



Canaan Carrier

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TOWN OF CANAAN PARKING BANS



Effective December 1, 2022 through April 1, 2023 between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. it is unlawful to park on all streets and roads in Canaan and Beecher Falls (this includes Town Roads and Vermont Routes 102, 114 and 253).

SNOW REMOVAL

No person, other than an employee in the performance of their official duties as authorized by the Agency of Transportation or the Selectboard, shall plow onto the traveled way, shoulder or sidewalk of a State Highway or a Class 1, 2 or 3 Town Highway (V.S.A. T23 Section 1126a.)

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

The Canaan Selectboard would like to remind Town residents that, despite the best efforts of the Town road crew not to do so, sometimes items within the Town highway right-of-way get damaged, either by snow removal or other highway maintenance equipment. The Town is not responsible for damages obtained within this 25 foot from center of road. The Selectboard is asking that residents beware before leaving or placing objects such as vehicles, fences, trees, signs, etc. within these boundaries. Objects may be removed at the owner's expense.

Haven L. Haynes, Jr., Chairman

Alfred Buckley

Mark Bullard

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Canaan Town Office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on December 23, 2022 and resume regular hours on December 27, 2022 and will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on December 30, 2022 and resume regular hours on January 3, 2023.

SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT

This has been an eventful year for the selectboard and here is a review of what has been accomplished in our little Town and what is coming up in the next year. First we would like to thank Peter Bunnell and the Canaan AIM Program for helping us install our new lettering above the office building. It looks great! Now let's look at some of our accomplishments this year.

For the highway department we completed a better back roads project on Canaan Hill and fixed ditches and the road by the bridge along with replacing the guardrails on the bridge. This was done with grant money from the state. Costs have gone up on everything so our budgets will be showing that. The backhoe was paid off this past year and the only piece of equipment we are left paying for is the newest truck. Vermont DOT notified us of the fact they are repaving from Norton through Canaan next year which will require the raising of all our manhole covers which is another added cost for next year.

We have applied for another back roads grant for next year and hopefully we get it. The bridge over Hall Stream is due to be worked on next year hopefully but that is still in the works of being decided between the state, engineers, contractor, and Town. Paving is set to be done through DOT grant on River Road after we take care of the bridge the year after.

The Town reappraisal was finished over the last year, and we should be all set for a few years on this level.

What this Town needs are people to step up and fill positions in the Town. On the back of your Town reports is a list of committees and positions that need people to fill them so our Town will run smoothly. People who have been manning these positions for years are getting tired and we need new blood in these positions. There will be an opening on the selectboard this year for three-year position.

The Selectboard and all the Town employees wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF FIRE DISTRICT 2

Due to increased costs in maintaining the Canaan Fire District #2 water system, the Prudential Committee found it is necessary to increase water rates by 20%. You will see the rate increase reflected in the next bill you receive in January 2023.

NOTICE TO ALL CANAAN RESIDENTS

Canaan Fire District 1 and 2 will have their annual meetings on January 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Town Office. This meeting will be to elect the new officers of the Prudential Committee, as well as approve their respective budgets.

- Paper towels
- Disposable diapers
- Tampons & applicators
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Rags
- Dryer lint
- Cleaning/disinfectant wipes
- Cigarette butts
- Q-Tips
- Dental floss
- Bandages
- Condoms
- Cotton balls
- Facial tissues
- Flushable wipes
- Candy wrappers



VOLUME 1: CLOGGERS!

How to save money and hassle - and protect the environment - by knowing what NOT to flush or pour into your septic tank or municipal sewer system.

RULE #1: Sewage treatment systems, big or small, are designed to handle pee, poo, and toilet paper. That's it! Everything else causes problems.

Never pour fats, oils, or greases (a.k.a. FOGs) into sink, toilet, or storm drain!

When they solidify, FOGs impair performance and require pumping or replacement of small septic systems. FOG clogs in public sewer pipes and pumps cause breakdowns that result in sewer overflows and costly repairs. Either way, you pay.

FOGs combine with solid materials – see opposite side – and create “fatbergs.” These horror-story clogs cost New York City taxpayers \$20 million a year. Some towns in Vermont pay up to \$40,000 in avoidable clog repairs.

- In-sink disposals do not dissolve FOGs!

Don't put FOGs into compost. They can attract pests and slow the composting process.

For more information on damage caused by clogs, do a web search for "fatbergs" - lots of wonderfully gross videos!

FOG SOLUTIONS

Bacon Grease & Deep-Fry Oil:

- Save in a jar and re-use. Do a web search for "what to do with bacon grease" for great food recipes and advice on how to make soap, candles, lip balm, bird food, and more.
- Let cool until solidified, then wrap and dispose of in your trash.
- When warm, pour into a sealable jar or directly into your trash bag among absorbent materials.
- Wipe warm pans with a paper towel before washing; toss towels in trash.

Regular Frying & Salad Oil:

- Wipe all frying pans when butter, fat, or oil is still warm, then wash.
- Wipe salad bowls before washing. Use paper towels and dispose of them in the trash.



This is the first of four brochures produced by Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA), thanks to a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program, with project support from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and your municipality. Future editions will cover other pollutants typical households flush, pour, or spill into their wastewater stream.

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TOWN WARNING PETITIONS

Anyone wishing to place an article in the 2023 Town Meeting Warning or School Meeting Warning by petition, must have the petition in to the Town Clerk by January 19, 2023. The petition must be signed by 5% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 35 signatures)

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. the Annual Town Meeting begins. Followed by the Annual School District Meeting.

March 7, 2023 at 8:00 A.M. the polls open at the Canaan Town Office for the Election of Town and School Officers and the polls close at 7:00 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

The 2022 Annual Town Report will be available for distribution around February 25, 2023. If you are unable to pick the report up in person, call or write the Town Clerk and a report will be mailed to you or you can read the Town report on our website at <http://www.canaan-vt.org>.

TOWN OFFICES ELECTED OR APPOINTED IN 2023

For all information pertaining to which offices will appear on the 2023 Ballot and what the process to run is, please refer to the next three pages of information or visit <https://www.canaan-vt.org>.

ADJUSTING TOWN ACCOUNTS

The Auditors of the Town of Canaan, Vermont will meet at the Canaan Town Office on January 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of adjusting Town accounts. All those having accounts due to the Town of Canaan, please pay, and all those against the Town of Canaan, please bill.

Per Order of Auditors
Ginette Ladd,
Ursula Johnson,
Fern Owen Brown

VERMONT ELECTION LAWS

Vermont Election Laws no longer requires Vermont Towns to hold a yearly nomination caucus:

The sole purpose of which was to have a candidate for each vacant office.

Interested candidates wishing to run for election as a Town Official must get a petition at the Canaan Town Clerk's Office. The petition must be signed by 1% of the legal voters of the Town of Canaan. (This is about 8 signatures)

The petition form must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 30, 2023. If you are interested in seeing your name or someone's name on the ballot, please do not hesitate to pick up a petition. Each person nominated to run, must accept their nomination with the consent form on page 7.

Elected Offices to Appear on the 2023 Ballot

Town Moderator—1 Year Term

School Moderator—1 Year Term

Town Clerk —3 Year Term

Town Treasurer—3 Year Term

Select Board—3 Year Term

School Board (x2)—3 Year Terms

School Board—2 Year Term

Auditor of Accounts—3 Year Term

Trustee of Public Funds —3 Year Term

Trustee of Public Funds—2 Year Term

Library Trustee (x2)—3 Year Terms

Lister—3 Year Term

Grand Juror—1 Year Term

Agent of Prosecute and Defend Suits—1 Year Term

Appointed Offices for the 2023 Fiscal Year

Zoning Board of Adjustments (x2)—2 Year Terms

Fire Warden—5 Year Term

Health Officer—1 Year Term

Appointed Offices for the 2023 Fiscal Year (cont.)

Town Service Officer —1 Year Term

NVDA Representative (x2) —2 Year Terms

Emergency Management Coordinator—1 Year Term

Rep to Ambulance District A1—1 Year Term

Revolving Loan (x2)—3 Year Terms

Loan Committee Treasurer—1 Year Term

CT River Joint Commission (x2)—1 Year Term

Animal Control Officer—1 Year Term

Green Up Chairperson—1 Year Term

Weigher of Coal—1 Year Term

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood —1 Year Term

Tree Warden—1 Year Term

Cemetery Committee —1 Year Term

Community Forest (x2)—3 Year Terms

Rec Park (x2)—3 Year Terms

Rec Park—2 Year Term

Rec Park— 1 Year Term

Attest: Noreen Labrecque, Town Clerk

PETITION AND CONSENT OF CANDIDATE FORMS ON PAGE 7 & PAGE 8

Want to become a leader in your Town or School?

Have you ever thought, I would like to make a real difference in the Town where I live?

If you answered yes to these questions then we have the positions for you:

Selectboard — 3 Year Term

School Board — 2 Year Term

School Board (x2) — 3 Year Terms

To get your name on the ballot, please fill out the Consent Form and Petition found on Pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter. These forms must be submitted to the Town Clerk by January 30th, 2023, at 5:00 P.M., to appear on the 2023 Ballot. To learn more about being a select person or school board member, come to any of the Selectboard or School Board meetings, respectively, between now and January 30th. The current boards will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this position. You can also reach out to the Town Office at 802-266-3370 to learn more about the election process or the positions.

Appointed Positions

If you are interested in the Appointed Offices, please contact the Selectboard with a letter stating your interest and why you believe you would be a good fit for the position. All appointments are made following the Town Meeting on March 6, 2023. If you would like to know more about the positions please come to any of the Selectboard meeting from now until January 30, 2023.

Need more Information?

If you have any questions regarding the positions, terms, and duties, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

PETITION AND CONSENT OF CANDIDATE FORMS ON NEXT TWO PAGES

Consent of Candidate Local Elections

17 V.S.A. § 2681(a)

This consent is filed with the municipal clerk of the district (town, city, or school district clerk) and should be filed along with a petition. For questions regarding this form, contact the clerk.

The filing deadline for petitions of nomination and this Consent of Candidate form is the sixth Monday preceding the day of the election, no later than 5 p.m.

This consent form is used by election officials to determine the form of and spelling of a candidate's name and use of initials or nicknames for the ballot. Please complete this form carefully, using the exact form of your name as you want to appear on the ballot. You may include a nickname, but you may not include a professional title. (For example: Dr., Esq., or C.P.A.)

Please type or print clearly.

Local Office: _____ Term Length: _____

City/Town of Residence: _____

Name on Ballot: _____
(Type/Print exactly as you want it to appear on ballot)

Party*: _____

*This is not allowed in most towns. Leave blank unless your town has complied with 17 V.S.A. §2681a(d).

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of Candidate: _____

By signing, you are consenting to have your name appear on an official election ballot with the name, residence, and party provided above. If using a nickname as part of your Name on Ballot, you are also signing and swearing or affirming to the following statements: I have been commonly known by this nickname for at least three years prior to this election. My nickname does not constitute a slogan, nor does it indicate a political, economic, social, or religious view or affiliation. I understand the nickname will appear in quotation marks between my first and last name on the ballot (i.e., John "Smitty" Smith). 17 V.S.A. §2361

County

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The petition must contain at least 30 valid signatures of voters in the Town or city or signatures of 1% of the legal voters, whichever is less. In Canaan, this is about 8 signatures. A voter can sign only one petition for each office unless more than one nomination for that office is to be made, in which case the voter can sign as many petitions as there are nominations to be made.

NOTICE

Food Scrap Collection at the Transfer Station was put on hold on December 1, 2022 until Spring, the food does not break down in the composting process when it freezes.



Daylight Saving Time changes at 2 A.M. on Sunday, March 12, 2023
change clocks ahead one hour.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

Vermont Income Tax Forms and Schedules

Coming soon! Income tax forms for tax year 2023 will be available in mid to late January.

Visit www.tax.vermont.gov to find.....

- Income tax forms and schedules as fillable PDFs
- Electronic payment options through **myVTax**
- Free e-filing for eligible taxpayers through Free File
- The status of your tax return, tax refund, homestead declaration, property tax adjustment, or renter rebate
- Information and resources to help you file your taxes
- Vermont tax statutes, regulations, and technical bulletins

Call, email, or visit Taxpayer Services or stop in the Town Office to get copies of forms

Business hours: Mon-Fri, 7:45 A.M.—4:30 P.M.

Phone: Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 802-828-2865 or 866-828-2865 (toll-free in Vermont) Taxpayer Services Division does not take calls on Wednesdays in order to focus on processing returns.

Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

Address: 133 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont

VERMONT HOUSEHOLD INCOME FORM HI-144

AND PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT FORM HS-122

REMINDER, BOTH HI-144 AND HS-122 FORMS MUST BE FILED ANNUALLY BY THE APRIL FILING DEADLINE TO AVOID PENALTIES.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection in Vermont



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is the most toxic part of the solid waste stream and would be considered federally regulated Hazardous Waste when the waste is produced by non-residential waste generators such as a business, school, or institution.

HHW includes common waste products labeled "caution, toxic, danger, hazard, warning, poisonous, reactive, corrosive, or flammable" such as:

- Aerosols
- Automotive additives
- Flammable degreasers
- Flammable lubricants
- Flammable liquid adhesives
- Furniture strippers
- Glues and adhesives
- Grout/Masonry cleaners
- Hazardous cleaners
- Hobby and craft supplies
- Kerosene
- Lighter fluid
- Mineral Spirits
- Paint thinners
- Paint and varnish remover
- Pesticides
- Pool and hot tub chemicals
- Rust remover
- Tar and bug remover
- Turpentine

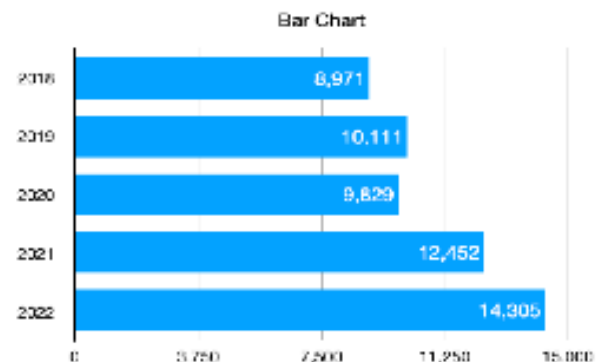
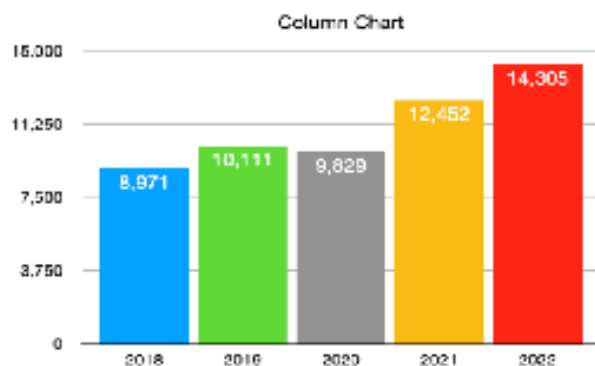
For more than 30 years, Vermont municipalities have been required by law to collect HHW, however costs for one day collection events have increased as much as 50%. Some towns are spending \$100-\$400 per carload and an average of \$1.6 million per year (according to DEC's survey data) to protect human health and the environment (see Figure 1. for example, cost increases).

Figure 1. Londonderry Solid Waste Group HHW Costs

This is solely the hazardous waste contractor costs for a single collection event in June of each of these years without associated costs of advertising, labor, mailing, etc.

Total Contractor Cost: HHW Collection Event June

Year	Cost per collection
2018	8,971
2019	10,111
2020	9,829
2021	12,452
2022	14,305



A shrinking pool of service providers coupled with both labor and supply chain shortages have forced solid waste districts and towns to spend more, or charge users more, to continue to provide these vital services. Charging customers more for doing the ‘right thing’ can lead residents and businesses to dump harmful waste in their trash or worse, illegal dumping. This threatens the health and safety of solid waste haulers and facility operators, contaminates landfill leachate, and can harm the environment.

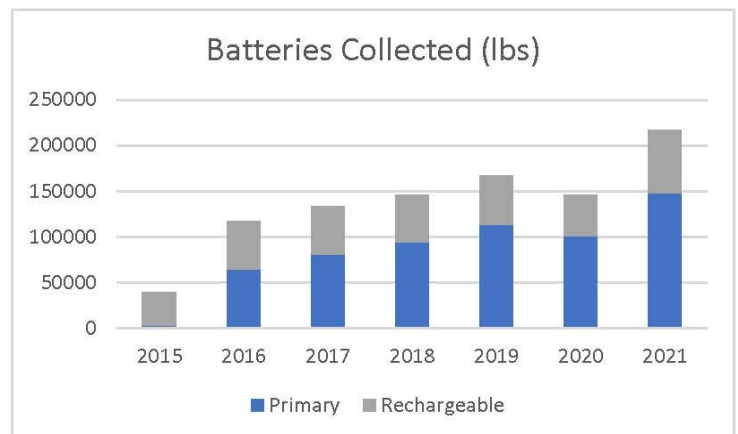
Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): In 2022 [H115](#) was introduced to create a safe collection program for HHW, funded by HHW product producers—commonly called an “extended producer responsibility (EPR) program.” The following 20 producers are estimated to produce about 60% of Vermont’s HHW¹:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. RPM International Inc | 8. Henry Company | 15. Dap Products Inc. |
| 2. The Sherwin-Williams Company | 9. Zep Inc. | 16. Church & Dwight Co., Inc. |
| 3. Reckitt Benckiser Group plc. | 10. BISSELL Homecare, Inc. | 17. Rug Doctor LLC |
| 4. S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc. | 11. Weiman Products, LLC | 18. Miracle Sealants Company |
| 5. The Clorox Company | 12. Turtle Wax, Inc. | 19. Sopus Products |
| 6. W. M. Barr | 13. Colgate-Palmolive Company | 20. Arch Chemicals, Inc. |
| 7. 3M | 14. Spectrum Brands | |

Vermont’s five (5) existing producer responsibility programs provide free and convenient collection, recycling, and safe management of dangerous and difficult to recycle materials including: mercury bulbs, mercury thermostats, electronic devices (TVs, computers, printers), paint, and batteries. These programs successfully reduce municipal costs and result in some of the highest collection rates in the country.

For example, as the only state with a primary battery producer responsibility program, Vermont recycles more batteries per-capita than any other state (see Figure 2.).

Figure 2. Battery Producer Responsibility



CANAAN STUMP DUMP

The Selectboard would like to remind all residents that the Canaan Stump Dump closed on October 29, 2022. The Stump Dump will open temporarily on the first two Saturdays of January 2023 (January 7 & 14). The Stump dump will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to facilitate the disposal of Christmas Trees and other clean wood products. This includes the brush from wreaths, kissing balls, and swag, as long as all metal, plastic, Styrofoam, etc., are removed. After these two days, the Stump Dump will remain closed until Saturday, May 6, 2023. Any dumping of any kind at the Stump Dump during this time frame is prohibited. If caught doing so punishment will occur in accordance to the Town of Canaan’s Ordinance Regulating the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste (Article VI Section 1 and 4)



The tail end of Fall is upon us. The brilliantly colored leaves have fallen and the dormant trees in their subdued neutral hues remain. We were truly spoiled this year with the unseasonal warm weather, but it is time. Snow has fallen a little and we can only anticipate the wonder of snowcapped mountains and trees, along with winter's fun.

Fall brought many activities for CNC. Representatives from our partners at SASH (Support and Services at Home) discussed Vibrant One, a new partnership to build vibrant and welcoming public places through community-led placemaking grants. There are health disparities and discussions are on the table right now on how to bring healthier choices to Vermont communities. Canaan's representatives met with members of the Pioneer Trail in Coaticook, Quebec and submitted a plan for our area which was well received. Work continues on this huge, worthwhile project. The Community Forest committee will be having a meeting on January 19 at 6:00, Canaan Town Office, to generate ideas and recruit volunteers for future endeavors.

Twenty-one people took the opportunity to venture to Castle in The Clouds on October 6. Many thanks to Don Noyes who donated a limo, bus and another vehicle for all to make the trek during foliage season. A good time was had by all.

Our Scarecrow Contest had 26 participants this year which truly made both Canaan and Beecher Falls festive. The winners for the 2022 Scarecrow Contest are: Friendliest-Canaan Schools' CTE programs; Scariest-April and Maya Busfield and Diana Rancourt; Prettiest-Terrie Herr/Irene Hewlett; Best Recycling-The Browns/The Clogstons; Funniest- April and Maya Busfield and Diana Rancourt /Mario and Hylie Marquis; People's Choice-Ron and Donna Merson; Honorable Mention-Canaan Schools' K-Kids. Amazing creativity once again from all and the participation is truly appreciated!

Trunk or Treat had an amazing turnout! There were 21 trunks and approximately 300 treaters. The weather was very cooperative, and everyone had smiles on their faces. Thank you to all those who participated! Without the "trunkers" enthusiasm and generosity, this event would not be as successful. The creativity is simply amazing!

Pumpkins in the Park, the Alice Ward Memorial Library event, had much participation and looked wonderful Halloween evening, culminating October's festive events.

Many thanks to Yvan Belleville, Michael Hughes and Sage D'Aeillo for donating the lovely trees in both Fletcher Park and the Beecher Falls Park for the upcoming season! Thanks also go to volunteers Shellie Bresnahan, Dave Herr, Ila 'Bunny' Sawicki, Andrew Sawicki, Kari-rissa Sweatt, Marie Noyes, Mandy Rancourt, Judy Boutin and granddaughters, Deb Houle, Ariel and her twins, Ben Houle and his son Ben for decking the parks and bridges with lights. It was a bit chilly but lots of laughter made the work fun. We hope everyone enjoys them as they pass by.

CNC has changed its monthly meeting day to the 2nd Wednesday of each month, remaining at 4:30 either at the Grace Community Church or ZOOM. We invite anyone who has an interest in working with any projects to please get in touch with us. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to cnaturallyc@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.

We had a special meeting on November 30th, to brainstorm/plan for a community gathering to take place on February 4, 2023. Be on the lookout for future announcements pertaining to this event! We're at the planning stages, but a meal will be available to all as we work together with Canaan Schools to continue providing opportunities for our community and townspeople!

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and festive Season! Cheers and stay warm!

Principal's Updates



December 12th, 2022

Canaan Vision 2028 Community Survey

The Canaan Vision 2028 Committee would like your help. Please take a few minutes to fill out our Community Survey. This data will help us develop our new Vision for Canaan Schools and will inform our strategic planning over the coming years.

Community Survey

Paper copies of the survey will be available in locations around town. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please reach out to the school and request one.

Our next opportunity to provide feedback will come at our community lunch and forum, which will take place on February 4th.

Winter Concert

On December 15th, Canaan hosted their Winter Concert. Included are pictures of the 2nd grade, the 5th + 6th grades, and the Rock band during their performances.



Recent Events

Muddy Paws

On December 5th our school was visited by a couple of members of the Muddy Paws sled dog team. Students got to try out the roles of the dogs and the driver. And of course, spend some time petting the hard working pups.



Community Service Day

For Veterans Day our 7-12 students did community service events in remembrance of our veterans. Below is a picture of the 7th graders helping to winterize the community garden.



Staff Corner

Fifth Grade Teacher
Nicole Jeralds



Our staff corner this month is highlighting our fifth-grade teacher, Ms Nicole Jeralds. Nicole joined the Canaan Staff in 2017, and over the last few years has taken part in the Vermont Rural Education Collaborative Mini-grant program. VREC mini-grants go towards paying for student-led projects within schools in Northeastern Vermont. This year Ms Jeralds class will be creating carts stocked with supplies to be used at the school's family outreach events. The representatives from VREC in charge of awarding the grants said that Canaan's fifth graders had the best pitch of any group this year. Kudos to Ms Jeralds and the Fifth Grade for their hard work.

Calendar Change

The early release day for January has been rescheduled. It was originally scheduled for January 13th. It has been rescheduled for January 20th. This is also the end of the first semester, so middle school and high school students will start a new term on Monday the 23rd.





Canaan Vision 2028 Community Survey

Canaan School would like to invite you to take our Community Survey. The information gathered from this survey will help us in developing the Canaan 2028 Vision and our strategic plan. An online version is available on our Website in the Principal's Corner. After completing the survey, it can be dropped off or mailed to the main office of Canaan School: 99 School St.
Canaan, VT 05903

1. How are you connected to Canaan School? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canaan Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewartstown Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty or Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEK choice town resident | |

Please rate the following statements on a scale from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree

2. Canaan School is preparing Students for their future by providing a well balanced curriculum and course offerings

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. Canaan School is fiscally responsible, transparent, and the proposed budget is easily understood.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. Canaan School provides adequate resources to support student learning (books, technology, internet, equipment, supplies, ect..)

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. Canaan School is a welcoming place that provides engaging activities and events to community members and families

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree



6. Canaan School supports students' social and emotional wellbeing and development

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree

Strongly Disagree

7. Canaan School requires investment and renovation to provide the best physical environment for our students

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. Communication is provided in a consistent and easily accessible form

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly

Disagree Please answer the following questions with a short answer.

9. What do you think is Canaan School's greatest strength?

10. What do you think is Canaan School's most important area for improvement?

11. What areas would you like to see flourish?

12. What are some future investments you would like to see?

13. How would you like to continue to share your thoughts and vision for Canaan School?

Update on the Disposal of Appliance Containing Freon

The last newsletter contained erroneous information about the disposal of appliances containing freon. At the time it was the Selectboard's understanding that, following the program presented in October's newsletter and on the website, the residents of Canaan and Beecher Falls could dispose of these appliances at the Coos County Transfer Station. The Selectboard later found out that the County Commissioners were not comfortable with this endeavor. The Selectboard is working diligently to contact NRRA and find a new avenue for the disposal of these appliances. Until further notice, appliances containing freon can not be disposed of at the Canaan Transfer Station. If you need to dispose of these appliances, you must contact a licensed plumber to remove the freon and certify that it has been removed. Once you do that, you can dispose of them at the Canaan Transfer Station. The Town apologizes for any confusion or difficulties this has imposed on you. Even the best laid plans sometimes fail. Once the Selectboard has found an alternative means of disposal, the Town will notify all residents.

Meet Rural Community Transportation (RCT)

RCT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation which provides public transportation services throughout Caledonia, Orleans, Essex and Lamoille Counties. RCT operates fare-free shuttle and commuter bus routes, allowing connections between towns in our region and the ability to travel throughout Vermont and beyond. RCT also provides demand-response transportation services under several programs, such as Medicaid, the Elderly & Disabled program, and Rides 2 Wellness.

RCT runs four commuter routes to enhance access to employment, connecting Morrisville to the towns of Barre and Waterbury, and St. Johnsbury to Montpelier and to Littleton. We operate three shuttle routes tying Morrisville, Newport/Derby, and St. Johnsbury/Lyndonville residents and nearby Vermonters to essential locations, from grocery stores to medical centers. Shopping routes provide similar service spanning Morrisville and Stowe in the west, Newport and surrounding towns in the north, and Lyndon to New Hampshire in the east. In FY2022, RCT provided 979 rides to 20 residents of Canaan and Beecher Falls, traveling 41,917 miles at a total cost of \$24,957.61.

RCT operates with federal and state funding; however, our funding sources typically require between 20% and 50% locally matched dollars. All town appropriations received are used to provide the required local match and are therefore crucial to RCT's operations. Your generosity allows RCT to transform your funding into the ability to thrive, grow, and provide your community with reliable quality transportation service.

Learn more about RCT by visiting <http://riderct.org>. Explore the Volunteer Driver Program, career opportunities, and why RCT is a vital part of helping Canaan thrive. To ask about services or schedule a ride, call (802) 748-8170.

Guide to Independent Living in Vermont

Courtesy of Jesse Thompson of SeniorHousingNet.com

The picturesque New England state of Vermont offers exciting year-round events, numerous state and local parks and award-winning museums and galleries that provide seemingly endless recreational opportunities for active retirees. The state has low [crime rates](#) and a [high number of doctors per capita](#) that offer peace of mind for those moving to the state for their retirement years, and its [weather is generally comfortable](#) throughout the year. Vermont is also an affordable place to live with an overall cost of living that's about [5% lower than the national median](#), which may help older adults maximize their retirement income and cover independent living costs, which exceed the national average at \$3,413 per month.

Independent living communities provide a low-maintenance lifestyle for active older adults while supporting their comfort and quality of life. These communities provide services such as housekeeping and yard care, meals and local transportation. Some provide additional amenities and activities such as fitness classes, social clubs and travel opportunities. This guide gives more information on how much independent living communities in Vermont charge for their services. It also highlights some options for covering monthly costs and outlines some agencies and programs for seniors in the state.

For More information like this visit: <https://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniors/senior-living-us/vermont/independent-living>

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

The library had a very busy Fall season, circulating books and materials and offering many programs, enrichment activities and community services to our wonderful townspeople.

The library has new carpet installed by the Colebrook Carpet Center through the assistance of an ARSL Rural New England Library Grant and the Tillotson North Country Foundation. Our library is clean, modern, organized, sustainable and welcoming! This was a huge undertaking and we could not have done it without Mr. Eugene Reid and Mr. Tim Gray's Canaan Technical Center's Building Trades students who helped with our historic building. We have the finest educators and students right here in our community and we hold such pride in their work.

Halloween was a huge program time for us. The library gave out books and candy at CNC's Truck or Treat (thank you to our volunteers Donna & Ron Merson!), as well as Townwide Trick or Treat. Pumpkins in the Park is in its second year with more participation. The display in the park was an unplugged reflective walk for many and truly enjoyed. Thank you everyone that helped set up and tear down. Many hands make light work. Student helper Izabel Malek has been a joy to have here in December to learn about Librarianship and our work. Mrs. Norsworthy's Kindergarten class made a fine scarecrow with us for the townwide contest with CNC. The amazing 8th grade along w/advisors Mr. Biron and Mr. Nichols helped the library for the CMHS Memorial Day of Service with many little projects here. Next year they said "ask for the 9th grade, Mrs. White!"

Pumpkins in the Park Champs! Prettiest: the flower by Krista Rodrigue, Best Overall: Winnie-The-Pooh by Terrie Herr, Scariest: Tie- John Wade and Izabel Malek, Most original: Pac Man by Desirae Palmer, Funniest: Pumpkin "Pi" the math pumpkin by Delia Young. Honorable Mention: the owl by Morgan Wade, the Cat by Emmett Reid and the pumpkin with braces on their teeth by Vivian Kingsbury! Next year we are looking for our local gardeners who might be willing to donate pumpkins in mid- October. Is there anyone who would plant a few for us in the Spring? Please contact the library if you can help.

Glover Ambulance Squad held a COVID booster clinic here, seeing almost 50 people. Other flu & booster clinics will be held. COVID test kits are here, free to all.

Canaan Playgroup is meeting on Thursday under the leadership of Lucie Fillion Daley from 9:30AM-11. Children birth-5 and their caregivers are invited to join in weekly! Thanks to Mario Marquis and Bud Lima for providing a musical program for our Playgroup. The Fiber Friends crafting group continues to meet on Monday. Rural Edge SASH of VT hosted a Christmas tree ornament beading class and will also be bringing us a basket weaving class in the new year. We will do the Tiny Art Show again in February.

Park Street is now a one way street. Enter Park St by Cunningham's and exit near the ESNU building/102. Parking is one-sided (on the Park side) until our driveway, then it is 2 sided again.

We have the most beautiful new lighted exterior sign on the lawn! Thank you to CNC for partial funding and S & S Electric and Danny Owen for the installations, and the Mersons for the hand lettered signage.

Thank you for your support of the library, our patrons and community mean a great deal to us. Wishing everyone health and happiness into a brighter 2023. For more info on these services or any other way we can be helpful call Library Director Sharon Ellingwood White or Ron King in Circulation at 802-266-7135 or email alice.ward.library@gmail.com



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Our book, *From Stump to Mill and Side Trips in Between*, is finished and available. It can be mail-ordered by sending a check for \$37.95 to us at P.O. Box 214, Canaan, VT 05903. Our museum will be closed until January 9th but you will be able to pick up a copy, after that date, at our office at the Alice M. Ward Library. Cash price is \$34.95. We are pleased with the book, especially since we started late and encountered a few problems along the way. Editing and finding photos to include took up much of our last-minute preparations.

We had our first since Covid Wassail Party on the 16th of December and had a good time, although we didn't have the crowd we've had in the past.

We had a good 2022. We discovered some more glass plate negatives and hope to be able to process them soon. In October, we were invited to tour the Pittsburg Museum and had an excellent time. They have a nice facility and have done a great job with their displays.

We meet at the Alice M. Ward Library on the third Friday of every month at 3:00 P.M. and the meeting is open to the public.

Thank you for your support

The Canaan Historical Society



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Fred was born and raised in Maine and spent much of his youth hiking and skiing in the vast reaches of Maine and New Hampshire. He graduated from the University of Maine's School of Forestry and began to work for the St. Regis Paper Company in 1941. During World War II, Fred joined the 10th Mountain Division ski troops and endured action in the Aleutian Islands. Later in the war he was transferred into the Corps of Engineers and served behind enemy lines in the mountains of Europe. He returned to the St. Regis Paper Co. after the war, married Joan Locklin, and settled in Canaan, Vermont, where they raised their four children. Fred's duties for the paper company caused him to travel to many sites not usually seen by the ordinary citizens of the area: old logging camps, tote roads, abandoned railroads, and long abandoned saw mills. He was also fortunate to meet many of the old loggers, sawyers, hostlers, and other denizens of the logging camps. All these people and places he remembered later became fodder for the weekly columns he wrote for the *Colebrook News and Sentinel* after his retirement. We are fortunate that he spent much time in the woods for he had a special knack for appreciating the little things that most people would take for granted and was able to express those things well. He also had a tendency to carry a camera on many of those trips which furnished pictorial support to his memories. We are fortunate for both his memories and his pictures and we hope you agree.

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