# Canaan Carrier

http://www.canaan-vt.org



## April 2015

**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.

Vernon Crawford

Canaan Fire Warden

802-266-8277

## May 2, 2015



Contact the Green Up Coordinator

**Renee Marchesseault** 

for information

802-266-3906

#### DOG LICENSES

Did you remember to license your dog by April 1st.

If you did not the Animal Control Officer will be visiting you shortly.

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



## CLEANUP OF

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.

#### 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.

## **CHIEF'S CORNER**

Hopefully every sports fan has survived the madness of March. My bracket was busted after the first two games. But on a good note this means that spring is once again upon us. Warmer daytime temperatures and cooler nights get the sap flowing but also provides a recipe for black ice ridden roadways. Please adjust your speeds when traveling in the late afternoon and nighttime hours.

Another one of springs' joys are potholes and frost heaves. Many times while traveling down the roadways I see operators steering around potholes often into the opposing lane of travel. Understandably so, however be aware that crossing the yellow line into the opposing lane is a violation of law and subject to penalties and fines. Take a common sense approach when avoiding these hazards. If traffic is coming in the opposite lane slow and avoid the hazard away from the traffic or stop and wait for the traffic to pass before safely moving around the hazard. Safety is more important than rushing.

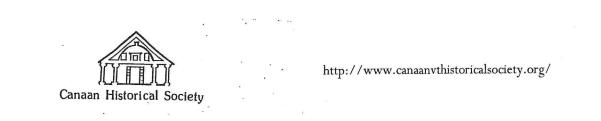
Vermont's new hands free law has been in effect for several months now, however I still observe operators' driving with their cell phones in hand stuck to their ear. Cell phones are a distraction and need to be left in a cradle when in use. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of \$162 for the first offense and \$392 for the second offense.

Dog complaints for chasing deer are on the rise as is usual for this time of year. Please report this action to a Game Warden. Be advised that only a certified law enforcement officer can dispatch a dog in the act of chasing deer. All others could be charged with cruelty to animals. Contacting a Warden is best done through the Derby PSAP at 802-334-8881.

Be aware that there will be a temporary reduction on speed on VT RTE 102 in the South Canaan-Lemington area. The reduction from 50 mph to 40 mph will run from May 15, 2015 through October 16, 2015.

Canaan Police 802-266-9619

VSP Dispatch 802-334-8881



The past few months we have been busy reconfiguring our exhibit rooms, filling our new display cases with seldom-seen items, and making more items available for display. One of the new displays features George Van Dyke's Knights of Pythias ceremonial regalia. We have also brought out more C.V.L. stuff, including an instruction pamphlet for the river drivers.

One of the new display cases has a birth record ledger and a death record ledger used by Dr. Ward more than 110 years ago. One shelf of the other new display case has ceremonial items from the Red Men's Lodge in Beecher *Falls* from the early 1900s. The lower shelf in the unit has ceremonial items from the International Order of Foresters, which was also located in Beecher Falls.

The third exhibit room has been dedicated mostly to Canaan schools and sports. Old basketball uniforms and warm-up jackets, A Green and White Orchestra uniform, a more recent band uniform, and miscellaneous items from earlier eras are on display. A central display case contains pictures, patches, and the original will from the class of 1935. Among the patches is the 1947-1948 Blue Devils. Canaan was called the Blue Devils for a number of years before becoming the Golden Eagles. There are also binders of various school endeavors, such as the Campus Yankee Weekly and Monthly. Yearbooks are also located here.

We purchased a video disc from the Vermont Historical Society which featured 10 rolls of film taken by Ed Getchall in the 1940s. A large number of the 220 pictures were taken in and around Canaan. Among those are pictures of the construction and 1946 dedication of the new Canaan Memorial High School, the fire in Riverside, a fire in Colebrook, and life with the Getchalls with many unrecognized faces. Some of the pictures have been put on our website for review.

We have many photo albums of the various areas of Canaan as well as West Stewartstown. Other albums have photos of logging, building of the penstock on Power House Road, the Connecticut Valley Lumber Co., and St. Regis Paper Co. We are always looking for more, so if you have photos you would like to share please stop by. The museum hours are Monday thru Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## LISTER'S MESSAGE

New Law: Act 73 Now in Effect. Tax exempt property owners are required to provide insurance replacement costs to municipal assessors before April 1st of each year. This is an annual filing requirement for all exempt property owners. If the property is uninsured, the owner must provide a written explanation of why it is not insured. The reporting form can be found at http://www.state.vt.us/tax/pdf.word.excel/forms/ pvr/CR-001.pdf

Please remember to file your Homestead Declarations (HS-122 & HI-144 forms) by April 15, 2015 to avoid any late penalty fees.

We will be inspecting properties in order to keep data current. Typically, the Listers perform exterior inspections of new and existing structures. Whenever possible an interior inspection is done. Without an interior inspection, errors in reporting can occur, which may not be in favor the taxpayer.

Some of our photos need updating or are missing on our system and we will be taking those pictures.

Scott McKibben Dennis Johnson Diana Rancourt Canaan Board of Lister's

## CANAAN YS BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country based upon one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer in the US and Canada. Our experienced staff study the game at all levels and we have identified the key techniques and skills that your players need to work on and master to reach their true potential. With programs for each age, the curriculums includes a variety of foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, freestyle soccer, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a mini tournament play.

Players also learn about our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership.

This year the soccer camps will be from July 27th to July 31st at the Canaan Recreation Park.

Mini Soccer	9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Ages 3 to 6	\$90.00
Half Day	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Ages 6 to 14	\$133.00
Full Day	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Ages 7 to 17	\$200.00

Please note that there will be a \$10 late fee for campers registering within 10 days of the camp start date. Many camps will fill up and be closed prior to this date. Please register early to avoid disappointment.

#### SPACES LIMITED

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#### **Town Meeting**

Another town meeting has come and gone. We want to thank all those who attended the meeting and supported the town budgets. We appreciate the questions and comments as all are helpful in managing our town business. To manage our local government it is important that we have your interaction with the process. We welcome you to attend our board meetings and address any concerns or suggestions that you may have that will create opportunities or make improvements for the town.

#### Paving

Rte. 102 will be paved up to the Leach Stream Bridge this year. All other paving will take place after Fire District #1 upgrades are done. We were able to get a Park & Ride Grant to pave the town office parking area due to the fact that Ethan Allen employees who work in Orleans are using this space as a Park & Ride.

#### Canaan Economic Development Committee

Last summer we created a grass roots start up committee to see if we could get something going in Canaan. The committee was made up of the following: Greg Noyes, Chris Masson, April Lemay, Brendon Cote, Brittany Recore, Mike Welch (Northern Community Investment Corp.), Joe Kasprzak (Northern Vermont Development Association) Lu Van Zeeland a summer resident who was very instrumental in getting us going and facilitating our meetings. The group met and came up with three areas we felt were opportunities we should address:

Get Something Going - ( travel / tourism / community gatherings / events)

Get the Word Out - (promoting the draw of the area / town)

Get People Working - (labor and business)

Gloria Bruce / Director of Travel the Kingdom joined us to help us create a Marketing Plan for Canaan. She has done an excellent job helping us with this process. We are working on a final draft. There is much work to be done to get to a final product.

If you are interested in serving on the committee call the town office and let Noreen know. Others that attended some of the meetings: Noreen Labrecque, Gloria Jackson, Mark Leveillee, Vern Crawford, Richard Latendresse, Mike Daley and Odette Crawford. We appreciate everyone's input.

We received an \$18,000 grant from the Neil & Louise Tillotson Foundation to hire a facilitator to help us with our CEDC project. The facilitator will help us pull it all together and move it forward.

#### **Designated Village Center**

At the selectboard meeting on 3/16/15 the board agreed to look into the benefits of creating a Designated Village Center for Canaan and Beecher Falls. This is another part of getting something going. We will have public meetings on this project. Information on this project can be found on the town website canaan-vt.org and at the town office. This program is offered through the Vt. Agency of Commerce and Community Development / Department of Housing & Community Development.

#### Solid Waste

We have submitted our second draft to ANR for our new SWIP that will meet the standards and requirements of ACT 148. The new SWIP can be reviewed on our town website at canaan.vt.org.

If you haven't been recycling your empty aerosol cans/ dry paint cans you can now recycle them in with the tin/ aluminum cans. No liquids in the paint cans.

We are in the process of scheduling our Spring and Fall HHW event as required by ANR (Agency of Natural Resources). When we get a solid date from Clean Harbors we will announce the dates.

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Inter	esting Compara	ables	5
	Quarterly	Monthly	Daily
Average Fire District #2 metered water	\$37.75		
Average Fire District #2 debt service	\$31.00		
Sewer Service	\$95.00		
Total quarterly service	\$163.75	\$40.94	\$1.37
Average Fire District #1 metered water	\$35.68		
Sewer Service	\$95.00	*	
Total quarterly service	\$130.68	\$32.67	\$1.09
Compare	these daily rates to the fo	llowing:	
(Note: The following figures are			Canaan)
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Electric Bill		\$150.00	\$5.00/day
Internet and Telephone		\$68.03	\$2.27/day
Cable		\$108.78	\$3.63/day
Cell Phone		\$65-100/ month	\$2.17-\$3.34/ day
If we think about itis it really such a burder	n to have the luxury of wat	er and sewer service 24 ho	ours a day 7 days a

## CANAAN COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE MEETINGS

week?

Meetings will be held on the following dates for May 2015 through March 2016. All meetings will be held at the Canaan Town Office on the third Thursday, bimonthly at 6:00 p.m.

May 21, 2015			
July 16, 2015			
September 17, 2015			
November 19, 2015			
January 21, 2016			
March 17, 2016			

Special or Emergency Meetings will be posted. Meetings may be cancelled without prior notice.

### HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

In October, 2014 there was a survey in the newsletter in reference to Canaan's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Only three surveys were returned and the plan is in the process of being finalized to be sent to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer for review. If you are interested in participating in the planning process of the Canaan Hazard Mitigation Plan before it goes to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer, please contact Noreen Labrecque, the Canaan Town Clerk, or Bruce Melendy, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Northeastern Vermont Development Association, who has been assisting with the plan. Bruce Melendy's contact information is: Telephone 802-424-1420, email bmelendy@nvda.net or mailing address is 36 Eastern Avenue, Suite 1, PO Box 630, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819 by April 8th.

## **STUMP DUMP**

Opens Saturday, May 2, 2015 and closes October 31, 2015.

Open the 2nd week on Wednesday only.

Watch the newsletter calendars for scheduled dates.

Hours of operation 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Listen to WOXX

"The Outlaw: 97.1"

For Canaan, Colebrook & Pittsburg The Canaan Town Office will be closed on April 3 and May 5 to attend workshops.

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM AND CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS......

http://frontporchforum.com/

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#### ALICE M. WARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### NEW INTERNET

We have new internet at the library and it works perfectly. Come by and try it out.

#### WE'RE HAVING A QUILT SHOW!

On Saturday April 25th from 9-12am at the Grace Community Church we are having a quilt show. We are looking for local and historic quilts to display in the show. If you have one, please get in touch with us. We are looking for quilts from Norton to Canaan to Lemington, from Pittsburg to Colebrook, and even over the border into Canada. If you would like to display, please give us a call at 266-7135 or email <u>alice.ward.library@gmail.com</u> or drop by the library let us know. We will also have quilting workshops, one for kids on Friday at 12pm and one for adults after the show at 2pm. To cap it all off, we're having a pot luck in the Alice Ward library at 5pm! Put it on your calendar, tell your quilting friends and come by on the day!

#### GARDENING WORKSHOPS & SEED LIBRARY

We have just received donations of hundreds of seeds for our brand new seed library, now housed in our old card catalog drawers. These will soon be available to take for any of our interested patrons. To celebrate this, we had a workshop on Saturday, March 28th at 10 am called Introduction To Vegetable Gardening with Connie Morze.

#### THE YEAR SO FAR

We started the year with a successful string of programs for young people, including using our new Dremels and Nikon cameras. Young people continue to play and learn creative electronics and more at Maker Club on Mondays and have fun at Lego Club every Thursday. We had a craft project for adults with Judi Calhoun and more craft programs to come soon. We have added a number of graphic novels to our collection and patrons can now borrow a Dremel, a Nikon Coolpix camera and even a box filled with linob-lock printmaking equipment to make your own cards and prints. We're also developing our new website at <a href="http://www.aliceward.org">http://www.aliceward.org</a>, where you can find a clear tutorial on how to check our e-books and audio books when you're right at home. We're continuing to develop the collection so if there is something you

want to see here, to do or to read, do let us know!

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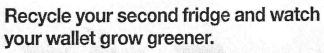
Sold at Town Office

now thru the Point of Sale System

or you can purchase them online at

https://www.vtfishandwildlife.com

Any Vermont resident who is 65 or older may purchase a permanent license online or at the Town Office.



At this time of year, everything starts to grow—and when you recycle your old fridge or freezer, your wallet will grow too. You will get \$50 back and save up to \$150 a year in energy costs. We will even pick up your old appliance for free.

For a FREE pickup, call Jaco at 877-545-4113 or visit www.efficiencyvermont.com/refrigerator

Efficiency Vermont

RECYCLE

JACO Environmental, an appliance recycler, will pick up and recycle refrigerators and freezers that are in working condition. This program is available to Vermont electric utility customers only. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Offer only eligible on second refrigerators/freezers, Limit two units per electric account per year.

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