

Canaan Carrier

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JULY 2019

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills will be mailed around August 5, 2019 and are due on or before October 1, 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.

ATTEST: Noreen Labrecque, Canaan Town Treasurer

A big thank you to all volunteers that helped on Green-Up Day.

Julie Nadeau, Coordinator

THE BEECHER FALLS VOL FIRE DEPT TO CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

THE BEECHER FALLS FIRE DEPT WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 5TH 2019. THE 75TH YEAR WAS ACTUALLY LAST YEAR BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE THE EVENT THEN. THIS WILL BE A DAY OF REUNION FOR ITS CURRENT AND PAST MEMBERS TO REMINISCE ABOUT THE PAST 75 YEARS.

AT THIS TIME THERE IS A FIRE RELATED PARADE SCHEDULED. THE WELL LIKED CHICKEN BBQ THAT WAS HELD AT OUR AUCTIONS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK FOR THE DAY. THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH A SMALL CEREMONY AND A DANCE TO FOLLOW. WE ARE EXPECTING OTHER EVENTS FOR THE DAY WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AT A LATER DATE.

THIS EVENT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER COMING SOON.

FROM THE SELECTBOARD

Spring started late this year and it has been a very busy one.

The Selectboard has adopted a new Class 4 Highway Policy. You can contact the Town Office to obtain a copy.

The State AOT has made some changes with their speed limits in town which have been update in the Town of Canaan Traffic Control Ordinance. One example is the speed limit has been lowered to 30 MPH as you enter the village of Beecher Falls. Please pay close attention to these changes.

The Town of Canaan ATV Ordinance has been updated. (See the Town website canaan-vt.org to view the ordinance or you may contact the Town Office for a copy). Since the establishment of an ATV Club in Canaan, most Class 4 roads are open for ATV travel with the exception of Hudson Road. This is mainly due to the fact that a portion of Hudson Road is in the Town of Lemington and Lemington does not allow any ATV travel on their roads. Another concern is a portion in Lemington has become unpassable and dangerous for travel. The Selectboard asks that all ATVers please stay on the designated trails and stay off private property that is not marked for travel. Please report any violators to the local Police departments and the ATV Club. It only takes a few to ruin it for others.

As reported in the April issue of the Newsletter, the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be getting some upgrades this summer. Work on that project should begin soon.

A reminder to anyone using the Transfer Station: Please be patient when the attendant is busy. We have had some trouble with people driving off without paying for disposal of tires and items for the C&D container. The attendant will tell you the amount to dispose of your items. These funds are used to offset the cost of trucking and disposal tonnage. Please dispose of item in the correct area and containers. Do not dispose of trash when the Transfer Station is not open. We have installed camera's to identify any violators.

We are always looking for more volunteers to serve on Town committees. Please stop by the Town Office and let us know if you are interested in serving your Town. Currently we are seeking two people to serve on the Cemetery Committee.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**CANAAN TRANSFER STATION**

September 13th from 12:00 PM—4:00 PM

September 14th from 8:00AM TO 1:00 PM

List of acceptable items can be picked up at either the Transfer Station, Town Office or found on our town website <http://www.canaan-vt.org>

CHIEF'S CORNER

Summer is a fast approaching, so they say. School is out and outdoor activities will be picking up. Please be aware of your surroundings while driving. Most importantly put your phone down. No call or message is that important. Your life could change in a second.

As the temperatures heat up be sure to be careful with children and pets in vehicles. Check the passenger compartments of your vehicle before getting out. We all live busy lives and certainly can forget things at times.

Once again we are seeing a rise in calls for scams. It is important for people to be vigilant and cautious when answering calls, emails and texts. Scammers make themselves sound like legitimate businesses and will often use scare tactics to get you to make quick decisions.

Here are a few tips to help avert becoming a victim of fraud.

- Unless you initiated the call with a reputable company that you know do not give out any personal or financial information.
- If you don't recognize the caller or sender do not answer.
- Do not open links in emails you don't recognize. This is a way for hackers to get into your computer or phone and access personal and financial data.
- If your being pressured over the phone to give up information just hang up.
- Even if it's a local number but you don't recognize it don't answer. If it's important they will leave a message.
- If you're not sure call someone you trust or your local police and ask them for assistance.

As always please call and report any suspicious activity in a timely manner. You are our eyes and ears in the community.

Just a reminder to please call the Canaan Police Department number and not my home number to report activity or for general law enforcement questions. The number for the PD is 266-9619.

**TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4TH
AND SEPTEMBER 2ND (LABOR DAY)**

Update on Canaan Fire District #1 Projects

The Water Treatment Facility Project is near final completion with final work items being completed by contractor Daniel Hebert, Inc. The project will be completed in July.

The upgrades to the Water Mains and services on Nathan Street was completed in May along with cleanup and final paving of Enid Circle and Holmes Street. This portion of the water system is at final completion.

Lastly, the Water Meter project will begin this July with contractor New England Backflow, Inc. as the installation contractor. Most water customers in Canaan will be provided new water meters and pressure reducing valves, and the Canaan Fire District #1 will have a streamlined system to read and record water usage. New England Backflow, Inc. will soon be reaching out to customers to coordinate dates and times for water meter installations.

NOTICE

Town of Canaan trash bags can be purchased at the following businesses:

Town Office

Laperle's IGA

Quechee Farms

Thanks to the businesses for selling our trash bags, we really appreciate it.

Penalties for Late Filing/Neglecting to File/Fraudulent Filing**Homestead Declarations**

If you file your Homestead Declaration after the April 15 deadline, the town may assess a penalty of up to 8%. The penalty depends on whether the non-homestead rate is lower or higher than the homestead education property rate. See Vermont law at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/103/03202. If you file after the October 15 extended deadline or fail to file, the town will classify your property as non-homestead and charge you the higher of the two rates, assess a penalty, and require you to pay any additional property tax and interest due. Before filing, make sure your property meets the definition of Vermont homestead. If you are found to have filed fraudulently, the town may assess a penalty equal to 100% of your Education Property Tax. See Vermont law at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/32/135/05410.

GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORT PROGRAM

What is it?

A program offering free day-use passes to Vermont State Parks and historic sites.

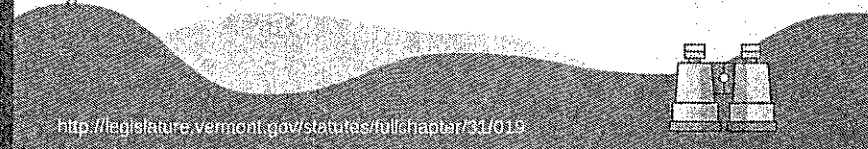
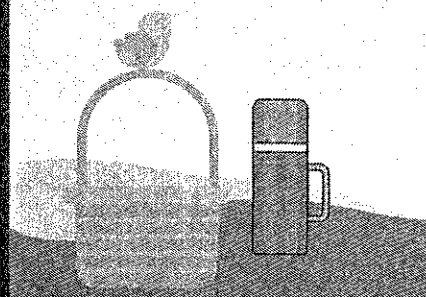


Who is Eligible?

1. Vermont residents at least 62 years of age, or
2. Vermont veterans of the uniformed services.

How Do I Get My Passport Card?

1. Complete an application at your town office
2. Submit a one-time \$2 fee
3. Receive your Green Mountain Passport card - good for life! (non-transferrable)



<http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/full/chapter/31/019>

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VERMONT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VSNIP)

The VT Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIP) is intended to help with the cost of spay & neuter for cats and dogs that are cared for by Vermonters unable to afford the standard cost of these important procedures. Included in this service is a rabies vaccination, and one distemper vaccination. In order for full protection of the diseases that this vaccination addresses, a follow up vaccination is needed. The follow up series is not included with the VSNIP voucher.

VSNIP is funded by an added \$4.00 fee to the licensing of dogs. This is the **ONLY** funding for the program. Funds are limited by how many people license their dogs, which is required by law. To license your dog, go to your town office with proof of a rabies vaccination. Rabies is in Vermont and it is deadly!

Licensing a dog: 1) helps identify your dog if lost, 2) shows proof that your dog is protected from rabies in the event your dog is bitten by a rabid animal [but would still need immediate life-saving medical attention], 3) bites another animal [or person - which could otherwise result in the quarantine of your dog or euthanasia in order to test for rabies if not currently vaccinated], and 4) helps pay for the service for which you're applying.

PROOF OF A CURRENT DOG LICENSE IS REQUIRED WHEN APPLYING FOR AN APPLICATION.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERS IN YOUR AREA ON MONDAY'S AND FRIDAY'S

If you are interested in receiving meals on wheels or know someone that could benefit please call the Senior Help Line at 800-642-5119 to get signed up and set up for delivery. Meals come from the Sunrise Manor in Island Pond. You may also call them at 802-723-6130 for information but you must call the 800# to sign-up.



Canaan Historical Society

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This past May, six members of the society, accompanied by David Covill from the Pittsburg Historical Society, took a trip to visit the relocated Island Pond Museum. Sharon Biron, the President and Curator, gave us the guided tour and furnished a light lunch, both of which we appreciated. We had anticipated a larger contingent but illness and scheduling conflicts kept other members from attending. Those who went all agreed the trip was worthwhile and were impressed with the work that had been done. If you are in Island Pond on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, stop in and tell her "Dennis sent me/us".

While we were at the Island Pond museum, a gentleman, whose grandmother Elliott had lived in Wallace Pond, donated a box of his family photographs to us. Many of the pictures had names and/or dates written on the backs, which is important when examining old family photos for genealogical research.

Another donation from Island Pond was a collection of glass slide negatives that were taken by Carrie Jones Lund in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Most of the photos are portraits taken in her studio in the house, now owned by Mrs. Ross, on the corner at the intersection of routes 114 and 102 in downtown Canaan. They will be processed later this summer and added to our other collection of her photos.

We continue to receive collections of photographs, ephemera, and household items of interest from current and former residents of Canaan or Stewartstown. We recently received Doris Smith Hann's Coast Guard uniform from the 1940s and will add it to our military collection. Some of the other items, due to size, are difficult to exhibit in our limited space but we hope to be able to incorporate them into the Carriage House displays. We are grateful for any and all such donations.

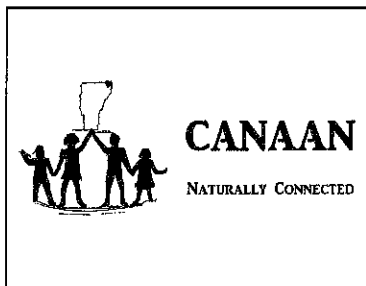
Plans for the rest of the summer will be finalized at the June meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION IN CANAAN, VT

It started back in February this year, we went to Home Depot to apply for a grant to help us fix up the post. We met with the Store Manager and District Manager, to fill out the application and apply for the grant. While talking to them they asked what we were looking to do and they said that they thought that \$15,000.00 would more than cover it, so we asked for that amount. Within two weeks the grant was approved and we got the money in Gift cards, that we had to cash in at Home Depot. We got things in order and met with the store manager twice and worked out the details. On June 6th, a Home Depot truck came to the post and dropped off the material that we had ordered, and on Friday June 7th, 31 Home Depot employees showed up at 8 am, they came from other locations in New Hampshire and Vermont to help with painting the hall and putting a new fence in the front of the post and a new fence around the back yard. They planted flowers on the front of the building. A new epoxy floor down stairs in the hall, they did all the work in one day, and as fast as they showed up they were gone. We have been painting the rest of the building and we are waiting for a new metal roof and new replacement windows to be installed. While all this work had been done and the paint and all we decided to put a new carpet up stairs in the main hall. We are looking for a couple more weeks before all the work will be done, but we will have an open house so you can come see our new Veterans house. We are very proud of what we have done and still have left to do. We are also working on getting a static display, A Huey Helicopter we are in hopes that will come this summer, we will keep you all informed as to when that will be here. **We hope you will come by and see what we have done to improve the building and make it a place that looks real nice.**

Thank You

Richard Baribeau and officers and members of American Legion Post #47



Canaan Community Heart & Soul

Canaan.Naturally Connected is hosting some awesome events this summer!

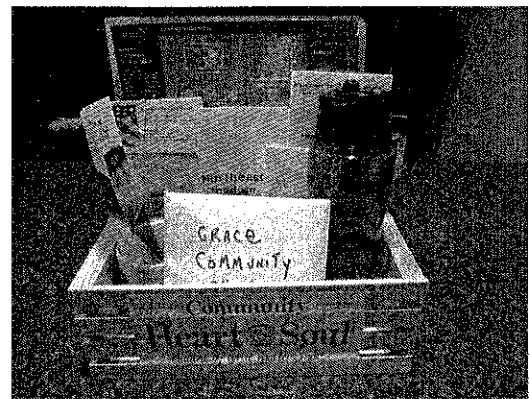
They will be hosting dances for all teens in 7th-12th grade. These dances will be held at the American Legion in Canaan from 7pm-10pm. The cost is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples and snacks will be for sale. Come join us for dancing, cornhole, horseshoes, and playing pool! The dance dates are June 24th, July 29th, and August 19th.

Canaan.Naturally Connected is also hosting a community Flea Market in Fletcher Park. This will take place on August 3rd from 10:00-3:00. There will be food to purchase as you shop. We are selling spots for the Flea Market at \$20.00 a spot. Please contact Diana Rancourt at 802-266-3036 or Frank Sawicki at 1976frankie@gmail.com for more information or to purchase a spot. You don't want to miss this great community event!

The Canaan Naturally Connected team is distributing
"Welcome to Canaan"

boxes to new property owners that move to our Community.

The boxes are filled with some interesting information that should be helpful. We hope that it will serve as a great resource as you get acquainted with our community.



Sugar on Snow

Sugar Social or Sugar on Snow is a great family community event. The event will take place in Fletcher Park Aug. 2th, 2019 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.

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- Island Pond, VT (802) 723-4261
- Canaan, VT (802) 266-3933
- (or contact Newport Learning Center) (802) 334-2839

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**2019 CANAAN YOUTH
BRITISH SOCCER CAMP**

Full Day : \$200
Jul 29 - Aug 02 | 9:00:00 - 16:00:00
Ages: (7-17) Male and Female

Half Day : \$145
Jul 29 - Aug 02 | 9:00:00 - 12:00:00
Ages: (6-14) Male and Female

TinyTykes : \$50
Jul 29 - Aug 02 | 8:00:00 - 9:00:00
Ages: (3-6) Male and Female

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