

Canaan Carrier

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OCTOBER 2019

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before October 1st, 2019. 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 Tuesday, October 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2019 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

STUMP DUMP

The Stump Dump will be closing October 26, 2019 and will reopen May 2, 2020. It will be open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 4th and 11th, 2020.



Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 2 a.m.

This weekend is also a good time for everyone to take these steps to make sure their household is prepared for emergencies.

- Check smoke alarm batteries.** When turning the clocks back, take a few minutes to push the test button to make sure the alarms are working. Replace the batteries at least once a year – if your model requires it. It's also a great time to check carbon monoxide detectors and furnace wall thermostats.
- Install smoke alarms.** If you don't have smoke alarms, install them. At a minimum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Practice an escape plan.** Families should have an escape plan, including a place to meet outside of the home, in case of fire, and to practice the plan.

REPORT FROM THE SELECT BOARD

ETHAN ALLEN STREET LIGHTS

Please be careful when mowing and weed whacking. We had an incident where the power wire was cut and it is a cost to get the wire fixed.

DUMPING

We are starting to have a problem with people dumping trash on roadsides and this is going to raise the cost of running the transfer station. It could end up costing more for the town trash bags and higher rates for the construction container. Just this past month someone dumped two pick-up loads of trash off Canaan Hill. Those who live on these roads keep an eye out for the ones that are doing this and urge them to stop or let us know who it is. This is one way we try to keep our tax rate down and not have to use tax money to run it.

ITEM	UNACCEPTABLE ☹
METAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerosol Cans Propane tanks Aluminum foil, cookware, pie plates Aluminum flashing/siding
ITEM	UNACCEPTABLE ☹
PAPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk Cartons Food and Meat Wrappers Waxed Paper Foil Gift Wrap Carbon Paper
ITEM	UNACCEPTABLE ☹
CARD-BOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waxed, dirty or oily boxes. Take out Pizza boxes
LARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Shortening ; Crisco
ITEM	UNACCEPTABLE ☹
PLASTICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogurt containers Plastic cups/utensils Pill bottles Rigid plastics (toys, buckets, furniture) Tupperware Plastic bags Nothing over 2 1/2 Gallons in size
ITEM	CAUTION ⚠
OIL /ANTI-FREEZE CONTAINERS	No containers that contained hazardous waste, oil, anti-freeze.
HAZARDOUS PRODUCT CONTAINERS	Check with your Town's Transfer Station Operator to see if your Town sponsors a Hazardous Waste Day.

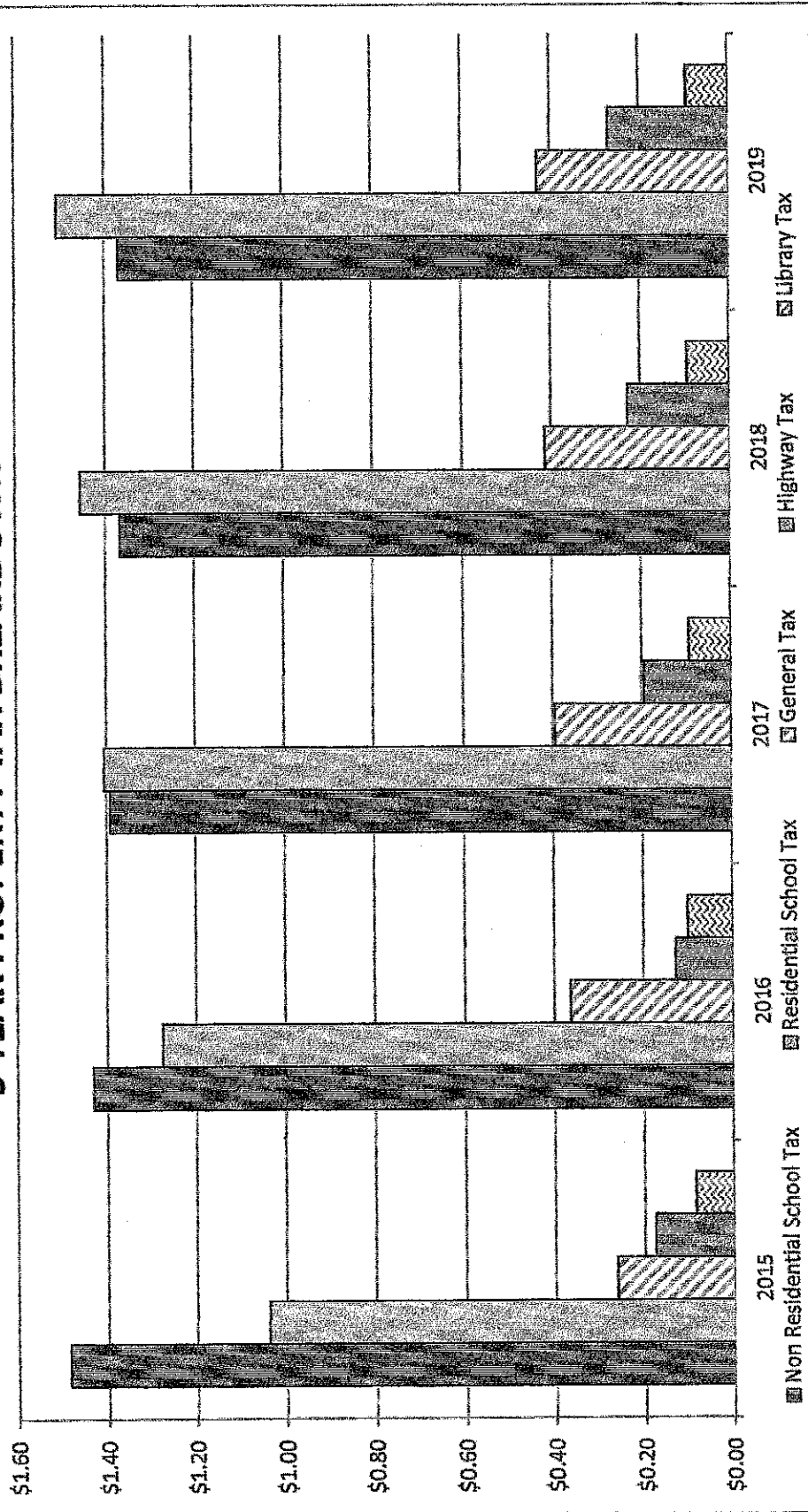
PLEASE RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

ITEM ☺	INCLUDES	PREPARATION
GLASS	All glass bottles and jars.	Wash food residue out of all containers.
ALUMINUM	All beverage cans.	Make sure all containers are empty and rinsed out.
STEEL OR TIN CANS	All steel, tin or bi-metal food cans, empty paint cans.	Food cans must be empty and rinsed out.
PLASTIC BOTTLES	Include soda, water and liquor bottles.	Empty bottles, rinse them.
PLASTIC HOUSE-HOLD BOTTLES	Includes detergent and personal care bottles, like shampoo; coffee containers	Rinse containers
PLASTIC JUGS	Includes milk jugs and water jugs.	Rinse jugs.

ITEM	ACCEPTABLE ☺
PAPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspaper Catalogs (soft cover books) Brown Paper Bags Chipboard (cereal and shoe boxes, etc.) Computer Paper Egg Cartons Envelopes Fax Paper Hard Cover Books with Covers Removed Junk Mail Magazines Manila Envelopes Office Paper Shredded Paper (bagged) Telephone Books White or Colored Paper
ITEM	ACCEPTABLE ☺
CARD-BOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double Walled Boxes Clean boxes only Remove all tape and staples Flatten the boxes



5 YEAR PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN



2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Non Residential School Tax	Residential School Tax	General Tax	Highway Tax	Library Tax
1.4847	1.038	0.2617	0.1748	0.0849
1.4308	1.2754	0.3618	0.126	0.0989
1.3917	1.4047	0.3955	0.1943	0.0926
1.3662	1.4555	0.4125	0.2266	0.0928
1.3681	1.5062	0.4274	0.2668	0.0922

What's FLUSHABLE?



A toddler will tell you that *everything* is flushable... but what you *think* is flushable could be costing you money!

Product labels can be misleading. Some items that claim to be "flushable" can clog sewer and septic systems and can end up costing you a pretty penny.

"Flushable" does NOT mean it is SAFE for your septic system or sewer.

"Disposable" items ARE NOT flushable and should be placed in the trash.

The bottom *line*:
ONLY

Human waste and toilet paper
ARE FLUSHABLE

The DO NOT FLUSH List:



Diapers
Cigarettes
Paper Towels
Cotton Swabs
Tampons

Condoms
Dental Floss
Facial Tissues
Wipes

Update on Fire District #1 Project

New England Backflow, Inc. has begun the water meter replacement project. We would like to thank all of you who are generously cooperating with this portion of the project. Unfortunately, we will not be able to do all the water meters in the Fire District#1 as the funding has fallen short. In the future we will be installing more water meters each year until we have completed all meter installs with the funds we have in our regular budget.

Our new Iron and Manganese filtration plant has been in operation for 7 months. It has been removing Iron and Manganese below detectable limits during our monthly test. The water that you, the users, are receiving now is a high quality product that we can all be proud of.



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802-266-7134

The NEKCA office in Canaan has had a busy summer! We had a community garden bed installed thanks to Michael Falconer, Fred Cummings, and several others. NEKCA and at least one other family were able to use the space to grow fresh produce. We're hoping to finish the season with a load of manure, if anyone is willing to donate.

We were also able to purchase some new equipment thanks to a grant from Bangor Bank. Two brand new refrigerators as well as a new-to-us stove and dishwasher.

The pantry has been moved from a small, dark back room to the bright, sunny front room! The increased space has allowed us to put both the refrigerator and freezer in the same space as the dry goods. People really seem to enjoy the ease and convenience of the new space.

Fall is fast approaching, though, which means the holidays will be here before you know it. Volunteers and donations are always welcome but more so this time of year as we try to make sure everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

NEKCA will begin sign-ups for their Thanksgiving baskets in October. Donations of food (stuffing, vegetables, etc.) are always welcome, as are volunteers to put the bags together and help hand them out. Last year the Canaan NEKCA office provided 35 families a Thanksgiving dinner.

Our Toys-for-Tots hand out will start the first Monday of December and run through Christmas Eve. Donations of new, clean, unwrapped toys are accepted. Please remember, not all of our "tots" are little, many families have teenagers too!

I have hopes to run a couple of community programs during the holidays including a cookie decorating day! Be sure to follow our Facebook page (NEKCA Canaan) to find out more details!

Suzanne Routhier
NEKCA Outreach Specialist
Canaan & Island Pond

ZONING PERMIT RATE INCREASE

The Zoning Permit fee has increased to accommodate the new State mandated fees for recording documents.

\$20 to \$25 for regular permit

\$30 to \$35 for permit requiring a variance

Please feel free to contact Bob Lee at 266-8269 whenever you are in doubt as to the need for a permit. Thank you to all who continue to voluntarily comply with our Town Zoning Bylaws. By doing this, you are making a significant contribution toward reducing the cost of running your Town government.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify us at (802) 266-3370 or email nlabrecque@canaanschools.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.

CANAAN SCHOOL



Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM

Location: High School Gym

If interested in renting a table, call Deborah Lynch at 802-266-8910 before October 10th.

Proceeds from this event will go towards student activities for elementary students and minor school improvements.

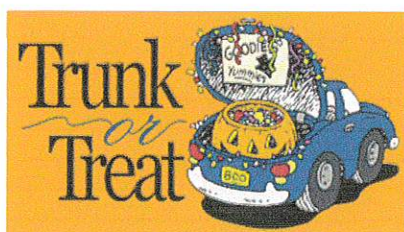
Last year, funds paid for students in grades 2-6 to go skating or swimming and part of the water bottle filling station in the elementary school.

COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 27TH

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

This safe and fun event is happening in the Canaan Rec Park. **We need volunteers to decorate their trunks and give away candy and need people to join us for the event!** Bring the whole family and enjoy the afternoon at the park! For more information, contact Diana Rancourt 802-266-3036.



Sponsored by Canaan Naturally Connected, Inc.

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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR

NOVEMBER 2ND

1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

CANAAN SCHOOL GYM



This is a opportunity where local businesses and organizations can hook up with members of the community to inform them of the services they provide and to seek volunteers. The community can discover what's available in our area and can find places who might need some help. We would love to see our communities come together to show how "naturally connected" we really are! For more information, contact Terrie Herr at 802-266-8986.



October 31, 2019

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



CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED, INC.

BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN!

Date: October 1-31 (on running)

Locations: Fletcher and Beecher Falls Park

Why: to promote a fun community event for the whole family

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

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

Our Awards

Crow's Best Friend (Friendliest)

Most Likely to Succeed (Scariest)

Just Like You Only Prettier (Prettiest)

Going Green (Best Recycling)



Winners Receive

a

Ribbon

Fall-themed

Goody

Recognition in

Newspaper and social media

Judging will take place at the next Heart and
Soul meeting scheduled for November 21st

After judging takes place, please make
sure to remove creation.

Thank you



CANAAN NATURALLY CONNECTED, INC.

Canaan. Naturally Connected (CNC) is a group of committed citizens that evolved from the parent organization *Heart & Soul* which was sponsored by the Orton Family Foundation. This year *CNC* became a non-profit organization. We are focused on Canaan, the other towns comprising the North Country, and Eastern Townships of Quebec, hence our name.

Our Mission Statement is “Deep roots connecting families, friends, and neighbors across all borders and communities. Sharing, Engaging, Supporting”. This statement embodies our intent and focus for all that we do and our involvement with partnering organizations/groups.

After much data collecting during the past few years, it has been determined that there are five community values that will guide us.

•Jobs and Business Opportunities: We value work and opportunities to bring people in to our community in order for it to grow. Job creations, new businesses and repurposing existing businesses and buildings will also increase our growth. These attributes will attract visitors and bring in new community members.

•Youth & Education: We value our children and their voices, provide chances to pursue their dreams, intergenerational opportunities, and assure people look out for each other creating a safe place. Open communication between all ages promotes participation in the community.

•Outdoor Recreation: We value our natural environment, its pace, and utilize it both recreationally and commercially.

•Community: We value our community because we are friendly, helpful, welcoming and everyone has an opportunity to have a voice effectively. Our community has a wonderful fabric of various members weaving together a tremendous tapestry and

•Events: We value our community’s events as they bring people together from all walks of life to share in our fun, attractions and history.

Some of our accomplishments so far are:

- Canaan Destination Website (<http://canaanvt.com/>)
- Canaan YouTube Website (Chronicles of Canaan Vermont)
- *Canaan Naturally Connected* Facebook page
- Improvements of Canaan’s Fletcher Park
- Added summer events for the Canaan Recreation Park
- Annual Canaan Scarecrow Contest
- Canaan Heart & Soul in Stewartstown Day Parade
- Enhanced the Sugar on Snow Event
- Started an Annual Flea Market on Stewartstown Day in Fletcher Park
- Developed a comprehensive community network analysis (data on Workforce, School, Civic Groups, Businesses, etc.)
- Brought back Town Meeting dinners
- Vermont Designated Village status for Canaan/Beecher Falls
- Welcome boxes for new residents
- Annual Youth and Family Soccer Tournament
- Became a non-profit organization (501c3)
- Created and hosted 3 Summits for the area communities input
- Energy Project/Street Lighting

We meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Grace Community Church 5:30 pm.

For more information, contact Terrie Herr at Terrie.Herr@gmail.com

TO EVERYONE UNDER OUR WATCH

THE BEECHER FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INC. WILL BE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES ON OCTOBER 5TH 2019

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS FORMED IN 1943 AS AN IN-PLANT FIRE BRIGADE BY ETHAN ALLEN FURNITURE. EVENTUALLY THE DEPARTMENT STARTED RESPONDING OUTSIDE OF THE FACTORY TO PROTECT THE RESIDENTS AND THEIR PROPERTIES IN THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER FALLS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS AND TODAY COVERS ALL OR PARTS OF 10 TOWNS IN VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND QUEBEC ENCOMPASSING 600 SQUARE MILES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS AN INTERSTATE, INTERNATIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH IS VERY RARE.

THE BEECHER FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A PRIVATE NON PROFIT 501 (C) (4) ENTITY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER-DEPARTMENT WITH A MEMBERSHIP RUNNING OF 30 TO 35 MEMBERS ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE RESPOND TO AN AVERAGE OF 250 EMERGENCY CALLS A YEAR WHICH INCLUDES FIRES, EMS CALLS, AND ALL OTHER TYPES OF RESCUES.

WE WILL BE HAVING A FULL DAY OF EVENTS WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THERE WILL BE LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKS ON THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT, ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, A FIRE RELATED PARADE, AND FOOD.

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION FOR A BLIND DRAW CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT (PREREGISTRATION POSSIBLE) (sjayoung@localnet.com) (reesedoug85@gmail.com)

9:00 A.M. CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT TO START

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. DEMONSTRATIONS, STATION TOURS, HOT COLD HORSD'OEUVRES, ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS, (MEET SMOKEY THE BEAR AND SOME OF THE PAW PATROL, ROBOTS, FACE PAINTING, ETC.)

1:30 P.M. PARADE KICKEOFF IN CANAAN AND WEST STEWARTSTOWN ENDING AT THE ETHAN ALLEN PARKING LOT

3:00 P.M. TRUCK AND STATION VIEWING WITH CROWD JUDGING EQUIPMENT FOR AWARDS. SNACKS AND DRINKS SERVED.

4:30 P.M. SHORT PRESENTATION WITH SPEAKERS

5:15 MEAL WILL BE SERVED TO EVERYONE (NO CHARGE)

7:00 P.M. DANCE TO DJ STEVE (MAY BE A KARAOKE CONTEST BETWEEN DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS) DANCE WILL END THE DAY



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Museum hours: Monday-Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm

The past few months have not been kind to our historical society. In July, we lost Virginia Carr and in September we lost Mary Lou Lovering and Joan Cowan. All three were long-standing members of the Canaan Historical Society and long-serving members of the community. They represented the town on various boards and committees and worked for what they thought was the best interests of the members of the community. Virginia's knowledge of the family trees of most of the North Country will be missed. She was our "go-to" for the many genealogy queries we received. Joan knew almost everything that we needed to know about the history of the town and its inhabitants. All three will be sorely missed and hard to replace.

On a more upbeat note, we have had a good number of visitors this summer to the museum. The many kind and positive comments about our small museum are welcome and encouraging. The carriage house is becoming crowded with new acquisitions and we hope to alleviate the problem by re-designing the space and adding more display shelves.

New donations this quarter include: a four or five person traverse (bobsled), made by Gerald Fearon and donated by Shelley Bresnahan, a feather basket made by John Marshall, donated by Sally Spaulding Corliss in memory of her parents, and the B.M.E. Holmes sign that was attached to the store and Post Office than she owned on Park Street, donated by Bob Lee. All three items have interesting back stories and will add to the interest of our displays and exhibits. The sign needs some care to stop the deterioration of the paint, but that should be doable and will look great hanging on the wall of the carriage house. Business signage and memorabilia are two items that we don't have a lot of but are most desirable because they help tell an historical timeline of the town. They are also some of the first things disposed of when a business changes hands.

We had a table at the Sugar Social and made ourselves available during the Moose Festival for tours, to varying degrees of success. Moose Festival proved to be the better day as we had many people tour the museum, often at the encouragement of the Canaan librarian. She has been an asset for us in that she often encourages new patrons or visitors to take the tour and also has shown an affinity toward the historical aspects of the town and us.

We scheduled a picnic for the September meeting but have no other plans until our Wassail Party on December 20th, to which the public is invited.

Finally, the descriptive sign for the anchor next to the carriage house has been replaced and should survive the ravages of winters to come for many years,

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