

Happy Halloween!



# Canaan Carrier

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

October 2022



## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are **due on or before October 1st, 2022**. Besides the regular office hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, **the Canaan Town Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. for the purpose of collecting the 2022 Property Taxes**. Any tax dollars received after that date are delinquent and subject to delinquent fees and interest charges. The night deposit at the Town Office is also available for your convenience. Postmarks do not count as on-time payment; "Cash must be in hand" to constitute an on-time payment.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

### Canaan Municipal and School Tax Rates 2017-2022

Category	2017 Tax Rates	2018 Tax Rates	2019 Tax Rates	2020 Tax Rates	2021 Tax Rates	2022 Tax Rates
General	0.3955	0.3931	0.4274	0.4297	0.4241	0.3631
Highway	0.1943	0.2266	0.2668	0.2685	0.3094	0.2569
Library	0.0926	0.0928	0.0922	0.098	0.0958	0.0786
Voted Articles/ Special Services	0.019	0.0194	0.0171	0.0218	0.0210	0.0181
Education Homestead	1.4047	1.4555	1.5062	1.4736	1.5416	1.2004
Education Non-Homestead	1.3917	1.3662	1.3681	1.448	1.4923	1.1662
Total Homestead	\$2.1061	\$2.1874	\$2.3097	\$2.2916	\$2.3919	\$1.9171
Total Non-Homestead	\$2.0931	\$2.0981	\$2.1716	\$2.2628	\$2.3426	\$1.8829

**SELECTBOARD QUARTERLY REPORT**

**TRANSFER STATION**

Notice to all Contractors who either reside in Canaan or are completing a project in Canaan, please purchase or rent your own dumpster for the jobsite. Do not bring the worksite debris down to the Transfer Station and put it in the C&D container. This is for household C&D only. Please see pages five and six for other important updates regarding the Transfer Station.

**CANAAN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

The work on the Hall Stream Bridge will not be completed this year. We only received a single bid for the job, and want to wait until next year to see if we get more interest. We are resubmitting the job out for bid in November with work to be done the following year. This will be a rehabilitation of the bridge, only fixing the supports in the water and the abutments. We would like to remind everyone that the bridge does have a load limit that should be followed by all. Violations of this load limit has been ongoing and need to cease. If these ongoing violations of exceeded load limits across the bridge continue we may be forced to set up cameras to see who is violating the load limit. Any violator caught on camera will be fined accordingly.

We have done a Better Back Roads project up on Canaan Hill which has recently been completed. We have fixed the ditches by the bridge and replaced guardrails. The work has been inspected by the State and has passed. Also this year, prior to this project, the Canaan Highway Department used grants to fund work on Powerhouse Road, where a section of badly rotting culvert was replaced.

One last reminder from the Highway Department. Park Street by the Library is now a one-way street. Please see page 14 for more details on this change. Our hope is that this change will make the street safer for residents and will make it easier to plow in the Winter.

**CANAAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Please remember that Canaan no longer has a police department contact the Essex County Sheriff at 802-676-3500 for all non-emergencies between the hours of M-F 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. In case of an emergency, call 911.



**Sunday,  
November 6, 2022  
at 2:00 AM  
(gaining 1 hour of sleep)**

**A safety reminder**

Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.

Ensure they are working correctly, and replace the batteries. As the cold sets in and many start up their gas-fired furnaces, fireplaces, portable heaters, etc., for the first time, carbon monoxide poisoning risks increase dramatically. Replace any smoke alarm unit that is older than ten-years. Replace any CO alarm unit that is older than five-years. Following this schedule can mean the difference between life and death.

Stay Safe, Canaan!

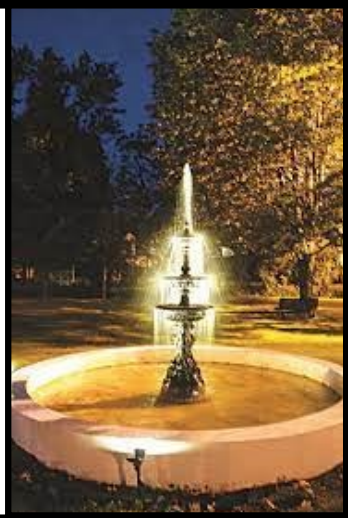




**Help Needed!**

**Fletcher Park Fountain**

Norman Flanagan is looking for help with the maintenance and upkeep of the Town's historic fountain in Fletcher Park. If you are interested in helping, contact the Town Office at 802-266-3370 or drop by. We will get you in contact with him. Thank you, Norman Flanagan, for all your hard work with the fountain this year and the countless other years!



**Annette and Leslie Perrin,  
Thank You!**

The Town of Canaan would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to Leslie and Annette Perrin for the beautiful work they have done and continue to do. Leslie and Annette volunteered to do the landscaping around the Town Office and the traffic island at the start of Christian Hill. The flower beds have never looked better! We appreciate your time and hard work!

**Do you have a business or wish to start one?  
Do you need venture capital to start the business?  
Do you need to expand your operations?**

If you said yes to any of these questions and either personally reside or your business resides in the Towns of Canaan, Norton, Averill, Warren's Gore, Avery Gore, Warner's Grant, Lewis, Lemington, Bloomfield, or Brunswick; we have just the program for you

**The Canaan Revolving Loan!**

The Canaan Revolving Loan Fund is intended to enhance the quality of life in these Towns by increasing economic activity, creating jobs, providing additional affordable housing, rehabilitating existing housing, and improving public facilities. To the greatest extent feasible, all these activities are to be achieved by providing loan assistance to individuals and organizations that will benefit families, individuals, and households of low and moderate-income. To apply for the Canaan Revolving Loan, call or stop at the Canaan Town Office during business hours to pick up the application and the policies and guidelines. Interest rates are typically below prime!

**Let the Town of Canaan help get your business up and running!**

# Canaan Transfer Station

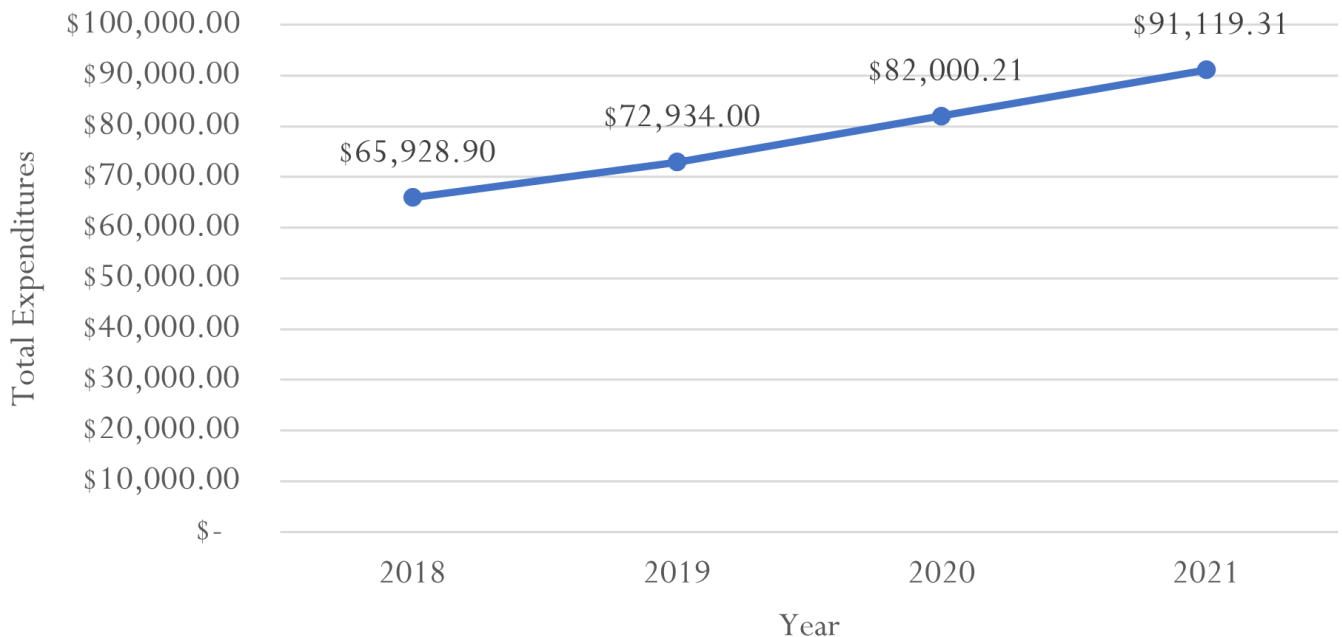
## Town of Canaan Trash Bags Price Increase to \$21 per Sleeve Effective October 1, 2022

As we all know, the cost of everything keeps rising, and the Town of Canaan is not immune to these increases. The Transfer Station has incurred significant changes and upgrades in the past two years. In 2020, the State mandated all Towns collect food scraps which added the additional expense of another employee and composter to take care of the food scraps. This past year the Town of Canaan has replaced two overhead doors that were falling into disrepair and were a safety concern to employees and users. Electricity has been added to the garage area to support the security system. Additionally, the containers have seen better days and will need to be replaced or undergo major repairs, both costly options.

Over the past four years, total expenditures for the Transfer Station have risen about 28%. Below is a chart detailing the rise in expenditures over these four years. These expenditures include the cost per bag, tipping, tonnage, trucking, etc. With these added expenditures, the Town has been forced to raise the price per bag from \$17.00 to \$21.00, an increase of 23%. To offset these costs completely, we would have to raise the price of bags to \$32.00. We understand the burden this could pose to residents and have only increased the prices minimally to help offset the amount being paid by taxpayers. This increase may seem drastic, but when broken down, it is an increase of \$0.44 per year since the last increase in 2013 from \$15.00 to \$17.00.

The Selectboard is also in the process of doing a complete overhaul of the fee schedule for C&D disposal at the Transfer Station and will be increasing prices for those items. In the meantime, effective October 1, 2022, the only price increases will be for the bags going from \$17.00 to \$21.00. Tires up to 20" will increase from \$3 to \$5 per tire. Tires 20" to 24" will increase from \$6 to \$10 per tire.

Transfer Station Expenditures



**Transfer Station Hours**

**Monday—Closed**

**Tuesday—Closed**

**Wednesday—8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**Thursday—Closed**

**Friday—12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturday—8:00A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**How to Dispose of Refrigerators, Freezers, and Air Conditioners?**

The Town of Canaan has partnered with the Towns of Stewartstown, NH; Columbia, NH; and Lemington, VT to dispose of household appliances that contain freon. Residents of Canaan and Beecher Falls will be able to bring these appliances (Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioner, etc.) to the Coos County Transfer Station. All households will be allowed two appliances every year for the price of \$25 per appliance. All disposals after that will cost \$50. Follow these steps to dispose of these appliances:

1. Go to the Canaan Transfer Station - 186 Treatment Plant Road
2. Once there the Canaan Transfer Station Attendant(s) will give you a form stating that you are from Canaan/Beecher Falls.
3. The Attendant(s) will mark the appliance with both a "C" and your phone number, indicating who it belongs to and that it is coming from Canaan.
4. You will need both the marking and the signed form to be able to drop off appliances at the Coos Transfer Station.
5. Now you are ready to bring the appliance to the Coos Transfer Station for disposal. The \$25 or \$50 will be given to the attendant there. Please respect all rules that the Coos Transfer Station may have regarding these appliances.

COOS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION- First Right Turn on Back Pond Road, West Stewartstown, NH 03597

HOURS OF OPERATION: (246-7112)

Monday 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Tuesday CLOSED

**Wednesday 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

Thursday 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

**Friday 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Sunday CLOSED

**\*Bolted dates and times are days when both Canaan and the Coos Transfer Station are open.**



**Public Notice:**

The Connecticut River Joint Commission’s 2022 Newsletter is now available and can be viewed on our website: [canaan-vt.org](http://canaan-vt.org). If you are interesting in joining this commission, contact the Town Office to get your name on the ballot for the 2023 Election.

### Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

A busy Summer at the Library is changing to Fall as we watch the first trees get their vibrant colors in Fletcher Park. The Library was a popular and super busy destination this Summer. Ron, Dennis, and I were on our toes, welcoming over **915** visitors to the Library in just six weeks during the Summer Reading Program! More if you include attendance at our events! During this time, many new Library cards were issued. We held two book sales in August and celebrated the Sugar on Snow social. Thank you to Kyle Haley Music with Mario Marquis for playing music sponsored by the Library. For our community to round out and celebrate all of our Summer reading events. The Summer grand prize winner was Marie Noyes, and we had 24 instant winners weekly in four age categories and hundreds of people who won small prizes. Congratulations and thank you, participants!

The Library has hit some celebrity status this month! This border Library has helped hundreds of ArriveCAN users, and the CBC, CTV, and CJAD 800 Montreal have all called to do interviews to thank this VT Library for their kindness to travelers. Dozens of messages from Canadian and American listeners & viewers have been received with great thanks, commending the Library and recognizing the Town of Canaan. For a copy of the stories, stop by the Library.

Thanks to funding from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, we've installed NEW flooring in the Library. Thank you for being so patient during the work project. Thanks to volunteers, especially Eugene Reid and our Career & Technical Education (CTE) students. Our CTE programs are to be commended for their dedication to what they put into our community, with special thanks to our phenomenal Building Trades students. We also completed some maintenance on the heating and cooling system to keep us efficient. Please stop by to check out our sunflowers on the south side of the Library planted by Ms. Ceranni's 7th graders in June on school-wide community service day. Now, 8th graders, we thank them for their work. September is National Library Card Month! We connect with students at Canaan Schools the first week back with Library card forms. Thank you, Canaan Schools, teachers, and staff, for your continued partnerships and collaboration.

For Fall, the Library will participate in the CNC Scarecrow contest, Trunk or Treat and will be open on the Town's Trick or Treat day for Halloween. Pumpkins in the Park is also back by popular demand! The Library has seasonal sections of books for Fall and the upcoming themes of Remembering 9/11, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Winter, Christmas, and other holidays. Our book club meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 P.M. Crafting fun can be found on Mondays at 1:00 P.M. with the Fiber Friends.

The Town of Canaan has changed Park Street to a one-way street. You may enter at Gale Street and exit onto VT RTE 102. If you have any questions about the Library, please stop by, my door is always open to you, and we welcome you to the Library. As your Library Director, I always welcome the opportunity to visit you with a program for your club, group, or organization to make others aware of all the services we can offer; just ask! Take care, and thank you. Sharon

Sharon Ellingwood White, Library Director Alice M. Ward Memorial Library



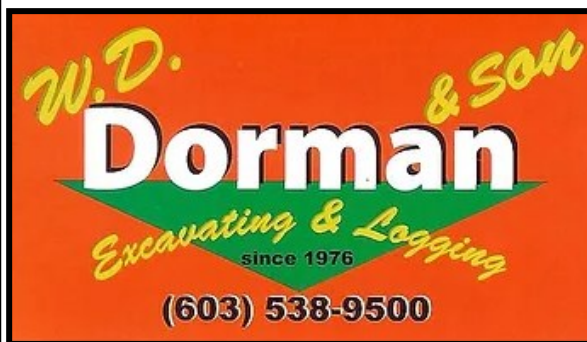
The Rec Park Committee would like to thank Gene Cote, Pat Gorman, Raj Hailey, and Dan Johnson for all your hard work fixing the backstop on C-field. This is a project that had been needing to be done, and we are so thankful to you for doing it. It looks better than ever! Also, thank you to Rene Lapierre for loaning the crew some tools.

**Public Notice:**

Dumping of Household Trash in the Canaan Rec Park garbage cans is prohibited. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2201, this action is considered littering and holds a punishment of a fine of up to \$800. We would rather not pursue this further but will if needed. Please be courteous and considerate. This is your park, and we need everyone's help to keep it a park everyone wants to go to. Another reminder, please refrain from jumping on the picnic tables. This causes greater wear and tear on the tables, forcing the Rec Park Committee to dispose of them. They are there for everyone's enjoyment, and jumping/playing should be kept on the playground equipment.

Thank you,  
Canaan Rec Park Committee

The Canaan Rec Park Committee seeks suggestions and ideas to improve the park. If you have something you would like to see in the Rec Park, come to any committee meeting or the Town Office and tell us your idea. The Rec Park is the community's park, and we would love everyone's input on how to improve the grounds and facilities.



**Thank you!**

A big thank you to W.D. Dorman & Son Excavating for rolling the soccer fields in the Rec Park. We appreciate how willing you were to get this done on such short notice. Once again thank you from the entire Rec Park Committee!





PO Box 214

Canaan, VT 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org

It's hard to believe we are now officially in Fall. I can't remember where I was when Summer blew by. We had a good Summer, but visitor numbers were down. Thanks to a Tillotson Dash Grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Trust, we were able to hire three high school students to work on projects at the museum. All three had other vacation jobs but managed to fit time at the museum into their busy schedules.

At a meeting late last year, we voted to publish a book featuring the writings of Fred Cowan that were published in the Colebrook News and Sentinel many years ago. Selecting a publisher, editing the various articles, and deciding on a format for the book have taken longer than we had originally planned, but we are nearly done. The book will be a soft cover as the cost of a hardcover was out of our budget range. We hope to have the book, titled "From Stump to Mill," available before Christmas. More information will be published in the local newspapers once the book has gone to the publisher and a price is determined. Stay tuned.

Our Facebook page continues to publish photos relating to the history of Canaan and its residents, but we are starting to run out of attention-grabbing pictures. If you have a photo or photos that you would like to share, please stop by the museum and we will scan them and publish it.

Thanks for your support!

Dennis Fuller

**Location:**

27 Park Street Canaan, VT 05903

2nd Floor of the Alice Ward Memorial Library

**Museum hours:**

Monday - Thursday, 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for guided tours

**Library hours:**

Monday - Thursday, 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

## Principal's Updates



September 19th, 2022

### Open House

Canaan Schools would like to invite you to our 2022 Open House, which we will be hosting on October 6th at 6:00 P.M. We are excited to announce that this year we will be returning to an in person Open House.

### Schedule

6:00 P.M.— 6:30 P.M. - In the Gym.

Enjoy some Cider and Donuts as you visit stations for the various school organizations here at Canaan Schools.

6:30 P.M.— 7:00 P.M. -Visit teachers in their classrooms.

This is a great opportunity to see where your students are learning and meet their teachers. This time is meant to be a quick meet and greet with each teacher, if you would like to schedule a longer meeting time, the teachers will have sign up sheets



### Student Service Days

In keeping with the theme of honoring the members of our armed services, the students of Canaan Memorial High School will be taking part in two days of service this year, one to coincide with Veterans day, and one to coincide with Memorial day. Students will remember the men and women who served our nation by “paying it forward” and serving their local community. We will be spending these days doing community service projects, and if you have a project that we may be able to help with, please reach out to Chris Damato at [cdamato@canaanschools.org](mailto:cdamato@canaanschools.org) or Chuck Patterson at [cpatterson@canaanschools.org](mailto:cpatterson@canaanschools.org)

### Remembering our POWs and MIAs

On Friday, September 16th, our students and staff gathered in the gym for a special presentation. Members of the American Legion Post 47 came to our school to perform a ceremony of remembrance for our countries POW and MIA soldiers.



Canaan Memorial High School is one of the few schools in the country that has a POW and MIA memorial on school grounds. During the presentation the students and staff of Canaan learned the meaning of each part of the memorial, and why it is so important to keep these men and women in our thoughts and our hearts.



Thank you to all the members of Post 47 for helping to make this special moment happen.

### Staff Corner

Welcome to the Staff Corner. Each update I will be highlighting a staff member of Canaan Schools.



**Career and Technical Education Director- Chris Damato**

The 2022-23 school year is Chris's second year as the CTE Director. Chris grew up in Vermont and Texas, and has served as an educator in both those states. Before coming to Canaan he served as a Social Studies teacher, worked in adult education, and was the assistant CTE director at Green Mountain Technical Center.

Along with leading Canaan's CTE department, Chris oversees our students' work based learning experiences. Through work based learning our Juniors and Seniors take part in internships at local businesses.

Last year Chris secured a \$300,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable fund to improve the entrance way to the center, upgrade our offsite locations, and invest in workplace development.

### School Intruder Drills

In the coming weeks we will have our first school intruder drill. This drill will be instructional based, and school staff will be leading age appropriate discussions with their students about what to do in the case of a school intruder.

Drills and conversations of this nature can often cause anxiety in students. It is important to talk to your children as they process these events.

Please take a look at the following resources to help you better understand these drills and talk to your child about them

Run/Hide/Fight

<https://schoolsafety.vermont.gov/sites/ssc/files/Active%20Shooter%20Response%20Poster.pdf>

Talking to your kids about lockdown drills

<https://tinybeans.com/5-tips-for-talking-to-your-child-about-lockdown-drills/>



October 31, 2022

Halloween is Monday, October 31st and trick or treating will be from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.



**CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED INC  
ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN EVENT  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Date: October 1-31 (on running)

Locations: Fletcher and Beecher Falls Park

Create on-site or bring from home

Residents in the center of the Town of Canaan are encouraged to create on their lawns as a gateway to the Town of Canaan.

Please make sure to identify your creation with a tag that has your name(s) on it. After judging takes place, please make sure to remove creations.

Awards: Crow’s Best Friend (Friendliest); Most Likely to Succeed (Scariest); Just Like You Only Prettier (Prettiest); Going Green (Best Recycling); You Keep Me in Stitches (Funniest); and People’s Choice.

**TAKE PART IN JUDGING FROM NOV 1 – 12TH: YOU CAN VOTE ON OUR NEW CNC FACE-BOOK PAGE@CNCVERMONT**

Winners Receive a Ribbon, Fall-Themed Goody, and recognition in the Newspaper and on social media.

For more information: contact Terrie Herr 802-266-8986



Saturday, October 29, 2022

Canaan Rec Park—Canaan, VT

“Treaters” 2:00 P.M.— 4:00 P.M.

“Trunkers” who would like to pass out candy to the children please let us know by emailing [terrie.herr@gmail.com](mailto:terrie.herr@gmail.com) or messaging the CNC Facebook page. Please arrive no later than 1:30 P.M. to set up your trunk! Late signups welcome, early RSVP’s help.

**THANK YOU “TRUNKERS”!**

Sponsored by Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.



As the leaves begin their transition to a brilliant grand finale, we hope our communities take time to appreciate its splendor. The North Country is truly fortunate to call this place our own!

The new banners are up lining Gale Street to welcome natives and visitors alike. We hope that the townspeople enjoy them adding color to peoples' journeys. Solar lights have been added to the welcome signs and CNC has already received several positive comments.

This year's participation in the Stewartstown Day Parade was an old-fashioned barbecue. CNC had a fun time putting the float together as usual and appreciated the help from Steven Noyes and Robbie McComiskey.

CNC continues to have cookbooks, fall bulbs, and Rada knives for sale as fundraising opportunities. Any help will be greatly appreciated, not just by the group but the community of Canaan who reaps these benefits. Information may be found on the CNC Facebook page or please message the group.

Advertising for the Annual Scarecrow Contest and Trunk or Treat in October has been created and disseminated. The Scarecrow Contest runs the month of October at both the Fletcher and Beecher Falls Parks. You can create on-site or bring it from home. Residents in the center of Canaan are encouraged to build on their lawn as a gateway to the Town of Canaan. There will once again be an on-line judging from November 1-12 for People's Choice. Voting and more information may be found on our CNC Facebook page. The creativity of participants is amazing to watch each year as they pop up from day to day throughout the month!

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 2:00 P.M.— 4:00 P.M. at the Canaan Rec Park. If you plan on "treating" please contact Terrie Herr at [Terrie.Herr@gmail.com](mailto:Terrie.Herr@gmail.com) or messaging the CNC Facebook page in order to plan the placement of vehicles. Those who are "treating" are asked to arrive no later than 1:30 P.M. to set up your trunks making it safe as possible for the children. If you have any questions, please ask. Pumpkins in the Park will continue into a second year as it was so well received! This FREE program is through the Alice Ward Library. Use your own pumpkin or a free one from the library. Carve your pumpkin at home, drop it off on October 31 in Fletcher Park. The Library provides the display lights. The public is invited to drive by or walk through to view. Pick up your pumpkin in the morning or the library will compost it for you.

We are looking to update our Business Directory. If you have a business or service in the local area, please let us know the name, address, phone number and email to either update your information or add it. This directory is found on our website.

We also are looking for more input from the community to see which projects you would like to see for our town. Please let us know by reaching out by any of the electronic options in this article or speak to a CNC member. We also are in need of participants for projects already in place. A great time to get your feet wet is to help out with any of the projects in October. There is no age limit, just a positive and "can do" attitude is all it takes!

CNC members look forward to the coming months 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 projects to please get in touch with us. Our monthly meeting dates have changed beginning October 12th. They will occur the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Besides the Destination Website <http://canaanvt.com> you can email your questions to [cnaturallyc@gmail.com](mailto:cnaturallyc@gmail.com) or message us on our Facebook page, Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.

Have an amazing Fall season and enjoy watching the tapestry unfold!

**What's Happening At Grace Community Church**  
**300 Gale St. Canaan, VT**  
**802-266-3071**  
**www.thegracecommunitychurch.com**

October 2022

Every Sunday - 101 Class @ 9:30-10:30&Worship Service @ 11:00  
 Every Tuesday - 202 Class @ 5:30-6:30  
 Every Thursday - The Well @ 5:30-6:30  
 Sunday, 10/2 - Youth Group @ 12:30  
 Monday, 10/31 - Hot Dog Giveaway

November 2022

Every Sunday - 101 Class @ 9:30-10:30&Worship Service @ 11:00  
 Every Tuesday - 202 Class @ 5:30-6:30  
 Every Thursday - The Well @ 5:30-6:30  
 Sunday, 11/6 - Youth Group @ 12:30  
 Saturday, 11/5 - Church Dinner @ 4:30

December 2022

Every Sunday - 101 Class @ 9:30-10:30&Worship Service @ 11:00  
 Every Tuesday - 202 Class @ 5:30-6:30  
 Every Thursday - The Well @ 5:30-6:30  
 Sunday, 12/4 - Youth Group @ 12:30  
 Saturday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00

**What are these classes?**

- 101 Class is a time to learn basics of the Bible in a non threatening way
  - . Come hang out as we learn together
  - . Refreshments will be provided.
- 202 Class is digging a little deeper into the Bible and figuring out together

The Well is a time of fellowship, singing, and encouragement to Christians around the area. This is open to all people from any Church Family so invite your friends. Remember we are one Church in different locations. The Worship Service on Sunday morning is all about encouraging and equipping all of us to be faithful throughout the week.



Dear NEK Residents,

I am the Senior Companion Coordinator at the NEKCOA in the St. Johnsbury office and I am in search for individuals to join the Senior Companion Program.

The NEKCOA is inviting those 55 or older that can offer 5 to 40 hours a week looking to help other older adults in need of transportation assistance to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and also help to offer companionship to those in need.

This is a great opportunity for older adults to make a little extra money that is not counted towards taxes. The pay rate is \$3.15 an hour and mileage reimbursement at \$0.62. Applicants must meet income qualifications.

Please contact me for more information or any questions you may have by phone (802)334-4816 or via email [fnorko@nekouncil.org](mailto:fnorko@nekouncil.org). Info can also be found on the Canaan Town website: [canaan-vt.org](http://canaan-vt.org), at the bottom of the home page.

Thank you for your time,

Felicity Norko  
 Senior Companion Coordinator  
 NEKCOA  
 481 Summer St., Suite 101  
 St. Johnsbury, VT 05819



*Become a Senior Companion!*

## Canaan Planning Commission

Property owners are reminded that a zoning permit is required for ANY land development including “division of a parcel into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, relocation or enlargement of any building or other structure, whether it is portable, on a slab, on cement blocks or a foundation, and any change in the use of any building or other structure, or land,” it needs a permit.

Please feel free to contact the Zoning Administrator whenever you are in doubt as to the need for a zoning permit. To date this year, we have issued 25 permits. Canaan is thriving.

The Canaan Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustments would like to thank all who help us with our work as we continue to serve the Town of Canaan. If you have any questions, feel free to call Gordon “Tom” Trammell, Zoning Administrator at (260) 251-9163 or the Town Office at (802) 266-3370.

The Zoning Bylaws and a zoning permit application can be found on the Town website <http://www.canaan-vt.org> or picked up at the Town Office. Zoning permit fees are: \$50 regular and an additional \$15 fee is charged if a hearing has to be held.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify us at (802) 266-3370 or email [clerktreas@canaan-vt.org](mailto:clerktreas@canaan-vt.org) of any address changes so that you may receive timely information from our office regarding your tax bills, water & sewer bills, voting, dog licensing, or other Town business.

### Public Notice:

At the July 25, 2022, Select Board meeting, the board received a letter requesting that Park Street be turned into a one-way. Following that meeting, the Select Board reviewed the statutes regarding reclassifying roads. A public notice was then posted in the News and Sentinel requesting feedback from residents. At the August 22, 2022 meeting, the Select board voted unanimously to change Park Street into a one-way.

**This reclassification is in effect and must be followed. Residents can enter Park Street from Gale Street and exit onto VT RTE 102. No traffic shall enter from VT RTE 102. Parking was also changed; now, per town rules, vehicles can only park on the Fletcher Park side of the street. No Parking is allowed on the opposite side. Overflow parking for the Library can relocate to the Rec Park.**

## Want to be a part of the Town and make a difference in the place you live?

If you said yes to that question, contact the Town Clerk to learn more about running for office. You will be required to file a petition to be placed on the ballot. The last date to turn in a petition for the March 2023 Election is January 30, 2023. You must have signatures from 1% of the registered voters, about seven signatures, on your petition to qualify.

# Offices to Appear on the March 2023 Town and School Ballots

Town Moderator—1 Year Term	Fire Warden—5 Year Term
School Moderator—1 Year Term	Health Officer—3 Year Term
Town Clerk —3 Year Term	Emergency Management Coordinator—1 Year Term
Town Treasurer—3 Year Term	Rep to Ambulance District A1—1 Year Term
Selectman—3 Year Term	Revolving Loan (x3)—3 Year Terms
School Board (x2)—3 Year Terms	Loan Committee Treasurer—1 Year Term
Auditor of Accounts—3 Year Term	CT River Joint Commission—1 Year Term
Rec Park (x4)—3 Year Terms	Agent of Prosecute and Defend Suits—1 Year Term
Fire District 1 Prudential Committee— 3 Year Term	Animal Control Officer—1 Year Term
Fire District 1 Clerk and Treasurer—1 Year Term	Green Up Chairperson—1 Year Term
Fire District 2 Prudential Committee— 3 Year Term	Grand Juror—1 Year Term
Fire District 2 Clerk and Treasurer—1 Year Term	Weigher of Coal—1 Year Term
Trustee of Public Funds (x2)—3 Year Terms	Inspector of Lumber, Shingles—1 Year Term
Library Trustee (x2)—3 Year Terms	Tree Warden—1 Year Term
Lister—3 Year Term	Community Forest (x2)—3 Year Terms

**NOTICE TO VOTERS WHO WISH TO VOTE  
BY ABSENTEE BALLOT  
IN THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

Please fill out the certificate on the voted ballot envelope to ensure that your ballot is counted in the general election. For your vote to count, all items must be filled out, and they must be signed. If you plan to mail your ballot back to the Town Office, please do so at least two weeks in advance of the election. After this two-week period, the best delivery method is to drop them off at the Town Office in person or in the overnight deposit box. Any ballots received after November 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. will be considered late and void.

**GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The Vermont Secretary of State's Office has decided to once again mail ballots to every registered voter in the State of Vermont. They plan on mailing these ballots around September 26, 2022, so hopefully, as you read this newsletter, you have received your ballot. If you do not receive your ballot by mid-October, we will encourage you to contact the Town Office or the Secretary of State's Office. Some common reasons for not receiving your ballot are: your registration has been challenged, or your correct address is not on your My Voters Page Profile.

This method of distribution allows you to vote in two different ways. The first is that once you receive your ballot, you can vote immediately and send it to the Town Office. Exactly like voting by absentee ballot. The second is that you can vote in person, using the ballot you have received. This would mean you come into the office on election day and vote in person. We ask that you remember to bring in the ballot sent to you. If you don't, you will be required to sign an affidavit in accordance with 13 V.S.A. §2901 and 17 V.S.A. §1971.

We encourage everyone in Canaan to get out and vote. It is a civic duty that we take for granted but a duty that many people worldwide wish for!

**"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." Franklin D. Roosevelt, Former U.S. President .**

**"Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he could do only a little." Edmund Burke, Former Irish-British statesman, economist, and philosopher .**

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead, Former American cultural anthropologist .**





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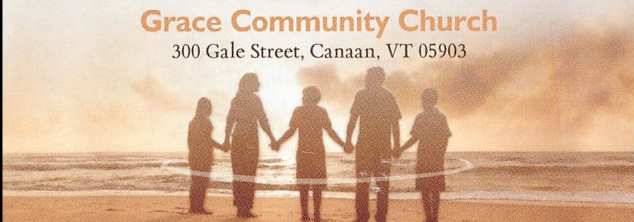
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**TOWN OFFICE HOURS**

Monday	8AM—4PM
Tuesday	8AM—4PM
Wednesday	8AM—4PM
Thursday	8AM—4PM
Friday	8AM—3PM
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

**The Town Office will be closed on:**  
**October 10, 2022**  
**November 11, 2022**  
**November 24 & 25, 2022**  
**December 26, 2022**



**Don't forget to vote in the 2022 General Election**  
**Where: Canaan Town Office**  
**When: November 8, 2022**  
**Time: 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**

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