



### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Town Forest Committee:** *Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Cancelled*
- **Energy Committee:** *Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Party Check* - The Hinesburg Police will be initiating a new program called Party Check. This program will allow parents to call in to tell us that they will be out of town for the weekend and that their teenager(s) will be home. When we are provided this information, it does not mean knocking on the door but simply driving by the house to make sure that things are quiet.

When parents are out of town and a party takes place, one of two things are occurring. One, the teenager is having a party despite the parents not approving. The second which is happening more frequently, the teenager asks a few friends over and because of social media, dozens of unwanted guests show up. The second scenario puts the teenager in the awkward situation of either calling the police themselves or allowing an unwanted party to continue.

If an underage drinking party is found, enforcement action may be necessary but we have a number of choices available when working with responsible parents. Finally, this program ensures complete privacy for the parents

- *Winter Parking Ban* – A reminder that the Hinesburg Winter Parking Ban officially went into effect on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but due to the weather, we forgot. In the event that it snows before spring, this ordinance prohibits parking on the streets that interferes with snow removal. It is requested that residents not attempt to second guess the weather and if there is ANY possibility of snow, park off street. Vehicles in violation can be ticketed or more likely towed.

- *Attempted Break-in* – On Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, an officer responded to a business on Mechanicsville Rd. for a possible attempted break-in. There appeared to be pry marks on the door and no entry was made.
- *Agency Assist* – On Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to the Jiffy Mart to assist Williston Police and Vermont State Police with an enforcement stop resulting from a “be on the lookout” broadcast.
- *Vehicle Break-in* – On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, an officer responded to Pond Rd. for a report of a vehicle break-in. A vehicle’s window was broken and purse removed from the vehicle. A reminder to keep all valuables out of sight.

## **Recreation Department**

- *Youth Basketball* - The HRD Youth Basketball program started on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We have 22 Kindergarten players, 30 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> coed players, one 3/4 girls team, and one 3/4 boys team. Thanks go out to our awesome coaches this season: Ben Epstein, Joel English, Shanda Driscoll, Matt Baldwin, Aubrey Gardner, Travis Hart, Hollis St. Peter, Doug Thorburn, Kyle Bostwick and Ed Gordon. 3/4 games begin on Sat. 1/9/16.



- *Coaches Clinic* - CVU Basketball Varsity Girls coach Ute Otley offered a coaches clinic on Sunday, 12/6 at 3:00 p.m. at CVU.
- *Meeting* - Recreation Commission meeting was held Tuesday, 12/8 at 7:00 p.m.
- *Recreation Budget* - Recreation Department budget presentation is Monday, 12/14 at 7:00 p.m.
- *Preschool 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

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- *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

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- *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

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- *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.**

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## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### CALENDAR

- *New Library Hours:*
  - Mondays & Saturdays – 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  - Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Wednesdays & Fridays – 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- *Library Trustee Meeting* – Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. Open to the public.

### 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

- *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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. The December discussion book, *Buddha in the Attic* gave the group much to talk about—structure of the book, the story it told and, sadly, its relevance to today's world and national events. Come and meet the group for lively conversation and refreshments at 7 p.m. on January 7<sup>th</sup> when we will focus on Jules Verne's classic *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*. Please phone Diane @ 482-4455 for information on meeting locations and more.
- *Café Make* – The next Café Make will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for a cozy, creative time. Drop in for a while or stay for the duration.
- *January Crafternoon: Fun with Collage* – Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 3-4 p.m. This free program is a kid-driven hour of crafting and fun experimentation for children ages seven and up. Music, materials and snacks are included. Register at the library front desk.

### 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 77 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
  - Celebrate the Holidays: Christmas & Kwanza [Children's books], Chanukah [Youth books]
  - Holiday Cheer & Crafts [Adult books]
  - It's Holiday Movie Time!

#### OTHER NEWS

- *Good News for Puzzlers!* – We have set up a card table with a jigsaw puzzle, “Killington, VT” while holiday sale books are on the large table.
- *Holiday Table for kids* – We also have a table with lots of really fun handouts for children to color...elves, snowmen, tree ornaments, dreidels, and holiday stamps.
- *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](http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html)

#### **Planning & Zoning**

- *Hannaford Trial Concludes* – Testimony for the Environmental Court trial on the Hannaford supermarket project concluded last Wednesday (12/2). Attorneys for the various interested parties have into January to submit final arguments and responses. It should be fully in the judge's hands for deliberation after January 19.
- *December Meeting Changes* – Both the Planning Commission and the DRB modified their schedules in December due to the holiday season. The PC meets on 12/9 as regularly scheduled but will not be meeting on 12/23. They have tentatively scheduled a replacement meeting for 12/16. The DRB met on 12/1, conducted a site visit for a 9-lot subdivision on Observatory Road on 12/5 (Saturday), but will not be meeting on 12/15. Regular meetings resume in January. DRB on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. PC on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
- *Holiday Office Hours* – The P&Z office will be closed on 12/24, 12/25, and 1/1.

#### **Town Administrator**

- *Water Supply and Treatment Project Construction Start* – Construction on the water supply and treatment project approved by voters in November 2014 begins Monday. The Selectboard awarded the contract to Brandon, VT-based Naylor and Breen Builders, Inc. Erosion control measures are first, followed by excavation for the building's foundation. The window for project completion is 210 days, meaning that the new wells should be pumping water into homes and businesses no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A more complete project update is in the works, and will be available on the Town's website ([www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org)).

- *Photos Needed for Town Report* – Have you snapped any pictures from events taking place in town this past year – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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  
 Planning Commission: (1) 4-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](mailto:rmarshall@hinesburg.org) or drop off in the Town Administrator’s Office.

Application forms can be found at:  
[http://hinesburg.org/documents/abc\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://hinesburg.org/documents/abc_application_form.pdf)

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

## **Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:**

### **Development Review Board**

*Upcoming applications for DRB review:*

- *The December 15 2015 meeting has been cancelled -*
  - *Bloomhardt:* Sketch Plan application for a 2-lot subdivision of a 10.1 acre parcel at 1381 Silver Street in the Agricultural Zoning District, which was originally scheduled for the December 15<sup>th</sup> DRB meeting, has been rescheduled for the January 19, 2016 meeting.
- *New Development Review Board applications received* – No new applications received in the last week.

LANTMAN'S MARKET PRESENTS

# Quadra



**Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

*The Old Lantern, Charlotte, Vt*

with Special Guests, **THE GROWLERS**

**Doors Open @ 6:30 • 21 and over**

**\$15 in advance • \$20 @ the door**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:** Hinesburg Jiffy Mart

Thomas Ayer, 482-5163, [tomayerhinesburg@gmail.com](mailto:tomayerhinesburg@gmail.com)

**A benefit concert  
for the Bissonette Recreation Fields**

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