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## The United Church of Hinesburg Turns 100



### Fall Festival This Weekend

FROM PRESS RELEASE

By the beginning of the 20th century, the town of Hinesburg had seen decades of population decline. This affected the religious landscape of the town, where three Protestant churches: Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Congregational were struggling to keep their doors open and could no longer support paid ministers and benevolence causes. Leaders from the three churches began meeting about the possibility of merging. In 1919, the United Church of Hinesburg formed when these three churches officially merged with the desire to have "One strong Protestant church in Hinesburg, which shall serve

the entire community and shall consider all Protestants as part of its parish" (words taken from the original contract).

This inclusive and community-focused spirit has played an important role at the United Church of Hinesburg over the last 100 years. This September, the church will celebrate its 100-year anniversary Sept. 27 to 29 with a variety of community and faith-based events.

### Calendar of Events:

**Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30-7 p.m.: The Open Table Dinner Community Meal** at the Osborne Parish Hall. Held on the last Friday of every month, this free community dinner brings together the wider community for a delicious meal. Voluntary donations support the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

be music, crafts, children's events, food trucks, historical displays, pumpkins, scarecrows, etc. Would you join us? We are asking vendors of local crafts, fruits, vegetables, baked goods, etc. to bring their own table and tent, set up between 10-11 a.m. and plan to stay until 3 p.m. We are also asking \$20 from each vendor to help offset costs. We will have chairs for vendors as well as seating for those who would like to take a break from the activities and enjoy the energy, music or a bite to eat. Interested vendors should contact the church office at 802-482-3352.

**Saturday, Sept. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.: The Stone Soup Supper** at the Osborne Parish Hall. The Stone Soup Supper is put on each year by the Hinesburg Land Trust and features a menu of salads, soups and sweet treats prepared with the bountiful harvest of local farmers and gardeners. Many of the menu ingredients are purchased by HLT from Hinesburg farms. The proceeds from the supper benefit the Hinesburg Food Shelf which serves the towns of Hinesburg, St. George, Huntington, Monkton, Shelburne and Charlotte. From the farm to the community supper table and food shelf, the

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Methodist Church on the left, Congregational Church on the right. Both burned down in the earlier 20th century. United Church of Hinesburg is pictured in the center.

## Fall Trail Closures in Hinesburg's Town Forests to Facilitate Deer Herd Management

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

I think that anyone who has lived in Hinesburg or Chittenden County for more than a couple of years can agree that things are changing. This is probably most apparent in the form of residential and commercial development changing the makeup of our rural communities, but it also can be said for the ecology of our communities, and how this influences our culture. These ecological and cultural changes have similarly affected the Hinesburg Town Forest. From the 1920s through the late 1970s the 864-acre town forest was essentially inaccessible, a giant chunk of forestland that lent itself primarily to hunting and off-trail exploring. Since the late 1970s and early 1980s, it has become more ac-

cessible, been tended through well-managed forestry and has seen substantial recreational resources developed.

At the same time that the Hinesburg Town Forest was starting to develop its forest management and recreational infrastructure, massive changes were occurring in our deer herd and the way it was managed. Vermont's deer population, after recovering from being virtually exterminated from the state in the 1800s (17 deer were reintroduced near Rutland in 1878), exploded in the 1940s-1970s. This recovery and subsequent population boom can largely be attributed to the regeneration of Vermont's forested habitat, which rebounded after Vermont was about 80% cleared for pasture in the 1800s, and the extirpation of deer's historic predators: wolves and catamounts.

In the late 1970s, the deer herd in Vermont was so overpopulated that deer were measurably smaller, less healthy and had reduced reproductive success. This prompted massive die-offs in a couple of harsh winters at the end of that decade, which led to the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife beginning to allow the hunting of antlerless deer with a rifle, to lower the herd to a sustainable level. This began a contentious and controversial decade between hunters and state wildlife managers which led to the end of antlerless deer hunting with a rifle in Vermont in 1990.

Since 1990, the deer herd has been increasing in Vermont, largely due to decreasing hunter numbers (Vermont's licensed hunter numbers have decreased

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# Letters

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## Response to Mr. Schubart

In your column on page 25 of the Aug. 29 issue of the Hinesburg Record, your scholarly record speaks for itself, along with your historical knowledge and personal history in Vermont. With regards to your commentary essay, however, I must make a few counter points.

You make the statement “there is no reason for non-law enforcement or non-military American citizens to be allowed to own or carry automatic or military

weapons.” You are quite correct ... and they are not currently allowed. The National Firearms Act was amended in 1986 to ban transfer or possession of machine guns, aka “automatic weapons” by private citizens. Semi-automatic firearms have been around since 1885 (one pull of the trigger, one bullet fired). Multiple studies regarding the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 — an act that banned or significantly restricted semi-automatic firearms and firearms with certain characteristics — showed that the forced federal law change had little effect on murder and violent crimes (National Institute of Justice, National Research Council and others).

Recent mass-shooting events have brought the spotlight on semi-automatic firearms, but we as a society need to look closer at this rather than simply demonizing the tool that is causing the harm. For example, in 2017, 117 people were killed and 463 wounded in mass shootings (time.com), and in the same year 10,874 were killed due to drunk driving (madd.org). The statistical difference there is enormous. I don’t see a public outcry demanding the confiscation of cars of drunk drivers, or access to alcohol.

The fact is that the right to bear arms is written into our founding document, because once upon a time a tyrannical government tried to control us. The colonists didn’t want that to happen again, and certainly not from within our own government. They recognized that the greatest power came from free speech, but right behind it, that it had to be backed up with might and force when necessary. Significantly, both rights had to be available to the common person, not just a government-controlled military.

But I’ll play along. Let’s say that semi-automatic firearms were made illegal, that the Second Amendment was edited to state “only bolt-action and hunting-style firearms” (whatever that means) are allowed going forward. How do you propose to collect firearms from 43% of American households? (2018 Small Arms Survey). If even 10% of those households hold onto banned semi-automatic firearms, you’re looking at over 13 million households. If you think the local police are going to go door-to-door, let me tell you, after 50% of police officers resign across the country, they’ll be requesting a slew of local volunteers.

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If we as a collective society are unable or unwilling to look beyond firearms as the cause of mass-murder, then it says a lot about our determination, or lack thereof, to really get ahold of a solution for these tragedies. The informed know that mass-murders have always occurred throughout history, whether it be through bombs or cars, knives, poisonings, etc. ... What makes a person want to go murder coworkers, or classmates or movie attendees? That’s where the rubber meets the road on this issue, and until meaningful discussion and action happens that addresses that question, well, continue to look at the headlines and write your essays.

Thank you for your time.

*Greg Osilka*

## Land Trust Stone Soup Supper

*Sept. 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m.*

BY ANDREA MORGANTE

Once again neighbors and friends can enjoy the bounty of the season while sharing a meal at the annual Stone Soup Supper on Saturday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. at the United Church. Each year the Hinesburg Land Trust organizes this event in celebration of the amazing local food that is grown in Hinesburg and surrounding towns by farmers and home gardeners. A community harvest meal is a tradition in many cultures and as in the story of Stone Soup, it’s a great way to bring newcomers and old-timers together allowing us to share our gratitude for the land, the farmers and each other.

The supper will feature a variety of soups, salads and desserts to suit all diets with local ingredients cooked with a magic stone by talented Hinesburg cooks. Proceeds from the supper are donated to the Hinesburg Food Shelf. Tickets will be available during the Fall Festival and at the door. Adults are \$10, children are \$5 and children under 5 are free.

One of the soups will be cooking in the giant kettle during the Fall Festival along with the telling of the traditional Stone Soup folktale. It is a story told in many cultures around the world of how hungry strangers with the help of a magic stone convince stingy and suspicious villagers to each share some of their recent harvest and make a feast that feeds the entire village. In the spirit of Stone Soup, festival goers are encouraged to bring a fresh local vegetable or herb to add to the soup.

The Hinesburg Stone Soup Supper was first celebrated in 2005 upon the completion of the stone wall next to Hinesburg Town Hall. The wall itself was built using stones that were brought by Hinesburg residents from all over town.

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# Legislative

## Highlights From the House

### FROM PRESS RELEASE

*Following are excerpts from U.S. Congressman Peter Welch’s monthly newsletters, which can be viewed at [welch.house.gov/media-center/emails](http://welch.house.gov/media-center/emails).*

### Preventing War With Iran

Peter took to the House floor to fight for an amendment that will block President Trump from unilaterally starting a war with Iran. “Americans do not want another war in the Middle East,” said Peter. “Congress must assert its clear authority under the Constitution to check this erratic president and the ideologues in his administration who seem hell-bent on going to war with Iran.” Peter is a founding member of the No War with Iran Caucus. View the video here: [tinyurl.com/WELCH9-1](http://tinyurl.com/WELCH9-1).

### Ending Annoying and Predatory Robocalls

Peter co-sponsored and strongly supported the Stopping Bad Robocalls Act which was approved by the House on a bipartisan vote. The bill will stop the onslaught of robocalls by requiring every call to be verified, allowing the blocking of spam calls, and empowering the Federal Communications Commission to better protect consumers from scam artists.

### Striking a Better Balance on Border Security and Civil Liberties

Under current regulations, the Department of Homeland Security has wide latitude to conduct traffic stops and warrantless property searches within 100 miles of the U.S. border. Two out of every three Americans live within this border enforcement zone, including most Vermonters. Peter has joined with Senator Leahy in introducing legislation to shrink this zone to within 25 miles of the border.

“We must strike a better balance be-

tween protecting our national security and preserving our constitutional rights,” said Peter. “A 100-mile unfettered enforcement zone is overly broad and unduly restricts the constitutional rights to privacy and protection from warrantless searches of millions of Americans. “This commonsense legislation will enable federal authorities to conduct the important work of protecting our borders while ensuring our civil liberties.”

### Stopping Big Pharma’s Market Manipulation

Peter has introduced bipartisan legislation to make sure that no American pays more for prescription drugs than consumers in other countries pay for identical drugs. “Pharmaceutical companies make vital lifesaving drugs, but their manipulation of the market to the benefit of shareholders is shameful and must be checked,” said Peter. “Our bill will do just that. There is simply no reason why Americans should pay dramatically higher prices for drugs than citizens in other developed countries.”

### Calling Out Foreign Interference in U.S. Elections

At a hearing of the House Intelligence Committee, Peter quizzed Special Counsel Robert Mueller about foreign interference in U.S. elections. Mueller, when asked by Peter if election interference with no consequences was “the new normal,” replied, “I hope this is not the new normal, but I fear it is.” Watch a video here: [tinyurl.com/WELCH9-2](http://tinyurl.com/WELCH9-2).

### “Shocking, Unnecessary and Inhumane”

Following reports of horrendous conditions at migrant detention centers along the southern border, Peter took to the House floor to slam the Trump administration’s policy of separating migrant children from their parents. “This is shocking, it’s unnecessary, and it’s inhumane,” said Peter. “In short, it’s a policy of calculated cruelty, family separation and the infliction of wholesale suffering. This must end.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Protecting Seniors From Abuse and Neglect

The House overwhelmingly approved Peter’s bipartisan bill to protect Vermont seniors from abuse and neglect by bad actors in the Medicaid program. Peter hailed the passage of his bill, saying: “This bipartisan initiative will empower state attorneys general to crack down on bad actors exploiting Medicaid beneficiaries, often in their own homes, while ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the program.”

## Climate Initiatives

BY DAVID ZUCKERMAN, LT. GOVERNOR

This year we have seen an inspirational rise in youth activism. Greta Thunberg has led the charge with her rallying cry: “Our house is on fire, let’s act like it.” In March, hundreds of students flooded the state House demanding action on climate initiatives. Youths asked adults and other allies to join them for the Global Climate Strike on Sept. 20, followed by a week of climate action. Below, you will find information to get involved and add your voice to the thousands of others demanding bold action on climate change.

In Vermont, nearly half of our greenhouse gas emissions are caused by transportation. The Legislature worked on many initiatives that will decrease emissions. In addition to expanding personal electric vehicle incentives (details below), they have required the state to increase the number of electric vehicles in its fleet. Funding was also allocated for two new all-electric buses in Montpelier and Burlington.

The Transportation Bill included \$2.7 million for Park & Ride projects. This will create five new facilities with 277 new spaces plus add more than 200 spaces at existing facilities. This 34% increase in state-owned parking makes it easier to arrange and rely on public transport and carpooling options.

In the upcoming session I hope the Legislature will address the need to be accountable to the goals we set. In 2005 the Legislature voted to reduce greenhouse gases from the state’s power plants, cars and other sources to 25% below 1990 levels by 2012 and 50% by 2028. We are not on track; Vermont’s carbon emissions have increased 16% since 1990.

Our Vermont economy depends on our climate. From maple production to the ski industry to dairy, vegetable and fruit

farms to our rivers and lakes, we are dependent on the climate and our environment for our economy and our culture. To ignore this reality is our peril. Addressing the climate crisis will require thousands of individual actions as well as legislative support. I urge you all to get involved, raise your voices and commit to the changes needed to protect our planet and all species on it.

## Electric Vehicle Incentives

This year, Vermont legislators set aside \$1.1 million to put toward a statewide EV incentive program. This is an important initial infusion to make it easier for Vermonters — especially Vermonters who have a low or moderate income — to go electric for their next car.

The EV Incentive Program will be administered by the Agency of Transportation on a first-come, first-served basis until the funding runs out. Legislation directed:

- Funding be used for the purchase or lease of any plug-in electric vehicle, with a base manufacturer’s suggested retail price of \$40,000.
- Incentives are for vehicles that do not have an internal combustion engine.
- Incentives will be provided to Vermont households with low and moderate incomes at or below 160% of the state’s prior five-year average median household income level (approximately \$92,000 or below).

Final details are being worked out and this program is expected to start this fall. More information on the program can be found at [tinyurl.com/VTEVincentives](http://tinyurl.com/VTEVincentives).

Thanks in large part to requirements in Vermont’s Renewable Energy Standard, all of Vermont’s electric utilities are now offering additional EV incentives as well. These range from rebates to lower charging rates to free charging equipment. Ask your utility about their incentives.

Finally, there are still federal incentives available that range up to \$7,500, depending on the make and model of the electric vehicle you purchase. Be sure to ask your dealer about these.

## We Must Stand Up to Trump and Protect Nutrition Assistance for Vermont’s Families

BY SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS, SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY, AND REPRESENTATIVE PETER WELCH

Back-to-school season has begun across America. Millions of children have returned to classrooms, ready to start a new school year. Now, thanks to the Trump administration, hundreds of thousands of struggling families—including many Vermonters — may have to worry about how they will be able to afford their child’s lunch every day.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture re-

cently unveiled a shameful new rule that could deny over half a million needy students free school meals.

The Trump administration proposal would also kick over 3 million people off of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, more commonly known as food stamps. We stand with the state of Vermont and Hunger Free Vermont and dozens of our colleagues in Congress in opposing this rule.

Right now, states can allow low-income families who have already qualified for federal assistance programs to be automatically enrolled in other programs. This option has a proven track record of reducing the paperwork burden for both families and states while extending support to those in need. The Trump administration would eliminate that automatic enrollment option to all states for nutrition assistance, in a move that targets working families, seniors and people with disabilities.

SNAP is a successful program that lifted 8.4 million people across the country out of poverty in 2015 alone. Vermont’s automatic enrollment of SNAP recipients is an important piece of the program’s success. It allows families to build the assets they need to lift themselves out of poverty without fearing that they will lose their benefits. A single parent shouldn’t have to choose between a promotion and school lunch for their children.

Last fall, Congress passed a five-year farm bill, reauthorizing SNAP. Congress debated reducing access to SNAP, including this proposal to deny states the option of automatic enrollment, and rejected any such change. Both the House and Senate recognized SNAP as a critical tool in the fight against poverty and ensured access to food for millions of Americans. The president signed that law. Now his administration is proposing an end-run around Congress by pushing this rule to kick millions off of nutrition assistance.

We know this Trump proposal will directly affect Vermonters. According to the state of Vermont, which administers SNAP locally through the 3SquaresVT program, 21% of students would be kicked off 3SquaresVT. Because students who access 3SquaresVT are automatically eligible for free lunch, more than 4,500 Vermont children — three times the number of kids who attend our state’s largest public high school — would be deprived of free meals. This will have an even greater impact on those Vermont schools where participation in 3SquaresVT determines universal school meal programs, school and library technology support, and student-loan forgiveness for teachers.

If the president is motivated by cost, then he should end welfare for the rich, by repealing the \$1.3 trillion tax cut that overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest people in the country and large corporations. If he is worried about overreliance on government programs, he should end the tax avoidance schemes for the rich that he helped create.

It is obscene that in the wealthiest country in world history, 40 million people live in poverty, including over 12 million children. We are committed to fighting this administration’s effort to punish millions of America’s poor and deny them food. We must work together to preserve the programs that lift people out of poverty and provide healthy, nutritious meals to our schoolchildren.

## CSWD

## Reuse: The Second R in the Reduce/Reuse/Recycle Mantra

BY ALISE CERTA, CSWD MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

A recent trip to my basement inspired — terrified may be a better word — me into making some changes. Bags of “someday” clothes litter my basement. Sound familiar? While gaping at the piles, three thoughts occurred to me.

**1. What a waste.** The clothes I’ve squirreled away are just being wasted. I’m never going to wear them, and eventually they have to go somewhere — but where? A 2017 Common Threads report notes the average American throws away 70 pounds of clothing every year, which is roughly the equivalent of 191 T-shirts per person.

**2. Money isn’t growing on trees; it’s moldering in my basement.** My clothes habit is not helping my wallet or the environment. Americans now buy five times more clothing than they did in the 1980s, according to a 2014 article from The Atlantic.

**3. What I don’t need, others do.** People in our community can benefit from what I’m taking for granted.

**It’s Time to Act1. Up and out.** I went through all my clothes. Unwanted or outgrown items (I am looking at you — 1983 hot pink and neon green sweater) were bagged and prepared for a new home.

**2. Reuse for me or someone else!** I evaluated damaged items for reuse. Could I use them as rags or for a craft project? I donated some crazy print shirts to a neighborhood quilting project. I offered wearable clothing to friends and family. The rest found a home at a consignment shop or a Goodwill store.

**Resolve to buy differently.** I know myself. Clothes are still a passion of mine, but I can be more mindful about my purchases. I’m committing to buying only clothes from consignment or resale shops, if possible.

Changing the way we think about the things we buy, and thinking ahead to their ultimate disposal, might just change our lives and our neighbors’ lives for the better. Don’t you think it’s time to pass along those Star Trek fan shirts to a new owner?

Check out the CSWD website at [cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse](http://cswd.net/reduce-and-reuse) for a listing of local reuse options.

## Grants to Reduce Waste

Have a project to reduce waste? We have grant funding for that! We have \$20,000 in funding available for projects that prevent or reduce the amount of trash being sent to the landfill from Chittenden County. Go to [cswd.net/grants-and-funding](http://cswd.net/grants-and-funding) for details.

## Police

## Incidents

**Aug. 11:** 1:14 p.m. An officer responded to the Mobil station on Commerce Street for a two-vehicle crash. No injuries were reported.

**Aug. 12:** 6:27 a.m. An officer was called to an alarm activation at CVU.

4:55 p.m. Officers responded to Cedar Knoll Country Club for the report of an intoxicated individual.

8:22 p.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a family fight.

**Aug. 13:** 11:40 a.m. An officer responded to Hillview Terrace for a family fight.

9:22 p.m. A noise complaint related to music was reported on Hollow Road.

**Aug. 14:** 1 p.m. An officer responded to Richmond Road for an alarm activation.

4:05 p.m. Officers responded to Weed Road for an alarm activation.

**Aug. 15:** 5:25 p.m. A report of a suspicious motor vehicle was taken in the area of Pond Brook Road. A stranded motorist who ran out of gas was assisted by police officers.

9:20 p.m. Officers responded to O’Neil Road for a family fight.

**Aug. 16:** 6:15 p.m. Officers responded to North Road for a two-motor vehicle crash. Minor injuries were reported.

8:30 p.m. Officers responded to Kelly’s Field to assist with a medical call.

**Aug. 17:** 2:30 p.m. An officer responded to Pond Road to investigate a 911 hang-up.

**Aug. 18:** 12:25 p.m. An animal problem was reported on Silver Street.

**Aug. 19:** 10:07 a.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for a traffic hazard regarding a motor vehicle.

**Aug. 20:** 11:15 a.m. A report of fraudulent credit card use was reported.

**Aug. 21:** 7:50 a.m. A citizen dispute complaint was reported.

**Aug. 23:** 9:45 a.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a locked vehicle at Ballard’s Corner Road.

5:15 p.m. Officers assisted Hinesburg Fire Department with a residential fire alarm activation on Gilman Road.

8:45 p.m. Officers responded to Hollow Road for a noise complaint involving vehicle engines being revved.

**Aug. 24:** 7:25 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for a single-vehicle crash. Minor injuries were reported.

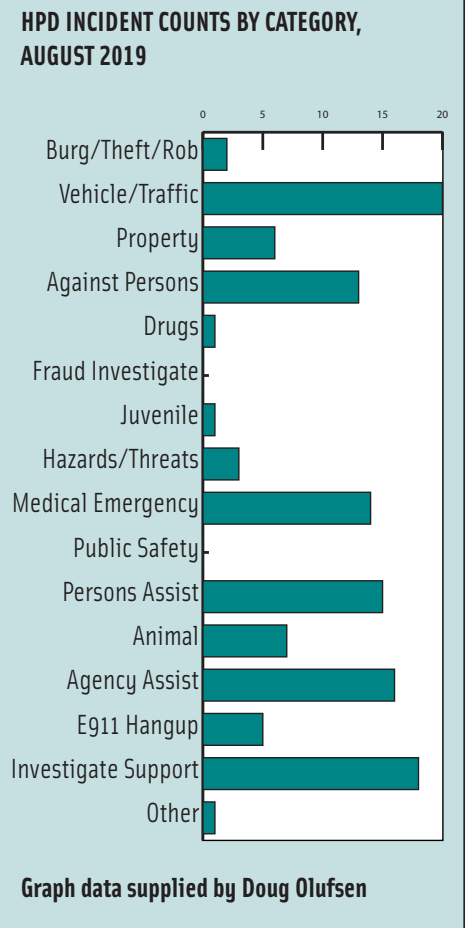
**Aug. 27:** 10:17 a.m. Officers responded to Lantman’s Market for a 911 hang-up.

8:38 p.m. An officer responded to Shelburne Falls Road for the report of a domestic disturbance.

**Aug. 30:** 3:25 p.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street to assist a citizen with a juvenile problem.

7:20 p.m. An officer responded to the parking lot in front of CVU for the report of a vehicle operating erratically.

**Aug. 31:** 3:30 p.m. Officers were called to Hillview Terrace to take a property



complaint.

5 p.m. Officers responded to Route 116 for the report of a single-vehicle crash with injuries.

**Sept. 1:** 4:17 p.m. Officers responded to Lewis Creek Road for a citizen dispute.

**Sept. 2:** 2:22 p.m. A theft was reported at Pikes Point Road.

**Sept. 3:** 4:11 p.m. An officer responded to Charlotte Road and Route 116 for the report of a two-car crash. No injuries were reported.

5:35 p.m. Officers responded to Jourdan Street for a citizen dispute. One individual was transported to UVM Medical Center for evaluation.

**Sept. 5:** 6:50 p.m. A roadway obstruction involving livestock was reported on Charlotte Road. Animals were secured at the time of officers’ arrival.

8:36 p.m. An officer assisted another agency with an arrest that took place on Patricia’s Place.

**Sept. 7:** 2:06 p.m. An officer assisted with a medical call at the Mobil station on Commerce Street.

4:40 p.m. Two officers responded to the intersection of North Road and Richmond Road for a two-vehicle crash.

8:20 p.m. A traffic stop was conducted on Shelburne Falls Road. The operator was cited for excessive speed.

**Sept. 8:** 1 a.m. A car was reported stolen from a residence on Birchwood Drive. The vehicle was later involved in a crash in Burlington and the operator has been cited for multiple offenses.

10:35 p.m. An officer responded to North Road for the report of a family fight.

**Sept. 9:** 12:10 p.m. A trespass order was given to an individual for a business on Charlotte Road.

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## ► Police

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5:30 p.m. A domestic disturbance was reported in a vehicle in the parking lot of Lantman's Market. One individual was taken into custody for suspicion of driving under the influence.

**Sept. 10:** 4:30 p.m. An officer assisted a citizen with a locked vehicle on Pond Road.

7:15 p.m. An officer assisted two lost hikers with a courtesy ride back to their vehicle in the area of Hayden Hill Road.

**Sept. 11:** 9:35 a.m. An officer responded to the Hinesburg Community School for a 911 hang-up. Investigation revealed there was no emergency.

12 p.m. Emergency services were dispatched to a residence on Route 116 for an unresponsive male. A death resulting from natural causes investigation was conducted.

3:15 p.m. A Jourdan Street resident reported two pet cats were shot by a pellet gun by unknown person or persons. One cat died of its wounds. An investigation is ongoing.

8:45 p.m. An officer responded to North Road for a welfare check.

**Sept. 12:** 7:54 p.m. Medical responders at Kelly's Field requested police presence for an intoxicated individual who was hindering medical staff.

**Sept. 13:** 2:25 a.m. A break-in was reported at Jiffy Mart on Ballard's Corner Road. Merchandise was stolen and an investigation is ongoing.

3:49 p.m. Officers responded to 116 Wine & Spirits for an individual attempting to purchase alcohol with false identification.

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# Fire

## From the Fire Chief

### Ambulance Update

Today we know that June 30, 2020 we will no longer have the free ambulance transport service from St. Mike's which we have enjoyed for nearly fifty years.

For many years, unless an ambulance was needed for you personally, few realized that Hinesburg did not have our own. As people realized that this was the case, the question that has been posed over and over to me, the fire department members, the town administrator and selectboard members has been "Why not?" I think there was a simple answer: why pay taxes for the service when we can get it for free. The time has come when we need to buck up and face a few harsh realities, nothing is free any more. Moreover, we need to have control over the service we get for the money we spend, but it's not just about money, it's about saving people's lives.

It's known that for stroke and heart attack victims, minutes and even seconds can have a huge effect on the outcome, it can make the difference literally of life or death. The fire department has had a first response branch since 1999; we've been recognized many times for our organization, used as a model for other first response squads, and served the community well, but we have reached our capacity for the service we can provide. The fire department, like the community, needs to evolve, and the next level of service is an ambulance. Currently our average response time, as a 100% volunteer service, is 7 minutes for emergency medical service calls. Once on scene, we wait an average of 22 minutes for an ambulance to arrive, which includes all of the other ambulance services around us. The only way to shorten this time is to respond from our station to the scene with our own ambulance. We continually hear the comment "We aren't ready for an ambulance" or "I don't think we're ready for an ambulance." But if you're the one waiting for an ambulance, you know we are overdue for one. On our Med 100 truck, we have all the same equipment that is on an ambulance except a way to

transport someone to the hospital.

While the department membership is strong for a volunteer department, there are usually only two of us available during the day and typically only one of us is EMS certified, and we are both retirees. As a department we have for several years told the selectboard and the community that we will have to be hiring daytime staff, that time is 2020-2021, which is next year. We have a great opportunity now to take advantage of this by not only having one daytime staff member, but two and an ambulance with revenue to help offset much of the cost. Is there a lot involved; yes. Is it necessary; yes. But is it manageable? We have the plans, the skills and the need, it's just a matter of the selectboard having confidence in the fire department and the community coming together to accomplish the task before us.

We will not be able to have an ambulance service of our own by June 30, 2020 because of the delays we've encountered, so we will need interim coverage from other services around us. There are many tasks ahead of us, but in the end, we will be in a much better place, a much better prepared community ready to fulfill the needs of our citizens; unfortunately, it won't be free as in the past.

## Have You Ever Wondered ...

Why the fire engines and first responders may go by with lights and sirens only to be seen down the road with them shut off? The reason is simple. SAFETY.

When our pagers go off for a call, members respond either to the scene or the station, depending on where the call is in relation to where we are at the time.

The first member to arrive on scene assesses the situation. This member establishes on-scene command, also known as incident command. The incident commander will then give an update of the incident to the rest of the incoming units. If the IC determines that the situation is not a dire emergency (for example, a minor car crash with no injuries and minor damage), the IC will request dispatch to put out "flow of traf-

fic" tones and order the incoming units to downgrade or shut off their red lights and sirens and proceed in a non-emergency manner.

We do these whenever possible to safeguard the driving public and ourselves, and to lessen the inconvenience drivers experience with having to pull over for an emergency vehicle. So next time you see this happen, don't think we are trying to hassle you, we are just trying to be safe.

## Fall Craft Fairs

The Hinesburg Firemen's Association is looking for crafters and vendors for their two fall shows on Oct. 12 and Nov. 30 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hinesburg Fire Station. The station will be open early for setup, and please plan to stay until 3 p.m.

Booth rental is \$40 inside and \$30 outside. Tables are an additional \$10. The November show will be inside spaces only. Booths are 8 feet long and 6 feet in depth. There are a limited number of booths with electricity. Please respect booth limits when setting up.

We will only allow one of each kind of sales company (i.e., one LulaRoe, Younigie, Monet, etc.) at the sale to join the crafters and farmers. Check to see if we have your business represented.

A food concession will be provided by the members of the Hinesburg Fire Department.

Please email [dbarber7541@gmail.com](mailto:dbarber7541@gmail.com) for more information.

## Do You Have Your 911 Address Sign?

The Hinesburg Fire Department would like to remind residents about their 911 address sign program.

Signs are double sided and coated with reflective green material with high visibility and reflective numbers making address identification fast and easy for emergency services. The cost per sign is \$25 which includes a free 5-foot sign post if needed, as well as installation of your sign by a Hinesburg Fire Department member.

For more information about our 911 address sign program, or to place an order for a sign, please feel free to stop at the fire station if someone is available, leave a message at the station, 802-482-2455 or email [info@hinesburgfd.org](mailto:info@hinesburgfd.org).

We sincerely thank you for your support. Please remember to always practice fire safety in your home, as well as always being safe and courteous while driving.

## Are You Planning a Burn Pile?

Please remember to contact Shelburne Dispatch, 802-985-8051, to obtain a burn permit before lighting your brush pile. You may only burn natural vegetation

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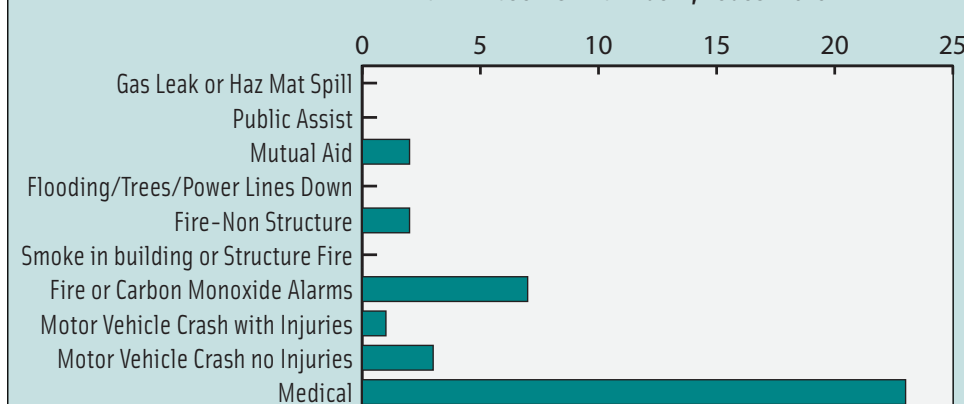
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HFD INCIDENT COUNTS BY CATEGORY, AUGUST 2019



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*HFD responded to 38 calls in August.*

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— leaves, branches, etc. The burning of trash and construction materials is illegal in the state of Vermont. Please see Burn Permit FAQ on our website.

Remember. If your burn gets out of control, do not hesitate to call 911.

## Public Safety Fun Day

We would like to thank Aubuchon Hardware and the Big Blue Trunk for their displays, snacks and rides. Thanks to everyone who joined us for our annual Public Safety Fun Day. We had great weather and lots of fun.



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Last, and certainly not least, a thank you to the members and families of the Hinesburg Fire and Police Departments for their hard work in putting the event together.

## It's Almost That Time Again

When the Hinesburg Fire Station goes through its transformation and becomes a place where the ghouls and goblins come to visit. The annual Halloween party is Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. It's a scary good time!

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## Recreation

BY JENNIFER MCCUIN

Happy fall! Our Hinesburg Recreation Department youth soccer program launched on Saturday, Sept. 7 with a swarm of royal blue T-shirts visible at the brand new Ayer Field and Millie's Field at the Bissonette Recreation Area. Again, this was a special milestone to reach, having TWO full-sized fields to utilize. How could us old-timers ever have imagined this? On Saturday afternoon, we hosted Global Premier Soccer coach Pere to instruct a preschool soccer program. On Sunday, Sept. 9 the CVU Varsity Boys Soccer team could be seen coaching 20 kindergarten soccer players ... think bear cubs running, playing and rolling around with the high school players. Later on Sunday afternoon, we had another preschool crew of 17 participating in the O'Neil's Mini Shooting Stars preschool soccer program because if you didn't like the 1-2 p.m. option on Saturday, we offered a Sunday 4-5 p.m. option that might work better. Yes, our town was alive and engaged with people connect-

ing and children running, sweating and laughing. A good time was had by all.

A special thanks to our all-star coaching lineup for the season. Shout outs go to Colleen and John Christman, Ian Martin, Noah Everitt, Ryan Gardner, Dan Reilly, Roxanne Gignoux, Scott Lamothe, Matt Mason and members of the CVU Varsity Boys Soccer team with head coach Rob Cole. Thank you for making our programs possible! Additionally, our Thursday night pick-up Ultimate Frisbee program is being run by Jenn and Brian Hunter. It sure looks like a great start for our fall sports, so enjoy the season and we'll see you around town!

## Classes & Sports

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

### Hinesburg Recreation Youth Basketball

The youth basketball program is for grades K-6 and held in the HCS gym.

## Business

### \$5,000 for Fireworks!

BY KEVIN LEWIS

The Hinesburg Business and Professional Association met on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Papa Nick's. A check in the amount of \$4,500 was given to Jen McCuin, coordinator of the Recreation Department of the town of Hinesburg. Voula Zontanos of Papa Nick's provided another check in the amount of \$500. These amounts are paid directly to Northstar Fireworks, of Montpelier, before the end of the year and secure

the town of Hinesburg another year of the most fantastic fireworks this side of Lake Champlain! The HBPA wishes to express a special thanks to Voula Zontanos and Papa Nick's for their never-ending support for the fireworks. Papa Nick's has been giving \$500 a year, every year, for what seems like forever. Thank you Voula!

The \$4,500 that the HBPA donated came from the 2019 Fundraiser FORE Fireworks golf tournament held at Cedar Knoll Country Club on June 8. Thanks go to all the sponsors and participants of that event.

The HBPA meets next at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Papa Nick's. All are welcome.



Members of the Hinesburg Business and Professional Association and Voula Zontanos present Jen McCuin of the Town of Hinesburg \$5000 for the 2020 fireworks.

K-2 co-ed focus on skills and play in-house, age-appropriate "scrimmages" at stations. Grades 3-6 have one mid-week practice and play home and away games within the greater Burlington area through Champlain Valley Recreation Association, Jan. 4 through Feb. 15, 2020.

**Kindergarten and grade 1 co-eds:** Saturdays 8-9 a.m.

**Grade two co-eds:** Saturdays 9-10 a.m.

**Grades three and four boys:** Saturdays 10-11:15 a.m. and Mondays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Grades three and four girls:** Saturdays 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Grades five and six boys:** Saturdays 12:30-1:45 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Grades five and six girls:** Saturday afternoons 1:45-3 p.m. and Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

**Dates:** Dec. 7 to Feb. 8 (K-2 grade), Dec. 7 to Feb. 15 (3-6 grade).

**Cost:** early incentive rate of \$45 by Nov. 15 and \$55 after. Deadline is Nov. 29.

Please contact HRD if you're interested in coaching or assisting. A volunteer form must be completed prior to the start of the season.

Please note that practice times are proposed and subject to change due to coaches' schedules. If there are changes, you will be notified via email. No practices/games when HCS is not in session. For questions, contact HRD at [hinesburgrec@gmavt.net](#) or 802-482-2281 ext. 230.

### Let's Go Fishing

The program teaches families how to have fun fishing while using proper skills, ethics, respect for resources and responsibility to know the rules. Participants learn water ecology, fish identification, habitat needs and how to find fish. They learn to use fishing gear with hands-on casting and making a lure they can take home. There will be time to practice with live fishing. This is a parent/child program. All materials supplied. Instructor: Chuck Goller

**Ages:** 6-14 and an adult. **Where:** location to be announced. **When:** Saturday, Oct. 5, 1-4 p.m. **Cost:** free, but preregistration required.

### Literature and the Arts with Susan Lepple

Join Susan for a creative approach to exploring children's literature. Through the use of fine art, movement, assemblage, drama and music, students will experience and explore quality children's literature that is silly, thought-provoking, creative and caring. Students may create sculptures like Alexander Calder; create and perform theatrical shows; move, groove and draw to musical beats; make hats like Madame Chapeau; or be inspired to expressively paint. Each session includes six new books and six new creative experiences.

**Who:** grades one-four. **When:** Wednesdays, Oct. 16 to Nov. 20. **Time:** 2:45-4:30 p.m. **Location:** First-floor classroom in HCS White Building. Maximum students: 10. **Cost:** \$120.

### 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 wants to bring his experience to your child. 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, or Wednesdays and Fridays. **Where:** Cedar Knoll Golf Course. **Grades:** K-8. **Time:** Session 2 Tuesdays 2:30-5 p.m. and Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m. is held Oct. 8-31. Session 2 Wednesdays and Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. is Oct. 9-Nov. 1. **Cost:** Tuesday/Thursday is \$250 and Wednesday/Friday is \$190.

### 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-eighth. **When:** Tuesdays Session 2 is Oct. 15-Nov. 19. Fridays Session 2 is Oct. 25 through Nov. 22. **Where:** Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** Tuesdays 2-4:30 p.m. and Fridays 3-4:30 p.m. **Cost:** Tuesdays Session 2 is \$220. Fridays Session 2 is \$120. More information can be found at [liveryhorsefarm.com](#). Maximum: eight participants per day.

### Middle School Riders Club

Join the middle school horse club at Livery Stables! Riders can count on expanding their skills to include more advanced riding techniques, along with an introduction to drill team. More riding and more options for the rider that wants to navigate to the next level in horsemanship.

**Who:** grades five-eighth. **When:** Mondays Session 2 is Oct. 21-Nov. 18. **Where:** Livery Stables, located at 601 Lavigne Hill Road, Hinesburg. **Time:** 3-5 p.m. **Cost:** Session 2 is \$145.

### Safe Sitter Courses

Safe Sitter prepares teens to be safe when they're home alone, watching siblings or babysitting. The course offers four main content areas: safety skills, child care skills, first aid and rescue skills, and life and business skills. Lessons are filled with fun activities and role-playing exercises. Teens will practice choking rescue and diapering. Instructor Kacey Greene, recreation program coordinator. Register for one date that works best for your child. Register with the town offering the program.

**Williston:** Friday, Oct. 18. Register at [willistonrec.org](#).

**Hinesburg:** Saturday, Nov. 2. [hinesburgrec.com](#).

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**Shelburne:** Saturday, Dec. 14. Register at shelburnevt.org.

**GroupFit Bootcamp**

GroupFit is a bootcamp workout designed to improve general fitness, conditioning and relative body strength through high-intensity intervals, circuit and strength training! It's a supportive, high-energy environment to improve your current fitness regimen. You will need a set of dumbbells and a mat.

**Where:** Town Hall. **When:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, Fall Session Sept. 3 to Nov. 21 (24 classes). **Time:** 6-6:50 a.m. **Cost:** \$299 per session. Maximum: 15.

**Driver Education with Kevin Browne**

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

**When:** Oct. 7 to Nov. 6, Mondays through Wednesdays. **Where:** main room at Town Hall. **Time:** 4-6 p.m. **Cost:** \$700. Register with HRD, but checks are payable to Kevin Browne and due by Sept. 26.

**AARP Smart Driver Course**

AARP Smart Driver Course offers the nation's first and largest refresher course designated specifically for older drivers. Course participants may even receive a multi-year insurance discount. Participants will learn research-based

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**Who:** 55 years and older. **Where:** first-floor conference room at Town Hall. **When:** Tuesday, Oct. 22. **Time:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Cost:** AARP members \$15, nonmembers \$20. Register with HRD, but checks are payable to AARP. Please bring lunch. We'll supply coffee, tea and a homemade goodie.

**Family Play Group**

This playgroup is for children from birth to 5 years old and their adult companion. You can count on toys, books, songs, activities, projects, snacks and friendships. Start recreation at an early age and connect with other new parents and the community. This is FREE and FRIENDLY! No registration is necessary. Come play, sing and make new friends.

**When:** Wednesdays through June 10, 2020, following the school calendar. **Where:** main room at Town Hall. **Time:** 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, find us on Facebook at Friends of Families.

**Friends of Families Children's Clothing and Book Swap**

Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Hinesburg Town Hall. To donate clothing and books, please drop off items on Friday, Oct. 18, noon until 8 p.m. Don't miss this community event!

# Library

**Library Hours Year-Round**

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**Tuesday through Friday:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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**Email:** library@carpentercarse.org

## Library News

We have been missing our wonderful Sara Armstrong-Donagan since her departure at the end of June, when Beth Royer stepped in as the interim director. The library trustees conducted a thorough search for a new director, and Beth was pleased to accept the position. Here are a few words from her:

"Hello! I moved to Hinesburg (and Vermont) about three years ago, and have always been impressed with the staff at Carpenter-Carse so it feels like a dream to be selected to run the place after Sara's departure. I worked at Bixby Library in Vergennes for about nine months as their interim adult services librarian, and began subbing here at my home library last summer. The level of teamwork, enthusiasm, kindness and caring that the staff exhibits toward patrons and each other has always impressed me, so I feel grateful to have been asked to join the team as the director.

"I love libraries, exploring landscapes on foot and bicycle, intermodal transit, poetry, making food, sharing stories and the spirit of libraries themselves, which in my experience are often a wonderful place to take refuge and learn more about a town or city I'm visiting. In my college years, I lived in Boston and loved attending author events at the Boston Public Library. I have worked as a waitress, a composition instructor, a literacy coach, a secretary, a policy wonk in a budget office, and a librarian.

"It's been a joy to work in libraries in this state, which has the most libraries per capita in the United States! I feel so lucky to be working in a field that aligns with my own values which include: learning more about the world, being helpful and sharing enthusiasms. Learning and growing are two of the best things about being alive, I think. I look forward to sharing the library and I hope that if you haven't yet put a name to my face, you will say hello when you come in. Tell me what you like about our library and let's brainstorm together about the ways we can make it an even more amazing and vibrant part of the village of Hinesburg."

## Library Calendar

**How to Raise Backyard Chickens**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1, 4:30 p.m.**

Join us as we welcome Heather Layn of Layn Farms in Monkton. She will share information on successfully raising your own backyard flock. She might even bring a few special feathered guests!

**Hinesburg Writers Group**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m.**

Whether you're working on a young adult novel, some free verse or a blog post for your professional website, the Hinesburg Writers Group invites you to join us for our monthly workshop. Area writers exchange feedback and provide 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 paulstevemarino@gmail.com

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

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

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

**Mysteries and Muffins Book Group**

**Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**LEGO Club**

**Thursdays, Oct. 3 and 10, 3-4 p.m.**

Friends gather for snacks and tons of Legos to build with every week. This is the second half of a four-week program, and all spots are currently filled. Sign up for the waiting list by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or calling 802-482-2878 or stopping by the front desk. A new four-week session will begin soon! Ages 5-10.

**Saturday Storytime**

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 10-10:30 a.m.** Join us

for Saturday storytime! Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. 10-10:30 a.m., all are welcome, free.

**Kidpower Parent-Child Everyday Safety Workshop**

**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m.**

In this workshop, children ages 6-10 learn Kidpower's everyday safety skills, and parents are guided in practicing the skills together with their children. At home, families can continue to practice, and integrate the concepts into their everyday lives. These are social skills people of all ages use to build safe, positive experiences with other people everywhere they go. Children practice being and acting aware, taking charge and getting help. They practice following safety rules, setting boundaries and dealing effectively with peer pressure and bullying. The sooner we can teach our children basic self-protection skills, the safer they will be. This workshop helps answer the question "How can we teach our children to be safe without scaring them?" in a fun, experiential way.

Free. Space is limited. Please call 802-482-2878 or email jill@carpentercarse.org to register. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This workshop is funded in part by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Cooperative Agreement UG4LM012347 with the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester. This event is co-sponsored by the Carpenter-Carse and Charlotte Libraries.

**Family Movie**

**Friday, Oct. 25, 3:30 p.m.**

Join us for a PG movie and some snacks. Call the library to learn the title of the film. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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

**Saturday, Oct. 26, 1-2:30 p.m.**

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

**After-School Halloween Craft Party**

**Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2:15-3:30**

Children ages 5-10 join us for a read-

aloud Halloween story, craft and snack. Space is limited. Please register by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or stopping in at the front desk.

## 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 ages 0-5 and their caregivers gather for stories, songs and games, followed by free play and snacks. All are welcome, free.

**After-School Crafternoons**

**Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8 and 15, 2:15-3:15 p.m.**

Children in grades 1-4 gather to listen to a Vermont Red Clover Book Award book, have a snack while discussing the book, and make a craft! This is a six-week program for grades 1-4 and all sessions are currently full. Sign up for the waiting list by emailing jen@carpentercarse.org or call 802-482-2878 or stop in at the library.

**After-School Snack and Stories With Greg**

**Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 3:15 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, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 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 ages 0-3 and their caregivers (older siblings welcome). From 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by a snack. All are welcome, free.

## Tech Time

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

Experiencing a problem with your laptop or personal digital device? Need help downloading an app or podcast? Need a hand figuring out how to log in to your library account? Bring your questions 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 a spot.

**Sharpen Your Office Skills With Charleen**

**Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.**

Need to work on a resume? Looking to learn how to make Microsoft Office programs like Word, Excel and Publisher make your life easier? Just want help learning how to use a computer more skillfully? We have a new volunteer, Charleen, who is taking appointments and also has open office hours on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. If you have a specific project you are looking for help on, you can contact her directly: galfridayvt@gmail.com, call the library or stop in to sign up for a spot.

## New Acquisitions

As usual, we are excited about new books arriving in the library. Among the new titles ready for you to check out are the following:

"Three Women" by Lisa Taddeo

"The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead

"Depth of Winter" by Craig Johnson

"The Testaments" by Margaret Atwood

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## Considering a Move?

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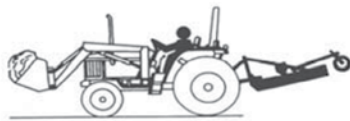
## Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

Carpenter-Carse Library is seeking a new tenant for our adjacent space, a 1,000 square foot ground level, handicapped-accessible room with attached closet, restroom and multiuse space in Hinesburg's commercial zoning district. Located on the west side of the building, the space is separately metered for gas and electric and shares the parking lot with the library. Ideally, our new tenant will share our love of community and sharing. The space served as a long-time home for CVU's Life Program, and it has a separate entrance, but that program moved back to the CVU campus at the end of June. For more information about the space, visit our website: [carpentercarse.org/spaceforrent](http://carpentercarse.org/spaceforrent).



Library Director Beth Royer and library Board Member Paul Lambertson, showing off the available space.

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## ► United Church Turns 100

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Stone Soup Supper highlights how conservation of productive agricultural landscapes can directly benefit our local economy and community. Join us for delicious food, neighborly conversation and music! Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$10; children \$5; children under 5 are free.

**Sunday, Sept. 29, 10-11:15 a.m.: The 100-Year Celebration Service.** Join us for this special worship service featuring old friends, special music, and an announcement about the development of a master plan to create a green space in town. The installation of a tree and a bench will take place immediately after the service, followed by a reception in the Osborne Parish Hall.

**Sunday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m.: No Strings Marionette Company** returns to Hinesburg to perform "Wasabi, a Dragon's Tale." Thanks to the Hinesburg Community Resource Center, admission is free to everyone. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the show by donation. All proceeds will support Friends of Families programs.

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# Education

## CVSD Common Read: A Resounding Success

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT PRESS RELEASE

After many months of planning and a summer of reading, for some, the first CVSD Common Read culminated in the Celebration Day on Thursday, Sept. 5. Over 1,300 students representing all of the district's fourth, sixth, eighth and ninth graders participated in a day of connecting, collaborating, expanding and building empathy around the theme of social justice. The day was a great success!

As the students arrived, they all went into the gym at CVU to sit by grade. That was the first opportunity for the fourth, sixth and eighth grade students to mix with peers from other schools. Jeff Evans, CVSD's director of learning and innovation, welcomed everyone, and then Libby, a sixth grader from Hinesburg, introduced the keynote speaker. Here's an excerpt from her introduction:

"When I first heard about the Common Read, I was unsure why we were doing any of this. After reading 'A Good Kind of Trouble,' I realized that understanding social justice is important, and that we are all very lucky to have this experience. 'Social justice means equal rights, opportunity and treatment for all.' Reading 'Preaching to the Chickens,' 'Ghost Boys,' 'A Good Kind of Trouble,' and 'March: Book One' allowed us to understand some major social justice issues, both past and present.

"When I read 'A Good Kind Of Trouble,' I felt that I was in the story. The story was relatable, yet informative at the same time. Lisa Moore Ramée made you realize that Shayla, or better known as Shay, is a normal 12-year-old girl, and she makes Shay feel like a girl you have known your whole life. 'A Good Kind of Trouble' shows how a young girl comes to understand the Black Lives Matter movement and why the fight for social justice is so important. Through Shay's journey, I too was able to start understanding these important matters. Through Lisa Moore Ramée's writing, I, and so many others, have been able to learn and grow in our understanding of major issues facing our country."

Lisa Moore Ramée engaged the audience with stories about her own childhood and as a reader. She spoke about the process of writing books and engaging with her readers. And she spoke about how we care for and treat others, alike or different. This quote stood out for a number of students:

"When making new friends, find those with the same values, not necessarily those that look like you."

After the keynote, students were divided into groups by grade level, but mixed by school, about 10 groups for each grade. There was quite a bit of coordination to get everyone into their group with the

adults who would be their guide for the day, but it worked. At this point, about half of the group (650 students!) stayed in the gym to learn about the art project, and the other half went to workshops.

The fourth and sixth grade groups attended workshops facilitated by representatives from the Clemmons Family Farm in Charlotte and two groups had the honor of working with the keynote speaker, Lisa Moore Ramée. All of the sessions had a connection to the theme of social justice. As we visited each room, we witnessed singing, storytelling, writing, artistry and more.

The eighth and ninth grade groups went to the auditorium where the following things took place:

Student leaders from CVU's Racial Alliance Committee presented on bias, prejudice and stereotypes; they worked to promote room for growth, opportunity and social well-being in the CVSD community by bringing race to participants' awareness.

CVU Librarian Christina Deeley led a session on examining social justice through photographs, focusing on Teaching Tolerance's four-level equity lens of identity, diversity, justice and action.

CVU Librarian Peter Langella led a text protocol based on an excerpt from Samira Ahmed's "Internment," again focusing on identity, diversity, justice and action.

While this was happening for half of the whole group, the balance was introduced to a massive collaborative art project, led by Shelburne Community School art teacher Pete Boardman. Students were paired up, fourth with eighth graders and sixth with ninth graders, and each student designed a feather. Five very large wings were created by the end of the day, comprised of feathers from each student and many of the adults as well. These will become installations in each school's library — signifying that reading books gives us wings.

Because the weather was glorious, all of the groups went outside to eat. Seeing them mixed by school and getting to know one another was fabulous. There were students outside of CVU's cafeteria, on the hill, on the football field and bleachers, and even on the baseball field.

After lunch, everyone switched activities; those who did the art project went to workshops while those who had been in workshops created their feathers. Somehow, all of the students returned to the gym to finish out the day, say goodbye to their group leaders and new friends from the other schools, and board buses back to their home schools.

## Adult Mentors Needed at HCS

BY GINNY ROBERTS, HCS  
MENTOR COORDINATOR

The Hinesburg Community School Mentor Program is in its 15th year of connecting adults in the community with students in the fifth through eighth grade. Though all children benefit from the extra attention of a caring adult,

teachers nominate students that they feel will especially benefit from a mentor. The Mentor Program offers a friendship that can be a source of support as students navigate the sometimes-difficult years of middle school.

The Hinesburg program is currently recruiting adults to become mentors. Adult volunteers are given training and support to begin this trusted relationship. The most important quality an adult must have is a commitment to mentor for one school year. Many mentors continue on with their student until they graduate from eighth grade because they find it so enjoyable. Mentors meet students at the school during an hour that works for the student, mentor and teacher. A mentor room offers a place to play games, do crafts or work on puzzles. Mentors can also take their mentee outside for fresh air activities.

The Mentor Program is currently looking for five more adults for the program. Men are especially needed. For more information, please call Ginny Roberts, mentor coordinator at 802-482-6246 or email at [groberts@cvsdvt.org](mailto:groberts@cvsdvt.org). There is an application and screening process as well as training for new mentors.

## Waldorf School Hires New Head of School

FROM PRESS RELEASE

*New Hire Reflects Lake Champlain Waldorf School's Revamped Governance Structure to Better Meet Its Mission*

The Lake Champlain Waldorf School announces the hiring of Jas Darland in a newly created head of school position. As head of school, Darland will oversee all aspects of the school's operations, strategic planning and growth.

"We are deeply grateful to have Jas joining our team," said Board President Travis Elliott. "Jas has proven her ability to hold the vision and management of a school, and she communicates with honesty, clarity and warmth. This is what our teachers, families and students need at this time."

Most recently, Jas founded and managed the Waldorf Garden School in Atlanta, Georgia. She holds a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's degree from Franklin Pierce College. Darland has a track record of community involvement as a trustee of the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia, a volunteer tax preparer with the Internal Revenue Service and a leader with Girl Scouts of the USA.



Jas Darland, the Waldorf School's new head of school.

"What excites me most about joining Lake Champlain Waldorf School is that the teachers are asking, 'How has the nature of childhood changed in the past 100 years?' What fresh energies are needed to fulfill our students and families?" said Darland, who starts late August. "Bringing the cyber civics curriculum, which teaches students how to navigate the digital world, is so valuable. It takes courage to change, and this school is taking the time to do it right."

The newly created head of school position is part of a governance revamp at the 35-year-old school to better serve students, faculty and families. Guided by Waldorf principles, the school honors each student's innate desire to learn. Math, science and history are brought to life through art, music and physical education. In this way, students develop their strengths and build intellectual, emotional and physical resilience. Of the recent graduating class, 100% of Waldorf seniors were accepted into 4-year colleges, including Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; New York University; Brandeis University; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; University of California, Santa Barbara; and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

### About the Lake Champlain Waldorf School

The Lake Champlain Waldorf School is an independent, nonprofit, co-educational day school for preschool through high school students integrating academics with the arts to foster every student's love of learning. The school has two campuses in Shelburne, Vermont: preschool through eighth grade at 359 Turtle Lane, and the high school at 122 Bostwick Road. [lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org](http://lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org).

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# Organizations

## SCHIP Fall Grant Deadline Oct. 15

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The fall deadline for SCHIP grant applications is Tuesday, Oct. 15. Since SCHIP began making grants, many nonprofits have used their awarded funds to continue their missions 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 15 and Oct. 15. To obtain an application, go to the contact link on the SCHIP's Treasure website at: SCHIPSTreasure.org.

## RGH Now an Official Nonprofit

BY JEAN KIEDAISCH, RESPONSIBLE GROWTH HINESBURG

The IRS recently recognized Responsible Growth Hinesburg, Inc. as a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation whose mission is conservation and education.

When this group of Hinesburg residents first began meeting in 2011, it was with

Preservation Trust of Vermont as our fiscal sponsor. The Preservation Trust helps strengthen the small-town feel of Vermont villages, protecting grocery stores and opera houses, churches and libraries, institutions important to a town's history and civic life. As part of this effort, Preservation Trust defends local businesses threatened by national or regional big-box stores. Their support for RGH, Inc. has included valuable advice, small grants and financial and administrative services. RGH is deeply grateful to the Preservation Trust's President Paul Bruhn and Office Manager Elise Seraus for their support for our grassroots organization the past nine years.

RGH, Inc. is currently focusing on storm-water. In recent years, a series of educational events known as Water Matters has been offered to boards, commissions and members of the public from Hinesburg and surrounding towns. On Thursday, Nov. 7, the sixth Water Matters event, presented in collaboration with Lewis Creek Association, will be held at Hinesburg Town Hall. More information will be available soon on Front Porch Forum and in the next issue of the Record.

In addition, as many readers know, RGH, Inc. has long advocated for the use of at least part of Lot 15 in Commerce Park as green infrastructure, valuable for the wetland that collects rainwater and runoff from hillsides, filters it and sends clean water to the LaPlatte River and on to Lake Champlain. Given the large amount of impervious surface in Hinesburg Village, and given the ever-increasing evidence of climate change and thus more frequent and larger rain events, even a small wetland such as this one does important work.

RGH, Inc. has raised funds to support its conservation and education mission through events that have contributed over time to a sense of community in Hinesburg. There have been concerts by local musicians, silent auctions



A group of RGH, Inc. members.

(with donated work by local artists), public forums, raffles, sales of strawberry shortcake and snow cones — all meant to be fun events to bring folks of all ages together.

RGH members meet every few weeks at the Parkside Café. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact Johanna White (johanna\_white@gmavt.net, 802-482-3018) to learn the next meeting date. Come to find out what we do, or to join our group. We are happy to answer questions and discuss issues, and new members are always welcome. Check out our website at responsiblegrowth-hinesburg.org.

## Vt. Genealogy Library Events

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Classes at the Vermont Genealogy Library run from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. The library is located on Hegeman Avenue in Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester. Parking and entrance are across from the State Police. Visit our website at vtgenlib.org or call 802-350-1333 for more details.

**Oct. 5: DNA Cousins: Mysteries Solved and Unsolved**

DNA continues to revolutionize genealogical research. Michael Dwyer's ongoing personal exploration of DNA has resulted in amazing kinship finds, beguiling mysteries and shocking secrets. Michael will present several case studies that fall into all three categories. He will also offer some examples of how predicted family relationships may not be accurate. Michael Dwyer, a member of the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society and past presenter, is a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. Editor of Vermont Genealogy, he has published dozens of scholarly articles and enjoys sharing stories from his 40 years

of experience.

**Oct. 12: Using AncestryDNA: Tools and Tips**

AncestryDNA is the most popular DNA testing company and over 12 million people have purchased their test kits or received them as gifts. In this presentation Ed McGuire will explain all of the major features provided to customers — from the DNA Matches List to New Ancestry Hints and, most importantly, Shared Matches. Ed will discuss how best to contact genetic cousins, how to identify networks of DNA matches who are likely to all share a piece of DNA with you, and how to stay organized. Along the way he will clarify the limitations of each tool and demonstrate some advanced techniques that might allow you to breach a brick wall or two.

**Oct. 19: Vt. French-Canadian Genealogical Society Annual Conference**

We will host speakers on the following topics: "The Expression of French-Canadian Culture in Winooski," "Howard Coffin on Vermont Women in the Civil War," "The Honor of Merit" and "Exploring New England Town Records." We will have displays and many genealogy books for purchase. Cost is \$35. There is a discount for registering before Oct. 12. Lunch may be purchased with registration for \$10. The conference will be held at the St. John Vianney Parish Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Please note our library will be closed on this Saturday.) Our website vtgenlib.org has additional details, directions and registration forms.

**Oct. 26: Basic French for Translation and Travel**

Genealogists with French-Canadian, Acadian or French ancestry often encounter the need to understand a few words or phrases in the French language. Living in Vermont also provides opportunities to visit repositories in Quebec as well as the ancestral homes of our forebearers. Marc Juneau will cover some basic French vocabulary as well as some standard grammar in this 90-minute presentation. It will include a bit of travel French to help us understand road signs, read maps and avoid getting lost. Two optional sessions on Tuesday afternoons will also be offered for those who wish to continue their French instruction beyond this introduction.

## 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.

## Time to Fly: A Workshop With the Bird Diva

Sunday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fall is a time of transition for both birds and birders! Join the Bird Diva, Bridget Butler, for a workshop at the Green Mountain Audubon Center that's all about how to make the most of autumnal birding. We'll break down who's migrating and when, tackle tricky identifications and spend some time in the field putting our skills to the test. We will provide coffee, tea and a variety of muffins in the morning. Fee: Audubon Vermont members \$35; nonmembers \$40. Audubon Vermont membership: vt.audubon.org/join. Register online at tinyurl.com/AudubonBirdDiva.

**About the Bird Diva:** Bridget Butler has been a naturalist for more than 20 years, playing matchmaker for the wild-scape and the wonderful people who call Vermont their home. Her mission is to tap into each person's innate passion for nature through exploration and deep listening. She strives then to encourage folks to take that passion and turn it into action, paying it forward for the landscape they love & enjoy. https://www.birddiva.com/.

## 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

Daily, Through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 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, notice? Can we let the outside in, become as intimately connected to the world around as a pollinated plant is to its pollinators? How can art explore, examine and express pollination — metaphorical and otherwise?

Artists and photographers with work on exhibit include: Andrew Keim, BJ Gray, Bryan Richheimer, Carol McDowell, Claudette Eaton, Dave Marcotte, Deana Allgaier, Deb Sharpe, Heidi Lyon, Isla Lothrop, Janet Labelle, Jerry Lasky, Judy Welna, Juniper and Prudence Murray, Katherine Guttman, Katherine Moran, Katrina Dreamer, Kimberly Sultze and Jon Hyde, Kristi Wilkinson, Laurie Bepler, Lori Hinrichsen, Louanne Nielsen, Mariposa Ottens, Miriam Adams,

Monique Dewyee, Nancy Stone, Paula Kelley, Rebecca Garavan, Rebecca Rosenthal, Rich Kelley, Tina Valentineti, Trine Wilson.

Included with museum admission. Donations welcome.

## Bird Monitoring Walk

Saturday, Sept. 28, 8 to 9 a.m.

Join experienced birders on the monthly bird monitoring walk on the museum's property. Great activity for adults, older children and somewhat more experienced birders. Please bring your own binoculars. Outdoors, free, donations welcome. Please preregister by emailing museum@birdsofvermont.org or calling 802-434-2167.

## Nature Printing With Coleen O'Connell

Sunday, Oct. 6, 9 to 11 a.m.

What can you print from a fern, a leaf, a fish? Explore shapes and silhouettes of the natural world with printmaker Coleen O'Connell, and learn techniques of natural printing art.

The cost is \$50 (museum member price: \$40). Preregistration required — email birdsofvermont@gmail.com or call 802-434-2167. Register soon! Only 10 spaces! Best for adults.

## Nestlings Find Nature: Pollinators Through the Year

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

What are pollinators and where do they go in the fall? We explore, analyze, conclude and make predictions about pollen, pollinators and more 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!)

## Science, Art and Comics With Rosemary Mosco

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 to 2 p.m.

Join the fabulous naturalist, cartoonist and science communicator Rosemary Mosco at a one-hour workshop at the Birds of Vermont Museum. Combine science, art and humor to create a comic of your own. She'll tell us how!

Rosemary will stay a little while after the program to sign books and talk to the participants. \$40 (\$35 for museum members). Maximum: 30. Preregistration required. Perfect for adults and older kids.

For more about Rosemary Mosco, check out her websites or follow her on Twitter: rosemarymosco.com, birdandmoon.com, twitter.com/rosemarymosco.

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# Outdoors

## Floodplain Restoration of Beecher Hill Brook in Hinesburg

BY KATE KELLY, LEWIS CREEK ASSOCIATION



The berm between the Hinesburg garage site and Beecher Hill Brook.

Did you know that one of the reasons Hinesburg's current water quality is only in fair condition is historic activities, such as the straightening of channels, creating berms next to streams, and building or filling in next to streams? This caused water in streams to move faster, which in turn caused down-cutting (the stream's channel getting deeper by removing material from the stream's bed). Erosion then occurs along stream banks, which adds sediment to the stream (and eventually, downstream sites like Lake Champlain). Erosion often continues working its way upstream. When the stream channel is deepened like this (and berms are created to keep the water in), water from flood events can't spread out onto the natural floodplain, which would naturally allow the water to drop the sediment before carrying it downstream.

So, what does all this have to do with water quality? Our area was once part of the old Lake Vermont and Champlain Sea, which had clay soils deposited post-glaciation. Clay soils limit infiltration and increase runoff. Past agricultural practices added phosphorus to the soil (fertilizers to help plants grow). Phosphorus never "disappears" out of the water or ground. It can be taken up by plants, but eventually returns to the soil or water. It can bind to soil and sediment particles. When flooding takes these sediments (with phosphorus attached) downstream, they may end up in Lake Champlain, which can contribute to toxic blue-green algae blooms and fish die-offs. If the LaPlatte River becomes deemed "impaired," it will put town taxpayers on the hook for costly mitigation efforts.

The Hinesburg Town Garage site, adjacent to Beecher Hill Brook, contained impervious surfaces, buildings, heavy equipment activity, berms, fuels and open gravel pits. Beecher Hill Brook drains into the LaPlatte River, which flows through Hinesburg under Silver Street near the Hinesburg Community School, then on under Charlotte Road behind Hinesburg Town Hall, and from there through Charlotte and Shelburne to

Lake Champlain. The Vermont Ecosystem Restoration Program funded studies in 2007 and 2008 that showed Beecher Hill Brook as incised and disconnected from its historic floodplain due to berming, nearby buildings and fill, channel straightening, and subsequent down-cutting and river bank erosion. Berm removal and floodplain reconnection at this site were recommended in numerous past studies. Thanks to a 2018 grant award from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to Lewis Creek Association, a final floodplain restoration design was prepared by Milone & MacBroom in cooperation with the town of Hinesburg. A 2019 ERP grant will allow this floodplain restoration to be constructed! This will help reduce sediment inputs to Beecher Hill Brook, the LaPlatte River and eventually Lake Champlain, thereby improving water quality.

In 2018, the town of Hinesburg passed a bond vote for redevelopment of the site, and Town Garage buildings were removed from near the brook area last fall. LCA, in conjunction with the town of Hinesburg and engineers at Milone & MacBroom, have selected a construction contractor, and work is slated to begin in September 2019 to continue until July 2020. Construction will involve installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, excavation of earth fill and hauling to an upland location on-site, installation of heavy stone fill, installation of channel bed raising features (rocks and logs), planting of trees and site restoration.

The improved connection between the channel and floodplain will provide an area for water to slow, sediment to be de-

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posited and nutrients to be taken up by vegetation. The removal of fill will reduce future down-cutting and erosion and avoid de-stabilizing the North Road culvert (just upstream).

The Beecher Hill Brook floodplain restoration project is part of LCA's Ahead of the Storm program, which aims to showcase a range of landscapes and land uses and a variety of optimal conservation practices that mitigate stormwater flows, and to be more flood resilient in an effort to improve water quality in an ever-changing climate. For more information on the AOTS program, visit [www.lewis-creek.org/ahead-of-the-storm](http://www.lewis-creek.org/ahead-of-the-storm).

# Trail Designs That Work for Your Goals

BY BRET GOLANN, TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBER

An earlier article discussed how trail builders maintain Hinesburg's existing trails to avoid damage from water and erosion while making it more pleasant to walk, run or ride. But our trail network is growing and that means designing and building trails from scratch. Even if you don't own a lot of land, you too can create trails that allow more access and enjoyment on your own land. But as with most things involving nature, doing it right can be a lot harder than doing it fast. When I constructed our first trails years ago, I built our rough trails in just a couple of days — but spent years fixing my mistakes! As Cathy Busch, a veteran trail builder for the national Girl Scouts noted about the trails she built, "Planning was the worst part, the rest was just muscle." There's the impulse to start clearing, cutting and digging — and figure it out as we go. But a guide to trail building on smaller land parcels from the University of Arkansas cautions that, "A trail that just 'happens' is almost always too steep or narrow, doesn't follow the contour and has erosion problems."



Here are a few questions to get started in designing a trail:

- What's the purpose? How will the trail be used and what do you want to get out of your experiences on it? Are you mostly interested in enjoying aesthetics — the beauty of nature? Will it be used for walking or for heavier exercise like hiking or trail running? Maybe faster uses like mountain biking or even winter skiing or sliding? Plain dirt may support walking but won't hold up so well to mountain biking. Natural features like roots and rocks may also not cause problems for summer strolls but can be hazardous for faster uses like running or sliding. Will it be straight out and back or a loop — or even a figure-eight design? Trails for small acreages often work better as loops or figure eights that bring us back to the starting point — more interesting than straight out-and-back trails.



*Raised trail across wet areas around Hinesburg.*

- What else besides our feet might often use the trail surfaces? Will there be frequent use by bikes, horses or motorized vehicles? These are likely to require additional design work because of heavier impacts from use. Examples for bikes include additional banking of the trail and wider turning areas. Or for trails used by horses, embedded stones to support the heavier concentrated weight of horses' hoofs — especially in steep sections. Having the right surface in place to handle the type of use is more work upfront but much less effort in the long run.

- How might the needs of trail users change across different seasons? Summer means foliage that can block views but offer more interesting plants. It means that clearing outlooks and protecting vegetation may be needed. And there's more risk of erosion from flowing water. Winter means more open views but also ice and snow, which can make those steep grades that provided welcome summer exercise into unworkable obstacles.

Around Hinesburg these parameters or rules often depend on the topography of the land. Contours including the grade or slope plus the streams or cliffs we are working with must guide the design. One common rule is to follow the contours where possible. Another example is the very rough rule of thumb for multiple uses which is to keep the trail grade less than half of the grade of the hillside it is crossing and climbing. The time to develop trail planning parameters or rules that resolve the different challenges versus your limited resources — especially the time you want to put into building the trail — is before the digging and cutting begin.

And don't forget to ask, where's the water headed ... and going to? Try to work with the flow rather than fighting natural processes by trying to change how the water flows. Steve Andrews noted in an article in the Clymb magazine that, "... understanding how water flow and soil type interact — erode or form mud etc. — is more important to a successful trail design than any amount of digging — usually the first impulse in building a trail ... if you think about the slope of a trail, you may think simply about the direction people will be walking/biking etc. But the angle of the fall line, or basically the slope that water flows, is very important to the trail that crosses the slope. Any trail that follows the fall line ... will not be a trail for long. The trail will just attract water and that will become the next river/creek/stream etc. down the hill."



*Building for year-round trail use.*

Outsloping: One suggestion is to have the downhill side of your trail slightly lower than the uphill side, so that any water can continue to run down the hill. Doing the opposite is a surefire way to become a mud magnet. Another easier solution than numerous water bars for diverting water off trails is to build rolling grades into the trail itself. These gently rise and fall to help slow down and divert water from the trail. Rolling grades can be combined with gentle outsloping to guide water off the trail. Outsloping is similar in some ways to how the hard-working Hinesburg road crew grades our dirt roads to handle downpours. The grader operator tries to create higher crowns following the center lines of our dirt roads, so water flows off the roads to the side rather than forming puddles in the road or flowing straight down the hills. If these solutions — sloping and rolling grades — aren't enough or workable, you can add switchbacks or climbing turns to reduce grades. These may be more work than rolling grades but work well on steep hillsides.

One final goal is to leave no trace. "Remember: trail building is behind-the-scenes work, and you want to keep it that way. Fill soil pits with decomposing logs, sticks, and leaf litter to cover tracks and eliminate ground hazards. Scatter discarded duff off-trail, top side up, for a natural look."

Trail building is not like landscaping to dress up a house. Instead it's to provide access to nature — the way it's meant to be experienced. And last, it takes time to get it right. So have fun trying it out and be proud of the effort even if it's not perfect. One guarantee is that with nature's help it will never be perfect.

# Into the Woods: Mast Years

BY ETHAN TAPPER, CHITTENDEN COUNTY FORESTER

If you've been walking through the woods this late summer, you've probably noticed acorns — in tree-tops, hanging from low branches, littering the ground. Acorns, the fruit of oak trees, are the most visible of our tree seeds, but they're just one example of mast. Mast are the fruits, seeds and nuts of trees and shrubs, which are eaten by wildlife. Hard mast are nut-like seeds, such as acorns, hickory nuts, beech nuts and beaked hazelnuts (our native hazelnut). Soft mast are fruits and berries like blackberries, blueberries and

apples. While there are many green plants, insects and other seasonal treats to eat in the summertime, many wildlife species rely on mast in the late summer and fall to fatten up for the winter or to migrate.

Mast-producing trees have a love-hate relationship with wildlife — they may rely on birds and animals to disperse their seeds, but can suffer if too many of them are eaten or destroyed. An example of this is the acorn; while squirrels, other mammals and even blue jays help spread them far and wide, acorns are such a valuable food source that few of them ever get to sprout. In the two years that it takes red oak acorns to develop and mature on the tree, about 50% of them are parasitized, eaten or otherwise destroyed. Once they fall to the ground, about 98% of them succumb to a similar fate, eaten by deer, bear, squirrels, turkeys and pretty much everything else in the woods.

Trees that produce mast, like oaks, spruces, maples, ashes and pines have developed a clever strategy for dealing with this — instead of producing mast every year they produce it at irregular intervals, withholding production for several years and then producing a massive abundance of seeds. This method allows trees to "starve" the predators of their seed for several years, lowering their populations and then overwhelming them with more mast than they can eat. The intervals at which these "mast years" occur varies by species, from red oaks (every two-three years) to sugar maple (every two-five years) to red spruce (three-eight years).

The key to this strategy is coordination — it only works if everyone does it at once. How tree species coordinate mast years is still somewhat of a mystery, but this synchrony is probably aided by some combination of chemical signals passed through the air or through underground root/fungal connections and weather cues. In some parts of the world, mast coordination between trees of a given species may stretch for hundreds or even thousands of miles.

Populations of many wildlife species reliably spike following a mast year. A local example of this is when sugar maple, white pine, red oak, red and white spruce and others all masted simultaneously in 2017, leading to an extreme abundance of squirrels reported in Chittenden County and beyond in 2018. While lots of mast in the woods means that our wildlife will be in better shape going into the winter, there are also unfortunate side-effects;

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# Calendar

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Economic Development. 3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**5:30-7:00 p.m.** Open Table Dinner free community meal. [unitedchurchvt@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchvt@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**3:00-4:00 p.m.** United Church's Osborne Parish Hall. Free Marionette Show. Friends of Families is excited to bring No Strings Marionette Company back to town.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**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](mailto:LauraWisniewski@bhy@beecherhillyoga.com).

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Energy Committee. 3rd floor conference room.

**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 Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Affordable Housing Committee.

**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.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

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

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

**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.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

**6:30-8:30 p.m.** Lewis Creek Association Board Meeting. Carpenter-Carse Library, 69 Ballards Corner Rd, Hinesburg.

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

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Columbus Day.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

**5:00-6:30 p.m.** Business and Professional Association Meeting. Papa Nick's Restaurant. Contact HBPA President Laura Gurdak at 802-482-2877 or [hinesburghair@gmail.com](mailto:hinesburghair@gmail.com).

**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, OCTOBER 16

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

**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.

**7:00-10:00 p.m.** Selectboard Meeting. Ground Level Conference Room, Town Hall.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Trails Committee. 3rd Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Advertising and news deadline for The Hinesburg Record.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Select Board Meeting. Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

**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, OCTOBER 24

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Economic Development. 3rd floor conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

**7:00-9:00 p.m.** Hinesburg Historical Society Meeting. Ground Floor Conference Room, Hinesburg Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** HFOF Play Group. Main Room at Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween.

Publication date for The Hinesburg Record.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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

**7:30-8:30 p.m.** Vermont Astronomical Society



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► Outdoors

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most years increase the populations of rodents and deer, which transport and host ticks and contribute to the spread of tick-borne diseases.

Foresters are on both sides of this push-pull between wildlife and mast-producing trees. On the one hand, part of our job is to manage forests for great wildlife habitat. On the other hand, we rely on natural regeneration — rather than planting — to create future generations of trees, and mast are our future oaks, maples, pines and spruces. Human-created problems like invasive plants and the overpopulation of deer in much of Vermont challenge our ability to regenerate healthy, resilient forests, and so we often go to great lengths to help acorns and other mast make it past the critters to become trees.

Consider “releasing” the healthiest mast trees on your property by cutting less healthy trees on two to four sides of them. This will allow their crowns to expand, which will help them produce more mast; this means more food for wildlife and an increased chance of those seeds reaching the ground to sprout. From a forest management perspective, timing timber harvests with mast years can help regenerate mast trees like red oak and white pine by creating conditions amenable to the regeneration of these species, like gaps in the canopy and disturbing the duff at the surface of the soil.

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► Fall Trail Closures

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by about 2/3 since the 1970s, and 53% since 1985), increases in posted land, and increasing development and forest fragmentation. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department’s 2018 antlerless recommendation states that deer are above carrying capacity statewide, meaning that there are too many deer for the amount of habitat we have. At the same time, hunting at the HTF has declined, subject to these same trends in hunting but also, anecdotally, to the increasing use of the HTF for recreation, making the property less desirable to hunt in.

So, what’s the problem with having a lot of deer? Other than the threat to the herd itself, as we experienced in the late 1970s, the main issue is that in winter a deer eats, or browses, 6-8% of its body weight, about 10-15 pounds, of buds and twigs per day. Where the deer population is dense, browsing has a massive influence on the composition of the forest, as they devastate the species they like to eat (like sugar maple, red oak, yellow birch and white ash) and ignore those they don’t (like beech and invasive plants). This promotes a less diverse, less resilient forest with less high-quality wildlife habitat, including for deer themselves. This browse damage is prevalent at the HTF and at the LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest, Hinesburg’s other town forest, and has led to observable changes in the composition of these forests.

## LCBP Seeks Proposals for Projects to Reduce Pollution

**Deadline Oct. 3**

FROM PRESS RELEASE

The Lake Champlain Basin Program seeks proposals for projects that will reduce pollution from stormwater runoff in the Lake Champlain watershed. The LCBP will fund projects that install large-scale best management practices or provide planning and prioritization for future on-the-ground stormwater treatment projects. As much as \$500,000 in total is available to support projects.

Projects eligible for funds in the best management practice category might include construction of innovative projects for shoreline stabilization, green infrastructure, combined sewer overflow reduction or the purchase of equipment to be shared among organizations. Grants of \$50,000 to \$125,000 will be awarded for these projects.

Eligible planning and prioritization projects might include green infrastructure planning at a municipal level, combined sewer overflow reduction strategies, or watershed-scale assessments and prioritizations. These projects do not include construction. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded in this category.

Eric Howe, LCBP program director, said, “Many important projects that reduce water pollution come with a high price tag. These grants allow municipalities and other organizations to implement im-

portant larger-scale projects that can’t be supported with smaller funding sources.”

The selected projects will further the goals of the Lake Champlain Basin Program’s long-term management plan Opportunities for Action. Support is provided with funds awarded to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission on behalf of the Lake Champlain Basin Program by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Details about the request for proposals are available online at [lcbp.org/grants](http://lcbp.org/grants) or by calling the Lake Champlain Basin Program office at 802-372-3213. **The deadline for applications is Oct. 3, 2019.** Successful applicants will be notified by February 2020 for project initiation by May 2020.

*The Lake Champlain Basin Program coordinates and funds efforts that benefit the Lake Champlain Basin’s water quality, fisheries, wetlands, wildlife, recreation and cultural resources. For further information about the program, contact the Lake Champlain Basin Program, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, Vermont at 802-372-3213 / 800-468-5227 or visit [lcbp.org](http://lcbp.org).*

## Vermont’s Archery Deer Season Starts Oct. 5

VERMONT FISH & WILDLIFE PRESS RELEASE

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says hunters are looking forward to Vermont’s upcoming Oct. 5-Nov. 1 and

Dec. 7-15 archery deer hunting season.

A hunter may take up to two deer in Vermont’s two-part archery season with the purchase of two archery licenses. No more than one of the deer taken during archery season may be a legal buck. Antlerless deer hunting is allowed statewide this year during archery season.

This year, a hunter may take up to three deer in a calendar year in any combination of seasons (archery, youth weekend, November rifle season, December muzzleloader). Of these, only two may be legal bucks, and only one buck may be taken in each season. A legal buck is a deer with at least one antler having two or more points one inch or longer. All three deer in the annual bag limit may be antlerless deer.

A new regulation that changes deer hunting rules will go into effect in 2020.

Hunters must have a standard hunting license in order to purchase an add-on archery deer hunting license, except that nonresidents may purchase an “archery only deer license” costing \$75. Licenses may be quickly and easily purchased on Fish & Wildlife’s website ([vtfishandwildlife.com](http://vtfishandwildlife.com)).

Hunters planning a Vermont archery deer hunting trip should download a copy of the 2018 White-Tailed Deer Harvest Report from Fish & Wildlife’s website or click here: [tinyurl.com/y5lbheyx](http://tinyurl.com/y5lbheyx). It has the number of deer taken in each town in last year’s deer hunting seasons. Hunters took 3,984 deer during the 2018 archery season.

For more information and a summary of regulations, download the 2019 Deer Season Guide on Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s website at [tinyurl.com/y3yk7kuk](http://tinyurl.com/y3yk7kuk). For more help, email [fwinformation@vermont.gov](mailto:fwinformation@vermont.gov) or call 802-828-1000.

### Recreational Areas Open During Hunting Closures

FROM HINESBURG TRAILS COMMITTEE

Although there will be trail closures to encourage hunting in the Hinesburg Town Forest and LaPlatte Headwaters Town Forest for specific dates in October through December, the Trails Committee wants to remind residents that there are still miles of trails to safely use during those times.

Hunting is not allowed at Geprags. Other trails available for fall hiking where there is little hunting activity are the Russell Perimeter Trail, Thistle Hill Trails, Passing the Buck Trail, and the Northeast Quadrant Trail. Note that the NEQ Trail closes for the season on Nov. 1. Maps for all these trails are available at <http://www.hinesburg.org/hart.html>. Also, Hinesburg’s many unpaved roads provide excellent walking and foliage viewing. Regardless of where you walk during the fall hunting seasons, wear bright colors.

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## People

### CVU Honor Roll

The following Hinesburg students were on the honor roll for CVU’s second semester of the 2018-2019 school year:

#### High Honors

Magner Amsbary	MacMahon
Jacob T. Ashe	Layla J. Morris
Ashton T. Barbeau	Olivia Morton
Elizabeth M. Charney	Avery L. Murray-Gurney
Phoebe B. Dennison	Asher M. Pellett
Ryann Estey	Zoe M. Prue
Eva C. Frazier	Benjamin H. Ross
Rose L. Gladstone	Cailean Sorce
Julia C. Hillier	Chloe G. Stidsen
Emaleigh R. Hunter	Jake P. Twarog
Emily A. Lang	Mia E. Twarog
Kyle R. Lang	Norah Van Vranken
Samuel R. Lawrence	Ruby M. Volzer
Jade A. Leavitt	Tyler G. Wuthrich
Cassandra A.	

## Arts

### Music in the Burg

BY RUFUS PATRICK

The Hinesburg Artist Series will present their fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 4:30 p.m. in the CVU auditorium. The concert will feature the Hinesburg Community Band, South County Chorus and In Accord. In December the South County Chorus and HAS Orchestra will perform the annual holiday concerts on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. We hope you will save these dates and join us for some great music. Full details of the concerts will be in the next Hinesburg Record.

#### A/B Honors

Levon A. Applin  
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Ellie K. Baker  
Turner Barbour  
Max A. Barron  
Zachery Billado-Dubie  
Emma M. Bissonette  
Julia M. Blanck  
Cecily G. Breen  
Grace K. Buzzzell  
Lila J. Carleton  
Kayli A. Carlson  
Katherine N. Cheney  
Clara A. Cichoskikelly  
Spencer P. Clark  
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Caille Comeau  
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Evan J. Ferrara  
Elizabeth Girard  
Ryan P. Gladstone  
Gregory S. Goldsmith  
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Leif J. Jurgenson  
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Finn O’Brien  
Cody J. O’Neil  
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## Commentary

### Imagine If Vermont Got Immigration Right

BY BILL SCHUBART

In a recent conversation with Governor Scott, one of his principle economic concerns was the gap between job openings and applicants. With Vermont’s population either slightly shrinking or growing, depending on the most recent data, it’s fair to say our population growth is essentially stagnant.

Of greater concern is that it’s aging at a rapid rate. The average Vermonter is 43. Only Maine and New Hampshire are older. 19% of Vermonters are over 65 and when we hit 20%, Vermont meets the World Bank’s definition of super-aged. In spite of the growth of automation, at this point in our history, economic expansion still needs human labor. Even a no-growth economy requires replenishment with new entrants replacing retirees. We’re not regenerating ourselves as we did when I was young. Vermont’s current

birthrate, down from an annual 7,000 births 12 years ago, is at a 161-year low, at 5,400 births last year.

In spite of his concern, Governor Scott wisely avoided Paul Ryan’s widely ridiculed plea to urge patriotic American women to have more babies — for the good of the nation.

The decision to have children and how many is an intensely personal one and influenced by many factors. Birthrates among the young in most developed countries are declining. Ideally, the decision is based on a couple’s sense of family but, in reality, that decision is often overshadowed by the economy in which one lives.

In my childhood, many agrarian families had lots of kids. They were dependent on them for farm and household labor and to care for them in their old age. Then as now one doesn’t have children without taking into account family economics.

Today, if both partners must work to keep a roof over their heads and pay for the other basics of a manageable life, the cost of either partner staying home to care for the child or paying what may amount to one partner’s income for childcare will inevitably affect the deci-

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sion to have one or more children. Most parents are willing to sacrifice their needs for those of a child but not when that sacrifice entails the loss of basics like shelter, nutrition or healthcare.

Assuming no significant change in Vermont's low fertility rate — 48 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 (the lowest in the nation which is at 59 per 1,000) — we must either watch our fragile economy shrink further or replenish our population from outside.

As we're learning, offering to pay people to move here is neither financially sustainable nor so far, particularly compelling. It's also a slight to those already struggling to make ends meet here.

Our racial and cultural mix is less dynamic as well when measured against the country at large. While 60% of the national population is non-Hispanic white, we're currently 93% non-Hispanic white. Growing up in Lamoille County in the '50s, my first image of a person of color

was in the Little Golden Book, "Little Black Sambo." I never saw a live person of color until I visited my grandmother in New York City.

Looking to organized immigration may be the single smartest economic development initiative Vermont could pursue. But it's vital that we avoid the well-meant but ill-planned example of many European countries, which welcomed immigrants fleeing war and persecution with open arms and then largely left far too many of them on their own to acculturate and integrate economically. Many European cities have — as America has throughout its history when Italians, Irish, Germans, Swedes, Chinese and Eastern Europeans were imported by the thousands to fill jobs — tacitly created immigrant ghettos of new citizens trying to integrate themselves into their new society and its economy. This set off a backlash of anti-immigrant fever that could well have been avoided.

Imagine if Vermont were to designate one of its subsidizing state college campuses as a welcome center for New Americans and a vocational center for traditional

students and under-skilled Vermonters to learn and work alongside each other. The campus would offer English as a second language, civics, remedial writing, basic American history — including our history of welcoming immigrants — and an employer-driven curriculum of craft and business skills to everyone. The campus would continue to offer a traditional elective curriculum for students and New Americans in mixed classes where Vermont students would enrich the acculturation process.

The tuition of New American families would be paid by regional refugee resettlement programs with federal and philanthropic dollars and would add new revenue to our struggling state college system. Graduating immigrants could integrate here and around New England becoming part of the economic and social fabric.

As with earlier waves of immigration, today's New Americans have proven themselves to be among the most productive and hardworking members of the workforce. The taxes they pay substantially exceed the services they require as they become established. Statistically, they use fewer government services than long-standing citizens.

The dilemma, of course, is that American immigration policy, as broken as it is currently, is federally controlled and such an initiative will die on the vine if the current White House policy to weaken or eliminate our historic practice of welcoming New Americans to our shores prevails. However good it would be for Vermont to develop a sensible immigration program it cannot happen until there is a change in policy at the federal level.

There are those among us who choose to forget that we're all descended from immigrants.

## Tool Marks on Vt. Quarried Stone Makes It Precious

BY ROGER DONEGAN

Of all things that might be coveted as worthy garden ornaments, my favorite are ordinary flagstones worked from Vermont quarries. The state once boasted a high number of thriving quarry centers that harvested granite, marble, slate, limestone and soapstone that had a slippery feel. Their perishable-resistant signature rock debris piles served other purposes when spread along transportation routes. Fill material today is crushed stone. Early quarry debris ranged in size from multi-ton blocks to that which could be picked up. Invariably these bore the tool marks of the trade — saw cuts, chisel, peg and drill holes. The telltale linear pattern of halved drill holes along the straight side of quarried rock often preserves a perfectly scalloped surface.

The tool marks add character to an otherwise sought-after sample of quality stone. Sediment horizontally layered by gravity, and pressure-cooked by other forces of nature over millions of years yields flat stones, as do pieces that were squared off by saws in the stone sheds. A flat stone from a quarry will lay in the garden as if in repose face up with traces of tool work like beauty marks that tell the whole story. I prefer the silent ambiguity of the natural and industrial ages to voiceless run-of-the-mill garden gnomes.

How can one not be impressed by the natural wave ripple pattern found on an exposed slab of Vermont's celebrated red Monkton quartzite that mimics the same kind of ripples in sandy shallows today, but which was frozen permanently in rock formed 500 million years ago. There's the whales' tails on Interstate 89, named "Reverence" in respect for all of nature by the sculpture artist James Sardonis, which began as a 36-ton block of African black granite. Or consider the installation of the Earth Clock in 2006 creating a Stonehenge-like circle at Oak Ledge Park in Burlington.

Still, I'm in as much awe of a cast-off chunk of rock with tool marks from a Vermont quarry as I am of a finished stone sculpture on display. The appeal is like that of unfinished, roughhewn wood. When viewing statuary, the story is over. In looking at a sizable piece of discarded, quarried rock, more questions than answers come to mind.

Burlington's Bike Path appears to be a success for a host of reasons. Most fascinating though is the stretch of path from Colchester Point to Allen Point in South Hero. Treading the three-mile rail to the trail causeway is akin to walking on water. The old railroad bed bore the Island Line, but before a train could roll on the tracks, marble quarry debris, a.k.a. "the long fill," had to be put in place at the turn of the last century. The railroads enabled Vermont quarries to be profitable by first moving the rock to stone sheds to be finished, then on to capital project sites around the country. I'm just as excited passing by huge scalloped blocks of rejected marble half in the water as I would be walking through the partially submerged ruins of an ancient city-state on the eastern Mediterranean Sea



Vermont quarried stone carvings at the Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, West Rutland.

coast. It recalls textbook images of those fluted sections of tumbled down Doric columns.

Granite from various Vermont quarries differed in color, appearance and properties such as hardness which amounted to selling points that fit specific applications. Bethel White from Hardwick excelled as architectural stone. The national appetite for Vermont granite for buildings was made practically mandatory by the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and its famous White City ("From Hardwick to the Nation," Paul Heller, Burlington Free Press, April 8, 2018).

The boom peaked in the first quarter of the last century. Structural steel enabled the design of lighter, taller buildings. Walls of glass replaced ornately carved granite installations, and a new architectural style of less granite took hold. Barre Gray granite has long fit the memorial and monument niche. Rock of Ages is still in business today. The legend on the reverse side of one antique postcard claims "Barre as the Granite Center of the World." Another touts the Rock of Ages quarry as the "world's largest granite quarry at 350 feet deep and 20 acres carved out of a mountain top." St. Jude Church here in Hinesburg installed its life-sized outdoor statue of the patron saint carved from Barre Gray granite in 2003. ("New Artwork at St. Jude Church," Hinesburg Record, Feb. 1, 2003.)

Another familiar, often pictured monument also carved from Barre Gray granite is the 15-ton Samuel de Champlain monument owned by and installed in the town of Isle La Motte. The monument project was finished in exhibition at the Vermont Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal by famed Barre sculptor Ferdinand Weber who started with a donated 35-ton granite block.

Barre's cemeteries are unique in having



Island Line Allen Point Bike Path.

granite history, monuments and sculpting coming together in one form. A fracas between the socialists and the anarchists that occurred inside Barre's famed Labor Hall (one of only 12 National Historic Labor Landmarks in the country) on Oct. 3, 1903 resulted in the death of Elia Corti by gunshot. Needless to say, these were anxious times. Over the entrance to the Labor Hall, which opened in 1900, appears the carved arm and hammer medallion along with the initials SLP for the Socialist Labor Party. Elia Corti's monument in Barre's Hope Cemetery is a work of art. The details carved relief-like into the granite block include the tools of his trade: mallet, calipers, square, and pneumatic hammer. ("The Italian Job," by Robin Ray, Seven Days, Nov. 5, 2003.) Vermont rock quarrying was highly competitive. Not only was the quality of rock important but so was the manner in which it was quarried. The open-air Barre quarry shut down in winter. Underground quarries continue to operate year-round such as Danby Quarry. The Vermont Marble Company operated several quarries in Rutland, West Rutland and Proctor. At the height of the depression in 1935, the economy forced reduced wages, reduced work days, layoffs, labor unrest and strikes. In one underground quarry, which invariably completely flooded soon after, it's rumored that the tools still lie where the striking workers left them.

Quarry tool marks are apparent even on finished sculptures. "The Amphibian," a very large slab of Barre Gray granite placed upright on the waterfront in Burlington, looks more an angular side silhouette of a human head facing Lake Champlain than an amphibian in appearance. The sculpture has an oversized round perforation for a single eye, which seems stiffened by the presence of a half open channel in the stone made by the quarry drill. ("Amphibian" by Jerry Williams was produced after the 1991 International Sculpture Symposium at Williams Studio in Barre.)



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

## Community Alliance Church

**Pastor:** Scott Mansfield

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**Web:** hinesburgcma.org

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

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

## Lighthouse Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Reverend Ed Hart

**Church Phone:** 482-2588

**Home Phone:** 482-2588

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

**Website:** LBCvt.homestead.com

**Location:** Hinesburg Village Center, 90 Mechanicsville Road

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**Office Hours:** Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

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

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

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

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

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Charlotte

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

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

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Senior Meals:** Will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Food will be prepared by Meals on Wheels. There will be cards, board games and door prizes. Cost is \$4.00 donation. Please call in advance so we have plenty of food on hand. For reservations call Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or Marie Cookson at 482-2290 (parish office) or 434-4782 (home). Caretakers are welcome. Hinesburg Rides will pick you up and bring you home at no charge. For more information, call the parish office at 482-2290.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## No Strings Marionette Puppet Show Sept. 29

Hinesburg Friends of Families is excited to bring No Strings Marionette Company back to town for a free performance of their show "Wasabi, A Dragon's Tale" on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 3 p.m. at the United Church's Osborne Parish Hall. In this modern fairy tale, Princess Aja saves her kingdom from a fire-breathing dragon. No Strings puts on an amazing show - don't miss it! Refreshments will be available for purchase by donation with all proceeds going toward sustaining Friends of Families programs. Stick around after the show for free kids activities, including a puppet making project!

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playing follow-the-leader to a destination only they understood.

Now it's straight and then down passing Hayden Hill Road and then Lincoln Hill Road on the left. Merge right onto Route 116.

It is there you will find views of the Adirondacks and Cedar Knoll Country Club with its fairways seeming particularly lush and providing sharp contrast to the early foliage there.

Right onto Hines Road and then left onto Gilman Road brings more views of Camel's Hump into play.

Lewis Creek Road begins on the right after a bit. Lewis Creek itself is babbling along on the left.

Lewis Creek Road comes to Silver Street where, if you bear right, you will head north back toward Hinesburg village. More

views of Camel's Hump on the right and some nice early foliage there too.

Route 116 is the next intersection and turning left brings you right back to the start (Lantman's light).

Total distance is 20.76 miles, which at a very leisurely pace takes an hour to

drive, allowing for time to stop and take pics. For what it's worth, the elevation change in feet is 1603.

Should you choose to take this tour yourself, the change in the elevation of your spirits cannot be measured, but it stands to reason that, on the right day, you will find it rewarding to body and soul.

So, next time you have a chance, take a minute to get out and explore the beauty of Hinesburg.



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# BACK STORIES of Hinesburg

## Back Roads of Hinesburg

### A Pictorial Circumnavigation of a Beautiful Town

BY KEVIN LEWIS

It was Friday the 13th and there was absolutely nothing unfortunate about the weather. Sunny and cloudless and just warm enough not to be cool. Humidity was less than non-existent and visibility seemed beyond just clear. Things far away seemed close. Things close seemed to be in your face.

*Though there were few patches of autumn foliage, the vibrancy of all colors seemed to jump several levels.*

Maybe it's the angle of the sun. Maybe it's the clarity of the air. Maybe this author had too much coffee. But whatever the reason, it seemed there were colorful and unique sights to be seen.

What better way to explore Hinesburg than to attempt a complete "circumnavigation" of our town. Rules were simple: stay within town lines, but drive "around" the town completely. Out came the cell phone and it's apps for mapping and the journey began.

Starting point was the intersection of Route 116 and Charlotte Road (main light by Lantman's), which also happened to be "on" the prescribed route.

From there it was due west (toward Lake Champlain) on the Charlotte Road. Valley View barn (at right) and Hinesburg village (below) came into view.

The next right was Leavensworth Road. This road starts out as a pleasant country road, devolves into a narrow track with more cave-size potholes than dirt, and ends at O'Neil Road.

Go right onto O'Neil and there are views of Camels Hump. At Shelburne Falls Road turn right and you arrive at the Jiffy Mart, passing Geprag Community park on the left.

From the Jiffy Mart it is straight across Route 116 at the light and east onto CVU

Road. CVU entrance lane on the left is lined with young maples that show vibrant reds every autumn no matter what. Why is this so when some years all else is a dull yellow?

*Could it be something in the water?*

Who knows? Perhaps Principal Bunting and others feed these trees a special elixir of pulverized Redhawk uniforms.

At the next intersection it's left onto Pond Road, then right onto Pond Brook.

*Pictures on this page are referred to in the story. See page 23 for more photos and a reference map.*



At the low point of Pond Brook Road you will see Sunset Lake on the right. There too will be the

most vivid of foliage year after year.

*If the water is calm, reflections provide double the color!*

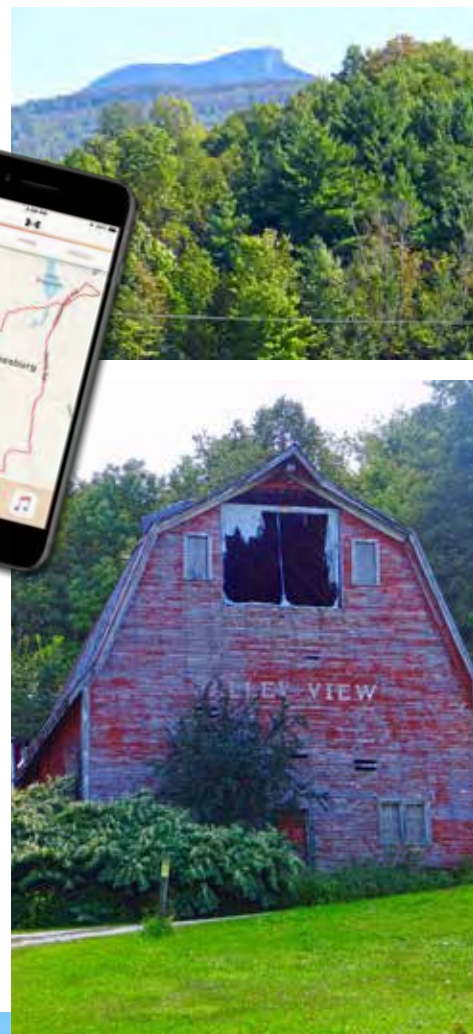
Pond Brook Road comes to an end at Richmond Road. Bearing left onto Richmond Road begins a couple-mile loop into the far northeast corner of Hinesburg consisting of a right onto Swamp Road, and a right onto Magee Hill Road. The right at Swamp Road brings the northern "edge" of Hinesburg into view.

*You will not fall off the edge of the world should you go to Richmond, but why would you want to leave Hinesburg anyway?*

Magee Hill Road returns to the Richmond Road where you will find the brilliant early foliage shown at top right of this page. Bearing onto Richmond Road will take you toward the south end of town.

At the next intersection bear right, which is actually straight, onto North Road. It was there at the residence on the left that 30 feet of white duck were

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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](mailto:news@hinesburgrecord.org) and we'll publish it here. Use "volunteer need" as a subject line.

### Mentoring

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

### Hinesburg Trails

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

### Meals on Wheels

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

### Visit a Senior

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

### Town Committees

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

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

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

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