

Canaan Carrier

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JULY 2020

TOWN CLERK OFFICE UPDATE

In an effort to protect the public and Town staff from transmission of COVID-19, we will continue to be closed to all PUBLIC TRAFFIC UNTIL GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT HAS LIFTED THE STAY AT HOME ORDER.

Our office hours will remain the same. We will continue to provide essential services via phone and email and will be happy to assist you with Town issues, or you may ring buzzer at the right of the door for assistance.

PAYMENTS OF ANY KIND CAN BE MADE BY USING THE DROP BOX LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, OR VIA REGULAR MAIL, RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU.

Sorry for the inconvenience!

PHONE: (802) 266-3370
EMAIL: nlabrecque@canaanschools.org
WEBSITE: canaan-vt.org

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills will be mailed on or before August 17, 2020 and are due on or before October 1, 2020. Besides the regular daily hours Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Canaan Town Clerk's Office will be open on Thursday, October 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2020 Property Taxes.

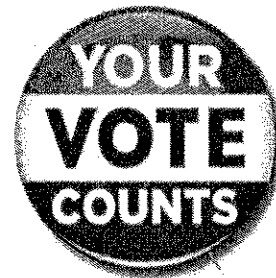
ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Primary Elections

August 11, 2020

Polls open from 8 am to 7 pm



If you wish to have an absentee ballot you may pick one up at the town office or call 266-3370 to request the paperwork for a written request form. The absentee ballots needs to be received at the close of regular office hours the day before.

Since COVID-19 may be transmitted by someone who does not have symptoms, a mask helps you protect others. You must still practice social distancing, wash your hands and avoid touching your face.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

The Selectboard really appreciate the town and its people working together during the COVID-19 and the crisis that America is facing. We all need to work together and have the freedom to have respect for one another as we face uncertain times. We are proud to work with the school, organizations, faith based initiatives, and town's people to accomplish goals. When we work together and are united, we can get a lot done.

The Selectboard had our annual ride around with our Road Foreman, and established a list of needs that we are addressing throughout the town. We will review our junk yard ordinance to address issues that compromises safety, the environment, or creates a visual or physical obstruction.

We are working on the SWIP (Solid Waste Implementation Plan) and working on the recycle and waste material down at the Transfer Station. Please know that the Spring Household Hazardous Waste event was cancelled due to COVID-19 hopefully we will be able to provide one on September 11-12, 2020.

The Wastewater Treatment Facility is in full swing with the new Muffin Monster, rock collector, grinding pumps and some updating of the computer systems that detect warnings in the system.

The access road to the Community Forest is in the process of being relocated for better access to the forest for all to enjoy.

A free outdoor WiFi hotspot device has been installed by VTel at the Canaan Town Office. All you need to do is drive up and park to get on your laptop or cell phone. This is free until COVID-19 ends or December 31, whichever comes first.

We want to remind everyone of authorized materials allowed for disposal at the Stump Dump: stumps, brush, untreated wood. Untreated wood means only clean wood that contains none of the following: paint, adhesive or preservatives. All treated wood is accepted at the Town transfer station.

There is a spending freeze on some items because of the COVID impact on our economy. Because of this, we have held off buying a new truck for snow removal and some other items that are not necessarily on top of the priority list.

We have opened the Selectboard meetings again for the public to come in face to face, if you would like to help in anyway or come and just listen to what goes on. Please know that we encourage social distancing and face masks. We will still provide a Zoom meeting check in if you do not feel comfortable coming in to the meeting face to face.

If there is any more information that you seek please visit us at our town website. <http://canaan-vt.org/>

Thank you with working with us to make a better Canaan.

Asst. Town Clerk/Asst. Town Treasurer

The Canaan Town Clerk/Town Treasurer is seeking an assistant. This position requires experience with clerical work, computers, website, accounting/payroll, budgeting and the ability to attend trainings. Must be able to communicate effectively with the public. Town reserves the right to reject all applicants. Complete job description and applications are available at: nlabrecque@canaanschools.org or by calling 802-266-3370. Mail a cover letter, application and resume with references to : Town of Canaan, PO Box 159, Canaan, VT 05903. All applications are due no later than July 20, 2020.

ZONING BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

If you are interested in becoming a Zoning Board Administrator, please contact Morgan Wade, 802-266-7066 or Interim Zoning Board Administrator, Cheryl Cote at 802-266-3480.

Zoning Permits can be dropped off at the Town Office.

JUSTICE OF PEACE

Interested in being a Justice of Peace

If you wish to serve as Justice of Peace and you are a registered voter,
contact the Town Office before August 14th at 266-3370.

Be a Census Taker

Apply Online

2020census.gov/jobs

For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020

Responding to the Census

The 2020 Census is happening now. Responding is Easy.
Make sure our town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census.
You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.
Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

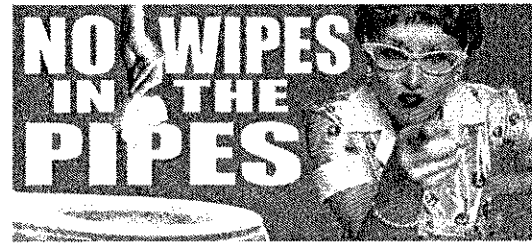


Canaan Drinking Water

Canaan FD1 & FD2 is committed to providing its customers with safe, reliable, and quality water services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Districts' water supplies meet all stringent state and federal drinking water requirements. FD2 has had recent testing for lead and copper and has met the 90th percentile requirements set by the state and is no longer in exceedance for lead.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has no impact on the quality or supply of your tap water. Your tap water is safe and available to drink.

While it's always advisable to stock bottled water at home in the case of emergencies, Canaan Water Districts do not expect the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) to disrupt service to our customers.



Canaan Wastewater

Standard wastewater treatment and disinfectant processes are effective at treating viruses and pathogens.

As a reminder: please do not flush wipes down the drain or toilet. "Flushable" wipes do not disintegrate, creating serious problems in our sewer system. Rather than flushing, please dispose of these products in the trash.

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.

CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETINGS

Effective June 17, 2020 the Fire District #1 will be meeting every other month.

REDUCE WATER USE

Canaan FD1 & 2 encourages customers to use water wisely as persistent high temperatures and lack of rain increase demands on the community's drinking water systems. Although the fire districts have not implemented water-use restrictions at this time, customers should consider steps to reduce water use to ensure service for all customers and adequate supply for essential service.

New Town Health Officer

Alfred Buckley

Town Health Officers are responsible for:

- ★ Investigating possible public health hazards and risks within the municipality
- ★ Taking action to prevent, remove or destroy any such hazards
- ★ Taking action to mitigate significant public health risks enforcing health laws, rules and permit conditions, and taking the steps necessary to enforce orders.

802-266-3140

Thank you to everyone who participated in Green-Up Day!

NOTICE

Town of Canaan trash bags can be purchased at the following businesses:

Town Office

Laperle's IGA

Quechee Farms

Thanks to the businesses for selling our trash bags

The transfer station will be open on Saturday, July 4th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The stump dump will be open on Saturday, July 4th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

JULY 3, 2020

SEPTEMBER 7, 2020

Sugar on Snow

The 76th year of Sugar in Snow will be happening on August 7, 2020, 5-8 pm in Fletcher Park, Canaan, VT. There will be the traditional sugar on snow, hot dogs, chili, and baked goods. The 4th ornament in our "Life in Canaan" series will be available, along with the previous ornaments. All social distancing precautions will be taken. Come back in time and experience what sugar on snow was like when it first started!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 16, 2020

Contact: Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Department of Motor Vehicles
802-828-2011, Wanda.Minoli@vermont.gov

Visor cards now available to help people with hearing loss communicate with law enforcement

State agencies collaborated to help those who are deaf or hard of hearing when pulled over while driving

Montpelier, Vt. – The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has partnered with the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL) and Vermont State Police (VSP) to create visor cards to help people who are deaf or hard of hearing communicate with law enforcement officers if they are pulled over while driving.

“This important project and inter-agency collaboration began with a request from a Vermont resident for our State to create and distribute visor cards similar to those used in other states,” said DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli. “As the DMV continues to modernize, efforts like this to reach and accommodate all Vermonters are essential.”

Vermonters can now obtain the visor cards through the DMV, and VSP has given a visor card to every state trooper.

“We know that better communication leads to better outcomes,” Public Safety Commissioner Michael Schirling said. “The Vermont State Police always strives to communicate clearly, effectively, and professionally with everyone who is pulled over or needs assistance along Vermont’s roadways, and these new visor cards will enhance those efforts with our deaf and hard-of-hearing motorists.”

The creation of the cards was a collaborative effort, with DAIL and VSP providing important feedback to the DMV about how to word and design the card for optimal effectiveness and to ensure that the language and tone were appropriate.

“It is critical that communication between individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and state and local law enforcement is clear and effective. I am grateful for the partnership with DMV and VSP to bring the visor card to Vermont and grateful to the members of Vermont’s Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Advisory Council for their initiative in raising this concern,” said DAIL Commissioner Monica Caserta Hutt.

The 4”x9” cards state clearly at the top, “I am deaf or hard of hearing. This card is to help drivers with hearing loss communicate with police officers.” There are tips for how officers should communicate with the cardholder, followed by options that cardholders can point to indicating how best to communicate (writing, texting, lip reading, etc.) with them. On the back, there are graphics with one-word labels that officers can point to under “I need to see your” (license, registration, insurance, other) and “Violations.” The last section is “Help” and lists options for cardholders to show the officer what they need (medical, lost, tow, etc.).

To obtain a visor card, please complete the online contact form on the [DMV website](#) and type a request for a visor card in the message box.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT VERMONT HOMESTEAD DECLARATIONS

Please remember to file both the 2020 Form HS-122 Homestead Declaration and 2019 Schedule HI-144 Household Income before the July 15th filing deadline.

Homestead Declaration

If you meet the requirements to file a Vermont Homestead Declaration, you must file each year. A "homestead" is your principal dwelling and parcel of land surrounding the dwelling. Your town uses the Homestead Declaration to assess the correct Education Property Tax rate.

Penalties for Late Filing / Neglecting to File / Fraudulent Filing

If you file your Homestead Declaration after the July 15 deadline, the town may assess a penalty of up to 8%. The penalty depends on whether the non-homestead rate is lower or higher than the homestead education property rate. See Vermont law at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/103/03202. If you file after the October 15 extended deadline or fail to file, the town will classify your property as non-homestead and charge you the higher of the two rates, assess a penalty, and require you to pay any additional property tax and interest due. Before filing, make sure your property meets the definition of Vermont homestead. If you are found to have filed and you should not have filed, or you have not filed and are required to file, the town may assess a penalty of up to 8%. If you are found to have filed fraudulently, the town may assess a penalty equal to 100% of your Education Property Tax. For more information, go to tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration.

Property Tax Credit Claim

If you filed a Homestead Declaration, you may be eligible for a Property Tax Credit based on your housesite value and household income. The Property Tax Credit is a credit applied against your property tax bill. The credit is shown on your 2020/2021 property tax bill as a state payment.

Assistance

For assistance, call 1-866-828-2865. Paper forms are available at tax.vermont.gov/forms, you may also order paper forms by calling 1-855-297-5600.

GRIEVANCE HEARINGS

THE LISTERS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR GRIEVANCE PROCESS; ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THAT PROCESS WILL BE RECEIVING THE RESULTS IN THE MAIL.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR PATIENCE DURING THIS PROCESS.

CANAAN BOARD OF LISTERS

REAPPRAISAL FOR THE TOWN OF CANAAN

2020-2022

The listers will be making contact with residents to schedule ongoing visitations. The bulk of the visitations will start next year.

Please work with the Appraisers and your Listers when a property visitation is scheduled.

Canaan Board of Listers

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT
CANAAN TRANSFER STATION**

September 11th from 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

September 12th from 8:00AM-1:00 PM

List of acceptable items can be picked up at either the Transfer Station, Town Office or found on our town website <http://www.canaan-vt.org>

UNLICENSED DOGS

Sorry, due to COVID-19, we were not able to hold a rabies clinic this year.

If the rabies certificate is up to date, leave your payments and paperwork in the drop box to the left of the door. Or send in the mail. We will return the license and tag by mail.

To avoid being contacted by our Animal Control Officer, Wayne Washburn, please license your dogs.



253 Gale Street
Canaan, VT 05903
<http://www.nekcavt.org>
802-266-7134

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library, Canaan, Naturally Connected, and NEKCA have partnered this summer to bring you the Canaan Victory Garden! The garden is located at the NECKA building and is open to anyone in the community. The Alice Ward Library will be incorporating their summer programs around the garden and growing things, keep an eye on their Facebook page for more information! The garden has been planted with all kinds of goodies that will be available through the food shelf as the season progresses. If you've always wanted to garden but didn't know how or have no space to garden this is a great space for you. We are asking that masks be worn and social distancing be practiced. Gardening times can be staggered if needed. Come help our community grow!

**FOOD WASTE INFORMATION/HOME COMPOSTING
SURVEY**

The Canaan Selectboard is requesting information that will help establish a collection site for food scraps at the Canaan Transfer Station as required by the State of Vermont Solid Waste Management Program. This information will help us meet the state requirements and create a properly sized / equipped collection site at the Transfer Station and select a composting site that will meet our needs and that can be certified.

Accepting food scraps at the transfer station has been put on hold until we can provide a site for composting the food wastes. This requirement has to be in place by 2020 per the State of Vermont Solid Waste Management Program.

The following information is needed.

- A. Are you doing home composting? Yes _____ No _____
- B. If you are composting approximately how many pounds of food scraps do you compost weekly? _____
- C. If the answer is no could you check off the following that pertain:
- a. Don't know how to compost. _____
 - b. Would compost if an informational meeting was provided with a knowledgeable presenter on how to compost? Yes ___ No _____
 - c. Don't have space to compost. _____
 - d. Do you prefer to drop off food waste at the Transfer Station where there will be containers to accept food scraps? Yes ___ No _____
 - e. Would you like information on kitchen containers that can be used to collect food scraps at home? Yes ___ No _____

We have provided some basic composting information for review. If you can compost your food waste at home it would be a benefit to you and the town in reducing waste management costs. Thanks for filling out the survey. Please drop off at the transfer station or town office.



PO Box 214, Canaan, VT 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org

Check out our facebook page

Museum hours: CLOSED

The past few months have been extremely frustrating for us, as I'm sure it has for most people. I have not been able to use our office space due to Vermont distancing regulations. I have been able to go in when the library was unoccupied to check our e-mail and the Facebook page. I now have internet access at home but was unable to log in to our Facebook page for a few days, the issue has been resolved now and will be able to answer questions. Most of the Spring and Summer events have been cancelled, we don't have much to plan for. Alumni weekend is usually a busy Saturday but, again, the library was closed and the banquet cancelled so there was no need to schedule anyone to man the museum. We held our June meeting, outdoors, to discuss some grant money we received and discuss future finances and purchases. A new computer, a quality scanner, and some proper storage materials are on my Christmas shopping list.

I have been able to purchase a few items on E-Bay, including Fred Cowan's medal that was presented to him by the Vermont Ski Museum for his participation in World War II as a member of the 10 Mountain Division. We also had a donation of two display cabinets that should fit well in the Carriage House or in the second floor museum, if we can find the space. Photos, farm implements, and a box of postcards and paper ephemera have also found their way to us. I purchased a shelved storage unit for one of the closets that has freed up some space, but probably not for long. I hope we can finally get back to our long overdue inventory once the library re-opens. Once the written inventory is completed we should purchase an inventory program designed specifically for small museums to complete the project.

We still get letters and e-mails from people doing genealogy and other research but it is difficult to help them from home and frustrating to be unable to be of more help. Hopefully we will be back to normal soon and life will be good again. It is a pleasure to be able to help someone find the answer or point them in a direction that will provide the help if we can't.

I shall whine no more! Stay safe and thank you for your support.

Dennis Fuller, Curator

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library is open for Curbside pickup of DVDs, books, magazines, and materials on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a link on our website www.aliceward.org to all of our holdings in the catalog. You can search by title, author, keyword search and more. We are happy to make recommendations. Our Facebook page will show you our new books, and what we have from the current National bestseller lists. We love to make recommendations! Just ask. We also have themed book bags for youth based on a number of topics: fish & wildlife, Emergency helpers, colors, numbers, dinosaurs and more! Curbside pickup has been popular and busy and we thank you for utilizing the service. Pickup is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The books are on the bench labeled with your last name and first initial. If you cannot get to the bench we can walk them to the trunk of your car or make another arrangement.

This winter we have collaborated with the library in Coaticook, Quebec and they have given us some books written in French, including best selling authors like Danielle Steele. These have been very popular. If you like to read in French, or know someone who does, please contact us for a book. We are proud to be one of the few Vermont Libraries with this type of holding for our community. As soon as the border restrictions free up, we expect more titles! We have great gratitude to our neighbors across the border!

The library is also now open by appointment for curbside service for printing, photocopy, and faxing services. There are 2 options: 1) email your documents to alice.ward.library@gmail.com then make an appointment to pick them up outside. Option 2: make an appointment first, then come by the library with your documents. A staff member will take them from the porch and perform the work you need done on the copier, while you wait outside, and return them to you outside. Please be patient, please wear a mask, and thank you for utilizing the service. We are happy to provide this popular library service again to our community.

You are invited to our monthly ZOOM Book Club meeting every First Thursday at 4:30. You do not need any special equipment or tablet to participate, even your home phone can get you in the meeting. It is an "Any Book" Book Club and we all walk away with a lot of recommendations and good chat about the books we are all enjoying.

The library is kicking off a summer of "Imagine Your Story!" Summer Reading Program with activities and reading opportunities. Look for a summer of "StoryWalks" along the rec park track. These stories are for all ages, enjoy them as you get outside! These "walking books" will change frequently throughout the summer.

If you still need a cloth mask, please call the Library. Thank you to the Fiber Friends crafting group, along with other community friends who have made over 500 masks, ear savers and PPE as a library program. We are so grateful for your time and dedication to help community friends and neighbors. Masks are free, donations are welcome but not required.

Sharon Ellingwood White

Director

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

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802-266-7135

**NATURALLY CONNECTED INC.**

P.O. Box 254
Canaan, Vermont 05903

Greetings Canaan community! What a Spring it's been! This letter is a continued effort to keep the Canaan community informed on Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc. (CNC) activities, current projects and future possibilities.

As with all groups, CNC had to resort to monthly ZOOM meetings. Although so different from our usual meetings of camaraderie and community, we still got a lot accomplished from Vermont to Georgia! Due to COVID-19 and all its ramifications, we decided to postpone the paver fundraiser and focused more on what our group and its members could do locally. This found members helping with sewing and distribution of masks, delivering the school meal programs, participating in the Canaan Community Victory Garden along with the Alice Ward Memorial Library and the Northeast Kingdom Community Action program. Some seeds were purchased thanks to a Grass Roots Grant that was awarded to CNC. The Selectboard and CNC created a flyer with a survey in an extra publication of The Canaan Carrier Newsletter. The survey was also made available via a Google form on-line and hard copies at local public establishments. The survey was based on the needs of the community members.

CNC's Welcome Sign project, funded by The Tillotson North Country Foundation and Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, has gone forward. As we had to change the sign company, we are waiting for the final design and are in hopes of them being made and installed by the end of summer/early fall. The brochure of the Town of Canaan, designed by Sunnvalley Studio and printed by the Colebrook Copy Center has been distributed. A copy may be found at the Town Office. Canaan's Destination Website (www.canaanvt.com) always a work in progress, has been updated and looks great!

Involvement and participation in the Northeast Kingdom Working Communities Challenge continues. As with all things, the focus has changed to COVID-19, working through it and how to deal with its aftermath. There are weekly meetings via ZOOM where each region in the NEK shares what issues have come about, reactions, solutions and sharing ideas on each. This has been very beneficial for all communities during this time and will hopefully continue after the challenge is completed.


CNC members look forward to the next quarter and are excited about the possibilities and partnerships that will continue to be made for the Town of Canaan! We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any of the projects to please get in touch with us. There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month. Besides the Destination Website you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or Terrie.Herr@gmail.com.

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- Hardwick, VT (802) 472-3183
- St. Johnsbury, VT (802) 748-5624
- Island Pond, VT (802) 723-4261
(or contact Newport Learning Center)
- Canaan, VT (802) 266-3933
- (802) 334-2839

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CANAAN RECREATION PARK

COMING SOON

Golf disc targets for a nine target course in our Recreation Park

The benefits of disc golf are numerous. Disc golf is a great lifetime activity as well as positive social recreation activity for people of all ages, including school aged students. This activity provides low cost recreation to the community while being low cost for installation and maintenance.

Canaan Naturally Connected Inc. and the Recreation Park Committees will split the cost of purchasing the golf disc targets.

THANK YOU CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC FOR SUPPORTING OUR REQUEST.

