



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Trails Committee:** *Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Conservation Committee:** *Wednesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. (3rd floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Vandalism* – On Wednesday, January 13th, an officer responded to a residence in the village for a report of vandalism. During the investigation, the officer was also advised that the house had no heat. The town health officer was notified of the lack of heat.
- *Icy Roads* – During the morning hours of Saturday January 16th, the town roads were hit with sheet ice conditions causing numerous vehicles off the road. An advisory was put out on our Facebook page requesting that people stay off the road. The Town Highway Department has over 36 square miles of roads to take care of and cannot be everywhere at once.

Town Clerk & Treasurer

- *Tax Forms* - The Town Clerk's office does not have any Federal or State income tax forms available. Neither do the library or the post office. They stopped sending us any forms or booklets several years ago. You can request forms from the State of Vermont by e-mailing your request to tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov or by calling (802)-828-2515 or toll free at 855-297-5600. You can also download, complete and print forms at www.bit.ly/vttaxforms. Federal forms are available at the IRS office in Burlington which is located at 128 Lakeside Avenue on the waterfront. If you have lost your property tax bill and need another copy to use for income tax filing purposes, you can get one from us at the town clerk's office M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or request one via e-mail at mross@hinesburg.org. Happy filing!
- *Petitions for Local Office* - Don't forget that petitions to run for local office are due in the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2016. You must obtain 30 valid and legible names and signatures of registered voters from the Town of Hinesburg. I always recommend getting a few more in case you have an invalid one. If you currently hold an office, but are unsure when your term expires, feel free to give me a call at 482-2281.

- *Dog Licenses* - Dog licenses are here and we are currently registering all dogs in town. The fee is \$10.00 per pet. Please be sure you have a valid rabies certificate either on file here with us or with you when you come in. You can call to check on whether we have one on file at 482-2281 ext. 2. We have dog biscuits so feel free to bring along your dog to say Hi and get a treat!!

Recreation Department

- *Children's Choir* - Our Hinesburg Children's Choir began on Tuesday, 1/12 with 34 second, third & fourth grade students.
- *Arts & Crafts* - Chris Billis began a new session of Arts & Crafts on Friday, 1/15. We have 16 students and one CVU H.S. student helper!



- *Youth Basketball Games* - The HRD 3/4 boys played Charlotte and the 3/4 girls faced Christ the King on Sat. 1/16.
- *Smuggs' Sunday* - Our first Smuggs' Sunday is 1/31! Skiing and riding can be affordable! HRD offers \$25 lift tickets for adults and \$20 for youths on January 31, February 7, 28, March 6 and 13. Ski and snowboard rentals and lesson options available as well. Sign up by noon on Thursday through HRD and pick up lift tickets from Coordinator at Smuggs on Sundays 8:30-9:30 am. Forms available at office or online at www.hinesburg.org under Recreation. For questions or to sign up, please contact hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.
- *Common Ground Center 2016 Snowshoe Series* - Come explore the trails at Common Ground Center! Join CGC staff for an easy to moderate snowshoe around their fields and forests. We'll have a naturalist with us to teach you about the wildlife and landscape

around you. Warm up by the fire in the Eco-Lodge afterwards with hot drinks, snacks and entertainment (see schedule below). Please bring snowshoes, poles, warm clothing and a headlamp/flashlight. There may be snowshoes available if you need them. All programs start at 6:30pm at Common Ground Center. \$20 per person, \$50 per family of 3 or more. Call Common Ground Center to register (802) 453-2592 or register with HRD - hinesburgrec@gmavt.net or 482-2281 ext. 230.

- *Friday, January 22nd* - Enjoy a brisk snowshoe and then settle in next to the fire for an evening of vocal music and harmony by Root 7. The mixed ensemble a cappella group is from across the Champlain Valley and puts on a great show!
- *Friday, February 19th* - Naturalist and performer Matthew Witten leads a lively and interesting tracking and winter woods snowshoe outing followed by stories around the fire. Watch out for special guests such as Gluscabi, Mr. Mud and Old Man Winter.
- *Friday, March 11th* - Adventure Guide and Naturalist Paul Brown will lead an evening exploration on snowshoes of the winter woods. We will be looking and listening for signs and sounds of wildlife, learn about how they survive in cold and snow, and practice our best owl calls.
- *Afterschool Dance with Francessca* - Class will have a Zumba feel (follow the leader/repetitive sequences) while incorporating warm-up, stretching, across the floor, "move previews/reviews" before songs, and a cool down. Jazz, hip hop, and some Latin dance. Movement games and activities. Mostly FUN! Dancers should wear comfortable clothing. Yoga attire, dance/gymnastics outfits, or sweats and a shirt will work nicely, and sneakers or dance shoes (jazz). Water bottles are super helpful, as is a quick snack for right after school.
 - Who: K-2 graders
 - When: Mondays, 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

Carpenter-Carse Library

CALENDAR

- *Library Trustee Meeting* – The January meeting of the Board of Trustees has been cancelled. The February meeting will be held on February 17 at 7 p.m. at Carpenter-Carse Library. Open to the public. Regular monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned.

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.

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 next time will be February 10th from 3:15 to 4:30. The following visit will be on March 9th. 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. Come and meet the group at 7 p.m. for lively conversation and refreshments on Thursday, February 18th when we will focus on Rabi Alameddine's *An Unnecessary Woman*. The March selection will be *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* by Richard Flanagan. Please phone Deborah @ 802-310-0375 for information on meeting locations and more.
- *Café Make* – The next Café Make will be from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th, 10am-1pm. This all-ages program is yours for the making. We provide the coffee, space, and snacks to fuel your imagination. Come create, collaborate, caffeinate and converse with others or simply use the library's resources to turn your thoughts into reality. Did you know the library has a sewing machine, Wii, scanner, and digital camera all at your disposal? We want to be the catalyst for your ideas. Drop-in anytime between 10-1 or stay for the entirety.

BOOKS FOR SALE!

- *Vintage Book Sale* – Come discover the charm of old books. Some are collectors' items; others more commonly available. We have more than 100 vintage books priced to sell in the main room of the library.

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*
 - Soup's On!
 - Winter Activities
 - Sara's Reads
 - Adventures in Art for Children
 - Winter (Youth Books)

OTHER NEWS

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

Town Administrator

- *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 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>



Lake Iroquois in winter - photo courtesy of Pat Suozzi

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