

# Cornwall Newsletter

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Information about the 250th Anniversary Celebration.
- Cornwall Congregational Church Strawberry Festival, June 25, 2011.
- Cornwall Free Public Library Annual Book Sale, June 25, 2011.

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## CORNWALL CELEBRATES ITS SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL!!!

A small but enthusiastic group of Cornwall residents are meeting to organize a major celebration planned for Saturday, September 24, 2011 (with rain date for Sunday, September 25). The celebration is in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Charter of the Town of Cornwall, which occurred on November 3, 1761.

Currently, the events that the group is working on include: A pageant performed by the school children; a poster contest also done by the school children; musical performances by local musicians, a show highlighting many of our local historical documents, art

work and other items; chicken BBQ put on by the CVFD; a brochure/pamphlet highlighting important historical people and events related to Cornwall; a driving tour of Cornwall with a map giving information about historical landmarks; a scavenger/geo cache game; oral histories; food contest; a rewrite of the Cornwall Cookbook; a town poem; a town song; games, period costume photos, firearm demo, etc.; and perhaps burying a time capsule.

Please take note of the advertisement for the "Town Song" contest and the "Food" contest elsewhere in the Newsletter.

If you have any interest in joining the planning committee please feel free to contact Sue Johnson at the Town Hall or attend our next meeting on June 30, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall.

The pageant that will be reenacted is one that was done at the 150th Anniversary in 1911.

We will have some information available at the Town Hall during the Library Book Sale and the Church's Strawberry Festival on June 25.

The Addison County Towns that are celebrating this year will also be putting together a booth at Field Days this summer.



## TOWN SONG CONTEST

Calling all composers!!! Calling all composers!!! The Semi-quincentennial committee is in need of a song to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Town of Cornwall. We are asking that compositions be recorded on a CD and that the submission be forwarded to

the Town of Cornwall, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall, VT. 05753 by September 1, 2011. The committee will select the finalists from all the submissions and then the songs will be performed on September 24 and voting will take place after the performances.

Please give some thought to joining the competition. Feel free to call the Town Hall with any specific questions. If I don't know the answer, I will query the committee to get the answer. A submission form is included in this newsletter.

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

I'm not going to say a lot in this newsletter as there is a lot of other stuff going on in town this summer and fall and they need the room to get the info out there. So a couple/three things.

Mowing is underway.

Paving is still up in the air as the bumbling boobs at VTrans (did I say that out loud?) haven't awarded the grants yet, so the towns throughout District #5 are in limbo with their paving projects. With a grant, we'll put another layer on the Swamp Road through the swamp to the bridge. Without the grant, we'll probably pave a section of West Street or

carry it over until next summer to combine with the next budget.

The other thing is to try to clear up what we're doing with the Right of Way spray permit. First off, it's only herbicides—weed and brush killer basically. We'll be using the same products VTrans is and has been using in the state's Right of Way for years. Details of these products are available for review at the town hall. Anyone with concerns should contact me at the town garage (462-2752). Certified organic farms should check the map at the town hall for accuracy. Initially we will be treating

around guardrails and some signposts. Later in the summer we may treat re-growth on stumps that were cut during the last few years and possibly a few heavy infestations of poison ivy. It will be done with hand held equipment, I promise no aircraft.

So mowing will continue. We'll start up again with dust control as conditions demand. We'll be doing some culverts on West Street, probably the end of Julyish.

Beyond that stay cool and enjoy the summer. I'll harp on mailboxes next time.

Stu



Application of herbicides to control growth around guardrails and signposts

## SELECT BOARD NEWS

After the big snowstorm—and further motivated by learning that State authorities didn't know at the time that Cornwall was in the grips of a blizzard—the Select Board reviewed our emergency procedures. We're set for the next one.

Town Hall is getting a thorough review of energy use and we are considering our options for improving efficiency.

The Select Board is expanding our practice of meeting jointly with other Cornwall boards and now has a schedule for meetings through the rest of 2011. Work continues with the Planning Commission on the community survey to assist in updating the Town Plan.

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department has requested transfer of title for the property on which sits the West Cornwall fire equipment shed. They plan to replace the building this year and it makes sense for them to own both the building and the property.

Ken Manchester has been awarded "Vermont Roads Scholar Level II" by the Vermont Local Roads Program at St. Michael's College. The board adopted the Road Commissioner's "Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan". Interested readers can pick up a copy at Town Hall.

CORNWALL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Come and bring your family and friends for lunch and then enjoy our famous Strawberry Shortcake fixed the way you like it. There will be kids activities, music, a silent auction, rug raffle (a Jean Cadoret creation) and a table with homemade pies and jam.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 11:00AM—3:00 PM at the Cornwall Congregational Church at 2598 Route 30 in Cornwall.



## GREEN UP REPORT 2011



Thank you to all participants in Green-Up Day 2011. On a not-too-bad spring day many of you came out to pick-up our road-sides and Cornwall looks and feels “greener.” Here are the totals: ½ a ton of miscellaneous solid waste; 13 tires; 1 wet cell battery; 1 cubic yard of scrap metal.

Also, a special thank you is due to Ken who moved the trucks up to Cornwall School, and brought all of the trash to the solid waste district.

See you in May 2012!

Dena Greenman, Coordinator

### FAILING THE APOCALYPSE BY: GARY MARGOLIS

More rain here than eternity.  
More breathing to be done,  
hay to get in. I'm eternally

grateful once again, the end  
hasn't won. No one's beginning  
to see the sun, until it's begun.

No signs in the sky to abide by.  
By and by, there's enough time.  
I don't have to greet *good-bye*.

I can mow the mud, rake  
the rain, for as long as longing  
for the sun takes. I'm not

here to be taken before it's time,  
if I'm not mistaken.  
The end is nearly not here.

I'm predicting the sun is nearby.  
I'm guessing the hay is waiting  
to be cut and spun, rolled and pierced

by the tines of a tractor. Driven  
to a barn next winter and slowly,  
slowly eaten.



### JAMES ROAD IS SLATED TO BE CLOSED INDEFINITELY

The Weybridge Selectboard after meeting with officials from VTrans have decided to close James Road to thru traffic. The road will be closed indefinitely until repairs are made to the section of the road which continues to slump. Further updates will be relayed through the “Cornwall Connection” email information source. If you are not signed up yet, feel free to email Sue Johnson at [cornwallvt@shoreham.net](mailto:cornwallvt@shoreham.net) to do so.

## EMERALD ASH BORER SURVEILLANCE COMES TO VERMONT

We are already starting to get inquiries about the purple traps in ash trees around the state. As you may know, the traps are designed to detect the presence of emerald ash borer, an invasive forest pest threatening VT's forests. Due to a recent find in New York State, the Agency of Agriculture and a private contractor will be trapping for the pest statewide this summer- so if you have not seen them in the past chances are you will come across a purple trap this summer!

Please help us get the word out- share the following press release with your e-mail listservs, include it in your blog, add it to your newsletter, or tweet about any traps you come across out in the field!

Thank you,  
Kate Forrer

USDA and Vermont Agency of Agriculture Team Up to Survey for Emerald Ash Borer  
Purple Traps Going Up in Ash Trees Across Vermont

Montpelier, VT - Purple, three-sided traps resembling a box kite can be seen in ash trees throughout Vermont as part of a surveillance program by federal and state agencies.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture are partnering to survey for emerald ash borer (EAB), a non-native, wood-boring beetle that has killed tens of millions of ash trees in the eastern United States and Canada. The Montérégie region of Quebec Canada is the closest EAB infestation to Vermont's northern border. To date, EAB has not been detected in Vermont.

These traps will be placed in ash trees in all counties and at high risk sites, such as campgrounds, sawmills, recreational areas, major transportation arteries, etc.

The purple traps are coated with an adhesive that captures the insects when they land and are baited with a lure to attract the pest if it is present. In addition, the color is thought to be attractive to EAB, and is relatively easy for humans to spot among the foliage.

"The traps being placed around Vermont will help us discover if we have EAB in Vermont early on which allows us to address this invasive pest immediately," said Jon Turmel Vermont State Entomologist. "Early detection is the best tool we have to fight EAB. The ash tree is a very important natural resource

in our state and we want to do everything we can to protect our trees."

"The triangular purple traps do not pose a risk to humans, pets, or wildlife; however, the non-toxic glue can be extremely sticky," said USDA State Plant Health Director, Mark Michaelis. "We want people to understand that the traps don't attract or pull beetles into an area, but rather they are a detection tool to help find EAB if it is present in the area."

These traps will be monitored and remain in place throughout the summer during the beetles' flight season. The traps will be monitored throughout the summer and removed in the fall. Results from the trapping will be available once the traps are removed.

If you see a purple trap on the ground, please call the USDA's toll-free number: [1-866-322-4512](tel:1-866-322-4512). The EAB hotline is staffed during regular business hours and a message may be left at any time. Callers are asked to include a name and telephone number.

Emerald ash borer (EAB) *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire (Coleoptera:Buprestidae) is an invasive species wood boring beetle, native to China and eastern Asia, which targets ash trees. EAB probably ar-

rived in North America hidden in wood packing materials commonly used to ship consumer and other goods. It was first detected in July 2002 in southeastern Michigan.

EAB attacks only ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.), and all the ash species—including green, white, black, and blue—are at risk. EAB kills stressed and healthy trees and is so aggressive that ash trees may die within two or three years after they become infested. EAB larvae tunnel under the bark to feed in the phloem and outer sapwood producing galleries that eventually kill the tree. For additional information on EAB, visit [www.purpleEABsurvey.info](http://www.purpleEABsurvey.info).

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## CORNWALL PLANNING COMMISSION WORKS ON TOWN PLAN UPDATE

Many of you undoubtedly know that the Planning Commission has started an update of the Town Plan. The current Town Plan was adopted in 2005 and a great deal has transpired since then, which the Planning Commission believes is relevant to an updated Plan. The 2010 census, the approval of several major subdivisions in Cornwall, the downturn of the national housing market, and ongoing conservation efforts by the Vermont and Middlebury Area Land Trusts are a few examples of some of the things that may affect our town. In addition, since we achieved the goals set forth in the last Town Plan, we need to articulate

new goals that have broad support. The Planning Commission applied for and won a grant from the State to help underwrite the update. The Addison County Regional Planning Commission assisted us with the grant application and will play an important role in all aspects of the update.

The update process has started with the development of a survey, similar but shorter than the 2005 survey, to capture the priorities and interests of the town's residents. Several meetings have been held and a few residents – in addition to the Plan-

ning Commission – have participated. The survey questions should be finalized within the next month or so and we plan to send-out the survey in September. Tabulation of the survey results and analysis of new census data will follow with generation, approval, and adoption of the updated Plan taking place over the winter months.

We urge each and every resident to participate – by working with the Planning Commission on the survey, by responding to the survey, and by becoming more involved in the Town of Cornwall.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NOTES

Blizzards that weren't. Tornadoes that didn't. Flooding that hasn't. Thunderstorms that might. And a house that did.

What can an Emergency Manager say after all this, except: Thanks for heeding the warnings, and sharing your feedback.

If you don't receive our information and alerts via the Cornwall Connection email list, sign up by contacting Sue: [cornwallvt@shoreham.net](mailto:cornwallvt@shoreham.net) or 462-2775. (If we've usurped your email and you want off, please also contact Sue.) If you work or travel through Shoreham, you can receive their emergency emails by sending a request to Emergency Manager Robin Conway, [emc@shorehamvt.org](mailto:emc@shorehamvt.org).

Cornwall and Shoreham are also exploring the use of a Facebook pages for emergency and informational alerts. Cornwall's is at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Town-of-Cornwall-Vermont/116187208464003> and we're still working out the details. If anyone is a Facebook fanatic and would like to keep the Cornwall page updated, contact Raph at [raphw@shoreham.net](mailto:raphw@shoreham.net).

Another addition to our emergency information dissemination. is FM radio station WVTM, 92.1, out of Middlebury. The morning is hosted live, and during the blizzard, and other atypical incidents, he provides ongoing local updates. Cornwall will include WVTM in its notification lists so you have a local station to listen to for information.

Finally, a couple of safe-summer thoughts that are lingering on my mind...

Power surges from lightening storms travel through phone lines. This includes modems, and if your modem is hit, any computer plugged in is also likely to be damaged. Best bet: just unplug everything—power and phone cords—from telephones, caller ID boxes, and computer equipment. Keep an "old style" non-power-corded phone on hand for use when the power's out (not *during* a storm though!).

I think we can agree the weather has become... unpredictable, at best. If you think it's wreaking havoc on your summer fun, think about the toll it's taking on farm crops and highway projects. For your safety and that of others, keep an eye on equipment in the roadway and give the operators plenty of room to maneuver. The same goes for passing walkers and bikers: if you cannot steer away from them, slow down as you pass them.

*So now you know what I've been dealing with recently...*

Have a safe, calm, and wonderful summer!

Kate

**THE TOWNS OF ADDISON, CORNWALL AND  
STARKSBORO  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
HERBICIDE SPRAYING**

The above mentioned towns have each requested from the Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets a permit to apply the following herbicides: Garlon 4 ultra (Triclopyr), Garlon 3A (Triclopyr), Krenite S (Fosamine), Escort XP (Metasulfuron), Oust Extra (Sulfometuron) and Accord (glyphosate) to control unwanted vegetation along town owned highways. Selective spray operations will start approximately June 30th. The applications will be made by certified pesticide applicators using mechanically controlled equipment and hand control methods. Residents along the right-of-way are encouraged to protect sensitive environmental areas, organic farm land and water supplies from spray. It is the resident's responsibility to notify the town of the existence of these situations adjacent to the town right-of-way. Citizens wishing to inform the town are urged to contact the contact person for their town as follows: Addison- Bryan Nolan 759-2570, Cornwall- Stu Johnson 462-2752, Starksboro-Tom Estey 453-2319

The appropriate place to contact with comments, other than the towns is the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agriculture Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, telephone 802-828-2431. Their link Web page that would describe the town's spray permit request can be found at [www.VermontAgriculture.com](http://www.VermontAgriculture.com)



**CORNWALL 250TH  
ANNIVERSARY SONG CONTEST  
ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Song Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by September 1, 2011 along with a CD of your song and be prepared to perform your original composition on September 24, 2011. Please let us know if you will need any special equipment for the performance.



# CORNWALL COOKBOOK RECIPE SUBMISSION FORM

Recipe for: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Serves: \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

Please return your submission by August 1, 2011. We want to have plenty of time to put the book together for the big event on September 24, 2011. All submissions may be returned to the Town Hall. Remember a photo would be lovely to include in the book. Any questions, feel free to call Sue Johnson at 462-2775 or email at [cornwallvt@shoreham.net](mailto:cornwallvt@shoreham.net). Also include any information or family story about the recipe if you wish.



# SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL FOOD CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this entry form by September 1, 2011 to the Cornwall Town Hall. Be prepared to bring your food item to the Cornwall School grounds on September 24, 2011. All entries must be submitted by 2:00PM. Judging will begin at 3:00PM. Please be sure to provide your written recipe along with your food submission. Ribbons will be awarded, including a Best of Show in each category. Categories include: Pie, Cake, Bread, Appetizer, Canned Goods.



## CORNWALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT ANNUAL BOOK SALE PLANNED FOR JUNE 25

### New books for summer reading! Book sale slated for June 25!

Over sixty new additions to the library shelves await Cornwall residents for summer reading. Come in and browse through the new popular adult fiction and non-fiction titles, young adult, young readers, children's picture books and video DVDs. The library is open during normal Town Office hours.

A sampling of the recent adult fiction additions are:

*The Snowman* – Jo Nesbo  
*The Story of Beautiful Girl* – Rachel Simon  
*Land of Painted Caves* – Jean Auel  
*Minding Frankie* – Maeve Binchy  
*The Fifth Witness* – Michael Connelly  
*The Sixth Man* – David Baldacci  
*The Troubled Man* – Henning Mankell  
*The Paris Wife* – Paula McLain  
*Swim Back to Me* – Ann Packer  
*Chasing Fire* – Nora Roberts  
*Caleb's Crossing* – Geraldine Brooks  
*The Kingdom* – Clive Cussler  
*Dead Reckoning* – Chalaine Harris  
*A Turn in the Road* – Debbie Macomber  
*Sixkill* – Robert B. Parker  
*State of Wonder* – Ann Patchett  
*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* – James Patterson  
*Dreams of Joy* – Lisa See  
*Sister* – Rosamund Lupton

Some of the new historical fiction titles added in June include:

*The Killer Angels*—Michael Shaara  
*Gods and Generals*—Jeffrey Shaara  
*The Last Full Measure*—Jeffrey Shaara

Some of the new adult non-fiction titles added in May and June include:

*The Social Animal* – Elliot Aronson  
*Blood, Bones and Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* – Gabrielle Hamilton  
*Lies that Chelsea Handler Told Me* – Chelsea Handler  
*In the Garden of Beasts* – Erik Larson  
*The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris* – David McCullough  
*SEAL Team Six* – Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin  
*Does the Noise in My Head Bother You?* – Steven Tyler

Among new popular young adult selections are *Ship Breaker* by Paulo Bacigalupi and *What Happened to Goodbye* by Sarah Dessen. New children's books include *The Kane Chronicles – Book Two, Throne of Fire* by Ron Riordan and *A World Without Heroes* by Brandon Mull. For young children, new titles include *Ant and Grasshopper* by Luli Gray and *Little White Rabbit* by Kevin Henkes.

All of the new book titles were purchased through the Vermont Book Shop in Middlebury.

New DVDs include:

*Tangled*  
*Gnomes & Juliet*  
*True Grit*  
*Just Go With It*  
*The Fighter*  
*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part I*  
*The King's Speech.*

**Mark your calendars for June 25! The Cornwall Library Book Sale** will be open from 9AM to 3PM at the Town Hall. A wide variety of donated books across all genres will be available. Hardcover books are only \$1.00 and paperbacks are \$0.50. Come early for the best selection... but for those who wait, once the clock strikes noon the **BAG SALE** begins! Fill a bag with books for only \$4.00!



## CORNWALL BIKE PATH "FINAL" REPORT

As you read this, the Route 30 repaving and shoulder project should be complete. Most of the work was done last fall, with just the top coat and final line striping to be added this spring. We recognize that even at 3 feet, the shoulders are not as wide as some people would like. However, the Cornwall Bike Path Commit-

tee and many others worked very hard with the funding we had and within the existing footprint of Route 30 to maximize the benefit we could achieve. The end result provides uniform shoulders at least 3 feet wide on both sides of a much improved Route 30, increasing safety for vehicles, bicycling and pedestrian

use.

Thanks to everyone for your support. Please watch for announcements about our celebratory bike ride!

Anne Knowles, Chair  
Bruce Byers  
Todd Kincaid  
Adam Lougee,  
Project Manager

## CORNWALL CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Earlier this month Cornwall landowners who live in the Beaver Brook watershed met to talk about the importance of the Brook and its associated wetlands. The watershed covers 7.5 square miles with one part of the stream beginning near Parkhill Road and flowing northward before crossing under Rte. 125 to join the Lemon Fair, and another part beginning in the Cider Mill Road and Ridge Road area and flowing south before reversing its direction

and joining the main stream just above Rte. 74. Environmental consultant Amy Sheldon shared results of a GIS (geographic information system) study of the Beaver Brook watershed that she recently completed using existing map data. She described the condition of the waterway, how the Brook supports an array of plants and animals, and its role as an important wildlife corridor. Landowner Mary Dodge invited others to join her in working to raise

awareness of the watershed and its value as one of Cornwall's most important natural resources. If you are interested in joining this effort, you are invited to contact Mary at 462-2899 or [mdodge@middlebury.edu](mailto:mdodge@middlebury.edu). A copy of Amy Sheldon's report and maps of the area can be found at: <http://www.maltvt.org>.



## WETLANDS WALK PLANNED FOR JUNE 25 IN THE BEAVER BROOK WATERSHED

On June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM there will be a two-hour wetlands walk on the property of Mary Dodge and Michael Katz in Cornwall. Their land was recently conserved with the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) as a natural area and wildlife sanctuary. The walk is sponsored by MALT and will be led by Shelley Gustafson, Consulting Wetland Scientist. For questions or directions to the Dodge/Katz property, call MALT at 388-1007.

## LEMON FAIR INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT REPORT

As everyone knows, there has been a lot of water and flooding this spring. So far the high waters have not produced a major flood-plain mosquito hatch in the Cornwall-Bridport area although the district did a thorough treatment of the Lemon Fair on May 20-21. Mosquitoes have hatched in woodland areas, however. If we get more rains, re-flooding dried down wetlands combined with warmer temperatures, we are sure to get more hatching in the flood plains. We expect it could be an active treatment summer!

Tom Baskett

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## TOWN OF CORNWALL

2629 Route 30  
Cornwall, VT 05753

250th Anniversary of the Chartering of the  
Town of Cornwall on November 3, 1761.  
Celebration of this momentous event on  
Saturday, September 24, 2011.

## SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL CORNWALL COOKBOOK AND FOOD CONTEST!!

Calling all Cornwall cooks, from every corner of the town; we are hoping to create a cookbook to have for sale at the extravaganza on September 24. We will make a book with as many recipes as we can collect. If you wish to share a recipe with the committee, please send it in whatever format works best for you. If you have a computer and can send it by email, that would be great. A nice photo of the finished product would also be wonderful, along with any story about the origin of the recipe. Otherwise, feel free to send the recipe by mail (picture would be great), drop it off at the town hall or any other method you can think of. I would ask that you return you

submissions by August 1, so we have time to compile and put the book together. A recipe entry form is included in the newsletter, or please use whatever form works for you.

Another fun event for the 24th will be a food contest. The plan will be to have 5 categories: Pies, Cakes, Breads, Appetizers and Canned Goods.

You will find an entry form tucked in this newsletter. If you wish to enter something, please fill out the form and return it to the Town Hall by September 1, 2011. On the day of the event, bring your submission to the school grounds (there will be an area for submissions) and we will have several

esteemed judges there to taste test and hand out ribbons, including a Best of Show in each category. It would be wonderful to have some food entries that would have been typical in the year 1761, or thereabouts.

**250th Anniversary Party  
on September 24, 2011**

