



### Upcoming Meetings...

- **Selectboard:** *Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 p.m. (Main Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room)*
- **Richmond Road Bike/Pedestrian Study:** *Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Main Hall)*

### Weekly Updates from Departments:

#### Hinesburg Community Police

- *Alarm* – On Sunday April 3, an officer was called out to VT Route 116 at 3:30 a.m. for a business burglary alarm. Upon arrival, the officer checked the business and found that it was a false alarm.
- *Suspicious* - On Tuesday April 5, an officer was called to Molly Way for the report of a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood. Upon arrival, the officer met with the operator of the vehicle and found that the individual was in the area doing house appraisals for the Town of Hinesburg.
- *Animal Problem* – On Tuesday April 5, an officer assisted the animal control officer on North Road with loose dogs. The dogs had already left the area but the owner was contacted and advised that he needed to keep the dogs on his property.
- *Motor Vehicle Crash* - On Thursday March 7, an officer was called to a two vehicle crash on VT Route 116 by Commerce Street. Upon his arrival, he found that no one was injured and there was only vehicle damage. The operators were provided with crash reports for their insurance companies.

#### Recreation Department

- *AARP Safe Driver Class* - HRD hosted a small but effective AARP Safe Driver Class on 4/6.
- *Meeting* - Recreation Commission meets 4/12 at 7 pm.
- *Spring Sports Registration* - Last chance to register for Tee Ball, Farm League and K-1-2 Lacrosse. Final deadline is 4/15/16.
- *Tee Ball/Farm League* - Coaches for Tee Ball and Farm League have been assigned. Equipment and rosters will be distributed and the season will begin the week of April 25th.
- *Arts & Crafts* - Chris Billis started a final session of Arts & Crafts that will run 4/8 - 5/27.
- *Horse Camp* - Still some room in the April Break Horse Camp, 4/18 - 4/22. Choose from 8-1 for \$250 or 8-3 for \$300. Register with HRD.

- *Afterschool Offerings* - After-School Horseback Riding begins the week of 4/25, After-School Golf begins the week of 5/2.
- *Dog Obedience* - Still room in Jim Warden's Dog Obedience class that runs 5/5 - 6/9 from 6-7 pm for \$70 resident and \$75 non-resident. Register with HRD.
- *Piano Recital* - Mary Beth Bowman's piano recital is Tuesday, 5/17 at 6 pm in Cindy Fay's Music Room at HCS. Andrea Haulenbeek's piano recital is Wed. 5/25 at 6 pm also in Cindy Fay's Music Room at HCS.
- *Track & Field* - Still room in the Track & Field program for the summer.

### **Water/Wastewater**

- *Update* - The New WTF is coming along well, the nanofiltration unit is being piped and associated motors & controls are being wired.



- *Water Main Flushing* - Water Main flushing will occur next week, April 19-22. so be prepared for some short-term discoloration in your water as we work to keep your water clean. This discoloration is iron, and is harmless, but I would avoid washing whites while it is visible. We are all excited to get the new wells and treatment system online at the end of the month!

## **Carpenter-Carse Library**

### CALENDAR

- *Board of Trustees Meeting* - The monthly meeting of the Trustees and Librarian will be on April 27, 2016. These are open meetings, held at 7 p.m. at the library.

### WEEKLY STORY TIMES

- *Youngsters Story Time* – Babies and kids ages 0-4 join Librarian Sara Tuesdays from 9:30-10 am at the library's community room for stories, movement, songs and snacks (and sometimes ukulele tunes!) Tuesday story times will continue through summer.

### OTHER REGULAR PROGRAMS

- *Adult Arts & Crafts Night!* - Leave the kids at home for an hour of creativity and fun. From 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring a project you're working on or come ready to create something completely new. We'll supply snacks, paint, glue, paper, and more!
- *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, April 21<sup>st</sup> (revised date!) when we will discuss *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. The next meeting will be on May 25 when we will focus on Elizabeth Strout's *My Name is Lucy Barton*. Please phone Carrie @ 482-4565 for information on meeting locations and more.
- *After-School Movie* – Come watch a dinosaur movie at 3 p.m. on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Celebrate National Poetry Month!* - Come to an Open Poetry Reading this Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. We will take a few minutes for an introduction & sign-up, then at 7:15 will start with readings by local poets Laura Wisniewski, Marian Willmott, Bonnie Morrissey, and Jessica LaBrie. We will then open the stage for a community poetry reading! To share your work, sign up at the event or email Marian at [marianw@gmavt.net](mailto:marianw@gmavt.net) to reserve your spot.
- *Gentle Stretch Chair Yoga* – Come to the library on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:30 to noon. Beginners welcome! Perfect for all ages and abilities, chair yoga is a great way to exercise, relieve tension, and relax from head to toe. Perfect for anyone who wants a quick way to stretch your body while at work, in the car, or watching tv.
- *Preschool Math Program: March of the Stuffed Animals* – 10:30 a.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and join Sara on Saturday, April 23 for storytime with a numbers focus! Little ones will practice counting and the concepts of grouping, adding and subtracting. Each child will receive a puzzle to take home! We will provide snacks. The recommended ages for this program are 2-6 (with their caregiver.) Pre-registration is required: 482-2878.
- *Documentary: Numen: The Nature of Plants* - Produced by local author, anthropologist, and filmmaker Ann Armbrrecht and featuring several well-known Vermont herbalists, Numen is an inspiring film that explores how our disconnection from nature affects human and environmental health, and what concrete steps we can take to heal ourselves

and the world while reclaiming our place in the wider web of life. Come on April 25<sup>th</sup> for an hour of discovery: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

#### EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARY

- *Hinesburg Community School Art Display at Carpenter-Carse* - Each year our community enjoys art done by our Community School children. Come one and all to see their colorful and whimsical creations; it is one of the most fun exhibits of the year! Through April 22 at the library. We all take pride in the talented youngsters of Hinesburg. \*This display will be followed by the delightful creations of Hinesburg Nursery School kids. ☺
- *In Our Glass Display Case* - Sir Ernest Shackleton's Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition (1914 - 1917) on the ship Endurance - 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* -
  - Every Day is Earth Day!/Green Up VT
  - National Library Week
  - April is Poetry Month!
  - For Kids: Money Books, DCF 2016/17 Books, & Baseball!
- *It's National Library Week, April 10 - 16!* - Stop by this week to register to win a Book Bag. ..."Because transformation is essential to the communities we serve." Sponsored by American Library Association, Library Champions, and Libraries Transform. Check out [www.ilovelibraries.org](http://www.ilovelibraries.org).
- *Calling all writers!* - A new community writers group will be forming at the Carpenter-Carse Library on Tuesday, May 3 7-8:30. Join us for the first meeting of our new group. All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts and network with other local wordsmiths. Help us establish a fun, stimulating monthly workshop.
- *Vintage Book Sale* - Come discover the charm of old books. Come and browse our eclectic collection of common and uncommon books. Check out our sale bookcase where books have been reduced to \$2.00 ea.
- *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**

- *Agriperneurial Spirit* - Prindle Farm on Baldwin Road recently received Development Review Board approval for new integrated agricultural uses including children day camps and event hosting. The integrated agricultural use was added to the zoning regulations in 2013 to help farm owners keep land intact by allowing non-traditional uses in combination with commercial agricultural operations. Prindle Farm is a working landscape of 370 acres where Andrea Baldwin Haulenbeek and her family grow soy, graze

free range natural beef cattle, produce maple syrup, and make hay. With fit up of the Prindle Barn now complete, the farm is preparing to host events and summer camps. For more information and to see pictures of Prindle Farm, see their website at <http://prindlefarm.com>.

- *Spring Planning, Summer Construction* – Our Zoning Administrator (Mitch Cypes) is entering the busy season as people plan and request permits for summer construction projects. Mitch says we're a bit ahead of previous years in terms of permits issued. If you're considering a project of any size this spring/summer, please be sure to contact the Planning & Zoning office so that we can help you – e.g., check minimum setbacks, obtain necessary permits, etc. We strive for quick turnaround, but even simple zoning permits can take a week or two to process – especially during the busy season. Plan ahead and be in touch with us early – we're here to help.
- *Accessory Apartment Solution* – Chittenden County has had a long-standing shortage of housing, leading to low vacancy rates and high home prices and rents. Makes it tough for young people looking for housing. Makes it frustrating for employers trying to recruit workers looking to relocate to this area. Makes it difficult to downsize or find a place for an aging family member who needs to live close by. One handy solution for owners of single-family homes is the accessory apartment. With an accessory apartment, you can add another dwelling unit to your property without the time and expense of subdividing your property. They can be part of the house or they can be in a separate building altogether. They are great for family members, but are not restricted that way – i.e., they can be rented to anyone to generate income. They're an excellent way for a parent to downsize on their own property, and allow their grown children to move into the family home. Certain size restrictions apply and permits are required. Curious? We are happy to help.
- *Richmond Road Public Meeting* – The meeting to review bike/pedestrian improvement options for the Richmond Road corridor (from CVU Road to North Road) is on April 20 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Feedback from the meeting will help to select a preferred alternative and in the drafting of the final report. Project information on the Town website at <http://www.hinesburg.org/planning/richmond-road-sidewalk>

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

### **Development Review Board**

#### New applications received

- *Gary & Mary Thibault* - Sketch Plan Review and Revision of a previously approved six-lot subdivision, with the addition of one lot. The property is located to the southwest of the intersection of Baldwin and Burrirt Roads in the Agricultural Zoning District. The applicants are proposing to subdivide 14.59-acre Lot #1 into a 3-4-acre building lot accessed from Burrirt Road, with the remaining 10+ acres to be used for agricultural purposes and possibly including a barn with an accessory apartment.

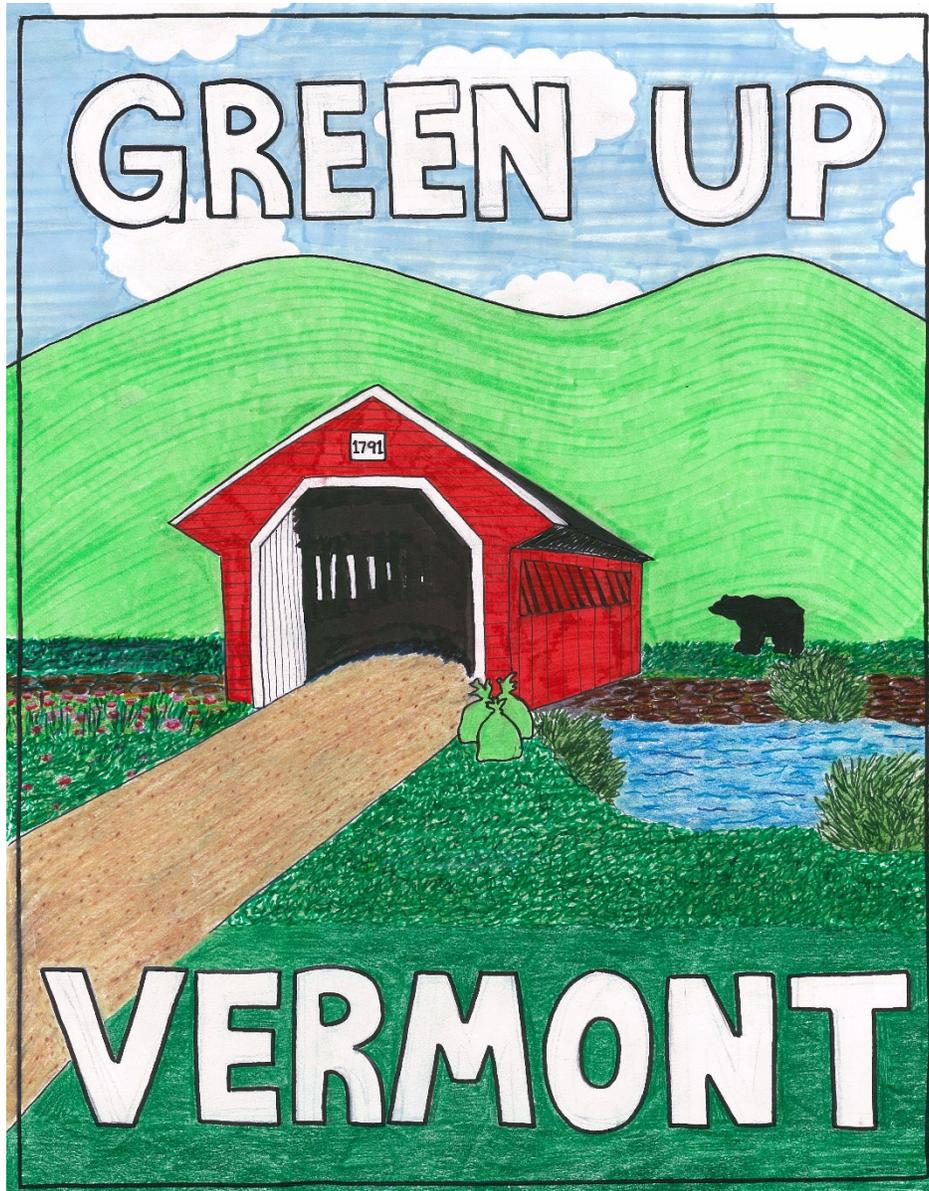
#### Applications to be heard at the April 19, 2016 DRB Hearing

- *Estate of Arlene O'Neil* - Final Plat Review for a two-lot subdivision of a 58.35-acre property located at 588 O'Neil Road on the northwest corner of the intersection with Leavensworth Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. Lot 1 would be 27.39 and include the existing

house. Lot 2 would be 31.08 acres and include a proposed house-site for a four-bedroom single family residence.

- *Estate of Arlene O'Neil* - Preliminary and Final Plat Review for a three-lot subdivision of a 235-acre property located on the west side of Leavensworth Road and the south side of O'Neil Road in the Agricultural Zoning District. Lot 3 would be 6.75 acres and include a proposed house-site for a four-bedroom single family residence. Lot 4 would be 13.11 acres and include a proposed house-site for a four-bedroom single family residence. Lot 5 would be 215 acres and continue to be used for agricultural purposes.

*For more information on any of these projects, please contact the Planning & Zoning office at 802-482-2281 or [lbudd@hinesburg.org](mailto:lbudd@hinesburg.org).*



SAVE THE DATE:

**Green Up Day – May 7, 2016**

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