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Hinesburg Artist Series Celebrates Thirteenth Year

The Thirteenth Annual Hinesburg Artist Series (HAS) Concert will be Sunday March 22, 4:30 p.m. at St Jude Church in Hinesburg, featuring the South County Chorus and the HAS orchestra under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

The concert will feature Schubert’s Mass in G and Mozart’s *Regina Coeli* among other selections. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, and are available at the Hinesburg Recreation Office. For reservations please call 482-4691 or e-mail to hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. For more information please visit the HAS web sight at www.hinesburgartistseries.org and SAVE THE DATE!



Rufus Patrick conducting the South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra

HCS Kindergarten Presents Multicultural Performance

The HCS kindergarteners performed songs and a series of plays on Friday, January 23, to a packed house. These performances were the culminating activities of a three-week “country study.” Mrs. Lasher’s class studied Australia, while Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Branch’s classes studied Japan.

Mrs. Lasher’s class acted out the book *Koala Lou* by Mem Fox, and sang songs about Australia and its wildlife. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Branch’s classes acted out traditional Japanese children’s stories and sang a counting song in Japanese.

After the performance, audience members were invited back to the classrooms for Australian and Japanese receptions. Mrs. Lasher’s class showed off their Australian museum’s artifacts and ate Australian “Tucker” (food), while Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Branch’s classes ate vegetable sushi and noodles with chopsticks! A wonderful time was had by all!

Mrs. Lasher, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Branch would like to thank our parent helpers as well as our students for making us proud!

More pictures on page 10!



Chloe Landers practices using chopsticks just like the Japanese do!

Municipal Budget Review

By Jeanne Kundell Wilson, Town Administrator

The preparation of the municipal budget for Town Meeting is always a complicated process, but this year proved to be more challenging than is customary. Communities across the country are facing an increasingly bleak economic forecast, and Hinesburg is not immune. The downturn in the housing market, the shifting of expense to local governments, and the loss of revenue due to the closing of the Saputo Cheese facility have all had dramatic impacts on the Town’s revenue projections for the coming year.

The downturn in the housing market has impacted the Town’s Grand List. The Grand List is the total taxable property value of the Town measured on April 1 of each year. For the past several years, the amount of taxable property in Hinesburg has increased between five and seven million dollars annually. This increase in taxable property mitigates the impact of budgetary increases on the tax rate. The downturn in the economy slowed development, thus reducing the growth in the Grand List. In addition, the closing and decommissioning of Saputo Cheese further reduced the Grand List. As a result, the Select Board prepared a budget that anticipates zero growth in the Grand List in the coming year.

Department Heads and the Select Board were well aware of the revenue projections during the budgeting process and chose to delay numerous projects and purchases. Many of the budgets were either level-funded or decreased from the current year’s funding level. This was a challenging endeavor, considering that the cost to provide services to our community in most cases has not decreased.

Delaying projects and purchases resulted in a decrease in budgeted expenditures of \$44,000 from the current year’s budget, from \$2,744,685 to \$2,700,391, or a decrease of 1.6%. Unfortunately, non-tax revenue is projected to decrease by 16% (around \$72,000), from \$453,872 to \$381,888.

The Select Board will apply \$103,000 in surplus funds towards the budget to offset the tax rate. The result of these efforts mean that the Select Board does not anticipate an increase in the municipal tax rate for the coming year – it will remain at approximately 44¢.

Of course, the delay in repairs and maintenance cannot continue indefinitely. Eventually, roads will need to be repaired and equipment will need to be replaced. These delays may end up being more costly to the taxpayers in the long run, but we will hope that when the time arrives, the economic outlook for our country is far better than it is today.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the municipal departments, committees, volunteers, and especially the Select Board for the effort that goes into preparing a budget each year. This was a difficult budget to

prepare, but everyone pitched in, suggesting budgetary cuts even though they knew it would make their job of providing services more difficult. There was a clear recognition by all involved that this was not just another year and everyone worked together to present a zero-increase tax rate.

* N O T I C E *

Vacancies and Expiring Terms on Affordable Housing Committee, Village Steering Committee, Trails Committee, Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission

There are currently vacancies and/or expiring terms on the Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee, Village Steering Committee, Trails Committee, Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission.

The Affordable Housing Committee with nine members is an advisory group responsible for gathering, generating, and prioritizing ideas and plans which will help to increase the availability of affordable housing in the Town, as well as assessing the quality and quantity of current affordable housing, and bringing these ideas and information forward in an advisory manner to the Select Board, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and Town staff.

The Village Steering Committee, with seven members, is an advisory group responsible for gathering, generating, and prioritizing ideas and plans which will help to enhance the quality of life in the village, and bringing these ideas forward to the elected officials, appointed boards and commissions, and Town staff. The Village Steering Committee serves as a voice for the residents and businesses located in the village area. Residing in the village is not a requirement for serving on this committee.

The Trails Committee, with nine members, focuses its efforts on making Hinesburg a walkable community, with attention to creating and maintaining an interlocking system of trails for recreation and non-motorized transportation. The Trails Committee works with other Town boards and commissions, as well as local landowners, to identify high priority areas for future trail development which are compatible with various land uses, such as hunting, agriculture (including logging, haying, sugaring, etc.), wildlife habitat, water resources management, and environmentally sensitive area protection. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month. *(Continued on the page 19.)*



Marry Me

Eighteen years ago, at the tender age of 23, I accepted my first marriage proposal. I cannot begin to imagine why, at age 41, I would now be deemed any less capable of making that decision than I was then. Yet that is what our great state of Vermont seems to be suggesting by denying me the right to marry, simply because my partner now is a woman, rather than a man. While I have no regrets regarding my decision two decades ago, I am at a loss to explain how I have, with the benefit of all these years, somehow lost the capability to decide whom I love and with whom I will be legally joined in marriage.

At age 23, I had voted for one presidential candidate—now I have voted for six. At age 23, I had been able to purchase alcohol for two years—now no one even bothers to card me. At age 23, I was in the first year of my first real job—now I have nearly two decades of work experience on my resume. I can hardly see how I have become any dumber, less responsible or even less worthy than I was when I first married. Indeed, I could not feel any more solid than I do right now. I am at a wonderful point in life at which to get married but I cannot, as I have inexplicably lost those rights that were temporarily granted to me when I was barely out of adolescence.

As our Vermont legislature struggles with the issue of whether to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples, I hope that you will join me in reminding them that the selection of marriage partners is a private matter, one in which the state should have no interest. If anyone had told me at 23 not to marry, I doubt I would have listened—and I certainly don’t intend to let naysayers stop me now. In whatever way you can, please show your support for equal marriage rights—speak on our behalf, write letters, stand up for us when our maturity, intelligence and moral fiber are questioned. And ask yourself this question: if Jen were to get married tomorrow, how would my life really change?

Sincerely,

Jen Bradford

Thanks for Successful Blood Drive

On January 8 the American Red Cross held a blood drive in Hinesburg, sponsored by St. Jude parish. This letter is to say a BIG thank you to all who participated in this event. We especially want to thank the 79 people who came to donate. The Red Cross finished the evening with 75 pints of blood - a near record for St. Jude. We also want to thank the volunteers who gave of their time to work and those who brought donations of delicious food - from bagels to soups and sandwiches, topped off with fruits and desserts. The wonderful food was a welcome sight to the donors when their “giving” was complete.

One “last but not least” thank you to Joe Cioffi who has chaired this event for the last eight years. His dedication with knowledge of our community and its people has helped unite us for this wonderful cause - Red Cross blood donation. Thank you Joe!

And again thank you to all who helped in any way to make this blood drive a huge success. We appreciate your generosity.

Carol King
Co-Chair - January 2009 Blood Drive

Nordic Ski Team Thanks Donors

The CVU Nordic Ski Team extends its thanks and gratitude to the many local merchants who provided in-kind donations for our 2008-2009 silent auction. Our team of over 65 skiers (covering all ability levels) will use the auction proceeds to purchase team waxes and waxing equipment.

Thanks to the generosity of Adams Farm market, Alec’s Pretzels, The Bearded Frog, Catamount Crunch, Dale of Norway, Designer Circle Jewelers, Isis, Logical Machines, Mexicali Restaurant, Old Carriage Sugarwoods, Paisley Hippo, Reflections Salon, The Rehab Gym, Rocky’s NY Pizza, Shelburne Farms, The Ski Rack, Sports and Fitness Edge, Stoner Andrews, Tafts Milk and Maple Barn, Timex, VBT Bicycling Vacations and to those who purchased items. The auction was a big success and will benefit scores of CVU Nordic ski racers throughout the season!

Sarah Strack
Head Coach CVU Nordic Ski Team

Inaugural Ball Was a Success

On January 20 the town of Hinesburg came together once again. This time as a community putting aside political leanings to celebrate, be together and donate their energy and funds. Many people worked hard to make this event the fun

success it was. The Hinesburg Community Resource Center and the Hinesburg Food Shelf sincerely thank everyone who contributed to or attended this memorable event.

Kathleen Patten
Coordinator HCRC

Andrea Morgante Announces Candidacy

I am pleased to be running for re-election to the Select Board and hoping to continue to serve the citizens of Hinesburg for another two years.

While the global economic crisis is beyond the control of local government I believe it presents an opportunity to strengthen the local economy through innovative private-public partnerships that strengthen the community’s agricultural, manufacturing and volunteering traditions. Growing food and building products in a manner that works towards understanding and respecting natural systems is vital to sustaining and enriching our community. The closing of the Saputo factory affects not only the employees but many small businesses in Hinesburg and farmers from throughout the state.

The facility itself and Hinesburg’s location between the built up metropolitan area of Chittenden County and the productive agricultural land of Addison County make it an ideal location to facilitate the production of value-added food product as well as other manufacturing that can utilize the diverse skills and talents available in the community.

As a member of the Select Board I will continue to encourage community participation in defining the redevelopment of the site that adds to the economic, social and physical vitality of the town. I also believe that the extraordinary capacity of volunteers in Hinesburg will assure that while federal and state services that support the social and environmental needs are not neglected. The Select Board has been fortunate that many members of the community step forward as members of boards and commissions to collaborate and set standards to ensure that citizens and institutions take care of the many needs within the community.

I have been fortunate to meet many residents in town through my involvement in town government, as a mother and business owner but welcome the opportunity to hear from those I don’t know. I look forward to serving another term and hope that together we can continue to find ways of making Hinesburg a great place today and tomorrow.

Andrea Morgante

In Support of Andrea Morgante

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Andrea Morgante for Hinesburg Select Board. Andrea has worked hard for many years to bring sidewalks and recreation paths to our community. This type of infrastructure is vital as it allows for community interaction and healthy lifestyles for the people of Hinesburg, both young and old. As our town center becomes more populated, it is important that we continue to have Andrea working for us.

Sincerely,

Pam Mathews
Safe Routes to School Coordinator, Hinesburg

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to add my support to Andrea Morgante’s candidacy for re-election to the Select Board. Among the issues facing the Select Board in the coming years are monetary issues as a result of the prevailing economic conditions, the redevelopment of the Saputo site and rezoning proposals to bring regulations into conformance with the Town Plan. Supporting business growth and coping with development pressures are also of prime concern while meeting the goal of the Town Plan to preserve Hinesburg’s rural character.

Andrea’s 17 years as a Select Board member, as a Hinesburg business owner and as a leading force in the conservation of Hinesburg’s rural resources provides a solid foundation for meeting the challenges facing the Town of Hinesburg. I do not know of anyone who has devoted more time, energy and effort in public service to the Town of Hinesburg than Andrea Morgante.

I feel that Andrea will work toward the goals of Hinesburg’s Town Plan in a manner that balances the needs of residents with the good of the community. We are fortunate to have a candidate of Andrea’s ability running for the Select Board. I strongly urge your support.

Jean Isham

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my strong support for the re-election of Andrea Morgante to the Hinesburg Select Board. I have served with Andrea on the Select Board since I was first elected four years ago and, in addition, Andrea has been a close family friend for 30+ years. There is no one who works harder than Andrea to make Hinesburg the kind of community that we all value and choose to claim as our home.

Andrea is known in the community for her amazing efforts in the area of conservation and environmental stewardship for which she is well-deserving of accolades. She is a strong proponent of community-building and community service projects such as the beautiful community stone wall which graces our Town Hall green. She has worked tirelessly to assure that the village of Hinesburg becomes a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly hub for our community.

The bottom line in that Andrea makes things happen. She is visionary but she’s also a pragmatist. She is always fair in listening to all view points and looking for common ground. I’ve learned a tremendous amount in the time that I’ve served with her on the Select Board. I strongly encourage you all to join me in voting to re-elect Andrea Morgante to the Hinesburg Select Board.

Howard Russell

Plan for Foodshelf This Spring

Dear Residents of Hinesburg:

I am writing this letter to ask you to vote for Andrea Morgante for re-election to the Select Board. One of the best ways I can think of to show my support for Andrea is not to talk about her well-known and much-appreciated efforts and accomplishments, but to describe a few of the little things she does for our town, particularly for our children.

Each fall for the school’s K-4 Farmer’s Market, Andrea sets up a very cool-looking old cauldron over an open fire. Kids bring in vegetables of all kinds and she makes Stone Soup. Everyone gets a warm treat and learns a little about sharing, gardening and healthy eating along the way.

Also each fall, Andrea transforms her house into one of the best Halloween night destinations in town. There is nothing better than walking up her stone wall steps piled with flickering jack-o-lanterns, wondering what’s in store for that year.

On Fourth of July, that same stone wall is loaded up with a parade of Matchbox cars. It’s a fun and friendly gesture that has kids and adults smiling year after year on their way to and from the real parade.

This year Andrea has been helping to organize various events in the new town forest, among them a night-time bat walk. Kids got to see three different kinds of bats up close AND explore the forest with flashlights. Not only did she lead the gigantic effort to conserve the forest in the first place, she now helps introduce our children to the thrilling spaces and wildlife found there.

Last but not least, Andrea recently responded to a teacher’s Front Porch Forum request, saving a group of Kindergarteners from boredom and bickering by donating a dozen precious Lego figures to their classroom. No more fights over the Lego People! That small gesture has made a bunch of little kids happy every day since, not to mention their teacher!

I know these things have nothing to do with running a small town, but they have everything to do with living in one. Andrea makes these sorts of small but powerful contributions to our town every day, in addition to working tirelessly on the larger issues of the Select Board and other community organizations with which she is involved. It’s people like Andrea that make me feel so fortunate to live here.

Karen Cornish

Spring will come to Hinesburg. As you plan your garden please consider planting a little extra for the Hinesburg Food Shelf The Food shelf is open only on Friday mornings for food pick up or delivery. It is located at the back of the United Church on Route 116 in the center of the village. *Thank You for considering the possibility.*

Kathleen Patten
Coordinator, Hinesburg Community Resource Center

Letter Policy

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. All letters must be signed. To the extent possible, letters should focus on local issues. Other forums exist for discussions of statewide, national and international issues.

With these cautions, please keep these letters rolling in. Send them via email to therecord@gmavt.net, mail them to The Hinesburg Record, P.O. Box 340 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record drop box on Charlotte Road.

Record News Welcome to Another New Volunteer

Our call for additional help has been answered by more inquiries, and one new person has started helping out this issue.

Kathy Valiquette has joined the copy editing team. She’s a graduate of Trinity College with a B.A. in Human Services and lives in Colchester with her two cats, Gizmo and Toby, rescued from Green Mountain Animal Defenders with the help of some very special customers who are vets. Kathy also volunteers at her church as editor of their newsletter and has been a volunteer tour guide at Shelburne Farms for over 22 years.

Even though she lives in Colchester, her ties to Hinesburg are strong. Many of you will know her as one of the servers at Papa Nick’s, where she’s worked for 14 years.

We are always eager to get new volunteers on our staff so please contact us at therecord@gmavt.net if you can contribute even a few hours a month.



By Missy Ross

The annual town meeting will convene at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009. Voting by Australian ballot for the election of town officers and the Champlain Valley Union High School budget will be held at the Hinesburg Town Hall on Tuesday, March 3. The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The last day to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, February 25.

The Hinesburg Community School Annual Meeting will take place at the HCS gym on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. The budget for HCS is voted on at the annual meeting. The last day to register to vote for this meeting is Wednesday, March 4.

Election of Town Officers

Petitions to get on the ballot were due by January 26. As of that date, there were no contested races indicated. There are two seats up for reelection to the Selectboard, those of Andrea Morgante and Randy Volk, both of whom are seeking office for another term. Andrea is seeking re-election to the two-year position and Randy is seeking re-election to the three-year seat.

Hinesburg Community School board member Mary Crane decided not to seek re-election, and Keith Roberts agreed to run for that two-year position on the Board. Colleen MacKinnon, our longest serving member and current chair, is running for another term. Jim Brown, who was appointed to a vacant seat last spring, is running to fill the remainder of that term on the HCS Board. As for the CSSU Board of Directors, Lia Cravedi is running to fill the remaining two years of a three-year term to which she was appointed last spring.

For a complete list of names to appear on the ballot, please see your town report.

Dog Licenses Due by April 1

The deadline for licensing your dog is April 1. The fees are \$7 for a spayed or neutered animal and \$11 for all others. Oddly enough, the fees increase more than usual on April 1 because the State has added a new \$1 surcharge, so try to come in before then. After the deadline of April 1, the fees increase to \$10 and \$16, respectively. We will need a copy of your current rabies certificate unless we already have it on file and it hasn't reached the expiration date. If you have any questions, please call us at 482-2281. Remember, licensing your dog is required by Vermont law.

Homestead Declarations Due in April

All Vermont residents are required to file a Homestead Declaration with their Vermont income tax return. You can file your HS-122 on line at <http://tax.vermont.gov>, or you can submit it along with your income tax return. Be sure to file this form by April 15 even if you file for an extension; otherwise, you may receive a late filing penalty or lose eligibility for property tax adjustments.

See you at town meeting!

Town of Hinesburg Welcomes New Staff Members

The Town of Hinesburg is fortunate to have a team of dedicated employees to serve the residents of Hinesburg and the greater community. The Town announces the following additions to the municipal staff:



Water and Wastewater Operator Kayhon Bahar.

Kayhon joined the municipal team in October and assists Superintendent Steve Button with the operation of the water and wastewater systems. Kayhon brings many skills and training to the team, having served the Town of Richmond as an operator for three years before coming to Hinesburg.



Administrative Assistant and 9-1-1 Coordinator Renae Marshall.

Renae serves as the Town's 9-1-1 Coordinator and is in charge of assigning new addresses, maintaining the 9-1-1 database for the Town, and acting as a liaison with the State 9-1-1 Board. In addition, Renae serves as an administrative assistant to Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson, helping to keep the busy office running smoothly.



Planning & Zoning Assistant Karen Cornish.

With the retirement of Planning, Zoning and Lister Assistant Holly Russell at the end of December, the Town brought Marie Gardner on board to fill the Lister Assistant portion of Holly's job. Marie has served the Town for many years as an elected Lister and brings a vast amount of knowledge and experience to the position. Her appointment provides for a smooth transition.



Lister Assistant Marie Gardner.

To fill the other portion of Holly Russell's position, the Town has hired Karen Cornish to serve as the administrative assistant in the Planning and Zoning Office. Karen has served as the Recording Secretary for both the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board for the past two years, so she brings to the job a good understanding of planning and zoning processes. In addition, Karen brings a wealth of computer and technical skills.

Please welcome these staff members. They are here to serve you!
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Advertising Deadline

The deadline for submitting advertising for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2009. For advertising information, contact Lisa Beliveau at 482-2540 or email: hrrsales@gmavt.net.

Articles Deadline

The news and calendar deadline for the next issue of The Hinesburg Record is Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2009. We prefer electronic submissions if possible. Please send your article as an attached file (Word document preferred; .jpg files for images) to: therecord@gmavt.net.

You may also use the drop box at the Giroux home at 327 Charlotte Road to drop off hard copy articles and photographs.

Contact June Giroux, 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg 05461 (junegiroux@aol.com) if you have questions. You may call her at 482-2350.

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Hinesburg Water Supply Public Notice January 30

On Friday, January 23, the Hinesburg Selectboard was informed by the State that tests of the Town’s main water supply detected a low level of the contaminant Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE). Two tests indicated levels of 1.2 and 2.6 Parts Per Billion (PPB – equivalent to one penny in ten-million dollars). The State indicated that up to 40 PPB are acceptable in a drinking water supply before mitigation measures are recommended. This notice is being sent to all users of the Town’s water system because the Selectboard believes it is important for users of the system to be aware of the presence of the contaminant. Neither the State nor the Federal Environmental Protection Agency believes there is a health concern at the levels that have been detected. More information about MTBE can be found at the following EPA website <http://www.epa.gov/mtbe/>.

MTBE is a common additive in gasoline. Fuel leaks from storage tanks have contaminated ground water throughout the country. In 2005, the Vermont legislature passed a ban on the sale of gasoline containing MTBE. That ban went into effect in January 2007. The chemical is present in the Saputo well located in close proximity to the Town well. While still in operation, the Saputo facility consumed large quantities of water from their well and that high rate of consumption may have protected the Town well from contamination. Saputo installed a very effective carbon filter treatment system to eliminate MTBE. As an immediate action, steps are being taken to resume pumping water from the Saputo well in hopes of reducing and perhaps eliminating contamination of the Town’s water supply.

The Town will set up a link on the Buildings and Facilities page of the Town’s website, <http://www.hinesburg.org>, with the most current information available. Testing of the water will be performed weekly. For further information, contact the Hinesburg Department of Buildings and Facilities at (802) 482-2096.

Planning News

By Alex Weinhausen,
Director of Planning and Zoning

Saputo Update

The Select Board appointed seven community members to serve on a newly created Saputo Redevelopment Steering Committee. Interest in serving on this committee was terrific, with approximately 18 folks who put their hat in the ring. The steering committee got to work in early February. See the Town website (www.hinesburg.org) for more information – committee members, mission/goals, etc. We have applied for a number of grants to help the steering committee accomplish its objectives – e.g., market analysis, site assessment, etc.

In related news, interim zoning for the Saputo site is in the works – if not in effect by the time this issue of the Record comes out. The Select Board held a public hearing on the proposed interim zoning on February 16. Interim zoning is a temporary measure (good for two years) designed to give us time to research and prepare permanent zoning revisions. Under interim zoning, many more uses of the property become possible under special review standards that require collaboration with the Town.

Planning Grant Awards

With all the bad economic indicators being reported on, it was nice to get some good financial news in January. We were awarded two grants totaling over \$50,000 for two different planning projects. First, we received \$40,000 of federal transportation planning funds from the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO) to support the work of Hinesburg Rides (a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center). We’ll use this funding to further develop a community-based carpool matching system, and do outreach to get commuters and others signed up. Second, we received \$10,400 of state planning funds from the Municipal Planning Grant program of the VT Department of Housing and Community Affairs to help with the upcoming revision/update to our Town Plan, which was last adopted in June 2005. The Planning Commission and I will be working on Town Plan updates later in 2009, and we’ll be using these funds to bring the plan

more fully into the digital age by making it more engaging, easier to read and reference, and a better reflection of what makes Hinesburg unique.

REMINDER - digital images will play a role in this, so don’t forget to paw through your digital photo archives and submit some for the calendar/photo contest. Alternatively, get out there now and snap some good winter moments – snowy fields, sledding, sap runs and sugarhouses, etc. Photo submission information is on the Town website.

Development Watch

For copies of Development Review Board (DRB) decisions or information on these or other projects, please contact the Planning and Zoning office:

Two-lot Subdivision Preliminary Plat Review – Texas Hill Road – Applicant/Landowner: Judy Fritz – Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on December 16 and APPROVED on January 20. Second-step of a three-step review. Next step – final plat review.

Salvage Yard Expansion Conditional Use Review – VT Route 116 (east side) – Applicant/Landowner: Burnett Scrap Metals LLC – Rural Residential 1 Zoning District. Reviewed on November 18, December 2, December 16 with a November 22 site visit, and APPROVED on January 20.

Three-lot, Two-unit Subdivision/PRD Preliminary Plat Review – Gilman Road – Applicant/Landowner: Hinesburg Land Trust – Agricultural Zoning District. Reviewed and APPROVED on January 20. Second-step of a three-step review. Next step – final plat review.

STILL PENDING – Nine-lot, Eight-unit Subdivision/PRD Final Plat Review –VT Route 116 (just south of Ballard Farm) – Applicant/Landowner: Hart Hill Design LLC – Agricultural Zoning District. Reviewed on January 20 and review continued to March 3 meeting.

STILL PENDING – Seven-lot, Six-unit Subdivision/PRD Final Plat Review – North Road (east side) at VT Route 116 intersection – Applicant/Landowner: Anup Dam – Rural Residential 2 Zoning District. Reviewed on January 20 and review continued to February 17 meeting.



Submitted by
the Hinesburg Community Police

The following events represent only a sample of the services provided by the Hinesburg Community Police.

Hinesburg Man Arrested for Contempt

On January 10 Officers Chris Bataille and Wade Johnson arrested Eric St. Cyr, 24, of Hinesburg on an outstanding warrant for Contempt. The warrant had been issued by District Court in Burlington when St. Cyr failed to follow a payment plan and then failed to appear in court. St. Cyr was transported to the Chittenden Community Correctional Facility.

A Sad Find for the Nose

Hinesburg’s Police Service Dog Buck is best known for his ability to locate drugs and drug contaminated money. One of his lesser known skills is his ability to locate missing people.

It was this particular skill that South Burlington Police called on, on January 12, when an employee of Magic Hat Brewery was reported missing. The man was last seen on the afternoon of Friday, January 9, at the brewery. On Monday the 12 employees and management became concerned when he failed to show for work. As the day wore on concern increased and in the early afternoon Buck and his handler, Chief Chris Morrell, were summoned to Magic Hat.

As the team joined South Burlington Police, the job seemed insurmountable. A vast area of woods, fields, railroad line and ditches, all covered with eight inches of fresh snow faced Buck and the officers. As the staff of Magic Hat waited expectantly, Buck enthusiastically began searching. The snow and the cold did not slow him at all.

First one section was checked. Then a second section and a stream bed were checked. Then a third section was begun and the officers walked northward along the railroad track that divided the sections. Suddenly Buck stopped and investigated a hole in the snow the size of a silver dollar. Then he began to paw the snow and uncovered a sneaker.

A flurry of radio conversation confirmed the sneaker, and a second one that Buck quickly uncovered, belonged to the missing man. Buck then tracked from the sneaker a short distance and again began uncovering something in the snow. Investigation by officers determined it was the frozen body of the missing man.

While this incident remains under investigation, the man’s friends, family and co-workers will not have to wait until the snow thaws to know what happened to him, thanks to Buck’s keen abilities.

Hinesburg Man Charged with Cocaine Possession

On January 27 Officer Chris Bataille charged James Morgan, 26, of Hinesburg with possessing cocaine and operating a vehicle while criminally suspended. The arrest was the result of a traffic stop for an equipment and registration violation while Morgan was operating his vehicle on Pond Road. Morgan was cited into District Court and will answer the charges there.

Charlotte Road and Rte 116 Crash Injures One

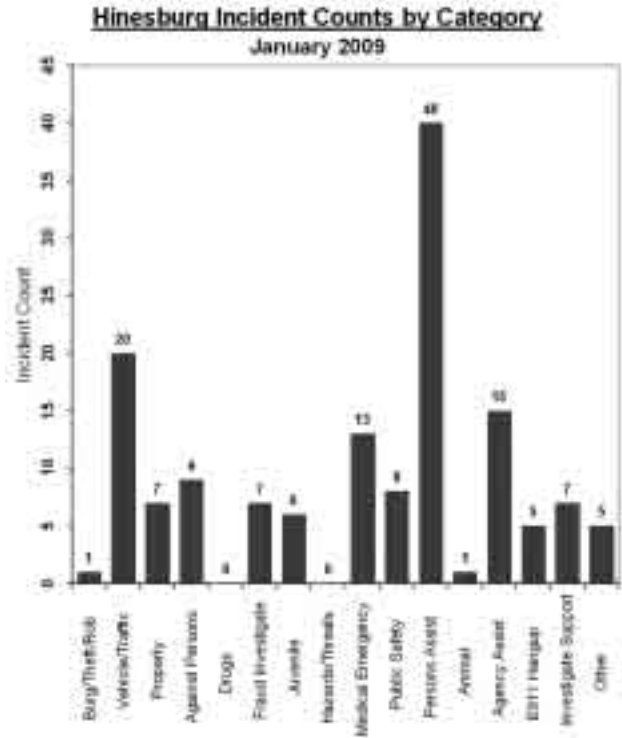
On January 26 a car struck the rear of a truck stopped at the traffic light at Vermont Route 116 and Charlotte Road. Deputy Chief Silber reported that Regina Garvey, 36, of Williston, was southbound on 116 and was unable to stop for a truck operated by Brett Combs, 39, of Lincoln. Garvey was treated for a foot injury by Hinesburg Fire Department and transported to Fletcher Allen Health Care by St. Michael’s Ambulance.

Minor Crash Results in DLS Charge

A minor crash at the CVU Corners on January 15 resulted in one operator being charged with Criminal Driving While Suspended. Deputy Chief Silber responded to the crash in which no one was injured and determined that one of the operators, Jesse L. Reynolds, 32, of Milton, was criminally suspended. She will answer the charge at a later date in District Court.

Charlotte Road Crash Injures One

On the morning of December 24 a nine year old girl suffered minor injuries in a crash on Charlotte Road near the Charlotte town line when the vehicle her father was driving went off the road and struck a tree. The driver, Daniel Cox, 43, of Bristol reported he struck a snowdrift, lost control of his car and went off the road. Hinesburg Fire Department responded to the crash, but medical treatment was declined and the nine year old was transported to Fletcher Allen by private vehicle for treatment of minor injuries.



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By Eric Spivack

CPR Training Offered to Community

Cardiac arrest is the stopping of the heart. When the heart stops abruptly and unexpected it is called sudden cardiac arrest. A person's chance of surviving from sudden cardiac arrest doubles when a bystander performs effective cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Eighty percent of cardiac arrests happen at home and almost 60 percent are witnessed.

Learn CPR with the Hinesburg Fire Department. HFD will be offering community based Heart Saver CPR on April 11. The class begins at 8:30 a.m. and will finish up around noon. You will learn CPR on an adult as well as an infant. You will also be introduced to an automatic external defibrillator (AED).

The course fee is \$40 and you will be provided with a textbook to keep. Bring a co-worker, family member, or a friend and learn to help save lives!

There are limited positions for this class. If you are interested or have any questions please email us at cpr@hinesburgfd.org or call Jim Silvia at 482-7400. Interested businesses please contact Jim to discuss on-site training possibilities or training scheduled for your employees to attend.

Mutual Aid for Barn Fire

At 2:24 a.m., January 7, Charlotte Fire requested mutual aid from Hinesburg and Shelburne Fire Departments for a barn fire at the Ploof Farm off Carpenter Road. Hinesburg responded with Engine 2, Tanker 1 and personnel. Due to a snow storm and poor road conditions, apparatus used extra caution responding. Upon arrival, Charlotte Fire was in the process of a defensive fire attack, and setting up a water supply from a nearby pond. A defensive attack is when no firefighters are allowed in the building. Firefighters surround the structure with hose lines and pour water onto the fire.

Hinesburg Engine 2 was located at the bottom of the driveway to assist in pumping water to the scene. Hinesburg and Shelburne tankers set up a portable pond in the event additional water was needed. Hinesburg cleared the scene around 4:00 a.m.

Around 4:30 p.m. Shelburne dispatch received a call for a rekindle. At the request of Charlotte Fire, Hinesburg Engine 3, our mini pumper, responded to the scene. Due to road and driveways conditions from the snow storm, Engine 3 was used to go to the scene. Foam was then applied to the debris to prevent further rekindles.

One Person Injured in Motor Vehicle Crash

The evening of January 7 was busy. Shortly after crews returned from Charlotte and left the station, a call was received for a motor vehicle crash on Pond Road near Place Road East. Due to a medical condition, the driver lost control of his vehicle as he was traveling south on Pond Rd by Pond Brook Rd. The driver hit several trees and left the road into a field. The vehicle continued back onto Pond Rd finally coming to a stop by Place Rd E. The driver was extricated from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life, back boarded and transported to the hospital by St Michael's.

Welcome New Members

Hinesburg Fire Dept is always looking for volunteers interesting in fire and/or EMS. Interested persons complete an application and meet with the membership committee. The applicant is granted a three month temporary membership. This gives the person a chance to meet members, attend trainings and find out what fire fighting or emergency medical services is all about.

At the end of three months, the application is brought before the full membership for a vote. At our January business meeting, Terry Lynn Savage and Chris Bataille became our newest members.

Are you interested in joining the Fire Department as a Fire Fighter and/or EMT? Would you like to learn more about

volunteering? Email us at info@hinesburgfd.org or stop by the station. We train every Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting and Elections

Each January, the Hinesburg Firefighters Association holds its annual meeting and election of association and department officers, with the exception of Fire Chief who is appointed by the Select Board. The association holds a discussion and vote of confidence for our Chief. We would like to thank Chief Al Barber for his years of service and the many hours he puts in as Chief of the Hinesburg Fire Dept.

The new association officers are:

President	Jon Wainer
Vice Pres.	Jim Silvia
Secretary	John Lyman
Treasurer	Brad Wainer

The fire officers are:

Chief	Al Barber
First Asst Chief	Brad Wainer
Second Asst Chief	Rich Armstrong
Asst Medical Chief	Jim Silvia
Captain	Jon Wainer
First Lieutenant	Randy Thompson
Second Lieutenant	Jeremy Steele
Medical Lieutenant	Frank Koss



HBPA Launches Free Job Search and Posting Service

By Jean Isham, HBPA

In the fall of 2007, the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association added to its web site space for Hinesburg area businesses to post employment openings and for Hinesburg area residents to post requests and/or resumes when seeking jobs. The service is free of charge to members and non-members. The Association would like to encourage area businesses and job seekers to use the site. Expanded usage will enhance the value of the site to the community.

To access this service simply go to the HBPA web site, hinesburgbusiness.com, and click on the appropriate option: *Seek A Job*; *Post A Job*; *Search Resumes*; *Post Resume*. We think you will find the application easy to use. If you do not have ready access to a computer, computers are available for the public's use at the Carpenter Carse Library. If you have any questions about this site or its use, contact Robert Stahl at bstahl2@gmail.com or at 482- 3137.

Along with this addition, the HBPA web site was retooled and updated by Keyworth Graphics. All member businesses are listed with information about the services the businesses offer and contact information. When looking for a particular type of business or service, HBPA suggests checking its web site first—another great way to “shop local”.

Are you a local business or service provider and not yet a member of HBPA? For membership information, you can access the web site and click on “membership” or contact Michael Junga at 802-482-4250 or by email at hinesburgfinancial@gmavt.net.

Delivery Business to Serve Hinesburg Area

Gary Riggs of Huntington has started a new business that he says will be of benefit to Hinesburg residents.

Personal Delivery Services is a delivery/errand service that will pick up and deliver items such as prescriptions, dry cleaning or virtually anything else that you may need, directly to your home or office.

He will begin services on weekday mornings from the South Burlington and Williston business districts. He will also make home to home deliveries when needed. All requests will

be considered.

Gary says that he will mainly focus on serving residents and businesses in the towns of Hinesburg, Huntington, and Richmond, and that he will offer a senior citizen discount.

He can be reached via cell phone (802) 310-5936, E-mail at pds199@yahoo.com, or contact information can be left on his web site, www.pds199.com.

Allison Ploof Named Director of After School Program at Hinesburg Blue Wave Taekwondo

By Jean Isham, HBPA

Last September Allison Ploof became the Director of the After-School Program at Hinesburg Blue Wave Taekwondo. She describes her position as a very rewarding and upbeat job. “The children are all so special and it's a joy to watch them grow and work towards their goals. I believe each one of them has benefited from being in our program.”

This program is very different from other after school programs. The school bus drops the children at the program's location in the Village Center on Mechanicsville Road. The children start the afternoon doing their homework with, as needed, Allison's able assistance. After completing their homework, the children participate in other activities such as crafts and productive games. The next phase is the Taekwondo classes taught by the founder of the program, Peter Monty. Allison described Taekwondo as a beautiful art form and as the students learn you can see their confidence grow. The program emphasizes respect, learning responsibility and feeds the students' self-confidence. Allison said “we are teaching the children so much but they just think they are having fun.”



Allison Ploof

Allison offered as an example her son, Nolan, who turned four last October. A very shy child, he started taking Taekwondo lessons last September and recently completed his first testing. He passed with flying colors, obtaining his first belt, white with a yellow stripe. This is an impressive accomplishment. Allison said “it literally brought tears to my eyes. He was so confident and proud.”

Allison said that the way the world is today it's very important to have children enrolled in positive activities. What could be better than having your children in a program that not only helps with school work, but teaches a beautiful art form with so many benefits?

Families that participate in the after-school program also receive free use of the gym.

Yes, Hinesburg Has a Gym

Located next to the Taekwondo facility in the Village Center, the gym is equipped with all of the popular equipment for cardio workouts such as treadmills, ellipticals and rowers. In addition, there is a full range of strength training equipment, including the universal gym. Members are provided a key for easy access at their convenience. This service is definitely a plus for Hinesburg residents, eliminating the need to drive to another town to access a gym.

In addition, Taekwondo classes are offered for adults and children of any age that are not participants in the after school *(Continued on the next page.)*

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program. Classes take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Participants in the evening classes also receive free use of the gym.

Allison brings to her position over ten years experience in nursing and, since the birth of her son, experience operating an in-home day care. Allison, her husband, Ronald Ploof, and their son, Nolan, live in Hinesburg. Ronald is an employee of North Country Mechanical Insulators. Allison is delighted with the opportunity to work in Hinesburg where, in good weather, she can walk to work.

For more information about the after school program, Taekwondo lessons or the gym, contact Allison at 482-3899 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, leave a message at this number for either Allison or Peter Monty, or e-mail Peter at pmonty@bluewaetkd.com

Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour in Huntington

For a quick cure to those “Mud Season Blues”, join your neighbors and friends for sweet treats during Huntington’s Annual Sugar Makers’ Tour. On Saturday March 28, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., many Huntington sugar making operations will be open to the public. Sugar makers from one end of town to the other will be boiling that day (weather permitting) and invite people to check out their facilities, sample this year’s crop, enjoy sweet treats and purchase a variety of delicious maple products. Maps with directions to participating sugar makers will be available after March 4th at local stores. Or contact Tim Taft at 434-3269 for more information.

The tour is sponsored by the Huntington Conservation Commission. It is intended to raise awareness and appreciation for local agricultural enterprises in Huntington. The approximate 30,000 taps in Huntington are found in a mix of retail and private operations ranging in size from 120 taps to 12,000 taps.

- Did you know the following maple facts?
- Vermont sugar makers produce an estimated 375,000-400,000 gallons of syrup each year.
 - Vermont is home to an estimated 2,200 sugar makers.
 - There are an estimated 2 million taps in Vermont.
 - Vermont sugar making contributes more than \$110 million to the state.

HBPAs Announces Completion of Community Map Project

Jeanne Wilson

Did you ever wonder where Economou Road is? Or, what are the hours of the CSWD Drop-Off Center? Where is Geprags Park, and how do you reach the Fire Warden for a Burn Permit? The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) proudly announces the completion of its Community Map project. The 17” by 22” map, which is available for free at various locations around Hinesburg, is intended to be a resource for community members. It features a large street map of the entire town, as well as inserts of the village area, the Sunset Lake area and the Buck Hill East area. A separate insert denotes public places in Hinesburg, such as the Post Office, Carpenter Carse Library, Hinesburg Community School and CSWD Drop-Off Center. An information page provides valuable information, such as the telephone number and hours of the Carpenter Carse Library, contact information for various municipal offices, and the telephone number and hours for the Post Office.

This map entailed much effort and input from various HBPA members, most notably, John Mace of Times Sign, who did all the layout work, and Jon Cunningham and his staff at MinuteMan Press, where the map printing was completed. Maps are available at the Hinesburg Town Hall, Carpenter Carse Library, Hinesburg Community School, Green Mountain Access Office, Palmer Insurance Agency, National Bank of Middlebury and Merchants Bank.

For more information about the HBPA, visit the website at www.hinesburgbusiness.com.



HBPA Members display the newly released Community Map. Pictured are (from left to right): Walter Hausermann of Hausermann Insurance Agency, Jean Isham of Midway Decorating, Tom Mathews of Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom, Hinesburg Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson, Randy Warren of R&M Mechanical and Linda Sweeney of Palmer Insurance Agency.



By Jennifer McCuin

The days are getting a little longer, the sun is getting a little brighter...it’s time to register for Spring Sports: Tee Ball, Farm League, and Lacrosse. There is plenty of winter left, but isn’t it nice to think of spring and all the activities it will bring? Lots of planning goes into a six-week Spring Sport season, so prompt registration is much appreciated. Coaches, equipment, and field schedules are all arranged when there’s snow on the ground. If you’re headed south for February break, enjoy your vacation and some warmer temperatures. In early March, there are still two Sundays left for discounted Smuggler’s Notch lift tickets, so take advantage of the snow and bargain prices - \$13 for youth and \$25 for adult lift tickets. Enjoy the snow...but keep thinking spring!

Registration

To register for the following *2009 Spring Sports, Recreation Activities*, or one of our many *Classes*, please contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691 or e-mail us at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

2009 Spring Sports Tentative Schedule

Spring Sports start the week of April 27 and run through June 5.

Please note our schedules are subject to change due to coaches’ availability and enrollment. Final practice times and locations will be e-mailed to you prior to the start of each sport. Please contact the Recreation Office at 482-4691 or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net with any questions.

Lacrosse at Lyman Park and CCS (Charlotte Central School)

Co-ed Kindergarten, first, and second grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays at one of Champlain Valley Union’s upper fields from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Boys grades three and four on Mondays (CCS) and Wednesdays (Lyman) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Girls grades three and four: days and locations to be announced.

Boys grades five and six on Mondays (Lyman) and Wednesdays (CCS) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Girls grades five and six: days and locations to be announced.

Boys grades seven and eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Girls grades seven and eight on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tee Ball

Kindergarten and first grade on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. CVU Upper Field.

Farm League Baseball

Grades two and three, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hinesburg Community School.

Spring Sport Fees

Tee Ball costs \$20 by March 27, \$25 thereafter.

Farm League is \$20 by March 27, \$25 thereafter.

Co-ed Lacrosse, grades Kindergarten, one, and two, \$20 by March 27, \$25 after March 27.

Girls Lacrosse, grades three and four, grades five and six, grades seven and eight, \$30 by March 27 and \$40 when paid after March 27.

Boys Lacrosse, grades three and four, grades five and six, grades seven and eight, costs \$55 and includes U.S. Lacrosse membership. The deadline for fees is March 27.

Recreation Activities

Smuggler’s Notch Discounted Lift Tickets

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler’s Notch Resort on the first two Sundays in March.

When: March 1 and 8.

Cost for Youth (ages six to 17): Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$13 each.

Cost for Adult: Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$25 each.

Register and pay through Hinesburg Recreation Department by Thursday at noon for each skiing Sunday. Lesson time is noon, unless otherwise noted. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. Equipment renters must complete rental forms available on the table outside the Recreation Department (or forms can be e-mailed to you). On Sunday, meet the Hinesburg Group Leader between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in Bella Riggo Pizza Shop in the Village Center. Look for the “Hinesburg Recreation” sign to pick up your lift tickets.

Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim and play with your family in a heated indoor pool.

Who: Hinesburg residents

When: March 29

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for a family of four.

Please sign up at the Hinesburg Recreation Department by Friday at noon and pay at the Sports and Fitness Edge.

Tiny Tots Creative Yoga Movement with Sylvia Kabusk

“Swim like a dolphin! Dance like a snowflake! This class is a joyful approach to teaching children about themselves, each other, and the universe in which they live. These fun and engaging classes weave together yoga, creative movement, and cooperative activities. Songs and stories help promote children’s self-confidence, self-expression, mutual self-respect and support for one another. Children experience the joy of being in their body, connecting with their breath, and they learn to celebrate their individuality and uniqueness!

Who: Children ages three to five years

Where: Town Hall

When: Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Cost: \$50 for six classes

“Hatha Yoga” with Sylvia Kabusk

This class follows a slow and relaxing pace. You will experience yoga postures seated, standing and reclining on your mat. Many postures will be reinforced with uplifting affirmation or visualization. Props (blocks, ties) will be used to cultivate sound alignment and ease. With repetition, yoga affects how you move through life! Beginners are welcome! Please bring a mat to class. Sylvia Kabusk, a certified “Hatha Yoga” teacher, instructs this class.

When: Tuesdays

Session 2: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7.

Session 3: April 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2.

Where: Hinesburg Town Hall

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Cost: \$55 for 6 classes

Classes

Driver Education

Kevin Browne offers this essential class for students pursuing their drivers’ licenses. This class is for those who already possess learners’ permits. Classroom instruction takes place in the First Floor Classroom in Town Hall. Driving time will be scheduled outside of classroom hours. Kevin provides the option to test for the driving exam. He can be contacted to arrange for the exam. For questions regarding the class, please contact Kevin Browne at 775-6819 or kmb1159@verizon.net.

Where: First floor classroom in Town Hall

When: March 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31; April 2, 6, 7, 9

Time: 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Cost: \$625

Please make checks payable to Kevin Browne. Payment

is due by February 6, 2009.
After dismissal from CVU, students may ride a bus from CVU to Town Hall.

AARP Driver Safety Class

The Hinesburg Recreation Department sponsors this class. Students learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Through interacting with one another, students learn ways to safely adjust their driving techniques that compensate for age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. There are no tests...just supportive information. Many insurance companies offer discounted premiums when people take this course. For questions, or if you want to register, contact the Recreation Department at 482-4691.

Who: People 50 years and older
Where: First floor conference room in Town Hall
When: April 13 and 14
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 payable to AARP.

Young Rembrandts
Cartooning Classes

Join “Young Rembrandts”, a fine arts enrichment program, and learn how to draw cartoons while developing fine motor skills, concentration, confidence, and creativity! In our cartooning class, you will draw several themed cartoons each week in a fun, age-appropriate setting. We will create silly characters, funny

expressions, and drawing sequences that tell jokes.
The cartooning lessons will teach you how to create your own cartoon characters, draw action, movement and sound, draw expressions and convey moods. This program combines Young Rembrandts’ innovative step-by-step drawing method with light-hearted subject matter that will engage your sense of humor and vivid imagination. Dry media are used (pencil, sharpies & markers). We provide all supplies. Come join us!
Who: Children ages six to 12 years
When: April 2, 9 (1/2 day at HCS - 11:30-12:30), 16, 30; May 7, 12, 21, 28
Where: Art Room at Hinesburg Community School
Time: 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Cost: \$75

Martial Arts with Instructor
Tye Tonkin

This program offers students an opportunity to learn real self-defense skills, while getting into the best physical shape of their lives! Learn the fundamentals of Kickboxing, Classical Chinese Kung Fu, Tai Chi, Chin Na, and more. A great class for students of all ages and skill levels...anyone can do it!
When: Thursday evenings
Session 3: March 5, 12, 19, and 26.
Where: Hinesburg Town Hall
Time: 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Cost: \$65 per session



Help Name the New Town Forest

By Lenore Budd

One of the tasks of the committee that is developing the management plan for the new town forest is to recommend to the Select Board a name for the forest. To make sure that we have heard all the good ideas that are out there, the committee is seeking citizens’ input during the upcoming Town Meeting. Please be on the lookout for new town forest naming “ballots” in the lobby at CVU on Monday evening March 2, and at the Town Offices on Tuesday, March 3.

The names under consideration for the 300-acre parcel of conserved, town-owned land, located west of Gilman Road are:

LaPlatte River Town Forest - One of the primary reasons this land was conserved is to restore and protect water

quality in the LaPlatte River.
LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest – Several of the tributary streams that form the LaPlatte originate within the new town forest.
Stone Pipe River Town Forest - Stone Pipe River is a translation of “Senipo-ganizbo,” the Abenaki name for the LaPlatte River.
Bissonette Town Forest – Wayne and Barbara Bissonette are the previous owners of the land that has become the new town forest.

You will also be able to write in your own suggestion. Please be creative and thoughtful. Thank you.



Chittenden County Forester Mike Snyder demonstrated how to determine tree age during an educational walk in the new town forest this past October.



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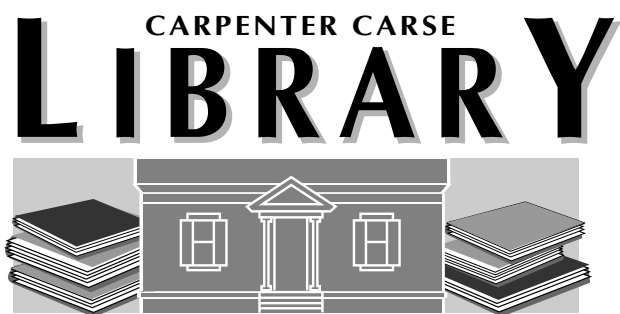
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Address: P. O. Box 127, 69 Ballards Corner Road, Hinesburg 05461
Web Site: <http://www.carpentercarse.org>
E-mail: carpentercarslibrary@gmavt.net

We Deliver

Free delivery of materials is available to Hinesburg residents who find travel or physical access to the library building difficult. The library also circulates books and tapes to seniors on the third Friday of each month at the Seniors Meal Site in the Osborne Hall behind the United Church of Hinesburg.

Trustee Meetings

Carpenter-Carse Board of Trustees meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise warned. All meetings are held at the library at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Ongoing Library Programs

Storytimes for Toddlers

Join Tom at 9:00 a.m. on upcoming Tuesdays: March 3 and March 17 for books, songs and stories especially for children up to three years of age. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Storytimes for Preschoolers

Preschoolers aged three to five can drop by the library every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. for stories, songs and games with Tom.

Book Discussion Group

Avid readers may join our library’s book discussion group, which meets monthly in readers’ homes. The next discussion will be on Thursday, March 19. The featured title is *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Earla Sue McNaull at 482-3347 for location and other information. Please note that the group does *not* meet at the library as a rule.



YA Book Group

On Thursday, March 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. catch a movie, relax with your friends, preview the latest Young Adult titles, and try out the YA’s new Wii video games. Refreshments are served, and new members are always welcome. Call Tom at 482-2878 for more info. And be sure to check out the YA Web Page at www.carpentercarse.org.

YA Movie Night at the Library

Movie nights are back at Carpenter-Carse. Come to the library on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a great flick. Watch for titles, but mark your calendars now.

Hinesburg Pickin’ Party

On Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of music and fun. Stop in and play or just listen. Recommended for teens through adults. For more information call Tom Stamp at 482-2878.

Special Programs

Board Game Afternoon

Get out of Sequence and Scrabble on down to the library because you are invited to come and play your favorite games such as Trouble, Sorry, Life, Boggle and Uno. The fun and games for ages five and up are planned for 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Refreshments will be provided. Please register by calling the library at 482-2878 or stop in to sign up.

Cozy up for February and March Pajama Storytimes

Children age three and up are invited to Pajama Storytimes with Janet on Tuesdays, February 24 and March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Put on your PJ’s, bring a special “bedtime friend” and come to the library for stories, songs, a craft and refreshments. Pre-registration by calling 482-2878 is requested but not required.

On Friday, March 6 throw on your jammies and warm up at the library with cocoa and cookies. Join Tom at 6:30 p.m. for a whole lot of family fun. See you there!

A Night of A Cappella

A cappella group Maple Jam offers a mid-winter musical reprieve at the Carpenter-Carse Library on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. The group’s repertoire includes jazz standards, pop tunes and original works by The Real Group, The Swingle Singers and the Beatles, among others, in exquisite close harmony arrangements.

Maple Jam is comprised of Deb Farnham, Karen Chickering, Judy Rosenbaum, Vikki Day, Clara Cavitt, Maarten van Ryckevorsel, Jay Banta and Jose Schmidt.

This event is free and refreshments will be served. Donations are appreciated. Call 482-2878 for information.

March Quilting Class

Talented instructor Sue McGuire will guide us in creating a quilting project during the month of March. Join us for this fun, free class designed for beginners. Quilters must have a sewing machine and purchase their own materials. Sessions will be held at the library on Monday afternoons, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. over a four week period starting March 9. Please call the library to register at 482-2878.

Recent Acquisitions

Adult Fiction:

- Corrigan, Kelly, *The Middle Place*
- Fishburne, Rodes, *Going to See the Elephant: a novel*
- Huston, Charlie, *The Mystic Arts of Erasing All Signs of Death: a novel*
- Jacobs, Kate, *Knit Two* [regular and LARGE PRINT]
- Johansen, Iris, *Quicksand*
- McCall Smith, Alexander, *The World According to Bertie: the new 44 Scotland Street novel* [LARGE PRINT]
- Scottoline, Lisa, *Daddy’s Girl* [LARGE PRINT]
- White, Patrick, *Voss*

Adult Nonfiction:

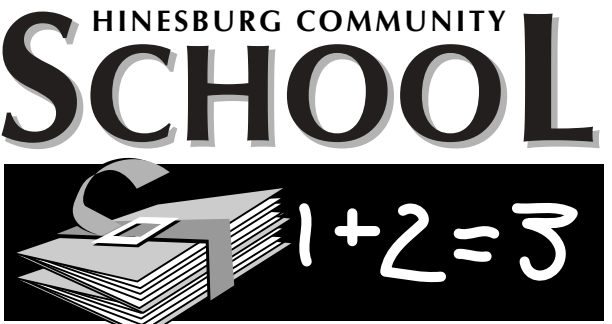
- Emanuel, Rahm, *The Plan: Big ideas for change in America*
- Garavaglia, Jan (“Dr. G”) *How Not to Die: Surprising lessons.*
- Herlihy, David V., *Bicycle*
- Sheldon, Lisa A., *Olive Oil Baking: Heart-healthy recipes*
- Snow, Dan, *Listening to Stone*

On Order:

- Aiken, Joan, *Jane Fairfax: the secret story...*
 - Aiken, Joan, *Mansfield Park Revisited*
 - Bittman, Mark, *Food Matters*
 - Curiol, Celine, *The Voice Over*
 - Cussler, Clive, *Arctic Drift*
 - Galloway, Steven, *The Cellist of Sarajevo*
 - Gosh, Amitav, *Sea of Poppies*
 - Kallos, Stephanie, *Sing Them Home*
 - Kerner, Ian and Heidi Raykeil, *Love in the Time of Colic: the new parents guide...*
 - Kinzer, Stephen, *A Thousand Hills: Rwanda’s rebirth and the man who dreamed it*
 - Lee, Janice, *The Piano Teacher*
 - Leerhsen, Charles, *Crazy Good: the true story of Dan Patch, the most famous horse in America*
 - Nafisi, Azar, *Things I’ve Been Silent About*
 - O’Neill, Joseph, *Netherland*
 - Patterson, Richard North, *Eclipse*
 - Rocco, Ellen, editor, *Stories, Food, Life from North Country Public Radio*
- *Check out our website for listings of new children’s and young adult selections.**

Quotation of the Month

“I have learned not to worry about love; but to honor its coming with all of my heart.”
- Alice Walker



Compiled by Jen Bradford

8th-Grader Honored in Essay Contest

Congratulations to Drew Cooper who earned third place in the VT Campaign to End Childhood Hunger Essay Contest. Competing against middle school and high school students from Heartworks Renaissance School, Hinesburg Community School and South Burlington High School, Drew was awarded his prize at the New England Culinary Institute’s Winter Festival.



Drew Cooper, an 8th grader at HCS, is pictured here with Marissa Parisi, Executive Director of the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.

The contest’s purpose is to raise awareness about hunger in Vermont—which affects over 19,000 Vermont children each year. Drew’s essay contained powerful and reflective statements that demonstrated his understanding and empathy for this growing problem in Vermont. Congratulations, Drew! Drew’s winning essay appears below.

Why are school meals so important to Vermont kids?

By Drew M. Cooper

School can be quite stressful for some kids. Tests, homework, and just everyday pressures begin to eat away at all of us, but imagine doing it on an empty stomach. Food is what keeps people going during the day. It gives us nutrients so we’re healthy, energy so we can work, and helps wake us up so we’re ready to go. For students that can’t get a meal in during the day, school breakfast and lunch is very important to them. It’s hard to focus on schoolwork when hunger is #1 on your list, and everyone wants to succeed and get good grades, so getting food is a high priority for most kids. Most students at this age are hungry most of the times anyways because of simple growth, but some children are hungry daily because of their family’s financial situation.

Some students suffer even more from hunger because they are hungry on a daily basis. On a regular basis these kids can't concentrate on work because they are always hungry. It makes learning harder for them and as a result will be behind their classmates and not have many future opportunities. It obliterates their chances for a good career; ergo they will most likely make less money than if they were able to focus on school. In short, it's a domino effect; Vermont kids depend on school breakfast and lunch so they can get the most out of their education.

I myself have also been affected by hunger during school. There are some days where school just takes a backseat to what I need. But on those days where I get in a healthy breakfast before school everything feels much better and I can focus much better on my work. Just a little food before I begin school work really helps throughout the day. The children that don't get enough food to keep them going through the day suffer, as do their learning opportunities. Vermont kids need school breakfast and lunch because if they don't, their school careers are damaged.

HCS Students Stock Food Shelf



Eighth grade student council members deliver over 2,300 items of food to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. The food, as well as \$563, was collected as part of HCS' Holiday food drive last December. We were especially impressed with and thankful for people's incredible generosity during these hard financial times. Thank you to all of our families and students.

Boys' "A" Team Takes Tourney

The boys' A basketball team of Hinesburg Community School won the Middlebury Middle School Basketball Tournament on Saturday January 24.



The boys' A Basketball team took the top spot in the Middlebury Tournament.

This four team tournament included Middlebury, Vergennes, Mt. Abe and Hinesburg. In the first game, Hinesburg played Mt. Abe. A balanced scoring attack and great team defense helped the team easily beat Mt. Abe and move onto the finals.

In the finals, the Hinesburg boys faced host Middlebury. Once again, the boys played outstanding team defense. They went into the locker room at half time leading by ten points. In the end, the boys secured a 14 point victory.

The Hinesburg Boy's "A" Team is made up of the following 8th-grade boys: Ryan Beaudry, Otis Millstone, Thomas Keller, Brad Bissonette, Scott Bissonette, Jack Gingras, Sam Foutz, Jaden Kramer-Melnick, Drew Cooper, Cade Knudson, Adam Dunkling, Artie Loftus, and Anthony Gaynon. The team is coached by Paul Lasher.

Students Play in District III Music Festival

Fifteen HCS Middle School students were honored as participants at the two-day District III Music Festival in January. HCS Music teachers Cindy Fay and Jessica Raymond taught the students the audition pieces and helped them to prepare.

Over 400 students from all over Chittenden County participated in the festival. They rehearsed all day Friday and Saturday morning, with the final concert being held on Saturday afternoon. The students played for the largest audience they have seen to date.

Band Members

Connor Billen
Thomas Clayton
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Charlotte Mills
Aiden Shumway

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Colin Snyder

Chorus Members

Alessandra Brainard
Alexis Daggett
Laurel Hubbert-Severance
Lauren Kelley
Kyla Leary
Emily Provost
Mary Washburn
Allison Zengilowski

Cafeteria Tidbits from HCS

By Deb Bissonette

The Hinesburg Cafeteria has begun offering a Fresh-made Sandwich line, where all sandwiches will be made fresh to order. We will also be offering a Featured sandwich of the week, every week.

Please take a minute and look at some new items we will be offering for the month of February. The cost of lunch is \$2.50. It's still a great meal deal, as included in the offering is a choice of fruit, a choice of veggie, a choice of drink (milk or 100% juice), and the hot item of the day.

Please stop by, e-mail or call me to find out about your cafeteria balance. Also, our new cafeteria system will be up and running by March. More information will follow.

The staff and I wish everyone a wonderful New Year.

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HCS Kindergarten Multicultural Performance Photos

(Continued from the front page.)

RIGHT:
Julia Bake, a.k.a. Koala Lou, practices her climbing
for the Bush Olympics! Mrs. Lasher's kindergarten
class learned about Australia and performed the
book, Koala Lou, by Mem Fox.



BELOW:
Mrs. Branch's kindergarten class performs "The
Rolling Rice Cakes," a traditional Japanese
children's tale.



ABOVE: Mrs. Johnsons' kindergarten class performed "The Magic Teakettle," a traditional Japanese children's tale about a clever badger named Bumbuku!

Hinesburg Nursery School



News from the Hinesburg Nursery School

"Hinesburg Dines Out" Returns March 12

Hinesburg Nursery School kicked off 2009 learning about animals in winter and the adaptations both animals and humans make for the winter. Our students learned about winter coats, food storage, finding a warm place to live and animal tracks. We studied some of the stories by Jan Brett, one of the nation's foremost author illustrators of children's books.

Reading and acting out animal stories spurred a wave of creativity both at the arts & crafts table and in imaginative play. At home, my daughter has asked me to draw horses, deer, hedgehogs and mice...over and over and over. And at meal times, she finds it hilarious to pretend to be a cat. Will dinnertime ever be the same again? Our students are also spending a lot of time with letter recognition at circle time. I enjoy looking at my daughter's journal at school. I can tell from her artwork exactly what she is learning about during the day: the world of ABC's meets Wild Kingdom.

Our annual Hinesburg Dines Out is happening again on Thursday, March 12 with the generous support of some local restaurants: Good Times Café, Koval's and Papa Nick's. Dine at any or all of these participating restaurants on Thursday, March 12 and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Hinesburg Nursery School. For more information on events and our school visit us online at www.hinesburgnurseryschool.com.

Annette's Playschool

The infants are excited to welcome two new additions to their cozy classroom. Some of them are starting to crawl, walk and roll over. As always, they are trying to use baby signs to help with communication and are looking forward to 2009!

The children in the One's Room have been introduced to the colors yellow, blue and white and have also been learning about the shapes circles and stars. They have done art, cooking, and texture projects to help reinforce these ideas. The children are also learning some words, such as No, Mine, Stop, Down, Out and Bye. Wednesday mornings they have been doing Sensory which includes snow, sand, oatmeal, water, etc.

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The Two's Room spent December with a focus on winter - decorating snowflakes, painting with ice cubes, making their own ice cream and also focusing on the different celebrations occurring in the month of December by learning about Kwanzaa, painting dreidels, and decorating their Christmas tree.

The three and four year olds also spent December talking about the three major holidays celebrated around the world - playing the dreidel game, making potato latkes, weaving place mats for Kwanzaa and making Christmas ornaments. January was spent going through the alphabet, learning letters and writing them.

The Four and Five Year Olds' Room spent the beginning of December discussing preparations by animals for the long winter coming, talking about hibernation, camouflaging and migration. They then moved on to December holidays and the celebration of different cultures around the world. Their classroom was host to the monthly sleepover, which was Christmas-themed and included a 12-foot Christmas tree and a visit from Santa!

The After School Program has filled its days with outdoor games, holiday arts and crafts, and lots of sledding both. The Homework Club gives the school-agers a quiet and resourceful area to complete homework and read quietly. The Big/Little Friend Program has given the school-agers an opportunity to be big friends to the children at Annette's Preschool; they play and read to the younger children, and have proved to be amazing role models! December was the first ever schoolage sleepover and everyone had a blast making pizza, sledding late at night, making holiday crafts, sipping hot cocoa and sharing lots of laughter.

New GED Testing Site Open in Vergennes

A new testing site for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) opened January 15 at the Northlands Job Corps Center, located in Vergennes. This service is open not only to the Job Corps enrollees, but also to the members of the community.

The GED is a Federal Test and Certificate that is valid throughout the United States. It verifies that a student has the general knowledge to compete at a high school completion level. Tests cover five different areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading and Writing. The higher the combined score on all tests achieved by the student, the greater their opportunities and marketability to employers, the military or colleges.

GED testing will occur every Thursday in the testing center at Northlands. Community members who take the GED test at the Northlands Job Corps Center will receive their results in the mail from the Vermont Department of Education. Interested community members should register for the test by calling Bruce Rose at (802) 877-0303. Any questions or inquiries about the Northlands Job Corps in general can be directed to Ivana Lawrence at (802) 877-0158, or via e-mail at lawrence.ivana@jobcorps.org.



Catholic Schools Week kicked off at Mater Christi School, where Brent Chatoft of Hinesburg was awarded a Certificate of Merit as nominee for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award (third from left).



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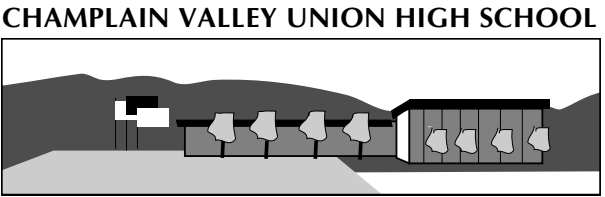
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CVU Fashion Show

Hinesburg residents Tom Eddy, Evan Morehouse, Katelin Emerson and Dallas Dodd participated in Pam Lord's Clothing Construction Fashion Show January 21 in the CVU auditorium. The show was their exam.



Tom Eddy created a dress for KK Logan to model.



Katelin Emerson



Dallas Dodd

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The Viking Voice

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In this issue of *The Viking Voice*, we are truly representing our K-8 school. You'll hear from our youngest students and from our 7th and 8th graders in middle school. We also see how some of Angela Galyean's fifth and sixth graders adapted the style of Shakespeare into their own original poetry.

Enjoy!

A Note from Mrs. Lasher:
Some students my Kindergarten class extended their Australian studies by researching the Great Barrier Reef. Here are the wonderful reports they wrote!

Coral Reef

By Julia Baker

Coral is an animal.
Coral is beautiful.
Some coral is green.
The coral is soft.

Reefs

By Delaney Ayer

A reef is lots of coral.
It is big.
It is a house.
The Great Barrier Reef is the biggest.

Coral

By Rose Gladstone

Coral is an animal.
Coral looks like brains, fans, and horns.
It is any color.

Websites Open Doors for Young Writers

By Autumn Eastman and Mackenzie Tobrocke, Grade 7

The opportunity which the Young Writers Project has provided to HCS students has changed the way students use their writing skills and abilities. Young Writers Project has also provided a website for the Infinity Team of HCS which allows the Infinity Team students and teachers to free write and express their opinions and ability in writing privately. The teachers of the Infinity team have access to posting assignments and free write topics. Students on the Infinity Team are also allowed to comment and give other students what's called a "1+1" comment. You give the author of the writing one piece of positive feedback and then give them one thing they could improve on.

"The fact that we get to comment and assist other students on writing is the highlight for me on Young Writers Project," said Tanika Gabaree, one of the students on the Infinity Team.

Another student named Haylee Gillette on the Infinity team expressed her opinion about Young Writers Project saying that one of the best parts about the Young Writers Project website that Geoffrey Gevalt (director of Young Writers Project) created for is the freedom of where you can write whatever you want to write and not be judged critically or harshly on it.

Usually the best part about Young Writers Project that most students seem to like the most is being able to keep in contact with other students through fundamental writing with or without their writing. Our HCS website is very much associated with the official Young Writers Project website (www.youngwritersproject.org). Both websites are capable of posting writing, commenting on other peoples work, but the Young Writers Project that Geoffrey Gevalt made for us is made so that other people from around the world are not capable of seeing or commenting on the Infinity team's work. The official Young Writers Project website is a nationwide website where people from around the world can comment and post blogs for you to see and comment on.

Both Young Writers Project websites are designed to bring out the creativity in students. They are also designed

for students to critique other students and to help each other become better writers together as a team, but at the same time have fun writing.

Everyone thinks that Young Writers Project is a wonderful site, but there's always room for improvement. One of the things many people seem to think needs to be added to the Young Writers Project was being able to look up a person's name or screen name and find all of the writing that they have done. This program has allowed students to connect with each other and express their feelings in many different ways. It also allows students to express themselves through writing in stead of verbally. Thanks to



Students in Barb Spaulding's 7-8 classes work regularly on their own Young Writer's Project blog.

Barb Spaulding and Geoffrey Gevalt for giving kids the opportunity to post their writing on websites and for making opportunities and alley ways open to students across Vermont.

***Note:** The Following three pieces were created as part of Barb Spaulding and the Infinity team's Young Writers' Project ...*

Listen...

By Kyla Leary, Grade 8

Open your eyes and what do you see?
I see kids of different color, race, religion, and personality.
Open your eyes and what do you see?
I see detail, destruction, poverty, and death.
Listen and what do you hear?
I hear a cry for help from little children and their mothers.
Open your eyes and what do you see?
I see no one helping.

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Listen

By Thomas Clayton, Grade 7

Listen!
Listen to the splash of rain
Listen to the sound of snow
Listen to the ice
Just Listen

Listen to the sounds
Listen to everything
Listen and you will hear
Just Listen

Close your eyes
Open your ears
What can you hear
Just Listen

In the meadow crickets chirp
On the pond frogs croak
In the yard yelling children
Just Listen

Listen to the ice,
as it begins to harden
Listen to the shovel in the snow
Listen to the water plop
Just Listen

Close your eyes
Open your ears
What can you hear?
Just listen

Listen to the children play
Listen as the people walk
Listen the timer ding
Just Listen

Listen to the teacher talk
Listen to the pencil move
Listen to the computer hum
Just Listen

Listen and you will hear
That is what I have to say
Listen to everything
Just Listen

Dear President Obama

By Haylee Gillette, Grade 7

I'm glad that you got elected as our 44th President and that you are the first black President. That shows you any one can get elected. One reason I am writing to you is the Iraq war.

A lot of our soldiers are going to Iraq and not many are coming back. It seems like every day you turn on the TV and it tells you we lost more soldiers in Iraq. It's not fair--our soldiers are dying for our country, but it's not fair for their families. Please take this in consideration to stop the Iraq war so we don't have to lose any more soldiers.

Another thing I want to tell you is that I think it is pretty cool you are the President because you get to run the United States and you get to live in the White House, that is sweet. I would like to be you so I could live in the White House.

A Note from Ms. Galyean:

As a class we read "Over Hill, Over Dale" which is a section of William Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream. In this selection a fairy is discussing how he travels around at night and places all the dew on the grass and flowers. We decided to create little fairies of our own performing jobs. Some of these jobs are in nature and some involve a more modern twist. The kids had a lot of fun writing these and got very creative ...

The Car Runners

By Jed Morris

They are in your car day and night,
To run you forward, or pull you back,
They'll run you forward to a wonderful sight,
They'll even go on a racecar track,
He has helpers all around the world,
In Asia, in Europe, and even your Uncle Dord,
They all push your car with one little blast,
And they can get going really, really, fast,
They do not dare to be seen,
But they are very, very, keen,
There is only one in your car,
And they can run really far,
Do they get tired after a long run?
Or do you keep going having much fun?

The Lake Freezers

By Evelyn Needham

In the logs,
Washed up upon the beach,
Amongst the frogs,
When 9 p.m. comes the queen fairy lets out a screech
The screech means begin your job;
It reaches every corner of the bog;
Flying across the lakes
The fairies sprinkle dust until dawn breaks;
When their jobs are done,
The queen congratulates everyone,
"Our work today is complete!"
The lakes are as hard as concrete!"
The queen cried in her high pitched voice,
"The lakes are frozen, now we can rejoice!"

The Snow Fairy

By Robert Frost

They live in the trees
They have little machines on their backs
They bring the Rain down below 32 degrees
They are smaller then a tack
They turn the rain into snow
They fly high in the sky not low

To contact the students about their work in these pages ...

*please email the Viking Voice Coordinator,
Jen Bradford, at jbradford@hcsvt.org.*

They sometimes stay out all night long
And they never get it wrong
Their favorite fruit is an apricot
It always hits the spot
They make it snow on the houses
If they don't it will be drenched
Fairy, Fairy flying high
Fairy, Fairy in the sky

From Dusk to Dawn

By Cristin Lalumiere

On the moon,
Alarm clocks sing.
From July to June,
A fairy bounces like a spring.
From Dusk to Dawn,
The fairy is never gone.
If an alarm clock is dead,
There are batteries under the bed.
If the fairy was never there,
The earth would have some trouble because she doesn't have a pair.
The fairy has a big bag,
Which carries a wet rag,
It's for cleaning the moon's surface,
Which is the fairy's home base.

The Sunset Painters

By Amelia Gagliuso

It is sunset when they come out,
Fairies paint them everywhere,
They have splatters of paints on them, but they do not pout,
They cannot be seen, they do not dare.
They have huge wings to fly,
Up into the sky,
To paint a sunset,
They shall never forget.
We wouldn't have sunsets without them,
And the sky wouldn't be as pretty as a gem.
Lots of fairies help out,
After they paint, they have brussel sprouts,
Until the sun sets again,
They come and paint out of their den.

Fairy Poem

By Laura Carrara

The fairy that changes colors on the leaves,
Sits on the stem with her brush.
She leans over and paints with ease,
And so she doesn't mess up she won't rush.
Her colors include red, brown, orange, and yellow,
Some of them are very bright others are rather mellow.
She will only paint at nighttime.
She doesn't want to be seen!
If she is, she may let out a scream!
She will hide behind the freshly painted leaves,
And to not make a sound, she won't breathe.
But when they leave, she'll sigh.
She'll find another spot high in the sky.
She paints until the end of the night.
She'll stop when the sun's turning bright.



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Organizations

Fresh Air Fund

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The Fresh Air Fund’s Burlington, Vermont area committee is currently preparing for summer 2009 and eagerly awaiting the arrival of their New York City visitors. To ensure that this summer is special for Fresh Air children, The Fund is seeking volunteer members and host families to sign up now! Each summer, close to 5000 New York City children, ages six to 18, enjoy two week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and rural communities across 13 Northeastern states and Canada.

Local Fresh Air Fund volunteers recruit and interview host families, arrange travel and coordinate fun activities in their communities. As one host parent explains, “Hosting has inspired me to volunteer for The Fund in other capacities to help guarantee the program’s success in our area. My family has been so grateful for the relationship we have with our Fresh Air child!”

In 2009, The Fresh Air Fund celebrates its 133rd summer of bare feet, sandcastles and starry nights for children from some of New York City’s low-income communities. It only takes one conversation with a child to realize the impact of a Fresh Air experience. “We were on a walk, and I saw a wild snapping turtle! It was so cool because I don’t get to see many animals in the wild,” remembers eight-year-old Brittney of Queens.

For more information on how you can join your local Fresh Air volunteer team, call Karen Allen at 802-372-5324, or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003. You can also learn more about the Friendly Town program by visiting The Fund’s Web site at www.freshair.org

Hinesburg Food Shelf

Volunteers Needed for Expanding Hours

We are looking for three or four reliable volunteers to do some very rewarding community work. The hours are flexible. Daytime hours and one evening are available. Please call Kathleen Patten, Coordinator, Hinesburg Community Resource Center, 482-2716

Hinesburg Friends of Families

Parent Support Group Starting

Friends of Families will be sponsoring a seven-week parent support group on Mondays, March 23 through May 11. There will be no April 20 meeting since school will be closed. The meetings will be 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Wainer Room at Hinesburg Community School (HCS).

Patty Dunn will facilitate the group. Ms. Dunn is a mother of two and longtime resident of Hinesburg who is currently the Executive Director of Hospice Volunteer Services in Middlebury. She has over 15 years experience with hospice care, running support groups, implementing educational programs, and facilitating the Nurturing Program (a nationwide parent education program that supports the whole family). When asked to run our support group Ms. Dunn had this to say: “I am delighted to be asked to facilitate a parent support group in Hinesburg. None of us are experts, but most of us share a common desire to raise healthy, happy, capable children who will grow to be self-confident, self-reliant citizens with the capacity to contribute meaningfully to their own and others’ lives.”

Our group will focus on the needs and struggles of parents with younger children, preschool to early elementary (three to seven year olds). Free child care will be available. For questions or to request child care, please call Elly at 482-3460.

Clothes and Book Giveaway Returns

The fifth annual Children’s Clothes and Book Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m to noon at the Hinesburg Town Hall. Please start saving and sorting those out-grown clothes and books. This is a much anticipated event, one that brings out Hinesburg’s generous spirit. We will gladly take your donations of gently used, clean children’s clothes (size infant to 14) and children’s books on Friday, April 3 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. For more information or to volunteer, call Elly at 482-3460.

Welcome Baby Bags Available

If you have had a baby recently and know of someone who has, Friends of Families has a gift for you. Our Baby Bags are filled with resources for new parents and gifts from our community. It’s our way of welcoming our newest residents. To receive a bag, call Brandy at 482-6401 or stop by one of our playgroups on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Want to Volunteer?

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, fill a need, and feel connected. Friends of Families is always looking for people willing to help out with crafts at playgroup, child care for our parent programs, or other help that may be needed. We are currently in need of crafty people or groups interested in making gifts for our baby bags. Some ideas would be knitting baby hats, sewing bibs, silk screening onesies. Businesses willing to donate their products are also appreciated. If interested, please call Elly at 482-3460.

Health News

More Peanut Butter Products Included in Salmonella Outbreak

The Vermont Department of Health is urging Vermonters to be aware that the nationwide investigation of Salmonella contamination that is likely linked to peanut butter products has now expanded to include some pet foods. Major national brands of jarred peanut butter do not appear to be affected by the recall.

To date, there are 488 cases associated with the outbreak strain of Salmonella serotype Typhimurium in 43 states, including four cases in Vermont. Two of the Vermont cases were hospitalized and are recovering.

“The recall has expanded to include a few pet food products,” said Acting State Epidemiologist Patsy Kelso. “We

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wanted to inform the public and health care providers as quickly as possible as new information becomes available.” PetSmart, including the one Vermont store location in Williston, has voluntarily recalled “*Grreat Choice*” brand dog biscuits that contain pet food peanut paste produced by the Peanut Corporation of America.

Although Salmonella illness is not common in pets like cats and dogs, the bacteria can cause infection and put other animals or humans at risk. People who may have handled contaminated dog biscuits should wash their hands often and well.

For a list of peanut butter-containing products that may be affected visit the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyph.html#update>.

Symptoms of illness caused by eating food contaminated with *Salmonella* include headache, fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. *Salmonella* can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections for people with weakened immune systems or other underlying health conditions. Symptoms for those individuals can be more severe.

Vermonters who think they may be ill from eating the suspected peanut butter products should contact their doctor. If you are not ill but purchased recalled peanut butter products, dispose of them to avoid possible exposure.

Illness should be reported to the Health Department at (802) 863-7240 or (800) 640-4374 (Vermont only). For more information about Salmonella illness, go to www.healthvermont.gov.

Vermont Offers Free Radon Home Test Kits, Quit Smoking Help

The Vermont Department of Health has teamed up with the American Lung Association to educate Vermonters about the dangers of radon. After smoking, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Free home test kits are available, while supplies last.

Elevated levels of radon have been found in all types of homes in every area of Vermont. Radon is present at elevated levels in about 13 percent of Vermont homes. Houses can act like large chimneys, with warm air rising and escaping out upper floor windows and through cracks in the attic. This creates a vacuum at the lowest level of the house, which can pull the radon from soil into the house.

"Radon has no color, odor or taste, and unless you test for it, there is no way of knowing if the radioactive gas is in your home," said Health Commissioner Wendy Davis, MD. "The use of a long-term radon test kit is an easy way to find out."

If found, the problem can be fixed with proper venting techniques. The cost of having a certified professional properly ventilate a home can range from \$800 to \$2,500, depending on the home's characteristics.

For a free test kit, e-mail your request to radon@vdh.state.vt.us. Please put the words "Radon Test Kit" in the subject line of your e-mail and be sure to include your name, phone number, and Vermont mailing address, or call: (800) 439-8550.

If you smoke, you are at even higher risk of lung cancer. The Vermont Quit Network, through the Vermont Department of Health, provides a choice of free services for Vermonters who want to quit smoking.

Quit Online: Visit VTQuitNetwork.org anytime, day or night, for advice, quit tips and access to coaching. Members can join a forum, read testimonials, or find a quit buddy. The new “Your Quit Your Way” suite offers tools to help self-direct a quit, such as pedometers, distraction putty, worry stones, quit coaching podcasts, mini quit tip cards, free nicotine

gum, and patches or lozenges that can be delivered directly to a smokers' home while supplies last.

Quit by Phone: The Vermont Quit Network at (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669) links you with a quit coach who will call at a time that works for you. Your coach will help you get ready to quit, and tell you how you can get FREE nicotine patches, gum or lozenges shipped directly to your home.

Quit in Person: To find your local hospital quit coach call the Vermont Quit Network at (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669). Each Vermont hospital offers one-on-one or group coaching to quit smoking. They can also arrange for home delivery of free nicotine replacement therapy. To meet your quit coaches ahead of time, visit www.VTQuitNetwork.org.

Help Fight Cancer: Volunteer for Daffodil Days

As the first flower of spring, daffodils symbolize hope. To the American Cancer Society they represent hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens Vermonters. Join the Society's fight against cancer by volunteering for Daffodil Days now through March 16.

The Society's annual Daffodil Days program presents daffodils to donors in appreciation for contributions of \$15, \$20, \$25 or more. The money raised through Daffodil Days supports services and programs which ease the cancer experience for Vermont cancer patients and survivors. Additionally, designated Gifts of Hope daffodils will be delivered on March 16 to cancer patients in local hospitals as a way to brighten their day.

Volunteers are needed in every community. Individuals, groups and businesses take orders, prepare bouquets, pack and deliver flowers ... while having fun! With more than 2,000,000 volunteers nationwide, the American Cancer Society is one of the oldest and largest voluntary health agencies in the United States.

To find out how you can help in your community, contact Amy Deavitt at the American Cancer Society at (802) 872-6316 or amy.deavitt@cancer.org

Tanning Beds: Not the Answer to Winter Blues

With the dark days of winter upon us, many are heading to tanning salons as the solution for Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a.k.a. winter depression which is believed to affect approximately 15,000,000 Americans. Tanning salons tout their services as a treatment for SAD, though the ultraviolet radiation (UVR) they produce is *not* a component of light therapy, the most effective treatment.

"People often think of sunbathing as the antidepressant essence of light exposure. Wrong! Light therapy acts through the eyes, and requires visible light, not UV," says Michael Terman, PhD, Director of the Center for Light Treatment and Biological Rhythms, Columbia University Medical Center, New York City.

Since UV light is not a treatment for SAD, those affected with this disease are only putting their health at risk for skin cancer by visiting a tanning salon, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. New high-pressure sunlamps emit as much as 12 times the annual UVA dose compared to the dose they receive from sun exposure. People who use tanning beds are 2.5 times more likely to develop squamous cell carcinoma and 1.5 times more likely to develop basal cell carcinoma.

Most SAD specialists recommend obtaining light via a light box rather than visiting a tanning salon. Light boxes are

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Opt for Soft, White Lights. Full spectrum lights produce greater amounts of blue light (which can harm the eyes) and UV radiation.

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NAMES
In The NEWS

Hinesburg’s Newest Residents

Joshua and Kerri (Lewis) Wolyneec are parents of a baby girl, Sophia Wolyneec, born January 5, at Fletcher Allen Health Center.

Dads Christopher Kaufman and Chris Ilstrup announce the birth of their son, Jacob Aaron Kaufman-Ilstrup, born January 9, in Pottstown, PA.

(The Hinesburg Record is pleased to announce the birth of your baby. When you fill out a “Baby Notice to Media” following the birth, just add our name in the “Other Media List” at the bottom of the form.)

Obituary

Submitted by Joseph Fallon, Esq.

ARTHUR A. GUARINO, Hinesburg - Arthur “Arty” Guarino, 75, a resident of Hinesburg, died peacefully on January 8. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 11, 1933, and enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17. Arthur served on his beloved USS Oriskany, The Mighty O, during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on January 18, 1954. He was predeceased by his dear wife, Carmin Guarino, a Broadway dancer, who remained the only love of his life. He lived most of his life in Warwick, New Jersey, and worked many years at ABC in New York, from which he retired. Arthur followed friends to Vermont and decided to stay because he loved the people and the slower pace of life he found here. Arthur had a gift for storytelling, putting to good use a quick mind, sharp wit and keen sense of humor. He not only loved to tell a good story, but he also loved to read a good story. He savored Stuart Woods’ mysteries with their references to Elaine’s Restaurant in NYC, where he had spent many happy hours. His love of fine food and drink was part of his joie du vivre, as was his appreciation for marvelous old classic films. Arthur’s friends at the Carpenter-Carse Library and elsewhere will miss his lively and colorful recounting of work and social life in New York, where he and Carmin spent time with his friends, including many notable people in the entertainment industry. He touched many lives with acts of kindness and will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service for Arthur will be held in the spring. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Hinesburg Volunteer Fire Association, PO Box 12, Hinesburg, VT 05461. Arrangements are being handled by Joseph Fallon, Esq., PO Box 257, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

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Airman First Class (A1C) Jeffrey Campbell from Hinesburg graduated from communications technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, MS this past December. He is a graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School, class of 2005.

College Students Honored

Beth Ann Miller and Alexa Patrick, both of Hinesburg, were named to the fall 2008 Dean’s List at Chester College of New England. Miller is the daughter of Natalie and Paul Miller, and a creative writing major at the college. Patrick is the daughter of Josh Patrick and Suzanne Kneller, and a 2005 graduate of Champlain Valley Union High School. She is a fine arts major at the college.

“Splinter,” a short story by Beth Ann Miller, earned an honorable mention in *Glimmer Train’s* November 2008 short story contest for new writers. Her story ranked in the top five percent of more than 1,000 entries.

Kevin A Ford, class of 2011 at Connecticut College and a resident of Hinesburg, has been named to the Dean’s List for the 2008 fall semester. Ford achieved Dean’s Honors, recognition for students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.3.

The following Hinesburg residents have been named to the fall 2008 Champlain College Dean’s List. They are: Michaela Fortin, who is majoring in Multimedia and Graphic Design, Jade Jenny, who is majoring in Business and Maureen Mitchell, who is majoring in International Business.

Brittany P. Baker, daughter of Russell and Robin Baker of Hinesburg was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2008 semester at Saint Michael’s College. Brittany P. Baker is a Junior Mathematics major. Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the Dean’s List.

Vermont Technical College announced its President’s and Dean’s list for the 2008 fall semester. To be recognized as a President’s or Dean’s list scholar, students must be seeking a degree; carrying at least 12 credit hours; and may not have received a failing or incomplete grade in any subject during the semester. Both lists recognize high academic honors. The President’s List recognizes the college’s highest academic achievement. Allison J. Miller was named to the President’s List. Students from Hinesburg named to the Dean’s list were Lindsay A. Erling, Heather A. Jones, Jennifer R. Martin-Miller, and Logan B. Ordway.

The following Hinesburg students were named to the Castleton State College Dean’s List for the fall 2008 semester: Eliza Barnard, Kelsey LaPoint, and Cora LeClair. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Other News

Special Delivery from HALO for Save Our Strays in Huntington

Due to meritorious service to formerly homeless animals, Save Our Strays (SOS) in Huntington has been awarded a HUGE donation of pet food! Halo, the pet food company Comp, owned by Ellen Degeneres, selected SOS and on Wednesday, January 21, a tractor-trailer delivered the food — all 1,000 cases of it! With 12 cans in each case of both cat food and dog food, hungry tummies will be full of tasty, nutritious treats for some time. The awarded food has a value of over \$30,000. In any financial climate, but especially in this year’s economic crunch, that’s nothing to sneeze at!

Vermont Moose Hunting Applications Are Available

Vermont moose hunting permit applications are available on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and at license agents



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Winners of the permit lottery will purchase resident hunting permits for \$100 and nonresident hunting permits for \$350. Hunters also will have the option to bid on five moose hunting permits in an auction to be announced later.

Vermont issued 1,251 permits in 2008, and hunters took 605 moose in the 2008 hunting season. Proposed 2009 hunting season dates are October 17 to 22, or October 24 to November 1.

“We are managing Vermont’s moose population to keep it in balance with available habitat,” said Cedric Alexander, Vermont’s lead biologist on moose. “Carefully constructed hunting regulations enable us once again to enjoy having moose in Vermont on a sustained basis, while their numbers are maintained at levels that fit habitat capacity and the needs of people.”

Conservation Camp Openings Announced

If you are 12 to 14 years old and want to learn about Vermont’s wildlife and gain outdoor skills next summer, consider attending one of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department’s Green Mountain Conservation Camps. The one-week camp program is held at two locations — Lake Bomoseen in Castleton and Buck Lake in Woodbury. Students are taught about fish and wildlife conservation, forestry, orienteering, swimming, canoeing, fishing, gun safety and more in an attractive outdoor setting. Natural resource professionals come to the camp during the week to share information on their programs and take campers out for field activities.

Conservation Camps open June 21 and continue until August 21. Camp tuition is \$200 for the week, including food, lodging and equipment. Fish and Wildlife urges anyone interested to print a copy of the camp application from the agency’s website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) and send it in with a check.

For more information about Green Mountain Conservation Camps contact Jennifer Wade at (802) 241-3768 or email at Jennifer.wade@state.vt.us.

MDA Seeks Volunteers for Summer Camp

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is searching for volunteer counselors to assist and befriend youngsters with muscular dystrophy and related diseases at weeklong MDA summer camps across the country. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and able to lift and care for a young person between the ages of 6 and 17. Each volunteer counselor becomes a companion to a camper with a muscle disease and helps with daily activities such as eating, bathing and dressing. Counselors also assist campers with recreational activities such as arts and crafts, swimming and horseback riding.

“MDA summer camp is an incredibly valuable experience for the young people we serve,” said MDA President and CEO Gerald C. Weinberg. “It’s a week during which they build confidence and independence, and participate in a full range of activities that often aren’t accessible to them.”

At no charge to families, MDA’s summer camp program serves more than 4,000 campers nationwide, with more than 5,000 volunteers making it possible. Volunteer counselors say the experience is a special, life-changing experience for them as well. “They often tell us they come away with far more than they give,” Weinberg said.

In 2008, MDA held 90 camp sessions at 75 locations in 43 states and Puerto Rico. There were 400 medical staff members, 295 of whom were volunteers. It costs the Association \$800 to send one child to camp.

To obtain a volunteer application or learn about other ways to support MDA’s summer camp program, call your local MDA office at (800) 572-1717. More information about summer camp volunteers can be found at www.mda.org/clinics/camp.

Protect Your Pipes

The recent cold snaps that have people across the nation bundling up in extra layers can also take a toll on homes. Burst pipes can put a damper on your spirits, not to mention cause costly damage and inconvenience. And it doesn’t take subzero temperatures to put your pipes to the test; an outdoor temperature of 20 degrees is enough to stress your plumbing.

“All it takes is a few precautionary measures to avoid a potentially messy and expensive situation,” says Allstate Communication Manager Tracey King. “But in the more unfortunate event of a pipe freeze or burst, there are steps you can take to minimize the inconvenience.”

Allstate Insurance offers the following tips to help you safeguard your home before, during and after a pipe freezes.

Preventing Your Pipes from Freezing

Disconnect all gardening hoses, shut off the water and install covers on outside faucets. The covers are inexpensive and can be purchased at hardware stores. Wrap pipes that are near your home’s exterior walls with insulation or heating tape.

Identify the location of the main water valve and the valve on your water heater so that, if necessary, you can turn them off quickly and easily.

Close all windows near water pipes and cover or close open-air vents. Freezing temperatures and wind drafts can cause pipes to freeze more frequently.

Insulate outside walls and unheated areas of your home. Sufficiently heat your basement and consider weather-sealing your windows.

Keep the temperature of your home at 68 degrees.

Open sink cabinet doors to allow heat from the home to enter. Pipes under the kitchen sink are particularly vulnerable.

If you plan to be away for an extended period, shut off the water supply valve to your washing machine. Have someone monitor your pipes and the temperature inside your home.

Monitor the water flow from your faucets. Reduced flow could indicate early freezing. Allow faucets to drip lukewarm water to reduce the risk of freezing.

If Your Pipes Freeze

Shut off the main water valve.

Open all faucets to relieve pressure in the pipes.

Wrap warm rags around cold sections of pipe or pour hot water on pipes. An inside faucet or pipe also can be thawed with a good hair dryer, but don’t use the dryer around standing water and don’t use a blowtorch.

When thawing a pipe, start thawing nearest to the faucet. Make sure the faucet is on so that melted water can drip out.

If Your Pipes Burst

Immediately shut off the main water valve.

If a hot water pipe breaks, the valve on top of the water heater should be closed.

Call a plumber. Keep an emergency number nearby for quick access.

Call your insurance agent to report the damage.

For additional tips and information visit www.allstate.com/catastrophe. The site contains useful information on what to do before, during and after weather-related storms.

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School: Sunday experience for children following the children's time.
Food Shelf: Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (use back entrance).
WIC Clinic: First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
Senior Meal Site: Every Friday (except first week of each month) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House.
AA Gratitude Group: Every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 21, 2008
Christmas Eve Family Service at 6 pm on Wednesday, December 24, 2008
Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2008

Community Alliance Church
Pastor: Scott Mansfield
Elders: Mike Breer, Rolly Delfausse, Jeff Glover, David Russell, (add) Aaron Stief.
Phone: 482-2132
Web: www.hinesburgcma.org
Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVU High School)
Sunday Services:
9:30 – 11:30a.m..... Worship, (divided into two portions) (Nursery and Children's church provided)
6:00 – 8:00p.m.....Middle School & High School Youth Group
Weekday Ministries:
Small groups are throughout the week including women's groups, men's groups and life groups. For more information on any of the ministries, please contact, Jeff & Monica Glover—— 872-8685
AWANA (Pre-K-6th grade): Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
Small Groups: Various times and days throughout the week.
For more information on any of the ministries, please contact the church.

Community Alliance Church to Serve Free Lunches
A Community Soup Luncheon comprised of breads, and hearty homemade soups and chowders will be held at the Hinesburg Community School the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. through April 2009 This community outreach event is open to the public in Hinesburg and surrounding towns and will be sponsored by Friends of Community Alliance Church. This is a free event with donations accepted to benefit local food shelves and humane societies. The dates and the organizations benefiting are:
February 21—Chittenden Humane Society
March 21—TBD
April 18—TBD
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For those wishing to attend and needing a ride, please call 349-5183.

Lighthouse Baptist Church
Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart
Church Phone: 482-2588
Home Phone: 482-2588
E-mail: lighthousevt@netscape.net
Web Site: www.LBCvt.homestead.com
Location: Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road
Address: P. O. Box 288
Regular Services:





Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided
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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting;
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Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE
Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, email dcse@aol.com
Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158,
Charlotte, VT 05445
Hinesburg Rectory: 482-2290, [St. Jude@gmavt.net](mailto:St.Jude@gmavt.net). P. O.
Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, 10759 Route 116
Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon.
Parish Pastoral Assistant: Gary Payea, cell 373-8037
Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-
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Weekend Masses:
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
St. Jude Church, Hinesburg
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Charlotte
Weekday Masses:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m.
St. Jude Church
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m.
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Pastor for appointment
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St.
Jude Church and by appointment.
Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six
months in advance
Communion at Home: Call Parish Office, 482-2290
AA Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady
of Mt. Carmel Church
Food Shelf: Parishioners are asked to be generous in
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Upcoming Events:
February 25: Ash Wednesday. Mass at 7:00 a.m. at
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's.
March 15: Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 a.m.
Mass. Cost is \$6/adult; \$3/child; \$16/family (2 adults
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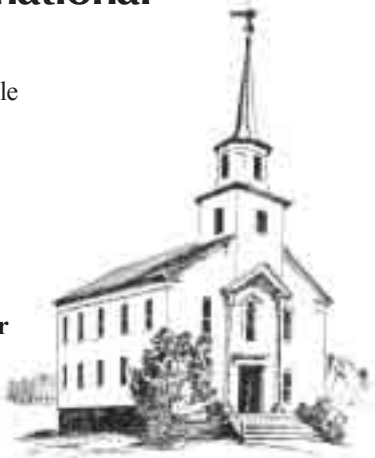
Senior Lunches

St. Jude Parish will be offering meals on the 2nd and 4th
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Vacancies and Expiring Terms

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The Planning Commission, with nine members, works on updating the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regulations, and other projects related to land-use planning in the

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Town. The Planning Commission is charged with bringing a long-term perspective to day-to-day decision-making. The Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

As part of the Select Board Policy for Appointments to Boards and Commissions, individuals interested in an appointment must express their interest in writing to the Select Board. Selection of an applicant is at the discretion of the Select Board, and an effort shall be made to create or maintain a balance of views that is representative of the community. The Select Board will also consider an applicant's qualifications, level of interest, and potential conflicts of interest as they pertain to the duties of the appointment under consideration.

To express your interest in an appointment please call Town Administrator Jeanne Wilson at 482-2096, email to hinesburgtown@gmavt.net, or write to: Hinesburg Select Board, Attn: Jeanne Wilson, PO Box 133, Hinesburg, VT 05461.

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