

Canaan Carrier

<http://www.canaan-vt.org>



APRIL 2019

FIRE PERMITS

No person shall kindle or authorize to kindle a fire in the open air for the purpose of burning brush, weeds, grass or rubbish of any kind except where there is snow in the site, without permission from the Canaan Fire Warden. Persons in violation are subject to fines pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Ch. 83 §2645.

Norman Flanagan, Canaan Fire Warden

802-266-3610

BLOOD DRIVE

CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

NOON TO 5:00 PM

Sponsors by The Steering Committee

May 4, 2019

Be safe out there on Green Up Day!



What is Green Up Day? Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May, was launched in 1970 by Governor Deane Davis. In 1979, the non-profit organization Green Up Vermont was formed to carry on the tradition of Green Up Day. It is an annual statewide event, when over 22,000 volunteers come together to remove litter from Vermont's roadsides and public spaces.

Contact the Green Up Coordinator

Julie Nadeau for information

802-266-3615



DOG LICENSES



The **deadline** is **April 1st** to register your dog before late fees are applied.

Per state law—all dogs 6 months or older are to be licensed every year.

Please bring in your most recent rabies certificate.

If you no longer own your pet contact the Town, so your name will be removed.

If you do not license your dog by that date the Animal Control Officer will pay you a visit.

CLEANUP OF EXCREMENT

Responsibility for cleanup of excrement. The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the prompt removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal(s) off the owners premises. Failure to remove such excreta shall be considered a violation of the ordinance. The fine for a violation of this section of the ordinance shall be \$50 with a waiver fee of \$25. A written warning shall be issued for the first violation of this section of the ordinance.

LEASH LAW

Responsibility for Leash Law: "At large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not immediately under the control of the owner or a member of the immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise. Failure to follow the leash law shall be considered a violation of the ordinance.

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

Another year is behind us and we want to thank the town for supporting our 2019 Town budget. As always we strive to keep the costs down without sacrificing funds that are needed to maintain our infrastructures, highways, vehicles and equipment. This past year we needed to replace our backhoe and one of our trucks. We were dealing with repairs that were starting to exceed the value of the vehicles. New state rules require us to do more road work to address water runoff to prevent erosion and to replace older culverts. We have applied for Better Backroads Grants to help cover some of the costs to meet the new state requirements.

It goes without saying that this winter delivered more snow than we normally get. The snow storms kept our road crew busy keeping the roads plowed and sanded. All the equipment was put into service from the plow trucks, backhoe, grader and our rented skid steer to keep the roads and sidewalks clear of snow. As a result of the weather conditions we had to purchase more road sand.

The selectboard recognizes our road crew for the great job of keeping roads and sidewalks clear of snow. They had to put in many hours plowing, and grading to keep the roads passible. Purchasing the new highway equipment was timely and allowed us to keep our roads open without major repairs or requiring us to hire out some of the highway work.

The board needs to come up with a plan to collect and compost food scraps. We also will need to find ways for handling the requirement of keeping asphalt shingles and sheetrock waste out of our waste stream. This year is the deadline to meet these requirements.

Canaan Fire District #1 & #2 Consumer Confidence Report

The Consumer Confidence Report can be viewed on our Town website at

<http://www.canaan-vt.org>

or you can request a paper copy to be mailed or emailed

by calling the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

LOOKING OUT FOR FELLOW CITIZENS

Now that hopefully spring is coming in slowly but surely people will be getting outside to enjoy the weather and get some fresh air. We are a small town and everyone knows each other. Get to know your neighbors better and interact with them a bit. That way if something happens and someone has a medical episode and you don't see them for a bit then check to make sure they are all right. We are a friendly town so let's keep it that way.

BEWARE OF SCAMS

If you are on the internet these days there are a wide variety of scams that you should watch out for. They can be as simple as getting you to put in for a job, doing surveys, to shopping from home. Another one is that you have won the lottery and need to send them money first to get yours which you will never see. These are just a few but there are new ones coming out all the time.

Another type of scam is the phone scams and since we are in tax season there will be more imaginative ways coming out. They will call to say a relative needs money to get out of jail or to get somewhere. They also have ways to clone local numbers and make you think the person is local.

Finally I want to hit on scams that businesses will charge you for forms that you can get for free from the government. For example there is a group out there that will charge a fee for the forms to get your passport but you still have to mail the forms in and pay the fee to the government too. So you should make sure you go to the right website; be it state or federal to get your forms. Your taxes have already paid for these sites so use them.

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

APRIL 4, 2019

MAY 27, 2019

RABIES ALERT!



- ▼ Don't feed or touch wild animals, or animals you don't know—even baby animals.
- ▼ Get rabies shots for all your pets, even cats.
- ▼ Call your doctor right away if you are bitten, or get animal saliva in a cut, eyes, nose or mouth.

Vermont Rabies Hotline:

1-800-4-RABIES (1-800-472-2437)

If you have contact with an animal that may have rabies, call the Vermont Department of Health at 800-640-4374 or 863-7240 (8 to 4:30 Mon-Fri).

 **VERMONT**
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
healthvermont.gov

Update on FD1 Projects

The new Fire District 1 Water Treatment Facility has been operational since January 27, 2019 and is feeding filtered water to the precinct users of Canaan, Stewartstown, and soon to be Coos County Nursing Hospital. This Facility filters out the Iron and Manganese levels (meaning the brown discoloration you often saw in your water) near or at no detection in the monthly testing since startup. After a vigorous flushing regiment this spring, once the snow is gone, you should no longer see this discoloration in your water.

The upgrades in Ethan Allen park are nearing an end. Due to an early winter Nathan street had to be postponed and will be completed between May and June along with cleanup of the other streets involved in this project. This includes Enid Circle, Nathan Street, Holmes Street, and the intersection of Ethan Allan Drive.

The new Water meter project request for proposals is due to go out in April. Once proposals are received a contractor can be selected. This project involves all customers receiving a new water meter and pressure reducing valve. If all goes as planned installation could begin in May and June.

The Commissioners and Operator would like to thank all the customers for their patience through this long process. With the completion of these projects we have new infrastructure with state-of-the-art ability. If we have any emergencies the operators can be called out immediately and have access to the facilities computer system to analyze the issue from home and determine if they need to come in or not, avoiding call out pay.

There will be a public open house in the summer of 2019 we invite all to attend. There will be more information to follow as soon as the plans are finalized.

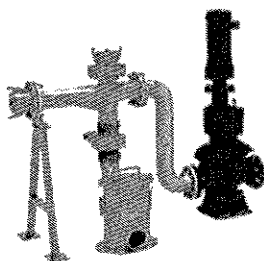
Update of FD2

The telemetry project that was finished last year has enabled the operators to be called out immediately if there are any issues and have access to the facilities computer system to analyze the issue from home and determine if they need to come in or not, avoiding call out pay.

Update on the Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Pump upgrade and Muffin Monster Project will begin construction in April. This project includes the installation of a specially designed Muffin Monster (Septage Grinder) that will grind all of the big rags and unmentionables picked up by the septic haulers from the homeowners' septic systems and prevent them from adversely affecting our facility such as causing plugs in piping and binding up pumps. Rags are also an issue in the distribution system so we will be installing pumps at the facility that will be able to destroy the rags instead of getting bound up by them. This will prevent the operators from having to crank the three pumps up and out of a 30 ft hole on a weekly basis, usually off hours, due to the pumps failing. Over all, these improvements will enable our operators to better utilize their time during the work week and prevent multiple callouts throughout the year. Daniel Hebert Incorporated, who built the Wastewater Facility and our new Water Treatment Facility have been awarded the contract. Our Commissioners and operators are looking forward to working with them as they have done wonderful work in the past for the town.

Picture of new Septage Receiving Pump No Wipes Down the Pipes Fire District #1 Filtration System



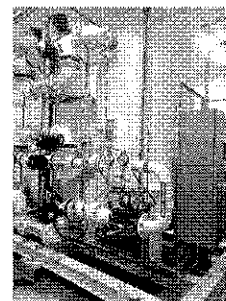
No Wipes Down the Pipes

Even if a product says it is "flushable" ...
Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!

- Wipes (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Feminine, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Disposable hygiene products
- Facial tissues

Please do not flush these items down the toilet. Visit www.100percentflush.com

Putting these items down toilets may plug sewers and cause our sewage to back up into YOUR HOME



2019 Canaan & Lemington HHW Event Schedule—CANAAN TRANSFER STATION

May 10th	12:00 PM—4:00 PM
May 11th	8:00 AM—1:00 PM
Sept. 13th	12:00 PM—4:00 PM
Sept. 14th	8:00 AM—1:00 PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Air Fresheners
- Ammonia
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- Bleach
- Cleaners (includes: drain, oven, floor, window, rug, etc.)
- Disinfectants
- Metal & Furniture Polish
- Mothballs
- Mercury Thermometers
- Nail Polish/Remover
- Spot and Stain Removers

GARDEN SUPPLIES

- Creosote
- Dioxins
- Fertilizers
- Flea Killers
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Inspect sprays
- Muriatic acid
- No-pest strips
- Pesticides
- Rodent Killers

GARAGE

- Antifreeze
- Brake Fluid
- Corrosives
- Car waxes & cleaners
- Engine degreasers
- Gasoline/dry gas
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Oil based & latex paint
- Paint thinner
- Sealants
- Stains/Strippers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Transmission fluid
- Wood preservatives

PLEASE DO NOT BRING:

- Asbestos
- Asbestos
- Explosives, including gun powder,
- Ammunition
- Flares
- Infectious waste
- Prescription medications
- Radioactive waste, including smoke detectors

TRANSFER STATION (ACCEPTED WEEKLY) MUST SEE OPERATOR FOR PROPER DISPOSAL

Used motor oil/filters, used cooking oil, fluorescent light bulbs/CFL's, lead—acid car batteries, propane cylinders and electronics



Canaan Historical Society

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Canaan, Vermont 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

<http://www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org/>

Plans for 2019 are slowly unfolding. Our April meeting will be held at the Coos County Nursing Hospital where we will display a number of our photo albums and some memorabilia that the residents might find interesting. The photo albums have been a hit in the past because they bring back fond memories and often help us glean more information about the history of the area. In May, we plan to make a trip to Island Pond for a tour of their new museum. Sharon Biron, the Curator, has offered to open the museum especially for us and keep it open until we are ready to leave.

Other proposals that need to be finalized include another group picnic, a return trip to Pittsburg's museum, a table at the Sugar Social, and Moose Festival. We are in the process of applying for a grant that will partially enable us to produce a second "We Remember" video, but doubt that it will be available for sale this year. Should the grant be approved, we will seek extra funding to recruit a few people, who were not available during our last round of interviews, to be included with unused footage from video #1.

I was recently able to purchase a large ledger from the Leach Stream Stock Farm, which was owned by George Van Dyke. The farm was located on "the flats" leading south out of Canaan on route 102. Huge barns, on both sides of the road, housed his cattle and horses. The cattle barn burned in 1912 and the horse barn burned in 1914. The horse barn was home to his racing stock as well as the work horses for his logging operations. The ledger will make an interesting exhibit piece and we are always searching for similar items that enable us to save, and display, bits and pieces of Canaan's past. If you hear of any such items, or have any that you want to be rid of, please let us know.

Other recent acquisitions came from the estate of Nancy Dodge. She bequeathed two pieces of furniture: a cedar-lined blanket chest made for her mother when she got married and a chest of drawers made by Nancy's grandfather, Leroy French, who lived in South Canaan.

Our Facebook page continues to draw interest and each week seems to attract more viewers. Ethan Allen factory group photos and Canaan High School photos seem to be the most popular and elicit the most comments and interaction. We are struggling to find interesting photos that have not been previously posted, so if you have any photos you think might evoke memories and comments, please bring them in.

As always, Thank You for your continued support.



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Sharing, Engaging, Supporting*

CANAAN. NATURALLY CONNECTED.

MAKING DECISIONS: CANAAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Develop a Canaan Community Heart & Soul Action Plan that is feasible for our community, will have the greatest positive impact on what matters most.

****SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2019****

NOON - 3 PM

CANAAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Potluck lunch, bring something to share!

Childcare will be provided



253 Gale Street

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<http://www.nekcavt.org>

802-266-7134

NEKCA is pleased to announce that, thanks to Suzanne Routhier's hard work. Our Canaan office has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Bangor Bank to purchase new appliances. They hope to have the appliances, which will include a commercial grade refrigerator and a commercial grade freezer, installed by June 1.

For Immediate Release

Contact: Commissioner Wanda Minoli, 802.828.2011, DMV.Commissioner@vermont.gov

VERMONT LICENSES WILL BE UPDATED WITH ADVANCED SECURITY FEATURES

February 12, 2019 / Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is updating the security features of Vermont driver's licenses and non-driver ID cards, which will mean beginning in July of 2019, licenses and IDs will no longer be printed during a visit to a Vermont DMV office.

The newly-designed card will be printed and mailed within seven to 10 days from a high-security facility, much like the way credit cards or passports are processed. Vermonters renewing or receiving a new credential will receive a temporary paper License/ID valid for 30 days. Until the permanent credential arrives in the mail, a secondary form of identification may be required for identification purposes, such as boarding a plane or cashing a check. All current Vermont driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until their expiration date.

"We are always looking to protect customer information. This re-designed license is more secure and will better protect Vermonters against fraud and identity theft," said DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli. "We recognize that waiting to receive a new credential in the mail will be a change for our customers, so we urge Vermonters to plan ahead and take advantage of being able to renew up to six months in advance."

DMV is collaborating statewide with law enforcement, businesses, airport and border security, and community leaders to inform stakeholders of the upcoming credential changes. The credential modernization effort has been called the Vermont Photo Identification Credentialing System (VTPICS) and customers can find more information at vtpics.vermont.gov.

Homestead Declaration Penalties

Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5410(g), a municipality may impose a penalty for failure to file a homestead declaration or for filing a late homestead declaration and thereby necessitating the issuance of a corrected tax bill. The penalty may be set at amount up to three percent of the education tax on the property. However, a penalty of up to eight percent of the education tax on the property may be included if: (1) the property incorrectly declared as a homestead is located in a municipality that has a lower homestead tax rate than the nonresidential tax rate; or (2) if an undeclared homestead is located in a municipality that has a lower nonresidential tax rate than the homestead tax rate.

Water Infrastructure Financing Programs

Vermont Wastewater and Potable Water Revolving Loan Fund

On-site Loan Program

Spring is on the doorstep and the State of Vermont Onsite Loan Program (OLP) stands ready to assist eligible homeowners with a failed septic or drinking water system.

The program offers loans at a fixed 3% rate to repair or replace a failed system. Applicants must be homeowners occupying their residence year-round and have a failed or almost failed septic or potable water system. Applicants must meet household income requirements (currently \$115,616) and be denied credit from a conventional lender. Shared systems, as well as owner-occupied multi-unit properties, are both eligible under the program.

Financing can be used to replace a failed system or connect a residence to an existing drinking water or wastewater system. Loan proceeds are also available to finance filtration systems where the onsite water has 'failed' due to water quality.

If you know of anyone that might benefit from this program, please share our contact information below.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Rottler, Onsite Loan Program Manager
Agency of Natural Resources, State of Vermont
Department of Environmental Conservation
Onsite Loan Program Website
Phone: (802) 461-6051

STUMP DUMP

Opens Saturday, May 4, 2019 and
closes October 26, 2019

Open the 2nd week of the month on Wednesday only.

Check out the newsletter calendars and town
website for scheduled dates.

Hours of operation 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

2019 Unclaimed Property Listing

The 2019 Unclaimed Property Listing from the State of Vermont has been posted at the Town Office.

Unclaimed property could be forgotten bank accounts, uncashed pay checks, unclaimed security deposits, etc. It is most often in the form of money, but it can also be stocks, mutual funds, and contents of safe deposit boxes. The property comes from many sources, called holders, such as banks, credit unions, corporations, utilities, insurance agencies, retailers, and governmental agencies throughout the United States.

Stop in to see if you have any unclaimed property.

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Canaan Recreation

Park Committee

Variety Show

April 27, 2019

Canaan High School Gym

Showtime: 7 PM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

**SINGERS ★ DANCERS ★ MUSICIANS ★ MAGICIANS ★ COMEDIANS ★
JUGGLERS ★ ACTORS ★ MARTIAL ARTS AND SPORTS DEMONSTRATIONS ★
AND THE SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL**

ALL TOWNS WELCOME!

SIGN UP BY APRIL 19TH BY CALLING 802-266-8602 OR 802-266-3370

All performers will receive an Award

ADMISSION:

\$5.00 ADULTS

\$4.00 SENIOR CITIZENS

\$3.00 CHILDREN

CHILDREN UNDER 3 FREE

PERFORMERS: FREE

50/50 DRAWINGS

We are trying something new this year! We are setting a goal of \$1,000. Last year we took in \$594. If you can't attend the event but still would like to donate, please drop off any donations at the Canaan Town Office. All proceeds will go towards maintaining the Canaan Recreation Park.

Thank you for your support!!