

Canaan Carrier

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JULY 2017

THANK YOU

Special thanks to George Masson for fixing the park benches.

Very much appreciated!

GREAT JOB!



Thank you to everyone that participated and attended the 2017 Variety Show and special thanks to our MC Odette Crawford!

Thank You!



COMMUNITY PROJECT IN CANAAN

GIRLS ON THE RUN TEAM

Jessie Nadeau, Brooklynn Berry, Reagan Thibault, Sienna Grondin and Liah Thibault planted an apple tree in the Canaan Meadow Lot for the Recreation Department as a community project. Missing from photo: Lena Crawford, Nadia Maurais, Katie Nadeau and Leahanna Haynes and coaches Josee Berry and Colleen Clogston.

We really appreciate it!

NO VOLUNTEER DAY IN THE REC PARK

We will not be having an annual volunteer day in the Recreation Park this year but will be helping at the Community Forest Volunteer Day. WATCH FOR DETAILS!!!

HELP AT THE MOOSE FESTIVAL

We need your help to sell moose burgers on August 26th starting at 10:00 am.

If you can help, please call the town office 802-266-3370

Quarterly Review

√ Street Lighting Project

- ◇ We now have our street lighting inventory so we can now do our assessment and decide which if any lights we will shut off. This inspection will take place July 12th. When this is completed we will work with Efficiency Vermont to determine if this is a doable project.

√ Review of our annual ride around town

- ◇ There will be some ditching required on Kemp Hill and Hudson Rd.
- ◇ We called in Patrick Ross of the DEC Watershed Management Div. to help us mitigate some issues we have with erosion. We looked at three sites that we need to address.
 - Leach Stream
 - Reshaping the river bank, seeding and planting shrubs and trees to reduce the yearly erosion. There are also issues with erosion south of the Canaan Fire District 1 well house that will need to be addressed as part of our Town Mitigation Plan that is being finalized.
 - Keyer Brook
 - Three locations to mitigate erosion issues. One is at the corner of the old Leigh residence and dry fire hydrant. The other two is stabilizing the road bank along Keyer Brook.
 - Connecticut River
 - There has been steady erosion along River Road south of the Well House for Fire District #2. The erosion has started to move our sewer manhole as the river bank shifts. There is about a 80 ft. section that needs to be stabilized. Patrick Ross listed this as a top priority due to the closeness of the sewer line to the river and while we still have some river bank to work with.
- All the above projects will be permitted with the guidance of Patrick Ross.
- We had planned to pave the Wastewater/Transfer Station road this year. We may have to reallocate that funding to start the erosion mitigation plans as mentioned. Will look into other funding options as well.
- ◇ We will be meeting with Paul Tomasi (NEKWMD Director) to visit a farm that composts food waste within his district as we continue to look for ways to meet the requirement of Act 148 which requires the town to remove food waste from our waste stream by 2020.
- ◇ A survey will be going out on Act 148 and composting. This creates a plan for the Town.

- ◇ We are having more issues within the recycling building with regular trash being mixed with the recyclables. If those who are doing this think it will save them money it is wrong. It will end up costing the town more.
- ◇ The construction and debris container is a fee based use. You need to see the operator before using this container. He will let you know what the fee will be.
- ◇ If you have any questions about the use of any of the containers see the operator.
- ◇ Rural Edge is still working on Senior/ General Occupancy Housing for Canaan.
- ◇ The board is reviewing policies and ordinances to update and assure they meet all current requirements. We will be looking into a new ordinance that will address blighted, unsafe, abandoned buildings, junk yards and bank owned properties that are not being maintained. We have issued five notices for junk yard issues per our current Junk yard ordinance.
- ◇ Our Village Destination Centers have been mapped and approved. We have met with local businesses within the mapped areas to identify the benefits for them. We will be meeting with the board of directors for this program in Montpelier for our final approval.
- ◇ Our regional dispatch committee is looking into upgrading the current dispatch system that is about 20 years old and getting hard to find replacement parts. There have been some presentations on new equipment available. The new technology today is what we need to offer the best up to date dispatch communication system to cover our region.
- ◇ Heart and Soul Community Revitalization Committee is currently looking at our long term goals.
- ◇ Looking for ideas to make improvements to Beecher Falls Park. Submit to Town Office.
- ◇ Johnson property that is adjacent to the school and transfer station property is being reviewed with the Vermont Land Trust for funding and ownership of the property by the town. Currently parts of the property is used for parking for Softball Tournaments, Moose Festival, School garden. Potential site for the Border Riders building for their grooming equipment etc. Expansion of our Transfer Station if needed. There is a potential for two house lots. There would be some conservation easements along the river. Most of the property would remain agricultural and could be leased out to a local farmer. This is information only and no action taken.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Location: Transfer Station

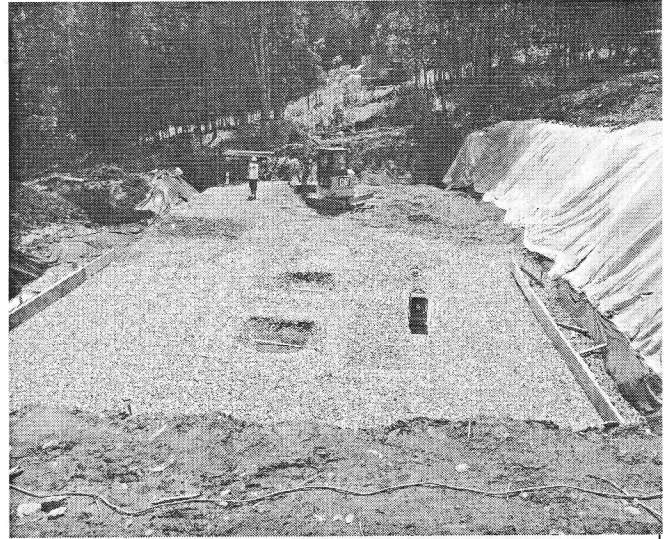
Friday, September 15th from 12 pm to 4 pm

Saturday, September 16th from 8 am to 1 pm

List of accepted items can be picked up at the Transfer Station,
Town Office or found on our Town website

UPDATE CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1 PROJECT

This year the Canaan Fire District #1 has bid out Contract #3 (Storage Tank) to RG Gosselin, Inc. of Derby, VT, funded by a grant from USDA and designed by Tata & Howard. The new storage tank will be located on the Town Forest Land. It will consist of a 220,000 gallon water storage tank and 1,600 LF of 12 inch water main. As of this report, the site has been cleared, the base crushed stone installed. Forms for the footings and walls are being installed. Photos of the site are seen below.



Sugar on Snow

Sugar Social or Sugar on Snow is a great family community event. The event will take place in Fletcher Park Aug. 4th, 2017 at 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM, with Sugar being sold from 5:00-8:00. The event will include artisan tables, kid friendly activities, food tables, music, and most importantly sugar on snow (homemade local maple syrup on snow from winter with donuts and a pickle). This will help support Grace Community Church in Canaan, VT. If you are interested in having a table to sell your wares or help to volunteer your time please contact Frank Sawicki at 802-266-3324 or e-mail him at knarf17@juno.com. Come and enjoy this local community tradition and help support the community in Canaan.

Homestead Declarations and Property Tax Adjustments

LATE FILING

A Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim filed after the due date of the income return, without extension. The law allows homeowners to file up to October 15th and still declare a homestead and claim a property tax adjustment.

Filing between the due date and October 15th means:

- The property will be classified as a homestead on the town grand list and taxed at the homestead school property tax rate
- Late filing penalties will be charged
- Eligible homeowners will receive a credit on their property tax on November 1.
- Depending on when your town sends property tax bills, you may receive a revised property tax bill in September

Filing after October 15th of the current year means:

- The property will remain classified as nonresidential on the town grand list and taxed at the higher of the school property tax rates
- No property tax adjustment claim may be made
- Late filing penalties will be charged on the Homestead Declaration

LATE FILING PENALTIES

Homestead Declaration

- 3% of the education property tax on the property if the nonresidential rate is higher than the homestead rate; or in any other case the penalty is an amount equal to 8% of the education property tax on the property.

APPEALING THE LATE FILING PENALTY

The late filing penalty is billed and collected by the town. Appeals of the penalty must be appealed to the town. The law provides for a hardship appeal.

Hardship is defined as:

- (1) full-time active military duty outside of VT;
- (2) serious illness or disability of the homestead owner; or
- (3) serious illness, disability or death of an immediate family member of the homestead owner.

NOTICE

The School Board meetings will be held at 6 pm instead of 7 pm

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills will be mailed around August 4, 2017 and are due on or before October 2, 2017. Besides the regular daily hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, the Canaan Town Clerk's Office will be open on Monday, October 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2017 Property Taxes since the 1st falls on a Sunday.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

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

Renee Marchesseault, Coordinator

Interested in joining the Zoning Board Team

If interested, contact Town Office 266-3370



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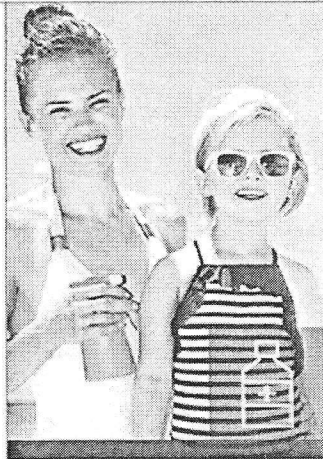
Check out our facebook page

Museum hours: Monday-Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Alumni Weekend open house passed quietly. However, some people in our Ed Gatchell photos were identified by one of our visitors. New items and photos have been obtained and some of our displays expanded. Canaan Memorial High School donated a number of old sports jerseys from various years that have yet to be dated. We also had a chance to search through the old Poutre's Hardware store in Beecher Falls and found a number of interesting items in the back of the building, including a D & M baseball bat from the early 1900's. D & M was a sports equipment manufacturer located in Plymouth, NH, and provided baseball equipment to all levels of the sport, including the Major Leagues. A museum in Plymouth devoted to the company has invited us to visit this summer where we hope to find more information about our find.

Plans for the summer include a second Wallace Pond Memories on the third weekend of August. Details are still being worked out but time and place will be announced in time for interested persons to attend. We hope to have a large crowd with a number of new attendees adding to the history and lore of the lake. We are hoping our long-awaited video will finally be available for sale and plan to have a table at the Sugar Social and Stewartstown Day. Moose Festival will be in Canaan for two days this year and we plan to have a table at that event. We have also been asked to have a number of our quilts on display at the Moose Festival Quilt Show.

Our Facebook page continues to draw interest as we try to add new and interesting photos each week. As usual, donations are greatly appreciated and visitors welcome.



Summertime Safety Tips

Summertime is meant to be spent outdoors in the fresh air, but if you don't take precautions in your outdoor activities you could be putting yourself at risk. Be mindful of the following while enjoying time in the great outdoors:

- **Water safety:** Make sure if you are out on the water, whether you're fishing, boating, or swimming, someone is aware of where you are and how long you plan on being out. Also always wear proper safety equipment like a personal flotation device. **For more tips on water safety go here.**
- **Sunburn/poisoning:** Be sure to apply sunscreen with an SPF no lower than 30, and apply before and every 2 hours during sun exposure. Reapply more frequently if you are swimming or sweating a lot.
- **Poison ivy/Poison oak:** **Know how to identify poison oak and ivy.** Be on the lookout for these poisonous plants, and be sure to wear gloves or protective clothing, and wash your clothes after doing yard work and/or hiking on a trail if you think you may have come into contact with these plants.

Plan for Travel Emergencies

A health crisis, large or small, can occur at any time. Being away from home, only makes it worse. For example, you lose a crown while you're on an extended camping trip. Or twist an ankle while sightseeing. While not all health events can be avoided, many common dilemmas can be averted with proper planning:

- **Carry a medication/health list.** Write down all your medications (include their generic names if traveling outside the US), doses, pharmacy name, doctor contact, your medical conditions, and any allergies.
- **Flying? Pack your medications in a carry-on, not in checked bags.** Keep each medication in their original container labeled with the same name as on your ticket. Place all medications in a plastic bag to ease the security screening process. And make sure you pack enough for the duration of the trip!
- **Take along treatments for common traveler's ailments.** This may include remedies for diarrhea, bug bites, or sunburn.
- **Traveling abroad?** Check for any health advisories and/or immunizations you may need in advance.



Manage Caregiver Stress

If you are among the one in six American workers taking care of an elderly, disabled or ill loved one, you know how difficult it can be to juggle caregiving with work and personal responsibilities. Here are important tips from our experts:

- **Understand the diagnosis and what to expect.** A close communication with your loved one's doctors is vital.
- **Make a care plan.** Your items should include building a daily care schedule and reaching out to family and friends to enlist them in sharing day-to-day responsibilities and/or the cost of care.
- **Review insurance coverage.** Depending on the age and situation of your loved one, adult care services, for example, may or may not be covered.

2017 CANAAN YOUTH SOCCER BRITISH SOCCER CAMP

MON—FRIDAY: JULY 31ST—AUGUST 4TH

CANAAN RECREATION PARK

Register online <https://www.challengersports.com/>

FOR SALE

SAFETY BAGS

\$5.00 EACH

To Benefit the Canaan Rec Park

Nerf-Style Target Tournament



In conjunction with the 5 on 5 Soccer Tournament



Canaan Recreation Park

July 29, 2017

12:00 until . . .

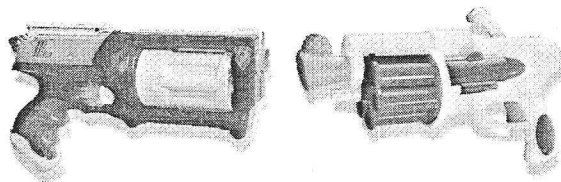


Timed Target Shooting for All Ages (there will be age divisions)

Prizes & Fun

Entry Fee: \$1 per Run

Benefitting Canaan Rec Park



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5 V. 5 SOCCER TOURNAY



WHEN: July 29, 2017 **SIGN UP:** 12:00-1:00 **Tourney starts at 1:00 pm**

WHERE: Canaan Recreation Park

FEATURING: Food and Family Fun

AGES: 12 and up

ENTRY FEE: \$50 Per Team

SPONSORS: Canaan Rec Park, Grace Community Church & Canaan Youth Soccer

BENEFITING: Canaan Rec Park and Grace Community Church

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