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## CCTA and ACTR Receive Grant to Bring Public Transit to Hinesburg and 116 Corridor

### Commuter Bus Service Scheduled to Begin Late April

Commuter bus service is coming to Route 116 between Burlington and Middlebury via Hinesburg this spring. Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) and Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) received a grant from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation to offer new public transportation service for Route 116 communities and businesses. This service is the result of a unique public-private collaboration between the two transportation agencies, NRG Systems, the Town of Hinesburg, and the citizen group Hinesburg Rides.

Other entities and municipalities who have offered letters of support for the service include the Cities of Burlington and South Burlington, the Towns of Bristol and Starksboro, the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Vermont Business for Social Responsibility, CATMA and Redstone. The Route 116 Commuter is an innovative model of service for Hinesburg combining bus service from both directions – Burlington and Middlebury. This plan will create a commuter-oriented schedule for Hinesburg residents going north to Burlington jobs and Burlington residents traveling south to Hinesburg jobs as well as link Addison County residents in Middlebury, Bristol and Starksboro to Chittenden County via Hinesburg.

Hinesburg Rides, the Town of Hinesburg, and NRG Systems have actively advocated for this corridor bus service for several years. Local residents first voted at Town Meeting 2010 to set aside operating funds, renewing support the following year. NRG Systems has committed local match funds to cover capital costs.

Karla Munson, coordinator of Hinesburg Rides, underscores the value of the service for the entire corridor between Burlington and Middlebury. "On behalf of Hinesburg Rides, I would like to say what a great service our new commuter bus will be to the entire Route 116 corridor. I'd also like to say thank you to all who have helped support this project throughout the years, and especially NRG Systems. It has been a long time coming and I couldn't be happier or more excited." One of Hinesburg's top goals, as outlined in its Town Plan, is to promote alternative transportation options such as rideshare and bus service. "Commuter bus service is a huge step forward for the Hinesburg Community," Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Hinesburg, Alex Weinhagen, said. "The Town of Hinesburg sees bus service not only as necessary transportation infrastructure, but also as an important community asset."

Public hearings to discuss specific route and schedule details and obtain public comments will be held in late February and early March in South Burlington, Hinesburg, Bristol and Middlebury. For hearing dates and more information, go to www.cctaride.org, www.actr-vt.org and www.hinesburgrides.org.

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#### Save the Date!

The **Hinesburg Artist Series' Sixteenth Anniversary Concert** has been scheduled for Sunday, March 25 to be held at St Jude Church at 4:30 p.m. The major piece performed by the South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra, under the direction of Rufus Patrick, will be *Beethoven's Mass in C Major*,

Look for more information regarding the program and ticket sales in the March issue of *The Record*, on the Front Porch Forum and on the HAS web site (www.hinesburgartistseries.org).

Mark your calendars now!

## **Town Meeting Monday March 5**

It's that time again—time to brush up on the issues and prepare to express your views at Town Meeting, Vermont's grand tradition of participatory democracy. The official warning is printed below. For more information about the Town Budget, see Town Administrator Joe Colangelo's summary in the Town News column on page 3-4.

#### Warning

#### Town of Hinesburg, Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Hinesburg, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium, in said Town of Hinesburg, Monday evening March 5 at 7:30 p.m. to transact business on all articles except Article(s) 1, 2, 3, and 4 which will be voted upon by Australian Ballot Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Town Hall in said Town of Hinesburg. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The March 5, 2012 meeting to be adjourned to the Town Hall in said Town of Hinesburg at 9:00 a.m. March 6, 2012, if necessary, to act on any business left unfinished when met.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the necessary town and school district officers by Australian ballot Tuesday, March 6, 2012 (see Officers for Election list in the Town Report)

ARTICLE 2: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Hinesburg in amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of making certain improvements, vis: the repair and

reconstruction of the Mountain View Mobile Home Park Sewage Disposal System, such improvements estimated to cost Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000)?

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Hinesburg in amount not to exceed Two Million Nine-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,900,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid and other financial assistance, be issued for the purpose of a proposed public safety facility and community park?

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town of Hinesburg take advantage of the provisions of Chapter 37 of Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and authorize the Selectboard to employ a Town Manager?

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,013,607 to defray the general expenses of the Town?

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$766,786 for highway purposes?

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$487,106 for the Community Police Department?

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$192.425 for the Carpenter Carse Library?

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of obtaining options and/or the acquisition of lands, or those rights in land, which would preserve natural resources, any unexpended portion of such sum to be placed in the Land Preservation Fund?

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$600 in property taxes to the Lake Iroquois Recreation District?

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## Sixth Grade 'Penguins' Take a Plunge for Special Olympics

By Paul Lasher, Sixth Grade Teacher

On Saturday, February 4, 17 brave sixth grade students and five adults from Hinesburg Community School braved the freezing waters of Lake Champlain to support the Vermont Special Olympics in the annual Burlington Penguin Plunge. In October, sixth grader Preston Webb suggested to his teacher, Paul Lasher, that they should put together a sixth grade team for the plunge. The community came together to support these students, as each one had to raise a minimum of \$150. Teachers Paul Lasher and Angela Galyean could not be more proud of this group of students for coming together for such a great cause. The students were well supported by their fellow classmates at the plunge itself. The Eclipse Team raised over \$12,000!

For a list of the Hinesburg families and businesses who contributed so generously to this effort, see page 11 in the HCS column.



Katie Ashe, Gabby Moreno, Kendall Blanck (PHOTO TREY POLK)



Plunging in. (PHOTO ANGELA GALYEAN)

#### **Kenneth Brown Relinquishes Seat on Selectboard**

It has been my pleasure to serve the residents of Hinesburg on the Selectboard. I have truly enjoyed the opportunity. I have served two two-year terms, but have decided to not seek a third term. I will continue to be active in town affairs, but right now I need to take a break to dedicate some time to a couple of personal projects I've been keeping on the back-burner.

Hinesburg is a wonderful town. We are blessed with a great piece of geography and a community dedicated to making sure this remains a desirable place to live and work. We may have different ideas of what that means, and how to achieve those means, but you can never discount our sincerity or our willingness to work hard to keep Hinesburg great.

Citizen dedication to our town is clearly evident in the volunteerism that we see in our many town committees. We owe a great deal to these people who offer to serve. They often spend weekends reading background material and then give up cozy winter evenings at home, or summer evening barbeques with the family, in order to attend meetings at Town Hall doing the town's business.

Of course, Hinesburg also benefits from having a hardworking and dedicated staff—at Town Hall, at the Highway Department, and at the Water/Wastewater Department. On top of that we have a top-of-the-line Community Police Department and volunteer Fire Department that together keep us safe and are here when we need them with trained. professional EMT service. I will miss working with all of these dedicated people.

It is certainly encouraging to see that a couple of people have stepped up to run for the Selectboard on March 6— Maggie Gordon and Phil Pouech.

Maggie Gordon is running for my vacant seat on the Selectboard—the two-year term. Maggie ran for the board last year and came within a few votes of winning a seat then. She is smart, well-spoken, highly principled, and will serve the citizens of Hinesburg well. Maggie is a good listener and is good at understanding various viewpoints and working with people toward compromise.

Phil Pouech is running for the three-year term on the Selectboard. Phil, currently employed as Director of Manufacturing at NRG, has been a Hinesburg resident for over 25 years. Besides his role as co-chair of Hinesburg's Green-up Day, Phil served Hinesburg for many years as the Recording Secretary for the annual meetings of the Community School and Town Meeting. Phil would bring business management and personnel management skills to bear in his service on the board. A graduate of the Vermont Leadership Institute at the Snelling Center for Government, Phil has an honest, direct and collaborative leadership style that would bring people with differing views together and would serve our Selectboard and our town well.

I highly recommend your consideration of both Maggie

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve on Hinesburg's Selectboard. It has been a pleasure. Kenneth Brown

#### Maggie Gordon **Announces Candidacy**

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the two-year seat on the Hinesburg Selectboard being vacated by Ken

Hinesburg is a great town. In my 25 years here I have come to value the strong sense of community that draws so many residents to volunteer their time on boards, committees, fire and rescue, and schools. I love the friendly, small town feeling of our village that comes from meeting friends and neighbors in the shops, on the trails, and at community gatherings.



I've learned about Hinesburg's past as secretary and treasurer of the Historical Society, and have gained insight into the town's present and future by actively participating in many of the committees and boards that meet in Town Hall throughout the week. I've come to value the opportunity to listen to, and share opinions with, my neighbors on issues that

While I've worn several professional hats over the years, I have worked most recently as an adjunct language instructor at both UVM and St. Michael's College. I spend many hours working in my garden and hiking or snowshoeing with my dogs on town trails.

Here's what I believe makes Hinesburg a wonderful place to live and will ensure it continues to thrive:

- An inviting and walkable village center that combines residential housing with the shops, services, and gathering places that make Hinesburg a livable community:
- A supportive environment for local business:
- A municipal infrastructure that keeps our residents safe and healthy:
- Responsible fiscal management that accomplishes our goals while keeping Hinesburg an affordable place to live;
- A working landscape that provides open space and recreational opportunities, and that maintains Hinesburg's unique sense of place.

All of these enrich our lives and make Hinesburg a place where people want to live and work, raise their children, retire, and enjoy their free time. A vibrant community in turn attracts business and services that improve the quality of life for all residents. I believe strongly that carefully honing and adhering to a plan of what we want our town to be in 40 years will pay off handsomely in the long run, and will help to attract the innovative business and residential development that continues to make Hinesburg the terrific place that it is.

I'm seeking the opportunity to serve on the Selectboard because I want to add my energy and enthusiasm to a board that seeks input from all residents, deliberates openly, then makes decisions that are based on the best interests of the entire community. I bring to the board the ability to listen respectfully to opinions from all sides, to consider the issues thoroughly, to speak thoughtfully, and to take action that will move the town forward.

I would like to thank Ken Brown for his years of service to the Board and for sharing his talents and energy with the community. His thoughtful and respectful presence has been an enormous asset to the town.

Finally, I ask voters to support my candidacy for the twoyear term to the Selectboard by voting for me on Tuesday, March 6. I am eager to serve our community and to see that Hinesburg continues to be a great place to live, work, shop,

I would be happy to speak with you to answer any questions. Please feel free to contact me at 482-4216 or send an email to mgordon@gmavt.net.

Maggie Gordon

#### **Phil Pouech Announces** Candidacy

To my fellow Hinesburg Citizens,

I am proud to announce my candidacy for the three-year electboard position. I feel blessed to have lived and raised a family in such a great community. Hinesburg's landscape is absolutely beautiful, our village center is wonderfully unique and most important, our neighbors are a caring people. Despite our town's positive energy, I do have concerns. I don't want to sit back and allow the best of this community to slowly slip away. It's not growth or change I worry about, as both of these are inevitable and both can actually make our community even better. My real concern is how we grow and change. After careful consideration of this decision, I know I am ready to dedicate the time and energy this position requires and deserves. Beyond promising to work hard for everyone and to listen carefully to all ideas and concerns, I do have some key values and views to bring to this position.

- The issues facing Hinesburg require a strategic approach to town management that includes development of a collaborative vision for our future. We cannot be reactive to problems or outside influences without losing something in the process. To become more strategic I will encourage us to work toward a Town Manager structure. This change will allow the Selectboard to step back from day to day issues and focus their energy on the town's future. I feel comfortable with that challenge.
- The town Selectboard needs both the right management skills to address an increasingly complex town bureaucracy and budget, and the people skills to effectively support the needs of town citizens and employees. I have successfully managed many organizations, difficult budgets and diverse employees over the last 25 years. The best management starts with clear communication. I will ensure there is always open dialogue and respect for all opinions. I look forward to working with our town employees to ensure we provide the most supportive work environment possible. I know first-hand how community volunteers bring effective energy and enthusiasm to the work they perform and how the act of volunteering enhances our community spirit. I will encourage the Selectboard to continue to find meaningful ways for citizens to serve

- The Selectboard must vigorously support Hinesburg's rural character. Our rural character is Hinesburg's most valuable asset. It is the Selectboard's responsibility to act as stewards of that treasure. We must also recognize that over time, our definition of rural character can and will change. For example, our historic dairy farms are fading out while new small and diverse community farms are finding success in their place. We must value our agricultural and woodland space and support ways to continually make them economically viable.
- The Selectboard needs to build on the community's desires to make our village center vibrant and sustainable. A well-planned village will promote both a strong community spirit and attract a healthy business environment. It begins with a walkable village connecting a diverse scope of businesses, services and homes. Growth in Hinesburg should not automatically duplicate growth models found throughout the country. Our town is unique and therefore any growth should build on our unique character
- The Selectboard must insure our town is prepared for the type of challenges the recent Hannafords project made so obviously public. My personal opinion is that Hinesburg is not best served by cookie-cutter development projects. I am disappointed by Hannafords' unwillingness to address the scale of their proposal. Personal opinions do not determine the outcome of this project, however. The Selectboard must support the DRB as they carefully consider this development and its compliance with the town plan and official town map. Regardless of the outcome, the Selectboard should conduct an honest review of how Hinesburg addressed this development proposal. We must continuously improve our planning and review processes to make our regulations clear and the development process fair and efficient.

I am humbled by the encouragement I've received to run for Selectboard and am lucky to have this opportunity. I ask you to carefully consider my qualifications for the candidacy for the three-year term of Selectboard. If you choose to vote for me I truly appreciate your trust in my capability but, either way, make your voice heard and vote on March 6.

#### **Letters in Support of Selectboard Candidates**

I am delighted to express my support of Maggie Gordon as Selectboard Candidate. I've known Maggie both professionally and as a fellow community member for 15 years. While we were colleagues at Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), Maggie proved herself to be intelligent, a patient listener and a creative problem solver. Additionally, she is diplomatic during conflict, financially responsible and shares a good sense of humor. I am confident that Maggie has the skills needed to volunteer for our town on the Selectboard.

In my opinion, Maggie is concerned about maintaining our community's balance and character. She will be an advocate for our residents, schools and businesses. Please vote for Maggie Gordon on March 6.

Sincerely,

Heidi Simkins

Phil Pouech

I am pleased to support Maggie Gordon's candidacy for a two-year term on the Selectboard. Having resided in Hinesburg for more than 20 years, Maggie has used that time to gradually immerse herself in community affairs. Her breadth of knowledge, dedicated work ethic and love of community will stand her in good stead as a Selectboard member. I find Maggie to be someone who listens to all sides of an issue, weighing the pros and cons, before taking the next step, a necessary trait for this position.

We have a very dedicated Selectboard and I believe Maggie will continue the tradition of her predecessors. Howdy Russell and Ken Brown, of being a thoughtful and respectful presence on that Board. I urge your support. Jean Isham

Dear Hinesburg Residents,

First, let me say I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Phil Pouech. In fact, Phil could ask countless professionals and/or friends to write such a letter. Perhaps he asked me because I have known him as a friend and colleague for over 25 years. It's hard to imagine summing

up his qualities in one short letter, but here goes. Phil is a unique individual with qualities most people just don't have. He is one of the most honest people I have ever met, and I've lived in Vermont my entire life, I think that's saying a lot. I don't think you could find one person who could speak negatively of his character or integrity. In fact, if

you look up integrity on Wikipedia it says "See Phil Pouech." As an active community member, in events like Green Up Day, you can find Phil rolling up his sleeves and giving back to his community. Phil is a hard worker for our community but he also participates in the fun too - walking to work, running the trails or serving up Chicken Pie supper. He is everything good about Hinesburg and I'm proud to call him my friend.

Phil is a strong believer in the continuous improvement of processes. This may sound fairly generic, but I believe, it is the foundation for an effective Selectboard. He understands that the best decisions are based on effective strategic

in the business world he will strive for the most effective meetings, problem solving events, and innovative assemblies. Phil is a leader that understands the value of building a team that appreciates successful practices, which will make it extremely effective.

Phil has a passion for the town of Hinesburg and the State of Vermont. But this vision goes far beyond the borders of our small state. As a champion for renewable energy Phil has put his money where his mouth is. This includes traveling to Washington DC for various clean energy events, including joining Bill Mckibben in the peaceful demonstration over the Keystone XL pipeline. No matter which side you are on, it's wonderful to see this passion applied to one's principles. We need this type of determination and resolve in Hinesburg.

Phil and I both work at NRG, where he has the title of Director of Manufacturing. Getting through the hiring process at NRG alone speaks to his capabilities. I've witnessed him make complicated decisions for the benefit of the company and fellow employees.

Beyond his formal schooling including the Snelling Center for Government, he's gained a substantial amount of knowledge from doing; not just learning about how to do things. Seriously, how much more could we ask for. I can't think of any other individual with even close to the same

Sincerely

Louis Prue

It is with pleasure and confidence that I am writing in support of Maggie Gordon for the two year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard. Maggie is an adjunct professor at St. Michael's College and a prominent volunteer in Hinesburg which speaks to her strong sense of place, organizational skills, dedication and resourcefulness.

I know Maggie to have been involved in the Hinesburg community in many venues. As a coach for the Hinesburg Recreation Department, Maggie shared her athletic skills and love of competitive sports with a girl's pre-teen soccer team. Lending her quilting talent to the Hinesburg Community Quilt Project was followed by her volunteer efforts at the two Hinesburg One Day History Museums offered in collaboration with the Hinesburg Community School and the Hinesburg Historical Society. Currently she holds the dual position within the Historical Society as Treasurer and Secretary. Her civic duties also include working at the local polls during elections. Most recently Maggie served as a member of the Police Advisory Committee.

Maggie's intelligence, calm demeanor, willingness to listen and strong work ethic make her an invaluable participant in Hinesburg's events and organizations. As residents of Hinesburg we depend upon the members of the Selectboard to make insightful and sound decisions which impact not only our current quality of life but the future of Hinesburg as well. I trust Maggie Gordon with this responsibility and hope that you too will vote for her as the next member of the Hinesburg Selectboard.

Suzanne Richard

Friends and Neighbors,

We are writing this letter to encourage our fellow community members to vote for Maggie Gordon for Selectboard member this coming March 6. We have participated with Maggie on various committees and have been impressed with her level headed and creative approach to a range of issues. She has also expressed her opinion at public meetings and her thoughtful responses to concerns raised were valuable.

We also want to point out that Maggie is a very good listener. We have come to appreciate how Maggie can look at realize the thoughtful insights and dedication that she would all aspects of an issue and really hear differing opinions before responding in a very thoughtful way. Maggie is an intelligent, compassionate individual who would serve the town well as a Selectboard member. We know that Maggie will work tirelessly on the Selectboard and will bring an energy to the others of differing viewpoints. board that can only benefit the community of Hinesburg.

Maggie has been an educator for years. She is bright, articulate and would be a wonderful voice on the Selectboard. We hope you will consider voting for Maggie this coming behalf to make it an even better place to live, raise our children March, it would be a real positive step for Hinesburg.

Dear Hinesburg Friends and Neighbors,

Sincerely,

to and passion for this town.

Chuck and Sally Reiss

I am writing to express my support of Phil Pouech's candidacy for Selectboard in the town of Hinesburg. To more fully acquaint myself with Phil's motivations, intentions, and overall vision for the town of Hinesburg I interviewed him in January at his workplace in Hinesburg. I learned some things—aside from the fact that NRG's lunch chef (Beth Sengle) rivals the best in the state—the town would be well served by Phil and his experience as a business manager and

devoted community servant, and by his sense of commitment

The predominant values Phil lives by as Director of Manufacturing at NRG, co-chair of Hinesburg Green-Up, a trustee at the United Church, and as a past member of the Conservation Commission and the HCS Board are collaboration, clear and honest communication, long range (strategic) planning, and a strong belief in the continuous improvement of systems and processes. Phil emphasizes his belief that strong leadership begins with a clearly articulated vision for the future. When asked about his vision for Hinesburg he highlights the need for a Town Manager structure which could free up the part-time, volunteer Selectboard to focus on important long range planning. This

planning, continuous collaboration, and articulated values. As kind of change could also translate to more effective management of valuable town employees leading to greater efficiency and overall job satisfaction.

Phil considers the rural nature of this town to be one of its greatest assets. He will be a strong voice of stewardship of Hinesburg's rural landscape, advocating policies and regulations that not only optimize this asset, but keep it accessible. Phil inspires me with his high level of self awareness, his obvious love of challenge, his "roll-up-yoursleeves" attitude, his thoughtful and disciplined approach to problem-solving, his genuine desire to respectfully engage with people working toward a common goal, and his ability to openly and sincerely listen. Phil cares about people and believes in our power and goodness when we come together for the good of all. He is a true servant leader. I am deeply grateful to Phil (and all of the Selectboard members, past and present), for your willingness to serve our beloved town with such a profound commitment. I wholeheartedly support Phil for Selectboard and ask you to please join me.

With respect and gratitude,

Patty Dunn

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Maggie Gordon who is running for a two-year term on the Hinesburg Selectboard and Phil Pouech who is running for a three-year term. I am supporting them both for the following reasons.

- · They are both thoughtful, intelligent, and committed individuals who believe in open, respectful discourse on the board. We need people on this board who can express their opinions clearly and directly and then listen respectfully to differing opinions, both from townspeople as well as other board members.
- I am very concerned about the future direction that this town takes in terms of rate and patterns of development and believe that these two individuals will work hard to see that the vision articulated in our current town plan will actually see its way into our zoning regulations, especially in terms of rural area zoning regulations.

I believe that this is a critical time in our town. As with our country as a whole, this seems to be a time of increasing polarization of people and issues. We need leaders who will be attentive to thoughtful discourse and bringing people with various views and perspectives together for the good of our community. I believe that Maggie and Phil are just the type of leaders we need to do this. I strongly urge you to join me in supporting and voting for Maggie Gordon and Phil Pouech for seats on the Hinesburg Selectboard.

Sincerely.

Howard Russell

Dear Hinesburg Record:

We are excited to write this letter in support of two excellent candidates running for the Selectboard on March 6. Phil Pouech is seeking the three-year and Maggie Gordon the two-year seat, and we believe, as longtime and active community members, that they will bring a thoughtful and committed perspective to the issues facing Hinesburg.

We have known Phil Pouech for more than 20 years as our children were in school together. We have also worked with him on Green Up Day, community cabarets, chicken pie suppers and Harvest Festivals. He has given much time and energy to making our community a better one, and using his skills and talents as a member of the Selectboard would be a tremendous asset. His professional career (now at NRG here in Hinesburg) and related job skills are a perfect match for this position.

We came to better know Maggie Gordon last year when she ran for the Selectboard. We had the opportunity then to bring to this position. In addition, Carl served with Maggie on the Hinesburg Advisory Committee on Police Services and saw first-hand her ability to be prepared and engaged, to work above and beyond what was required and to work well with

Phil and Maggie have the people skills needed to serve our community. They both highly value this town, its residents and businesses, and are committed to working hard on our and operate a business. They are articulate, are good listeners and will weigh the varying opinions of the community in a respectful and objective manner. We support their decision to run for the Selectboard and serve the community, and we are confident that they will make decisions in the community's

We urge you to vote on March 6 and hope you will join us and vote for Phil Pouech and Maggie Gordon for the

Carl Bohlen and Kristy McLeod

#### **Constitutional Amendment**

WE THE PEOPLE -- a concept that created a nation that was like no other in the eighteenth century.

On January 21, 2010 the Supreme Court in its "Citizens United" decision warped the place of individual people in our society by ruling that corporations could spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns, and we are now witnessing a tsunami of corporate special interest money invested in campaigns and advertising. This decision put corporate and super PAC expenditures during the 2010 election cycle on steroids.

What happens when big money is unleashed? The corrupting potential of corporate electioneering is certainly an The Hinesburg Record

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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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Spending on the 2012 election is presently predicted to be \$8 billion. No telling how much of this will be funneled through secretive political action organizations not required to disclose their donors, which could even come from foreign multinational corporations investing in future outcomes favorable to their bottom line.

How do we as citizens put ourselves back into "WE THE PEOPLE?" An amendment to our Constitution is an embraceable long-term solution. Where do we start? The Warning for this year's Town Meeting includes an article that will add the voice of Hinesburg citizens to the national effort to achieve this amendment. Sufficient signatures have been (Continued on the next page.)

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collected, and this important issue will be taken up at our town meeting on Monday, March 5 at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Karl Novak

#### **Overturn Citizens United**

I am head over heels thrilled to see Hinesburg, along with many other towns in Vermont, working towards a state-wide demand for a Constitutional Amendment to overturn the Supreme Court "Citizens United" decision. Citizens United provided corporations with a carte blanche opportunity to put our democracy. intended to be "For the People," up for sale to the highest bidder. The Citizens United decision was one of a series that grants corporations the same rights as people—and equates unlimited campaign contributions with "free speech." Corporations now can purchase elected officials on a scale that dwarfs anything real "people" like you and me are capable of. The evidence of that decision is already clear, as it is reported that spending on campaigns by Secretive Super PACs has already risen over 400% above the last election cycle! We've only just begun. For candidates who don't toe the corporate lines and do their bidding, this spells game over.

Overturning Citizens United is absolutely crucial and Vermonters know it. With leadership from our own Ginny Lyons and the passion and energy of grassroots organizers, a state-wide campaign has taken root - town by town—working to pass the necessary resolutions that will in turn empower the state to demand a constitutional amendment. Hinesburg has joined the march—we have the chance to join in this historic imperative on Town Meeting Day. Be there, and make your voice count—it's our democracy and our future!

Rachel Smolker

#### Adopt Town Manager System

To the Editor:

Six decades ago, in Shrewsbury where I grew up, Town Meeting Day was a big deal. The whole town would gather in the morning and get the affairs of the town settled so that everyone could enjoy the wonderful lunch put together by the ladies of the church and be home in time for chores. The Select Board would field questions about the roads, taxes and fences but for the rest of the year they didn't have much to do. They met once a month and occasionally dealt with some equipment for the road crew. "Town Fathers" would volunteer to serve on the Select Board to keep things orderly and pretty much the way they'd always been.

Today, in Hinesburg, we trust the same form of government to manage our affairs: a group of volunteers meeting twice a month. They are assisted by a growing number of great town employees but the responsibility for all matters of the town still reside, with the Select Board as it did in Shrewsbury sixty years ago.

At this year's Town Meeting, Hinesburg will discuss whether to adopt a Town Manager form of government. A Town Manager would be hired by and report to the Select Board but would "perform all duties now conferred by law upon the selectmen," except set the tax rate, write checks or appoint people to town committees (24 V.S.A. § 1236). The same statute specifies that a Town Manager must be hired "with special reference to education, training and experience."

Managing a town of nearly 5,000 people in Chittenden County in the twenty-first century is a big job. If the Town votes to adopt a Town Manager form of government, we will have a full time professional executive managing our affairs instead of a very hard working part time group of volunteers.

I hope you will vote on Election Day to adopt a Town Manager form of government.

Will Patten

#### **Letter Policy**

The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that affect our town. The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor are those of the writers

All letters must be signed. Addresses and phone numbers must also be provided for verification purposes. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Letters should be brief. We do not have precise guidelines for length but reserve the right to edit based on available space. 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 304 or to 327 Charlotte Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or deliver them to the Record



drop box on Charlotte Road.



#### **Budget Summary**

#### By Joe Colangelo **Hinesburg Town Administrator**

The budget for voters to consider at Town Meeting on March 5 for the fiscal year starting on July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 is balanced at \$2,967,420 with the amount of \$2,497,173 to be raised by property taxes. If the budget is adopted as presented the estimated municipal property tax rate for FY2013 will be \$0.4659; this would represent a decrease of \$0.0054 from the current year and reduce the burden on the Hinesburg property tax payer by the following amount(s) depending on homestead valuations:

\$200K: \$11 \$300K: \$16

\$400K: \$22

\$500K: \$27

The property tax rate proposed for FY2013 includes the allocation of \$108,000 from the unassigned fund balance, an amount equivalent to a little bit more than \$0.02 on the tax

rate. The last audit, completed January 2012 (for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2011), shows the general fund unassigned fund balance at \$430,000. The written policy of the Town is to hold between 7.5% and 10% of the total budget in reserve (unassigned fund balance) but no less than \$250,000. Because of an error made when setting the FY2012 tax rate, the Town has elected to hold an additional \$72,000 in reserve for FY2013 to guarantee the unassigned fund balance stays above \$250,000.

The following is an attempt to explain the proposed FY2013 budget so Hinesburg residents can feel more informed before voting on March 5.

#### **General Government Budget**

The total general government portion of the budget is roughly 41% of the total municipal budget. The proposed FY2013 budget shows a \$42,283 increase in expenditures and a decrease of \$10,663 in non-tax revenues resulting in a \$52,946 net increased burden to Hinesburg property tax payers for general government operations. That increase will be alleviated with an estimated \$43,837 of fund balance (41%) of \$108,000) that will be applied before the tax rate is set in July (2012). This portion of the budget will be voted as Article 5 and Town voters will be asked to appropriate the sum of \$1,013,607 to defray the general government expenses for the Town. The figure \$1,013,607 is the difference between total expenditures and total non-property tax revenue.

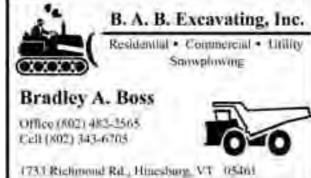
The most significant "drivers" responsible for the increase to the general government budget are the following:

An increase of \$12,698 in the Town Administrator's

#### Town of Hinesburg FY2013 General Fund Budget Summary

| FTEM                               | BUDGET 112        | BUDGET '13       | CHANGE    | %TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------|
| Regenue                            |                   |                  |           |        |
| Property Tax                       | 2,448,526         | 2,389,173        | (89,353)  | 81%    |
| General Government Non Tax         |                   |                  |           |        |
| Clerka Fres                        | 65,270            | 63,700           | 11,570)   | 2%     |
| Planning & Zoning Fees             | 42,500            | 33,500           | (9.000)   | 199    |
| Fare : St. George Contract         | 23,041            | 24,448           | 1.407     | 1%     |
| Land Use                           | 57,0 <b>0</b> 0   | 57,000           | 0         | 2%     |
| Recreation                         | 45,800            | 45,800           | O         | 2%     |
| Other                              | 22,600            | 21,300           | (1,500)   | 1%     |
| Total General Government Non-Tax   | 256,411           | 245,74B          | (10.693)  | 8%     |
| Highway : State Aid                | 132,343           | 132,000          | (343)     | 456    |
| Poleon                             | 92,375            | 92,500           | 125       | 3%     |
| Applied Fund Balance               | 80,429            | 108.000          | 27,571    |        |
| Total Revenue                      | 3,010,084         | 2,967,421        | (42 663)  |        |
| Expenditures                       |                   |                  |           |        |
| General Government                 |                   |                  |           |        |
| Selectheard                        | 48,112            | 48,750           | 639       | 2%     |
| Town Administrator                 | 101.876           | 114.574          | 12,698    | 4%     |
| Clerk, Treusurer, Del Tax, Elect.  | 139.127           | 145,500          | 6,374     | 5%     |
| Plantung & Zoning                  | 191,903           | 213,344          | 21,441    | 7%     |
| Lasters                            | 46,286            | 45,306           | (920)     | 2%     |
| Buildings & Families               | 148 457           | 142,910          | 15,547)   | 0%     |
| Volunteer Fire & Rescue            | 149 334           | 187,148          | 37,614    | 6%     |
| Technology                         | 28 525            | 38,926           | 10,401    | 1%     |
| Recreation                         | 97 385            | 101,904          | 4.539     | 3*;    |
| Conservation Communica             | 5 500             | 5,500            | O         | 0%     |
| Cometery                           | 28 715            | 29,167           | 452       | 1%     |
| Fixed Costs                        | 221 871           | :65,060          | (56,611)  | 0%     |
| CCTA                               | 10,000            | 21,204           | 11 201    | 1%     |
| Total General Government           | 1 21/ 0/1         | 1.259.354        | 42,283    | 42%    |
| Highway Department                 | 1,027 050         | 896,786          | (128.264) | 30%    |
| Hinesburg Community Police         | 544 513           | 9 <b>79,60</b> 9 | 35,093    | 20%    |
| Caprenter Carso Labrary            | 182,150           | 192,425          | 10 275    | 6%     |
| Higesburg Land Prosessation        | 7,500             | 7,500            | o         | 0%     |
| Danesburg Land Trust               | 2,000             | 0                | (2.000)   | 0%     |
| Tarke Traquois Recreation District | 600               | 600              | 0         | 0%     |
| Agency Funding                     | 29,200            | 29,150           | 150)      | 1%     |
| Total Revenue                      | 3,010, <b>084</b> | 2,967,421        | (42.663)  |        |





budget to fund a full-time position to be shared with Planning department has experienced significant personnel changes and Zoning. Currently the Town Administrator's budget has money necessary for five hours per week from the Administrative Assistant and this budget proposes to increase plans.

The Town Clerk budget shows an increase of \$6,374. This is mainly because of additional funds needed for the 2012 Presidential Election and increased hours for the parttime Accounting Assistant.

The Planning and Zoning budget is proposed to increase by \$21,441. Much of the increase (\$8,489) is due to increases in health insurance premiums for employees in that department. Two other significant increases are found in Special Projects and Capital Transfers. Under Special Projects, the Town is proposing to fund an update of the Town's Stormwater Regulations for \$1,000 and fund \$7,500 towards the matching money needed for a Growth Center Designation application. The Town is also planning to purchase high resolution aerial photography in order to enhance map making abilities and supply better visualization review materials. The estimated cost for the maps is between \$15,000 and \$24,000 and the Town is planning to purchase these maps out of the capital budget via annual transfer payments of \$5,000. The Planning and Zoning department has budgeted for a \$9,000 reduction in revenues for Building Permits and Development Review

The Buildings and Facilities budget is projecting a slight decrease of \$5,500 due mostly to health insurance coverage changes and a \$9,100 decrease to the Town Hall repair and maintenance budget.

The Volunteer Fire Department budget shows a \$37,814 increase. This is almost completely due to the need for the Town to begin adequately funding the capital budget needs of the department. To that aim, the capital budget shows cash reserves increasing each year for the next five in order to make those larger purchases in the future without running the risk of taking on too much debt. On the revenue side, the Town charges St. George 15% of the past year's budget for annual fire protection services and this line shows a \$1,407

The Town Hall Technology budget shows an increase of \$10,401. \$7,401 of the increase is simply due to a reshuffling of the phone and postage line-items from being placed within each department to being placed as aggregate items for all of Town Hall. Another \$2,000 of the increase is due to a two year funding plan to replace the server in the Town Hall.

The Recreation budget is up \$4,539. \$5,000 has been budgeted to help the Town celebrate the 250th Anniversary and \$14,000 more is proposed for capital projects. These increases are balanced by a \$12,200 decrease in the Recreation Facility Maintenance budget. The Town is proposing to upgrade the ice rink (\$8000) and spend the \$34,000 necessary in permitting costs for potential new recreation fields that are proposed to be gifted to the Town from land currently owned by the Bissonette family. Construction costs and plans for this site will be available to the public at Town Meeting, if not before.

Fixed Costs show a significant decrease mostly to the long-term debt that will be retired by the Town in the current fiscal year. The FY2013 budget shows the elimination of the police station and 2001 fire truck loans.

CCTA (commuter bus service) funding shows the \$21,204 necessary to fully fund the Town's first annual \$35,000 CCTA membership fee. After the pro-rated amount the Town is expecting to pay in April for the start of CCTA service, the Town will have \$12,796 left to put towards the FY2013 budget.

If Article 5 is approved at Town Meeting, Hinesburg residents will be responsible for funding the general government operations of the Town at a tax rate of 18.91 cents. The burden on the property tax payer for funding the general government operations will be the following depending on homestead values:

\$200K: \$378 \$300K: \$567 \$400K: \$756 \$500K: \$948

#### **Highway Budget**

Article 6 asks Hinesburg voters to appropriate the sum of \$766,786 for highway purposes. This amount represents the total expenditures necessary for the highway (\$898,786) minus the non-tax revenue of \$132,000. \$766,786 represents 31% of the total Town budget. FY2013's Highway Budget shows a \$128,264 decrease from the current year. The most significant reason for the decrease is the completion of the Silver Street Bridge project and the resulting \$150,000 savings from not having to fund that project again.

What stands out most in the highway budget is a \$49,689 increase shown for employee benefits. The highway



over the past year (two out of four employees are new) and the increase represents the change in the type of health insurance

The highway budget shows a more robust capital improvement plan. The goal of the capital budget (and corresponding five year capital improvement plan) is to smooth total expenditures (and the tax rate) over time by planning for the capital needs of the Town. The highway capital improvement has three distinct sections: 1) roads and bridges; 2) gravel and culverts; 3) equipment.

Roads and Bridges: The plan shows an attempt to pave 2.3 miles of road each year in an effort to implement an 11 year pavement cycle for all paved roads. Approximately \$250,000 would be required annually to accomplish that objective. The capital plan shows for \$175,000 to be raised from the property tax each year and \$200,000 to come to the Town in grant funding every third year. \$150,000 of the \$175,000 is a reallocation of funds from the line-item 'Blacktop' in the highway budget

Gravel and Culverts: This item represents on-going maintenance and upgrades needed for the Town's gravel roads. This is a reallocation of funds from the line-items 'Highway Culverts' and 'Crushing'.

Equipment: The highway department has a number of large pieces of equipment, such as four dump trucks, a grader, and an excavator (plus others). These pieces of equipment must be put on a planned replacement schedule for functional, safety, and budgetary reasons. The capital improvement plan shows which pieces of equipment need to be replaced over the next five years.

If Article 6 is approved at Town Meeting, Hinesburg residents will be responsible for funding the Town's highway budget at a tax rate of 14.31 cents and the burden on the property tax payer will be the following depending on homestead values:

\$200K: \$286 \$300K: \$429 \$400K: \$572

#### **Community Police Department**

Article 7 of the Town Meeting Warning asks voters to approve the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget by allocating \$487,106 for that purpose. The total police budget is \$579,606 and offset by \$92,500 in anticipated revenue; additionally, if the planned \$108,000 of fund balance is applied to the budget, the police department would see a further reduction of roughly \$21,000 for the property tax payer. Included in that revenue figure are fines (from traffic violations) and \$71,500 for a COPS grant the Town received to fund a police officer position for three years so long as the Town carries the total cost of that officer in the fourth year. FY2013 represents the third year of funding for that position.

The police budget shows an increase of \$35,093. Much of the increase is due to 1) increasing health insurance premiums and 2) increased capital needs of the department. The police department capital budget must pay for the lease payments on two 2011 cruisers and supply funding to upgrade video cameras, computers, and mobile data terminals for the

The most significant change in the operational aspect of the police department is included with the salary wage line. An additional \$10,000 has been allocated to support 24 hour on-call service. Currently the police department operates from



7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The new 24 hour on-call proposal would require officers to act much like volunteer fire fighters in the sense that they would respond (from home) between the hours of 11:00 p.m and 7:00 a.m. if and only if there is an issue in Hinesburg. The proposal estimates five calls per month and includes the increased fuel usage and increased wages for officers responding after hours (officers would receive pay for a minimum of four hours for each call). With the 24 hour on-call included with the wages for the year the total budget for wages in the police department is only up \$630. This is due to the fact that when the Deputy Chief was appointed to the Chief position the Town eliminated the Deputy Chief position for a supervisory position of lower rank (to be filled at some point in FY2013).

The Selectboard appointed a committee this year to look at Hinesburg's police and public safety services and report back with recommendations on how Hinesburg might meet those needs cost effectively and in accordance with appropriate standards of service. One of the recommendations of that committee was to investigate 24 hour on-call service. Another recommendation from that committee was to try to cap the police department's burden on the property tax payer at an amount not to exceed 8 cents. It should be noted that the figure of 8 cents was used as a base by looking at past Hinesburg police budgets when the health insurance benefits were not included with the total cost of the police budget. The FY2013 Hinesburg Community Police budget for voters to consider at Town Meeting includes \$51,000 worth of health insurance benefits (this is part of the \$103,777 total employee benefits figure). If the health insurance benefits were subtracted out of the budget the burden on the property tax payer would be

If Article 7 is approved at Town Meeting, Hinesburg residents will be responsible for funding the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget at a tax rate of 9.09 cents and the burden on the property tax payer will be the following depending on homestead values:

\$200K: \$182 \$300K: \$273 \$400K: \$364 \$500K: \$454

#### Other Budget Items

Articles 8—11 include allocation of property tax dollars to the Carpenter-Carse Library (\$192,425), the Land Preservation Fund (\$7,500), the Lake Iroquois Recreation District (\$600), and Agencies and Organizations (\$29,150). Of these Articles, the most significant change is an increase of \$10,275 for the Carpenter-Carse Library. Almost all of that increase is due to the fact that more maintenance and capital improvement projects are needed so the library facility can continue to be fully operational.

#### **Total Budget Summary**

The total budget, as presented, including the estimated \$108,000 to be applied from the Fund Balance to offset the (Continued on the next page.)



The Village Sweep

for chimney cleaning & repair





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\$200K: \$932 \$300K: \$1398 \$400K: \$1864 \$500K: \$2330

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the FY2013 budget before Town Meeting please do not hesitate to contact Joe Colangelo at 482-2281 x221 or jcolangelo@hinesburg.org. I would be happy to sit down with you to show you the budget in more detail.

Please visit www.hinesburg.org to review all budget documents including the full line-item budget and the entire

#### **Public Forum on the New Hinesburg Town Forest** Management Plan is Scheduled

The Town Forest Committee has been working for almost two years on a new management plan for the Town Forest located between Hayden Hill East and Hayden Hill West. The new management plan will replace the last plan which was written in 1986.

A full draft of the proposed management plan has finally been completed. It includes a vision for the Forest as well as management goals for the forest. There are sections of the plan devoted to each of the following: Permitted and Restricted Uses, Landscape and Community Connections, Education and Community Uses, Forestry and Wildlife, Water and Wetlands, and Recreation. Within each section objectives, guidelines and actions are stated.

Town Forest Committee members have sought public input on the plan by holding two previous public forums. Committee members again invite those interested in the Town Forest to meet with them. Committee members will present the plan to the public on March 14, 7:00- 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall and, at that time solicit feedback. Light refreshments

The draft of the management plan will be available on the Town website early in March. Once committee members consider the feedback they receive on March 14 and make any necessary changes to the plan, they will present it to the Selectboard for review and approval.

#### Mid-Winter Musing on Hiking

By Greg LeRoy **Hinesburg Trails Committee** 



hinesburg area recreation trails

It would certainly not be an overstatement to assert that the members of the Hinesburg Trails Committee are hiking enthusiasts. The same could be said about our passion for developing and maintaining Hinesburg's hiking resources and facilitating public awareness and enjoyment of the trails in our town. Our committee volunteerism is truly a labor of love.

This month, let's take an appreciative step back to reflect upon the very activity that's core to our committee and its mission: Hiking! (And let's expand the definition to include other human-powered trail uses).

Hiking is a rather unique activity. It can be pursued in variable amounts of time-minutes, hours, days, or even weeks at a time if one is so inclined. It can provide a brief diversion, become the foundation of an entire vacation, or anything in between. Those of us fortunate enough to live in



A Trails Committee member enjoying the Laplatte Headwaters Town Forest.

and this is especially true in Hinesburg. Such a positive contribution to our lifestyle should indeed be celebrated! Life is short—take a hike.

Unlike some sports or other outdoor pursuits, hiking can be enjoyed with a modest amount of equipment by individuals of all ages. And what other activity offers the opportunity for either solitude or socialization, the enjoyment of a scenic vista or an invigorating work-out, and the significant benefits to both our physical and mental well-being? Life is short—take a hike.

For me, a day without some form of hiking is a lost opportunity—one that affords time to reflect and plan and to relieve stress within the silence of the woods' caress... or, to enjoy the company of a partner, family member, or human/ canine friend, observe wildlife and their signs in the forest, or merely to get outdoors for some fresh air and exercise. Ask yourself—what other activity offers so much flexibility and so many potential benefits? Life is short—take a hike.

Photography? Check. Observing and appreciating the changing of the seasons? Check. Playing stick with the dog? Check. Sharing nature with your kids? Check. Gossiping with a neighbor? Check. Heck, we were even hiking when my future son-in-law asked permission to marry my daughter. Who knew—take a hike and begin wedding plans. But I digress. Just get out there and see what happens.

It is merely my intent to remind readers about all that hiking has to offer and to encourage readers to take full advantage of the life-affirming hiking opportunities available to you, be they in Hinesburg, Vermont, the USA, or beyond.



Vermont can readily access trails with a minimum of travel, And let me leave you with one final thought... life is short—

#### **Free Gardening Classes** Offered in Hinesburg

By Jean Kiedaisch

Would you like to grow your own vegetables? Are you interested in learning more about organic gardening? Join your neighbors at free classes for beginning gardeners offered February to May at the Community Alliance Church.

You also have the option of signing up for a raised-bed plot in the Growing Together Community Garden, which is beginning its third season at the church. Plots cost \$35 for the first year and \$20 in subsequent years. Classes are open to all community members, whether or not they are part of the community garden.

The free classes will be held on alternate Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Alliance Church, 190 Pond Road, with the first class on February 18 and the last on May 26. The instructors are Extension Master Gardeners Jean Kiedaisch and Enrique Peredo. Extension Master Gardener is a UVM program that trains its members to educate others in their communities. Both Jean and Enrique have been gardening in Hinesburg for many years and enjoy sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with others.

No prior gardening experience is necessary to participate. The course will cover planning your garden, the reasons to garden organically, ordering seeds, starting them indoors and out, why raised beds, and more. It will include a seed-starting workshop at American Meadows and field trips to both Red Wagon Plants and to the raised-bed gardens of David Purinton

Last year over 20 individuals attended classes, and out of that group, 12 signed up for plots in the Growing Together Community Garden. The 2011 garden was beautiful and productive, and from it 170 pounds of excess produce was donated to the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

If you have questions about the classes, call Jean Kiedaisch at 482-3382 or email her at jkiedais@uvm.edu. For questions about the garden or to reserve a plot, contact Sahra Aschenbach, Garden Coordinator, at 482-3883 or sahra@

Twelve individual plots were prepared in the fall and will be ready for planting in May. Reserve now for your choice of

Have an ad? 482-2540 or hrsales@gmavt.net

# LEGISLATIVE

#### **Good News for Hinesburg from Montpelier**

By Bill Lippert, Hinesburg State Representative and Chair, House Judiciary Committee

There is an old saying that "All good things come in threes." In the past month, three different announcements from Montpelier bring very good news for our Hinesburg community.

Munson and Hinesburg Rides received word that Chittenden through this important part of town. County Transportation Authority's grant application for the Hinesburg Commuter extension of bus service to Hinesburg was approved by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT). Thank you Karla and Hinesburg Rides for spearheading this ongoing partnership between the Town of Hinesburg, NRG and CCTA. The Town approved money at last town meeting, and NRG stepped up to commit funding for purchase of the commuter bus if the grant was approved. This public/private partnership, and spirit of local, grassroots cooperation, demonstrated to AOT how our local community can come together on behalf of all residents. Not only will the Hinesburg Commuter provide bus service through CCTA to Burlington and Chittenden County, but through connections with ACTR (Addison County Transit Resources), will also connect to Bristol and Middlebury, and possibly further south. According to Karla, bus service may start in a few months, as early as April.

Hinesburg Bike Path funding increased. Good news about additional funding for the long-awaited Hinesburg Bike Path. Because this project has been in the planning and development stage for so many years, the total project costs now exceed the originally allocated grant funds. Congrats to Rocky Martin and the Selectboard for persevering to create this new bike/walking path which will run from the village along Mechanicsville Road, past CVU, and along CVU Road, across Route 116, ending at the Carpenter/Carse Library. The Vermont Agency of Transportation announced in mid-January, that the

"Agency agrees that we will provide the additional funding needed to complete the project." Hopefully bidding and construction can now actively proceed toward completion, and **Hinesburg Commuter approved.** In late December, Karla Hinesburg folks will have new, safe bike and walking access

> Saputo Site Development loan issued. In late January, the Vermont Economic Development Authority (VEDA) announced approval of \$1 million in financing, as part of a \$13.4 million statewide package, for economic development at the former Saputo Cheese factory site in Hinesburg village. Developers of the Saputo site have purchased and are already renovating the 88,720 square foot former Saputo Cheese factory for lease to several commercial ventures, including tenants Green Mountain Organic Creamery and Vermont Smoke and Cure. This new loan will help create space for up to four additional tenants and is estimated that at least 37 new jobs will be created at the facility within three years. Again, congrats to all who have labored to bring the Saputo Cheese factory site back into active use and production, bringing new jobs and new economic activity to the heart of our village.

> The work of the newly convened legislative session is actively underway, with immediate focus on the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. I will report more later on the work we are undertaking to redesign Vermont's mental health system after the flooding forced the closure of the Vermont State Hospital, addressing property law issues, including foreclosure legislation, and insuring that badly needed affordable replacement housing can be developed to replace housing wiped out by the storm.

In the meantime, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.



#### Submitted by the **Hinesburg Community Police**

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

#### **Chinese Food Leads** to DUI Arrest

On January 2, a police officer from a neighboring town was at the Dragon House Chinese restaurant picking up an order. He noticed that one of the patrons was acting strangely so he called the Hinesburg Community Police. Officer Heather Lanagan responded to the restaurant and determined that Larose Dowd of Hinesburg was under the influence of alcohol. Her further investigation revealed that he had driven to the restaurant. He was taken into custody and processed for driving under the influence.

#### Caller Leads to DUI Arrest

On January 7, a call to Shelburne Dispatch reported that a vehicle was swerving on O'Neil road headed towards Shelburne Falls Rd. Officer Heather Lanagan responded and found a vehicle matching the description at the intersection of O'Neil Rd. and Shelburne Falls Rd. She made contact with the driver, Erik Bateman of Hinesburg. When she told Bateman that she had received a report of his vehicle, he stated that it was probably his wife that had called. They had an argument and he left the house.

The investigation by Lanagan indicated that Bateman was under the influence of alcohol and was taken into custody and processed for driving under the influence.

#### Chief's Corner

Fraud for the most part is one of the easiest crimes to prevent but once it happens, is the most difficult to solve and to recover any lost money. Any fraud that crosses state lines becomes almost impossible to prosecute due to the FBI having a \$25,000 dollar threshold before they will become

The creativity of criminals is amazing. The internet has allowed these criminals to target thousands of victims at once. We hope by now you all know that there are no Saudi princes out there that want to put 10 million dollars in your bank account. The problem however is the subtle scams that can cause anyone to look twice even when suspecting a scam. Craig's List is an automatic flag but now people are receiving emails that appear to be from the government or banks. Don't ever open any attachments. Call the agency or bank to determine if it is legitimate.

Someone does not need to be breaking into your house for you to use resources of the police department. Citizens call all the time with questions and we are able to help them avoid problems. Unfortunately we also receive calls after the fact and we are limited to the assistance we can provide. We encourage you to call us if you have any questions but you should call us before any money changes hands.

#### Thank You Select Board

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Select Board for their faith in appointing me (Frank Koss) Hinesburg's

Hinesburg incident Counts by Category

GRAPH PREPARED BY DOUG OLUFSEN

next police chief. This is an amazing town and the support of the citizens makes all the difference in our ability to do our jobs. In attending Chief of Police meetings, both in Chittenden County and throughout the state, it becomes apparent what a great town we have and how fortunate I am for having the job I have.

#### **Town Meeting Votes**

In a couple of days after this publication, you will have the opportunity to attend the town meeting and then vote the next day. I ask that you attend the meeting and vote yes on the police budget. Part of that vote is for 24 hour police on call coverage. The next day is the vote for the public safety bond. Again, I would like your support for the project. I hope that you have attended the public meeting and reviewed the information on the town website. I ask that you make an informed decision and that you take the time to vote.



By Eric Spivack HFD responded to 25 calls through January 25. Medical

Motor vehicle crash, no injuries Smoke in building or structure fire Mutual Aid Motor vehicle crash, with injuries Fire or CO alarms

#### **Quick Stop**

Shortly before 6:20 a.m. Wednesday, January 18, HFD was dispatched to a report of a trailer fire on North Road. On arrival, Chief Barber was greeted by a firefighter from Burlington, who was also a former Hinesburg Fire Department member. The firefighter reported he was on his way to work when he saw smoke. He immediately called 911 and evacuated the residence. Using snow, he was able to contain the fire until apparatus arrived.

HFD was on scene for about an hour checking for extension and making sure the fire was out. The fire was contained to a section of a wall near the stove. The cause was electrical wiring within the wall.

#### **Chimney Fires**

Since January 1 HFD has responded to some chimney fires in town. In both cases, the fires were quickly extinguished and damage contained to the area of the chimneys. With the cold weather here, burning wood is a common and inexpensive way to heat. Remember, if you should have a fire in your chimney or stove, immediately close the draft, call 911 and leave the building.

#### **Just Because**

Just because it is winter, emergencies don't stop. Since the first of the year, we have responded to fires and accidents, both in town and mutual aid. On Wednesday, January 25, as the temperatures dropped to the low 20's, members of HFD trained outside. Newer members, under the supervision of Lt. Waite, spent the evening training on vehicle extrication. Senior members practiced drafting water at the canal.

Working with the hydraulic tools takes practice. They are heavy, and can sometimes be awkward to handle. Add in cold temperatures which can not only affect a tool's performance but also a fire fighter and it can be totally different. Hands and fingers get cold. Plastic pieces, which may cut easily in the warm weather, can snap and fly in the cold.

At the same time, four senior firefighters were at the canal with Engine 2 to practice pump operations. Winter poses extra challenges for Engineers (the driver/operator of a fire engine). The pipes and pumps on the engine can quickly freeze. Water supply is hampered by ice. Dry hydrants, such as the one by the canal on Rte 116, may be blocked by ice and unusable. Once water is flowed through hoses, it can quickly freeze if water flow stops.

A frozen dry hydrant was the situation during training. The drafting hose was connected to the dry hydrant. The (Continued on the next page.)



Firefighters place stabilizing blocks under the vehicle.

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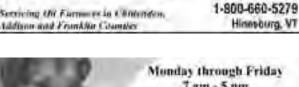
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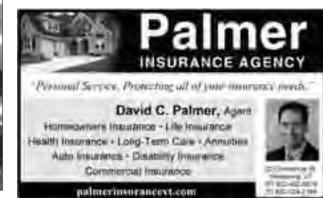


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quickly drafted from the canal and training continued.



Using the jaws of life, firefighters force the door open.



The posts are cut in preparation for removal of the vehicle roof.

#### **Daylight Savings Time** is Almost Here

Before we know it, we will be springing ahead and losing an hour. Don't forget to change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. After replacing the battery, be sure to test the unit. CO detectors more than five years old should be replaced.

Be sure to visit our website www.hinesburgfd.org

#### A Message from the Fire Chief

By Chief Al Barber

This message will come to you just prior to the bond vote for the Town Green, Park and Ride, Bus Stop and Police and Fire addition to the Fire Station. Everyone, hopefully, will by now have attended the informational meeting and Selectboard hearing on the proposed project.

Some groups think that by defeating this bond it will stop growth in Hinesburg; it will not. The town grew before you





came and it will grow after you leave. We are a community committed to taking care of its citizens as well as the well being of the land. This project reflects many meetings over the past seven years. I truly feel that in ten to fifteen years from now the Fire Station and green will be the center of our village. Because of that we want the station to be an inviting, attractive complex that is important to our village and town setting. There will be plenty of time to get the outside design correct with input from the DRB and the public as the project goes thru the approval process.

I ask that you vote as an informed citizen only on the merits of this project. The Fire Department and the Police Departments will be here regardless of the outcome, to serve the community; the only question to be answered is how prepared we will be for the future of our town and its citizens



#### By Jennifer McCuin

It's February. The days are getting longer and we're on the downside of winter, looking toward sugaring and mud season. Please think about Spring Sports and register to play or join the fun as a coach or assistant. The Recreation Department needs you. A lot of planning goes into our sixweek Spring Sport season. Prompt registration helps, so please contact the Recreation Department at 482-2281 extension 230, or email us at hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Folks, there are still two Sundays left for discounted Smuggler's Notch lift tickets. Take advantage of the snow and bargain prices of \$20 for youths and \$25 for adult lift tickets, but be sure to register and pay by noon on Thursdays for Sunday skiing. Enjoy the longer days and the promise of another

#### **2012 Spring Sports Tentative Schedule**

Spring sports start the week of April 30. Please note our schedules are subject to change due to coaches' availability and enrollment. Final practice times and locations will be e-mailed to participants prior to the start of programs. Please contact the Recreation Department at 482-228, extension 230, or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net with any questions.

#### Lacrosse

Lacrosse takes place for most young athletes at Lyman Park and Charlotte Central School (CCS).

Co-ed Kindergarten, first, and second grades—tentatively scheduled for Saturday mornings at Champlain Valley Union Field D from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

For grades three through eight, please plan on two weekday practices and games on Saturdays (boys) and Sunday afternoons (girls). Specific practice dates will be forthcoming for the following groups:

Boys grades three and four

Girls grades three and four Boys grades five and six Girls grades five and six

Boys grades seven and eight Girls grades seven and eight

#### Tee Ball

Kindergarteners and first graders play on Tuesdays and p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### Farm League Baseball

Children in grades two and three play on Mondays and



Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hinesburg Community School.

#### **Spring Sport Fees:**

Tee Ball is \$30 by March 30 and \$40 after March 30. Farm League is \$30 by March 30 and \$40 after March

Kindergarten/Grades One/Two Co-ed Lacrosse is \$30 by March 30 and \$40 thereafter.

Three/Four Grade Girls, Five/Six Grade Girls, and Seven/Eight Grade Girls Lacrosse is \$70 by March 16. Three/Four Grade Boys, Five/Six Grade Boys and Seven/Eight Grade Boys Lacrosse are \$70 and include U.S. Lacrosse membership. Deadline is March 16.

#### Smugg's Discounted **Lift Tickets**

Enjoy full-day, discounted lift tickets at Smuggler's Notch Resort on two more Sundays in March.

Youths (Ages 6 - 17): Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$20

Adults (Age 18 and older): Lift Ticket, Rental, Lesson are \$25 each.

Checks are payable to Hinesburg Recreation Department. When: March 4 and 11.

Register and pay through the Hinesburg Recreation Department by Thursday at noon for each Sunday. Lesson time is 1:00 p.m. Children must be at least six years old for a lesson through this program. You must complete a rental form, which is available on the table outside of the Recreation Department or it can be e-mailed to you. Meet your 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.

#### Zumba

Taught by Hinesburg resident Jeanne Neu, Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music with dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system. The routines feature aerobic and fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms, designed to tone and sculpt the body. Zumba utilizes the principals of fitness with interval and resistance training to maximize caloric output. A great workout with great music—spice up your winter!

When: Thursdays, a morning or evening option

Where: Town Hall

Time: Choose 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. OR 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Cost: \$8 per class.

For questions or to register, contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department at 482-2281 extension 230, or hinesburgrec@gmavt.net. Checks are payable to the instructor.

#### **Dance for Pre-Schoolers with** Miss Jeanne

Who: Children ages three and four

Where: Town Hall

When: Fridays

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$40 per month. Checks are payable to the Hinesburg Recreation Department (HRD).

Registration: Contact HRD at 482-2281 extension 230, or e-mail hinesburgrec@gmavt.net.

#### Family Swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge

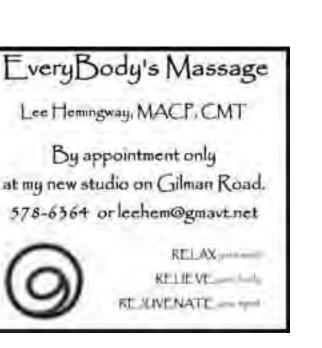
Bring your family to swim at the Sports and Fitness Edge, located at 10 Wellness Drive in Williston. Come swim and play with your family in a heated, indoor pool.

Who: Hinesburg residents When: Sundays, February 26 and March 25.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for a family of four.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Hinesburg Recreation Department by noon on Thursdays. Make your payment at the Sports and Fitness Edge.



#### Our Town

BY LAURA FOLDESI



WINTER LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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#### 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. Occasional schedule changes may be expected.

#### **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 Toddler Story Time**

Toddler Story Time is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Join us for age

appropriate stories, songs and games for ages up through three on February 21, March 6 and March 20. No pre-registration is required for these story times.

#### **Preschool Story Hour**

Kids ages three to five are invited to Preschool Story Hour every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to noon with one exception in March. There will be no story hour at the library on March 27. Each week we enjoy stories, songs, snack and a craft. No pre-registration is required for these story times

#### **Pajama Story Hours**

Children ages three through seven are invited to Pajama Story Hour on February 28. Wear some warm jammies to the library and bring a favorite stuffed animal friend or blanket. Together we will share in lots of fun as we listen to winter stories, watch a short video, and do a seasonal craft. Yummy cookies and juice will be served to all. Advance registration is helpful but not required. We plan to host these PJ story hours on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 482-2878

#### **Book Discussion Group**

which meets monthly in readers' homes. The next two meetings will be on Thursday, February 16 and Thursday, March 29. The featured title for March is *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Watch for posters or phone Shelli at 482-2269 for location and other information. Please note that the group does not meet at the library as a rule.

#### **YA Book Group**

Join our Young Adult Book Group, Thursday, March 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and preview the latest Young Adult titles. You and your friends can discuss "favorites" and recommend teen books and other materials for the library's collection. We may include a Wii video game or watch a DVD as we hang out together. Refreshments will be served. We will get together on the first Thursday of every month. Call Janet at 482-2878 for more information.

**Adult Fiction:** 

Addison, Corban, A Walk Across the Sun Akhtar, Avad, American Dervish: A Novel Almond, Steve, God Bless America: stories

Beneron, Naomi, Running the Rift Cornwell, Bernard, Death of Kings

Desai, Anita, The Artist of Disappearance

Keifetz, Mandy, Flea Circus: a brief bestiary of grief Lively, Penelope, How It All Began: a novel Livesey, Margot, The Flight of Gemma Hardy O'Connell, Carol, The Chalk Girl (a Mallory novel) Pollack, Eileen, Breaking and Entering: a novel

Hoffman, Alice, The Dovekeepers Saramago, Jose, Cain

that shape our decisions

Boo, Katherine, Behind the Beautiful Forevers: life, death, and hope in a Mumbai undercity

Avid readers may join our library's book discussion group

#### **Recent Acquisitions**

Barr, Nevada, *The Rope* 

Boyle, T. Coraghessan, When the Killing's Done

Crais, Robert, Taken Duffy, Erin, Bond Girl

Robards, Karen, Sleepwalker LARGE PRINT:

**Adult Nonfiction:** Ariely, Dan, Predictably Irrational: the hidden forces

Cain, Susan, Quiet: the power of introverts in a world

that can't stop talking Edsall, Thomas Byrne, The Age of Austerity: how

Matthews, Christopher, Jack Kennedy: elusive hero Mueller, Tom, Extra Virginity: the sublime and scandalous world of olive oil Smith, Sally Bedell, Elizabeth the Queen On Order: Ausubel, Ramona, No One is Here Except All of Us

\*\*\*New Youth Books will be listed on the Library's

#### Let's Break a Record

Palca, Joe, Annoying: the science of what bugs us

Sherman, Susan, The Little Russian

Muir, Nancy C., Computers for Seniors for Dummies

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Krauss, Lawrence M. and Richard Dawkins, A Universe

from Nothing: why there is something rather than

scarcity will remake American politics

Keaton, Diane, Then Again

Let's break the record for attendance and membership at the Library this February! The welcome mat is out and there are so many reasons to check out what we have to offer at the library. Discover some reasons of your own this winter. Do you value our library services? We will be seeking your feedback in February.

Come in to see the new carpeting and revised furniture ayout. The carpeting project was completed by New England Flooring in January. The project took a week and a half to finish; the library stayed open to the public throughout, with the exception of Martin Luther King Day.

Sue Barden and the Library Trustees commend the Library Staff for all their hard work moving books and furniture, and keeping step with the Flooring Company workers. Sue wishes to thank the Trustees for their support of the project from planning phases to completion, and for their willingness to pitch in and help. We wish to thank the following volunteers for the time and effort they donated: Monte Stokes, Kelly Winter, Sylvie Vidrine, David Blanck, John Phillips, Sally Reiss, Peter Huber and Geoffrey Miller. We think the library's new look is pleasing; come and see for yourself!

#### **Ouotation of the Month**

"It was love at first sight, at last sight, at ever and ever

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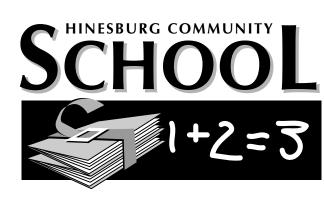
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#### Thank you, Hinesburg, for **Supporting the Sixth Grade Penguin Plunge Team!**

17 sixth graders and five adults from Hinesburg Community School jumped into an icy Lake Champlain on February 4 (see front page) and their bravery was rewarded with contributions for the Special Olympics from many generous donors. An extra





The faster you run, the easier it is (PHOTO SILVIE VIDRINE)

big thanks goes out to the Redducs Foundation for their very generous donation. Other contributers were:

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#### The Hinesburg Community School team raised over \$12, 500 and took the 5th spot overall for fundraising.



Wet and chilly and moving fast (PHOTOGRAPHER UNKNOWN, SUPPLIED BY ANGELA GALYEAN)

Phil has been an active member of Hinesburg's unique and vibrant community for over 25 years. His extensive management experience and commitment to the people of Hinesburg make him a sound choice to:

- Encourage a strategic approach to town management, including a collaborative vision for the development of Hinesburg's future growth.
- Lead with respect and open dialogue.
- Maintain our rural character while encouraging new ways to make Hinesburg's agricultural and woodland space economically viable.
- Build a vibrant and sustainable village center with a strong community spirit and a healthy business environment.
- Always work hard for Hinesburg.



#### **Hinesburg Community** School's Farm to School Food **Program—Our Progress!** By Kelli Brown, Nutrition Improvement Team, **Partners in Education (PiE)**

The Hinesburg Community School cafeteria has been switching up some things! You may have heard that the school is moving toward integrating a Farm to School Food

A Farm to School Program has the objectives of serving healthy meals, improving student nutrition, providing education opportunities in health, nutrition and agriculture, and supporting local and regional farmers.

HCS will raise student awareness about farming and nutrition and hopes to establish stronger relations with our local farmers. The future holds more fruits and vegetables for our students. This is a food program that over 60% of Vermont schools are now implementing.

It is exciting to see the progress at HCS! Last spring we built a garden. With the help of the cub scouts, parents and students, we built 15 raised vegetable beds. Parents and students planted and cared for the garden. We enjoyed fresh salad. We had a pumpkin patch. We stored tomatoes. We made pesto. We enjoyed beautiful cut flowers throughout the

This past fall students returned to HCS with a few changes to the menu. Strawberry milk, baloney, and French Toast sticks were gone. Today we have homemade soup every day. We have pizza on Fridays with a wheat crust from Pastabilities in Williston. It is topped with our own homemade sauce (that has carrots in it!) and low-fat mozzarella cheese.

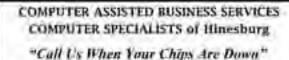
Also this past fall, we enjoyed a bountiful harvest dinner at our Open House. We worked together with our local organic Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms: Farmstand at the Cobble, Full Moon Farm, and Trillium Hill Farm. A big thanks for their donations of produce, making it possible for the HCS community to reap the rewards of nealthy organic vegetables at our first harvest dinner.

And have I mentioned our salad and sandwich bar? It's huge! Over 16 items to top your lettuce every day! Some Continued on the next page.)









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days there's homemade hummus or pesto pasta salad with, you guessed it, pesto made with our own basil. To date, over 50% of students who buy lunch enjoy the salad and sandwich bar. The changes are exciting and only beginning!

The community has been very supportive. In addition to the donations from our local CSA's, NRG gave us a ton of wood and Gary Clark moved a ton of soil for our garden. Red Wagon Plants donated seeds and plants. We received grants from the Skinny Pancake in Burlington, Annie's Noodles and Gardener's Supply. These funds were used to buy soil and tools. We also received a tiller from Mantis.

Now that the garden is in place, we're turning our attention toward being accepted into Vermont's Farm to School Food Program. This acceptance will gain HCS more resources to help transform our food program and reach into the classroom with a nutrition curriculum. Our fingers are crossed.

Just recently, we had an amazing donation for our program. We received over \$1,000 in professional knives for our kitchen from Gunter Wilhelm. Gunter Wilhelm is based in Tenafly, New Jersey. We did not expect that a business so far from our community would help us. We are moved by their generosity. Our small community is much larger than we think!

Anyone in our community (including our friends in New











Amelie and Jacob Lepple, and Rosie and Ryan Gladstone help out at the school garden during sunnier days.

Jersey) is welcome to visit our cafeteria for breakfast or lunch. You can enjoy lunch for \$5 or just a cup of homemade soup for \$2. Come see how school lunch is changing!

#### 100 Days, 100 Chances to Give Back

#### By Alyssa Lasher, Kindergarten Teacher

At press time, Mrs. Lasher's class was working hard to collect 100 returnable bottles before our  $100^{th}$  day of school (which was on February 8).

Our plan is to collect the bottles, return them for deposit and donate the money to a charity of our choice.

We have not decided which charity yet, however we are leaning toward a charity that supports animal protection.

Look for information about how many bottles we collected and what charity we decided to help in the next issue of *The Hinesburg Record*.

## Hinesburg Nursery School



#### **Publicly Funded Preschool in Hinesburg**

#### By Amy Ide, Parent

We are extremely lucky to live in a state that values prekindergarten education. Through Act 62, Vermont school districts are now able to provide funding for pre-kindergarten to families by establishing partnerships with these highquality preschool education programs. This funding is available for residents of the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne, St. George and Williston), that have children between the ages of three and five. Children need to be three-years-old by September 1, 2012 to qualify for the school year starting in September of

There are many benefits to attending a high-quality preschool program. Children gain pre-literacy skills through a variety of activities such as book reading, story telling, acting, journal writing, rhyming, singing and dance. Mathematics skills are developed though many everyday activities such as baking, playing games and using manipulatives.

Children learn valuable social skills as they interact with peers and teachers. A sense of inquiry is fostered while students are supported in trying new things and using their imaginations in play. Children have the opportunity to experiment with a variety of art mediums and find ways to express themselves.

Independence and self-efficacy are built as preschoolers learn new things about the world and about themselves. In fact, research shows that in comparison with children not attending a pre-kindergarten program, students that attend preschool are generally more prepared for elementary school academically, socially and emotionally. They also have less of a need for special education services later in life.

Here are a few of the things you will see at Hinesburg Nursery School right now:

- Digging for fossils at the discovery table
- Making necklaces out of cereal and beads
- Baking pancakes
- Practicing gymnastics on the rings
- Writing numbers and learning about the calendar
- Dancing, singing and lots of movement
- Telling a "story by heart" at the end of the day
- Sledding down our hill in the back yardHappy, smiling preschoolers!

Hinesburg Nursery School is excited to be an Early Learning Partner, and offer this funding to Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU) residents. Parents may obtain an application form by calling Wendy Clark at 383-1235, or emailing her at wclark@cssu.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 12, 2012.

Hinesburg Nursery School is a parent cooperative located in Hinesburg. We are a STARS rated preschool for children ages three to five. For more information about our school call 802-482-3827 or visit us at www. hinesburgnurseryschool.com.

## **Organizations**

#### Bowl-a-thon to Fight Senior Hunger

The 2nd annual Champlain Valley Agency on Aging Bowl-a-thon to Strike Out Senior Hunger will be held on March 31 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Spare Time in Colchester. Space is limited. To register your teams go to cvaa.org or call 865-0360. Teams of four will raise pledges of \$400 to help end senior hunger. Prizes include a trip for two to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Event t-shirts and a free buffet will be provided. CVAA is a non-profit serving seniors in Chittenden, Addison, Franklin, and Grand Isle counties.

## Gentle Yoga at Huntington Library

Jen Manosh, CVAA Americorps member, is presenting free gentle seated yoga classes for seniors. Practice gentle postures to improve flexibility, strength, balance, and overall well being. This yoga program uses a stable chair for support. Beginners are encouraged to attend. The class will take place at the Huntington Library beginning Friday, March 2, The library is located at 2156 Main Street in Huntington. Class will consist of 8 weekly sessions every Friday from 1:00p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. The last class will be April 20. While classes are free of charge, donations to CVAA are gratefully accepted. Pre-registration is recommended to reserve a spot in the class. If you would like to make a reservation or if you have any questions about the program, please contact Jen Manosh at 865-0360 EXT 1058 or jmanosh@cvaa.org

#### **Record Breaking Blood Drive**

#### By Carol King

Congratulations to the Hinesburg community, the CVU family and NRG who surpassed the record for January donations at the St. Jude's Blood Drive. 98 units were obtained from 107 donors at St Jude's Blood Drive Tuesday, January 10. A huge thanks to all who participated, especially those who had a long wait to donate. What a wonderful thing our community has done to help those in need. The Red Cross always appreciates our help but even more so in January, a difficult month to gain donations.

Now "the rest of the story", as I heard it: Allison Giroux persuaded her AP Biology teacher, Mr. Schoonover, to grant extra credits to students who donated blood at this drive. Hence many students unexpectedly came to donate. And parents came for those students who were too young to donate! In support of the students, Mr. Schoonover came too. Students who gave blood include Ian Batson, Sierra Davis, Lane Waples, Trevor Kennedy, Gabe Peck-Frame, Kathleen Leach, Allison Giroux, Zach Holman, Kayla Steen, Kyle Palmer, Alexie Milliken. Parents donated on behalf of their students; Sarah Lewis, Alex Lee, Stephanie Benoit, and Erin Macy.





CVU AP Biology students who participated in the St. Judes Blood Drive: Back row: Ian Batson, Gabe Peck-Frame, Lane Waples, Kyle Palmer, Kathleen Leach. Front row: Alex Lee, Alexie Millikin, Allison Giroux, Bill Schoonover.

Unfortunately, the Red Cross was not quite prepared for this number so there was a long wait for many in the later hour. There will be a better plan next time. Donors, if you know your approximate ETA at the Blood Drive, appointments can be made. With an appointment your wait will be less than someone who walks-in. This also helps the Red Cross with preparations. Whatever you do, however you manage, please continue to support this effort. You are needed. Next Blood Drive is Wednesday, May 16.

#### Pack 691 Pinewood Derby

Gentlemen, start your engines! That was the cry as 23 cub scouts gathered on Saturday, January 21 for the annual Pack 691 Pinewood Derby. For the next hour, scouts and families watched race after race to see who would be the winner.

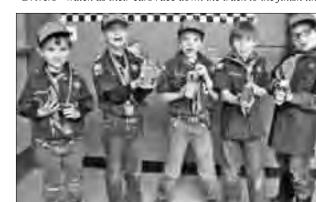
There were four rounds of six races each on a four lane track. The rules require each car to race once on each track. Using computerized timers and scoring, the times for each car are accumulated.

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the three top cars from each group, Tigers, Wolf, Bear and Webelo. These winners now move on to compete at the District Race in April. Pack trophies are awarded to the three fastest cars of the day. First place Jacob Ashe; second place Kayden Bushey and third place Gavin Cote.

Congrats to all the Cub Scouts on the hard work, great designs, and some very fast cars.



"Drivers" watch as their cars race down the track to the finish line



Pack 691 Tiger cubs display their cars.

#### Spaghetti Dinner at Lodge

The Order of the Eastern Stars Chapter of Hinesburg, LaPlott #64 is hosting their annual spaghetti supper on Saturday, February 24 at the Mason Lodge, next to the Hinesburg Community School. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.. Come one and come all, cost is a donation. For more information call Wilma Preston at 425-2643 or Ellie Carpenter at 985-2 779.

## Put the Brakes on Lung Disease

Donate your used or exhausted vehicle to the American Lung Association of the Northeast. Any car, truck, motorcycle, fleet vehicle, bus, van, RV, motor home, boat or trailer, unencumbered by a lien, will be accepted at no cost to the donor - and you may be eligible for a tax break.

The American Lung Association will arrange pick-up of

the vehicle by a professionally licensed towing company. Donated vehicles are sold at auction to the highest bidder. This process ensures that donations are turned into cash as quickly as possible, so the money can be used in the community right away.

Cars that sit unused for months at a time often pose an environmental hazard, especially if anti-freeze and other toxic chemicals have not been drained properly. Vehicles do not have to run, but they must be tow able. All vehicles must have an engine and all tires must be inflated.

Lung disease is the third leading cause of death in the country; lung cancer is the number one cancer killer among both men and women. Currently, 35 million Americans in the United States are living with lung disease. Asthma is one of the leading causes of school absences, with more than seven million children suffering from the disease. The American Lung Association is proud to say that 78 cents on every dollar is reinvested to fund lung disease research, advocacy and programs.

For information, or to donate a vehicle, please call 1-800-LUNG-USA or visit onelessmanymore.org

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## Hinesburg Historical Society

In recognition of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the town of Hinesburgh, the Hinesburg Historical Society is republishing Leonard Carpenter's booklet, **Hinesburg, Vermont from 1762**, with the addition of essays and a timeline written by Mr. Carpenter and archived at the Carpenter Carse Library. This will be the fourth publication of the booklet. The original was published in 1962, on the two hundredth anniversary of the town. This latest issue will go on sale around Hinesburg by town meeting and will be available for \$2.50. The following is one of Leonard Carpenter's essays, which will be included in the new, expanded issue.

#### **A Winter Morning**

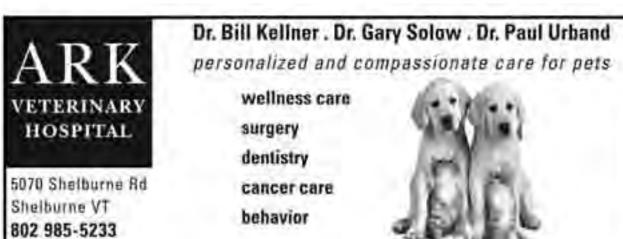
"The gong on the big nickel-plated alarm clock exploded early, arousing the household. Out of a warm bed, onto a cold floor, and dressing quickly by lamplight. A kerosene lantern is lighted, and out through a shed to the barn to hay and grain the horses and cows, and milk the latter.

Back in the kitchen for a wash-up at the sink. Papers have been placed in the cook-stove, then kindling and kerosene. When the fire burns well, stove-wood is added.

Soon the teakettle steams; the old-fashioned coffee pot begins to throw off its aroma. Sausage, or some other kind of (Continued on the next page.)







fruit was added to the menu. After breakfast the pigs and hens were fed, all of the stock watered, the horses curried and brushed, then other light chores, such as filling the wood-box and stove reservoir, until the first-bell rang at the school house; then a quick clean-up and a rush to school at nine o'clock.'

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#### **Part 2: Electricity Comes** to the Estev Farm

As letters to the Vermont Electric Coop's Around the Project illustrate electrification of farms was a boon: "I thought electricity was intended for the rich man only. Now, I know it is for, and needed by, the poor man too." "We do not dread dark mornings anymore nor long evenings" "If they take lights away from my farm, I go with them" "I don't see how we ever got along without electricity." Kenneth's memories illustrate adjustment to this new phenomenon and how farm life was made easier, but there was a dark side too for many Vermont farms which Kenneth touches on in this interview.

Kenneth Estey: "I guess my first experience with electricity was with a neighbor across the road and one up the road a little way. Each of those farmers put together a crystal set. A crystal set ran on a dry cell battery so you could call that an electrical experience. It was a great treat to go across the road to Charles Leonard's and Harry Page's homes and listen with earphones to their crystal sets. That was the first radio contact that I had. I don't remember what programs we listened to but it was like magic.

Before 1937, electricity only came about a mile out of the village as far as the Mead farm owned by Erle Mead who was the ancestor of the present Meads who live in Hinesburg. Erle Mead sold cars. Tom McKenzie was in on that too. There's a story there I'll tell you about later. We didn't have a Delco plant like some other farms—like my grandfather who had a Delco plant on his farm up on the Richmond Road—so everything before electricity was done by hand including milking. The cows got their water from a spring-feed watering tub, maybe, say, 750 feet from the barn. Normally they would take themselves but when it was cold or snow we would have to make them go down there. One of us, usually myself or the hired hand, would go down before breakfast with a bag of kindling and firewood and start a fire in a stove in the center of the tub so the water would be warm—cows won't drink enough ice water to keep up production. Water for the house came from a cistern. Our drinking water came from a handdug, 36 foot deep well with a hand pump. We had a gaspowered washing machine with a hand-cranked mangle for squeezing the water out.

Electricity came to our farm in the summer of 1937, but it didn't make much difference between those had power and those who didn't. Nobody got teased about it. Green Mountain Power wanted to extend the line down Monkton road for a mile. I don't remember if we had to pay for extending the line, but I know everyone had to sign a paper that they would pay a minimum—if someone didn't sign up the others who signed up would have to pay more. We had a telephone before electricity, but I don't remember if GMP used any of the telephone poles. I know that poles were put in fields. The story was told that this one farmer objected to poles going through his meadow but they wouldn't listen to him, they said they had the right to do it and they were going to do so he let his bull out in the meadow and yelled at the man 'show him your papers'—it slowed them down, but eventually they put the pole where they wanted.

We put lights in the house and barn and got a radio right off. Eventually we got electric milking machines. That was very handy because we had more cows by then ... your hands and arms can only milk so many cows by hand; seven was my limit. With electricity we could pump water from the spring to

drinking bowls in the barn so that was the end having to take the cows down to the tub and heat the water in the winter.

When I went in the fall of '37 to UVM I lived in a private house—my landlord was a first cousin of Calvin Coolidge and his wife was a retired English and mathematics teacher wonderful people. I had always studied with kerosene lamps and I couldn't stand the bright electric light in my room. I was used to kerosene light—so I went down street in Burlington and got a 25-30 Watt blue bulb. My landlady looked in one time and said "Ah, Kenneth, how can you stand that sepulchral light." After a while I did get used to electric lights.

We didn't get tired of farming. Our decision to quit farming was based on the demand that we drill a well and buy a bulk tank. We had to quit putting milk in cans and the milk would be pumped from the tank into a truck. We ended up as many small farmers did. The cows we could keep on the small farm could not feed us and take care of the improvements they wanted. We sold most of the cows to our neighbor. We sold the house separately from the farm and sold the land, 50 acres, pretty much cleared, to our next-door neighbor, Ron and Jean Isham. They still live there but don't farm it anymore."

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## **Health & Safety**

#### **Ladies First Expands Eligibility** for Vermont Women

#### Submitted by the Vermont **Department of Health**

Ladies First, a Vermont Department of Health program that provides access to breast, cervical and heart health screening for low income women, is expanding its eligibility beginning this year. Any Vermont woman age 21 or older earning 250 percent of the poverty level or less can now receive free screening services through Ladies First. For example, a woman in a two-person household earning less than \$36,775 a year can qualify.

The program has screened nearly 11,000 women for breast and cervical cancer since 1995, and 4,500 for heart health since 2002. "Early detection can, and does, save lives," said Nicole Lukas, women's health director for the Vermont Department of Health. "We want to be sure that all women receive timely treatment.'

Uninsured women with a breast or cervical cancer or precancerous condition can be referred by Ladies First to a special Medicaid program, Vermont's Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program, to receive full health insurance that covers the cost of their treatment.

To qualify a woman needs to be uninsured, a U.S. citizen (or qualified alien), and under age 65. Benefits can be retroactive up to 90 days when the woman does not have any prior health insurance or coverage through VHAP (Vermont

To apply or for more information call 1-800-508-2222 or go to www.LadiesFirstVt.org. For Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, please use Vermont Relay Service 711 and give our number: 1-800-508-2222. Foreign language interpreters, transportation, child care and elder care are also available.

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#### **Winter Months: Special Times** at Shelburne Farms

#### **Evening Sleigh Rides**

Saturday, February 25 at 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m., join Pat Palmer of Thornapple Farm and his team of Percheron draft horses for a winter evening riding through the meadows and woodlands of Shelburne Farms. Romance and star gazing with jingling sleigh bells. Fee for the sleigh rides is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children three to 13 for members of Shelburne Farms and \$15 for adults and \$10 for children for nonmembers. Children under three are free. Reservations required by calling 985-8686. All rides are weather permitting.



If the weather cooperates, there are evening sleigh rides at the Welcome Center at Shelburne Farms on February 14 and 25.

#### **Bread and Butter**

Saturday, February 18, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., kids can experience making bread and butter at this Saturday workshop in the Education Center at Shelburne Farms. There is the fun of shaking and singing to transform cream into butter. And making bread from the first steps of removing wheat berries from the wheat plant to grinding, sifting, mixing, shaping the dough into one-of-a-kind shapes and baking. And then best of all – eating newly baked bread with butter on top. Fee for this program is \$10 for a parent and child, with \$5 for each additional child for members of Shelburne Farms, and \$12 and \$6 for nonmembers. Call 985-8686 to register.

#### **Try Snowshoeing at Shelburne**

Farms Saturday, February 18, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., the cure for cabin fever: give snowshoeing a try with the help of the great staff of Outdoor Gear Exchange. If the weather cooperates, they will be waiting at the Welcome Center at Shelburne Farms with snowshoes and advice. And then take a

Maggie

Gordon

pair of snowshoes for a spin around the field next to the Welcome Center. This program is free to all. Call 985-8442 to check on iffy weather conditions.

#### Owl Prowl

Saturday, February 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., the experts of Outreach for Earth Stewardship will teach about Vermont's breeding owls and lead a walk in the woods to see if wild owls can be tempted into conversations. The woodlands of Shelburne Farms near the OFES aviary will be the site of a moderate hike to find the wild owls. A live owl presentation and hot chocolate will follow the walk. This program is for adult and children ages 10 to 17. Fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Registration at 985-8686



Craig Newman of Outreach for Earth Stewardship with a live owl.

#### **Tracking and Trailing a Vermont** Carnivore

Sunday, February 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., naturalist Matt Kolan will lead a day of reading and interpreting the tracks and signs of a Vermont carnivore, exploring the intimate story of a day in its life. The program will begin at the Welcome Center at Shelburne Farms and carpool to the nearest accessible animals trail. Participants should come prepared for the weather, bring a brown bag lunch and be prepared for somewhat strenuous hiking. Fee for the program is \$35 for members and \$40 for nonmembers of Shelburne Farms. Call 985-8686 to register.

#### **Dog-Powered Fun for Dogs and** Humans

Saturday, March 17 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., musher Jean Coffey and her team of sled dogs will be the center of attention as families gather at Shelburne Farms to learn how sled dogs are adapted for working in the snow. Jean will explain what it takes for dogs to pull a sled and what it takes for humans to care for them. Fee for the program for members is \$10 for a parent and child, with \$5 for each additional child. Recommended for children six and up. Fee for nonmembers of \$12 and \$6. Call 985-8686 to register.

#### **Teen Weekend Overnight at Shelburne Farms**

Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18; 10:00 a.m. Saturday to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, the woods at Shelburne Farms at the end of winter are filled with exciting discoveries for the budding naturalist. Teens can investigate how living things survive the winter and prepare for spring at this overnight program. Team building activities include shelter building,

#### lodging and equipment. Please check the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) for information about partial and full scholarship availability. Information about the program is under "Education and Training" on the left side of the home page. You can print the camp application from the website, fill it out, and send it in

with a check. For more information about Green Mountain Conservation Camps contact: fwgmcc@state.vt.us or call 802-241-3768. (Continued on the next page.)

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fire making, maple sugaring and other adventures as teens

make new friends and connect with the natural world around

them. Educator Margaret Burke and Naturalist Teage

O'Connor lead this program of adventure and discovery. Fee

for the program is \$75, and scholarships are available. Call

**Conservation Camp** 

**Applications Are Available** 

Submitted by Vermont Fish and Wildlife

Vermont's wildlife and gain outdoor skills next summer,

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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. Campers participate

in hands-on learning experiences about fish and wildlife

conservation, ecology, forestry, orienteering, safe firearm and

archery techniques, swimming, canoeing, fishing and more in

an attractive outdoor setting. Natural resource professionals

come to the camp during the week to share information on

August 17. Tuition is \$200 for the week, including food,

Conservation Camps open June 17 and continue until

their programs and take campers out for field activities.

If you are 12 to 14 years old and want to learn about

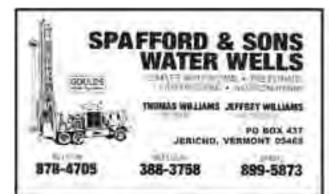
985-0327 for information and to register.



The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Green Mountain Conservation Camp program offers young people the opportunity to learn about natural resource conservation and develop outdoor skills through hands-on learning experiences. PHOTO CREDIT: VT FISH AND WILDLIFE







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Vermont's conservation camp program is unique because it is sponsored and directed by Fish and Wildlife Department professionals - the same people who manage Vermont's fish and wildlife resources. Working biologists, foresters, game wardens and conservation educators teach young people about Vermont's forests, wetlands and wildlife. The program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors.

#### **SAC Summer Camp Schedule**

The Shelburne Art Center is pleased to announce that Summer Camp 2012 schedule is online and available for registration. The Shelburne Art Center has provided youth from the greater Burlington area with access to art and craft studios and the teachings of master crafters of clay, wood, metals, glass, and visual art, during the summer months since

According to the Center's Executive Director, Sage Tucker-Ketcham, "We've updated our studios since last summer with better, more energy efficient lighting, cleaned out some space for more elbow-room, painted the walls, and programmed a fantastic summer! We are bringing back some oldies but goodies, maintaining our core curriculum, and adding some new camps that will surely excite your creativity. Looking forward to seeing you all in June!"

To pick up a camp catalogue visit the office at 64 Harbor Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit: www. shelburneartcenter.org.

Multi-child or multi-camp discounts are available. Please call our office at 965-3648 for details. Discount cannot be applied to online registrations. Sign-up online, in-office, or over the phone.

# In The NEWS

#### **UVM Holds December Graduation**

Some 324 students were awarded a variety of bachelor's degrees during the University of Vermont's 200th Commencement ceremonies on December 17. There were some 13 doctoral degrees and 57 master's degrees and certificates awarded by the UVM Graduate College at the first-ever December commencement ceremony.

Hinesburg graduates and their degrees were: Christiana N. Bedard, BA, Chinese; Deborah J. Campbell, BS, Ecological Agriculture; Matthew R. Francis, BA, Economics; Skyler K. Perkins, BA, Global Studies; Daphne Walker, MED,

#### **Hinesburg Students Named to** Dean's List at UVM

Undergraduate students with grade-point averages of 3.0 or better and who are in the top 20 percent of their classes,

3. Betting data

4. Beer garnish

**6.** "Harper Valley

7. Ashes holder

8. Logic game

\_\_\_ housing

**10.** Inscribed stone

11. Greek moralist

**12.** Artist, with El

24. Sang like a canary

28. Doctor Who villainess, with

36. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer

13. Sinuous

**23.** Yen

**31.** Beam

**39.** Weak

**42.** Lots

**48.** Sting

50. Empty

**18.** \_\_\_ degree **19.** "48\_\_\_"

26. Scores high

**27.** Do the trick

33. Sixth sense 34. Peeper problem

**37.** Shrek, e.g.

38. Holiday opener

**40.** Young falcon

46. Napa Valley area

**52.** "Give It To You" rapper

49. Certain inmate

**51.** Kind of pool

54. Illuminated

**57.** Blown away

60. "Iliad" warrior

59. Hombre's home

**55.** Muzzle

29. Big bang matter

2. French Sudan, today

9. "La Scala di \_\_\_\_" (Rossini

Down

1. Prig

opera)

by Myles Mellor and Sally York



Across

1. Young salmon

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10. Droops

14. Lowest point

**15.** \_\_\_\_ believer

16. Small gull

17. 1952 novel, with The

**20.** Split

**21.** Rowboat adjunct

**22.** Not too brainy \_\_\_ Rebellion of 1857-59

26. Twisted

**30.** Hoodlum

**32.** Fuse

35. Sniff out

**41.** Author of 17 and 63 Across

43. Meager

**45.** Square 47. Che or gen followers

44. Broad view

48. Item with a ladder 53. Pastoral poems (var.)

56. Wheels for moma

**58.** Lest

**63.** 1929 novel

66. Cost of living?

67. Ashtabula's lake

**68.** Exhaust

69. Deuce topper 70. Turned blue, maybe

71. Interestina

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61. Blue books? **62.** See

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have been named to dean's list at the schools and colleges of (Continued from the front page.) the University of Vermont.

Hinesburg residents on the Dean's list are: Karlon G. Auger, first-year student, Computer Science; Isaiah R. Cory, sophmore, Business Administration; Andrew J. Giroux, firstyear student, Electrical Engineering; Tegan M. Mahoney, sophmore, Art History; Evan P. Moore, first-year student, Business Administration; Catharine M. Parker, first-year student, Elementary Education K-6; Joshua L. Parker, senior, Secondary Education Math and; Benjamin D. Soll, junior, Secondary Education Science.

#### **Education Award for Hinesburg Student at the University of New Haven**

Timothy Fournier, Junior, was named to the Dean's list at the University of New Haven for the fall 2011 semester. Fulltime undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's

#### **Hinesburg Student on Keene State Honor Roll**

Keene State College has released the Dean's List for the fall semester 2011. Among the 1,501 students named to the Dean's List is Samuel Hill.

The Dean's List designation is bestowed to those Keene State College undergraduates enrolled in a degree program who have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. A 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale is required to earn the Dean's List honor.

#### **Shannon Stevens Receives Gallon Pin**

Shannon Stevens has received her gallon pin from the American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region. She now has donated a total of 3 gallons.

#### Geo Bee at Christ the King School

Max Atkins came out on top after several rounds of tough questions on United States, world, and cultural geography during the school level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee at Christ the King School. Brad Eldred and Matthew Cieslak, of Hinesburg, came in second and third. Max will go on to represent Christ the King School at the state competition in the hopes of representing Vermont at the national level. Associate principal Odile Steel asked the questions and middle school teacher, and Geo Bee coach, Dave Friedman acted as judge and timekeeper. Best of luck to Max at the state level and great job Bradley and Matthew!





#### **Town Meeting**

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise the sum of \$29,150 to be distributed as specifically designated to the following agencies/organizations?

CTR Independent Living: \$300 Comm. Res. Center: \$10,500 VT Nurse Assoc.: \$7,200 COTS: \$1,000 Agency on Aging: \$2,200 Vermont CARES: \$500 Howard Center: \$800 Chitt Emr Food Shlf: \$500 Chitt Com Action: \$1,500 Hinesburg Rides: \$1,500 Maple Leaf Farm: \$750 Rape Crisis Center: \$200 VT Red Cross: \$200 TOTAL: \$29,150

Battered Women: \$2,000

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to furnish the Town of St. George fire protection and first response coverage at the sum of \$24,448? (If all articles are approved as printed, a total of \$2,497,173 will need to be allocated from the property taxes for town government.)

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money when needed to meet current expenses and indebtedness of said Town?

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 payable in full to the Town of Hinesburg in one (I) installment, with the due date being November 15, 2012? Any and all payments received in the Town Treasurer's Office later than midnight on November 15, 2012 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to the collection of interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter at the rate of 1 1/2 % per month or fraction thereof.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town present notice via mail at least thirty (30) days before the annual town meeting regarding the availability of the annual town report to the voters or residents of Hinesburg in lieu of distributing the report itself and provide full copies of the annual town report to a voter or resident of the Town of Hinesburg upon request as well as providing the Town Clerk with those copies of the annual town report required by 24 V.S.A § 1173?

**ARTICLE 16:** In light of the United States Supreme Court's Citizens United decision that equates money with

political speech and gives corporations the rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, shall the Town of Hinesburg vote to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to propose a United States Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not political speech, that corporations do not possess the rights of persons under the United States Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the Town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this

**ARTICLE 17:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.



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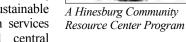
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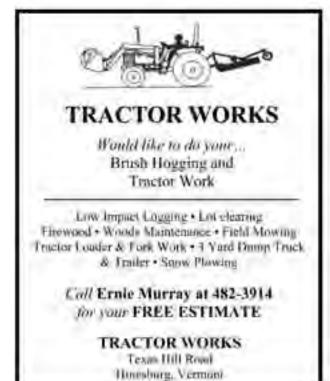
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Location: 10580 Route 116 **Phone:** 482-3352

Email: unitedchurch@gmavt.net Address: P.O. Box 39

Pastor: Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone**: 482-2588

Website: www.ucofh.org Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Choir practice: 9:15 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School: Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade; youth program for high school age

WIC Clinic: First Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Senior Meal Site: Every Friday 11:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. (except first Friday) Osborne Parish House

AA Gratitude Group: every Monday 7:00 p.m., Osborne Parish House

#### **Lighthouse Baptist Church**

Email: lighthousevt@netscape.net Website: 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 Kids Corner (puppets and songs)

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Nursery provided.

#### Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic Church

Pastor: Reverend David Cray, SSE Pastor's Residence: 425-2253, email dcsse@aol.com Mailing Address: 2894 Spear Street/P. O. Box 158, Charlotte, VT 05445

**Hinesburg Rectory:** 482-2290, Stjude@gmavt.net P. O. Box 69, Hinesburg 05461, (10759 Route 116) Parish Secretary: Marie Cookson, 434-4782, Rectory, 482-

2290, marietcookson@aol.com Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Parish Council Chair: Ted Barrett, 453-3087

Finance Council Chair: Doug Taff: 482-3066 Confirmation Coordinators: Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-

Religious Education Coordinator: Marie Cookson, 434-

Religious Education: Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p..m. Registration is required. Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-

4782 (home) for more information.

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 Mount. Carmel Church, Charlotte Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount

sh Wednesday Services: February 22: 7:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Charlotte

7:00 p.m., St. Jude Parish, Hinesburg Taize Prayer Service; Tuesday, March 13:

7:00 p.m., St. Jude Parish. All welcome. Liturgy of the Word for Children, Sunday, March 18:



9:30 a.m. Mass. All children, ages infants to 12 years old are invited to join in.

Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings 7:00 p.m. during Lent. (See Fish and Chip Dinner)

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 Mount Carmel Church in Charlotte.

#### **Religious Education**

The Kindergarten through 8th grade classes meeta on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. If you have not received a registration form and would like to register your child, please call the office at 482-2290 (office), 434-4782 (home) or email at marietcookson@ aol.com and information will be sent to you.

The 9th & 10th Grades (Confirmation Years) meet once a month. This is a two-year program. If you would like to register your child, please call Marie or email as above.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

There will be a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 19 and March 18 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$6/adults; \$3/child; \$16/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

Fish and Chip Dinner: There will be a Fish and Chip dinner each Friday during Lent beginning February 24 through March 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude parish. Cost is \$8/adult, \$5/child or senior, and \$25/family of four or more. Dine-in or take-out orders will be available. The dinner will be followed by Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. each week.

#### Food Shelf Weekend

Every third Saturday and Sunday is a Food Shelf Weekend. Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishables, canned, and dried foods in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

#### **Senior Meals:**

The Senior Meals continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (February 22 and March 14). Meals are served from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards and board games and door prizes. Cost: \$3.00 donation.

Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (Parish office) or 434-4282 (home). Caretakers are welcome.

Note: Need a ride? Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290. All are welcome.

#### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Address: 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482 Rector: Rev. Craig Smith Assistant Rector: Rev. Carole Wageman Church phone: 985-2269 **Church email:** info@trinityshelburne.org Website: www.trinityshelburne.org Worship services: Sunday mornings at 8 and 10.

#### **Community Alliance Church**

Pastor: Scott Mansfield **Phone:** 482-2132

Email: info@hinesburgcma.org

Web: www.hinesburgcma.org

Address: 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg (overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)

Sunday Services: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Nursery, preschool, elementary, and middle school

programming during aboth services. Middle School and High School Youth Group: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Weekday Life Groups (making friends): Various times, days, and locations throughout the week. For more information, please contact the church.

#### Williston Federated Church

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495 Phone: 878-5792.

Website: www.steeple.org

Pastor: Rev. Joan Newton O'Gorman, cell phone: 345-7953 Lay Pastor: Rev. Charlie Magill



**Activities:** Junior and Senior High Youth Groups; Men's Bible Study; Women's Book Group; Junior, Senior and Contemporary Music Choirs; Friendship Suppers; opportunities for mission and outreach in the community, country, and world

Service: Sundays 9:30 am, Nursery/Child care provided; Sunday School during the service for pre-K through high school; Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall

#### All Souls Interfaith Gathering **Nondenominational Service**

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele **Phone:** 985-3819

Mailing Address: 371 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT

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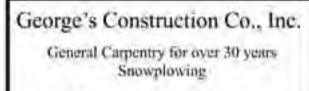
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#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16:**

February 16 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

President's Day

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:**

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant, contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537 (tmathews@gmavt.net) for information or to make reservations

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

Washington's Birthday

Ash Wednesday

Fire and Rescue Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg Fire Station

Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Ground Floor Conference room in the Town Hall

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27:**

CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106. Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: ub meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Res

Lion's Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant, call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29:

Advertising and news deadline for March 22 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* 

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 1:

Friends of CVU meeting, 7:00 p.m., Student Center, all welcome

#### MONDAY, MARCH 5:

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Vermont Astronomical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., UVM, Waterman Building, room 413

Lake Iroquois Recreation District meeting, 4:30 p.m., Williston Town Hall, public invited

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 6:

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7:**

Fire and Rescue/Medical Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg Fire Station

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 11:

Daylight Savings Time Begins, Spring Ahead!

#### MONDAY, MARCH 12:

CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 106 Village Steering Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 13:

Lion's Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant, call 482-3862 or 482-3502 for information

Recreation Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Land Trust meeting, 7:30 p.m., interested parties should call Ann Brush at 482-5656 or email annbrush@gmail.com

Buy Local/Specialty Fanning Task Force, 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall, contact Bill Schubart (482-3287) or James Donegan (482-3245)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14:

Hinesburg Fire Station Fire and Rescue/ Heavy Rescue Training, 7:30 p.m.

HCS Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU, room 101 Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall CSSU Board meeting, 5:00 p.m., CVU, room 104

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 17:

St. Patrick's Day

#### MONDAY, MARCH 19:

Selectboard meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20: First Day of spring

Development Review Board, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Business and Professional Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant, contact HBPA President Tom Mathews at 496-8537 (tmathews@gmavt.net) for information or to make reservations

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21:

Fire and Rescue/ Business meeting, 7:30 p.m. Hinesburg Fire Station

Hinesburg Trails Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., lower level or second floor of Town Hall, Stewart Pierson, chair

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22:

March 22 issue of *The Hinesburg Record* published Hinesburg Historical Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., ground floor conference room in the Town Hall

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 25:

Hinesburg Artist Series 16th Annual Concert, 4:30 p.m. at St Jude Church. *Beethoven's Mass in C Major* will be performed by the South County Chorus and the HAS Orchestra, under the direction of Rufus Patrick.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 26:

CVU Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., CVU room 106, call to verify change in meeting date

Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, call to verify change in meeting date

## CALENDAR

#### **Key To Abbreviations Used in Calendar**

**CCL** = Carpenter Carse Library

**CSSU** = Chittenden South Supervisory Union

**CVU** = Champlain Valley Union High School

**HCRC** = Hinesburg Community Resource Center **HCS** = Hinesburg Community School

**HFD** = Hinesburg Fire Department

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 27:

Lion's Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Papa Nick's Restaurant, call 482-3862 **OF** 482-3502 for information

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28:**

Advertising and news deadline for April 19, issue of The Hinesburg Record

Fire and Rescue Fire Training, 7:30 p.m., Hinesburg Fire Station Planning Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Carpenter Carse Library Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m., CC Library

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED CALENDAR ITEMS

Town Clerk Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-2281. E-mail: <a href="mailto:hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net">hinesburgclerk@gmavt.net</a>. Missy Ross, Clerk/Treasurer.

Town Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., other hours by appointment; Town Hall, 482-2096. E-mail: hinesburgtown@gmavt.net. Henry Lambert, Interim Administrator.

Town Planner Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town Hall, 482-3619. E-mail: hinesburgplanning@gmavt.net. Alex Weinhagen, Planner.

Zoning Administrator Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and evenings as needed. Town Hall, 482-3619, E-mail, hinesburgzoning@gmavt.net. Peter Erb, Administrator.

Listers' Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., other hours by appointment. Town Hall, Contact Alex Weinhagen at 482-5594, hinesburglister@gmavt.net, or P.O. Box 13.

Hinesburg Recreation Director's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message anytime. Jennifer McCuin, Director. 482-4691, Town Hall, P. 0. Box 13.

Buy Local/Specialty Farming Task Force. Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., top floor of Town Hall. Contact Bill Schubart (bill@schubart.com 482-3287) or James Donegan (doneganmaple@hotmail. com 482-3245) with questions.

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Hinesburg: Beecher Hill Road at the Town Garage; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 482-4840. Williston: At the end of Redmond Road; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: http://www.cswd.net.

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. You may leave a message for Laura Hoopes at 482-3203. Heather Purinton (482-4061) is the contact for Friends of Families.

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Open Friday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tuesday evenings 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Monday through Friday, 6:00

## HINESBURG BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OFFERS FREE JOB SEARCH AND POSTING SERVICE

By Jean Isham, HBPA

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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, access may be available through your local library.

If you have any questions about this site or its use, contact Robert Stahl at bstahl2@gmail.com or at 482-3137.

#### **WEB PAGES:**

HCS: http://www.hcsvt.org. Learn about Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc. CVU: http://www.cvuhs.org. Learn about CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: http://www.carpentercarse.org. Learn about library hours, services, and online resources. Hinesburg Town: http://www.hinesburg.org. Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

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healthy environment for young people. www.facebook.com/connectingyouth – The CY -Connecting Youth Facebook Fan Page - for parents and teens to become fans and connect with others in

the CY community!



## The Hinesburg Record Submission Guidelines

The Hinesburg Record is a community newspaper with no paid writing staff. As such we publish many press releases from local businesses and organizations. We reserve the right to edit these submissions to bring them into compliance with the following guidelines:

- We encourage you to submit articles that explain what your business or organization is and does, its goals, the personalities and histories of its principals and employees, upcoming events (though not "sales"), openings, anniversaries, donations given to local charities, and so forth.
   Articles submitted by owners, employees, or
- agents of a business or organization will be identified as such, either with the words "Press Release," in an accompanying "Editor's Note," or by way of a qualifying phrase in the byline.

  3. Submissions must be informational, not
- promotional. Articles, regardless of source, will be edited to remove any claims of superiority to competitors, any claims which in our judgment might be misleading or deceptive, and any overt promotional language. 4. We may add relevant information to your

article when in our judgement it is called for.

5. This policy is subject to change without notice.

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