



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Selectboard:** *Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*
- **Affordable Housing Committee:** *Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (1st floor conference room)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Hinesburg Community Police

- *Vermont Safest Cities List* - 2014 statistics from the FBI placed Shelburne and Hinesburg at the top of the safest city list in Vermont. This is even more of an accomplishment when you also are in one of the safest states in the country. Shelburne ranked first and Hinesburg ranked third.
- *Family Fight* – On Friday, January 22, officers responded to Hillview Terrace for a reported family fight. It was determined that it was a verbal argument between mother and son and no police intervention was necessary.
- *Burglary* – On Friday, January 22, an officer was called out for a reported residential burglary. Homeowners came home and found a door forcible entered and missing electronics and other items.
- *Warrant Arrest* – On Saturday, January 23, an officer was working a traffic detail in St. George. He stopped a vehicle for speeding and it was determined that the operator had a warrant for his arrest. It was also determined that the operator was on a suspended license and the vehicle was not properly registered, had no valid inspection and no insurance. The 36 year old male from St. Albans was arrested and transported to the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

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

- *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

- *3/4 Youth Basketball Games* - Our HRD 3/4 boys traveled to Shelburne on Sat. 1/23, while the 3/4 girls faced Burlington's "Liberty" at Champlain School. Next up, the 3/4 boys host Charlotte at HCS at 10 am and the 3/4 girls host Shelburne at HCS at 11:15 am this Sat. 1/30. Go Hinesburg!
- *Valentine Cookie Decorating* - Still a few spots left in Wendy's Valentine Cookie Decorating class on Thursday, 2/11 from 2:45-3:45 in the Art Room at HCS. Cost is \$15. Register with HRD
- *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.

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

- *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.
- *February Crafternoon* – Catapults and Cards; Tuesday, February 2nd, 3-4 pm. This is a kid-driven hour of crafting and fun experimentation for children ages seven and up. Music, materials and snacks are included. Free! Register at the library front desk.
- *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 Rabih 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.
- *All About Owls with Kristen Littlefield* – Monday, February 22nd, 11 am; join us at the library for an exciting owling adventure! Environmental Educator Kristen Littlefield's enthusiasm is catching and participants are sure to be swept up while creating fantastic take-home crafts and learning all about our owl friends. This workshop is geared towards ages six and older (but is appropriate for younger learners.) Register at the front desk or by calling 482-2878. Limited to twenty participants, ages 4 & up.

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
 - *Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914 – 1917) on the ship Endurance* - The Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, commonly known as the Endurance Expedition, is considered the last major expedition of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration. Conceived by Sir Ernest Shackleton, the expedition was an attempt to make the first land crossing of the Antarctic continent. After the conquest of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen in 1911, this crossing from sea to sea remained, in Shackleton's words, the "one great main object of Antarctic journeyings." The expedition failed to accomplish this objective, but became recognized instead as an epic feat of endurance. Greg Glade of Top of the World

LLC has arranged a display of photos, objects and books rich in details of the epic journey. Greg's descriptive notes add much to the exhibit. We thank him for sharing.

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

OTHER NEWS

- *Adult Programs Manager* - Great news! Kevin Donegan has joined our C-C Library staff, and begins his role of Adult Programs Manager in the near future. Kevin is a prolific young artist who expresses his creative spirit through stone sculpture and other art forms, and also lends support to people in their homes with personal care and light nursing duties. Kevin's intellectual curiosity, life-experience, artistic exploration and broad network of contacts will keep alive an important Carpenter-Carse tradition: offering a panoply of educational and entertaining programs for adults. We can all look forward to rekindling interest in a rich variety of programs.
- *Keep up-to-date on the current events happening at the library* - http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html

Town Administrator

- *Town Report* – The Town Report is now at the printer!! The full report will be available on-line within the next week. Notification will be sent out when the Town Reports are available to be picked up at Town Hall.
- *Lafreniere Farm* – Hinesburg Land Trust and Vermont Land Trust thank the town of Hinesburg for the \$15,000 from the Hinesburg Land Conservation fund, a fund that allowed a permanent conservation easement to be placed on the Lafreniere Farm and the sale of the land to two local farm families, the Garvey's and Guilemette's.
- *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>

Weekly Updates from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Development Review Board

Upcoming applications for DRB review:

- *Applications to be heard at February 2, 2016 meeting –*
 - *Will & Colleen MacKinnon:* Sketch Plan review of a 2-lot subdivision of their 11-acre property located at 99 Black Dog Lane in the Agricultural Zoning District. Lot 1 would be 6 acres and include the existing house. Lot 2 would be 5 acres and include a proposed house site.
 - *Hinesburg Center, LLC/David Lyman Phase II:* Preliminary Plat Review (continued from 10/6/15) for the 46 acres of undeveloped property commonly referred to as Hinesburg Center Phase II, which is located west of Kinney Drugs and north of Farmall Drive in the Village and Agricultural Zoning Districts. The preliminary plat application includes 25+ lots, 69 dwelling units, 13,400 sq. ft. of commercial space and open/green space.
 - *R.B. & R.H. Goodrich:* Sketch Plan Review (continued from 1/5/16) for a 9-lot subdivision of their 63.1-acre property, which is located west of North Road and north of Observatory Road in the Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Lots 1 through 8 would be 3.0 acres each for single-family dwellings. Lot 9 would be approximately 39 acres.
- *New Development Review Board applications received*
 - No new applications since last update

For more information on any of these projects, please contact the Planning & Zoning office at 802-482-2281 or lbudd@hinesburg.org.

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