

Cornwall Newsletter

T O W N O F C O R N W A L L

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A plethora of road work has been completed this summer and fall.
- Town Meeting will soon be upon us.
- The town wide reappraisal continues.
- Food, fuel and winter clothing assistance available.

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BETTER BACK ROADS GRANT PROJECT COMPLETED

The Town of Cornwall Road crew recently completed a ditching project on West St. using a matching grant from the Better Back Roads Program. This grant allowed the town to improve the ditch that was not capable of carrying the volume of water during significant rain and thaw events due to changes in the watershed. During these events the edge of the road was being compromised requiring ongoing repairs. The project included increasing the capacity of the ditch, stabilizing the road, ditch and back slope with fabric and rip rap. The project was immediately tested by two of the storms we had and performed as expected. The goal of this project and others sponsored by Better Back Roads is to minimize



Ditching work completed on West Street

erosion thereby improving water quality. This was the last site identified as a significant drainage/ erosion problem in the Town's Road Surface Management Program created several years ago using another Better Back Roads grant.



T O W N W I D E R E A P P R A I S A L U P D A T E

The reappraisal of Cornwall properties continues on schedule for completion in the late spring. We, and the APAS appraisers, wish to thank all of you that have had an appraiser visit their property for your kind and cooperative reception. We also want to thank the home owners for their cooperation in

scheduling the interior inspections.

The appraisers started their work at the south end of the Town and are working north. To date the appraisers have completed exterior inspections on 306 parcels and interior inspections on 205 parcels. We remind those who have had the

exterior inspection but have not had the interior inspection to please call the Listers' office to set-up an appointment. The working schedule for the appraisers is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with interior inspections taking place on Tuesdays.

CORNWALL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Man alive, was that a wild summer or what? And it started out so well. We had a bunch of ditching and a few culverts done, the paving was done, the Swamp road project was on track for the first week of July, mowing was underway, things were good. I actually thought the second half of summer would be easy with plenty of time for haying and other projects. Well, again I was reminded that weather can wreak havoc on that optimism crap. In the end I guess it's mostly worked out all right.

The Swamp Rd. Covered Bridge was completed on schedule. After several false starts due to high water, we were able to get the stabilization project under way and got the road paved the next week. This fall we were able to add some shoulders with the help of some other towns. We had nine trucks from seven towns hauling over the course of three days. Several other towns were disappointed not to have

been involved.

We were able to complete the ditch project on West St using a grant from Better Backroads. (see the article). We swapped off some truck time with Weybridge to get this project done more quickly and it's a good thing we were able to as the first of the many deluges hit as we finished it up. We continued to scrape roads in Weybridge through fall and swapped time with the other towns to make projects easier, more efficient and cheaper for all.

The August 6th-9th rain event has pointed out some system deficiencies that had been functioning adequately in the past. Besides the three culverts that failed immediately, there have been several culverts and ditches that were compromised to one degree or another. The three culverts were replaced and upsized right away and will in the end be paid for, mostly with FEMA funds as we were included in the Ripton-Hancock event, as was

all of Addison County. Several other problem spots were dealt with, others identified and hopefully they will be mitigated using a variety of mitigation grant programs. If the grants don't pan out we'll have to peck away at them as time and budget allows.

These events have raised some serious questions about the design standards that have been used for years. The Q25 event, an event that would be expected once every 25 years was the basis for most designs. Well, we've had more than that and Ripton's had what 3 Q50 events in the last 10 years? So the brainiacs in this line of work are reviewing the standards and thresholds and we'll see what it means to us down the road. Bottom line: Put a bigger tube in the hole every time, it'll pay eventually. The same with ditching, no more Mr. nice guy, a good big ditch will save a lot of road.

Okay on to winter. First, Cornwall does have an ordinance prohibiting

overnight parking in the road. For whatever reason, this became an issue on several roads last year. This year, a notice will be given and then the ordinance will be enforced. Besides the PIA it is for the plow truck, it's a safety issue for others. So think about where you'll park the visitors' or your own car before it's an issue.

Secondly, who knows what the salt supply will be this year. So far it looks fine. A bigger issue is the cuts that VTrans is talking about in their level of service. Which takes me to my rant about getting yourself some real winter treads, especially if you have to go. And remember, it's not so much the go part that'll get you in trouble, short of going too fast, it's the stops and turns where we find the divots in the snow banks.

We're headed into the budgeting season when the decisions about town funding are made. It's the better time to ask questions than waiting for town meeting. There have been some scary increases in the products and services we use. Dropping fuel prices should help but level funding will be unreasonable in most lines and any to attempt to stay on track with maintenance plans will require some increases. Deferred maintenance always costs more. Look to the state if you have any doubt of that.

New England snowstorm indicators...



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TOWN MEETING 2009

The town meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. You will have received the town report prior to this date, which will outline the past year's activities. Typically, there is a dinner served by the MUHS baseball team. At this time, I have not heard if the tradition will be continued this year. If there are folks that would like to attend the Monday evening town meeting and don't like to drive at night or don't have transportation, please call the town clerk's office and

we will make sure that you have a ride to the meeting.

The Australian ballot voting for elected officials, the high school budget and the Hannaford Career Center budget will take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Cornwall Town Hall. The polls will be open from 7AM–7PM. I have the most difficult time finding two people who are willing to take the high school and career center ballots to Middlebury and help with the counting of those ballots. If anyone is inter-

ested in taking on that responsibility, please let me know. We will not be using the tabulator for this election, so I will be looking for folks to help count the ballots. If you are interested, let me know as well.

Also, just a reminder to those boards and individuals that are asked to submit a report for the Town report, those are due back to the town office on or before January 16, 2009.

RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE

This is the time of year that petitions are circulated for local officials. If you currently hold a position or if you are interested in running for any of the positions, a petition must be obtained from the Town Clerk for the specific office you are interested in. You must obtain a minimum of 9 signatures or 1% of the registered voters in the town. The peti-

tion must be returned by Monday, January 26, 2009. If you would like to find out what positions are open for election this year, please feel free to give me a call at the Town Hall at 462-2775 or email me at cornwallvt@shoreham.net.

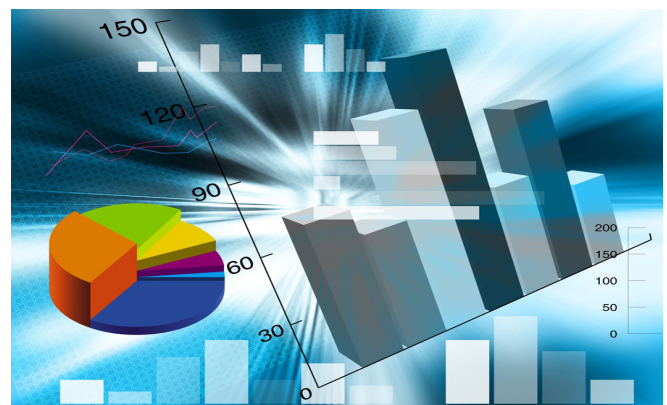


To run for elected office, pick up a petition at the Clerk's office and return it with 9 signatures before January 26, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

The Select Board is calling an informational meeting to be held at the Cornwall Town Hall on January 20, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the proposed capital budget and plan. Copies of the budget and plan will be available at the Town Clerk's office 15 days before the hearing.

The Capital Planning Committee is comprised of Llyn Rice, Frank Punderson, Jake Chapline, Grover Usilton, Larry Knowles and Stu Johnson. Feel free to contact any of these folks or the Select Board members if you have questions or concerns.



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Well, Well, Well.... October and the early part of November were just a tad crazy. Just some informational stuff to begin with:

Cornwall had 929 voters on the checklist for this election. Of those 929, 843 were active and 86 were inactive. 130 new voter registrations were processed between the General Election of 2006 and October 29, 2008. Challenge letters were sent to

101 people that were believed to be no longer living in Cornwall.

Absentee ballots: 15 absentee ballots were sent to military and overseas citizens, of the 15 ballots, 12 were returned and counted. 302 regular absentee ballots were distributed, of these 302 ballots, 297 were returned and counted.

Election Day: 445 voters voted at the polls on Election Day. The flow of traffic worked fairly well. We never had any long lines of people waiting to vote.

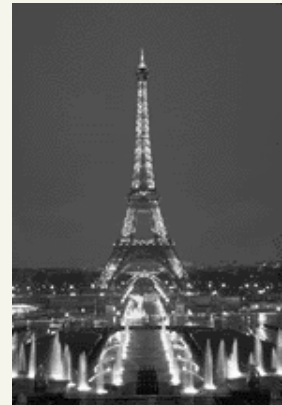
At the end of the day the total ballots and voters totaled 755. This represented an 81% turnout and if you calculate the turnout using the active voters, there was a 90% turnout, give or take.

During the day, the election officials were treated to a visit by the 1st and 2nd grade classes from the Cornwall School. The children had prepared ballots and voted on them. The election officials,

Judy English and Beth Keefe, accepted the ballots, counted them and reported the results to those who were present. The results were 17 votes for Barack Obama and 2 votes for John McCain. Thanks to the children for their participation in this historic election.

The election results were as follows, and I am only citing the major contenders:

President/VP: Obama/Biden 558, McCain/Palin 187
Rep. to Congress: Welch 604
Governor: Douglas 393, Symington 188, Pollina 153
Lt. Governor: Dubie 362, Costello 335
State Treasurer: Spaulding 636
Secretary of State: Markowitz 543, Bifano 137
Auditor of Accounts: Salmon 604, Abbott 49
Attorney General: Sorrell 546, Kerin 120
State Senator: Ayer 572, Giard 497
State Rep. Jewett 547, Hughes 171
High Bailiff: Keeler 550



Caption describing picture or graphic.

Cornwall Justices of the Peace (*indicates successful candidate):

Jennie Brinkman 310
Judy English 414 *
Liam English 260
Sheila Foote 294
Ginny Hiland 337 *
Dee Hodges 433 *
Susan Johnson 458 *
Gary Margolis 426 *
Lisa Roberts 369 *
Margaret Sax 302
Judith Watts 332 *

New JP terms start in February 2009.

Cornwall voted to the tune of an 81% turnout. 90% if you calculate using only the active voters. Excellent

VOTE TABULATOR

The vote tabulator was a huge success. At 7:00 P.M., we closed the polls and the election officials started to compare the checklists. Once the number of voters on each checklist was deemed to be the same, I pushed the button on the machine and it began to spit out the election results. All this before 7:30 P.M. The ballots with write in votes on them were tallied and

the balance of the ballots were given a quick perusal to make sure there were no obvious marks that could not have been read by the machine. The write-ins were noted on the summary sheet and the counting of 755 ballots was effectively all done by 8:00 PM. There were several phone calls to make and some papers to sign, but I was home by 9:30 PM. Wow, what a difference.

The best news is that the vote tabulator did not end up costing us a penny as we were able to obtain it with the HAVA funds through the Secretary of State's office. We did pay for programming and will always be responsible for that expense. Thanks for your affirmative vote for the machine at last year's Town Meeting.

A HISTORY OF CORNWALL HOUSES AND THEIR INHABITANTS! (CONTINUED)

Starting in again on Route 30 south of Cornwall Orchards Bed and Breakfast on the West side and the Shall/Hofer residence on the East side:

Ben Boardman's wife, Mabel Vancellette Boardman, died in 1920, and he married Helen H. Meehan, there being three younger children in the family of five. Ben purchased the well drilling outfit from Wing and drilled wells throughout the area. He was on the school board, and an ideal parent and neighbor. He died in 1951, and his farmhouse was sold to John and Beatrice Willson, with their three children. The horse barn toward the highway on the place went with the Wing house and was purchased by Virginia Graham. She renovated the barn into two apartments. Mrs. Graham was a very energetic lady, who lived to be age 90. Her daughter Ann married the writer, Edmund Fuller. Born in Virginia, Mrs. Graham came to Cornwall by way of Hands Cove in Shoreham. Her son-in-law wrote about this experience in the book Successful Calamity.

Below the Willsons on the left is an old house built about 1795 by Frederick and Clarissa Hurlburt Frost, the narrow strip of land having been deeded to Clarissa by her father, Elisha Hurlburt. This was the home place of Frank Brown, the blacksmith and farrier in the blacksmith shop across the street. His daughters May and Jennie were brought up here. Later the house was occupied by William Lavalley and his wife Delia, but owned by Arthur T. Lane until his death in 1917, when Lavalley purchased the property. Nancy and Spencer Wright bought the rundown house and barn in 1958 for the sum of \$3,000 and converted the barn into a shop, Cornwall Crafts. Their experiences with house, shop and neighbors are described in

Nancy's book, Make Your Own Change.

The next property was built by Thomas Pritchard in 1791 and owned by subsequent blacksmiths. Shubal Ripley built his stock and hay barn along the north line. Some time after Shubal Ripley and his niece Martha Hill died, Henry Lane annexed the property as a part of his home place. After his death, his widow Mary and her sons, Charles and Arthur, ran the farm. She died in 1903, and her son Arthur carried on the farm with a tenant farmer. Henry Highter and family lived here many years: then Sanford Lane bought it and named it "Lane Homestead Farm." Joseph Cousino and family lived here several years, too. In the '30's his son, Sanford Jr., carried on the farm with tenants Donald Murray and family among them. In 1944 Sanford Lane Sr. sold the farm to Stuart and Jessie Witherell, who renovated it and later sold to John and Lee Kreinheder; he had charge of Buildings and Grounds at Middlebury College. Later they sold to F. Dudley and Jean Chaffee, who succeeded Kreinheder at the College: and they sold to Theodore A. and Joan Collier in 1961. The Colliers have lived here since with their four daughters. Dr. Collier is a specialist in internal medicine with Porter Medical Center. The small orchard in back of the house planted by Henry Land and his son Arthur has been replanted by Collier with more modern varieties. This writer had planted some Cortland when he owned the place. Dr. Collier built a building on the north line to store his orchard supplies and equipment. He has a small cider mill, which is popular in the fall. His wife Joan is a former nurse and active in the Cornwall Church Choir and Middlebury

Women's Club.

Seeley Reynolds sold the property on the east side to Walter Wood Jr., who operated a farm some years. He lived in an old schoolhouse that had been moved from East Shoreham and renovated by Reynolds for the Hildreth family. It was purchased in 1976 by Edna and Robert Puls of New York. Bob Puls owned All Good Things natural foods store before his untimely death. Edna, a member of the Cornwall Church, works for Middlebury College. There are three children. This writer planted Norway Spruce on the line between Collier and Puls, and also between Collier and Kinghorn, farther down the road. These trees have grown well and make a fine setting for the homes. Reynolds moved to western New York, and sold the land to Joel Fifeld, and the large barns to Norman Ofslager, who tore them down and built a home, which he later sold to Robert and Helen Colwell, retirees from Long Island. Bob Colwell pursued a second career as sculptor and artist before he passed away in 1980, and Helen remains a member of the Cornwall Church. The Colwells have a daughter, Connie, a professor of German in a southern college.

Across from the Collier home on the west side is the old stone blacksmith shop, now an historic landmark, where Frank Brown and other blacksmiths plied their trade—now owned by this writer. It had a face lifting and was renovated throughout. Supplies and equipment found in a blacksmith shop in Monkton were brought here. The Samson place, next to the south, lost the wheelwright shop in the big wind of November 25, 1950; the house has been renovated and a garage built by Norinsberg Company.

FOOD, FUEL AND EMERGENCY SHELTER ASSISTANCE

The Middlebury Area Clergy Association gathered a large group of interested citizens from the Middlebury Union High School District at the Cornwall Congregational Church on October 2 to consider ways of meeting what is anticipated to be a very significant increase in the numbers of people who will need assistance with food, fuel, and emergency shelter this coming winter. As a result of that meeting, planning has started to find ways and to establish programs

to meet these needs.

It is predicted that many of the people who may require aid are persons who have not required it in the past, may be shy about making their needs known, or be unaware of the possibility of getting assistance with their problems. You can help. If any of you have neighbors or friends whom you think may need a helping hand, please let the Town Clerk know. With your participation we will be able to do a better job of aiding folks who may find them-

selves without adequate food and fuel.



The Cornwall

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EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS AVAILABLE



stable meals, providing protein and nutrition. Some of the items in this year's bag include: Chef Boyardee lasagna, Chef Boyardee chicken and rice, mine-

strone soup, tuna fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, oatmeal, crackers, granola bars, raisin bars, blueberry bars, pudding, punch and non-fat dry milk. Bags are available at both the Town Hall and the Church. Stop by during open hours or call 462-3111 to arrange a pick-up.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

It has been a relatively quiet summer for the Cornwall Conservation Commission. Currently we are in the process of applying for a Municipal Planning Grant to fund a natural resource inventory. The inventory is called for in our

town plan, and getting this going is a priority of the conservation commission. The state will make decisions on grant funding December 31, so we'll keep you posted. We are also looking into using some of the funds that have been

donated to the town for nature- and environment-related uses. The final news item is that we are fortunate to welcome Pat D'Andrea as a new member.



WINTER CLOTHING COLLECTION

Winter is coming (actually it is here!!!!) and having the appropriate clothing to stay warm can be quite costly. We are asking anyone who can to take a minute and sort thru their winter outerwear: i.e. coats, snow/ski pants, boots. Any of the fore mentioned items that you have multiples of and know you will not use or wear again can be passed on to members of our community who will use them. We are hoping to make this process a little easier for everyone involved. There are now large, plastic, red bins at our town hall for the collection of your gently used outerwear. The clothing that has been and will be generously donated is available to anyone in our community who needs such clothing. The clothing will remain at our town hall for the next month or so and then will be donated to ACCAG/HOPE. Thank you for taking time to help our neighbors.
The Carter/Hickley Family

CORNWALL PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

Contained within the Town of Cornwall's Traffic and Highway Ordinance, there is a section pertaining to a parking ban. Essentially it states that overnight parking in the road is prohibited. When cars are parked on the road, particularly during a winter storm it becomes very hazardous for everyone, not to mention the vehicle. I will see that a copy of the Ordinance gets posted on the website if you wish to refer to the specific information. Thanks for keeping the roadways clear.

CORNWALL CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

The Cornwall Cemetery Commission has met twice so far in 2008 with the intention of making arrangements for continuing repairs and cleanup projects in West cemetery and Fair cemetery.

After the gravestone straightening projects of 2006, when Cornwall volunteers and the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps worked for a week on stones in both cemeteries, we proceeded with more work in Fair

cemetery in May 2008. Maurice Laframboise, Rock Laframboise, Bob Bingham and Larry Kemp spent another week straightening 55 more monuments. This involved digging down to the base of the monument and leveling it, then chinking with stone and sometimes pouring concrete to hold broken ones in place. Following this work, 4 headstones in Fair cemetery and 8 in West were professionally

repaired by Gary Stanley of Miller and Ketcham. In most cases, the stones were back faced with marble; breaks were glued and bolted. Also this spring, downed trees or parts thereof in both cemeteries were removed, some with voluntary labor; another tree at West will be taken care of soon.

Recently, a letter of resignation was received from chairman David Littlefield who has moved out of town. Maurice Laframboise, who

was vice-chair, is now acting as chair. This creates a vacancy on the Commission until next Town Meeting.

At our next meeting, set for November 5 at 1:00 at the Town Hall, we hope to clarify the Cemetery Commission's responsibilities for South cemetery and to determine what work needs to be done there as well as firm up our budget requests.

MIDDLEBURY LOCAL OPTION TAX ... MAY AFFECT ORDERS DELIVERED TO CORNWALL!

Effective October 1st, purchases made in, **or delivered to**, Middlebury will incur an additional 1% Sales Tax. A potential problem arises for us because the 1% tax is assessed based on the delivery location's ZIP CODE. The Vermont Department of Taxes says that our **ZIP+4** address will indicate to sellers that we are not liable for

that Middlebury tax. If you don't know your Zip+4, you can get it from the Post Office online at usps.com and "find a zip code" (<http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>). To contact the VT Department of Taxes with questions or problems, call 802/828-2551, then #3 for Sales & Use Tax.



FOOD & FUEL INFORMATION FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Food & Fuel

The potential prices for heating fuel and the current price of stove wood could cause some real problems for people during the upcoming months. In September, members of the People of Addison County Together and other agencies and individuals began discussing what the effects a severe heating crisis could have on our community. Particularly if people find themselves unable to pay for needed fuel deliveries. Whether it's a short-term cash crunch between paychecks, or a long-term crisis, it leaves two options: 1) alternative heat sources which could harm or endanger the residents and the structure, 2) leaving the home for an alternate loca-

tion.

Agencies in Addison County are establishing resources to help in such situations—ranging from fuel vouchers to small quantities of emergency fuel on hand. Other counties have organized volunteers to drain pipes and prepare a home to go unheated for the rest of the winter. Alternative housing options are being considered... from motels to neighbors with spare rooms.

Heating Assistance has usually been a resource for so-called low-income families and individuals, but with markets and finances going the directions they are, a much larger proportion of the community may be faced with making

choices between the thermostat and the dinner table. People who haven't faced such dilemmas may not feel comfortable seeking help, and may not know what resources are available.

The responses from the Cornwall Emergency Management Survey last year display an incredible generosity and wealth of resources. While we don't know what this winter will bring, there is strong commitment in the community to help each other through tough situations. The Emergency Management Network, which meets monthly, will have ongoing discussions about the fuel situation through the winter. Anyone is welcome at the meetings, or

to contact any member. Additionally, I call upon each resident in Cornwall for two things in the upcoming months: 1) contact someone if you can't keep your home warm; 2) check in with your neighbors/friends/kin, just to see how they're doing.

Places to seek help can start within our community by contacting Sue at the Town Hall or Kate Gieges at 462-2182; with county resources such as HOPE (formerly ACCAG) at 388-3608; or through the toll-free and confidential state resource line: 2-1-1 (www.vermont211.org).

*Be sure to refer
to the website for
monthly
information.*

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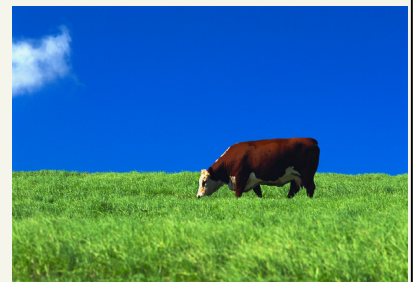
Just a quick reminder that the town does have a website that is updated monthly with important meeting dates and other activities going on at the town hall. The minutes of Select Board meetings are also posted there, as well as the zoning and subdivision bylaws and the Cornwall Town Plan. There is information about the Emergency Management Committee, Elected Officials and contact information as well. The site is updated at least once a month. Please visit the site and I would appreciate hearing about other information you would like to see posted there.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The town of Cornwall is still looking for a person to act as the town's Animal Control officer. The essential requirements of this position are to be available to handle complaints associated primarily with dogs, but other animals could be involved as well. This person would also

act as the Animal Cruelty officer for the town and would work with the Humane Society when dealing with any complaints. The Select Board did adopt a dog ordinance and copies of the ordinance are available at the town hall. The fee schedule is outlined in the ordinance

and the Select Board would expect to pay the Animal Control officer a stipend for dealing with animal problems. If interested, please call Sue at the town hall or any of the Selectors: Bob Gerlin, Joe Severy, Mike Quesnel, "T" Tall or Nancy Kemp.



Get the Lead Out

October 19-25, 2008 was National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week with the theme “Let’s Wipe Out Lead Poisoning – Renovate Right!” The Vermont Department of Health used this as an opportunity to update Town Health Officers about changes in Vermont’s Lead Law that took effect on July 1, 2008. Readers of the Town of Cornwall Newsletter will recall that the fall 2007 edition carried a story about the obligations of painters under Vermont Law. The recent changes in the law go beyond childcare facilities and residential rental properties. All housing built before 1978, even owner-occupied housing, is now covered by the law. More complete information on key-changes to Vermont Lead Law and the required “Essential Maintenance Practices” that must be performed every 365 days in care facilities and residential rental properties is available at the Town Hall or on-line.

The Vermont Attorney General and the Department of Health provide the following information about lead safe work practices:

Lead Safe Work Practices

Are you disturbing paint on a home or child care facility built before 1978? If so, Vermont law requires that you use only safe work practices. All paint in homes and child care facilities built before 1978 is presumed to be lead based unless a licensed lead inspector has determined that it is not lead-based.

Follow safe work practices even if the old paint has been scraped off and the wood repainted with lead-free paint. Wood can absorb lead from the original lead-based paint and scraping, cutting or sanding new paint off the wood can create lead dust.

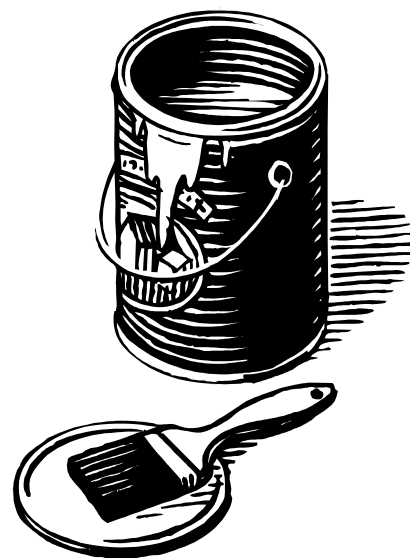
Under Vermont law, in a pre-1978 residence or child care center, you must:

- Limit access to work areas, enclose interior work with plastic sheathing, and use protective clothing
- Mist painted surfaces before disturbing paint and wet debris before sweeping

And you may not:

- Remove paint by dry scraping, machine sanding, grinding or open flame torching
- Use uncontained hydro-blasting, high-pressure washing, abrasive blasting or sandblasting
- Use heat guns above 1,100 degrees or methylene chloride chemical strippers

For more information on safe work practices, watch the video at leadsafevermont.org and review the information at healthvermont.gov.



CORNWALL SCHOOL NEWS

Spotlight on Reading Recovery

Goal:

The goal of Reading Recovery is to dramatically reduce the number of first-grade students who have extreme difficulty learning to read and write and to reduce the cost of these learners to educational systems.

What:

Reading Recovery is a highly effective, short-term intervention of one-to-one tutoring for low-achieving first graders. The intervention is most effective when it is available to all students who need it and is used as a supplement to good classroom teaching.

What:

Reading Recovery serves the lowest-achieving first graders—the students who are not catching on to the complex set of concepts that make reading and writing possible.

How:

Individual students receive a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained Reading Recovery teacher. As soon as students can meet grade-level expectations and demonstrate that they can continue to work independently in the classroom,

their lessons are discontinued, and new students begin individual instruction.

*Outcomes:**

There are two positive outcomes for students: Since 1984 when Reading Recovery began in the United States, approximately 75% of students who complete the full 12- to 20-week intervention can meet grade-level expectations in reading and writing. Follow-up studies indicate that most Reading Recovery students also do well on standardized tests and maintain their gains in later years.

The few students who are still having difficulty after a complete intervention are commended for further evaluation. Recommendations may be made for future support (e.g., classroom support, Title I, LD referral). This category represents a positive, supportive action on behalf of the child and the school. Diagnostic information from Reading Recovery is available to inform decisions about future actions.

Professional Development:

Professional development is an essential part of Reading Recovery, utilizing a three-tiered approach that includes teachers, teacher leaders, and university trainers. Professional development for all Reading Recovery professionals begins with an academic year of graduate-level study and continues in subsequent years. With the support of the teacher leader, Reading Recovery teachers develop observational skills and a repertoire of intervention procedures tailored to meet the individual needs of at-risk students.

Cornwall School:

Marcelien Hunt is our new Reading Recovery teacher. Marcelien joins us for the year from Australia and is also the teacher leader for a multi-supervisory union consortium. At Cornwall School Reading Recovery is serving students in both grades one and two.

Principal's Office

Although there isn't snow on the ground (at the moment), winter has arrived and is here to stay. We continue to need to ensure that all our students are dressed appropriately for two outdoor recesses a day. Notices have been sent home and yet we still have students who are coming to school unprepared for the weather. Please help us out by sending your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

On another note, routinely we have students who do not come to school with a snack. I know at the beginning of the year we were all still getting into the new routine of no school snack program and students forgot on occasion to bring snack. We seem to be back into that mode again so I am asking you to please pack a healthy snack for your son/daughter to have at school. Thank you for your attention to both matters.

MORE CORNWALL SCHOOL NEWS

496 Miles Covered Thank You for Biking for Books

Fifty three students and their siblings and parents came out to Bike for Books on Sunday, October 19th. It was a beautiful day and it was wonderful to see babies as well as grandparents biking, walking and strolling along. The third grade class conducted a survey and determined we covered 496 miles in two hours! We have a very good start on our goal of raising \$1,000 this year for books. Nineteen students have turned in their pledge money and we already have over \$700. Parents, grandparents, and neighbors have been very supportive and generous. Some donations are in route from out of state and students are still in the process of collecting the pledges. Donations can be given to classroom teachers or directly to the library.

We want to thank all the parent volunteers and teachers who came out to help keep riders safe and cheer them on. We are always appreciative that the town selectboard allows the road to be closed and that Road Commissioner, Stu Johnson is ready to set out the road closed signs. The residents of South Bingham Street have always been patient with the two hour disruption of the flow of traffic. The first donation of the year was from an inconvenienced traveler who gave a generous donation before he turned to make the detour.

Students are filling the book suggestion box with recommendations for purchase and we have already been able to buy some of the requested books. This annual fund raiser for the library makes it possible to meet the needs of students all year long

Boxtops for Education

Clip Box Tops-earn cash for our school! Earn cash for our school every time you shop for groceries. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top is worth 10¢ to our school—and that adds up fast! Visit boxtops4education.com for more great ideas to earn cash for our school.

Hannaford Helps Schools

If you purchase participating products at Hannaford you can earn school dollars that we can use to purchase sports equipment, art supplies, computers, books, musical instruments, and more. Deposit your receipt in the collection towers at the registers or submit them to us here at school. Last year we received almost a hundred dollars from this program and we were able to buy snow pants, hats, and mittens.

BURNING PERMITS AND POSTED LAND

Just a quick reminder to all Cornwall residents:

1) If you wish to burn a brush pile or the grass off your field, you are required to call the Forest Fire Warden or one of his delegates to obtain a permit to burn. There have occa-

sionally been times when a no burn order is in effect in the state. Cornwall's Forest Fire Warden is Larry Clark. Larry's phone number is 462-2505. Sue Johnson can also be contacted if you can't reach Larry.
2) If you wish to post your

land, you must come into the town clerk's office and fill out the required paperwork and pay the \$5.00 fee. A copy of this paperwork is sent to the State of Vermont Fish & Wildlife division. It is not acceptable or legal to simply put up

signs on your property without following the correct protocol. The specific guidelines for posting land are in the Fish & Wildlife Handbook which is available at the Town Clerk's office.

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A N N U A L D O G L I C E N S I N G

With the New Year comes the need to license your dog as required by Vermont Statute. I am ready to take on the task at any time as the 2009 licenses are here, so feel free to stop by anytime to get the job done. Also, if getting to the office is difficult for you do to conflicting hours of work or no transportation, feel free to send in the fee and any updated rabies certificates and I would be happy to mail the new license to you.

The fees have increased again this year as the state has added another dollar to the spay/neuter program.

This years fees are:

Before April 1:

Spayed/Neutered	\$8.00
Unspayed/Unneutered	\$12.00

After April 1:

Spayed/Neutered	\$10.00
Unspayed/Unneutered	\$16.00

Do remember that in order to license the dog a valid rabies certificate must be on file in the office.

Thanks in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.



Happy New Year