



Cornwall Newsletter

Town of Cornwall

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Taxes Due November 1, or November 2!!!!!!

So, November 1 falls on a Sunday this year, thus you can pay your taxes on time on Monday, November 2. The office will be open Monday from 8:00AM—6:00 PM. You are welcome to send in your payment, put your payment in the green box on the front porch of the town hall or stop by with your payment. The town does not accept credit cards at this time, but I am looking into some options that would not cost the town any money to be utilized, but would cost the credit card holder. I will be closing the office on Friday, November 6.

This is an off election year, so the next time we will get together to meet and vote will be at Town Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at the Cornwall School. Voting for local officials will take place the next day from 7:00AM—7:00 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall. If you are new to town, don't forget to register to vote. You can stop by the town hall to pick up an application, you can register when you are updating your driver's license or getting your new driver's license, you can call me and I will mail you an application.

This is also the time of year I start to think about the town report and petitions to run for local office. If you are interested in any position, please feel free to get in touch with me at the town clerk's office and I will be happy to share information with you in regard to getting on the ballot. We will not be using the vote tabulator for Town Meeting, so I will be looking for vote counters in the spring.



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The Basics of Posting Your Land

Per the Vermont Statutes Title 10, Section 5201: An owner, who desires to protect his land or waters over which he has exclusive control, may maintain notices stating that shooting, fishing, hunting and trapping are prohibited. Notices prohibiting the taking of wild animals shall be erected upon or near the boundaries of lands to be affected with notices at each corner and

not over 400 feet apart along the boundaries. Notices prohibiting the taking of fish shall show the date that the waters were last stocked and shall be maintained upon or near the shores of the waters not over 400 feet apart. Legible signs must be maintained at all times and shall be dated each year. The signs shall be the size specified by the Commissioner.

The owner shall record this posting **annually** in the town clerk's office of the town in which the land is located. The recording form shall be furnished by the Commissioner and shall be filled out in triplicate. One copy to the Commissioner, one to the land owner and one stays with the Clerk for public inspection. There is an annual \$5.00 fee.

Update from the Select Board

Your Selectors spent a good deal of time in July and into August wearing their Board of Civil Authority hats as we dealt with the aftermath of the town-wide reappraisal. The grievance process with the Listers went reasonably smoothly and left only a dozen or so cases to address at the BCA level.

Other actions since our last report include authorizing needed preventive maintenance and clean-up work on the Town Hall cellar, getting some financial support from Middlebury for the Rte. 30 bike path project and enlisting the Cornwall Historical Society's support in rescuing a painted theater cur-

tain for use in our upstairs. Along the way we've kept abreast of planning for a flu epidemic, begun polishing our first Personnel Policy, authorized disposition of the Lavalley property furnishings, set the tax rate (a largely arithmetic exercise) and, as always, authorized paying the bills.

In early October we hosted LT. Bruce Melendy, VSP New Haven Barracks Commander, and Addison County Sheriff Jim Coons to discuss issues around setting and enforcing speed limits in a small town such as Cornwall. It was a very productive meeting and built a foundation for more effective collaboration between law enforcement and citi-

zens. Route 30 will be repaved next year and there's considerable interest in effective enforcement of speed limits, particularly on that stretch of road. We've asked for help from Regional Planning to get necessary facts for later deliberations.

Since he won't mention it we will - our Road Commissioner, Stu Johnson, received on July 21 the Level III Roads Scholar certification, the first person in all of Vermont to achieve that level. He's also recently taken delivery of the new Town truck which gets high grades. Congratulations, Stu!

Vermont State Police Information from Lt. Bruce Melendy

On October 6, 2009 I attended a Select Board Meeting to discuss issues and concerns in the area of Traffic Safety for the Town of Cornwall. Addison County Sheriff James Coons was also at this meeting. As the Station Commander at the New Haven Barracks, it is my responsibility to ensure the communities we serve are being provided with the best Police Services we can offer, and I know Sheriff Coons feels the same way about his Department.. Traffic Safety is a priority for all the communities we serve and I encourage the troopers I supervise to be as visible as possible in all the towns we serve. Due to staffing issues and other calls for service, I will admit we are not as visible as many communities would like us to be.

Some of the issues we discussed at the Select Board Meeting were posted speed limits in the Town of Cornwall and are there areas where the speed limit should be lowered. I feel the speed limits are appropriate for the amount of complaints we get in the area of Motor Vehicle Complaints for Cornwall. One resident

attending the meeting felt the speed limit should be 40 all the way through the village and to the Cider Mill Road area. I am not opposed to that, I just advised we have not had many complaints of speeders in that area. I am aware of a complaint made by a citizen who lives on Lemon Fair Road with concerns about speeders and that citizen has offered to let Police Officers park in the driveway of their residence in an effort to deter speeders. I appreciate being informed of areas where there are problems as well as offering to let Police Officers park in their driveway to try to solve this problem.

I encourage citizens to report traffic incidents such as reckless driving or speeding on their roads. We try to investigate these complaints as best as we can with the information provided. If someone reports a certain color vehicle and vehicle type constantly driving on their roads at certain times at high rates of speed, the State Police as well as the Addison County Sheriff's Department can then be in the area during these times and hopefully locate this vehicle before a

Motor Vehicle Accident occurs. If a citizen witnesses an obvious Motor Vehicle Violation and can provide information as to who the driver of the vehicle was, the Police can issue a traffic citation to that person based on the statement of the witness. The witness would then be needed to testify in court should the person ticketed decide to contest the ticket but these kind of cases usually prevail in court as long as the witness is willing to come and testify.

I commend the Select Board members from Cornwall for reaching out to Sheriff Coons and I and inviting us to a meeting to discuss Traffic Safety Issues. If any citizen from Cornwall would like to speak with me directly on a traffic safety issue or criminal activity issue, please contact me at 802-388-4919 or

bmelendy@dps.state.vt.us

Lieutenant Bruce Melendy
Station Commander
Vermont State Police
New Haven

The Vermont Emergency Volunteers System (VERV)

The Vermont Emergency Response Volunteers System (VERV) is Vermont's online registration system for volunteers interested in responding to, or assisting with a disaster or other emergency by collecting basic information concerning a volunteer's skills and areas of expertise in advance of an emergency response event. VERV.vermont.gov is a registration site for volunteers who would like to assist a member group; a member group consists of local district health offices and regional and statewide volunteer organizations. The Vermont Department of Health sponsors and supports this state-wide registry system. Beginning in August, the VERV media and recruitment plan was implemented with state-wide radio spots and newspaper ads.

Volunteers are healthcare professionals and Vermonters from all walks of life. Volunteers are trained to be a part of an emergency response team - performing critically needed tasks, such as supporting the operation of mass clinics, helping during a snowstorm or flood, or other emergency events.

The VERV Registry System is designed to support:

Registration: key information on an individual interested in serving during an emergency.

Emergency Credentialing: to identify, monitor, and better utilize volunteers in emergencies and disasters and to validate the identity, credentials, and licenses of medical personnel.

Activation & Deployment: to ensure appropriate and available work-force resources. The system will notify you via your phone or e-mail when you are needed.

Vermont Needs your Help

You can choose the group(s) that you wish to join, some do require prerequisite training before registering on VERV. Groups include the Vermont Department of Health, Medical Reserve Core, VT Metropolitan Medical Response System and the VT Behavioral Health Disaster Response Coordination Team, as well as the VT Commission on National and Community Service, and VEM Citizens Emergency Response Team and VEM Radio Armature Civil Emergency Service.

Become a Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer

You can help respond to a large scale accident, disaster, or a public health emergency. In your neighborhood and throughout Vermont, citizen volunteers and healthcare professionals are needed to provide the important—and often life-saving—services needed in any emergency.

VERV volunteers can sign up to work alongside a number of organizations in the event of a public health emergency, a natural disaster or terrorist event. Your participation will provide critical support in our state's time of need.

Sign Up to Volunteer

Emergency preparedness means being ready now to respond to a situation quickly and effectively. Sign up today, so we can all be ready when we're needed.

Contact Karen Crampton
VERV State Coordinator
802-863-7205

In an Emergency We May Need a Hand
HOW ABOUT YOURS?

YOUR SKILLS

YOUR ENERGY

ARE YOU VERV READY?

YOUR EFFORT

YOUR TOWN

YOUR STATE

YOUR NEIGHBORS

Register to be a Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer Today!
VERV.VERMONT.GOV
FOR MORE INFORMATION DIAL 211

Vermont 2-1-1 Information

In a Disaster or Severe Weather Emergency...

...has the power been out for nearly 8 hours?

...was there an Emergency Alert on the radio or TV?

...are you not sure if roads are washed out or passable?

Don't call 9-1-1! Don't call the Town Hall! Call:

Vermont 2-1-1

If there's a town-wide or regional incident that has a significant impact on Cornwall residents, the Emergency Management Network will use **Vermont 2-1-1** as an information referral system. We will notify the call-takers of: **what the situation is, what we recommend people do, and what resources we are activating.**

So *remember*, in an emergency or disaster, call **Vermont 2-1-1**
and ask for "**Cornwall Emergency Updates.**"

If you call from a cell phone from the western side of town, be sure the call-taker says "Vermont." Some cell calls hit the NY 2-1-1 system. The regular numbers are: toll free, (866) 652-4636 or direct, (802) 652-4636.

Cornwall Conservation Commission

Cornwall Conservation Commission would like all residents to be aware of several opportunities related to conservation management of lands. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) has funds available to pay 75% of the cost of forest management plans that are designed to maintain and enhance habitat of the federally endangered Indiana Bat. For more information, please contact Jane Lazorchak (Jane.Lazorchak@state.vt.us). The second opportunity, offered by Vermont Audubon, provides grassland bird habitat assessments on private lands. Many hayfields in Cornwall are suitable breeding habitat for birds such as bobolink and eastern meadowlark, whose populations have been declining. Management for their habitat does not preclude obtaining hay crops from fields; with a delayed mowing regime, both hay and bird breeding are possible. For more information please contact Mark Labarr (MLaBARR@audubon.org).

For any other questions or concerns about conservation in Cornwall, please contact Commission chairperson, Marc Lapin (lapin@middlebury.edu or 462-2514).

Emergency Management Winter Storm Preparedness

With winter moving in, it's time again to put out the

Winter Storm Preparedness Checklist

Consider your household, and see how many you can mark off. Then start working on the rest!

- ☐ How is your home heated? Do you have safe alternatives if the power is out?
- ☐ Are there rooms you can close off to conserve heat—rooms where water pipes do not pass through?
- ☐ Is your water provided by an electric pump? Do you have water stored for drinking, cooking, pets, and personal hygiene? Do you have a supply to use for flushing toilets?
- ☐ Prior to a storm, do you stock up on non-refrigerated foods, medications, general supplies?
- ☐ Do you have a cooler accessible in which to store refrigerated foods outside?
- ☐ Is your cook stove gas or electric? Do you have means to prepare food when the power's out?
- ☐ Do you have disposable plates and supplies for meals?
- ☐ Do you have a non-electric telephone for use in a power-outage?
- ☐ Do you have battery/solar/"crank" powered radio and/or weather radio to stay informed of events?
- ☐ Do you have a plan for refilling your generator during a prolonged power outage?
- ☐ Do you keep a supply of spare fuel for equipment: snow blower, kerosene heater, or lamps?
- ☐ Do you have smoke/CO/security systems that go into alarm-mode when the power goes out? Do you know how to temporarily silence them?
- ☐ Do you keep outside exhaust vents clear of snow so the CO doesn't fill up your house?
- ☐ Do you keep fire extinguishers accessible? Does everyone in the house know how to use them?
- ☐ Do you have battery or kerosene lanterns? And matches? Do you have spare batteries and flashlights? Which you can locate in the dark?
- ☐ Do you keep a shovel and some sand or salt near the front door? Do you need help shoveling?*
- ☐ Do you keep at least a half-tank of fuel in your vehicles? Do you fill them before a storm?
- ☐ Will your mailbox withstand the impact of plowed snow? Will your E911 Sign?
- ☐ Are you prepared to remain in your house for up to 72 hours without outside assistance?*
- ☐ What will your kids do after the wonder of the first snowball fight has melted away?
- ☐ Do you have a plan in case you can't get home during a storm?
- ☐ Have you talked with neighbors about pooling resources during an emergency?
- ☐ Do you know that you can call 2-1-1 for Cornwall-specific information during an emergency or severe storm?

Taking steps now to prepare for "the unknown" will help to create a safer and more resilient community. For more preparedness steps, visit www.aclepc.org or the Cornwall website at cornwall.govoffice2.com/.

**If these questions or any health/safety issues relating to "sheltering in place" concern you, please talk with someone involved with the Emergency Management Network or the Fire Department so we can incorporate your needs into our initial response.*

*Kate Gieges, Emergency Manager.
462-2182. gieges@shoreham.net*

Cornwall Free Public Library

Do you feel like your bookshelves and night table are beginning to look like the New York Times Best Sellers List in 3-D? Did you know it is possible to de-clutter your surroundings and support your community at the same time? You can do both when you donate your gently used books to the Cornwall Library! Throughout the year, your generous contributions of books (both print and audio), DVDs and VHS tapes help the library to stretch its budget for purchasing new titles a good deal further.

While we don't have a formal policy regarding donations, the reality is that shelf space in our little library is at a premium and we have to make difficult choices about which donated books will be made available for borrowing. In practice this usually means that – an acknowledged “classic” in a particular genre notwithstanding – more recently published titles will be given priority. As a general guideline for deciding whether to donate a book or video to the library, simply ask yourself two questions: 1) Did I enjoy it enough that I would want to share it with a friend? 2) Did I buy it in this century? If the answer to both questions is “yes,” then it's very likely a good candidate for donation (keeping in mind that the classics are always welcome).

What happens to a donated book, audio book or video that doesn't make it onto the shelves? Unless it is damaged in some way or defective, we will usually put it into the annual library book sale.

Books that fail to find a buyer after two or three cycles will eventually find their way to the transfer station in Middlebury, where the county's contracted used book seller can make them available to an even wider audience.

An Update on Automation

Our work continues to catalog the library's collection in the Resource Mate database. As of mid-October just under 2,400 titles in all media formats have catalog records in the system, which we believe brings us about 2/3 of the way toward our goal. This number is something of a guess, however, since we don't know exactly how many books and videos we have.

Getting the collection into a public access catalog is a critical first step toward the ultimate goal of fully automating the circulation process. Because the town library isn't staffed, we have long relied upon users checking out their own materials using a notebook and date stamp. This method, while simple to use, makes checking items back in to the library cumbersome and renders reliably tracking loan periods virtually impossible.

Beginning in November and continuing over several months, we will be implementing an add-on module to Resource Mate that will replace the current checkout book and stamp with barcodes and an optical scanner. Once fully installed, this system will allow users to simply pass a book or video under the



scanner, which will read the barcode attached to the item and link it to a patron record in the database – effectively checking the item out to that individual.

The enhanced Resource Mate software will also automatically track due dates for items in circulation and generate overdue reports on demand. This will greatly simplify the task of sending out overdue notices to patrons and will facilitate the timely return of materials to the library so they may be enjoyed by others. Further, the system will provide us a much more accurate view of how frequently different categories of books (e.g. - mysteries) circulate over time and which authors in the collection are most popular with readers. This information will provide valuable input to decisions about future book purchases and how best to develop the library collection to meet the needs and interests of the community.

Watch for the next issue of the Cornwall Newsletter for an update on our progress.

Capital Plan Committee

The committee is now working on the capital budget proposal for the fiscal year which begins in July 2010 and the plan for the following five years. The Select Board approved Cornwall's first Capital Budget and Plan in January 2009. As recommended in the Capital Budget proposal, the Select Board included a \$120,000 line item in the town budget to cover highway and fire department equipment periodic replacement. The town's voters approved the budget at the 2009 Town Meeting. The committee anticipates that \$120,000 per year will permit uniform expenditures for equipment without the wild swings between

buying no equipment for a year or two and then having to pay a very large amount when a piece wears out the following year.

This year, the committee is beginning the process of analyzing upcoming capital expenses for town real estate such as the town hall, highway department garage and the like. The committee expects that there will be two classes of capital expenditure. First, will be those repeating major costs such as replacing a worn out heating system which can be predicted and planned for. Second, will be improvements or special projects which the town decides are needful. Establishing the real estate part of the Capital

Budget and Plan will require detailed and thoughtful analysis. Because this will be a major effort, the Select Board has decided to allow the necessary time and first adopt a real estate component in January 2011 and include it in the budget to be voted on at the 2011 town meeting. If any of you have specific thoughts about needful real estate expenditures, please pass them on to the town office and the committee will make a point of considering your inputs.

Llyn Rice, Chair

Pleasant Hill Farm Market/Lavalley Store

In the summer and fall of 2009, the old Lavalley Store returned to life with a produce stand in the shed selling fresh fruits, vegetables and delectables from around Vermont, and served as a meeting place for Cornwall neighbors. Many thanks to Mike and Nancy Merrill and to Earl and Beth Corey for making such a success of this seasonal enterprise. The Lavalley building restoration committee is working on ways and means to restore the building so that we can utilize it year round. For information or if you have ideas, please call Beth Karnes Keefe, 462-3281.



Bingham Memorial Elementary School

Email

It is our intention to try to utilize email as much as possible this year to communicate what is going on at school. This newsletter, monthly calendars and other notices will go out thru email to those families for which we have an email address. If you did not receive email from us before school started AND you have an email address that you regularly use please email me at dgoodnow@acsu.k12.vt.us and I will put your email on our list. We will continue to send home notices to those families who do not use email.

Flu Clinics for Students

In cooperation with the Vermont Department of Health, our school will be providing an opportunity for school aged children to receive FREE vaccinations for protection against the H1N1 ("swine") flu. The clinics are tentatively scheduled for the first weeks of November (all student age groups) and December (students aged 9 and younger who will need 2 doses). Specific information and parent permission forms will be sent out later this month. It is important to also remember that:

1. These are VOLUNTARY immunization clinics. No child will receive a vaccination without the necessary parent permission form.
2. Parents of children with health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, etc. should plan to contact the child's regular physician office soon – physician offices may be able to offer vaccination before the scheduled school clinic dates, and would be able to provide seasonal flu vaccine at the same time. A number of offices are planning special clinic days for patient vaccination. School based immunization may prove to be the timeliest option for some students

with health concerns.

This is NOT protection for seasonal influenza, that requires a separate vaccination each year.

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson-Snow, School Nurse.

School Day Reminders

Early drop-off this year begins at 7:45. Students who arrive at school early will be supervised in the library.

School begins promptly at 8:00. If your child arrives at school after 8:10 please come in with them and sign in at the office. If your child is absent, please call the school to let us know. If you are picking your child up, please be at school promptly at 2:30.

If you are picking up your child early from school, please come into the office to sign them out. A staff member will go to the classroom to get your child in order to limit disruptions.

Riding the Bus

Students in grades K-3 will not be dropped off unless there is an adult or older sibling at the bus stop to meet them. Please meet them at the bus stop if it is not visible from your home. Buses will not wait if there is no one there and they will not turn around. Students will have to ride into Middlebury and be dropped off at home with MUMS and MUHS students.

Harvest Festival

The 2nd annual Cornwall School Harvest Festival will take place right after school 2:30-4:30 on Friday, October 30th. There will be food, games and entertainment. If you would like to help out please let Joanie Donahue know, thanks.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

The 54-year tradition of "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" offers children the chance to gain a meaningful experience during Halloween festivities, while still having fun. By carrying the orange UNICEF collection box, children in the United States raise money to help children in need worldwide, and, in the process, learn the important role they can play in helping each other.

Orange UNICEF collection boxes will be sent home next Wednesday in each child's manila envelope that normally contains the hot lunch bill and other notices from the office. If your child chooses to "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF they can bring their boxes in to school and we will collect, count, and deliver the money to the local UNICEF chapter. We will accept the orange boxes up to November 11th.

Cornwall School's Spelling Team

On Thursday, October 8th, the Annual ACSU Spelling Bee was held at Mary Hogan School. Ripton, Mary Hogan, Salisbury, and Cornwall School competed for the right to represent ACSU at the Vermont State Spelling Bee. Cornwall School was represented by Sophia Hodges, Gretta Groves, Claire Armstrong, Faith Isham, Nora Keathley, and Emma Donahue. Good job!

French Class

We may be offering French class as an afterschool program late this fall. There would be separate classes for K-2 & 3-6 depending on interest. Please contact Joanie Donahue via email at joannedonahue@comcast.net or call her at 462-2780 if your child is interested.

FOCS Fund Raiser for the Cornwall Cougars!!

Show Your School-and Town-Pride!

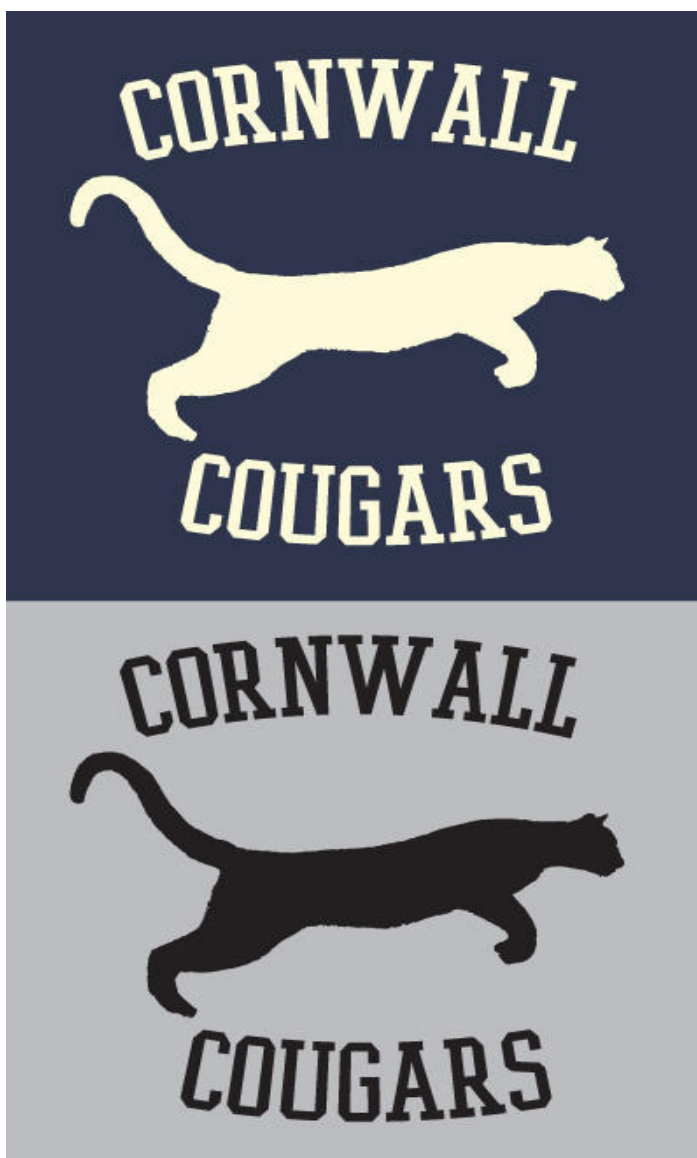
In a school-wide vote, students at Cornwall Elementary have chosen a mascot: the Cougars! To build awareness, show pride and raise funds for the Friends of Cornwall School, we're rolling out the inaugural line of Cornwall Cougars apparel. Choose from T-shirts in two different colors (black imprint on muted yellow or white imprint on Carolina blue); a special long-sleeve T (Carolina blue only); a crew-neck sweatshirt (ash); and a hooded sweatshirt (ash), all with the distinctive, throw-back "pouncing Cougar" logo. They make terrific stocking stuffers and gifts for family, friends and grand friends, both here and away!

Except for the long-sleeve T, which comes in adult sizes only, choose from seven different sizes: youth S, M and L; and

adult S, M, L and XL. T-shirts are \$12 each; long-sleeve Ts are \$17 each; crew-neck sweatshirts \$19 each; and hoodies \$25 each.

PLUS: "The Cornwall Classic!" Remember the merino-sheep-and-apple-tree design from two years ago? We have some T-shirts left-in red and blue for kids, and red, blue and grey for adults. Same pricing as above, with a long-sleeve T also available for the grown-ups. But hurry: Sizes and quantities are limited!

To order, call Alex or Vanessa Wolff at 462-3138. Or check out the gear table at school events through the rest of the calendar year, beginning with the Harvest Fest at Cornwall School from 2:30 to 4:30 on Friday, October 30!



Cornwall Highway Department

Wow, another summer's gone. Despite the rain, tomato blight and poison parsley, it wasn't too bad. We weren't able to tie in with Bridport and Shoreham this year for renting the excavator together, as they each were able to strike better deals locally. We were able to make a good arrangement with G. Stone Rental as in the past but scheduling has been difficult. Hopefully we'll finish up in the next week or two. We were able to upgrade some culverts on West Street to hopefully relieve the flooding problems there during the not so infrequent unusual events. By the time you are reading this, hopefully the cuts will have been leveled again. There is something to be said for paying the high dollar and hiring an outfit with experience, equipment and manpower. If we keep at it, we'll get better, but is it worth the savings....not sure yet.

Paving was completed in August using the rubberized asphalt chip seal process. We will continue to evaluate this product for efficacy and cost advantages. VTTrans is apparently way behind on getting Class II roads striped due to the wet weather this year. Speaking of Class II roads, the Town is petitioning to have Lemon Fair Road upgraded from Class III to Class II. We believe it meets all the criteria and is already a Class II in Weybridge. The fact it stops at the town line is a violation of the criteria, go figure. Bureauc-

racy is a wonderful thing. Should the bureaucrats of today accept this upgrade, it'll get striped by the state, qualify for paving grants, and bump up our state aid a little. All of which are at risk of funding hits to some degree with budget deficit issues before us.

So hopefully, the highlight of the year will be the new truck we took delivery of in September. It is considerably more comfortable and user friendly. It is equipped with a calibration system for applying salt and sand. It regulates the flow so it is at the same rate no matter the ground speed. By all accounts, it will save time and product therefore, money, how much and how fast depends. It will also take some getting used to so we'll see here shortly.

We did a fair amount of work on Morse Road in anticipation of heavier traffic next year assuming the rumors of rehab work on Route 30 are true. Moving the ditches back, widening the road a little, and adding shoulders should make it a little safer, but there are still several bad spots to be dealt with. It is surprising the number of runners and volume of traffic on that road.

There has been a group of townspeople that have been meeting monthly since the Valentine's Day Bliz-

zard, to discuss and prepare for the needs of the town in the wake of a variety of emergency scenarios. Sometimes I wonder if we aren't verging on eccentric or worse, but as we work through some of these different scenarios it becomes apparent that there is need to prepare. So if nothing else, read Kate's articles, become aware of the things you can do for yourself and your family, know what you may have to do and how you'll do it. And if you want to be a part of the big picture, join the Emergency Management Committee.

This wouldn't be my article if I didn't harp about mailboxes. Time's running out to secure those frail, feeble set ups out there.

The last point I'd make is that we are entering the budget development time of year. With the adoption of the Capital Plan and Budget last year at Town

Meeting, this is when the townsfolk need to be involved and aware. The capital budget committee, and town officials put a fair amount of time preparing these numbers. It may behoove one to know how that happens rather than launching into b#!#!# mode after the fact. Just saying.....



Cornwall Lister Information

Cornwall's town-wide reappraisal is history. Again, thanks to everyone for their assistance and understanding.

Many questions have been received concerning what happens next year with property assessments. Here is the chain of events. The grand list rolls over from its 2009 values to 2010 values. Property owners that received building permits will be reappraised

once the work has been completed. They will be notified of any changes of appraised values.

In April, the preliminary Grand List is filed with the Vermont Department of Taxation. All property owners have the right to appeal or file a grievance of their appraisal. Grievance hearings are held in May to complete this process. The final Grand List is submitted to the

Department of Taxation in June.

2010 tax bills will be forwarded by September 15, 2010.

The Listers will continue to update everyone of the schedule in subsequent newsletters.

Meet the Cornwall Select Board

Joseph Severy, Chair: Joe has been a lifelong resident of Cornwall. He has been involved in farming for most of that lifetime. He currently owns an Organic Dairy Farm named Waters Run at the south end of town on Route 30. Joe runs the farm with his wife Anne and their children. Joe also runs a small maple sugarbush. Joe has been active in town affairs for over 20 years. Most recently serving on the Select Board since 2001 and before that served on the Planning Commission from 1987—1999, as well as spending several years on the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Michael Quesnel: Mike moved to Cornwall in 1963, building a house on what was then Sampson Road and is now Lemon Fair Road. Mike currently resides on Sampson Road again, as he named his private drive Sampson Road. Mike has been a member of the Cornwall Select Board for 18 years. Some of his projects during that time have been building maintenance, lowering speed limits on several town roads. He was a member of the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Dept. for several years. Mike is a General Contractor and has done commercial work since 1984. Mike also has a part interest in Kin Folks restaurant in Bristol.

R. W. “T” Tall: “T” bought the old Riley Farm on Clark Road in 1972 and occupied it a year later. He and his wife Cy, who is the Town Moderator, ran an apple orchard for a number of years before leasing it to others. “T” spent a decade as a member of the Cornwall Planning Commission before joining the Select Board in 2002. “T” has two sons, one who teaches in New York, the other, an ecologist for the State of Wisconsin.

Nancy Kemp: Nancy was born and raised in Cornwall. She was brought up on the Sperry family farm and operated Hill Crest Orchard. Nancy went to school at the #6 schoolhouse for Grades 1—6, and was taught by Clara Ringey. Nancy attended grades 7 and 8 at the #2 schoolhouse and was taught there by Helen Murray. Nancy and her husband Paul, built their home on Sperry road on the original home site of the Sperry Family, who came to Cornwall in 1778 to settle. Nancy is an active member of the Cornwall Congregational Church. Nancy also serves on the Cornwall Cemetery Commission, is a member of the Central Cemetery Association and the Cornwall Historical Society. Nancy and Paul have two children and two grandchildren who live in Cornwall. Paul and Nancy volunteer when needed for various projects and events in Cornwall. Nancy says that her roots are buried deep in Cornwall soil and it is a privilege to serve as a Selector.

Bruce Hiland: Bruce has lived in Cornwall for 22 years. He is a retired Management Consultant and Corporate Executive. He is active in the Cornwall and Middlebury communities.

Help Needed

Janet Welch, a Cornwall resident at 5777 Route 30 is asking for help this winter with shoveling and some general maintenance items at her house.

Janet’s home phone number is 462-2688 if you would like to contact her for further information.

Town of Cornwall

2629 Route 30
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In Memoriam

Cornwall recently lost two of its citizens.

Allan Cremer, the owner of Willow and Lotus Bed and Breakfast with his wife, Minh, passed away on October 8, 2009. Mr. Cremer was Cornwall's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, as well as serving on the Cornwall-Middlebury bike path committee. His cheerful disposition as well as his engineering experience will be greatly missed.

Peter Holm M.D., a long time resident of Cornwall died on October 14, 2009. P.J. was well known to almost every Addison County resident (and beyond) as he was the only Radiologist at Porter Hospital for many many many years. His light hearted demeanor was enjoy-

able as well as a stress reliever for anyone undergoing a radiological exam.

P.J. and his wife Elizabeth own a beautifully landscaped home on Route 30, one of the original Cornwall homes, formerly a tavern.

Both of these gentlemen will be missed both in our small community as well as the wider Addison County community.

Help Wanted

The Cornwall Select Board is looking for an interested citizen to serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission.

If you have any interest in the committee contact Sue at the Town Hall or any of the Selectors to discuss the position with them.

Thank you.