

# Canaan Carrier

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OCTOBER 2020

## PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The Town of Canaan property tax bills have been mailed and are due on or before November 1st, 2020. Besides the regular daily hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the Canaan Town Clerk's office will be open on Sunday, November 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of collecting the 2020 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 31, 2020 and will reopen May 1, 2021. It will be open for the disposal of Christmas trees on January 2nd and 9th, 2021.



Sunday,  
November 1, 2020  
at 2 a.m.  
(gaining 1 hour of sleep)

## A safety reminder

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

## REPORT FROM THE SELECTBOARD

### TRANSFER STATION REMINDERS

Contact the site operator if you have any questions about what goes in any container or what can be recycled. The metal, construction debris, tire and electronic containers can not be used until you see the site operator. This is to make sure the proper containers are used and the appropriate fees have been paid. We could incur extra charges at the landfills if we do not comply with their requirements.

If you are doing larger cleanups at your house, please consider renting a container so residents with small loads don't have to take their C&D trash back home.

### GENERAL ELECTIONS—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

**All active registered voters will receive a ballot by mail between  
September 21 and October 1.**

No Vermonter should have to choose between their health and their constitutional right to vote. As long as COVID-19 still poses a risk to our communities, we should allow Vermont voters the option of voting from the safety of their own homes. If you prefer to vote in person, polling places will still be open. **Please make a voting plan.** Whether you vote by mail or in person is up to you, but we encourage you to vote by mail and vote early – by October 24th - to reduce contact at polling places and to ensure clerks and postal workers have ample time to deliver and process your ballot.

#### REGISTER TO VOTE:

- Eligible residents are able to register to vote on any day up to and including Election Day;
- Registration is available at the Town Clerk's Office on any day prior to the election during normal business hours (Monday thru Thursday 8 am to 4 pm and Friday 8 am to 3 pm);
- Registration is available on Election Day during the hours the polls are open.

To register to vote you can come to the Town Clerk's Office at 318 Christian Hill or you may now register to vote online at: <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/>.

**POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**047054**  
**CANAAN**  
**ESSEX-CALEDONIA-ORLEANS**

**OFFICIAL VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

Use **BLACK PEN** or **PENCIL** to fill in the oval.  
 To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval  to the right of the name of that person.  
 To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick tile or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval  to the right of the write-in line.  
 Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.  
 If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT	FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
<b>JOSEPH R. BIDEN</b> , Delaware <input type="radio"/> and <b>KAMALA D. HARRIS</b> , California <input type="radio"/>	<b>PETER R. BECKER</b> , Rutland <input type="radio"/> <b>MIRIAM BERRY</b> , Essex <input type="radio"/>	<b>JIM CONDOS</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/> <b>CHRIS ERICSON</b> , Chester <input type="radio"/>
<b>DON BLANKENSHIP</b> , West Virginia <input type="radio"/> and <b>BILL MOHR</b> , Michigan <input type="radio"/>	<b>CHRISTOPHER HELALI</b> , Vermont <input type="radio"/> <b>MARCIA HORNE</b> , Barre City <input type="radio"/>	<b>PAHALA SMITH</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/> <b>PAHALA SMITH</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>
<b>BRIAN CARROLL</b> , California <input type="radio"/> and <b>ANAR PATEL</b> , American Samoa <input type="radio"/>	<b>SHAWN ORR</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/> <b>JERRY TRUDELL</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR SECRETARY OF ACCOUNTS</b>
<b>PHIL COLLINS</b> , Wisconsin <input type="radio"/> and <b>BILLY JOE PARKER</b> , Georgia <input type="radio"/>	<b>PETER WELCH</b> , Norwich <input type="radio"/>	<b>CHRIS ERICSON</b> , Chester <input type="radio"/> <b>DOUG HOFFER</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>
<b>RICHARD DUNCAN</b> , Ohio <input type="radio"/> and <b>MITCH BUPP</b> , Virginia <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR GOVERNOR</b>	<b>EDNA JORNE-JEMBA</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>
<b>HOWIE HAWKINS</b> , New York <input type="radio"/> and <b>ANGELA WALKER</b> , South Carolina <input type="radio"/>	<b>WAYNE BILLADO III</b> , Saint Albans City <input type="radio"/> <b>MICHAEL A. DEVOST</b> , Newport City <input type="radio"/>	<b>T.J. DONOVAN</b> , South Burlington <input type="radio"/> <b>CHRIS ERICSON</b> , Chester <input type="radio"/>
<b>BLAKE HUBER</b> , Colorado <input type="radio"/> and <b>FRANK ATWOOD</b> , Colorado <input type="radio"/>	<b>KEVIN HOYT</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/> <b>EMILY PEYTON</b> , Putney <input type="radio"/>	<b>H. BROOKE PAIGE</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>
<b>JO JORGENSEN</b> , South Carolina <input type="radio"/> and <b>JEREMY "BOB" COHEN</b> , North Carolina <input type="radio"/>	<b>PHIL SCOTT</b> , Burlington <input type="radio"/> <b>ERVINN HAZLETT WHITNEY</b> , Addison <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR STATE SENATOR</b>
<b>ALYSON KENNEDY</b> , Texas <input type="radio"/> and <b>MALCOLM JARRETT</b> , Pennsylvania <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR VERMONT GOVERNOR</b>	<b>RON HORTON</b> , Fay <input type="radio"/> <b>RUSS INGALLS</b> , Newport City <input type="radio"/>
<b>KYLE KENLEY KORTKE</b> , Michigan <input type="radio"/> and <b>TARA KYONNIE WARD</b> , Wisconsin <input type="radio"/>	<b>WAYNE BILLADO III</b> , Saint Albans City <input type="radio"/> <b>RALPH CORBO</b> , Barre City <input type="radio"/>	<b>JONATHAN L. MORIN</b> , Barre City <input type="radio"/> <b>JOHN S. RODGERS</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>
<b>CHRISTOPHER LAFONTAINE</b> , Vermont <input type="radio"/> and <b>MICHAEL SPEED</b> , California <input type="radio"/>	<b>CRIS ERICSON</b> , Barre City <input type="radio"/>	<b>ROBERT STARR</b> , Fay <input type="radio"/>
<b>GLORIA LARIVA</b> , California <input type="radio"/> and <b>SUNIL FREEMAN</b> , Maryland <input type="radio"/>	<b>ROLL GRAY</b> , Burlington <input type="radio"/> <b>SCOTT BALNE</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>
<b>KEITH MCCORMIC</b> , Texas <input type="radio"/> and <b>SAM BLASIAK</b> , Massachusetts <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE</b>	<b>MARTHA W. ALLEN</b> , Montpelier <input type="radio"/> <b>PAUL LEFEBVRE</b> , Norwich <input type="radio"/>
<b>H. BROOKE PAIGE</b> , Vermont <input type="radio"/> and <b>THOMAS JAMES WITMAN</b> , Georgia <input type="radio"/>	<b>CAROLYN WHITNEY BRANAQAN</b> , Georgia <input type="radio"/> <b>CRIS ERICSON</b> , Chester <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR HIGH BALLET</b>
<b>BROCK PIERCE</b> , Puerto Rico <input type="radio"/> and <b>KARLA BALLARD</b> , Pennsylvania <input type="radio"/>	<b>BETH PEARCE</b> , Barre City <input type="radio"/> <b>ALEX WRIGHT</b> , Essex <input type="radio"/>	<b>FOR HIGH BALLET</b>
<b>ZACHARY SCALF</b> , Georgia <input type="radio"/> and <b>MATTHEW LYDA</b> , Georgia <input type="radio"/>		
<b>JEROME SEGAL</b> , Maryland <input type="radio"/> and <b>JOHN DE GRAAF</b> , Washington <input type="radio"/>		
<b>GARY SWING</b> , Colorado <input type="radio"/> and <b>DAVID OLSZTA</b> , Hawaii <input type="radio"/>		
<b>DONALD J. TRUMP</b> , Florida <input type="radio"/> and <b>MICHAEL R. PENCE</b> , Indiana <input type="radio"/>		
<b>KANYE WEST</b> , Wyoming <input type="radio"/> and <b>MICHELLE TIDBALL</b> , Wyoming <input type="radio"/>		

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

**FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

**MARTHA ALLEN**, Democrat

**FERN OWEN-BROWN**, Independent

**IRVING CULLIVAN**, Independent

**MICHAEL DALEY**, Independent

**RENEE MARCHESSEAULT**, Independent

**JUDITH MASSON**, Democrat

(Write-in)

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**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING CANAAN**

*Sample*

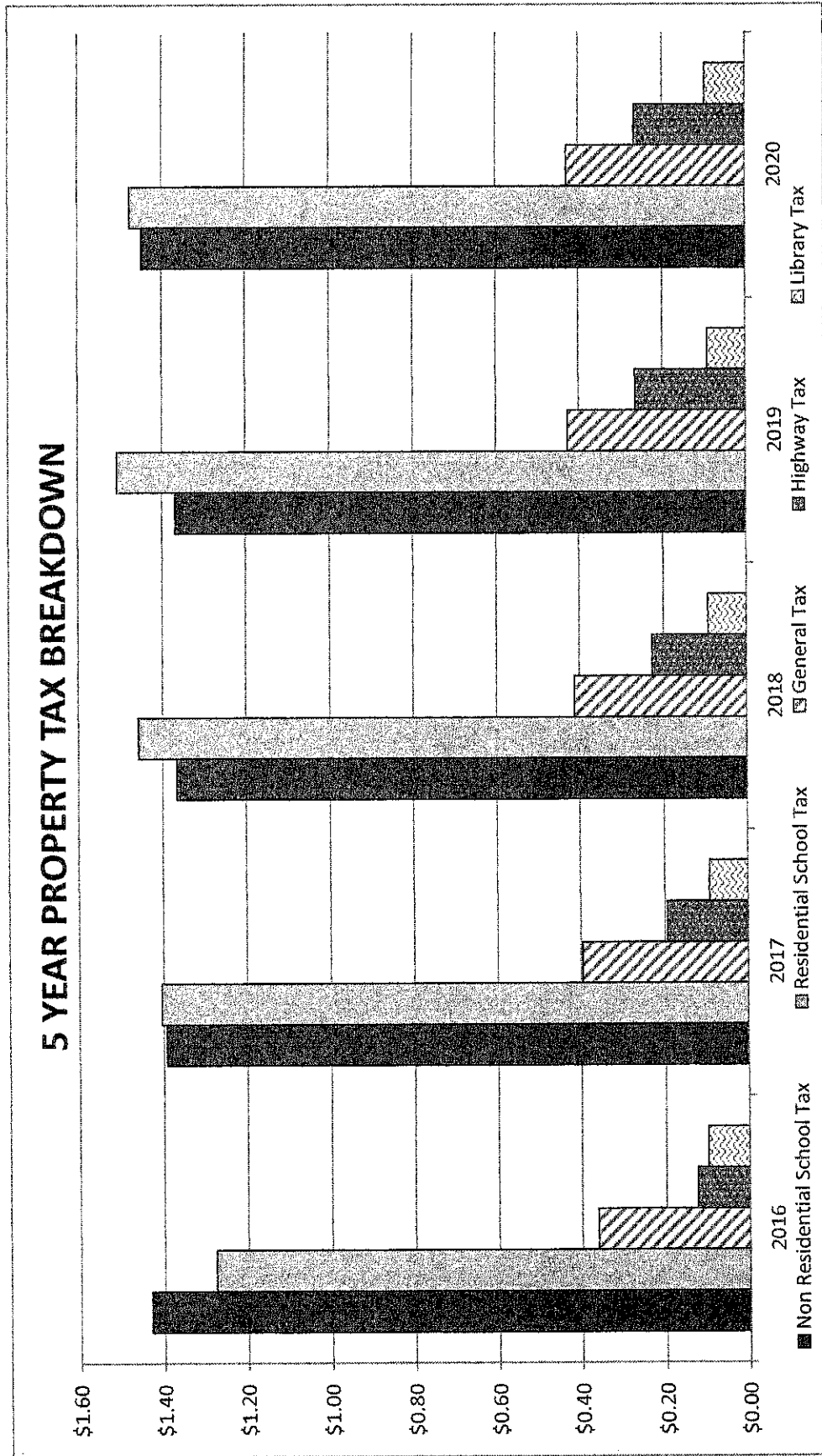
**Justice of Peace**

Every two years the office of Justice of the Peace is up for election. This year we only had six nominations for the ballot, we need seven. If you wish to serve as a Justice of the Peace and you are a registered voter, you will need to advertise as a write-in candidate for the November 3, 2020 Election Ballot.

**Town Clerk's Office**

The Town Clerk's Office will be open to the public soon, watch for updates in the local papers. At that time, one person at a time will be allowed into the Town Clerk's office. A mask will be required. The vault is open by appointment only.

**5 YEAR PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN**



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Non Residential School Tax	1.4308	1.3917	1.4555	1.4555	1.5062
Residential School Tax	1.3917	1.4047	1.2754	1.4047	1.4736
General Tax	1.3662	0.3955	0.3618	0.4125	0.4274
Highway Tax	1.3681	0.4274	0.2668	0.2266	0.2668
Library Tax	1.4448	0.4297	0.2685	0.0926	0.0989

### From the 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 Town Office whenever you are in doubt as to the need for a zoning permit. To date this year, we have issued 21 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 Cheryl Cote, Zoning Administrator at 266-3480 or the Town Office at 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: \$25 regular and \$35 for permit requiring a hearing.

### *Interested in running for office.....*

Contact the Town Clerk if you are interested in 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 2021 Election is January 24, 2021. You must have at least seven signatures from registered voters on your petition to qualify.

### Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

Welcome Fall!

The Library has been bustling and busy with robust programming, circulation of books, DVDs and materials, serving patrons to support needs such as public computers, reference questions, reader's advisories, homeschooling resources, and more. We have seen a lot of daytrippers to our area including 251 Club members and we always try to have a personal visit with every one that we can to promote our town and history. I can report to you that the Library, Fletcher Park, the surrounding businesses, and our school and rec areas, the flowers and landscaping, and other community hubs always make a great impression by the comments of our out of town summer visitors.

The Fiber Friends are meeting in Fletcher Park on Mondays at 1PM, all crafters are welcome. The Go Ask Alice Book Club has been well attended and meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm please join us via ZOOM. The Canaan Victory Garden is in full swing and producing locally grown vegetables for the food shelf at NEKCA. Our "Top of the Beanstalk" program winner was Janie Burke who guessed the pole beans would reach the top of the trellis on Sept 3. Janie guessed the day exactly right! Congratulations, Janie.

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### Alice M. Ward Memorial Library Continued

"Imagine Your Story, our Youth Summer Reading Program was a success. 22 local children signed up and read for a total of 7,500 minutes in 30 days! That is over 125 hours of reading in just a month. Summer reading sharpens literacy skills so children do not lose their gains from the previous school year and enter school ready to read. Ice cream coupons were awarded for every 500 minutes of reading, and gift bags were distributed to our top readers. We received so much positive feedback from our families. Most minutes read was Liara, and runner-up Cora. Well done! Hundreds of books were checked out and enjoyed in this summer time period.

Over 60 take home craft kits were also distributed. They were themed with a tie-in to our rec park StoryWalks and developed by Miss Pam from Playgroup, they were so enjoyed. Look for StoryWalks to continue into the fall. Bring your Vermont dog to this one! They will thank you (hint: it's a VT dog story).

In teaming up with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) we have a moisture tester to test if your firewood is ready to burn! I applied and got one of only 50 in the state going to participating libraries. The moisture meters are packaged with instructions for how to test firewood to make sure it is properly seasoned and dry enough to burn cleanly. Anyone with a library card can borrow the moisture meter, take it home and test their own firewood. If the wood is dry, it is okay to burn. If it has a high moisture content and is still "green" then that wood can be set aside to season before burning. The tool is fun to use, and you get some interesting results. Call today to try it! "Libraries participating in this program are led by directors that immediately recognized the value of this program and jumped at the chance to improve our environment." VT DEC

Local volunteers continue to sew masks, focusing on donating the schools in the past few weeks, but we always have masks at the library for anyone who needs one. Thank you, wonderful volunteers!

Don't forget we have books written in French! Thanks to the Coaticook Library we have been given a large collection of brand new french books to keep in our collection. Several series cover historical fiction about the history of Quebec and are very popular. Please spread the word to people you know who would prefer to read in the French language. We have one of the largest collections of books written in French in the state of Vermont. What about the Haskell in Derby Line you ask? They do not have a French collection- their French books are owned by the Canadian side in Stanstead - so they cannot be loaned to us via Interlibrary loan. We are very proud to have found a collection for Canaan residents and lend to other libraries in Vermont and are grateful to the Coaticook Library staff. Both libraries agree that Mr. Tillotson would like this cross border collaboration, we think! ;-)

The library has been awarded 4 grants this summer:

VT Humanities Council for historical and genealogy assistance and new public laptop computers.

Vermont Department of Libraries Summer Performer Grant for our VINS Animal Show.

PLA and Microsoft Corporation for IT equipment and funding for the expanded Library In The Park wifi service. Canaan, Naturally Connected covered a small part of the expansion over the grant limit so most of the park could be fully covered. NEKCA Parent Child Center for supplies for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

New books, magazines, and DVDs arrive at the library on a weekly basis and you are invited to enjoy them, we have something for everyone. Thank you for your support. We are very busy and ready to serve you. Our service method is curbside pickup, and hope that while continuing in a positive track with COVID -19 here in Vermont we will open the building soon by appointment.

Please reach out, call or write me with any comment, question, or concern that you may have or just to visit.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ellingwood White, Director

Alice M. Ward Memorial Library

alice.ward.library@gmail.com

802-266-7135



PO Box 214  
Canaan, Vermont 05903  
canvthistsoc@gmail.com  
www.canaan-vthistoricalsociety.org  
Museum hours: Monday-Thursday from 2 pm to 4 pm  
**Museum closed until further notice**

We hope everyone has stayed healthy and sane through the past few months. The museum remains closed for the foreseeable future but we hope the Covid-19 Pandemic will soon be only a bad memory and it will be business as usual sometime in 2021. We have resumed our regular monthly meetings but hold them outdoors, at least until the weather turns too cold. We may have to cancel the Winter meetings unless we can find a suitable space.

Our annual Wassail Party may also become a casualty of the Pandemic. I had hoped to feature a C.V. Lund photo and negative slide show but will have to put it off until we are able to again have guests or a small crowd.

We still receive requests for information about past inhabitants or buildings that no longer exist but try to help as best we can. We are currently looking for information about a family named Finley that lived in Wallace Pond in the late 1800's or early 1900's. If you know anything about where they lived or worked, please let us know.

In August, we received a batch of negatives from a former resident of Beecher Falls that shows a line of cars at Canada Customs. From the look of one of the drivers and the clothes of a passenger, it appears to be a group of dignitaries destined to a golf match somewhere in Canada. We will post a few of the photos on our Facebook page to see if anyone can solve the question of who and what it was all about. Our Facebook page continues to draw interest but I have had problems accessing the site so cannot sometimes add comments to the pictures that have been posted.

Not all Covid-19 news is bad, fortunately. Grant money became available from the Vermont Humanities Council, which we split with the Alice M. Ward Library, that enabled us to purchase a newer and faster refurbished computer, a refurbished laptop, and a new scanner that is far better than our current model and will enable us to compile book materials. We have considered a couple of book projects and feel we are now better equipped to tackle that type of project and be able to produce a quality product. Finally, our year-end picnic was held at the home of Jack and Connie Provencher after our September meeting and we had a good time.

Enjoy the Fall, stay safe, and don't forget to vote.

**TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

OCTOBER 12, 2020

NOVEMBER 11, 2020

NOVEMBER 26, 2020

NOVEMBER 27, 2020

DECEMBER 24, 2020 CLOSSES AT NOON

DECEMBER 25, 2020



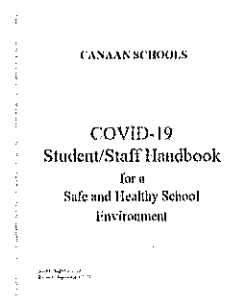
Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back! It has been six months since we were all together last and feel extremely fortunate that we are able to return to school for in-person learning. We really missed you. It was such a great feeling to see so many smiling faces return to school. (You WERE smiling under those masks, right?)



We would like to update everyone on a few of the changes you'll see around our school this fall, as we do all we can to adapt to our 'new normal.' First and foremost is our new COVID-19 Coordinator, Megan Prehemo, RN. Megan, who most of you know as our School Nurse, will be assisting students, families and staff with any questions or concerns they may have, as well as incorporating into our standard operating procedures any changes in guidance that come down from the Vermont Department of Education and the Department of Health.

You can review our most recent COVID Student & Staff Handbook by clicking on the COVID-19 Information under Parents & Students on the website: <https://canaanschools.org> Contact Megan should you need to report a positive COVID-19 test result; if you have children with symptoms and are unsure of what your next steps ought to be; or if you simply have questions around attendance protocols for your children. Megan can be reached at 802-497-7192.



We have also hired a new Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) Counselor to assist with the social and emotional well-being of our students and families. Whether they are learning in-person or remotely, we understand that the current environment can be a little on the stressful side, and we want to make sure that everyone has access to the support they need to stay focused, healthy, and productive. To that end, we are pleased to welcome Irene Simons from Northeast Kingdom Human Services to our team of support staff.

We are also pleased to report that our new Canaan Virtual Academy (our remote learning option) is now up and running. Sixteen students elected to utilize this option (which is managed by the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative - VTVLC) for the start of the new school year and so far, we were delayed a week but now up and running smoothly. The primary contact for questions and/or concerns about the Canaan Virtual Academy is School Counselor, Kara Sweatt. Kara can be reached at 802-266-8910 (option 8); or by email at [klsweatt@canaanschools.org](mailto:klsweatt@canaanschools.org).



The US Department of Agriculture has extended its summer free meals program through December 31, 2020 (or until its funding runs out). That means that any and all Vermont students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch, whether they are enrolled in-person or remotely. We encourage families to continue to fill out and submit the application for free or reduced meals so that there is no disruption of service when this extension expires. Students who are learning remotely and would like to take advantage of the free meals program should contact the central office at 802-266-3330 ext. 203 to arrange a 'grab and go' pick up.



Finally, we would like to say a few words about our first four weeks of school. We will be using these initial four weeks to intentionally build the foundation for what we believe will be a successful and exciting school year. This year, we will be using our first four weeks to:

- teach and learn about COVID-19 practices and procedures;
- build classroom communities and relationships between students and adults;
- support the emotional well-being of our students;
- assess and determine the academic readiness of students & plan for instruction and interventions;
- learn and practice the skills necessary for successful remote learning should we need to move to a contingency plan.



In closing, we cannot stress enough how grateful we are for all the hard work our faculty, staff, and administration put in over this past summer to prepare for a successful return to school; and for the patience, encouragement, and support that was given to us by the families we serve here in Canaan and other area towns. The phrase may be getting a little tired, but it is still so very true: We are in this together - and together we will succeed!





As the weather turns cooler and thoughts of students going to school, we are reminded that this year has been quite different as any in anyone's recent memory. We wish all the students, teachers and other members of the school community the best and much success!

CNC's monthly ZOOM meetings were halted and physically distant, masked face-to-face meetings started in July. This was a much welcomed change bringing back our camaraderie and community in a robust fashion! Much has happened this quarter despite the hurdles we have been given. The first Canaan Community Victory Garden, sponsored by the Northeast Kingdom Community Action program (NEKCA), the Alice Ward Memorial Library (AWML) and CNC started to grow. AWML sponsored a Bean Stalk Contest through this collaborative project and Chelsea Rancourt tended the garden at the beginning of August.

During CNC's Quarterly Board Meeting a review of accomplishments was on the agenda.

The Welcome Signs are being manufactured

Pavers will be placed around the fountain in Fletcher Park

Partnering with AWML for Wi-Fi in the park

Partnering with the Senior Citizens group and the Time Out Tavern enabling seniors to receive vouchers

Partnering with the Canaan Rec Park for Disk Golf

COVID-19 surveys, extra Canaan Carrier specifically for COVID-19

and making mobile testing available in Canaan,

Grace Community Church's (GCC) Sugar Social

Continuing making Welcome Boxes available for new people to the community

Became a sponsor of the North Country Chamber of Commerce's Drive-In Movie Night

Creation of a brochure

Becoming a sponsor for the mural in Beecher Falls that is in progress and

the continued development of the website are a sampling of what has been done in just this year alone.

Reflecting on CNC's five value statements on Jobs & Businesses, Community, Youth/Education, Outdoor Recreation, and Events, the group focused on creating a Strategic Plan for 2021. Among the list is to continue working on grant applications, reaching out to the community for more involvement, find people we are trying to serve to participate/have a voice/to bring them to the table, and to connect more with school children/youth/school. The group reviewed both the short and long term project lists that was created by a lot of data collecting in years previous and removed those that have been accomplished in order to focus on the next top three items in 2021. Fundraising was also a topic and a team of individuals on the Board had a side meeting to brainstorm ideas. These opportunities that the team came up with to support CNC's, and in turn Canaan's values, will be advertised.

T-shirts were created by another partner, Squeegee Printers, for CNC. The debut of the shirts was the Sugar Social in August. They look great and we thank Squeegee Printers for their work!

A few things to look forward to in the next quarter are the Scarecrow Contest which will start October 4 and run until October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and a community forum on January 9<sup>th</sup> based on the Canaan Town Forest. Be on the lookout in the local papers, electronic media and flyers for these and other activities.

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**Canaan Naturally Connected Inc. Continued**

We would be remiss in not acknowledging those that have awarded CNC grants to further accomplishments for the community of Canaan. We would like to thank the following (not in any order): The Tillotson Fund/NH Charitable Foundation, Tillotson North Country Foundation, Bangor Bank Foundation, New England Grassroots Environment Fund, New England Grassroots Spark Grant, Vermont Community Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources, Ben & Jerry Foundation, AARP Community Action, and Vermont Humanities Council (CNC sponsored this grant for the AWML).

We are constantly reminded of the quote "many hands make light work". CNC members look forward to the months ahead 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 of the projects or ideas to please get in touch with us. There are monthly meetings that normally occur the 3rd Thursday of every month. Besides the Destination Website ([www.canaanvt.com](http://www.canaanvt.com)) you can email your questions to [cnaturallyc@gmail.com](mailto:cnaturallyc@gmail.com) or [Terrie.Herr@gmail.com](mailto:Terrie.Herr@gmail.com).

We wish you a splendid autumn season as we all get prepared for winter!

**MURAL UNVEILING**

The Canaan Naturally Connected group will be unveiling a 12' X 32' mural on a building in Beecher Falls, VT at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 3rd. The magnificent mural depicts scenes relating to the history of the village and is part of the revitalization of the area.

Watch for press releases in the local papers.

**2020 COOKBOOKS**

What was this year like for you? Canaan Naturally Connected is putting together a 2020 cookbook. What recipe did you discover that you loved this year with your extra time at home? Or which one did you make over and over because it brought you comfort. You can add a short note to the bottom of each recipe to include things like the origination of the recipe, what do you remember most from 2020, you can dedicate the recipe to someone, or even tell a funny story or joke. The note itself can be up to 375 characters. You can send more than one recipe but if too many are received, we may only be able to use the first one. Our group is about connecting our communities so this is open to all our neighboring towns.

Send your recipe(s) for free to [canaancookbook2020@gmail.com](mailto:canaancookbook2020@gmail.com). Recipes can also be dropped off at Canaan Town Office, or call 603-331-1644 and someone will come to pick it up from you. The cut off date is October 9th and the finished hard cover cookbooks should be available for sale in December, for that perfect Christmas gift. Each hard cover book will come with a free ebook. This will allow you to email the cookbook if you need to send a last minute Christmas gift and then follow up with the hard-cover cookbook in the mail. These should make for a beautiful lifetime memento of this historic year.



October 31, 2020

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

**BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL SCARECROW CREATION OF FUN!**

**Date:** October 4-31 (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**

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

Thank you

**Our 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)

**Winners Receive**

a  
Ribbon  
Fall-themed  
Goody

Recognition in  
Newspaper and social media

Judging will take place at the next CNC meeting scheduled for November 19th.



**COMMUNITY  
OCTOBER 31TH  
4 PM TO 6 PM**

This safe and fun event is happening in the Canaan Fletcher 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 [Terrie.Herr@gmail.com](mailto:Terrie.Herr@gmail.com).

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**FROM THE CANAAN COMMUNITY RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE**

Recreational park property is community property – park, playgrounds, ballfields – all for everyone to enjoy. Please help us to protect it.

Recent vandalism again, prompts us to ask for your help in the reporting of any vandalism that you observe happening or that you discover has occurred .

Please report any vandalism to the Canaan Police at 802-266-9619 or the Town Office at 802-266-3370.

Thank you for your help!

Vernon Crawford, Chairman

Donald Labrecque

Jeffery Noyes

Dana Masson

Rajesh Hailey

Diana Rancourt

## *Thank You*

Thanks to Richard Thibeault and Brian Bissonnette  
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&

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**NEW IN THE REC PARK**

Golf disc targets for a  
nine target course

You can play disc golf with a regular frisbee  
or you can borrow the disc golf sets that are  
at the Town Office and Library.

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