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## The Future of Lot 15

RGH \$1,000 CASH RAFFLE DRAWING AND DISCUSSION OF MORE IDEAS FOR LOT 15 TONIGHT (11/29) AT 7PM AT CARPENTER-CARSE LIBRARY

BY CATHERINE GOLDSMITH,  
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH HINESBURG

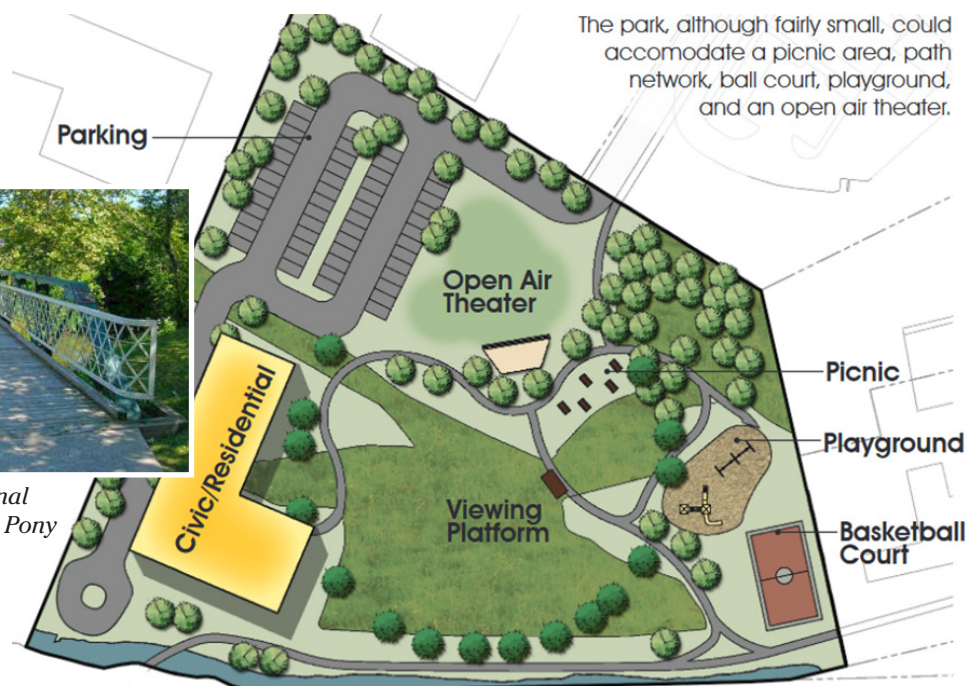
In 2009, the town of Hinesburg enacted a planning tool known as an "Official Map." No ordinary road map, this type of map provides information for landowners and developers about sites earmarked for future community features such as roads, parks, paths and town buildings. At that time, Lot 15 was identified by the Planning Commission as a prime site for future town facilities. Despite investigations over 23 years by private businesses, it was still an open meadow with very wet soil. The location away from Route 116 was deemed to be a quieter location for recreational uses and this 4.6-acre plot along Mechanicsville Road and behind the post office was put on the Official Map enacted by the Selectboard.

In 2010, a 36,000 square foot supermarket and accompanying 128 parking spaces were proposed for the site. That application began its way through the local and state approval processes. Since the land was on the Official Map, a Lot 15 Committee was formed in 2011 to study possible

public uses for the parcel. Several possible uses, site plans and acquisition strategies were investigated by the committee. While the span of land appears small from the road or even when walking on the canal recreation path, at almost five acres, the parcel is quite large and can accommodate multiple uses and still preserve the wetlands.



The view of Canal Meadow, from the Pony Truss Bridge



Depiction of one of the possible use plans for Lot 15.

Fast forward to 2018: the supermarket proposal has now been denied by Hinesburg's Development Review Board in part based on non-compliance with the Official Map (other reasons include traffic and storm water management). The decision has again been appealed to the Superior Court,

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## Trustee Celebration at Carpenter-Carse Library

BY KATHERINE KJELLEREN

A celebration of past and present trustees of the Carpenter-Carse Library was held on Nov. 9. A plaque commemorating trustees' years of service and a stained glass window hanging in honor of past trustee Earla Sue McNaul were dedicated. A group of 25 trustees and community members gathered to hear from Katherine Kjelleren, current chair of the board, wel-

coming the crowd and reflecting briefly on several trustees from the beginnings of the library. Library director Sara Donegan then highlighted information about the present library and what's in the future for patrons. A delicious cake decorated with the library logo (made by librarian Judy Curtis) was enjoyed by all.

The impetus of the event can be credited to Darcelene Lewis-Wedge, a 30-year veteran trustee. She asked the board to update the official trustee plaque instead of giving her a gift for retirement. Darcelene contributed to the board selflessly, as an avid knitter who completed a pair of mittens (or the equivalent) at each monthly meeting.

Emma Mead was also mentioned for her 12 years of service on the board and as a lifelong patron. CCL readers were advised to take note if they find a book with a pink highlighter mark in the back; Emma marked every book she read in this way!



Molly, Colin McNaul and Trustee Heather Roberts exchange library memories.



The cake made by librarian Judy Curtis, featuring the Carpenter-Carse Library logo.

Earla Sue McNaul joined the board twice, volunteering for a total of 28 years. She served as chair of the board, led numerous book groups and spearheaded fundraising efforts as the individual "Friend" of the library. She also organized the Fourth of July town book

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# Letters

## Thank You

Dear friends,

At this time, words are truly inadequate.

In our darkest of hours, you were there with a candle, a warm meal, wearing orange and offering a hug. The side-walk lit, the curb adorned with flowers, white ribbons on the trees. You held us close and carried us, as together, we said goodbye to Paul.

Today, we understand the power of our neighborhood and our community. We are grateful and inspired by your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

Paul has changed our family's trajectory. He is leading us down an unmarked path to find purpose, to make a difference ... to make Paul's life and death meaningful.

We appreciate your continued patience, companionship, and faith as we navigate this journey, looking for hope and healing.

With all our hearts,

*Sue, Joe, and Marc Hoepfner*

## Land Conservation Response

In response to Charley Burbank's letter published in many local and state-wide papers regarding a conservation of Hinesburg farmland and its sale to David Zuckerman, I would like to offer some facts relating to this transaction.

In 2007 the Hinesburg Land Trust worked closely with the Vermont Land Trust, the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, Trust for Public Land, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife and Environmental Conservation to conserve 632 acres of productive agricultural and forest land. To protect Wayne and Barbara Bissonette's farm required many public and private partners to secure the funding required to allow the town of Hinesburg to acquire 300 acres as a town forest in the headwaters of the LaPlatte

River and to sell the other 332 acres as conserved land. The sale of the most productive 150 acres of farmland was accomplished through a public, competitive process that brought in proposals from six farmers.

How a conservation transaction works: a professional appraiser identifies the fair market value of the property and the agricultural value of the land. The difference between these is the value of the development rights. Land is conserved when the development rights are sold and there is contract called a conservation easement that stays with the land in perpetuity.

Even for conservation, this was a particularly complex transaction because it involved a short-term owner of the land, a philanthropic buyer called ESNID. This buyer stepped in to purchase the land from the Bissonette family to ensure that the land came off the market, and was conserved and affordable for the next farmer.

While the appraised fair market value of the 155.82 acres was \$1,055,000, the agricultural value was \$375,000. David Zuckerman and Rachel Nevitt were selected as the farmers with the strongest business plan and best fit for the land and purchased it in 2008 for \$375,000. ESNID was paid \$500,000 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the development rights and absorbed the balance as a charitable contribution. VHCB and Vermont Land Trust hold the conservation easement that prevents development of the land.

David Zuckerman and Rachel Nevitt are farming this land and making substantial investments to improve water quality and the health of the soil while growing delicious and nutritious vegetables and meat that are sold to their neighbors and also statewide.

Conserving farmland has been an important part of Vermont's economic future. Protecting farms allows for the transfer of family farms between generations, new farmers accessing land, and the creation of value-added farm businesses. Conserved farmland benefits the entire state by providing diverse habitats, buffers along rivers and streams to protect water quality, unfragmented forests and recreation from hunting, biking, hiking, skiing to fishing and other water sports. I encourage people to learn about land conservation and ways you can be involved.

*Andrea Morgante*

## Thank You for Opportunity to Serve

Dear Hinesburg friends and neighbors,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Hinesburg and Vermont for another two years in the Vermont House. I am genuinely honored and eager to return to the Statehouse where there are many issues requiring attention.

Please continue to contact me, as so many of you have done over the years, to share with me your thoughts and per-



*Rep. Lippert has a tradition after a contested reelection to go out early the day after Election Day, and say "Thank you, Hinesburg!" with a large sign, standing along Route 116 from about 6:30-8:30 a.m. as folks head off to work in the early morning. "It is usually cold, and my feet and back is tired from standing for twelve hours the day before at the Election Day polls. But the smiles, waves and horn toots from drivers makes it worth it," Lippert says.*

spectives on issues of importance to you, or for assistance with state government. I have a record and commitment of serving Hinesburg residents on a completely nonpartisan basis when you are needing assistance with any aspect of state services.

Remember that we are "citizen legislators" who serve without any staff support or offices of our own. As a result, I am not always able to respond immediately, but do try to get back to folks within days or a week at most. Sometimes I joke with folks when I am returning calls from my car (hands free!), that I am calling from my mobile office — i.e. my car!

You can contact me at: 2751 Baldwin Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461, or [willpert@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:willpert@leg.state.vt.us) or 802-734-0593.

I look forward to serving Hinesburg, and hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Bill Lippert, Hinesburg State Representative*

## Letter Policy

*The Hinesburg Record welcomes letters from local residents and from others who are involved in issues that effect 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 those letters rolling in. Send them via email to [news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org), 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.*

# Town News

## Town Clerk and Treasurer

BY MISSY ROSS

Election Day was Nov. 6, and like much of the country, we had a larger voter turnout than usual for a midterm election. Almost 60 percent of the registered voters participated in the election with a total of 2,288 ballots cast. By way of comparison, we had 1,674 voters in the 2014 midterm. Our early and absentee ballot count was 811 returned out of 850 requested. We also had 51 new voters register on Election Day now that Vermont allows same-day registration. Hinesburg's results are available on the town website at [www.hinesburg.org](http://www.hinesburg.org). The one local race of interest was the race for the state representative for Chittenden 42. Incumbent Bill Lippert defeated newcomer Sarah Toscano by a vote of 1617 to 700. Lippert will return to Montpelier for another two-year stint as your state legislator.

A hearty thank you to all of the people who volunteered their time and energy to help make the election run smoothly. Thank you also to Jiffy Mart for once again providing the election volunteers with sandwiches to keep us all running throughout the day. It was greatly appreciated! Speaking of elections, town meeting will be held on March 4, 2019 at the Champlain Valley Auditorium with voting at town hall the following day. For those of you who are new to Vermont, town meeting is an annual event and is always held on the first Tuesday in March.

Hinesburg holds its annual meeting on Monday night and votes on the municipal budget from the floor at the meeting. The Champlain Valley School District budget is voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday at town hall where the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We will also elect local officers by Australian ballot including selectboard members, library trustees and our representative to the CVSD board. For anyone wishing to run for local office, petitions are due on Jan. 28, 2019 by 5 p.m. and require 30 signatures of registered voters from Hinesburg. Petitions can be obtained at the town clerk's office or from the secretary of state's website. Please remember that each page of your petition must state the office for which you are running along with the length of the term you are seeking.

## Dog Licenses Due by April 1

Dog licensing is required by the State of Vermont annually for all dogs domiciled in Vermont. The licenses are due by April 1, 2019 and they are \$10 per dog though you can come in any time after Jan. 1 to get your new license. You must have a valid rabies certificate for each dog. If they were registered in Hinesburg last year, and their rabies certificate is not expired, you needn't bring anything with you. Please check your records to see if your pet will need a rabies shot prior to obtaining a license. Dogs are always welcome to stop in for a visit while getting their new tags!

## Homestead Declarations

Remember to file your Homestead

Declaration with your 2018 income tax return. This will insure that your property is classified as residential rather than nonresidential. You can file it online on the Vermont Department of Taxes website after Jan. 1, 2019.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call 802-482-2281, ext. 2 or email me at [mross@hinesburg.org](mailto:mross@hinesburg.org). Happy holidays everyone!

## Walk and Learn in the HTF

BY ETHAN TAPPER, ROSY METCALFE AND PAT MAINER

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper will lead a walk in the Hinesburg Town Forest to discuss forest management planned for this winter at the HTF and show which trees will soon be harvested. All are invited. Wear clothing and footwear suitable for whatever the conditions are that day, and suitable to walking off-trail. Meet at the Economou Road trailhead. Parking there is limited, so carpooling from behind the Town Hall is encouraged. Those who are able to carpool should meet behind the Town Hall at 12:40 p.m.

After the walk join us at the Hinesburgh Public House to warm up, chat and enjoy some food and drink. All are invited to that too!

The goal of this winter's harvesting of timber at the HTF is to increase species and structural diversity in the forest, improve wildlife habitat, capture value in mature and declining trees, encourage the growth and development of a healthy forest, demonstrate responsible forest stewardship and highlight Vermont's working landscape. This harvest will also seek to promote the resiliency of the HTF to climate change, natural disturbances and the invasion of exotic pests, such as the emerald ash borer. This harvesting will be in accordance with the HTF's Forest Management Plan (The Inventory and Assessment of the Hinesburg Town Forest). It was drafted in 2017 by Harris Roen of Longmeadow Resource Management and adopted by the Hinesburg Select Board in 2018, and will be administered by Chittenden County Forester Ethan Tapper. Hinesburg logger Tim Brown will cut timber marked by Tapper over the next two winters, shipping much of it to local markets. In addition to complying with the HTF's Forest Management Plan and promoting a healthy forest, a major goal for this harvest will be to showcase the production of local, renewable resources from this public forest, to promote the harvest in an open and transparent way, and to give the public ample opportunities to interact with this important component of Vermont's working landscape. Income generated from the harvest will be used to promote stewardship projects on Hinesburg's two town forests, the HTF and the 301-acre LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest.

Fellowship of the Wheel, the mountain biking organization that partners with Hinesburg's Town Forest Committee

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Hinesburg Recreation Office - Jennifer McCuin, Recreation Coordinator Town Hall. 482-2281 ext. 230. Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](mailto:hinesburgrec@gmavt.net)

Recycling & Trash Drop-Off Centers: Williston, Redmond Road; Mon., Weds., Fri., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 872-8111. South Burlington: Landfill Road (off Patchen Road), Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fri. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., 872-8111. CSWD website: [cswd.net](http://cswd.net).

Environmental Depot: 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington. Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 863-0480.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center, Inc. Leave a message for Rachel Kring at 482-4667. Alex Konciewicz is the contact for Friends of Families, and she can be reached at the same number or at [konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org](mailto:konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org).

Hinesburg Food Shelf: Fri. 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Tues. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

United States Post Office Hours: Window: Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 2:00-4:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lobby & TriVendor: Mon.-Fri. 6:00 a.m-6:00 p.m.

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HCS: [hcsvt.org](http://hcsvt.org). Viking newsletter, cafeteria menu, email addresses for staff, department and team web pages, calendar information etc.

CVU: [cvuhs.org](http://cvuhs.org). CVU activities and programs, sports schedule, and more.

CCL: [carpentercarse.org](http://carpentercarse.org). Library hours, services, and online resources.

Hinesburg Town: [hinesburg.org](http://hinesburg.org). Official Town of Hinesburg web site.

[hinesburgbusiness.com](http://hinesburgbusiness.com) - FREE. POST NOTICE OF JOB OPENINGS. POST RESUMES. Sponsored by HBPA.

[seewhy.info](http://seewhy.info): Official website Connecting Youth (CY), the Chittenden South community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for young people.

[facebook.com/connectingyouth](https://facebook.com/connectingyouth). Connecting Youth (CY) Fan Page: for parents and teens to connect with others in the CY community!



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and Trails Committee to maintain HTF's multiuse trail network is partnering with the town to ensure that its members are educated and informed about the harvest and that trails in the HTF are protected or enhanced by this work. Representatives from FOTW will also be at the walk to discuss the impact of the harvest on the HTF's trail network.

This is a great opportunity to learn about forests and responsible forest management as it is being applied in the Hinesburg Town Forest, and to discuss any questions you have about forests, forest management, logging, forest health and the ongoing management of the HTF.

## A Regeneration Story

ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

**B**elieve it or not, every big tree was once a little tree, and before that it was once a seed. Yes, those massive trunks and branches that took decades or centuries to grow were once acorns laying on the ground, or aspen seeds blowing in the wind. While we value our big trees, we often forget the

small trees and seeds we see today are what will become the massive maples and oaks that our great-grandchildren will admire. When foresters or loggers make the sometimes unpopular decision to harvest large trees in order to release existing small trees or to create space for new trees to grow, it is important to remember this. Encouraging the growth of new trees is usually the most difficult and finicky part of growing healthy forests, and one that requires a robust understanding of how our native tree species reproduce, establish and grow.

How trees of different species reproduce, and how the resulting seeds and young trees (seedlings) capitalize on disturbances (the death of trees) to establish and compete for growing space is the process of "regeneration." Vermont's tree species have several prominent strategies for regenerating, which I will divide into several categories here. It is important to also acknowledge that within these categories are many nuances based on species, site and situation.

The easiest way for trees to reproduce is to use an existing root system. Once a tree dies or is cut, several tree species are skilled at sprouting aggressively from their roots or stem, reproducing asexually by producing clones of the parent tree. Prominent root-sprouters include aspens (poplars, cottonwoods) and beeches, and stump-sprouters in-



*Some plant species thrive after a natural or human-caused disturbance.*

clude red maples and red oaks. In both cases, this means that small trees of these species may be much older than they appear. Utilizing an established root system allows these young trees to grow quickly and outcompete other young trees who have to start from scratch — i.e. growing from seed.

Several of our tree species take the tactic of producing an abundance of small, "cheap," very mobile seeds. While these seeds are not very rugged, they blanket the landscape, some of them invariably finding somewhere suitable to grow. Species that employ this strategy include birches and aspens, which are often the first trees to regenerate in highly disturbed environments. Yellow and black birches produce seeds like this in the winter, which are blown across the surface of snow.

Another strategy is to lie in wait. Anyone who has tried to walk through a forest three to five years after a natural or human-caused disturbance has probably noticed an abundance of blackberries and raspberries. The seeds of these species are not introduced to the site after the disturbance — rather they had been collecting in the soil for years, courtesy of the birds and bears that eat and pass their fruits. These seeds are resistant to germination — sometimes remaining viable in the soil for 60-100 years before germinating — but when they sense a disturbance they grow aggressively. Once thought to interfere with our native plants, it is now understood that blackberries and raspberries enrich disturbed environments through nutrient-cycling and sheltering young seedlings.

A fourth strategy is to produce large, "expensive" seeds which sprout and persist in the understory of the forest, waiting for a disturbance. Red oak, red spruce and sugar maple are among the species that invest a lot of energy into their seeds, producing a glut of them at irregular intervals (called mast years). The resulting seedlings spend years establishing a deep root system, feeding off the energy in their seeds. These seedlings are very shade-tolerant, and are sometimes able to remain in this condition, as "advance regeneration," (regeneration that exists in advance of a disturbance) for decades, waiting for the trees above them to fall. Once they do, these seedlings quickly shoot skyward with the benefit of an established root system. Unfortunately, when these seedlings are "waiting around" in the understory, they are extremely vulnerable to browsing and competition from invasive plants. Their energy-packed seeds are also often preferred wildlife food, so just being able to sprout can be challenging.

**Encouraging growth of new trees is usually the most difficult and finicky part of growing healthy forests.**

While we all admire the large trees that punctuate our forests, take a moment to appreciate the regeneration down at our feet. The towering trees that will shade our grandchildren's grandchildren are down there, just trying to catch a break.

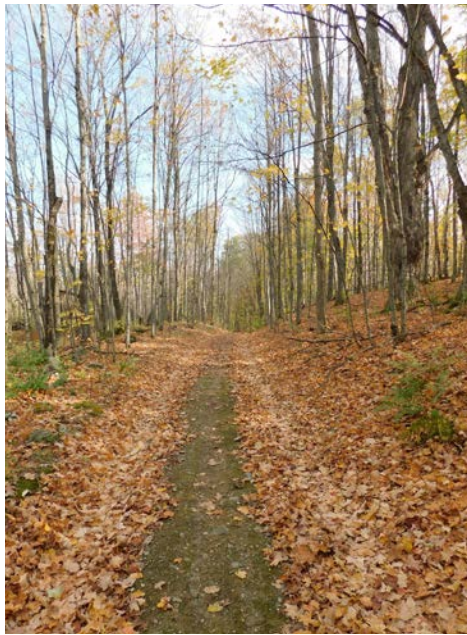
Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County Forester. He can be reached at [ethan.tapper@vermont.gov](mailto:ethan.tapper@vermont.gov), by phone at 802-585-9099 or at his office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction.



## The Hinesburg Trails Committee Needs You

BY SUE RUSTEN, HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

**M**embers of the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps spent some time at the end of October working on a rough section of the Eagle's Trail in the Hinesburg Town Forest. After a few days of backbreaking labor, they made significant improve-



*The trail beckons.*



*Vermont Youth Conservation Corp at work on Eagle's Trail.*



*YVCC making improvements in Hinesburg Town Forest.*

ments to drainage along the Class IV road between Hayden Hill East and West. Go check it out. Thank you YVCC!

What better way to achieve peace of mind than to take a walk in the woods? Of course, there are many reasons why we see people on our Hinesburg trails. I frequently meet folks out walking with their canine friends. While some people are running the trails and appear focused on exercise — others are enjoying a more leisurely pace with a friend or family member. Whatever the motivation, many people are making use of our town's trail system. The Hinesburg Trails Committee has a significant role to play in maintaining and expanding this important recreational resource for our citizens.

After several years serving on the Town Trails Committee, I will soon be stepping down at the end of my term. Now it is your opportunity to enjoy this privilege to serve the town. Whether clearing trails, planning an event, stocking maps at kiosks, writing articles for this paper, etc., the tasks are varied and satisfying. I guarantee that you will feel good when you see people enjoying the trails and hear their expressions of appreciation. So, if you feel any inclination to join the committee, please contact our chairperson, Lenore Budd (at 802-482-4047) to let her know of your interest. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You won't regret it!

## Dinner Benefits Hinesburg Community Resource Center

BY KARLA MUNSON

**T**he Hinesburgh Public House will be holding their Dec. 4 Community Dinner to benefit the Hinesburg Community Resource Center and its very worthwhile programs. HCRC programs include Food Shelf, Emergency Funds, Friends of Family, Hinesburg Rides and Medical Equipment Lending. Please mark your calendars! The format for the dinners has changed, so you need to make reservations for either the 5:30 or 7:00 seating. Family style three- to four-course meals are served at the two seatings. The price of the meal is \$25, not including drinks or tip, and half of that goes to HCRC to help provide much-needed services to our community. Please save the date and come out to support HCRC.

HCRC has had a few changes to some of their programs.

Hinesburg Rides' Volunteer Driver Program will now be administered by Age Well, formerly Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. The procedure is still the same, call Special Services Transportation Agency at 802-878-1527 to schedule a ride. Please call at least 48 hours in advance. If you have any questions regarding rides and SSTA cannot answer them, please call Age Well's Senior Help Line at 800-642-5119. If there are general questions regarding Hinesburg Rides, please call 802-482-4946.

The Medical Equipment Lending Program: Paul Hawkins will now be the person responsible for the donation and lending of all medical equipment. Please call 802-482-4946 to make arrangements for donating or borrowing equipment. All equipment is being stored at the Food Shelf building at 51 Ballard's Corner. Some of the items we have — crutches, walkers (both metal and ones with seats and brakes), wheelchairs, shower seats, toilet seats, cryo/cuff IC unit for injuries, canes and much more.

## Recreation Commission "Thank-You's"

BY TOM GIROUX

**T**he Hinesburg Recreation Commission would like to publicly thank Bob, Steve and David at Giroux Body Shop for donating the material and then constructing a temporary security gate at the entrance to the Bissonette Recreation Area. As you all probably already know, there was a lot of damage done earlier to Millie's Field; this will hopefully ensure that it won't happen again. The shop graciously made the two posts out of heavy galvanized pipe, welded on the necessary attachments and also installed the cable, that they donated, to make a workable gate. To make this more visible, we also added PVC pipe to the cable and painted everything fluorescent orange, so it clearly stands out at night — but please, still be careful.

We are all sorry that this had to happen,

but we do have to protect this valuable asset that the town now has. If anyone needs access for a group function, they can call 802-482-4691 weekdays, or 802-482-2894 during nights and weekends.

The second multipurpose field is now seeded, and the Little League diamond is completed. Please take a walk over to see this new jewel that the Town of Hinesburg now has. For all walkers and runners, you can now go from the sidewalks in the village, proceed north past Kinney's on Route 116 for 50 yards, and then there is a mowed path that takes you to the fields. From there you can continue on to the entrance, and take the sidewalks up to CVU, then back to the village. What a safe way to get some valuable exercise and see a lot of Hinesburg at the same time.

We would also like to thank June Giroux for AGAIN giving us a place to store all our mini soccer nets and lacrosse nets from the winter conditions.

## Hinesburg Housing News

BY THE HINESBURG AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

**T**he Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee updated its 2010 Housing Needs Assessment in December 2017. The committee wants to share some of the important information from the recent report with the community, along with other relevant housing information, with periodic short snippets.

For this snippet, let's backtrack a bit. Some of you may be wondering what

exactly is a housing needs assessment. A housing needs assessment is an appraisal of current housing conditions and future housing requirements. It is based on compiling and evaluating demographic and economic data, government and community policies and services, and housing inventory and demands. An assessment will also provide recommendations. For example, our current assessment states that "Hinesburg's senior population continues to grow rapidly, largely through aging in place." This means that some homeowners are continuing to live in the larger homes they had when they were raising a family. The kids have moved out, the parents want to stay in town, but their house is now too big or expensive. The assessment has estimated that 20-25 units of age-appropriate housing will be required over the next five years to address these downsizing needs. Senior housing is just one of several scenarios touched on in the assessment. There are several others, such as rental housing, special needs housing, resident employment, commuting patterns and more. The Hinesburg Affordable Housing Committee will provide future snippets on these items as well as other housing issues in Hinesburg.

There is always some margin of error with data gathered from the sources used in the Needs Assessment Report, but the data clearly shows trends we all should be aware of when discussing affordable housing and other community issues. For the full report, please follow this link on the Hinesburg website: [tinyurl.com/ahcreport](http://tinyurl.com/ahcreport).

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## Bissonette Recreation Area Fundraiser

BY TOM GIROUX

Tickets are now on sale for the sixth annual fundraiser for our multipurpose fields. This town party takes place on Friday, Jan. 4, at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. You can purchase your tickets online by going to hinesburgrec.com, at the Recreation office at the Town Hall, from Kristy at your favorite Jiffy Mart store or by giving me a call at 802-482-2894.

This can't-miss affair is a great way to start out 2019, by helping a deserving cause. Quadra, playing their old-time rock 'n' roll, will again be the headliner, with The Growlers opening up. The doors open at 6:30, with music starting shortly after. So, put on your dancing shoes and start out the New Year with a lot of fun and enjoyment with all your friends.

There will be plenty of donated free food to keep you energized for the dance floor. Food items include pizza from five locations, subs and delicious ribs and pulled pork. Thanks ahead of time to all of our reliable vendors.

At half time, there will be an auction with everything from golf passes and Burton equipment to firewood and gift packages from our dedicated Hinesburg businesses. And all the prizes are in the running if you purchase a 50/50 ticket; that will definitely put your New Year's start into the win column. Can't wait to see you all there!



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# Legislative

## Health Insurance Open Enrollment Only Through Dec. 15

### Don't Delay!

BY REP. BILL LIPPERT, HINESBURG STATE REPRESENTATIVE

By the time that you are reading this, the Open Enrollment period for choosing (or changing) your healthcare insurance through Vermont Health Connect will be well underway. The Trump administration has shortened the Open Enrollment to just Nov. 1—until Dec. 15, rather than through the end of the year.

Everyone needs to be aware of big changes with the Vermont Health Connect plans for 2019, how much they cost and how much more of a subsidy you may be eligible for this year.

- The cost of silver plans on Vermont Health Connect went up a lot in 2019.
- **BUT** on average, in 2019, families will also get \$1,200 more Advance Premium Tax Credit.
- This will mean that you can get a gold plan for about the same cost as a silver plan.
- Most uninsured Vermonters can get a bronze plan for a very low or no premium.

If you don't get Advance Premium Tax Credit and want to stay on a silver plan,

you should enroll directly with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont or MVP on a "Reflective Silver" plan.

The Reflective Silver plans are for Vermonters **without** APTC. They are very similar to Vermont Health Connect plans, but they cost less. **Remember, you cannot get APTC to help pay for Reflective Silver plans.** You should only enroll in Reflective Silver plans if you are not eligible for APTC.

With all of the holiday activities looming, it is important to know that you must take action by Dec. 15! Any health insurance plan changes that you make by Dec. 15 will take effect for you on Jan. 1, 2019.

Confused? Not surprising. **Want help?**

- Go to Vermont Health Connect online at portal.healthconnect.vermont.gov.

- Call the Health Care Advocate Project. More information below!

### Health Care Advocate Project

Vermont's HCA HelpLine is a free resource available to help ALL Vermonters solve problems related to health care and health insurance.

Call 800-917-7787 to speak with a health care advocate, or go to Vermont Office of the Health Care Advocate online, and fill out a Help Request Form.

The HelpLine can:

- Answer questions
- Help you solve problems with Vermont Health Connect and other health coverage
- Tell you what free and lower-cost programs you may be eligible for
- Help you apply for and get free and lower-cost health coverage
- Find out what your health plan covers
- Provide advice about how to solve billing problems and make complaints

The Office of the Health Care Advocate is NOT an insurance company and while it is not a part of Vermont State government, it does receive funding through a contract with the state. It is a special

project within Vermont Legal Aid, an independent nonprofit law firm.

Please stay in touch as the legislative session approaches in January. Rep. Bill Lippert; 2751 Baldwin Road, Hinesburg, VT 05461; 802-734-0593; wllippert@leg.state.vt.us.

## Highlights from the House

FROM PRESS RELEASE

*Following are excerpts from U.S. Congressman Peter Welch's monthly newsletters, which can be viewed at welch.house.gov/media-center/ewsletters.*

### Welch Legislation Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs Signed Into Law

Peter's bipartisan legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs was signed into law last month. His bill eliminates contractual "gag rules" imposed on pharmacists that prevent them from informing customers of lower cost options on prescription drugs. "In a time of skyrocketing prescription drug prices, it defies common sense that some pharmacists are prohibited from helping customers save money on their medications," Peter said. "This new law empowers pharmacists to steer customers to the lowest cost option when filling a prescription."

### Four Welch Bills Combating the Opioid Epidemic Signed Into Law

Four bipartisan bills co-authored by Peter to combat the opioid epidemic were signed into law last month. The new laws increase funding for the Medicaid Health Homes program, attack the root causes of overprescribing in the Medicaid and Medicare programs, educate seniors on alternatives to opioids, and fund National Institutes of Health research into nonaddictive drugs for pain management. While supporting a package of opioids bills signed into law, Peter decried the lack of a more comprehensive approach. "What we need, in addition to these good bills, is a full-scale opioids Marshall Plan that provides significant resources to those

working on the front lines of this public health epidemic."

### Helping Disabled Seniors

At Gardener's Supply in Burlington, Peter unveiled legislation that will eliminate two barriers to older disabled Vermonters who wish to remain in the workforce after turning 65. "It simply doesn't make sense to penalize disabled seniors who want to remain in the workforce beyond traditional retirement age," Welch insisted. "This legislation eliminates two arbitrary barriers that discourage disabled seniors from working. And it ensures employers have dedicated workers ready, willing and able to get the job done."

### Rebuilding Our Infrastructure

Joined by Sen. Sanders, Peter announced that Congress passed legislation that opens the door for Vermont to receive federal funds to repair three aging flood control dams. The America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 includes an amendment authored by Peter and Sanders that authorizes safety improvements at certain state-owned flood control dams constructed by the federal government before 1940. In Vermont, three dams — the Waterbury, East Barre and Wrightsville dams — are eligible to receive funding under this provision. "In 2011, Waterbury suffered a devastating flood during Tropical Storm Irene," Peter said. "More catastrophic damage was prevented due to the existence of the aging Waterbury Dam. This important legislation will increase funding to refurbish outdated and hazardous flood control dams in Vermont and across the country."

### Halt Military Aid and Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia

Following the disappearance of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, Peter joined several House colleagues in introducing legislation to halt military aid and the future sale of arms to Saudi Arabia. "For too long the United States has blindly supported a Saudi Government engaged in a horrific campaign against the people of Yemen," said Peter. "And now we learn that the Saudis were, at a minimum, complicit in the murder of a journalist who was critical of the Saudi regime. It is long past time to stop military assistance and the sale of arms to this brutal dictatorship."

### Home in Vermont

Over the past month, Peter has traveled the state to meet with and listen to Vermonters.

Peter spoke with employees of Columbia Forest Products in Newport about his successful effort to impose tariffs on dumped and subsidized imports of Chinese hardwood plywood.

Peter addressed Sen. Brian Campion's Activating Democracy class at Bennington College.

Peter joined in a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the expansion of Smuggler's Notch Distillery in Jeffersonville.

# CSWD

## Fall Leaf Collection and Drop-Off Info

It's officially fall, and leaves are in full gear launching themselves from the treetops and into your yard. And those once-glorious gardens — they're starting to look a little scraggly, right? Here's what to do with all those heaps of leaves and garden debris!

**Acceptable items:** Non-woody leaf, garden, and yard debris only. No plastic bags, branches, rocks, sod, trash or pumpkins.

**Locations:**

**Green Mountain Compost**, 1042 Redmond Road, Williston. This is the best place to bring leaves and yard waste. Virtually all leaves collected in Chittenden County find their way here to be made into Green Mountain Compost products! Dumping mechanisms are allowed.

**CSWD Drop Off Centers:** Leaves are accepted at no charge at all DOC locations (Burlington, Essex, Milton, Richmond, South Burlington and Williston). Limits apply. Note: Williston is the only DOC that allows dumping mechanisms for leaves.

**McNeil Wood and Yard Waste Depot**, 111 Intervale Road, Burlington. Limit: Up to six cubic yards. Dumping mechanisms are allowed.

## The Best Places to Bring Leftover Chemicals and Paint, Year-Round

After 16 stops throughout Chittenden County this season, the final Rover event wrapped up in St. George. And with that, our mobile collection unit for household hazardous materials is officially in hibernation until next spring.

But that doesn't mean you have to hold on to all of your hazardous waste until then! Here's the short list of all you need to know about getting rid of your hazardous items year-round.

**1. The Environmental Depot**, 1011 Airport Parkway, South Burlington

Did you know that we are one of a handful of municipalities in the country that provide mobile collection and a permanent, year-round collection facility for household hazardous materials?

It's true! The Environmental Depot is our permanent, year-round facility that accepts all the stuff you bring to the Rover, like paint, oil and chemicals. The Depot accepts electronics too! See a list of common household hazardous waste accepted at the Environmental Depot.

**2. CSWD Drop-Off Centers**In addition to the Environmental Depot, certain hazardous items are even accepted at the

Drop-Off Centers, including batteries, motor oil and filters, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, propane tanks and cylinders, mercury-containing thermostats, switches, etc. and ballasts.

Limits apply, so visit cswd.net/a-to-z for more detail on each material.

### 3. Statewide drop-off locations for paint and batteries

In addition to CSWD facilities, places around the state will also accept paint and certain types of batteries. Paint is accepted at local retailers all over the state through Vermont's PaintCare program. Just key in your zip code on the PaintCare website at paintcare.org/drop-off-locations and it'll pull up a list of nearby locations. Make sure your product is on their list of accepted items first!

Certain types of batteries are accepted at retailers through Call2Recycle. Just type in your zip code at call2recycle.org/locator and scope out who can take them near you.

### So, what's the best option for getting rid of toxins around your home?

Reduce: Avoid hazardous products to begin with! Before buying products that are potentially poisonous, reactive, corrosive or flammable, take a moment to consider if you really need them. If so,

consider if there are any nonhazardous alternatives.

We recommend guides such as the Environmental Working Group's Guide to Healthy Cleaning at ewg.org/guides/cleaners and EWG's Skin Deep Cosmetics Database at ewg.org/skindeep to consumers who wish to reduce the amount of hazardous waste they generate each year.

**What NOT to do with hazardous waste**Don't put hazardous items in your recycling bin! Dangerous items like batteries, propane tanks, or hazardous containers (even empty ones) not only make the recycling system less efficient, but they also endanger the workers who are helping to sort the materials. Want proof? Read what happened a couple of years ago when someone tried to recycle a can of bear repellent: tinyurl.com/CSWDbearspray. (It shut the whole sorting facility down and sent a bunch of workers to the hospital.)

Don't pour hazardous waste down the drain or discard it with regular household trash, either! It's banned from the landfill in Vermont, and water treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to contain or remove these chemicals. They're a risk to both human health and the environment.



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# Police

## Chief's Corner

With the hours of darkness increasing, I cannot emphasize enough the need to wear light-colored clothing or some kind of lighting. Pedestrians are reminded to walk on the side facing traffic and bicyclists should ride in the same direction as traffic.

Also, a reminder about the Hinesburg Winter Parking Ordinance. From Nov. 1 through March 31, vehicles are prohibited from parking on town roads. If your vehicle is parked on the road overnight, it is the vehicle owner's responsibility to monitor the weather and move the vehicle if it snows. Vehicles interfering with snow removal can be cited or towed.

## Incidents

### Citizen Dispute

On Sunday, Oct. 7, an officer responded to a residence on Vermont Route 116 in the Village for a resident having trouble with a roommate.

### Overweight Truck

On Monday, Oct. 8, an officer observed a tractor trailer vehicle southbound on Silver Street which is posted for a maximum of 24,000 pounds. The vehicle was weighed and a citation for being 52,400 pounds overweight was issued.

### Citizen Dispute

On Saturday, Oct. 13, officers were called out for a "lunatic" woman in

someone's house off of Place Road West. The woman was subsequently treated by Hinesburg First Response and transported to UVM Medical Center for evaluation.

### Criminal Trespass

On Saturday, Oct. 13, officers responded to a business in the Village for a person violating a no trespass order. Brian Greenough, 30 years old of Hinesburg, was arrested and taken to the station for processing. He was released on a citation to appear in court.

### Vehicle Break-Ins

On Monday, Oct. 15, an officer responded to Green Street for a report of three vehicles broken into. The vehicles had been left unlocked and nothing was missing from one of the vehicles and an old iPhone and a knife were missing from the other vehicle. An officer subsequently responded to Farmall Drive for another vehicle break-in.

### Missing Boater

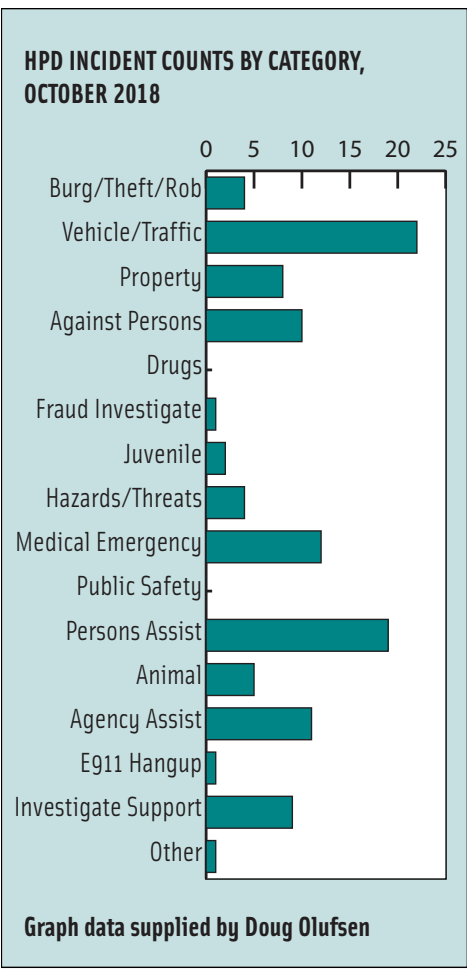
On Monday, Oct. 15, the Hinesburg Police and Hinesburg Fire Department responded to Lake Irroquois for a missing boater. The boater was subsequently found deceased.

### Citizen Dispute

On Saturday, Oct. 20, an officer responded to a citizen dispute on Garvey Farm Road. The officer remained for a civil stand-by while a person removed personal possessions.

### Stolen Trailer

On Monday, Oct. 22, an officer responded to Richmond Road for the report of a stolen trailer. The case is still under investigation.



### Family Fight

On Tuesday, Oct. 23, an officer responded to Baldwin Road for a family fight.

### Overweight Vehicle

On Thursday, Oct. 25, an officer observed a tractor trailer vehicle southbound on Silver Street which is posted for a maximum of 24,000 pounds. The vehicle was weighed and a citation for being 49,600 pounds overweight was issued.

### Agency Assist

On Thursday, Oct. 25, an officer assisted the Vermont State Police with the complaint of an underage party in Charlotte.

### Family Fight

On Saturday, Oct. 27, officers responded to North Road for a family fight.

### Hit-and-Run Crash

On Monday, Oct. 29, a motorist came to the station to report when she was driving on Vermont Route 116, a gold station wagon, possibly a Volvo, came out of the Lantman's parking lot and struck her vehicle. The vehicle continued on without stopping.

### Family Fight

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, officers responded to North Road in Triple L Mobile Home Park for a report of a family fight. Based on a lack of cooperation from the pos-

sible victim, the officers left after all concerned stated they were safe at the residence.

### Civil Suspension

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, an officer driving on Vermont Route 116 observed a vehicle with a defective taillight. After stopping the vehicle, he determined the male operator was on civilly suspended license, there was no insurance and the registration plates did not belong to that vehicle. The operator was issued several civil citations and the vehicle was towed.

### Family Fight

On Thursday, Nov. 1, officers responded to a reported family fight on Village Heights Road. The complainant was not sure of the apartment and had left. The officers were unable to locate any problems.

### Family Fight

On Friday, Nov. 2, an officer was called out to a family fight at an apartment at the south end of the Village. The officer attempted contact, but no one answered the door. Attempts to contact the residents for several days have also been negative.

### Welfare Check

On Saturday, Nov. 3, officers responded to a residence on Mechanicsville Road for a person in a possible mental health crisis. The person was subsequently transported to UVM Medical Center for help.

### Juvenile Problem

On Saturday, Nov. 3, officers responded to a residence in Village Heights regarding a problem between two juveniles.

### Family Fight

On Nov. 6, an officer responded to Sherman Hollow Road for a report of a 911 call with an open line with the dispatcher hearing yelling and arguing. Upon arrival, it was determined that two brothers were fighting. After talking with all the parties, no law enforcement action was necessary.

### Illegal Dumping

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, an officer responded to Woodland Drive for a report of trash bags illegally dumped. The officer found mail inside which led to a residence on Hillview Terrace. After several interviews, a 37-year-old male Hinesburg resident was issued a civil citation for dumping.

### Agency Assist

On Friday, Nov. 9, officers responded to Baldwin Road to assist Vermont Department for Children and Families with a home visit.

### Agency Assist

On Friday, Nov. 9, officers responded to Green Street to assist DCF with a welfare check.

### Family Fight

On Saturday, Nov. 10, an officer responded to a residence on Jourdan Street for a family altercation. A person was given a courtesy ride from residence.

### Animal Complaint

On Saturday, Nov. 10, an officer responded to North Road at the Triple L MHP for a dog complaint. After talking with several parties, a resident was issued a Municipal Code Civil complaint for a violation of the Animal Control Ordinance.

# Fire

## Chief's News

BY CHIEF AL BARBER

### Why everyone needs to know CPR – Katie's story

We all hear how it's great idea to know cardio pulmonary resuscitation, commonly called CPR, but I want to share Katie's story with you.

At 3:59 a.m. on Oct. 31, Katie's husband Lucas awoke to what's known as agonal breaths, or gasping coming from her; her heart had stopped. Lucas being a lieutenant in the Hinesburg Fire Department and an emergency medical responder realized what was happening. He immediately called 911 and started CPR. As is normal for all cardiac arrests, the entire fire department was called out to assist. After efforts by many which included 40-plus minutes of CPR, eight shocks by our defibrillator and use of our AutoPulse unit, a stable heart beat was reestablished on the way to the hospital in a St. Mike's ambulance. She's home now doing well with no apparent deficits but a long rehab ahead. The only reason the 36-year-old daughter, wife, and mother of three is still with us is because of how rapidly she received CPR from her husband Lucas. I cannot tell you how proud we are of Lucas and of everyone involved who were able to save our daughter. CPR, CPR, CPR everyone needs to learn CPR! In the weeks ahead, we will be working on setting up a townwide CPR training day, more to follow!

### Budget Time

As we approach budget season, the officers have been in the process of updating our projected budget needs. Last

year we went over budget for the first time in my twenty years as chief due to an unexpected increase in calls. In our current budget year, we did not increase our budget request, so I believe we will be over budget again this year, unfortunately. We will work hard to minimize the overruns if there are any. Currently, we have responded to over 210 calls in the first 121 days of our fiscal year. As a result, we are going to have request a five percent increase in our operational budget just to cover where we think we will be next fiscal year.

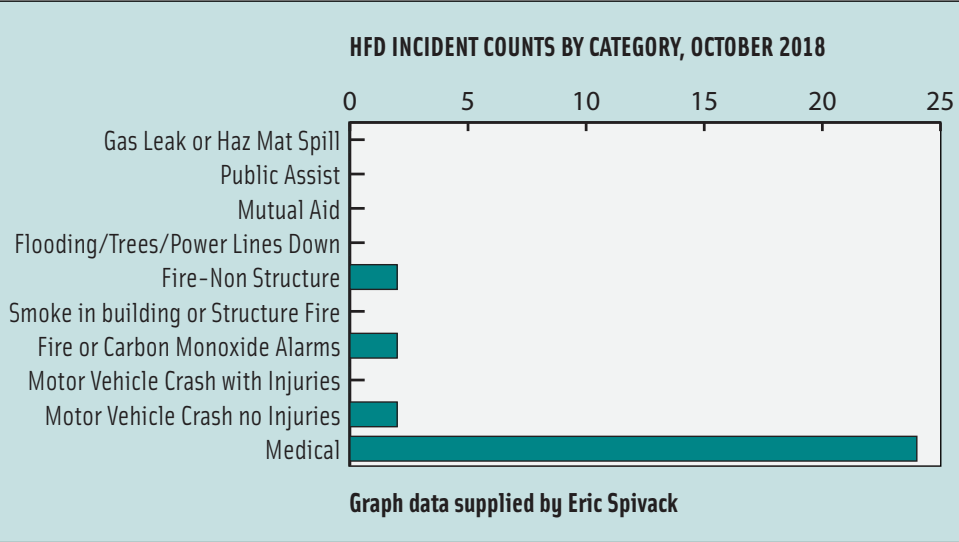
Capital budget planning is also well under way. As I alluded to a couple of months ago, we are now looking to the future needs of the community and the fire department. Because of the site limitations, we feel we cannot expand on the current site. Because of the expanding and aging nature of our community and other external forces, we will need to bring an ambulance service into the fire department; our target is a 2021-2022 time frame. We have been looking for possible sites that will service the community and the department needs for many years in the future, be a better site for training, accessibility and be fiscally responsible. We believe we have found that location and are in the process of determining what the costs would be. More to come.

## Carbon Monoxide Alarm

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 1, Hinesburg Fire was toned out for a carbon monoxide alarm sounding. Dispatch reported the residents were evacuating the building and that there were ill persons.

Engines 1 and 3 and Med 100 responded with 12 personnel. On arrival, firefighters donned their self-contained breathing apparatus as per protocols, and entered the residence with our four-gas meter.

While checking the residence, the four-



HFD responded to 30 calls in October.  
\* an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.

## Properly Dispose of Ashes

When cleaning your fireplace or wood stove, be sure to properly dispose of the ashes. Make sure they have cooled down before removing them from the stove. Place them in a metal bucket and then place the bucket in a safe place, away from your home or garage and out of the wind.

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## ► Fire Department

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Even when the ashes appear to be out, there still may be some warmth to them.

## Motor Vehicle Crashes

At 7:54 a.m. on Nov. 10, Hinesburg Fire was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash on Route 116 near the Route 2A intersection. On arrival, responders located a two-vehicle crash with two patients.

Two persons, one with a possible spinal injury, were treated by Hinesburg EMTs and transported to UVM Medical by St. Michael's Rescue and Williston.

According to the Vermont State Police press release, one of the drivers has been cited for excessive speed and texting while driving. Engines 1 and Med 100 and approximately 15 members responded to the call.

On Monday, Nov. 12 at 9:43 a.m., Hinesburg Fire was dispatched to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Route 116 and Silver Street.

According to dispatch, it was reported to be a two-car accident. On arrival, one vehicle was in the middle of Route 116 with front-end damage. The second

vehicle was located in the side yard of the house across the street from the Community School parking lot.

According to reports, the second vehicle entered the intersection from Silver Street, striking the front of a vehicle travelling on Route 116. The vehicle which came from Silver Street continued onto the green area by the Veteran's Memorial, driving around the memorial and trees before finally stopping in the side yard.

Operators in both vehicles were checked by EMTs on scene. Both stated they had no injuries and refused transport.

## Halloween Pumpkin Carving

Thank you to members of Boy Scout Troop 690, Cub Scout Pack 691 and their families for carving and decorating the pumpkins for the Halloween party.



SEE MORE HALLOWEEN PHOTOS ON PG 23!

## Annual Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to Hinesburg Police/Fire Department's food drive. Over 750 lbs. of food and \$700 in donations were received for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

Follow us on Facebook at [HinesburgFireDepartment](#) and be sure to visit our website [hinesburgfd.org](#).

# Business

## Red Wagon Plants Is Bringing Back Salad Club

BY JULIE RUBAUD

Join us for 10 weeks this winter for our famous and beloved salad club. Members take home a weekly supply of living greens from our heated greenhouses. This is a great way to add vibrant, living foods to your winter diet and it gives you a taste of many unusual and delicious salad greens. The greens are still growing and alive, and they come to you in a tray of two varieties each week. If you don't eat them all right away, they can be kept alive in a sunny window or on your kitchen counter so that you can keep snipping and making salads for an extended period of time. Let your kitchen counter become a colorful salad bar. When one tray is finished, just bring it back to us and we will recycle the soil in our compost pile, sanitize the tray and reuse it. Here are some of the varieties we grow for our salad club members: pea shoots, sunflower sprouts, Tokyo Bekana mustard, red giant mustard greens, mizuna, arugula, all sorts of lettuces and kales, and baby bok choy. Pickups will be every Friday from 2-6 p.m. from Jan. 18 to March 22. If you cannot make a specific pickup, alternate arrangements can be made. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

## William Eggleston Joins National Bank of Middlebury

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

Texas to Vermont? William "Will" Eggleston is pleased with his family's decision to make the move and take on the position of business community lender at the National Bank of Middlebury. Prior to moving to Vermont, Will spent 40 years in Texas where he was born and raised. The idea of the move started with his wife, Vanessa, who watched the movie, "Baby Boom," back in the 1980s. That movie was about a woman moving from New York to Vermont; it stuck in her mind and was the impetus for the change.

Will has been involved in banking for almost 20 years. He started out as a teller, then moved on to credit analysis and loan officer. His work has been in lending for approximately the last 13 years, covering a wide range from consumer to commercial. His position with the National Bank of Middlebury involves being out in the community, building



William "Will" Eggleston, National Bank of Middlebury's new business community lender.

relationships, meeting business owners and seeing if there are needs that are not being met and hopefully finding solutions. His primary focus is on small businesses, covering the communities of Hinesburg, Charlotte, Shelburne, Williston and parts of the Mad River Valley.

The National Bank of Middlebury was established in 1831 and is now the oldest locally owned bank in Vermont. It has been in Hinesburg, its only Chittenden County location, for 10 years.

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association is pleased to welcome Will to the Hinesburg business community.

## Diaper Drive at Dee Physical Therapy

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Dee Physical Therapy's 11th annual Diaper Drive to benefit The Committee on Temporary Shelter is now under way. The drive began in 2007 when Jason Fitzgerald, Dee PT clinical coordinator, met with the staff at COTS and realized the unmet needs and rising cost of disposable diapers. From now until Dec. 21, we are accepting donations of diapers at any of our three clinics. This year we also have an Amazon wish list created for those who would like to participate in this amazing event but can't make it to any of our offices. Dee Physical Therapy offices can be found at 23 San Remo Drive, South Burlington; 166 Athletic Drive, Shelburne and 52 Farmall Drive, Hinesburg.



Dee Physical Therapy is holding a diaper drive to benefit COTS.

# Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Greetings from the Hinesburg Recreation Department! Youth Basketball is gearing up for another season, starting Dec. 1 and will keep the gym humming with activity for the next two and half months! There are discounted swim lessons where Hinesburg residents enjoy a special rate. There's adult pickup basketball, volleyball and futsal to keep you moving in the dark winter months. The Children's Choir returns for school-age students this next semester, sessions of after-school Spanish with Miss Cori on Mondays and Fridays, more arts and crafts with Chris Billis and another session of Literature and Arts class taught by Susan Lepple will roll out in January too. Enjoy the transition from fall to winter and the upcoming holidays.

## Annual QUADRA Concert

Lantman's Market presents the Annual QUADRA Concert at the Old Lantern in Charlotte on Friday, Jan. 4 with special guests The Growlers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 now and \$20 at the door. Tickets available at [hinesburgrec.com](#) and at Jiffy Mart in Hinesburg. All proceeds benefit the Bissonette Recreation Area.

## Classes and Programs

Register for classes at [hinesburgrec.com](#).

## Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program is for grades K-6 and held in the Hinesburg Community School gym. Kindergarten through grade two coeds focus on skills and play in-house, age-appropriate "scrimmages" at stations. Grades three through six have one midweek practice and play home and away games within the greater Burlington area through Champlain Valley Recreation Association Jan. 5 through Feb. 16.

Kindergarten and Grade 1 coed: Saturdays 8-9 a.m.

Grade 2 coed: Saturdays 9-10 a.m.

Grade 3 and 4 boys: Saturdays 10-11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 3 and 4 girls: Saturdays 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 5 and 6 boys: Saturdays. 12:30-1:45 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30-8 p.m.

Grade 5 and 6 girls: Saturday afternoons 1:45-3 p.m. and Mondays 6:30-8 p.m.

Dates: Dec. 1-Feb. 9 (K-2 grade), Dec. 1-Feb. 16 (3-6 grade).

Cost: Early incentive rate of \$45 by Nov. 16 and \$55 after. **Deadline** is Nov. 30.

Please contact HRD if you're interested in coaching or assisting. A volunteer form must be completed prior to the start of the season. Please note that practice times are proposed and subject to change due to coaches' schedules. If there are changes you will be notified via email. No practices or games when HCS is not in session. For questions, contact HRD at [hinesburgrec@gmail.com](#) or 802-482-2281, ext. 230.

## Family Play Group

**Hinesburg Town Hall, Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a family playgroup designed especially for children birth to 5 years and their adult companion. There are toys, activities, stories, songs and healthy snacks. Start recreation early, connect with other parents in the community and create childhood friendships. Schedule follows the school calendar. No registration is necessary. Find us on Facebook at Hinesburg Friends of Families or contact Alexandra Konciewicz at [konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org](#).

## Preschool Playgroup at HCS

**Fridays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Preschool Room at HCS** Preschool playgroup is offered to children ages 3-5 years and their caregivers in the preschool classroom at Hinesburg Community School. Please sign in at the main office first. You'll find open play, a snack, sensory activities, crafts, and circle time with stories and songs each week. The preschool classroom is outfitted for pretend play, building, sensory play, games, small manipulatives and all kinds of stuff preschoolers will enjoy. Playgroups are free and open to attendees from any town, thanks to grant funding from SCHIP, the Town of Hinesburg and many businesses and individuals. We welcome all caregivers (parents, grandparents, nannies, etc.) with their children and follow the school calendar and closings. For information contact Alexandra Konciewicz at [konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org](#).

## Weekend Family Open Play

These play dates are for children birth to 5 years old and their adult companion. You can count on toys, books, songs, activities, projects, snacks and friendships. Start recreation at an early age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing and make new friends instead of being cooped up inside this winter. Please note that this program is weather dependent as there is no snow removal or de-icing at Town Hall on weekends. See [Facebook.com/hinesburgfop](#) for updates.

**Where:** main room at Town Hall. **When:**

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Saturdays Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 9. **Time:** 10-11:30 a.m.

This offering is sponsored by Hinesburg Friends of Families, a program of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. For more information, find us on Facebook at Hinesburg Friends of Families or contact Alexandra Konciewicz at [konciewicz@hinesburgresource.org](#).

## Sleepy Hollow Bill Koch Ski League

A kid's program for ages 6-13 that teaches the fundamentals of cross-country skiing and also includes fun relays, races and games. Bill Koch Ski League meets Friday afternoons at Sleepy Hollow Ski Center from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in January and February. For registration forms and payment information go to [skisleepyhollow.com/bill-koch-kids-ski-program.html](#). If you have specific questions, please email Bill Koch Director Jean Tufts at [jeanttufts456@gmail.com](#).

## Sleepy Hollow Junior High Nordic Racing Program

A ski program for sixth-eighth graders meets on Tuesday and Thursdays starting December until February at Sleepy Hollow Ski Center in Huntington. It is geared toward kids wanting to race in high school. For registration forms and payment information go to [skisleepyhollow.com/bill-koch-kids-ski-program.html](#). If you have specific questions please email Bill Koch Director Jean Tufts at [jeanttufts456@gmail.com](#).

## Snowmobile Safety Course

This six-hour course provides the opportunity to earn the certification necessary to legally operate on Vermont's Statewide Snowmobile Trails System. Participants must be present for all classes in order to be eligible for certification. Vermont State Law requires that all Vermont snowmobile operators born after July 1, 1983, who are 12 years of age or older, must take and pass a state-approved snowmobile safety course. The course is designed for ages 12 and up, however anyone 8 years old and old-

er may take the course and if they pass will be certified.

**Who:** Ages 8 years and up. **When:** Dec. 3, 4 and 6. **Where:** Williston Central School. **Time:** 6-8 p.m. **Cost** is \$15.

Please note, enter Williston Central School through the after-hours entrance on the west side of the building. A Rec. staff person will meet you on the first night in the hallway to check you in and show you to the program.

## First Annual Young Crafters Fair Comes to Hinesburg!

Calling all young crafters! We invite you to join us for the First Annual Children's Craft Fair at the Hinesburg Town Hall on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. If you are a young crafter or artist with products to sell, you should contact us to reserve your table today. Maybe you and a friend could share a table? If you are a supporter of youth arts, creativity and fun —come get a jump on your holiday shopping! There are sure to be amazing, one-of-a-kind pieces for purchase!

Please contact Kerry Lake or Chris Billis with questions about the event. We can be reached as follows: Kerry at [kerrylake1@gmail.com](#) and Chris at [cbjb@gmavt.net](#).

## After-School Arts and Crafts With Chris Billis

Join Chris for an open studio style crafting experience. Hot glue piles of cardboard and wood into sculptures; create your own house decorating interiors; make robots, animals or decorated frames and jewelry. At the sewing table there are three new "old, slow" sewing machines that are perfect for making clothing, stuffed animals, pillows and bags. Make your own handstamped leather bracelet or belt. Silk-screen your own design on your favorite T-shirt. Create your own beaded key chains, earrings and necklaces. Broken china plate pieces may be used to create a funky garden mosaic. This class is geared for children who love art and like the freedom and time to explore, create and make their own choices.

**Who:** second-eighth graders. **When:** *continued on page 12*

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## ► Recreation

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Session 1: Fridays, Jan. 11-March 29 (10 classes). Session 2: Fridays, April 12-May 31. (seven classes). **Where:** first floor classroom in White Building. **Time:** 2:45-4:15 p.m. **Cost:** Session 1 is \$175, Session 2 is \$125

### After-School Spanish With Corali

Hinesburg resident Corali Bisbee brings her native Spanish to elementary students for an introductory experience. With songs and games, students will be exposed to conversational Spanish in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

**Who:** ages 6-9 years. **When:** Session 3: Mondays, Jan. 7-Feb. 18 (six classes. No class Jan. 21) or Fridays, Jan. 18-Feb. 22 (six classes). Session 4: Mondays, March 4-April 8 (six classes) or Fridays, March 8-April 19 (no class on March 22). **Time:** 2:45-3:45 p.m. **Where:** Spanish room at HCS. **Cost:** \$95. **Maximum:** six students.

### Literature and the Arts With Susan Lepple

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children's literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage and music, students will experience books that are silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring. Students may create fairy houses, make hats like Madame Chapeau, be inspired to expressively cave paint like "The Lion and the Little Red Bird," and move, groove and create to world music.

**Who:** grades one through four. **When:** Session 1: Wednesdays Jan. 16-Feb. 20 (six classes). Session 2: Wednesdays

March 13-April 17 (six classes). **Where:** first floor classroom in HCS White Building. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$120. **Maximum:** 10.

### Hinesburg Children's Choir

The Hinesburg Children's Choir returns with CVU senior Sophie Roy at the helm after a successful debut last year. With veteran assistance from Linda Janes, a new accompanist, and support from Doreen Patterson, we are moving forward on another choir program! We have assembled a team to continue this incredible musical tradition in town geared toward our youngest singers. Please plan on a concert performance to culminate this program the first week of May — before the end of the school year craziness begins.

**Who:** second-fourth grades. **When:** Tuesdays, Jan. 22-May 7 (13 classes, but there will be at least one cancellation factored in for illness or weather). **Where:** Danielle Sert's music room. **Time:** 1:45-2:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$75.

### Driver Education

Kevin Browne offers this class for students pursuing their driver's license. Students must have their learner's permit. Classroom instruction takes place at Town Hall and driving time is scheduled outside of the 4-6 p.m. class time. CVU students have the option to take a bus that will drop them at the Hinesburg Town Hall.

**Where:** main room at Town Hall. **When:** March 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, April 1, 3, 4 and 5. **Time:** 4-6 p.m. **Cost:** \$700. **Maximum:** 25 students. Register online, but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due to HRD by Feb. 21.

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## Library News

### Your donation is important!

This has been a year of incredible growth at the library: we've expanded hours, offered more programming than ever, have new online resources to share and are continuing to build a broad collection of books, magazines, movies and other materials. We need your support to continue to provide these excellent services — **please include us in your year-end gift-giving.** You can read more about our accomplishments and goals for next year on our website (carpentercarse.org), and you can donate online as well. If you prefer to send a check, our mailing address is 69 Ballard's Corner Road, Hinesburg, VT. Thank you in advance!

### Holiday Book Sale

Need a gift? Come check out our on-going book sale for great new and like-new books. New hardcover bestsellers, youth books, and popular paperbacks. Proceeds benefit the library — book totes for sale too!

## Library Calendar

### Family Movie Night

**Friday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m.**

Join us for a showing of a family-friendly film (check our website for the title and other details). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

### Winter Craft Workshop

**Tuesday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m.**

We will be making two simple but striking winter crafts that can be used to decorate your home for the holiday season. One craft uses two magazines (the more colorful, the better!), and we would love for you to bring a magazine or two to use or share with others. Please call the library or email jill@carpentercarse.org to sign up.

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## Education

### When Rusty Met Annette: International Playscape Expert Visits Local Preschool

BY ANDREA SAMBROOK, DIRECTOR, ANNETTE'S PRESCHOOL

"Risk is good! Hazards should be avoided!" This was the key message that Rusty Keeler, internationally recognized playscape designer (and author of "Natural Playscapes: Creating Outdoor Play Environments for the Soul") recently left with the teachers at

So, on a bright and crisp day in mid-October, the teachers at Annette's Preschool dressed to get dirty, and were excited to begin the process of redesigning five outdoor classrooms on the three-plus acres of hilly green space on Pond Road. The winning ideas? Tunnels, horizontal movement above the ground, plants to eat and

some of the forest preschools now common in Europe.

Keeler shared that Vermont's biggest asset in growing natural playscapes for young children is its nature-loving community of parents who value the outdoors and want their children to connect to the natural world in playful ways. "Go outside. Watch clouds. Look at a leaf. Dig some dirt and feel the wind on your face." He quipped that the Annette's Preschool playscape design is truly a "small-batch, artisanal, Vermont-style playscape!"

At the end of the day, Keeler shared a large concept map of the playscape to inspire and guide the playscape committee, teachers and children in bringing the vision to life. One week later, over 100 parents, kids and teachers shared pizza under the playground tent to cel-



Rusty Keeler and Annette's Preschool staff collaborate on the new adventure playground in Hinesburg.

Annette's Preschool in Hinesburg. The local preschool is kicking off an exciting multiyear initiative to redesign all of its outdoor learning spaces. "We have some of the best outdoor spaces of any early-education program in Vermont," said Andrea Sambrook, the director and owner. "We have slopes and woods and lots of mud in the spring!" Keeler was excited to see the space and meet the staff. "We now know that it is extremely important that children have access to challenging, risky play opportunities so that they can develop the skills to assess risks by themselves, decide yes or no, and sometimes try things they've never done before and succeed! Or fail. And try again," he said.

rope webs to climb. Once started, the teams had a hard time stopping the flow of ideas. Platforms built around trunks of existing trees, mounds to climb up and roll down, willow tunnels, edible garden paths and bridges found space in the plan.

Keeler asked teachers to "redefine their YES" so that children can make their own judgments about what they are willing to try or not. Teachers had used their focused observations of children's interest in building mini playscapes for the class gecko and guinea pig over the last eight weeks as a blueprint. Classes took many walks to the CVU nature trails and field trips to Burlington parks to try out and evaluate structures that appealed to them and even researched

ebate the "big reveal" of the concept plan. The work now begins in earnest to refine the plan and divide it into manageable projects.

Donations of edible plants, boulders and logs are gratefully accepted as phase 1 begins. Please call 802-482-2525 for more information.

## Young Writers Project

FROM PRESS RELEASE

### About Young Writers Project

The Young Writers Project receives hundreds of submissions on youngwritersproject.org from students across Vermont, the U.S. and beyond. Each week we select the best work for publication in this newspaper and in "The Voice," on vpr.net, vtdigger.org and more. Read more at youngwritersproject.org, a safe, civil, online community of writers and artists.

### Worry

LAYLA MORRIS, 16, HINESBURG

Worry: it follows me everywhere.

Is there something wrong with my hair?

Do I have a disease with no known cure?

And if I don't, how can you be sure?

What if I die when I jump into the pool?

Why would I do that and be such a fool?

Where is my goldfish, why isn't he here?

What if I get in the car and can't steer?

Is that creepy person following me?

Are you sure we don't have to pay a fee?

Don't touch that thing, it's dangerous!

What if they act cantankerous?

Worry: it follows me everywhere.

Sometimes I wish I just didn't care.

### Before

VIVIEEN SORCE, 11, HINESBURG

The scene in front of her

was almost perfect — almost.

Uncle Jack smiled as his fingers

flew over the black and white keys,

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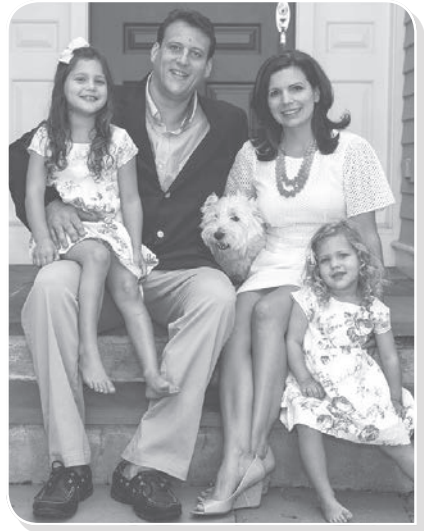
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### ► Young Writer's Project *continued from page 13*

the others clapping along

to the funky rhythm,

their feet caught up in the river of sound,

their legs competing with each other as the song came to a close.

As a new tune began,

this time a sad old classic,

she thought about her grandfather—the lively, sage old man she remembered—who now just seemed to be

a wisp of smoke in the chimney.

He used to have this saying:

“Music is like a Hurricane.

It picks you up like a leaf,

and once you're in its hand,

there's no leaving until the storm is over.”

That was before.

Before the tiniest hopeful hint of a smile

was the only indication

that he was still the spirited man

he once was.

Tonight was missing something ...

it was his laugh.

## Holiday Fair at Lake Champlain Waldorf School

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Friday, Nov. 30 from 6:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 359 Turtle Lane, Shelburne. Free to attend, some activities cost \$1-\$4

Bring magic and wonder to your holidays! The Children's Fair on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. includes delightful activities: crafts and gift making for kids, candle dipping, music and performances and the Crystal Cave of the Snow Queen and King. The Artisan Market will be open Friday evening from 6:30-9 p.m. and all-day Saturday with over 50 local artisans selling honey, candles, pottery, wool, knitted items, jewelry and an incredible selection of toys and Waldorf dolls. Get all your holiday shopping done while supporting local artisans. See a list of vendors and activities for kids on our website at lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org/event/holiday-fair.

Contact Lindsay Francescutti if you have any questions at lindsayf@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

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## Lake Iroquois Association Responds to State Permit Denial

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Recently the Lake Iroquois Association was notified of the denial of a permit application to treat Lake Iroquois with the herbicide Sonar to significantly reduce the prevalence of the invasive species Eurasian watermilfoil. LIA partnered with the town of Williston on this application. The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation considered this permit application for nearly two years. This was proposed to prevent further native species loss and reduce the impact on recreational uses of the lake. In 2014 LIA contracted with Northeast Aquatics to conduct an aquatic plant survey prior to the permit application. That survey found that 70.7 acres of the lake was infested by Eurasian watermilfoil. This is 67 percent of the lake's littoral zone (the area of a lake in which aquatic plants grow) and suggested that an additional 33 acres of watermilfoil colonization is possible. Milfoil has become the dominant aquatic plant in the lake. Another survey in 2017 found similar results. Since applying for the Sonar treatment, LIA has conducted Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting and installed benthic barriers in the lake to control the milfoil in the most heavily infested areas of the lake.

forts. The goal of the use of Sonar was not eradication but instead to reduce the milfoil enough to allow the other control methods to be effective and sustainable.

LIA has used benthic barriers in a channel near the state fishing access to limit the spread of this invasive species. The use of benthic barriers is not benign because they kill all plants under them and affect fish spawning. Therefore, they can only be used in a very limited area, for example, to keep a boat channel open, but are not a solution for control of milfoil in a wider area of any lake. In 2016 and 2018 LIA hired AB Aquatics to conduct Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting of milfoil on Lake Iroquois. DASH can cause fragmentation, harvest nontarget species, and disrupt the lake bottom. Again, this is a method that is part of an integrated milfoil management plan but it also is slow, and as noted, can be disruptive to native species, as well as being very expensive. The LIA plan was and continues to be a control program that combines these various methods, including the judicious use of herbicide at its lowest effective concentrations, in such a way that this invasive is reduced and controlled so that native species

can repopulate and flourish, thereby enhancing the biodiversity and health of the lake ecosystem.

**LIA remains committed to a program to control milfoil.**

At the same time, the LIA continues its many other activities aimed at enhancing and maintaining the health of Lake Iroquois and its surrounding ecosystem. These include our greeter program in which boats entering and leaving the lake are checked for invasives and cleaned at our boat wash station. Other efforts include several stream remediation projects to reduce runoff along the west shore, which are showing a significant reduction of nutrients and sediment entering the lake; ongoing efforts to inform and support lakeshore property owners and lake users in best management practices; help with creation of no-mow zones and riparian buffers to prevent nutrient runoff into the lake and continued monitoring, regular sampling and collecting data to support evidence-based water quality activities. All of these many successful projects, the ongoing education and outreach efforts, and the 40-plus years of water quality data collection have been done by dedicated volunteers; volunteers who continue to commit to the hard work of protecting and enhancing the water quality and health of Lake Iroquois and sharing their knowledge and experiences with other lake associations in the state in order to collectively protect the health of Vermont's valuable water resources.

The LIA has worked tirelessly in this effort over many years to research best practices for controlling milfoil. The application for the Sonar permit included a five-year plan for management which included continued use of both DASH and benthic mats (bottom barriers) which already were in use at the lake. Diverse funding sources, state grants, municipal contributions, and private funds help ensure the continued success of the ef-

LIA remains committed to a program to control milfoil to ensure the rich native aquatic plant community in the lake and, to eliminate the monoculture caused by the milfoil infestation, so that appropriate recreational uses of the lake can continue and the health of the lake

is protected. The association will continue to research ways to control milfoil; to consult with other lake associations, lake users and property owners, municipalities, and the State to develop best practices and to work with all stakeholders to enhance the health of the Lake Iroquois ecosystem.

The initial application (2240-ANC), de-

nial and replies to public comments are available from this web directory: [anrweb.vt.gov/PubDocs/DEC/WSMD/Lakes/PublicNotice/2240](http://anrweb.vt.gov/PubDocs/DEC/WSMD/Lakes/PublicNotice/2240).

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## Floodplain Restoration Design Completed for Beecher Hill Brook at Town Garage

BY KRISTA HOFFSIS AND MARTY ILLICK (LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION),  
JESSICA LOUISOS (MILONE & MACBROOM, INC.)

The Hinesburg Town Garage site contained an impervious surface, buildings, heavy equipment activity, berms and material storage, fuels and open gravel pits that are adjacent to Beecher Hill Brook, a tributary of the LaPlatte River. The riparian area at the project site was almost entirely impervious, compacted or barren and contributed stormwater runoff and sediment to the river channel. The Vermont Ecosystem Restoration Program funded studies in 2007 and 2008 that showed Beecher Hill Brook as incised and dis-

grant award from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to Lewis Creek Association, a final floodplain restoration design was prepared by Milone and McBroom, Inc. in cooperation with the Town of Hinesburg.

The Town of Hinesburg passed a bond vote for redevelopment of the site to move facilities out of the river corridor, the adopted fluvial erosion hazard zone, and the 75-foot buffer area. This grant-funded design to restore the river corridor floodplain relied on the removal of Town Garage buildings, which were



Beecher Hill Brook is adjacent to the Hinesburg Town Garage

connected from its historic floodplain due to berms, encroachment of buildings and fill, channel straightening, and subsequent down-cutting. Beecher Hill Brook has undergone a range of historic human impacts such as straightening it to make space for agriculture and roads, creating berms to reduce floodplain access to protect nearby fields and infrastructure, and constriction to allow for road crossings. Mass failures are occurring upstream of the garage site and river bank erosion is occurring locally at the site that has added sediment to the river. Erosion is expected to continue until the channel stabilizes. Berm removal and floodplain reconnection at this site were recommended in numerous past studies.

Floodplain restoration is proposed at the Town Garage site for 2019 to restore a naturally functioning floodplain that will help to reduce sediment inputs and improve water quality. Thanks to a 2018

removed last month. The hopeful implementation of this project will complement the facility improvement design. Milone & MacBroom, Inc., engineers have worked with LCA on a range of stormwater mitigation and water quality projects throughout the LaPlatte River watershed. The Beecher Hill Brook floodplain restoration project is part of LCA's Ahead of the Storm program, which aims to showcase a range of landscapes, land uses and a variety of optimal conservation practices that mitigate stormwater flows and are more flood resilient in an effort to improve water quality in an ever-changing climate.

The floodplain restoration will restore the functions and values of a healthy, vegetated riparian corridor, reduce risk to nearby culverts, reduce local bank erosion, and provide a floodplain deposition zone. An active restoration ele-

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

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association (HBPA) has added to its web site space for area businesses to post employment openings and for area residents to post requests and/or resumes when seeking jobs. The service is free of charge to members and non-members. The Association encourages area businesses and job seekers to use the site. Expanded usage will enhance the value of the site to the community.

To access this service simply go to the HBPA web site, hinesburgbusiness.com, and click on the appropriate option: Seek A Job, Post A Job, Search Resumes, Post Resume. We think you will find the application easy to use. If you do not have ready access to a computer, 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.

## ► Floodplain Restoration

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ment will include the removal of fill to reduce future incision in the reach and avoid compromising the stability of the North Road culvert.

The improved connection between the channel and floodplain will provide an area for water to slow, sediment to be deposited, and nutrients to be taken up by vegetation. A previous assessment of reconnected floodplains in northern Vermont showed 1,400 cubic yards of deposited sediment and 1.3 tons of total phosphorus over four floods. The sediment deposition rate was 18 cubic yards per acre.

For more information on the Ahead of the Storm program, visit lewiscreek.org/ ahead-of-the-storm.

## “Be a Santa to a Senior” Gift Program Cheers Seniors

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The holidays can be a difficult time for seniors who are unable to spend time with friends or loved ones. In fact, isolated seniors are at greater risk for loneliness, anxiety and depression.

The local Home Instead Senior Care office serving Chittenden, Lamoille, Franklin, Addison and Grand Isle counties invites the community to take part in its “Be a Santa to a Senior” program that provides gifts and companionship through support of local businesses, nonprofit organizations, retailers, numerous volunteers and members of the community.

With your support we can bring some joy through a thoughtful gift a senior might never have received otherwise. We deliver the gifts with a smile and holiday cheer reminding them their community cares.

Shoppers are invited to visit participating locations where “Be a Santa to a Senior” trees are on display through Dec. 4. The trees are covered with paper ornaments featuring an identified senior with a wish gift. Shoppers choose an ornament, buy the wish gift, and return to

the store with the ornament attached. There’s no wrapping — volunteers and program partners will wrap and deliver the gifts to the seniors in time for the holidays.

Trees can be found at area Kinney Drugs stores, PT360 locations in Shelburne and Williston, Orchard Veterinary Hospital in South Burlington and Alzheimer’s Association at 300 Cornerstone Drive, Williston.

For more information, visit BeaSantatoaSenior.com or call 802-860-4663.

## VT Genealogy Library Event

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Genealogy Library’s last class for this season is “50 Ways to Prove He’s Dead” on Dec. 1.

Finding a date of death for an ancestor can be very important. Sometimes the answer is not easily found but there are many sources that might give you the information you need. Three of our staff members will show you more than 50 ways to locate a death date and how to glean as much information as possible from the source. These sources can range from documents we’re familiar with to really unusual ones. Cemeteries are an important source of information about deaths and they will be covered in detail. Classes at the Vermont Genealogy Library are \$10 and run from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The library is located on Hegeman Avenue, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Visit our website vtgenlib.org or call 802-310-9285 for more details.

The genealogy library will be closed for the holidays from Dec. 22 until we reopen on Jan. 5, 2019.

## Audubon Vermont News

FROM PRESS RELEASE

### StoryWalk at the Green Mountain Audubon Center

Enjoy a wonderful bird migration story as you hike.

Looking for an activity to keep you warm during the cold days of stick season in Vermont? Well, look no further! Come visit the Green Mountain Audubon Center in Huntington, Vermont, and enjoy a wonderful StoryWalk along the Hires Trail.

“Welcome, Brown Bird” by Mary Lyn Ray tells the beautiful story of a wood thrush that makes the long migration between New England and Central America. At each end of the migration journey is a boy who watches and waits, protecting the bird’s nesting place until it returns. Neither boy knows that across the world there is someone similar to him who is being impacted by the same bird.

The story begins at the start of the Hires Trail, near the garden to the side of the Office Building. Follow the trail and enjoy the journey up to Lookout Rock, through the hardwood forest and end the story right before returning to the parking lot.



Be sure to look for the first StoryWalk post, the cover page! Photo: Audubon Vermont



StoryWalk starts right after this trail sign. Photo: Audubon Vermont

Be sure to take a trail map with you. Maps can be found at any Audubon Center kiosk or inside the Audubon Office. Explore our trail map at tinyurl.com/AudubonVTmap and download it on your phone.

## Events

All events are at the Green Mountain Audubon Center, 255 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington, unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to vt.audubon.org/events.

**Early-Winter Bird Monitoring Walk, Thursday, Dec. 6, 8-10 a.m.**

Find out who’s sticking around for winter and see how they’re getting along. This is a special weekday morning bird monitoring walk with the Green Mountain Audubon Center director, Kim Guertin.

We will follow our regular monitoring route as we search for birds in diverse habitats at Audubon. Intended for those with experience using binoculars and listening to bird song. We will identify as many as possible of the birds we see or hear, and record counts of their population numbers.

The long-term data we gather contributes to the eBird database, which is available to a global community of educators, land managers, ornithologists, conservation biologists and the public. Explore bird sightings from Audubon Vermont’s Green Mountain Audubon Center.

We typically finish our monitoring route by about 10 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary. Fee: Donations are appreciated. Meeting place: Office Building, Audubon Vermont.

Regarding the weather: Normally with a light snow forecast, we will go ahead with the walk. If strong winds or heavy snow are expected, we will reschedule the walk. Please check our Facebook page if in doubt about the weather. We’ll post an update if the forecast looks iffy. facebook.com/AudubonVermont.

**Pride Hikes, Co-Hosted by Pride Center of VT and Outright VT, Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

LGBTQA+ hikers are gathering to hike the trails of the Green Mountain Audubon Center in Huntington. This is

an easy-to-moderate hike which will meander through the beaver ponds, sugarbush, and woodlands of the Audubon Center. We’ll also have wonderful views of Camel’s Hump and Mount Mansfield. Audubon Vermont’s Gwendolyn Causer will lead the hike and provide birding, botany and tracking tidbits.

All ages and families welcome! Youth under 18 years old should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring snacks and water! Dogs are welcome as long as they are leashed.

**Solstice Celebration, Friday, Dec. 21, 4-6 p.m.**

Welcome back the light and join Audubon to celebrate the solstice. We will expose what winter solstice really is about and discover what creatures do in Vermont with the winter and lack of light. We will create solstice wreaths, read a story together about solstice and celebrate!

All ages welcome! Audubon members, FREE. Nonmembers, \$5. Meet at the Education Barn.

The winter solstice officially happens at 5:23 p.m. on Dec. 21.

## Events at the Birds of Vermont Museum

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Birds of Vermont museum is located at 900 Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington. For more information, call 802-434-2167, go to birdsofvermont.org/events or email museum@birdsofvermont.org.

### 119th Christmas Bird Count

**Friday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Jan. 5**

All Christmas Bird Counts are conducted between December 14 to January 5, inclusive dates, each season. Your local count will occur on one day between those dates. Participate in as many counts as you wish!

### How does participation work?

There is a specific methodology to the CBC, and all participants must make arrangements to participate in advance with the circle compiler within an established circle, but anyone can participate.

Each count takes place in an established 15-mile-wide diameter circle, and is organized by a count compiler. Count volunteers follow specified routes through a designated 15-mile (24-km) diameter circle, counting every bird they see or hear all day. It’s not just a species tally — all birds are counted all day, giving an indication of the total number of birds in the circle that day.

If you are a beginning birder, you will be able to join a group that includes at least one experienced birdwatcher.

If your home is within the boundaries of a CBC circle, then you can stay at home and report the birds that visit your feeder on a count day as long as you have made prior arrangement with the count compiler.

Check out the map of circles here: tinyurl.com/119BirdCount.

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# Calendar

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Hanukkah I (Holiday of lights)

**4:30-5:30 p.m.** Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. **7:00-8:30 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Community Writers’ Group. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg. Calling all local writers! Join us for our monthly Community Writers Group! All genres are welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts; network with other local wordsmiths; and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop in the Carpenter-Carse Community Room. Snacks will be provided. For more info email LauraWisniewski at bhy@beecherhill yoga.com.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Energy Committee

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Development Review Board. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Pearl Harbor Day

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Hanukkah VI/Rosh Chodesh Tevet

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Conservation Commission Meeting, 2nd floor, Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Recreation Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Sixth Finger of Jazz, Bristol Bakery & Cafe. Featuring creative and dynamic jazz musicians. Local musicians and writers are invited sit in to hone their skills in playing jazz and presenting poetry. Contact Dan at silverman@comcast.net for more info.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Town Forest Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**5:00-6:30 p.m.** CSSU School Board Meeting. Champlain Valley Union H.S.

**6:30-8:00 p.m.** Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick’s Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 or walter@allstate.com.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Hinesburg Community School Board Meeting. Champlain Valley Union H.S.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Development Review Board. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**7:00-8:00 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Business Meeting. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:00-8:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Trails Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room. Lenore Budd, Chair.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

First day of winter

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**7:00-8:00 p.m.** Carpenter-Carse Library Trustees Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Fire Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:30-9:00 p.m.** Planning Commission.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year’s Eve

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year’s Day

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Medical Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

**4:30-5:30 p.m.** Lake Iroquois Recreation District Meeting. Williston Town Hall. Public invited.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Vermont Astronomical Society Meeting. University of Vermont, Burlington.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Conservation Commission Meeting. nd floor, Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Recreation Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Fire and Rescue/Heavy Rescue Training. Hinesburg Fire Station.

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Planning Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting

**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Town Forest Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 14

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting  
**7:00-8:30 p.m.** Village Steering Committee Meeting. Hinesburg Town Hall. Contact George Dameron, Chair, 482-3269.



## ► Birds of Vermont Museum

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And click on a nearby circle to find out about it and get the circle's contact info.

**Let Us Wrap Your Bird Books!**

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Barnes & Noble, South Burlington**

Let us wrap your books and other gifts! (They don't even have to be about birds.) For a small donation, we will wrap your Christmas presents while you enjoy a chat with us or a cuppa joe in the bookstore cafe.

Volunteers are welcome! Call 802-434-2167 or email [museum@birdsofvermont.org](mailto:museum@birdsofvermont.org) by Dec. 18 to reserve a time. Thanks!

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## ► Library

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**Tuesday, Dec. 4 and Jan. 8, 7-9 p.m.**

Calling all local writers! Join us for our once a month Community Writers' Group. All genres welcome. Get your literary juices flowing with creative writing prompts, network with other local wordsmiths and enjoy a fun, stimulating monthly workshop. Free and open to the public.

**Color Your Way to Calm: Adult Coloring**

**Saturday, Dec. 8 and Jan. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.**

Color your way to calm at our drop-in coloring club for adults. Coloring sheets, art supplies and tea will be provided.

**Mysteries and Muffins Book Group**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m.**

Do you love mysteries? Join our book group! This informal group will meet in the Community Room on the second Wednesday of each month to chat about the book and snack on homemade muffins. Don't miss it! You can pick up a copy of the latest book at the front desk.

# Arts & Leisure

## Festive Hinesburg Holiday Concerts Dec. 9

BY RUFUS PATRICK, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Hinesburg Artist Series is pleased to announce that the annual Holiday Concerts will be held Sunday, Dec. 9 at St. Jude Church in Hinesburg. The concerts will be at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Rufus Patrick the South County Chorus, In Accord and the Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra will perform a variety of holiday music, with guest artists Allison D. Steinmetz, soprano; Cameron Steinmetz, tenor; and Margaret Roddy, clarinet.

The performances will feature selections from "Messiah," "Jazz Alleluia," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Christmas on Broadway," "Jazz Gloria Deo," "O Holy Night," and a stunning arrangement for chorus, orchestra and soloists by Mark Hayes entitled "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." Allison and Cameron will perform the beautiful duet by David Foster and Carole Bayer Sager entitled "The Prayer." The orchestra will perform "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson and the audience will assist with singing carols.

These concerts are free, with dona-

tions gratefully accepted. Also, please bring a nonperishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

For more information, like us on Facebook or check out our website, [hinesburgartistseries.org](http://hinesburgartistseries.org). Looking forward to getting into the holiday spirit with you!

Newlyweds Cameron and Allison Steinmetz span their vocal artistry in classical, musical theater, jazz, and contemporary music. They have shared the stages of Vermont for over six years both as concert soloists and singer-actors with The Opera Company of Middlebury, the Opera Theatre of Weston, Lost Nation Theater, the Green Mountain Mahler Festival, the Rutland Area Chorus, the Vermont Collegiate Choral Consortium, Counterpoint Chorus, and more. Most recently, they delighted audiences with their sweet, genuine rendition of "The Fantasticks" as young lovers Matt and Luisa, performed together in Barn Opera's inaugural production of "Madama Butterfly," and performed in the Opera Company of Middlebury's first tour around the state in "L'Elisir d'Amore." This year, the sweethearts teamed up as "Inter-Metz-O" in their very first duo vocal recital including songs of love in all its many stages. For the rest of 2018, you can find them singing as soloists in "Messiah" and other holiday favorites across Vermont.

Cameron, a tenor, studied at Green Mountain College and Castleton State College and has experience in stage



Guest artist Cameron Steinmetz, tenor.

management, composition, and arts administration. He is a proficient pianist, organist, and tribal percussionist. He is the executive director of the Monteverdi Music School in Montpelier. He has performed leading roles in contemporary and classic musical theater productions, has appeared as an ensemble member with some of Vermont's most prestigious opera companies and choruses and as a concert soloist throughout the state. Cameron is also a member of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's educational quartet, Ah! Cappella, with whom he travels to the farthest corners of Vermont, bringing music and education to elementary school students.

Allison received her Master of Music from the University of Montreal and her Bachelor of Music from the Crane School of Music. Described as "feisty and funny" on stage, and with a "brilliant, nuanced, and lyrically expressive" (Times Argus)

**Thursday, Dec. 20, 4-5 p.m.**

Join us for a sweet sing-songy time with local children's musician Ethan Tischler. He has young ones in mind when performing and engages children with music, dance and activities. Everyone is welcome; recommended ages 0 to 5. Free!

**Family Fun Afternoon**

**Friday, Dec. 28, 2:30-5 p.m.**

Please join us for some wintry crafts, delicious snacks, and a showing of a popular film about two sisters and a silly snowman. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The movie starts around 3:15 p.m.

**Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg**

**Thursday, Jan. 3, 6 p.m.**

Do you play an acoustic instrument or just love to sing along to old-time blues, country and folk music? Come join the Song Farmers during their monthly jam session and participate in this wonderful live music offering. If you don't play an instrument, please join us just to listen or to singalong! Free and open to the public.

**On-Going Art Show: John Penoyar and Judi Maculan**

New works by the Hinesburg artists are on view for the month of December.



Guest artist Allison D. Steinmetz, soprano.

soprano voice, Allison is known to excel in all the vocal genres she pursues. She has a keen interest in contemporary music and has enjoyed premiering operatic roles in both the U.S. and Canada, as well as playing leading roles in musical theater and opera productions in Vermont and beyond. Allison is a highly sought-after concert soloist, performing frequently in both classic and contemporary masterworks that span the soprano repertoire, and she has appeared with many of the prominent ensembles, opera companies, and theaters of Vermont. [www.allisondevery.com](http://www.allisondevery.com).

## "Sixth Finger of Jazz" at Bristol Bakery & Cafe on December 13

BY KEVIN LEWIS

The Sixth Finger of Jazz features some of the most creative and dynamic jazz musicians in Vermont, which also allows local musicians and writers to sit in with the band to hone their skills in playing jazz, and for 12/13, to present their poetry with a musical accompaniment. Musicians for 12/13 include Dan Silverman, trombone, Chris Peterman, sax, Steve Blair, guitar, Clyde Stats, bass, and Jeff Salisbury, drums. Poets include Laura Wisniewski and Marian Wilmott and others. There are many talented artists in the Hinesburg area who have already performed with the group, as well as many lovers and listeners of jazz who are invited to come by to enjoy and support performing artists. Contact Dan at [silverslide@comcast.net](mailto:silverslide@comcast.net) for more information.

## Social Band Explores "Deep Midwinter" in Song

BY AMITY BAKER

Social Band presents a concert combining ancient and modern-day songs and carols to honor this season, rich with the contrasts of light and dark, outer cold and inner heat. Join us for this contemplative and celebratory evening of song.

**Deep Midwinter: Songs from Winter's Heart:**

\*Thursday storytimes in December will

**Saturday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.,** College Street Congregational Church, Burlington.

**Sunday, Dec. 23, 3 p.m.,** Richmond Free Library.

Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, presents its annual winter concert series unapologetically smack dab in the middle of the holiday hubbub. There is no better time to join in song then when we are collectively yearning for a time to be still, to listen, to sing, to reflect and to celebrate.

Social Band tells the story of this beautiful, rich, yet stark season with beautiful carols you may have never heard, contemporary works by Vermont composers that spur the imagination and local pride, stirring songs from the American shape-note tradition and joyful singalongs that allow each and every one of us to sing in community.

Social Band weaves together poetry and song to create a sometimes thoughtful, sometimes joyful, sometimes irreverent hour of choral music. The group strives to draw upon the strengths of classical and folk traditions, and offers a performance that is both refined and a direct expression of feeling — feeding listeners' hearts and heads. Encouraging composition has been part of Social Band's mission from the outset, and much of its repertoire comes from Vermont composers — many of them members of the group. Social Band is directed by Amity Baker.

Advance tickets: \$15 online at [social-band-dec18.eventbrite.com](http://social-band-dec18.eventbrite.com).

Day of the concert: \$18 online and at the door.

All of our venues are wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit [social-band.org](http://social-band.org), find us on Facebook, or call 802-355-4216.

## Shelburne Vineyard Concert with Sabrina Marie Comellas

FROM PRESS RELEASE

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 6, 6-9 p.m.

**Where:** Shelburne Vineyard, 6308 Shelburne Road (Route 7), Shelburne.

Join us for a cozy, wintery First Thursday Concert in the Loft at the Vineyard with a new artist we haven't hosted before. Sabrina Marie Comellas is a singer-songwriter whose music evokes the Americana pop style we love to hear with influences from Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Gillian Welch and many more. With her confident and harmonious vocal style, she'll touch your world with lyrics that speak to the human condition and the travails of life in the big bad world.

Come enjoy a light supper from Luiza's Pierogies Hand Made with Love and pair them with wine and beer by the glass at the bar. Admission is free and all are welcome, so come keep warm with us and bring your friends!

For more information, visit Shelburne Vineyard on Facebook or at [shelburnevineyard.com](http://shelburnevineyard.com).

# Health & Safety

## You Can't See It or Smell It — Know How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

FROM VT DEPT OF HEALTH  
PRESS RELEASE

The news this week that a malfunctioning boiler in a Vermont apartment building led to dangerously elevated levels of carbon monoxide, is an important reminder for Vermonters to make sure they know how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. The alarm from a carbon monoxide detector in the basement helped to prevent a possible tragedy.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, deadly gas. You can't see, smell or taste it. Dozens of people visit the emergency department each year in Vermont for CO-related symptoms. Between 2013 and 2016, at least one death every year was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is produced any time a fuel is burned, such as natural gas, propane, oil, charcoal or wood. Without proper ventilation, carbon monoxide can build to dangerous levels inside your home or garage.

Health officials say that reminders to take steps to prevent CO poisoning are especially timely in the fall — as the weather turns colder, we turn on the heat, and homes are buttoned up tight for the winter.

"Having working carbon monoxide alarms throughout the home is as important to saving lives as having smoke alarms," said Department of Health Commissioner Mark Levine, MD. "Carbon monoxide gas can build up quickly. Alarms provide the early warning of rising CO levels and alert you to get out of the home and be safe," Dr. Levine said. "Replace the batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring, test the alarm regularly and make sure the unit is not expired."

To help make it easy for people to know what to do, the Health Department has created safety tips, a video and fact sheets translated into eight languages

— available at [healthvermont.gov/CO](http://healthvermont.gov/CO).

In addition to checking CO alarms, Dr. Levine advises Vermonters to have their furnace checked each year. "A faulty heating system can be especially dangerous, so have yours inspected and serviced every year. The same applies to wood stoves, chimneys, hot water heaters, stoves and clothes dryers that burn fuel. And throughout the winter, be sure to keep all the vents outside your home clear of snow and ice."

If you lose power, never use a generator inside your home, basement, garage or enclosed structure. Generators should be as far from your home as possible — at least 20 feet. Never run a vehicle inside your garage, even if the door is open. If you use remote car starters and keyless ignition devices, be careful to not turn the vehicle on by accident.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness and upset stomach or vomiting. These indicators sometimes get confused with the flu. Pets will also suffer these symptoms which can serve as a warning. If your carbon monoxide alarm goes off, go outside immediately to get fresh air, then call 911.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable. Check out our video and information about keeping yourself and your loved ones safe, go to [healthvermont.gov/CO](http://healthvermont.gov/CO).

For health news, alerts and information, visit [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov).

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# People

## Higher Education Honors

**Maxamed Ibrahim** of Hinesburg graduates on Dec. 3 with high honors from University College, Dublin, in the Republic of Ireland. He has attained a master's degree in Global Information Studies (equivalent to a Master of Library Science). He is the son of Dorothy Delaney.

## Congressman Matthew Lyon – the Musical

A new full-length musical featuring the speeches of Vermont Congressman Matthew Lyon has been produced by Hinesburg resident **John Daly** and colleagues. Daly was drawn to this work because the speeches read like “democratic cornerstones.” Called “Spit'n Lyon, an Unsung Soldier's Song,” you can listen to the music at spitnlyon.com.

## Gov. Scott Announces Boards and Commissions Appointments

Gov. Phil Scott today announced he's appointed 19 Vermonters to State boards and commissions during the month of October.

Boards and commissions serve an important role in state government, giving Vermonters numerous opportunities to serve their state and communities. The Governor's office is currently soliciting applications to fill vacancies and upcoming term expirations. All those interested in serving on a board or commission should visit the Governor's website at [governor.vermont.gov/boards-commissions](http://governor.vermont.gov/boards-commissions) to apply.

**David Boulanger** of Hinesburg was appointed to the State Labor Relations Board.

# Commentary

## The Worst Chemical Contamination in U.S. History

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Rachel Carson's “The Sea Around Us” (1951) is likely the first hardcover book I read, or paged through, voluntarily. No doubt, the photographs plus illustrations added to the attraction. Since then, I continue to have encounters with Carson's New England legacy and writings that surprised me. One occurred as recently as 2014 when I bumped into her bronzed life-size likeness sitting on an otherwise empty park bench late one August evening on the waterfront in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. When the kids were young, an elderly woman shooed us away from one of Ms. Carson's discussed tidal pools in New Harbor, Maine. The band of cousins I was shepherding on summer vacation were only inclined to throw rocks (of which there was an infinite supply) into the tidal pools. On my second or third visit to the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge outside Newburyport, Massachusetts, I discovered she had authored the pamphlet for that refuge back in 1947 while an employee with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Following the rise to national bestseller status and international success of Carson's “The Sea Around Us,” she was able to quit the Fish & Wildlife to focus on writing her most famous and inspirational work “Silent Spring,” published in 1962. “Silent Spring” is often acclaimed as the bellwether of the environmental movement. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Air Act came to be in 1970. The Clean Water Act was passed in 1972. The exposé of a number of environmental disasters soon captured the public's attention. To name a few, information about the wanton release and manufacture of “Kepone” (chlordecone) — a chlorinated pesticide component in DDT, chlordane and heptachlor — that polluted a hundred mile stretch of the James River, in Virginia came to light in 1975. The intensive investigation into Niagara Falls' Love Canal began in 1977. Some of this probably sounds familiar.

Maybe because it's agriculturally relat-

ed, or because it happened in another part of the country or because the affected state and bureaucracy remained unresponsive long enough to blunt the news, the largest chemical contamination in U.S. history — also occurring in the 1970s — doesn't resonate much in the old memory bank, if at all. It took Joyce Egginton's book, “The Poisoning of Michigan,” (1980) to put the story together.

Michigan's significant agricultural sector includes dairy. At the time they began adding magnesium oxide to cow feed to help cows to produce more milk. Magnesium is needed for vital organ function which humans can obtain from green vegetables, nuts and whole grains. Michigan leads the U.S. in the production of magnesium compounds. One particular St. Louis chemical manufacturer was producing the magnesium oxide feed amendment called “NutriMaster” and another product called “FireMaster,” a polybrominated biphenyl-based flame retardant. In 1973 a shortage of preprinted bag containers at the chemical plant led to 10 to 20 50-pound bags of PBB accidentally being shipped to the Michigan Farm Bureau Services labeled as “Nutrimaster” for farmers to buy for their cows. Because the same equipment was used to prepare other mixtures, traces of PBB also got into feed supplies for pigs and chickens.

**Eventually more than 500 farms were quarantined, and nothing could be saved.**

In the autumn of 1973 farmers noticed milk production dropping while incidences of miscarriages and still-born births increased among cows as deformities among newborn calves rose. When farmers sounded the alarm, agents from the Department of Agriculture responded with “You must be doing something wrong” or otherwise blamed it on “bad husbandry.” Had this happened in Vermont today, I know at least one guy, a farmer named Joe, who wouldn't be satisfied with an uninformed response, even if his organic dairy farm would not be vulnerable to this type of mix-up.

Back in Michigan, feed samples were sent for analyses without any abnormal results being returned. In mid-April 1974 someone sent feed samples out of state for testing. The results indicated high amounts of PBB. Farmers who had used manure to fertilize their crops now had trace amounts of PBB on the vegetables. State government was slow to inform its citizens. Michigan state products of milk, butter, eggs, cheese, chicken, pork and beef were quietly pulled off food shelves.

Eventually more than 500 farms were quarantined, and nothing could be saved. A 2011 Michigan Department of Community Health update explains 30,000 cattle, 4,500 pigs, 1,500 sheep, and 1.5 million chickens were destroyed, along with 800 tons of animal feed, 18,000 pounds of cheese, 2,500 pounds of butter, 5 million eggs and 34,000 pounds of dried milk products. It was a financial disaster for farmers all

over Michigan.

The manufacture of PBBs was discontinued in the U.S. in 1976 by implementation of the Toxic Substance Control Act. The use of PBBs in the U.S. was then banned in 2003. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers, also known as PBDEs, are brominated flame retardants similar to PBBs and are in use to

## Getting to Know You ...

BY BILL SCHUBART

Thanks to the Vermont Council on World Affairs and the Open World Program, we just hosted two young women who are journalists in Yaroslava, Russia. And I'm struck by how similar the challenges they face are to our own.

Marina is a deputy editor and writes about the arts and architecture. Anna is a political blogger, competes in boogie-woogie dance competitions, and reports on local and Russian politics. They came to visit Vermont news organizations including VPR, UVM's Cynic and VT Digger, among others, to learn more about American journalism and to talk about journalism in their native country.

**Every country is made up of unique individuals.**

One of our most enlightening dinner conversations was about the implicit fallacy and danger of monolithic generalizations or judgments about any one group of people — Russians or Americans — or, in the case of current federal policy, Central Americans, Mexicans or people of color. In our week together, we became a family, expanding horizons, erasing clichés, and deepening our understanding of one another and our complex, flawed countries.

Our time together was a gift. Our own love of Russian history, literature, and music had been overshadowed by growing up during the Cold War, Russian meddling in Western democracies and their Crimean invasion. Without altering facts, Anna and Marina brought context and meaning to our newsbyte understanding of Russia, as did we to their filtered understanding of America.

Both our countries are burdened by calcified ideologies and leadership apparently bent on stirring up fear and hatred. But one can only do so against the “unknown.” And when we sit down with the “unknown” and come to understand how similar we are and how many problems we have in common, hatred becomes impossible.

Every country is made up of unique individuals. Some are diverse, curious, energetic and will guide us through difficult times. Marina and Anna are fresh faced examples of young Russians dedicated to journalism, free speech and truthful expression.

We're grateful to have briefly shared our lives with them. We're all smarter and happier for the opportunity. And if exchange programs such as Open World Program were more commonplace, current political efforts to vilify foreigners and strike fear into the electorate would be a much harder sell in both countries.

### ► Trustee Celebration

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sale for many years. Her husband Colin attended the celebration and was recognized for his efforts and work on the book sale all of those years.



*Musician Rik Palieri, trustee Marianna Holzer and past library director Sue Barden socialize after the speeches and cake.*



*Board Chair Katherine Kjelleren and town historian Gil Coates hold new trustee plaques.*



*Trustee Emily Alger, Anne Donegan, Andrea Morgante and Board Chair Katherine Kjelleren enjoy fellowship at the trustee event.*

Sara Donegan explained the depth of experience the current librarians and staff offer. For example: adult librarian Jane Racer started working at CCL 32 years ago, circulation librarian Judy Curtis started 25 years ago, assistant director Richard Pritsky started working at CCL 15 years ago. The audience gave a round of applause thanking the employees' dedication.

Sara informed the group about the relevance of our library in the present and the future. Some key features Carpenter-Carse Library provides include:

- A place for new parents to meet, read and play.
- A safe, temperature-controlled building.
- A place to hone skills like playing the banjo, quilting, cartooning or writing.
- A place to be entertained by local musicians, artists and writers.
- A place to get tech help.
- A place to file your taxes and write your resume.
- A place to have a cup of coffee and meet a friend.
- A place to borrow a telescope, a pass to a local museum, a blood pressure cuff, a DVD, and of course, a book.

Finally, Sara focused on the trustees. She complimented the group and noted their support of her work and their mutual quest to see the library succeed.

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**Location:** 10580 Route 116

**Phone:** 482-3352

**Email:** unitedchurch@gmavt.net

**Address:** P.O. Box 39

**Website:** ucofh.org

**Sunday Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Services:**  
5 p.m. Family Candlelight service  
10 p.m. Traditional service with candlelight & choir

**Choir practice:** 9:00 a.m. Sunday

**Sunday School:** Nursery and story time; Christian Education Kindergarten through 8th grade during academic 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

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone:** 482-2588

**Email:** lighthousevt@aim.com.

**Website:** 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.

**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, dgcray@gmail.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, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

**Parish Council Chair:** Allan Monniere 578-8572

**Finance Council Chair:** Doug Taff: 482-3066

**Buildings and Grounds Supervisor:**  
Buildings and Grounds Supervisor: Henry Moreno, 802-777-4169.

**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 and Friday, 8:00 a.m., St. Jude Church

Tuesday, Thursday: 5:15 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor for appointment

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church and by appointment.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance

**Communion at Home:** Call Parish Office, 482-2290

**Confirmation Coordinators:** Dan & Roxanne Smith, 453-3522

**Religious Education Coordinator:** Marie Cookson, 434-4782

**Religious Education (CCD):** Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for grades K-8. Registration is required.

**The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades (Confirmation Years) meet once a month.** This is a two-year program. Watch Sunday bulletins for dates and times.

Please call Marie at 482-2290 (Parish Office) or 434-4782 (home) for more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is held the first Friday of each month following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude.

**Food Shelf Weekend:** Every third Saturday and Sunday. Parishioners are asked to make an extra effort to bring non-perishable canned and dried food in weekly for the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Food Collection baskets are in the entry for your convenience.

**Senior Meals:** Will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 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 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

## Community Alliance Church

**Pastor:** Scott Mansfield

**Phone:** 482-2132

**Email:** info@hinesburgcma.org

**Web:** hinesburgcma.org

**Address:** 190 Pond Road, Hinesburg

(overlooking CVUHS soccer fields)

**Sunday Services:** 10:30 a.m. Children's programs, for nursery through elementary school ages.

**Middle School and High School Youth Group:** Meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. This is a great time to meet new friends, hang out and talk real life.

**Weekday Life Groups:** Various times, days, and locations throughout the week.

For more information, please contact the church at 482-2132 or visit hinesburgcma.org.

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**Website:** steeple.org

**Minister:** Rev. Paul Eyer

**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 a.m., Nursery/Child care provided; Sunday School during the service for pre-K through high school; Coffee/Fellowship after service in Fellowship Hall.

## Trinity Episcopal Church

**Address:** 5171 Shelburne Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

**Church phone:** 985-2269

**Church email:** info@trinityshelburne.org

**Website:** trinityshelburne.org

**Worship service:** Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m.

**Worship service and Sunday School:** Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

**Space for Grace program:** Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.

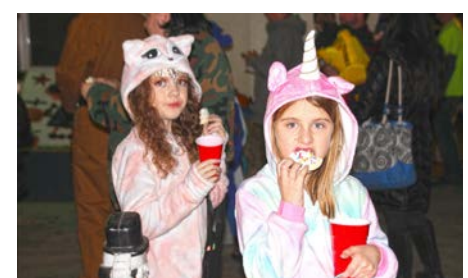
## Aubuchon Funds Fire Dept. Halloween Party

The Town of Hinesburg Fire Department puts on a wonderful Halloween Party every year and the kids just love it! As these photos show, some adults are having just as much fun as the kids.

The kids and adults of our community are thankful to Aubuchon Hardware for their generous support for the Fire Department Halloween Party, as are all the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department.



Tom Boivin of the Hinesburg Fire Department is shown with \$1,000 check from Aubuchon Hardware for the sponsorship of the annual Halloween party.

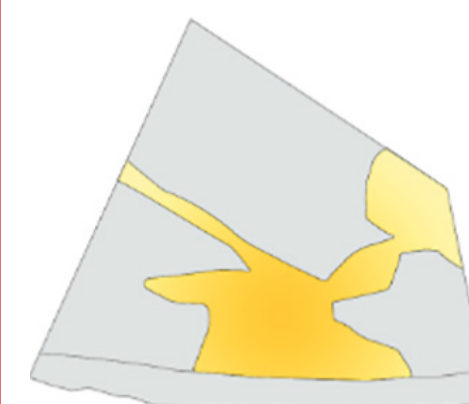


► Lot 15  
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Environmental Division.

**The parcel is quite large and can accommodate multiple uses and still preserve the wetlands.**

This denial, however, presents the town with an exciting opportunity to save this central parcel of land for public use. Given that there are currently 444 housing units proposed for the areas north and northwest of Commerce Street, it is only sensible to reserve some space for public use now. These homes will be in both single-family homes and multi-unit apartment buildings and will most likely be built gradually as town infrastructure and the housing market allow. Another large parcel of land is on the market and could be proposed for as many as 125 additional housing units. What amenities do residents of this growing town want? What can you see happening on Lot 15? Band shell, affordable housing, town office space, playground, dog park?



This view of Lot 15 shows wetlands (in yellow) within the parcel.

Responsible Growth Hinesburg has committed to raising private donations and other funding to save the land without using tax dollars. Over \$100,000 has already been pledged. Contact RGH for more information or to help at growwiselyhinesburg@gmail.com and responsiblegrowthhinesburg.org.

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# BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

## Is It a Scam? How to Tell —What to Do

BY JEAN ISHAM, HBPA

I started my research on the issue of scams by first interviewing Hinesburg Police Chief Frank Koss. Chief Koss said there are a variety of scams out there and gave the following examples and information as to what to do if you are a potential victim.

**Y**ou receive a telephone call from the IRS saying you owe money and asking for your financial information to pay it to avoid being arrested. THIS IS A SCAM. The IRS never calls people to tell them they owe money. What should you do? Do not engage in conversation — Hang up immediately.

You get a telephone call from the electric company advising you that your power will be shut off if you don't immediately pay a sum of money. THIS IS A SCAM. The electric company will not call to advise that your power will be shut off. Do not engage in conversation. Hang up immediately. You get a telephone call from Publisher's Clearing House advising that you have won a lot of money and must pay taxes to claim it. THIS IS A SCAM. This call is most likely coming from out of the country. Do not engage in conversation. Hang up immediately.

You receive a call that your child or grandchild is in jail in Canada and asks you to wire bail money. THIS IS A SCAM. Do not engage in conversation. Hang up immediately.

**C**omputer scare tactic: All of a sudden, a message pops up on your computer screen saying your computer has a virus and to call a certain number. THIS IS A SCAM. If you call the number and give them information to access your computer, they will also be able to access your financial accounts. Chief Koss said the latest incident resulted in a loss of \$300. DO NOT RESPOND. SHUT DOWN YOUR COMPUTER.

It is also important not to click on any messages coming from someone you don't know. Chief Koss said this specifically includes messages that appear

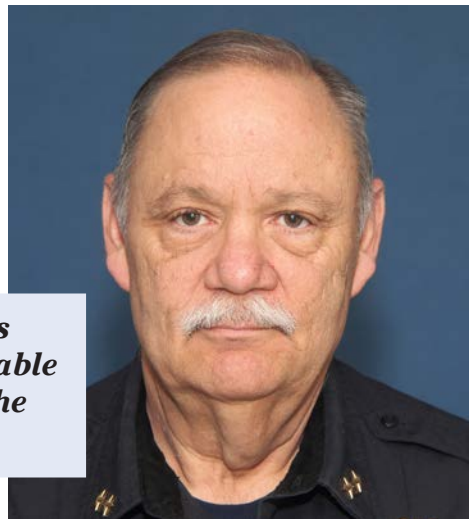
to be from your internet provider that states your mailbox is full or anything wanting you to click on something in the email. He said that is how those scam messages can be loaded into your computer.

**C**hief Koss emphasized that no one is going to call and tell you that you have won a million dollars, and no one is going to call and tell you that you are going to be arrested. He noted that scammers are not just targeting older people but also children. He emphasized that if you send money it is almost impossible to get it back. All the police can do is file a report as these calls are typically coming from out of the country or out of state. Chief Koss also advised that if you do not answer calls from numbers you do not recognize, there will be a point when they stop trying.

**These scams are preventable if you call the police.**



Chief Koss said that **"many of these scams are preventable if you call the police."** If you think that the call is legitimate, write down the number the scammer is calling from, call the Hinesburg Police Station at 802-482-3397, and give them the information. An example of this is someone claiming a family member is in jail and asking you to send bail money. The police can make a call to verify if it is legitimate. Leave a message for the police if no one is available to take the call at that time. The police will return your call. NEVER SEND OUT ANY MONEY BEFORE CALLING THE POLICE. The Federal Bureau of Investigation does not get involved unless the amount of the loss is \$25,000 or more. When it is out of state, the most the local police can do is send a



Hinesburg Police Department  
Chief Frank Koss

subpoena which they have not found to be successful.

Lance Potter, chief information officer at Vermont Federal Credit Union, advised that if they believe something is suspicious based on conversations with a member, the credit union may place an extended hold on a check or contact the issuing financial institution to verify funds. The purpose of these actions is to reduce the possibility of the member becoming the victim of a scam. The credit union will recommend that members who do fall victim to fraud file a police report to document and report the experience to authorities.

**L**ance said that another tactic scammers use is to develop a long-term relationship with someone to obtain their information to make a transfer of funds or perform an action that causes the person to be a victim. The long-term approach helps the scammers to build trust with the person they target.

Chief Koss' message bears repeating: Do not engage in conversation — HANG UP IMMEDIATELY!

Vermont Attorney General T. J. Donovan's office maintains a list of the most common scams and provides the opportunity to sign up for scam alerts. Search for ago.vermont.gov scam alerts.

Thank you to the participants for this very relevant information.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN HINESBURG

### Make a Difference

Do you need volunteers for a Hinesburg event or non-profit organization? Send the information to [news@hinesburgrecord.org](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org) and we'll publish it here. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line.

### Mentoring

Make a difference in the life of a child. Become a mentor at HCS. No tutoring involved, just being a buddy to a child who would benefit from adult friendship. And only one hour a week during the school year. Contact Ginny Roberts at [groberts@cssu.org](mailto:groberts@cssu.org) or 482-6271 for more information.

### Hinesburg Trails

Help maintain public trails. All skill levels from none (just enthusiasm) to experienced chainsaw operators, and trail designers are needed. For more information contact Lenore Budd at [buddfamily@gmavt.net](mailto:buddfamily@gmavt.net).

### Meals on Wheels

Help out local area residents who cannot easily get out of their homes. Become a Meals on Wheels driver. Routes take anywhere from an hour to an hour-and-a-half depending on the day. You need not commit to a weekly schedule. Call Jane Gage at 482-6096 for more information.

### Visit a Senior

Hinesburg seniors need your help. Some seniors live alone with limited social contact and would love to share their gift of gab with you. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the life of one of the seniors in our town. If you would be willing to help contact Bev at 800-642-5119 for more information.

### Town Committees

Frequently there are openings on town committees. Here are some of the recent ones.

- Affordable Housing Committee
- Agency Request Review Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Village Steering Committee

Check town web site [www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html](http://www.hinesburg.org/vacancies.html) for the most current committee openings, descriptions and instructions on how to apply. For more information contact Renae Marshall 482-2281 x227 or [rmarshall@hinesburg.org](mailto:rmarshall@hinesburg.org).

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