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Hinesburg Garden Tour in the Works

BY GINNY ROBERTS

The Friends of the Carpenter-Carse Library are hosting a tour of Hinesburg gardens on Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Seven gardeners in town will open their gardens for you to view in order to raise money to fund library initiatives.

Join your neighbors and travel about the town at your own pace, wandering through beautiful perennial flower gardens, landscaped walkways, stonework and organic vegetable patches.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Carpenter-Carse library, Red Wagon Plants or by calling Anne at 802-482-2017. Reserve your tickets early, as only a limited number will be available.

Purchase tickets early for the Garden Tour on June 23.



Is It Time for Hinesburg to Take Over Part of Route 116?

BY KATE FAIN

In June of 2014, the town of Hinesburg and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission completed a corridor study to address the substantial changes Hinesburg had experienced in recent years. The report highlights several major



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Annual Plant Sale — And More

BY HEATHER ROBERTS

The United Church of Hinesburg is having their annual Plants and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We are celebrating more than 40 years of this spring tradition. We will have hardy perennials,

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The United Church of Hinesburg's annual Plants and Baked Goods sale will be on May 11.

Buns and Pansies at Red Wagon Plants

BY JULIE RUBAUD

We have some exciting news for you all. Red Wagon Plant's Greenhouse #3 is now home to a weekend coffee shop. Our friends Julianne and Didier Murat from Vadeboncoeur are showing up on Saturdays and Sundays with pastries, and making coffee (from Tandem Coffee Roasters) and fresh juice for you to enjoy while you soak in the sun and the plants.



There is now a weekend coffee shop at Red Wagon Plants. Photo by Julianne Murat.

We are so excited; after years of dreaming of this, it is finally happening. The inspiration comes from the English tea houses I visited at public gardens and garden centers in England during recent trips. Nothing too complicated, just a simple way to enjoy a pause in your day, surrounded by thriving plants. Possible treats include hot cross buns, buckwheat cakes, parsnip cake, green juice and orange-ish juice.

Check [instagram.com/juliannemurat](https://www.instagram.com/juliannemurat) or email vadeboncoeurconfiserie@gmail.com for coffee house hours (Red Wagon Plants is open every day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Julianne is taking special orders too, so please let her know if you would

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Town News

Annual Hinesburg Welcome Baby Brunch

ALEXANDRA KONCEWICZ,
COORDINATOR, HINESBURG
FRIENDS OF FAMILIES

Hinesburg families with babies born in the past year are invited to join us for a free brunch at Hinesburg Town Hall on Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet families with children the same age as yours. There will be delicious food, activities for older siblings, a raffle and the chance to pick out a library book that will be dedicated to your baby. Carpenter-Carse Library purchases books to be dedicated to Hinesburg babies each year, and kids love finding “their” book when they’re old enough to visit the library!

We hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Alexandra Koncewicz at koncewicz@hinesburgresource.org or 802-482-4649.

The Welcome Baby Brunch is sponsored by the Hinesburg Community Resource Center’s Friends of Families program.

Hinesburg Community Resource Center Invites All to Open House

BY RACHEL KRING, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, HINESBURG
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Mother Nature thought we all needed to go sledding instead of attending an open house the last time around. We hope you can join us for a redo on Wednesday, May 8 from 6-7:30 p.m., at



51 Ballard’s Corner Road. We will have soup, bread and desserts. Community members, volunteers and supporters are all invited to join us to celebrate Jan Blomstrann’s donation of our building and the exciting possibilities this generous donation presents for current and new programming. If you’re just curious about what the Food Shelf looks like inside, this is also a great opportunity to get a tour. We hope you can make it!

Hinesburg Housing News

BY THE HINESBURG AFFORDABLE
HOUSING COMMITTEE

The 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. The HAHC has two openings on the committee. If interested, please contact Renae Marshall at Town Hall or attend one of our monthly meetings, usually the first Wednesday of each month.

Past articles published by the HAHC have noted the shortages of affordable rental, single family and senior housing. Using the existing density allowances in the current zoning regulations is a feasible way to relieve these affordable housing shortages.

Did You Know ...

•That to address the shortage in rental housing, the Housing Needs Assessment concludes that over the next five years, the need exists to create another rental housing development comparable in size and income-eligibility to the Green Street Village Apartments. Working with the three or four major development parcels in the Village Center to include such housing may represent the most viable way forward. Housing Vermont, in partnership with the Champlain Housing Trust, has significant experience in Chittenden County developing affordable housing for low-income and moderate-income tenants. The Housing Needs Assessment recommends placing a greater focus on one-bedroom units to meet the needs of renters living alone. Expanding and encouraging the potential for supplementary or in-law apart-

ments may provide some additional options for one- and two-person renter households that represent 77% of all renter households.

•That to address the need for affordable home ownership, the Housing Needs Assessment concludes that the proposed large developments in the Village Center have the potential to shift ownership options away from larger three- and four-bedroom single-family homes to smaller homes, townhouses, condominiums and age-appropriate housing for seniors and for other smaller households. They also provide the potential for addressing the needs of younger buyers in the 70-100% of area median income range. Whether they can be persuaded or incentivized to do that will largely determine whether they meet this need to rebalance the town’s housing stock in line with demographic and economic realities.

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.

Please Save the Date — Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Community Prayer Service

BY PEGGY CIOFFI

All are invited to attend a Memorial Day Community Ecumenical Prayer Service sponsored by the churches of Hinesburg on Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. We will be meeting at the Veterans’ Monuments on the village green on Route 116 next to the Good Times Café. The pastors of the community churches will lead us in prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather as a community to show our gratitude to our service men and women, living and dead, and to ask God’s blessing upon them and our nation.

Presentation of the colors will be



Chief Al Barber (left) of the Hinesburg Fire Department and Chief Frank Koss of the Hinesburg Police Department prepare to place memorial bouquets in front of the two veterans’ monuments.

by Hinesburg Boy Scout Troop 690. Memorial bouquets will be placed in front of each of the monuments by community members. Retiring Chief of Police Frank Koss will give the keynote address.

Also honored will be those in our community who risk their lives in service to the public. Members of our community police force, volunteer fire department and first response unit will be recognized for their faithful service to Hinesburg.

Why not get into the true spirit of the Memorial Day weekend and join with friends and neighbors to honor all those who have contributed to our safety and welfare.

We’re hoping for a wonderful turnout from a grateful and appreciative community.



Adventures Not So Close to Home: Mud Season Escape to New Zealand

BY LENORE BUDD, TRAILS COMMITTEE

At a latitude of 41 degrees south, Wellington, New Zealand is a little closer to the equator than Vermont. Accordingly, the weather is milder: daytime temperatures rarely go above 70 degrees Fahrenheit or below 45 degrees. Only on the tops of nearby mountains does snow ever accumulate. As Hinesburg’s spring is New Zealand’s fall, March and April 2018 seemed like the perfect opportunity for my husband and me to explore a bit of New Zealand. Wellington was our base.

Wellington is New Zealand’s capital and a city of roughly half a million people. It is draped over steep hillsides alongside a large bay at the south end of New

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

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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, 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

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Zealand's North Island. Earthquakes are common because the whole country sits astride the intersection of two major tectonic plates, although we did not experience any tremors during our two-month sojourn. In Wellington, the only level areas are along the waterfront (reclaimed land), so any exploration on foot involves serious ups and downs. The city prides itself on its town belt, a sprinkling of large parks with many walking "tracks." An extensive bus network put many of these within reach during our carless stay.

Like Vermont, New Zealand was nearly stripped of its native forests when Europeans showed up beginning in the 1700s. Once 80% forested, New Zealand is now roughly 20% forested with the bulk of the countryside devoted to agriculture — sheep, dairy, grain, vegetables, orchards, and increasingly, vineyards. Still there are pockets of native "bush" — either original or replanted — to explore. Increasingly, these remnant forests are being repopulated with native birds, some flightless like the kiwi and weka, and others, such as the friendly p wakawaka and clever kaka, all of which were nearly extirpated by introduced mammalian predators.

Unlike Vermont, there are no biting insects, so we never had to apply bug dope. How amazing to sit under a lush green canopy of tree ferns, palm and podocarps and not be swatting at mos-

quitoes or deer flies! On the other hand, a hat and daily sunscreen application were a must. For some reason, New Zealand has a very high ultraviolet index. And "windy Wellington" lives up to its moniker, with the result that in the same five-minute interval we could be hot in the sun and cold in the shade. Our Vermont layering technique was put to the test on our New Zealand treks.

Like Vermont, New Zealand was nearly stripped of its native forests.

Mostly we explored local tracks maintained by local volunteers. But we did get to explore bits of three national parks: Remutaka Forest Park (east of Wellington), Abel Tasman National Park (on the northwest coast of the South Island) and Tongariro National Park, with its active volcanos, near the center of the North Island. The latter two feature two of New Zealand's ten Great Walks. The Great Walks are maintained by the professionals of the New Zealand Department of Conservation and almost always require reservations for overnight stays in huts or hostels as they have become huge international tourism draws. Walking both the famous and not-so-famous tracks, we observed the challenges of, and ingenious solutions to, trail maintenance — not so different from those of our trails close to home.

Two Close to Home trail events, hosted by the Hinesburg Trails Committee, are coming up:

• Saturday, May 11, 8-10 a.m., is a beginner's bird walk at Geprags Park. Rain date is Sunday, May 12.

• Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m.-noon, is National Trails Day. Volunteers will meet at Town Hall to tackle various trail projects, followed by a pizza lunch. Rain date is Sunday, June 2.

More details for both events will be posted on Front Porch Forum. Please RSVP to buddfamily@gmavt.net for either event in case we have to postpone due to the weather.

On Trails and Water

ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

I often visit woodlots where it's clear that some active management, often through the strategic harvesting of trees, would benefit the health and resilience of the forest, the quality of wildlife habitat or some other important objective. In an ideal world, I would pick which trees to cut to satisfy those objectives, wave a magic wand and they would be transported to a location of my choosing. In reality, large equipment traveling on logging trails and roads, which I call "forestry infrastructure," is required to cut and transport trees out of the woods. This infrastructure is somewhat of a compromise — enabling us to manage our forests for a variety of uses and benefits but also providing some notable challenges.

Forestry infrastructure is comprised of basically three components. Skid trails are paths that logging equipment uses to transport trees out of the woods. They are named for "skidders," the most common type of logging machines in our woods. A log landing is an open area where trees are deposited, cut into products and loaded onto trucks. Truck roads are generally roads of the one-lane variety, passable by log trucks and connecting the log landing to town roads.

When water finds its way onto forestry infrastructure, it can gain volume and momentum, causing soil erosion. Uncontrolled runoff from skid trails, truck roads and log landings can create ruts, rills and gullies, washing soil particles into streams and other bodies of water. These particles form a layer of sediment that can degrade fish, reptile and amphibian habitat (sedimentation) and can lead to water quality degradation downstream in our rivers, lakes and ponds (eutrophication). Steep skid

trails, wheel ruts and exposed soil all further increase the chances and potential severity of soil erosion.

Soil erosion is also problematic for our ability to manage our forests in the long term. In previous articles, I have discussed Vermont's working landscape and the positive role that thoughtful, responsible forest management can play in our forests and our communities. Having well-designed, stable skid trails, truck roads and log landings supports Vermont's working forests by protecting our ability to manage them into the future. By contrast, poorly designed or maintained forestry infrastructure can become washed out, unusable or requiring expensive restoration, which can make forest management in the future difficult or impossible.

The Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont were developed by Vermont's Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The implementation of the AMPs protects water quality and prevents soil erosion during and immediately after a logging operation, specifying how to properly stabilize all facets of forestry infrastructure, from skid trails to log landings, and illustrating how to design and install stream crossings such as culverts and bridges. If properly implemented on a logging job the AMPs also helps to protect landowners and loggers from water quality violations. At the same time, the AMP practices help stabilize forestry infrastructure for long-term use.

There are a few simple ways to protect water quality, minimize soil disturbance and protect forestry infrastructure in the course of logging. Properly designing a system of skid trails, including minimizing their number, length and steepness, is critical. When developing a logging contract, you should always require that AMPs be implemented and followed by the logger throughout the harvest. Operating under frozen conditions whenever possible will reduce impacts to your soils and infrastructure. Keeping logging equipment on main skid trails will mitigate soil impacts in the woods. Well-placed, installed and maintained "waterbars" on skid trails, per the AMPs, will divert runoff into undisturbed areas, where soil particles and runoff are captured.

If you're in the Lake Champlain Basin, and you inherited poorly maintained, washed-out or actively eroding logging infrastructure, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program may have funding available to help you stabilize these features. For more information about this program, please contact me or your local Natural Resources Conservation Service center.

As described above, forestry infrastructure is a compromise, with a series of challenges and potential pitfalls. However, it is also critical to the management of our forests, supporting their health and productivity and our working landscape. Taking steps to create stable forestry infrastructure will protect water quality, aquatic habitats and our ability to manage our forests in the future.

For more information on Vermont's AMPs: tinyurl.com/VTAMPS.

Ethan Tapper is the Chittenden County forester. He can be reached at ethan.tapper@vermont.gov, 802-585-9099 or at his office at 111 West Street, Essex Junction.

Legislative

Vermont Senate Update

BY TIM ASHE, CHITTENDEN COUNTY SENATOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE VERMONT SENATE



Senate President Tim Ashe speaks to reporters recently in his State House office.

Earlier this month, the Senate passed legislation to protect Vermont's men and women who serve in the National Guard from exposure to burn pits. Vermonters are suffering due to this exposure and the federal government is not stepping up to help them.

During overseas deployments, particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq, the military frequently eliminates waste by digging massive pits (think the size of several football fields) and burning all the contents in them.

What gets burned in these pits? According to the Veterans Administration, the waste products in burn pits include "chemicals, paint, medical and human waste, metal/aluminum cans, munitions and other unexploded ordnance, petroleum and lubricant products, plastics, rubber, wood and discarded food."

The smoke and airborne debris from these pits are often inhaled by our service men and women who are housed in close proximity to them.

The VA provides contradictory information about the health impacts on soldiers of exposure to burn pits.

On the one hand, the department's website says, "At this time, research does not show evidence of long-term health problems from exposure to burn pits. VA continues to study the health of deployed veterans."

On the other hand, under the heading "Health effects from burn pit smoke," the VA states that "Toxins in burn pit smoke may affect the skin, eyes, respiratory and cardiovascular systems, gastrointestinal tract and internal organs."

Like with Agent Orange or what's called Gulf War Syndrome, the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration are not stepping up and acknowledging that soldiers are becoming sick due to burn pit exposure. This is very distressing.

Vermont Values – Personal Reproductive Liberty

GINNY LYONS, CHITTENDEN COUNTY SENATOR

Every day I walk past the giant plaque in the state house hallway with a famous quote from U.S. president and native Vermonter Calvin Coolidge. "If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the Union and support of our institutions should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of the brave little state of Vermont."

It's all too easy to forget that for centuries, Vermont has been counted on to lead the nation in protecting and ensuring equal rights for all — from the radical notion in the 18th century of banning slavery in its constitution to being the first state in the nation to allow gay and lesbian neighbors to declare their lifelong commitment through a civil union.

Now Vermont is once again poised to lead our nation by becoming the first state in America to amend its constitution to protect a person's right to reproductive liberty.

Deciding whether and when to become a parent is one of the most personal and

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important decisions a person can make.

Vermont women should be able to make their own choices about sexual and reproductive health care free from political and governmental influence, in private with their doctors.

This is why I am a champion for the passage of a constitutional amendment that will guarantee the long-held value of reproductive liberty. The Vermont Senate has begun the process to bring the proposal to the voters.

In the United States, a woman's ability to define her own life's course is continually threatened by the intrusion of court decisions and legislative actions.

Today, threats at the federal level are ominous.

Access to contraception, reproductive health care and family planning — the basics of reproductive liberty — are facing an unprecedented wave of attack nationally. Women at the pharmacy counter and at doctors' offices feel the negative consequences of these attacks. Women seeking emergency contraception get turned away if they can't show proof of age. Women are unable to pay for birth control if employers refuse to provide insurance coverage. Women are forced into waiting periods and medically unnecessary ultrasounds.

Things are different in Vermont. Our state policy for nearly 50 years is to trust women and health care providers to make appropriate and very personal reproductive decisions free from compulsion by the state. This includes when a woman makes the very difficult decision about abortion.

Personal reproductive liberty, including family planning, benefits the health of mothers, families and communities. The ability to delay and space out childbearing is crucial to women's social and economic progress. Women's ability to access reproductive health care has positive implications for their education, economic security, family stability, mental health, happiness and their children's well-being.

The Vermont Constitution's equal protection clause (Ch 1 Art. 7) guarantees the state's authority to provide for the welfare of its citizens. Proposition 5 is a proposed constitutional amendment consistent with this authority. It creates a fundamental right to personal reproductive liberty. Enshrining this right in the constitution is critical to ensuring equal protection and treatment under the law and upholding the right of all people to health, dignity, independence and freedom.

Clearly reproductive health care, including abortion, is a state's rights issue. We Vermonters have the power to choose, to be clear, to reassure and to remove doubt. We, not the federal government, establish state's rights.

In Vermont, abortion is a health care decision. A woman should never have to feel ashamed for believing that she has the power to make her own choices.

The Vermont Constitution is the highest declaration of the rights and liberties of our citizens. It states the overarching values of our society. In Proposition 5, people will have a chance to cast a ballot that moves personal reproductive liberty from a well-established Vermont value to a fundamental right.

With Strong Support from Rep. Welch, House Passes New Violence Against Women Act

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On April 4, Rep. Peter Welch voted in favor of H.R. 1585, a long-term renewal of the federal Violence Against Women Act, which was approved on a bipartisan 263-158 vote.

The landmark Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 recommitments the federal government to protecting all Americans from violence and abuse, and will ensure all victims, survivors and their advocates have the support they need.

The bill was approved by the House on

a bipartisan vote of 263-158.

"Violence against women should never be tolerated," said Welch. "This important legislation will ensure that survivors of domestic and sexual violence get the services they need and that their advocates have the resources to do their vital work."

Between 1994 and 2017, 50 percent of all Vermont homicides were related to domestic violence. The legislation reaffirms protections for every woman and includes much-needed improvements to address gaps in current law that have been identified by victims, survivors and advocates. Specifically, the bill:

- Improves the services available for victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking;
- Expands the housing protections and financial assistance available for victims and survivors;
- Improves protections for Native American women, including by reaffirming tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Native American perpetrators of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking;
- Closes loopholes in current firearm laws in order to help prevent "intimate partner" homicides, by prohibiting persons convicted of misdemeanor stalking or dating violence from possessing firearms; and
- Invests in tools and resources for law enforcement and evidence-based prevention programs that make our communities safer.

Sanders, 14 Senators Introduce Medicare for All

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Sen. Bernie Sanders and 14 of his Democratic colleagues introduced the Medicare for All Act of 2019 on April 10, to guarantee health care to every American as a right, not a privilege.

The United States spends far more per capita on health care than any other nation; however, 34 million Americans do not have health insurance, thousands of people die each year because they cannot afford medical care, almost one in three adults with insurance have been unable to afford the care they need and nearly half fear bankruptcy in the event of a health emergency.

Sanders' legislation fundamentally transforms the country's dysfunctional health care system by eliminating profit-driven health insurance corporations and instead covering every resident through an improved Medicare plan at far lower cost to working families and the nation as a whole.

"In my view, the current debate over Medicare for All really has nothing to do with health care."

"It's all about greed and profiteering. It is about whether we maintain a dysfunctional system which allows the top five health insurance companies to make over \$20 billion in profits last year," Sanders said. "The American people are increasingly clear. They want a health care system which guarantees health care to all Americans as a right. They want a healthcare system which will

lower healthcare costs and save them money. They want a health care system which will guarantee them freedom of choice as to which doctor or hospital they can go to. They want a health care system which will substantially lower the cost of prescription drugs. They want Medicare for seniors which will finally cover dental care, hearing aids and eyeglasses. In other words, they want Medicare for All, and that's what we will deliver to them."

According to recent polls from HarrisX and Reuters, 70% of Americans support Medicare for All.

The Medicare for All Act of 2019 would ensure that Americans could go to the doctor of their choice and get the care they need, when they need it, without going into debt. It would significantly lower the price of prescription drugs by empowering the federal government to negotiate with pharmaceutical corporations. And it would expand coverage to include home- and community-based long-term care services, ensuring people with disabilities can receive the care they need to stay in their homes and remain part of their communities.

Under this bill, Americans will benefit from the freedom and security that comes with finally separating health insurance from employment. As is the case in every other major country, employers would be free to focus on running their businesses rather than spending time, energy and money trying to provide health insurance to their employees.

Studies from the Rand Corporation and even the conservative Mercatus Center have found that a Medicare-for-all, single-payer system would save the American people money by reducing rising health care spending and significantly lowering administrative costs. In addition to the legislation, Sanders released a paper outlining several options for funding the Universal Medicare Program.

Police

Incidents

Citizen Dispute

On Monday, March 18, an officer responded to Lincoln Hill Road for a citizen dispute. A no trespass order was issued to one of the parties who left the area.

Injury Crash

On Tuesday, March 19, officers responded to Vermont Route 116 and CVU Road for a two-vehicle crash. Two people were transported to UVM Medical Center.

Stolen Check

On Tuesday, March 19, an officer received a report from a resident on Jourdan Street regarding a stolen check and credit card.

Winter Parking Ban Violation

On Saturday, March 23, an officer responded to Buck Hill Road East for a vehicle parked in the roadway. The vehicle was towed in violation of the winter parking ordinance.

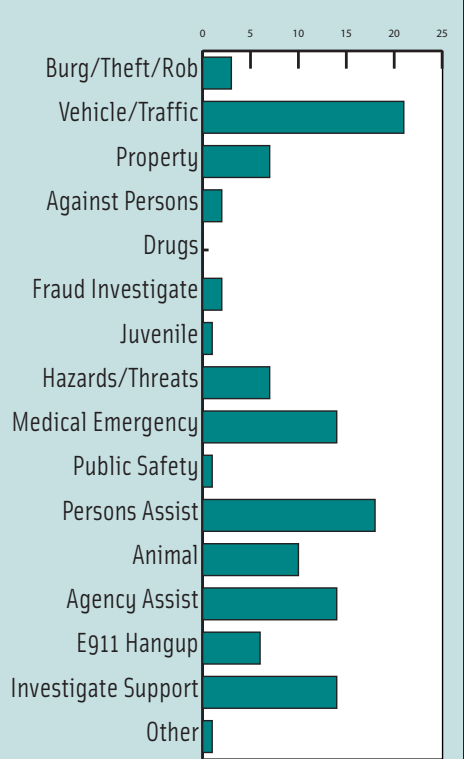
Family Fight

On Saturday, March 23, an officer responded to Wile Street for a reported family fight. Parties stated it was a verbal dispute only.

Suspicious Emails

On Sunday, March 24, six emails were received on the department email account regarding a family issue in St. George. In looking up the person sending the emails, it was found that the Vermont State Police had responded to the same issue before the emails were sent. The emails were forwarded to VSP.

HPD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, MARCH 2019



Graph data supplied by Doug Olufsen

Injury Crash

On Monday, March 25, an officer was called out for a two-vehicle crash on Vermont Route 116 and Shelburne Falls Road. The operator of one of the vehicles was transported to UVM Medical Center.

Juvenile Complaint

On Monday, March 25, an officer responded to Jourdan Street for a report-

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Keep Calm and Recycle On: Part 1, the Life of a Milk Jug

BY MICHELE MORRIS

The first in a series on recycling in VermontHere at the Chittenden Solid Waste District, we geek out on recycling. As municipal solid waste managers, it's literally our job to be the local experts on how our community can best manage all the stuff we buy, use and toss out. Plus, after 25 years of navigating recycling markets, we've

steered through all kinds of waters: smooth, choppy and even downright stormy, which is where we've been since 2013 when China started changing its policies on imported recycled scrap.

Nearly every major media outlet has reported on these changes, and all of them have gotten much of it wrong. Recycling is way more complex than a dramatic headline. What's more, it isn't the same everywhere in the world, the U.S., or even in New England! Even for recycling geeks, it's a lot to wade through.

So, we decided to cut through the crazy and break down how recycling — specifically, "blue-bin" recycling — really does work in Chittenden County and Vermont.

To make it even simpler, we'll take it one material at a time, starting in this article with every Vermonter's favorite: the milk jug! For illustration's sake, let's say the milk you buy comes in a white plastic jug (the kind you can't see through). Here's how that jug spends its life in Vermont and beyond.

Step 1. Your family drinks all the milk. You rinse the jug, put the cap on and

toss it in the recycling bin with all your other recyclables.

Step 2. Your trash and recycling hauling company picks up your recyclables or you bring them to a CSWD Drop-Off Center, and they go to CSWD's Materials Recovery Facility — commonly called the MRF (rhymes with Smurf) — in Williston.

Step 3. The workers and equipment at the MRF separate all those recyclables into different groups. Your white jug joins other colored containers, like laundry detergent and shampoo bottles, made of the same type of plastic: high-density polyethylene. Milk jugs made from "natural" HDPE (the kind you can see the milk through) go in a separate bin with hundreds of others just like it.

Step 4. The MRF sells your white jug in a 700-pound bale of colored HDPE for about \$300.00 to \$400.00 a ton. The bale of natural HDPE sells for double that amount — about \$750.00 to \$850.00 a ton. Both loads go to a plastics processor in the eastern United States, which shreds, washes and turns the plastic into pellets.

Step 5. A manufacturer buys the recycled HDPE pellets and uses them to make new bottles, drainage pipes, or maybe plastic pallets (for example).

Step 6. Someone buys the new product,

and the jug starts its new life!

Even though recycling conserves resources when compared with making items from new or nonrecycled materials, it clearly isn't free. Every step in any recyclable's life involves labor, transportation and energy costs. That's why reducing our consumption and extending product lifespans through reuse will always beat recycling when it comes to the overall environmental impact and sustainability of our choices.

Still, recycling has a role to play, even for materials like a magazine or glass bottle, which have different stories to tell than the milk jug — stay tuned for those! The bottom line is that CSWD works hard to build North American markets for Vermont's recyclables, because keeping recyclables out of the landfill is at the heart of our mission.

There's so much more to tell, we can't wait to share it with you in our next installment. What do YOU want us to break down next? Send your questions to info@cswd.net, and if you want to see it all happening up close and in-person, come on a tour!

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ed fight between several male juveniles. Information was taken and it was determined to be roughhousing that got out of hand. No further police involvement was needed.

Agency Assist

On Thursday, March 28, South Burlington Police Department reported a stolen vehicle that was subsequently located at the Mobil gas station on Commerce Street. An officer assisted the PD with the vehicle.

Civil Stand-By

On Thursday, March 28, a resident on Hollow Road called and requested assistance in retrieving property from her fiancée.

Excessive Speed

On Saturday, March 30, an officer on patrol on Vermont Route 116 stopped a vehicle for going 89 mph in a 50 mph zone. The operator, Samuel Lapoint, 18 years old of Starksboro, was arrested for excessive speed and taken to the station for processing. He was released on a citation to appear in court.

Criminally Suspended License

On Saturday, March 30, an officer work-

ing radar on Vermont Route 116 near Cedar Knolls stopped a vehicle for 72 mph in a 50 mph zone. The operator, Christopher Giroux, 34 years old of Starksboro, was determined to be driving on a criminally suspended license and in violation of conditions of release. He was arrested and taken to the station for processing.

Missing Mail

On Monday, April 1, a resident came to the station to report a missing check from his mailbox. He called a few days later to report the check had arrived.

Assault

On Tuesday, April 2, a resident living on Jourdan Street came to the office to report an assault that had occurred on March 19. The complainant later recanted the story. The complainant came back and recanted her request for no investigation.

Injury Crash

On Tuesday, April 2, an officer responded to Baldwin Road for a one-vehicle crash with the operator transported to UVM Medical Center with head pain.

Agency Assist

On Wednesday, April 3, an officer assisted Probation and Parole with attempting to locate a person.

April 4

On Thursday, April 4, a person came to the station to report her wallet was missing from a restroom at a business in the Village. As the result of video tape surveillance from the store, a person was identified and the wallet was recovered with no charges filed.

Criminally Suspended License/Warrant

On Thursday, April 4, an officer working traffic enforcement on Vermont Route 2A stopped a vehicle for 53 mph in a 35 mph zone. The operator, David Craigie, 32 years old of Hinesburg, was determined to be operating on a criminally suspended license and had a warrant for his arrest. He was placed under arrest and transported to the station for processing. He was then lodged at the Chittenden County Correctional Center.

Excessive Speed Arrest

On Saturday, April 6, an officer was working traffic enforcement on Shelburne Falls Road at Boutin Road when he observed a vehicle travelling at 101 mph in the 45 mph zone. The operator, Daniel Thieffels, 25 years old of Hinesburg, was placed under arrest and transported to the station for processing. He was released on a citation to appear in court.

Fire

Hinesburg CPR Day

On Saturday, April 6, Hinesburg Fire Department held CPR certification classes. Eighteen members of the community attended one of the two-hour classes and are now certified in CPR. This is in addition to the 109 who joined us in February to learn compression-only CPR.

If you were unable to attend, and are interested in possibly attending a CPR class, please email info@hinesburgfd.org. If there are enough interested people who will commit to taking a class, we may look at scheduling another course.

Farmers Market Craft Fair

Join the Hinesburg Firemen's Association on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our spring Farmers Market/Craft Fair that will give our sellers the opportunity to share their crafts and wares!

Vendors may purchase a space inside the Fire House or outside on the lawn next to the station. All vendors must register by May 1. A 10-by-10-foot outside space, for which you provide your own table and pop-up, is \$30. There are 25 inside spaces available for \$40, which includes a \$10 table rental. There will be no refunds after May 1.

Advertising will include the Hinesburg

Record, The Citizen, Front Porch Forum, Craigslist, local TV and radio. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hinesburg Firemen's Association.

*For more information
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Don't Forget to Call for Burn Permits

Please remember that a burn permit is required for all outdoor burns. Burn permits may be obtained by contacting Shelburne Dispatch at 802-985-8051. The dispatcher will be asking you a few questions and may remind you

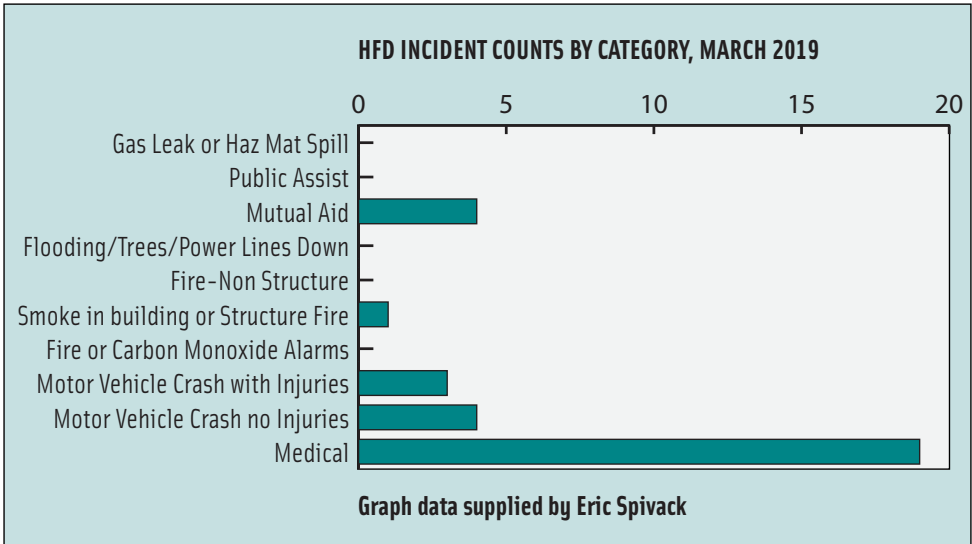
of what you can and cannot be burnt. Permits are issued at the instruction of the town's fire warden based upon the weather or orders from the State of Vermont.

Burn piles must be attended at all times. Only grass, branches, limbs, etc. may be burned. It is illegal to burn trash or construction debris. No burning is allowed in the trailer parks. All burn piles must be fully extinguished before going in for the day/evening.

Should your burn get out of control, please call 911 immediately. Do not wait or try to put it out on your own.

For more information, including what may and may not be in your burn pile, click on the Burn Permits FAQ tab on our website.

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HFD responded to 31 calls in March.

* an example of a non-structure fire would be a telephone pole, car, or grass/brush fire.

Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Register for HRD programs at www.hinesburgrec.com.

After-School Horseback Riding

Enjoy horseback riding lessons and so much more with Kim Johansen at Livery Stables. Lessons are for beginning to early intermediate riders. In addition, Kim and staff will instruct children on basic horse care, tacking, feeding, watering and all that happens in the horse barn! Take the bus from HCS to Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road right after school. Please be sure to send a permission note with your child to ride the bus, pack a snack for your hungry rider and send boots and barn clothes.

Who: grades K-8. **When:** Tuesdays, April 30-June 4 or Fridays, May 3-June 7. **Where:** Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** Tuesdays 2-4:30 p.m., Fridays 3-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** Tuesdays \$235, Fridays \$135. More information can be found at liveryhorsefarm.com. Maximum: 9 participants per day.

After-School Junior Golf Program With Coach Ryan

Junior golfers are the future of our game and PGA Professional Ryan Taraskiewicz has worked with hundreds of children teaching them the importance of life skills through the use of golf as a tool. Cedar Knoll Country Club has a perfect practice facility for kids to learn golf while having fun. Ryan has developed exceptional junior golf programs and looks forward to bringing his experience to us. HCS students may ride the bus to CKCC, and equipment is available to use at no extra charge. There is also an option to store clubs for the week.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 7-May 30 for grades K-6. **Where:** Cedar Knoll Golf Course. **Time:** Tuesdays, 2:30-5 p.m. and Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$250.

Little Strikers Soccer With Global Premier Soccer

Designed especially for children 3-5 years old, Little Strikers is based on the idea that children naturally want to run around with a ball! Global Premier Soccer staff will lead this preschool soccer experience that includes age-appropriate games. Children are exposed to basic soccer skills and working coop-

eratively with other players without any pressure on winning or competition. A great first experience to soccer.

Who: 2 ½-5 years old. **Where:** Town Hall field. **When:** Thursdays, May 2 through June 6 (six classes). **Time:** 2 ½-3 years old from 12:15-12:45 p.m. 3-5 years from 1-1:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$55/\$75.

Mini Shooting Stars Soccer Sessions

Cody and Maeve O'Neil will share their love of the game and teach foundational soccer skills.

Who: 3-5 years old. **Dates:** Sundays, May 5, 12, 19 and June 2. **Time:** 4-5 p.m. **Cost:** \$45. Shooting Stars T-shirt included.

Dog Obedience With Jim Warden

Join experienced dog trainer Jim Warden for this informative and beneficial dog training experience. This class is designed to provide enjoyment and interaction for both you and your pet. Jim makes it look easy, even with the most challenging dogs. Watch and see someone who truly "talks to the animals."

Who: Dog and owner(s). **Where:** first class in third-floor conference room at Town Hall. The remainder of classes will be held outside behind Town Hall. **When:** Thursdays, May 2-June 6. **Time:** 6-7 p.m. **Cost:** \$70 for residents, \$75 for nonresidents. Please leave your dog at home for the first class.

Boater Safety Course

Boating safety education is required for any motor boat operator, 12 years of age or older, born after Jan. 1, 1974. The Boat Vermont, 8-hour classroom course will enable you to get the certification that you need. Participants must be present at all four classes to be eligible for certification. Instructor: Jon Fick.

Ages: 12+. **When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, May 6-15 from 6-8:30 p.m. **Where:** Williston Central School. **Cost:** \$15.

Let's Go Fishing

Families learn how to have fun fishing while using proper skills and ethics. This includes respect for the resources and responsibility to know the rules. Participants learn water ecology, fish identification, habitat needs, how to find fish, how to use fishing gear, and make a lure they can take home. This is a parent/child program. All materials will be supplied. Instructor is Chuck Goller.

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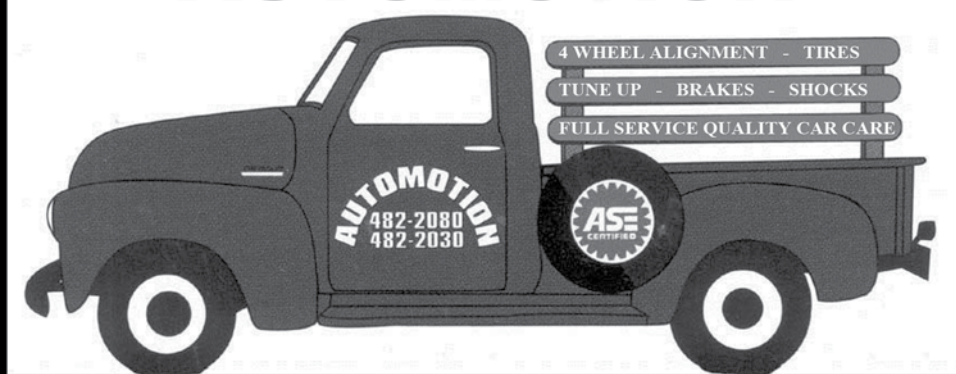
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Ages: children 6-14 years old with an adult. **When:** Saturday, May 11. **Time:** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **Cost:** Free, but preregistration is required.

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Recreational Track and Field

The Track and Field program continues this summer where children ages 6-14 years old learn and master the basics of running, sprinting, jumping, throwing, using starting blocks and participating in relays. The Parisi Speed School staff works with athletes to provide dynamic stretching and speed techniques to supplement our track and field staff. There are several casual meets with local track and field programs such as South Burlington, Essex, Mount Mansfield Union, Colchester and Burlington. To culminate the season, athletes are encouraged to participate in the Vermont State Track Meet in St. Johnsbury on July 20.

Who: 7-14 years old. **When:** Mondays and Wednesdays, June 19-July 20. **Where:** CVU Track. **Time:** 6:15-7:45 p.m. **Cost:** \$50 for residents, \$55 for nonresidents. **Age Group:** The athlete's age group is determined by his/her age as of Aug. 31. Athletes aged 7-14 on Aug. 31 are eligible to participate in the meet this year unless they were a high school freshman in the 2018-19 school year.

Horseback Riding Camp at Livery Stables

Join Kim Johansen and staff at Livery Stables for a weeklong horse camp. Enjoy an hour of riding with a lesson, enjoy grooming, tacking and general horse duties in the relaxed atmosphere of the barn. There are horse crafts, kittens to play with and an equestrian camaraderie that can't be beat! Please note below there are two options for camp times.

Who: 6-12 years old. **Where:** Livery Stables, 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **When:** Camp Week 1: June 17-21. Camp Week 2: July 1-5, includes participation in Hinesburg July Fourth Parade. **Time:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or 8 a.m.-3 p.m. **Cost:** \$250 for 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and \$300 for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Be sure to pack a lunch, a snack and a drink as well as boots.

Tennis Camp with Myles

Join Hinesburg tennis enthusiast Myles Peterson for an introductory tennis camp.

Who: Youth Camp for 6-10 years old. **When:** Monday-Friday, July 29-Aug. 2, from 5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. **Where:** Hinesburg Community School tennis courts. **Cost:** \$85.

Library

Library Hours

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The Happiest Form of Transportation Is ... Bicycling!

BY BETH ROYER

Librarians at Carpenter-Carse Library in Hinesburg agree with a study from the University of Minnesota that found that bicycling is the happiest form of transportation. The library is pleased to announce that — beginning on Saturday, May 11 with our Celebration on Two Wheels — we will have bicycles to loan out to library patrons. Our Take a Bike! program will connect Hinesburg residents to the joys of bicycling.

Thanks to grants from RiseVT and SCHIP, and the donation of bikes from Vermont Bicycle Tours, we will have three bicycles here at the library that adult patrons can borrow just as they would a book. Bike repair tools, safety equipment, a bike stand, local maps and materials related to cycling from our library collection will also be available for public use. Carpenter-Carse Library is here to provide support and love for exploring our community on two wheels (or one or three wheels too!)

A Celebration on Two Wheels

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

We'll be celebrating all things bikes!

- Old Spokes Home will be at the library with their Mobile Repair Unit for bike repairs. (Local professionals will also be on hand to help with fixes.) This is first come, first served.

- Richard Tom Foundation hosts a kids' bike rodeo and helmet fitting.

- Free coffee; donuts will be available for purchase to support Take a Bike!

- Bicycle screen print craft station!

Children should bring their bicycles and helmets to participate in the rodeo. Anyone interested in screen printing should bring a T-shirt or other item to make a print on.

Carpenter-Carse Library already provides guest passes for the community for the Local Motion Bike Ferry, Vermont State Parks and to Kingdom Trails (mountain biking), but this expansion into recreational materials represents our interest in growing and supporting a healthy community. We provide support for healthy lifestyle choices in our materials, and in encouraging

our community to seek alternatives to petroleum-based transportation.

In addition to encouraging the power of resource-sharing, libraries represent a space where everyone in the community can have equal access to materials and experiences, regardless of their economic situation. By expanding access, encouraging exploration and sharing resources, libraries make our community a place where joy is shared! Join us on May 11 for A Celebration on Two Wheels, and watch for other bicycling events including a bike safety clinic (with breakfast!) on June 1, presented by Local Motion.

Made possible thanks to our local friends:

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Library News

Steve's STEM Club to Begin in May

In the library calendar this month, you will notice Steve's STEM Club, a five-week (once a week) after-school program for children ages 5-13. The club is named after Steven Russell, a local math teacher and air travel enthusiast who passed away in April 2018. This after-school program will be offering different age groups the opportunity to explore the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. With hands-on activities, children will explore possible future careers, create tangible projects and discover the resources of the library. Projects include designing sailboats, exploring rocks with microscopes, building catapults and Skyping with a professional at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Steven's own daughter, Sarah Russell).

The library has focused on recruiting female professionals in the STEM fields to run hands-on programs here at Carpenter-Carse Library. We look forward to hosting local science teacher (and library trustee) Katherine Kjelleren, Lauren MacLachlan from Vermont Energy Education Program, Janet Schwarz from UVM's Microscopy Imaging Center and Sarah Russell from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (via Skype).

Donations made in Steven's memory are funding this exciting and important program series. The library is applying for grants and looking for funding to continue the program during the school year of 2020. Future programs may include coding and even robotics!

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Library Calendar

American Odyssey — from South Starksboro to São Paulo — from Home para Casa

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.

Some people are known for being eager to leave, wanting to see the world and tasting cultures and flavors they've never before experienced. Others are content with developing their homestead, working the land and appreciating the juicy fruits that routine can bring to our lives. What happens when two souls, each bearing one of these personalities, come together with love and a willingness to make life happen together? Sixth generation Vermonter Nathan Shepard and fourth generation Japanese-Brazilian Christiane Kokubo will share a glimpse into how they traveled 30,000 miles in a small car that brought their bodies, minds and spirits from a cabin in Addison County to the largest city in the Southern Hemisphere.

Steve's STEM Club, Week 1: Design a Wind- mill with Vermont Energy Education Program

Thursday, May 2, 3-4 p.m.

Learn about different forms of energy and then design your own sail for a boat and blades for a windmill with a member of the Vermont Energy Education Program! Best suited for children in grades K-4. Please register by emailing kelly@carpentercarse.org, stopping in or calling 802-482-2878.

Live Music: Jam With the Song Farmers of Hinesburg

Thursday, May 2, 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 sing along! Free and open to the public.

ASL Signing Storytime

Tuesday, May 7, 9:30-10 a.m.

Children ages infant through 5 years

old and their caregivers are welcome to join Ms. Cathy as we learn American Sign Language signs! Babies and toddlers can learn to communicate with sign language even before speech while preschoolers also show developmental benefits from learning sign language! From 9:30-10:00 a.m.; followed by free play and snacks.

Hinesburg Writers Group

Tuesday, May 7, 7-9 p.m.

Whether you're working on a YA novel, some poetry for yourself or a blog post for your professional website, the Hinesburg Writers Group invites you join us for our monthly workshop. Area writers exchange feedback and encouragement to keep your writing project moving forward, regardless of genre. To get your writing to the group before the next workshop, email Paul Marino at paulstevenmarino@gmail.com.

Mysteries and Muffins Book Group

Wednesday, May 8, 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.

Steve's STEM Club, Week 2: Explore NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Thursday, May 9, 3-4 p.m.

Join us as we Skype with a member of NASA who will lead us through her job at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. We'll learn about current efforts to explore the moon and discuss what future astronauts will be doing. Best suited for children in grades 3-6. Please register by emailing kelly@carpentercarse.org, stopping in or calling 802-482-2878.

A Celebration on Two Wheels

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

It's a celebration of all things bike! Believe it or not, Carpenter-Carse Library will start loaning bikes on May 11. With a generous donation of bicycles from Vermont Bicycle Tours and grant funding from RiseVT and SCHIP, the library will begin loaning out bikes for adults. You can check one out with your library card. Join us at this kickoff event

for the Take a Bike! program.

There will be free bike repairs (first come, first served) by local experts and Old Spokes Home, a bike rodeo for kids, a block printing station (bring a T-shirt or purchase a library tote bag!), snacks, coffee and general merriment as we celebrate this exciting event. The Richard Tom Foundation will join us with safety tips and bicycle helmet fitting.

Local Author Visit: Molly Millwood, PhD.

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m.

Please join us for a talk and book-signing event with local author and clinical psychologist, Molly Millwood. Dr. Millwood, a mother herself, knows firsthand the confusion, guilt, and incompatible feelings so many mothers experience as they lose touch with their own identities and their sense of balance and well-being in the wake of giving birth. In "To Have and to Hold: Motherhood, Marriage and the Modern Dilemma," Millwood explores the complexities of early motherhood, including its very real impact on marriage, with candor, practical advice and an eye toward empowering women to reclaim emotional, psychological and relationship stability.

Dr. Molly Millwood holds a Ph.D. in clinical psychology with advanced specialized training in marital therapy and intimate relationships. After completing a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford, Dr. Millwood joined the faculty of Saint Michael's College in Vermont where she is now a tenured professor and clinical supervisor. She is also a licensed psychologist in private practice where she is particularly known for her work with couples and with women navigating the transition to parenthood. She lives in Vermont with her husband and two children.

Free and open to the public. Childcare provided. Please call 802-482-2878 or email jill@carpentercarse.org to register for childcare.

Steve's STEM Club, Week 3: ProjectMICRO

Thursday, May 16, 3-4 p.m.

Join a member of UVM's ProjectMICRO and learn to use microscopes to find out what sand, rocks and other materials look like up close. Best suited to children in grades 3-6. Please register by emailing kelly@carpentercarse.org, stopping in or calling 802-482-2878.

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**2019 Fundraiser
FORE
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Cedar Knoll Country Club
Saturday, June 8
8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tournament is organized as a four-person scramble. Please contact Dave Palmer to register or to sponsor a tee at 802-482-5678 or at DavePalmer@PalmerInsurancevt.com

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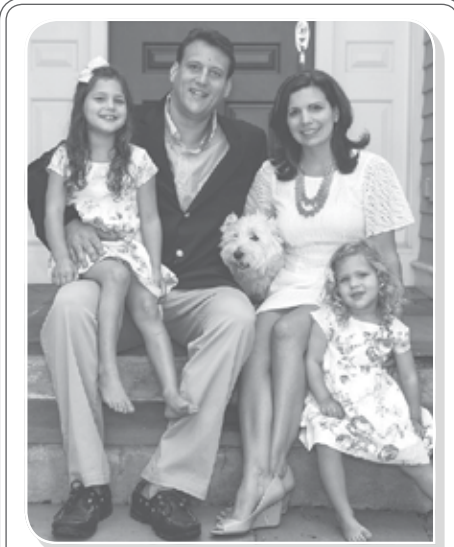
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Family Fun Movie Night

Friday, May 17, 3-5:15 p.m.

Everything is awesome when you come see the second movie in this series! Try to "piece" together what movie we are talking about — newly released on DVD in May. Join us for crafts, snacks and then the movie. Rated PG; children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, May 18, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join us for Saturday storytime! Children, infants through age 5, and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. 10-10:30 a.m., all are welcome, free.

Steve's STEM Club, Weeks 4 and 5: Create a Catapult!

(Two weeks): Thursdays, May 23 and 30, 3-4 p.m.

Create, design and build your own catapults! Participants will learn about different scientific laws and principles; we'll use science to see whose catapult design will rule the library! Best suited for children in grades 2-6. Please only sign up your child for this program if they are able to attend both sessions. Please register by emailing kelly@carpentercarse.org, stopping in or calling 802-482-2878.

Online Resources Class

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 p.m.

Come learn more about all of the online resources that are available to you with your library card. Did you know that you can download music, listen to audio books, take a language class, conduct research using reputable print and online resources, take various educational classes and search job listing databases

all for free?

We will start with the basics — making sure you have a library card, know your card number and can get signed in. We can then help you download any necessary apps on your personal device. The class will cover the basics of Freegal, Mango, Libby and the Vermont Online Library Databases. Please RSVP for this class by calling the library or emailing Richard at richard@carpentercarse.org.

Weekly Programming

Hands and Needles

Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon

Join handcrafting enthusiasts for a morning of creativity and conversation. Bring whatever project you are working on — quilting, knitting, embroidery, etc. Free and open to the public.

Youngster Storytime

Tuesdays, 9:30-10 a.m.

Join us for storytime! Children from infants through age five and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. All are welcome, free.

After-School Snack and Stories with Greg

Tuesdays, 2:15 p.m.

Join us after school for a healthy snack and listen to some read-aloud stories! Volunteer Greg Leroy reads a variety of picture books for children of all ages. Snacks provided in part by Hinesburg Community Resource Center. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Youngster Movement and Music

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Get ready to move! Friends of Families hosts the Youngster Music and Movement program at the library. Come enjoy songs and movement games geared for infants through age 3 and their caregivers (older siblings welcome). Followed by a healthy snack. All are welcome, free.

Tech Time

Every Thursday from 11:30-1 p.m., half-hour slots. Or make an appointment in advance for a time during other library open hours.

Have a question about your laptop or personal device? Want help downloading an app or a podcast? Need a hand figuring out how to log in to your library account or download audio books? We are here to help! Bring any tech question and your device (or use our computers) and we will do our best to troubleshoot with you. Call the library or email Richard at richard@carpentercarse.org to reserve your spot.

► Red Wagon Plants

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like to place a bulk order to take home. You can email her at the above email address, or send her a message through Instagram.

In gardening news, it is time to finally get out there! Onions, leeks, cabbage, arugula, mâche, kale, scallions and more can go in the ground now. And you can sow seeds, too. Radishes, carrots, beets, spinach, arugula and peas are willing to germinate in the cool soils of April.

Our plants are starting to go to local stores, so keep an eye out for the displays at Healthy Living and both City Market locations.

► Annual Plant Sale

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annuals and homemade baked goods for sale, all with the small-town hospitality you would expect in Hinesburg.

The perennials are dug from the gardens in and around Hinesburg and potted for transplanting into your own gardens. We have traditional and unusual selections at very reasonable prices — well below what you would find at local garden nurseries. We will also have a large selection of annuals in full bloom for you to choose from. Our baked goods include pies, breads, cookies, baked beans and other delicious ready-to-serve fare. We hope to see you there!

On the same day, there will be additional fundraisers happening at the church to benefit our GEARage Youth Project trips to H.O.M.E. Inc. in Orland, Maine (homemmausa.org) in June and to the Service Dog Project Inc. in Ipswich, Massachusetts (servicedogproject.org) in August. The middle school youth will be hosting a GEARage Sale on the church's front lawn from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., offering outdoor clothing and equipment for all seasons. The high school youth will be selling cut flowers and food and beverages throughout the day.

Find gifts for mom, gear up for summer and enjoy some delicious food while you shop!

Education

Kurth Joins Snelling Center for Government's Vermont School Leadership Project

FROM SNELLING CENTER PRESS RELEASE

The Snelling Center for Government is pleased to announce that Alicia Kurth of Bristol has been accepted into the Vermont School Leadership Project's Class of 2020. Kurth is currently a special education administrator in the Champlain Valley School District and at Hinesburg Community School in Hinesburg. Beginning with a kickoff meeting in May, Kurth will join 23 other educators from across the state in a unique program that offers intensive professional development for superintendents, principals, curriculum, and special education directors, as well as other education professionals who have proven leadership abilities and who seriously aspire to leadership roles. The class of 2020 will meet for seven overnight sessions totaling 18 seminar days between July 2019 and November 2020.



Alicia Kurth of Bristol has been accepted into the Vermont School Leadership Project's Class of 2020.

Through theoretical discussions, experiential activities and personal reflection, associates will consider and apply concepts related to leadership, education systems, organizational change and community. During their second year of the program, associates will apply and integrate new information through a transformation initiative conducted within their schools. The class of 2020 is the 14th class since the Vermont Leadership School Project was founded in 1995. Upon completion of the program, Kurth will join more than 250 graduates who are making a difference in Vermont's schools.

To learn more about the Vermont School Leadership Project and other Snelling Center programs, please visit snelling-center.org.

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Applications Due May 1 for the Snelling Center for Government's Vermont Leadership Institute Class of 2020

The Snelling Center for Government is currently accepting applications for the Vermont Leadership Institute. As Vermont's premier civic leadership development program, the Vermont Leadership Institute has been offering intensive programs for leaders in Vermont's private, public and nonprofit sectors since 1995. The VLI Class of 2020 will meet for a total of eight overnight sessions with 19 seminar days, beginning in September 2019 and ending in June 2020. VLI associates delve into topics such as personal leadership transformation, leadership paradigms that support equity for all Vermonters, systems thinking and more.

Graduates from the VLI Class of 2018 reported the following about their experiences:

"VLI not only bestowed upon me invaluable toolkits and skill sets applicable both professionally and personally — it also fostered unforgettable relationships and lifelong friends."

"The contacts, discussions, tools and reflections are priceless."

"I would recommend VLI to everyone who wants to become a better leader!"

You are strongly encouraged to apply if you are:

- Committed to Vermont
- Curious about the issues facing Vermont
- Devoted to learning and growing
- Open to values inquiry and dialogue

The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

VLI graduates are making a difference in Vermont: leading innovative businesses, creating award-winning nonprofits, serving state government and volunteering in their communities. Graduates will join a professional network that includes more than 1,000 graduates to date from all of the Snelling Center's leadership programs.

To learn more about the Vermont Leadership Institute, including session dates and the application process, please visit snellingcenter.org or contact Suzanne Trahey, VLI director, at suzanne@snellingcenter.org or 802-859-3090.

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HCS Students at the Empower Youth Leadership Conference.

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HCS Middle School Students Attend Leadership Conference

BY MARY MUROSKI

Fun and friendship was on the minds of twenty middle school students from Hinesburg who recently attended the Empower Youth Leadership Conference at the Holiday Inn, Burlington. They were joined by students from towns around Vermont, including Winooski, Williston, Charlotte, Grand Isle, and South Burlington. The students participated in several workshops throughout the day designed to build personal leadership skills.

The day started with middle schoolers working with student facilitators from CVU to get to know each other, identify and celebrate those who have been leaders in their lives, and create their dreams for a better world. These ideas were shared with students in Uganda via a live Skype conversation. As the day progressed, students engaged in activities aimed to enhance communication skills. Highlights included creating vision boards that identified future goals and learning about the power of nonverbal communication. In a workshop on money smarts, students learned about credit, debt, investing, and compound interest. The day ended with students learning how to practice and express gratitude as a way to bring abundance and positivity into their lives. Many of the students commented that they enjoyed getting to meet students from other schools, and making new friends.

The event was organized by Hinesburg Community School teacher, Mary Muroski, and Charlotte Central School Counselor, Kathy Batty, and co-sponsored by the Children's Legacy Partnership through a grant from the NOVO and Education First Foundations. Muroski and Batty started the conference because they wanted to create an experience where students could interact with others and build their confidence, all while having fun. This was the 4th conference they have hosted and over 200 Vermont students have now participated. Local sponsors who helped with the event included Larkin Realty, Holiday Inn Burlington, New England Federal Credit Union, and Lantman's Market in Hinesburg. It was so heartening to see the insight that these future leaders have to make the world a better

place for all! For more information on upcoming conferences, or the Children's Legacy Partnership foundation, you can contact mary@ourclp.org.

Junior Iron Chef VT 2019

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Two teams of CVU Chefhawks participated in the Jr Iron Chef VT competition in Essex on Saturday, March 16. Jr Iron Chef VT is a statewide culinary competition organized by Vermont FEED that is challenging teams of middle and high school students to engage in improving their own health and the health of their community by creating nutritious, local dishes to inspire school meal programs.

The CVU Chefhawks 1 team included Reid Zuwallack, Clara Cichoskikelly, Will Oates and Sydney Deavitt who made eggplant vegetaballs with polenta and tomato sauce. The Chefhawks 2 team included Audrey Delp, River Mitchell, Phoebe Dennison, Olivia St. Peter and Caille Comeau who made poutine with a mix of vegetables, cheese sauce and gravy. CVU's coach is Eleanor Marsh, family and consumer science teacher. The teams had been planning and practicing since September for the competition. We did not come away with the win, but we learned a lot and had a good time cooking together and competing. We will meet again in the fall to plan for next year's competition!

Students Compete in Vermont History Day Event

FROM PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, April 3, CVU sophomores Joyce Ke, Heidi Berger and Emma Comeau competed with over 400 other students in the annual Vermont History Day event at UVM's Davis Center. Students had to conduct historical research, write papers and create presentations on local, national or world history tied to this year's theme of "Triumph and Tragedy." Joyce's entry was in the Senior Individual Website division and focused on the World War II history of the Nanking Massacre. She took home a second-place prize! Heidi and Emma entered the Senior Group Documentary division with their documentary film "Raising the Black Lives Matter Flag at CVU."

Sports

CVU Nordic Ski Team Wraps Up With a Win

BY SARAH STRACK

The CVU Nordic Ski Team wrapped up the 2018-19 season with a bang. The boys' team placed fourth at the Vermont state championships with top performances by Jared Leonard, Skyler Heininger, Jonathan McAuliffe, Aaron McNally, Sam Holmes, Nigel Wormser, Ben McAuliffe, Connor Falk and Malcolm Ziter. The girls' team placed second in the state championships with top performances by Emma Strack, Finnegan Mittlestadt, Geneva Cote, Isabelle Mittlestadt, Emma Crum, Sadie Holmes, Kate Zoller, Chloe Silverman and Aidan Palmer.

Finnegan Mittlestadt, Chloe Silverman, Emma Crum, and Amelie Lepple then went on to represent CVU on Team Vermont at the New England Nordic Ski Association's U16 Championships held in Bethel, Maine from March 8-10. Team Vermont dominated the competition and brought home the trophy.

Emma Strack, Geneva Cote, Sadie Holmes, Isabelle Mittlestadt, and Addy Harris represented CVU on Team Vermont at the New England Nordic Ski Association's Eastern High School Championship weekend March 14-17. A 10-hour bus ride to Fort Kent, Maine did not slow down our skiers as they outpaced skiers from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine to win the competition.

Boys Lacrosse Defeats Middlebury

BY ASHLEY MILLER

For the past six seasons, the CVU boys' lacrosse team have won the state championships in Vermont. On Wednesday April 18, the team took a step towards accomplishing their seventh title.

Earlier this year, CVU coach Dave Trevithick stated that he wants the boys to take each game in stride, instead of solely focusing on the championship, "they better not be [focused on the title]," Trevithick said. "They have a lot of work to do."

In this effort, the CVU boys defeated



Organizations



A group participating in last year's Hearts for Hunger 5K and 1K. This year's event will be May 18.

Seventh Annual Hearts for Hunger Run/Walk

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The United Church of Hinesburg is hosting the seventh annual Hearts for Hunger 5K and 1K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, May 18 at CVU High School in Hinesburg. The 1K begins at 9 a.m., the 5K walk be-

gins at 9:15 a.m. and the 5K run begins at 9:30 a.m. The registration fees are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students (ages 12-21) and \$12 for children (11 and under).

All proceeds from this event benefit the Vermont Foodbank Backpack Program which provides meals for Vermont youth at times when discounted or free school meals are not available. The mission of the Vermont Foodbank is to "gather and share quality food and nurture partnerships so that no one in Vermont will go hungry." This mission aligns with our church's desire to help alleviate hunger, both locally and worldwide. For more information on this program, we encourage you to visit: vtfoodbank.org/share-food/backpack-program.

To date, this annual event has raised close to \$40,000 for this valuable program, which means children across the state are able to focus on learning, with full bellies. This family-friendly event is open to runners and walkers of all levels, and we hope you will join us in what promises to be another fun event! Register online at: heartsforhunger5k.redpodium.com/2019.

Student Participates in National Scholars Bowl

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Outstanding individual scores recorded by members of our scholars bowl team qualified several of them for the Individual Player National Championship Tournament, a nationwide scholars bowl tournament held in Chicago. One of these members, junior Sam Lawrence, traveled to Chicago the weekend of April 5-7 to participate in this tournament. Sam was the only Vermont high school player to participate in the event this year. After competing successfully in a series of group matches, he was eliminated in the fifth round, placing him at

approximately 66th out of 131 players. A starting member of our varsity team, Sam had captained the JV team to a state championship in 2018, and will be our varsity captain next season.

SCHIP Grant Deadline

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The spring deadline for SCHIP grant applications is Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Since SCHIP began making grants, many nonprofits have used their awarded funds to continue their mission to improve the lives of our neighbors and strengthen our communities. Grants range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. Grants may not exceed \$3,000 per request and only one grant can be received within a year by any one entity.

Applicant requirements:

- Be a 501c(3) or submit the application through such an organization.
- Projects must serve residents of Shelburne, Charlotte or Hinesburg.
- Funds may not be applied to annual operating budgets or permanent staffing.
- One application per organization per calendar year.

Grant deadlines are April 30 and Oct. 31. To obtain an application go to the "Contact" link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at: SCHIPSTreasure.org.

Zumbathon and Silent Auction to Benefit Hinesburg Youth Project Trip

FROM PRESS RELEASE

Bring a friend and join us for a fun two-hour Zumba party at the Hinesburg Community School gym on Saturday, May 4 from 9-11 a.m. Admission is by donation and all proceeds benefit the Hinesburg Youth Project's service trip to H.O.M.E. Inc. in Orland, Maine in June. The event will also include snacks and a silent auction.

The Hinesburg Youth Project was founded in 2016 at the United Church of Hinesburg to connect youth with transformative experiences in education, service and advocacy. Our annual service trips form character and a lasting commitment to the common good. On past trips, participants have explored food insecurity in New York City, considered a variety of social justice issues in the Boston area and assisted with hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico.

This year, 17 students will work with H.O.M.E. Inc. in programs designed to respond to the needs of the low-income population in rural Maine. H.O.M.E. Inc. provides shelters for the homeless, affordable daycare, organic gardens, a craft co-op for home-based industries such as weaving, stained glass, pottery, sewing and creative arts, a food pantry and soup kitchen, and programs to sup-

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port a house construction and repair effort. More information is available at homemmausa.org.

For more information about HYP or the 2019 trip, please contact the United Church of Hinesburg at 802-482-3352 or unitedchurch@gmavt.net.

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.

“Pollinate This!” Art Show Opens

May 1-Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

We wander in gardens, foster habitats, explore ecosystems. Life buzzes, entwines, fosters, interacts — one species to another and another and another. Birds and insects and plants thrive together.

Can we pause and notice? Can we let the outside in, become as intimately connected to the world around us as a pollinated plant is to its pollinators?

How can art explore, examine and express pollination — metaphorical and otherwise?

Show is open daily from May 1 to Oct. 31 (except July 4), 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Included with museum admission.

Spring Volunteer Work Party

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Please help us spruce up our grounds and “gardens” for spring. We’ll feed you! All are welcome. Please preregister (so we have enough sandwiches). 802-434-2167, or museum@birdsofvermont.org.

If you can’t come this day, please consider a couple of hours, another day, a weekly rotation or something else. Whether you are out in the meadow, helping visitors at the front desk, or deep in the office, we would love your

company and assistance. We train, too.

Early Birders Morning Walks

Every Sunday, May and June, 7-9 a.m.

Join us for an early morning ramble in the Birds of Vermont Museum forest and meadows every Sunday in May and June.

Walks are led by experienced birders familiar with Vermont birds. Come to several walks to hear the changes in who calls and when!

Finish up with bird-friendly coffee and great conversation inside the museum at the viewing window. Bring binoculars and good walking shoes. Early mornings are often damp with dew, and boots are definitely in order. Don’t forget bug spray/tick repellent!

Park at 900 Sherman Hollow Road, in the museum parking lot. These walks are most fun for adults and older children. Free, donations welcome. Preregistration is helpful but not required. Call 802-434-2167 or email museum@birdsofvermont.org.

Nestlings Find Nature: Pollinators Through the Year

Tuesdays, May 14 and 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

New theme for 2019. What is pollen? What is pollination? Who, what and where are pollinators? What are their broader connections within nature? We explore, analyze, conclude and make predictions about this fascinating process through our observations and understanding. Crafts and activities too!

Ages 4-8. Included with admission. (Become a museum member and get free admission all year!)

Audubon Vermont Events

FROM PRESS RELEASE

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.

Spring Migration Bird Monitoring Walk

Saturday, May 4, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Spring migration will be in full swing for our May monitoring walk. Watch for warblers. Spy the sparrows. Hear the hawks.

Following our regular monitor route, we will search for birds in various habitats at the Audubon Center. 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 9:30 a.m., but you can leave earlier if necessary. Donations to Audubon are appreciated.

Visit vt.audubon.org/donate.

Regarding the weather: Normally with light snow/rain forecasted, we will go ahead with the walk. If strong winds or heavy snow/rain 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. Visit us at facebook.com/AudubonVermont.

Pride Hikes

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

LGBTQA+ hikers are returning to the Green Mountain Audubon Center to hike the trails in springtime. Wildflowers and spring bird songs will be peaking at Audubon (and it’s too early to get up on the higher-elevation hiking trails because of mud season). Spring beauties, trilliums and trout lilies will carpet the forest floor while white-throated sparrows, red-eyed vireos and veerys serenade us overhead. Becky Swem of the UVM Prism Center and Gwendolyn Causer of Audubon Vermont will co-lead the hike to provide birding, botany and tracking tidbits.

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

Co-hosted by Audubon Vermont, Pride Center of Vermont and Outright Vermont.

An Evening Wildlife Photography Workshop

Thursday, May 23, 5:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Join Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department photographer Tom Rogers for a workshop on wildlife and nature photography, hosted by Audubon Vermont. The workshop is geared for beginners who want to get the basics of wildlife photography.

The workshop will begin with a brief presentation on the basics of proper exposure, depth of field and use of camera equipment, followed by a field session at the Green Mountain Audubon Center in Huntington. Emily Kaplita from Audubon Vermont will be on hand to help find wildlife and to provide a naturalist’s perspective. Participants should bring their own camera equipment, including a tripod and binoculars if they own them. The event will be limited to 12 participants.

Tom Rogers is a trained wildlife biologist and photographer and has photographed in 29 countries.

“Our abundant wildlife is one aspect of Vermont’s special landscape. This workshop offers a chance to learn how to frame and capture wildlife through the lens of a camera,” said Rogers. “From a songbird surrounded by spring blossoms to a winding mountain stream, we’ll review the basics to taking beautiful wildlife and outdoor images.”

“Wildlife and nature photography can present some of the most challenging conditions for a photographer, between difficult weather conditions and wildlife that never holds still,” said Rogers. “But with an understanding of a few basic techniques, along with some patience and luck, the results can be stunning.”

We will be providing light refreshments. Participants are encouraged to bring dinner with them. The cost of the workshop is \$15 for Audubon members, and \$20 for nonmembers. Program fees will support Audubon Vermont’s education and conservation work.

Participants are encouraged to purchase a Vermont Habitat Stamp from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, available at vtfishand-wildlife.com/get-involved/donate/vermont-habitat-stamp.

Ages: adults and youth 16+, Online registration required — check vt.audubon.org/events for details.

Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Town Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Table Diner free community meal. unitedchurchvt@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

10:00-11:30 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Land Trust Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd., Hinesburg .

FRIDAY, MAY 3

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rummage Sale. Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond. For more info call 434-2053.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Green-Up Day.

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rummage Sale. Richmond Congregational Church, 20 Church St., Richmond. For more info call 434-2053.

MONDAY, MAY 6

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, MAY 7

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. To submit a piece of writing for others to review and enjoy before the group meets, email LauraWisniewski@bhy@beecherhillyoga.com.

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

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

10:00-11:30 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

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, MAY 9

Advertising and News deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

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, MAY 13

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:00-9:00 p.m. Conservation Commission Meeting. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

10:00-11:30 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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 third floor conference room. Lenore Budd, Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

TUESDAY, MAY 21

4:30-6:00 p.m. Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 or walterh@gmavt.net.

5:00-6:30 p.m. CVSD School Board Meeting. CVU room 160.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

10:00-11:30 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

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.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

7:00-9:00 p.m. Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Town Hall.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

5:30-7:00 p.m. Open Table Diner free community meal. unitedchurchvt@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:00-8:00 p.m. Conservation Commission. Hinesburg Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

10:00-11:30 a.m. HFOF Play Group. Main Room.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

7:00-8:30 p.m. Community Writers' Group. See listing for May 7.

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

7:00-8:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting. Main Room at Town Hall.

7:30-9:30 p.m. Development Review Board Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

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Commentary

It's Time to Close the Women's Prison in South Burlington

BY BILL SCHUBART

As the legislature and the Vermont Department of Corrections consider how to repatriate the Vermont prisoners housed in Mississippi, several legislators see the larger picture. We don't need new prisons. We need to address the causes of crime such as poverty, abuse and addiction and develop more cost-effective alternatives to incarceration, like treatment, training and restorative justice.

There's mounting support for closing the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility this year and transitioning the few women who need supervision to the existing system with extra protections as necessary.

Mass incarceration has reached a cultural and economic crisis point. The U.S. jails more of its citizens per capita than any other major world power including China and Russia. Conservatives and liberals agree on the need to reform sentencing, reduce our reliance on incarceration and create opportunities for people transitioning from supervision back into our communities.

In Vermont we spend about \$85,000 annually to keep a woman in prison and about \$50,000 for each man — at best, an investment in recidivism. This does not include the cost of caring for the hundreds of children of incarcerated parents. We should be thinking how we might invest in healing the damage, both for the victims of crime and those resorting to criminal behavior. We should invest in people not punishments.

The CRCF was built originally to confine 100 men. Now a shambles, the Department of Corrections is resisting efforts by the ACLU, VTDigger and criminal justice reform groups to release data and information on conditions inside.

It houses some 150 women. About a dozen have violent histories and need supervision. Another 25 or so have committed property crimes stemming from simple greed, poverty or addiction. The rest are either detainees awaiting trial and too poor to post bail or are past their release dates but have no viable housing options. Most share a history of trauma including abuse, neglect or addiction, for which they receive little or no support.

We're better than this. It's time to close the women's prison.

There will always be a need to supervise people who have committed violent offenses, but there are more effective ways to deal with those who haven't than jail time. Restorative justice, circles of support and accountability, transitional housing and mental health treatment options are less expensive and offer a redemptive path back to community and economic independence.

It's easy to blame the Department of Corrections for this deplorable situa-

tion. But they don't put people in prisons; they manage them for better or for worse. Prosecutors, judges, police officers, legislators and yes, we Vermonters do. We elect our prosecutors and legislators. We oversee appointed judges and the police. Our entire criminal justice system reflects our belief in punishment as a deterrent to crime. Until we get over this myth and rethink our criminal justice system with a goal of helping people to safely reenter society equipped to lead productive lives, we'll continue to waste money and lives building prisons.

A Full 360-Degree View

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Neighbors in the hills of western Hinesburg have a reflex answer if asked how one fared during the latest weather event. Instinctively, one's response sums up their electric service status; saying that power came back on by such and such a time, or that they're still without power.

Vermont Electric Co-Op's Hinesburg service area hangs down like a loose thread from the map of VEC's 35,000 member-customer, 74 town, and 2,000 square mile service territory in rural northern Vermont. There's little low-hanging fruit in this service territory. It's all work for the nonprofit utility and its employees. See the Hinesburg Historical Society's "Electrifying Stories" on early electrification in the Hinesburg Record's June and August 2011 issues (hinesburgrecord.org).

In answer to these challenges, VEC has been quick to look for answers in the breaking wave of new technologies. Service interruptions are fewer in number today and of shorter duration. However, not every experience has been a customer confidence builder, although my hat is off to VEC and its employees. In August of 2011, I happened across an article, "Smart Grid Award: Vermont Electric Cooperative Takes Wise Approach to Smart Grid Projects," in Power Magazine, a free subscription trade journal in publication since 1882. In that issue, VEC was named as the 2011 Power Smart Grid Award. As a VEC utility customer, I don't recall seeing news of this nationally trending award echoed in VEC's quarterly newsletter or touted in Vermont media at the time.

Essentially the article is an interview of VEC's CEO Christine Hallquist. Before becoming VEC's CEO, Hallquist was the utility's business and information manager. The interviewer, Dr. Gail Reitenbach, walks the reader through the formidable steps a utility takes to have a smart grid. The discouraging part comes in one of the concluding paragraphs under the subtitle "Sensible Messaging" where the author gives kudos to VEC for Yankee ingenuity, but begs the question: how the project was communicated to customers.

While other Vermont utilities had publicized their plans a year and a half or so before the smart meter roll out and installations (completed in 2012), VEC started installing smart meters in 2005 without informing its customers of the

switch from electro-mechanical to smart meters, and never even calling them "smart meters" until 2011. In concluding the article, Reitenbach observed VEC was "completely unscathed" by data privacy concerns, and according to Hallquist, this was largely because it was "ahead of the curve" in deploying electronic meters.

The utility owns the meter on your house. I still have a concern relating to the end of life cycle of the battery type, a lithium thionyl chloride battery, a.k.a. lithium-ion battery, or LIBs, built into the meter enclosure. The informational void surrounding LIBs instead of outright disclosure and discourse, the silent VEC smart meter rollout, and the eminent installation of a utility scale lithium-ion battery storage project at the intersection of Pond Brook, Magee Hill, and Richmond Roads causes me to think there's truth to the notion that VEC is viewed in some circles as Vermont's poor man's utility, and so its territory is fair game as an electric utility proving ground.

Hinesburg can't be faulted, even for its nonparticipation in the project's Act 248 process, an Act 250-like regulatory review for pending utility projects, because impact will be minimal to that remote corner of town, and because of the slim say a small municipal government has over electric utility projects in the state in general.

Of note, however, VESI VEC, came back to the Vermont Public Utility Commission (formerly known as the Public Utility Board) after the Act 248 review. This was after the town signed off, and after obtaining the sought-after certificate of public good from the commission to remove a requirement for a post-construction site visit. This was denied by the commission as recent as March 13, 2019.

So who, or what, is VESI VEC if not VEC? The "Viridity Energy Solutions, Inc. — VEC" project, as it is identified, belongs to Viridity (the word means "greenness") Energy Solutions, Inc. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. VESI is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ormat Technologies, Inc. A VEC Aug. 2, 2018 news release heralding the project lists other collaborators to include the WEG Electric Corp. (not to be confused with WEC, the Vermont-based Washington Electric Co-op).

WEG Electric Corp is a Brazilian company partnering with Northern Power System of Barre to help WEG provide its first commercial-scale, lithium-ion battery power project. The Feb. 6, 31-page, Vermont Public Utility Commission order, Case No. 18-3088-PET, provides just two lines of text describing NPS. I recall NPS was a collaborator in the very short-lived 2006 fuel-cell hydrogen fueling station. The station was a one-time energy alternative rave, built in Burlington for one vehicle. What's that old adage about something designed by commit

Other News

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Workcation Weekends

FROM VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to join them for fun-filled weekends to get the camps ready for the 2019 season. This year, the Green Mountain Conservation Camp Kehoe workcation weekend will be May 11-12 and the GMCC Buck Lake workcation weekend will be May 18-19.

"We look forward to workcation weekend all winter long," said Ali Thomas, education coordinator. "With the help of local volunteers, we spruce up both camps in preparation for the summer and enjoy being outdoors knowing it's for a good cause — environmental education for kids."

Volunteers can participate for as long as they are able to; one hour, one day or both days. They are welcome to stay overnight in onsite cabins or they can bring their own tents. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

The Buck Lake Camp is located in Woodbury and the Kehoe Camp is on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton. This is an excellent community service opportunity for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, as well as high school and college clubs. The GMCC are looking for help with general repairs, construction, landscaping, painting, plumbing, cooking, firewood, electrical work and gardening. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, but the camps will have



Vermont Fish and Wildlife is asking for volunteers to help at its conservation camp work weekends — May 11-12 at the Bomoseen camp and May 18-19 at the Buck Lake Camp. Photo by Alison Thomas.

some available.

For more information and to register as a volunteer for one of these weekends, please email Alison.Thomas@vermont.gov or call 802-371-9975.

Vermont's conservation camp program is unique because it is sponsored and directed by the Fish & Wildlife Department professionals who conserve Vermont's fish and wildlife species. Working biologists, foresters, wardens, and conservation educators teach young people about their role with Vermont's forests, wetlands, wildlife and fish through interactive activities.

The Green Mountain Conservation Camp program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors. The camp program is sponsored in part through a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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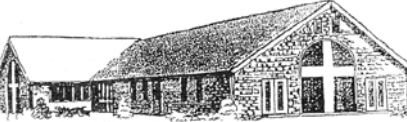
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Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30 a.m., St. Jude Church, Hinesburg

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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.

Williston Federated Church

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Address: 44 North Williston Road, Williston VT 05495

Phone: 878-5792.

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.

All Souls Interfaith Gathering Non-Denominational Service

Pastor: Rev. Mary Abele

Phone: 985-3819

Mailing Address: 371 Bostwick Farm Rd., Shelburne, VT 05482

Services:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: Morning Meditation & Prayer

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The Golf Open (a.k.a. "Fundraiser Fore Fireworks") is another major fundraising effort for the HBPA. The Open helps to raise funds for Hinesburg's town fireworks, and is enjoying its third year of success at Cedar Knoll Country Club. The Golf Open will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2019, and requires a registration fee of \$75 per player for a four-person team in order to participate. Around 50 local businesses also sponsor golf tees every year, and both the registration fees and the tee sponsorship revenues greatly assist the town in its ability to put on their Fourth of July fireworks event. At the end of the open, prizes such as best in class will be distributed, among other recognitions. Registration for the open will be sold at the fire department during the May 11 yard sale, as well as listed online on a soon-to-be-available Eventbrite page, the Hinesburg Recreation Department website, and www.hinesburgbusiness.com. Further questions regarding the open and registration can be directed to David Palmer at 802-482-5678 or davepalmer@palmerinsurancevt.com.

The Golf Open revenues greatly assist the town in funding the Fourth of July fireworks event.

The Hinesburg Business and Professionals Association also organizes community events such as barbecues and other fundraisers which help to promote local businesses and charitable organizations, as well as foster a deep sense of community within Hinesburg residents. Living within the shadow of Burlington, the largest city in Vermont, can have its challenges, as Stuart Deliduka and Laura Gurdak tell me. As Stuart puts it, due to the small nature of the Hinesburg population, many locals feel as if "a lot of the services and support is structured around Burlington, South Burlington, Winooski, Colchester ... but not Hinesburg." This lack of support means that many residents, such as Laura, feel as if Hinesburg is on its own.

Despite the lack of resources, Hinesburg's independence from surrounding towns allows Hinesburg to enjoy a rich sense of community engagement and support, embodied by the HBPA and the organizations it assists. If you want to help Hinesburg continue to thrive, please consider attending a meeting, becoming a member or supporting any of the HBPA's fun and charitable fundraising events. Please contact HBPA.Laura@gmail.com to become a member or learn more about the

Crossword Answers

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changes as having the most significant impact on Hinesburg. Included among those changes is the development undertaken within the village center, increases in through-traffic volumes and several intersection projects that address safety and congestion issues.

For the complete study go to https://bit.ly/2DpPcWk.

In light of those changes, the study identified several areas of concern in regards to the current functionality of Route 116. The most prominent issues identified are "traffic congestion; safety and mobility for all modes of travel; and the coordination between land use development, transportation infrastructure and stormwater management." The study poses several effective methods for addressing those issues, but in order for many of them to be initiated, the section of Route 116 that runs through Hinesburg would need to be reclassified as a Class 1 Town Highway. If reclassified, the town will gain control over responsibilities such as traffic signal maintenance, street lights, bridges and culverts, patching and crack sealing pavement, and replacing or repairing signs.

The study states that if Route 116 becomes a Class 1 Town Highway, the town will have "greater autonomy in terms of street design, maintenance practices, crosswalks, speed limits and priorities for projects," thus enabling Hinesburg to address some of the main concerns the study outlines. In addition, the study claims that the town would receive funding from the Vermont Agency of Transportation to compensate for the additional road maintenance costs. If you would like to read the full report, it is available on the town of Hinesburg's website (hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study/) listed under the title "Route 116 Final Corridor Plan — June 2014." I spoke with Rob Bast in order to find out more about the pros and cons of reclassifying part of Route 116 as a Class 1 Town Highway. Rob is an architect, engineer and Hinesburg resident who sat on the Hinesburg Route 116 Steering Committee that helped to produce the June 2014 corridor study. Rob told me of several areas where he believes the town could benefit from the reclassification of 116.

For one, the town would take over striping responsibilities, which can be hard for the state to properly maintain.

The diligent upkeep of striping could drastically improve current safety and traffic conditions.

Further, more street parking and crosswalks could be added, greatly improving



High crash locations in Hinesburg. Hinesburg Route 116 Corridor Study, Page 19.

the usability of the town's pedestrian and bicycle network. The town would be also able to mitigate the negative impacts on the environment that Route 116 threatens, in part by improving stormwater management and floodplain area design.

Perhaps most significantly, major issues surrounding several high crash areas in town can be resolved.

While road infrastructure isn't always an issue on the forefront of Hinesburg residents' minds, Rob reminds us all that "One of the most important things



Pedestrian volumes at Route 116 intersections. Pedestrian counts support the role of Route 116 intersections as the "heart of town," according to the Hinesburg Route 116 Corridor Study, page 22. (Reference DuBois & King Inc.)



Examples of bio-retention swales, parking lined with rain garden, and curbless street.



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BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

The Hinesburg Business and Professionals Association

Serving the Community for More Than 22 Years

BY KATE FAIN

The Hinesburg Business and Professionals Association is a coalition of local business owners and active community members whose mission is to “promote local businesses, support local charitable organizations, encourage community service and foster communication and cooperation among members.” The HBPA has around 60 members, with about 15 active members who gather at 4:30 the third Tuesday of every month at local Hinesburg restaurant Papa Nick’s. Members work to organize and promote fundraising events which help to support the Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Hinesburg Food Shelf, scholarship funds for Champlain Valley Union High School, as well as local businesses, families and individuals in need of support.

The HBPA has around 60 members and holds meetings at Papa Nick’s.

The most active members, pictured here enjoying each other’s company at Papa Nick’s and discussing their fundraising efforts, include Walter Hausermann, who has been president of the HBPA for more than eight years, as well as Laura Gurdak from Hinesburg Hair Studio, who is currently taking over the position as president. Other active members include Mike Dee of Dee Physical Therapy; David Palmer of Palmer Insurance; Stuart Deliduka with Element Nail Salon; Kristen Wahner, Jean Isham and Kevin Lewis all with the Hinesburg Record, Will Eggleston from the National Bank of Middlebury; Roberta Soll and Karla Munson with the Hinesburg Community Resource Center; Kris Merchant from Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom; Tricia Chaput of Aubuchon Hardware Store; Peter Crapo with Community Bank

N.A.; Darrel Depot of PuroClean and Natalie Tucker Miller of Hausermann-Luce Insurance Agency, LLC.

Fundraising events integral to the HBPA’s continued service to the Hinesburg community includes the springtime Community Yard Sale event, which is taking place this year from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 11. The yard sale is going on its 22nd year



Hinesburg Business & Professional Association



From left to right: Kris Merchant, Mike Dee, Walter Hausermann, Kristen Wahner, Kevin Lewis, Stuart Deliduka, David Palmer, Will Eggleston, Roberta Soll and Laura Gurdak.

in operation within Hinesburg, with a great amount of support seen from both Hinesburg citizens and locals from surrounding towns, with some participants traveling from as far as New York to enjoy the townwide event.

The HBPA Community Yard Sale begins at the fire station on May 11.

The sale begins at the Hinesburg Fire Department, where raffle tickets can be purchased. There, several entrepre-

neurs and businesses who purchased a table from the HBPA will be able to sell their items. Proceeds from the raffle and the table fees will be given to local families in need, scholarship funds for CVU, funds for the golf tournament organized by the HBPA, as well as the Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Food Shelf. The yard sale attracts community members from far and wide as it also provides a map, which is dis-

tributed at the fire department, in which any household is able to list their home as a stop on the map within the yard sale event. Homeowners can list their houses free of charge up to a week before the day of the sale. If you would like to purchase a table or be listed on the map, please contact Walter Hausermann at 802-878-7144 or walterh@gmavt.net.

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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 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 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.

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 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.

The Hinesburg Record

Help publish your community newspaper which is produced by volunteers who write, edit, and lay it out each month. The Record needs people to write and edit copy, take photos, and help with distribution and mailing. One-time or occasional submission of articles is more than welcome.

If you are interested contact us at news@hinesburgrecord.org.



23rd Annual Hinesburg Community Yard Sale

Saturday May 11th, 8:00 am-1pm

Event Headquarters: Hinesburg Fire Station

Deadline to be included on this year's Map is May 5th.

To reserve a table or get on the map contact

Walter at walterh@gmavt.net or give him a call 802-878-7144.



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