife, sled, play games and build snow forts! Between outdoor activities, children will warm up inside the lodge with board games, crafts and hot chocolate. Morning and

afternoon snacks are provided, but participants must bring their own lunch, sled, and winter clothing.

Who: 3-6 graders

When: Tues. 2/23 and Wed. 2/24

Where: Common Ground Center located at 473 Tatro Rd., Starksboro.

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$90

Register with HRD! hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230

- *GroupFIT with Jess* - No time to work out? How about an early morning option RIGHT IN TOWN! Jess offers a fitness plan that uses detailed warm-ups, speed, strength, endurance, and flexibility training. Experience a metabolic training system for burning fat, building muscle, and getting fit!

Where: Main room at Town Hall

When: Mondays and Fridays. **Current session** is 11/9/15 – 1/1/16 (8 weeks and 16 classes)

Next session is 1/4/16 – 2/26/16

Time: 6-6:45 am

Cost: \$186 per session*

***You are welcome to enroll for current session and pay a pro-rated amount.**

Register with HRD! hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *New Library Hours ~ November 2015 – June 2016:*

Mondays & Saturdays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays – 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

*Please note that on July 1, 2015 we added 2 hours/week to the library's open hours. In July 2016 more hours will be added. It is expected that all hours going forward will be year-round; no seasonal changes. See the Hinesburg Record for an explanation of the "why" and "how" behind the changes.

- *Library Trustee Meeting* – Wednesday, December 16th at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. Open to the public.
- *Holiday Closing* - The library will be closed on November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

- *Youngsters Story Time* – Babies and kids ages 0-4 join Librarian Sara every Tuesday from 9:30-10 am at the library's community room for stories, movement, songs and snacks. Sara is surveying parents/caregivers about story times; we may need to increase our offerings, based on high attendance at the Tuesday a.m. program.

OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Crafternoons* - Here is an opportunity for kids to get creative with craft materials for an hour after school (3-4 p.m.) Materials and snacks are provided. The December 1 theme is *Holiday Card & Snowflake Creation*. This program is for ages seven and up is FREE! Pre-registration is required: sign up in advance at the front desk or by calling 482-2878.
- *Come read to Therapy Dog Charlie!* - Charlie is a standard poodle and loves to hear stories and visit with you. He will be at our library one Wednesday a month. The first time will be December 9th from 3:15 to 4:30. This is an excellent opportunity for emerging readers and dog-lovers alike. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required (482-2878).
- *Book Discussion Group* - Avid readers are invited to join our library's book club for adults, which meets monthly in readers' homes. There will be no November meeting, but the group will meet on Thursday, December 3rd to discuss *Buddha in the Attic* by Julie

Otsuka. Come and meet the group at 7 p.m. for lively conversation and refreshments. The group has chosen Jules Verne's classic *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* to read for the January 7th gathering. Please phone Sue @ 482-5095 for information on meeting locations and more.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Holiday-Card Creation Station* – Join us on December 5th for some card-making fun. We will have all the supplies needed to make your holiday cards this season...stamps, interesting paper, stickers and more. Bring your creativity and your friends! Hot chocolate and festive snacks will be provided. This promises to be a fun family day out to kick off the holiday season.

BOOKS FOR SALE!

- *Holiday Book Sale* – Come discover what is available at our table of like-new books selling for \$3.00 - \$5.00 each. This annual sale raises money for our book budget and is popular with library patrons. The books & movies are in excellent condition and make great gifts at a modest cost. Come browse the many titles on display. Vintage Books – The library also has 100+ vintage books for sale in the main room of the library, priced from \$2.50 to \$20.00+. We have sold 75 vintage books.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *In Our Glass Display Case* - The world's high peaks hold a powerful fascination for many of us, and numerous books offer us a sense of experiencing the grandeur, adventure and menace that the tall peaks represent. Two dozen books telling of mountaineers' expeditions on Mt. Everest and the mountain's special qualities are on display at the library, compliments of Greg Glade of Top of the World LLC. For each book, Greg has provided a brief synopsis of the central mountaineering figures and their expeditions. Reading these descriptions, it is easy to see why readers, as well as climbers, just can't get enough of Everest.
- *Mural* - A Vermont children's authors and illustrators mural brightens the Carpenter-Carse children's area, thanks to the former Brown Dog Books & Gifts. ☺
- Book Displays
 - National Diabetes Month
 - Thanksgiving

OTHER NEWS

- *Flower Arrangements* - The library is a frequent recipient of lovely, often fragrant flower arrangements from Chappell's Florists via the Recycle Flowers program. Library patrons Suzanne Richard & Sue McGuire deliver the flowers to us on a regular basis. We much appreciate Chappell's desire to give back to the community, and the Recycle Flowers program that provides a framework for the program to succeed. Thank you, Suzanne & Sue for your commitment to brightening the days of all who visit or work at Carpenter-Carse!
- *Mailing Address* - We ask that all correspondents use the P.O. Box 127 address when sending mail to the library. Envelopes with the 69 Ballard's Corner Road address may be delayed *or not be delivered*.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Planning & Zoning

- *Solar Array Proposals* - Last week, the Town received notification about two separate solar array proposals that have been submitted to the VT Public Service Board. One at 534 Fletcher Farm Road (Brown property, applicant is Sun Common), and one at 239 Apple Ridge Road (Donley property, applicant is Green Mountain Community Solar). Both were submitted to the PSB on November 16. Per the PSB process, interested parties have 30 days to provide comments and/or request a hearing. Both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard are considered interested parties, and are invited to comment. The Planning Commission will discuss this at their November 25th meeting. Both applications can be viewed/downloaded at the following Dropbox link. You do NOT need a Dropbox account. If a Dropbox sign in comes up, simply close that window, and you'll be able to view/download the files.
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sr6au2fhhlai7r/AAC_FFhdd1aNh8o8iwG9Ascja?dl=0

Interestingly, Green Mountain Power has reached its cap on net-metered solar projects like these. GMP has petitioned the Public Service Board to increase the cap to allow more small and mid-size projects, but this request has yet to be approved. It's unclear if/when the PSB will review these projects given that GMP won't be processing or reviewing them until the cap is adjusted. FYI – The Burlington Free Press did a story on Thursday (11/19/15) about the proposal for the Brown property.

- *CCRPC Work Program Proposals* – The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is now accepting proposals for planning projects for FY17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). Application deadline is January 22, 2016. They fund all sorts of planning projects, and have particularly good funding for transportation-related planning projects (sorry, can't use these funds for actual construction). Our current Richmond Road Bike/Pedestrian feasibility study is receiving funding through this program. The Town submits proposals for one or more projects every year, and we have a couple already in mind for this year. With that said, good ideas abound in Hinesburg, so if you have one, feel free to contact Alex Weinhausen (Director of Planning & Zoning) to see if the Town might be interested. The CCRPC also takes proposals from non-municipal applicants (e.g., community non-profit groups, regional groups, etc.). For more information see their website at <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/workplan/> FYI – a local match of 20% of the project cost is typically required.
- *Required Agricultural Practices* – The State recently released draft rules for agricultural operations to help improve Vermont's water quality (think Lake Champlain clean up). Instead of having simply advisory agricultural practices (especially for small farms), the State is planning to roll out required agricultural practices (RAPs). The initial public comment period runs through December 18, 2015, and the State Agency of Agriculture scheduled 10 public hearings to provide information and collect comments. Unfortunately, none of these 10 hearings are happening in Chittenden County (weird, huh?). The Agency of Agriculture agreed to attend a meeting at the CCRPC (Winooski) on December 9th at 2pm to get feedback from local and regional planners. If anyone is interested in joining me for that meeting (Town board members, farmers, etc.), I'm happy to carpool. For more information on the draft rules, see the State's webpage at <http://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/rap>

Town Administrator

- *Photos Needed for Town Report* – Have you snapped any pictures from events taking place in town this past year – July 4th, Fall Festival, Concerts in the Park, etc.? Are you a member of one of our Town Boards, Committees or Commissions and you have pictures from work that your group has done this past year? If you would be willing to share your photos, please send them to rmarshall@hinesburg.org
- *Vacancies on Town Committee, Boards, Commissions* – The following seats are currently open: <http://hinesburg.org/boards.html>

Affordable Housing Committee: (2) 3-year term
Agency Request Review Committee: (4) 3-year term
Conservation Commission: (5) 4-year term
Development Review Board Alternate (1) 3-year term
Economic Development Committee (1) 3-year term
Energy Committee: (4) 3-year term
Recreation Commission: (2) 3-year term
Trails Committee: (1) 3-year term
Village Steering Committee: (3) 2-year term

Applications are available on the Town website or can be picked up in the Town Administrator's office. Please submit an application via email to Renae Marshall, rmarshall@hinesburg.org or drop off in the Town Administrator's Office.

Application forms can be found at:
http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc_application_form.pdf

Appointments and Procedure Policy:
<http://hinesburg.org/documents/cbc-appointment-and-procedure-policy.pdf>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming applications for DRB review:

- *Applications to be heard at December 1, 2015 meeting -*
 - *Giroux/Brace:* sketch plan application for a 2-lot subdivision of a 13.8-acre parcel on the south side of Charlotte Rd. directly west of the LaPlatte River.
 - *Goodrich:* sketch plan application for a 9-lot subdivision of 63.1-acre parcel bounded by North Rd. and Observatory Rd.
- *New Development Review Board applications received –*
 - No new applications received since last week.

Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!



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