

Canaan Carrier

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OCTOBER 2015

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before October 1st, 2015. 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, September 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2015 Property Taxes. Any tax dollars that are received after that date are delinquent and are subject to delinquent fees and interest charges. The night deposit at the Town Office is also available for your convenience.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

TOWN & SCHOOL MODERATOR

The Canaan Town & School Moderator is elected annually. If you are interested in running for this office, please contact the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be closing October 31, 2015 and will reopen May 7, 2016. Will open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 2nd and 9th, 2016.

Daylight Saving Time

On Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 2 a.m.

as daylight saving time ends



It's time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!



Canaan Historical Society

PO Box 214

Canaan, Vermont 05903

canvthistsoc@gmail.com

www.canaanvthistoricalsociety.org

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

The third quarter of the year has been a fairly busy one for us. In late June, we started interviewing some of the older residents and former residents of the town for their thoughts about growing up in Canaan. The process continued through the summer months at various locations. Our last interviews should be done by the end of September. Editing of the more than twenty hours of individual interviews will begin in October and we hope to have the final video ready by Christmas. Thanks to the Neil & Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for the grant which funds the project.

On August 1st, we attended Barnet, VT's, 100th anniversary celebration of the last long log drive on the Connecticut River. The event was a huge success and our display of logging tools and pictures of the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company was well received. We had an enjoyable day answering questions about the artifacts and pictures.

We continue to receive donations, both monetary and display items. A WW II army uniform worn by Harry L. Kingsley along with a small journal he kept is one of the newest additions to our military collection. Old tools, pictures of The Beecher Falls Line House, Bouchard's gas station, the Spa, a 1956 North Country telephone directory, and a number of family and organization quilts have all been donated in the last months. We also received a video showing an initiation parade, a 4th of July parade from 1954, and other aspects of the area during the 1950s.

Our plans for the coming months will be discussed at our September meeting.

We now have new Canaan Historical Society hats for sale.

Check out our Facebook page. We try to add one or two new pictures a week to remind people of what Canaan and the surrounding area was like decades ago. We have received a number of complimentary comments and appreciate the attention the page brings to our organization.

As always, donations and new members are greatly appreciated.

UPGRADES

Canaan Fire District #2 Additional New Hampshire DES permits are needed for the water main relocation project to get off the bridge. We still hope to bid the project and get the project done this fall.

Canaan Fire District #1 We are waiting on the State of Vermont for a permit to construct and responses. The plan is to advertise for bids as soon as authorized by USDA and start some work this year and be ready to continue the project as soon as possible in the spring.

Gary A. Leach, P.E.

Vice President



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Town of Canaan & Canaan Fire District #2 Receives Water and Waste Disposal Grants

USDA United States Department of Agriculture September 4, 2015

Rural Economic Area Partnership Zone

USDA Rural Development awards

Town of Canaan

with a \$54,000 Water and Waste Disposal Grant to support Vermont's rural communities.

Patrick Leach
U.S. Senator Patrick Leach

Ted Brady
USDA Rural Development Vermont / New Hampshire
State Director Ted Brady

USDA United States Department of Agriculture September 4, 2015

Rural Economic Area Partnership Zone

USDA Rural Development awards

Canaan Fire District No. 2

with a \$161,000 Water and Waste Disposal Grant and a \$199,000 loan to support Vermont's rural communities.

Patrick Leach
U.S. Senator Patrick Leach

Ted Brady
USDA Rural Development Vermont / New Hampshire
State Director Ted Brady

FIRE DISTRICT #1 & 2 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Fire District #1 meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.

The Fire District #2 meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m.



A message from Canaan Wastewater Treatment Facility

Think again...

What we put down our drains and toilets can negatively impact our environment and put our health at risk. Even items labeled flushable can clog pipes, tangle pumps and result in messy and costly sewer backups. By educating ourselves and each other, we can avoid expensive and dangerous mistakes while improving our sewer system practices.

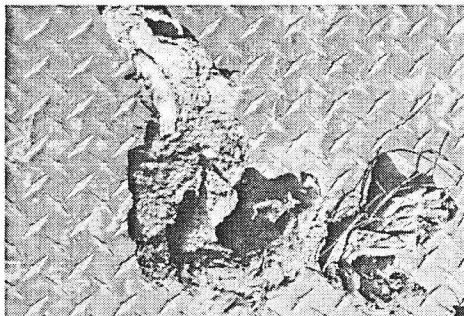
Steps we can take

There are only two items that we should ever flush: human waste and toilet paper. If you cannot avoid purchasing and using items that have been labeled "flushable," throw them away after use rather than putting them into our sewer system.

How this has affected our system

In the past month, we have had to hire a septic hauler to pump and pull out the pumps three times to remove rag like debris. That same pump station located at the end of Hall Stream Road needs to be serviced again. Every time this happens it cost at least \$400 and is very time consuming. There is no easier way to fix this issue and during the time it takes to schedule it, one of the two pumps is down at the affected station.

This Picture was taken out of a local pump, which was enough to put it out of service



Never flush:

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiff er® products
- Napkins (*paper or cloth*)
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic materials
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear or any cloth items
- Band-Aids® or dressings
- Plastic bags or wrappers
- Kitty litter (*even products labeled as flushable*)
- Cat feces or bagged dog feces
- Fish gravel

Solid Waste Update

We held our first HHW Event at the transfer station on July 2. The event went quite well and it proved to be more convenient. The new secure collection area that was constructed at the recycling building was able to handle all the materials dropped off. Our next HHW collection event is schedule for Oct. 3rd. at the transfer station 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There is information at the recycling building, town office and our town web-site, (canaan-vt.org) on what HHW materials can be accepted at this event. There are no fees charged for the materials collected. These events are for Canaan Residents Only. Clean Harbors is scheduled to pick up the materials collected from the events on Oct 6th.

We were asked by the Agency of Natural Resources and the Town of Lemington if we (Town of Canaan) would consider letting Lemington residents use our HHW Events. The selectboard reviewed the request and agreed that we could handle having Lemington use our HHW Events. A mutual agreement was written and signed by the selectboards of each town.

The current agreement starts for the calendar year 2016. The agreement will be reviewed each year to make any adjustments needed. The towns of Canaan and Lemington will each pay half of the costs for the hauler and labor needed to manage these events. Both towns will pay for the materials collected from their residents. Sign off sheets will be maintained for both towns. HHW materials collected from both towns will be kept separate and each town will be responsible for the cost of the materials collected from their residents. These costs will be for packaging and for the recycling/disposal costs of the HHW materials. This arrangement will help reduce the cost of providing HHW Events for both towns.

On another issue we have set up cameras for the security of the Transfer Station and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We recently had an attempt to break into the office at the Transfer Station. All collected fees are dropped off at the Town Office each day. No money is kept at the Transfer Station office.

We have had several occasions when people have used the Transfer Station when it was not open for the disposal of recyclables and trash. This is considered illegal dumping and fines could be imposed on anyone caught using the Transfer Station when the operator is not on site. Sometimes the access gate to the Transfer Station is left open when the Treatment Plant operator or septic hauler is on site working. An open gate during un-scheduled hours for the Transfer Station doesn't mean there is legal access to the Transfer Station. We are required to maintain a secure site as part of our Solid Waste Implementation Plan.

We did have representatives from the Agency of Natural Resources visit our site and they were pleased with what we have and didn't have any concerns that we need to address. As part of our SWIP we will need to address keeping food wastes out of our waste streams, provide recycling containers at public events and public facilities. We are also required to send out surveys related to all requirements of Act 148. We are in the process of meeting these requirements.

Community Revitalization Committee

We have changed our committee name from (CEDC) Canaan Economic Development Committee to (CRC) Community Revitalization Committee. Progress is not always as fast as we would all like it to be. We have been working about a year and a half to build a foundation for this committee to move in a direction that meets what we had initially set as goals.

It became clear early on to the group that in order to change conditions in this region and truly identify and tap into the opportunities that exist here, it is critical that those who will be most impacted be engaged in the process. With real engagement of residents, businesses, and visitors from the area four things will happen : 1) we'll have an accurate and distinctly local communication of the opportunities that exist and tap into them, 2) we'll begin to dispel the sense of hopelessness and decline in the area as those who live, work and visit here begin to really feel and know that "something good is happening" because they are part of it, 3) we'll have buy-in and help in spreading the word as local residents, business owners, visitors start talking about it to others, 4) That we "CAN": GET SOMETHING GOING (travel/tourism/community gatherings/events, GET THE WORD OUT (the draw of the area), GET PEOPLE WORKING (labor and business).

The above was a compilation of discussions and ideas at our initial meetings. I want to give credit to Lu Vanzealand for her help in facilitating the initial meetings and providing minutes for which the above was extracted. Lu was working in the area for the summer and volunteered her time and expertise in this field. Lu was not able to continue in this role and it was evident that we needed this kind of knowledge to continue and meet our goals and expectations.

We applied for a grant to hire a facilitator/ coordinator. We received a grant from the Tillotson Foundation to help with this process. We have met with organizations and potential facilitators that could help us reach the next level and to meet our primary objectives.

This is where we are:

We have interviewed a facilitator and are in the process of signing an agreement.

The individual is Patricia Sears NEKTI CONSULTING.

We connected with the Orton Family Foundation to help in the process of bringing a community together. Contact: Leanne Tangav

We have met with the NEK Tourism Director. Contact: Gloria Bruce. She will be assisting us in developing a web site to promote the Town of Canaan.

NVDA provided a representative to work on this project. Joe Kasprzak. Joe is now the assistant town manager in St. Johnsbury.

NVDA will be helping the town with updating the Town Plan. This will take place in 2016.

NCIC provided a representative to work on this project. Mike Welch

- o We have been very fortunate to have such a great cross section of knowledge.

Community Revitalization Committee Cont'd

We are now ready to get the community together as we roll out the Orton Family (Heart and Soul Community Process).

We have scheduled a community meeting on October 28th at the Canaan High School from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

If you want to attend the meeting and have young children, the Canaan Key Club will provide a service to watch and entertain your children. Please contact Renee Marchesseault at 266-3330 or 266-3906 before October 16th. She will need a count of how many children and their ages.

Light refreshments will be served.

This is your chance to get involved with your community and design a plan to meet the objectives that are important to you.

THE CANAAN TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

OCTOBER 12, 2015 COLUMBUS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2015 VETERAN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2015 THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 27, 2015 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

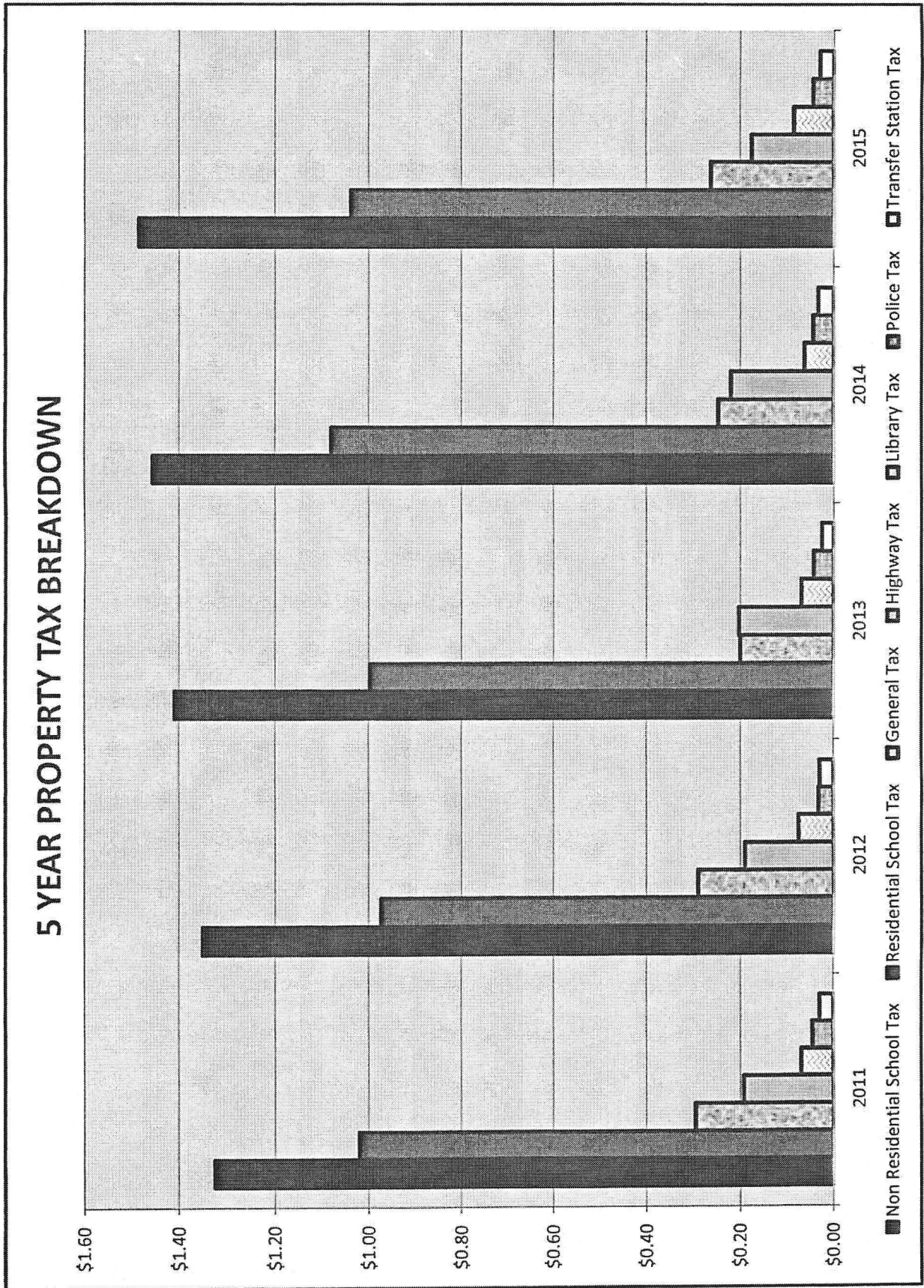
DECEMBER 24, 2015 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

DECEMBER 25, 2015 CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

JANUARY 1, 2016 NEWYEAR'S DAY

5 YEAR PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN



Northeast Woodland Training (NEWT) is a leader in the industry of educating natural resource professionals and forest landowners on chain saw safety and tree felling...

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THESE **FREE** CLASSES:

All classes to take place on the Canaan Community Forest

Chain saw safety and tree felling techniques...

Based on the internationally accepted "Game of Logging" (GOL) developed by Soren Eriksson, our professional instructors teach timber harvesters, forest landowners, public workers, college students, and forestry tech school students the latest and safest techniques to operate/maintain their chain saws, to directionally fell trees under a variety of circumstances, and to process wood products under compression/tension situations. Whether you have never used a chain saw or have thirty years experience in the woods, GOL training is designed to develop safe working skills through demonstration and one-on-one, hands-on practice. GOL training is the industry standard for chain saw safety training and has been adopted by several state and federal agencies, as well as, organizations such as the Student Conservation Association, Technical Career Schools, Energy Companies, Federal/State Agencies, Municipal Services, Forest Landowner Associations, and many more.

The standard program consists of four levels, each level making up an 8-hour day. All levels must be taken consecutively. Class size is limited to a maximum of 10 students per instructor.

GOL Level 1 OCTOBER 3, 2015

- Emergency Planning
- Personal Protective Equipment
- 5-Point Safety Check
- Reactive Forces
- Precision Plunge Cutting
- 5-Point Felling Plan
- Scoring the Stump
- Precision Felling Practice

GOL Level 2 OCTOBER 4, 2015

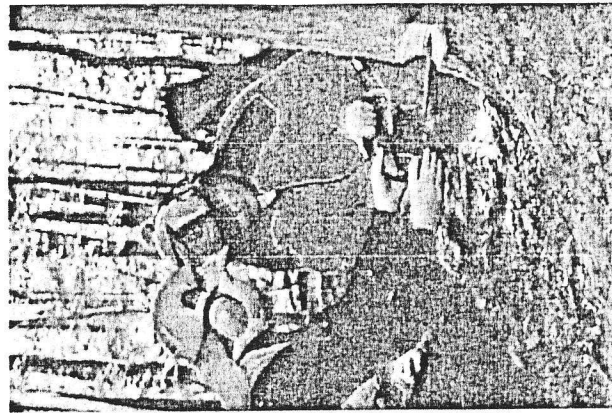
- Routine Chain Saw Maintenance
- Carburetor Tune-up
- Art of Chain Filing
- Releasing "Spring Poles" Safely
- Precision Felling Practice

GOL Level 3 OCTOBER 10, 2015

- Scoring the Chain
- Dealing with "Lean" in a Tree
- Utilizing Wedges & Shims
- Understanding Stem Compression & Tension
- 5-Point Limbing Plan
- Limbing Concepts/Techniques
- Bucking Techniques
- Precision Felling Practice (Side/Back Leaner)

GOL Level 4 OCTOBER 11, 2015

- Preplanning the Harvest
 - Dealing with Hazardous & "Hung" Trees
 - Precision Felling Practice
- This level can be adapted to include winching, rope use, and other topics depending on the group interest.*



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INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CONTACT CHRIS MASSON AT (802) 266-3330 crmasson@canaanschools.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CANAAN CRAFT FAIR

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2015

Time: 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Location: High School Gym

If interested in renting a table (\$25 per space)

call Deborah Lynch at

802-266-8910

Proceeds from this event will go towards

new folding chairs and tables



INDIAN STREAM HEALTH CENTER

"MAXIMIZING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF AREA RESIDENTS"

Colebrook, NH

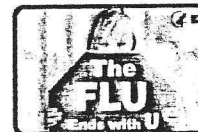
Canaan, VT

Phone: 603-237-8336

Indian Stream Health Center provides a yoga program at the Grace Community Church: Beginning November 1, 2015 classes will be held on Mondays at 4 pm and Thursdays at 8 am. Classes are open to all ages and abilities. There is no charge for this program.



2015 Community FLU CLINIC Schedule



*Flu Clinics will be held in many surrounding towns.
Continue to check local listings for dates October - December!*

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | EVENT |
|---------------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Tuesday, Sept. 15 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Colby Commons, Colebrook Monadnock Village, Colebrook | Flu Clinic |
| Thursday, Sept. 17 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Echo Valley, Pittsburg | Flu Clinic |
| Wednesday, Sept. 23 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Grace Community Church, Canaan | Flu Clinic |
| Tuesday, Sept. 29 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Town Hall, Errol | Flu Clinic |
| Wednesday, Sept. 30 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | ISHC, Colebrook | Flu Clinic |
| Thursday, Oct. 1 | 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Grace Community Church, Canaan | Flu Clinic |
| Saturday, Oct. 3 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Colebrook Elementary School, Colebrook | Harvest Fair, Flu Clinic |
| Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | ISHC, Colebrook | Flu Clinic |
| Wednesday, Dec. 9 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm | ISHC, Colebrook | Flu Clinic |

Please bring Picture ID & Insurance Card(s) if applicable, otherwise the cost is \$25.00

Even healthy people can get the flu, and it can be serious. Get your vaccine this season.

*Dates and times are subject to change.
Please call (603) 237-8336 or visit www.indianstream.org
for the most current schedule.*

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UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL
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"MAXIMIZING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF AREA RESIDENTS"



October 31, 2015

Halloween is Saturday, October 31st and trick or treating will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

KEY CLUB HAUNTING FOREST

ENTER IF YOU DARE

PENDING DATES THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10/29 AND 10/30 OR

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10/30 AND 10/31

FROM 6.30 PM TO 9.00 PM

COMMUNITY FOREST ON RTE 253—LOOK FOR SIGNS

WATCH FLYERS AND LOCAL PAPERS FOR MORE DETAILS

THIS WILL BE A HAUNTED WALK THROUGH THE WOODS.

PLEASE WEAR PROPER WALKING SHOES AND CLOTHING

COME RAIN OR SHINE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT 2015

Location: Transfer Station

October 3rd from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK

The Canaan Community Recreation Park members and volunteers have been busy over the summer with numerous fundraisers to help with the maintenance costs.

The committee would like to thank everyone who donated time, skills, and money for the Rec Park. It is an asset to the town and its citizens of Canaan and surrounding communities who use the facilities. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped us with the many projects and fundraisers and Mike and Bruce Daley for donating the food for the last fundraiser held on September 19th and to Richard Marchesseault for donating his time and materials for a bracket for the backboard.

Winners of the Moose Meat Raffle held at the Moose Festival are Maureen Rogers, Bob Mannon and Bob Carlin.

The committee holds meetings monthly at 5 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. These are open to the public should you want to attend.

Security cameras have been installed at the recreation park for your safety.

If you see any questionable happenings, please contact a committee member or the Sheriff. It is up to all of us to keep the park a safe place for our young people.

If interested in donating to the Rec Park fund, please send a check payable to the Canaan Recreation Park and mail to the Town of Canaan, c/o Noreen Labrecque, PO Box 159, Canaan, Vermont 05903. Please know that any contributions you make will positively impact our community and help us to achieve the goals for upgrading the park.

Vernon Crawford, Chairman
 Donald Labrecque
 Jeffrey Noyes
 Dana Masson
 Diana Rancourt

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO AVOID HAVING AN EVENT ON THE SAME DAY AS OTHERS

Join your neighborhood forum and connect with your neighbors at <http://frontporchforum.com/>

When you send information to the front porch forum it will automatically be displayed on our Town website under
 Community Calendar

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