

Cornwall Newsletter



Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to Host Open House on October 12, 2019!!

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department invites our townspeople to an open house on October 12th from 9AM to 12PM at our station at 1952 Route 30.

Learn more about what your first responders do and how the department works! Of course, we need folks who are interested in learning more about treating injuries and fighting fires, but there is a job for everyone in the fire service and EMS community. Are you a truck driver? A spreadsheet master? A social media star? An event planner? Comfortable writing grants? You can help your neighbors and the department without being on-call for emergencies!

We will have light refreshments and activities for all. At 10:30 AM the LifeNet helicopter from Ticonderoga will do a demonstration landing at our facility. We hope to see you there!!!

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First Day in Plain Sight by Gary Margolis

I wouldn't want to wait In the dark, too, For a school bus. To have to pretend	Although I'm not Thinking this yet. Seeing the kid across The road, walking Out of her house	For work. Leaving my father to act Like a friendly ghost. A shadow, just scary Enough, so that I'd	So I don't what it was, Exactly, I was so wor- ried About. Saying good- bye?
Those headlights Are my mother's eyes. My mother trusts me To stand out here,	With a backpack, Her flashlight. Maybe she'll see The shadow, last night,	Run back outside. More sure of myself, The dark And the sunrise	Walking into a new home- Room? Saying hello To everyone I know In plain sight?
Like a deer frozen In headlights. To calm myself because I have to.	I dreamt I am. And, like a mouse, I wanted to make myself Smaller and sneak back	An hour ago. Over now. Spreading it's light Across the route Of my neighborhood.	
Because one day It will be the first day Without her.	In under the door sill. Even if my mother's left		

Fire Department Key Access Boxes (Knox Box) Information

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department encourages property owners who have automatic alarm systems to consider installing a key access box to allow us to enter your building without property damage in the case of a fire alarm. These boxes are installed in a location of your choosing to give the department access to keys and can also store information sheets that can help us with questions about entry and alarm and electrical systems which can assist in our response. The department holds a master key to these boxes which is accessible only to our responders. We utilize a system made by the Knox company. To order one of these online, follow the instructions below. Any questions can be directed to Raph Worrick at 989-2568.
Thank you! CVFD

Go to knoxbox.com Click one of the "BUY" buttons (there are several on the page)

On the dropdown menu on the next page, select Vermont in the first window. Then start typing in "Cornwall" and Cornwall Vol Fire Dept will appear in the next window. Click the "Select Department" button. This will take you to the product order page and ensure that the box is keyed correctly for our access.

Most people will likely want the residential model which can be found by scrolling down the page (its near the bottom below the red "remote power" box). Larger commercial boxes are available for locations with multiple access points.

Once the box is delivered, the purchaser needs to contact the fire department (they can call Raph Worrick at 989-2568) and we will complete the installation with them.

News from Fire Warden Tommy Frankovic Jr.



The 2019 Fire Season continues to go smoothly. The majority of forecasts this year for Addison County saw mostly low ratings of fire danger from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, with only a few days of moderate fire danger due to higher air temperature, low humidity, or high winds.

So far this season, we are approaching 160 issued burn permits to date, which has surpassed the number issued in 2018. Again, I would like to thank the residents of Cornwall for reaching out to me with all of your questions regarding burn permitting, what is acceptable material that can be burned, as well as

sending me pictures of what you are planning to burn. I have even received calls/texts from some of who have decided to postpone your burn on days that turned out to be too warm or breezy for a safe burn. This is a fantastic proactive approach to ensuring Wildland Fire Safety. Thank you all!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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News from the Town Clerk

Just a reminder that 2020 will be a major election year for Vermont and the USA. If you are not registered to vote, there are many options for getting that done. You can stop by the Town Hall and register, call and ask for a registration form to be mailed, register online at MyVoterPage.com or register when you renew your driver's license. Absentee/Early Voting will be available for each of the 4 elections to be held next year. Federal election ballots need to be ready 45 days ahead of any election, so you can check in with me if you are interested in voting that way. You can also request an early ballot online as well. The three federal elections next year will be the Presidential Primary on March 3, 2020, the State Primary on August 11, 2020 and the General Election on November 3, 2020. Town Officials Australian ballot voting will also take place on March 3, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns leading up to next year's elections. Have a great fall and winter. Sue

Cornwall School Community Cookbook Available at the Town Hall!!

The 2019 Cornwall School Cookbook is now available at Cornwall Town Hall. For a mere \$12/ book you get 80 recipes and lots of food related artwork from Cornwall School families and staff. It would make a great gift for the holidays. Stop on by today to get your copy.

Vermont 9-1-1 Launches CARE Program

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies Montpelier, Vermont – September 9, 2019

Those who need special assistance during a disaster or evacuation can alert local responders of that need before emergencies. The CARE (Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies) program allows the elderly, people with limited mobility, or those who require specialized medical equipment to get extra help during a disaster.

Local officials can provide special assistance to those who face unique challenges during evacuations, power outages, or extended periods of isolation. For those who have registered, CARE allows local emergency responders access to their information so they can better help these individuals during an evacuation, power outage or similar event.

CARE grew out of a partnership of statewide non-profits and government agencies. Following Tropical Storm Irene, the project gained momentum and launched its pilot in Lamoille County, thanks to the leadership and support of Sheriff Roger Marcoux of the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department. CARE's key partners are the United Way of Vermont, Vermont 211, Vermont Emergency Management, and Vermont 911. The program is a voluntary database for which users register using their preferred contact information.

Online registration is available at e911.vermont.gov/care. When registration is complete, submitted information is entered into a database linked to the Vermont 911 system. All records are confidential and will only be shared with responders involved in helping to keep people safe in an emergency. Please be aware that it is up to emergency response agencies to decide whether and when to use CARE information. Citizens must remember that they are responsible for calling 911 if they feel they are in danger at any time.

If you, or someone you know, like a grandparent, or parent, would need special help in a wide-scale event, please visit the website for more information and to register. A hard copy of the form to print and mail is also available on the site.

If you have questions about the CARE program or about registration, call 211 or the Enhanced 911 Board at 800-342-4911.

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Montpelier, VT 05620-6501
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E911.info@vermont.gov

Linguistics Request!

My name is Stephen Howe. I am an associate professor of historical linguistics in Japan but was born in England. I am researching special words for "no" and "yes" in Vermont. Colonists from the East of England, where I grew up, may have brought "dow" and "jearse" to New England in the seventeenth century. Four hundred years later, these special words still survive.

Gerald E. Lewis gives an example of "daow" in *How to Talk Yankee*:

Did you get your deer yet?

Daow, I can't even see one.

And an informant from New Hampshire gives an example of "jearse," stating that "I totally just thought this was a weird NH thing":

Hey, have you seen where the muffin tins went? Hmmm, jearse, in the oven I think.

In the East of England, we still use "dow" and "jearse" today.

However, these words for "no" and "yes" are not recorded in the Oxford English Dictionary or the Survey of English Dialects. Nor were they recorded by the Linguistic Atlas of New England; but the Dictionary of American Regional English cites daow, daowd, dow, doh or day-oh in Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island as well as New York State. There is also daow in New Hampshire. For "jearse," informants in my survey cited jass in Upstate New York and possibly Vermont, jearse in New Hampshire, and jyes or djess in Maine and Massachusetts.

I am writing a book on "jearse" and "dow" and wonder whether it might be possible to ask your residents whether they know either of these words? I would be most grateful for any information you may have. I have more information about my research plus a survey that readers can complete online at <http://yesandno.info/>

Yours sincerely, Stephen Howe

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Cornwall Recreation Committee News

The Cornwall Recreation Committee met recently to review the results of our summer town-wide survey. A huge thanks goes out to all who responded! Some takeaways from the survey results:

- ♦ A high interest in spending quality time with our neighbors
- ♦ Coming together around food, from morning coffee hours to pig roasts
- ♦ New learning, from crafts to local history
- ♦ Organized physical activities, from water to hills to byways
- ♦ An interest in providing activities for families, children and adults

Our plan is to move forward with successful past events (such as, Tie Dye Day and Green Up Day Bake Sale) and incorporate many of your suggestions.

Watch for more news from your Cornwall Recreation Committee in town emails, flyers, and in this newsletter. And, if you are a resident interested in joining our committee, contact Annie Wilson or Sue Johnson.

Conservation Commission News

Nature Walk on Saturday, November 2nd

How Our Lands Reflect Natural and Human History. 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Cornwall Orchards B&B, 1364 Route 30, Cornwall

Join field biologist Craig Zondag and innkeepers Lise Anderson and Miles Peterle for a fascinating stroll highlighting how different historical, human, farming and natural activities leave their distinctive marks on a particular parcel of land. The 13 acres surrounding Cornwall Orchards B&B (built in 1793) are a microcosm of the history of Cornwall itself over the centuries. On this walk, we can expect to see a beaver dam, vole tunnels, one of the several headwater sources of Beaver Brook and one of the last remaining stands of the Witherell family's orchard which was planted in 1910.

Parking: Park by the barn. Parking is limited, so please carpool from Cornwall Town Hall or the Fire Station. Parking is illegal along the side of Route 30. There is a small pull-off at the corner of Route 30 and Ridge Road, if parking is full at the B&B. For more information, please contact CCC member Katherine Branch. No dogs or other pets please. Wearing waterproof or rubber boots is advisable.

Update on Otter Creek Wetland Reclassification. Members of the Cornwall Conservation Commission continue to serve on the Otter Creek Wetlands Steering Committee. The Otter Creek Wetlands are a complex of swamps along Otter Creek that provide a remarkable array of community benefits in the form of water quality, flood mitigation and wildlife habitat. In pursuing Class 1 designation for wetland parcels, the Committee is working with willing landowners who support this effort. Reclassification as a Class I wetland would officially recognize the many public benefits of this ecologically rich wetland complex and the role it has in supporting our everyday lives. The Steering Committee has begun to reach out to landowners to determine their level of interest and support and will be mapping areas in Cornwall that will be nominated for Class 1 wetlands sta-

tus. Questions or comments are welcome, please contact Mary Dodge or Rene Langis.

Conservation Commission and citizen input at June Cornwall Land Use and Development Regulations hearing.

The Conservation Commission submitted oral and written testimony at the June 27th Cornwall Select Board hearing on the March 2019 draft of the Land Use and Development Regulations (LUDR) document which will govern zoning and subdivision proposals in the Town. The Conservation Commission requested that the current March 2019 draft be amended so as to ensure that there is adequate guidance and review in the minor subdivision application process for consideration of ecological significant sites, interior forest and habitat connectivity blocks. In the prior January 2019 draft of the LUDR document, these considerations applied to all development in the Town of Cornwall: minor subdivisions of up to 3 lots, major subdivisions, PUDs and variances. In the March draft, minor subdivisions were excluded from this ecologically-related consideration and no explanation was given in the draft for the exclusion, nor was there clear language elsewhere in the document to guide minor subdivision applicants in how to meet LUDR document's Statement of Intent (102.1.c): that development "preserve the natural ecology of the town and protect native and resident plant and animal species by considering the impact of land development on their environment." Among the Cornwall citizens making comments at the Select Board meeting, there was wide-spread concern that minor subdivisions are not being subject to specific ecological review in this new draft.

Commission chairperson wins conservation award.

On September 7th, CCC chairperson Mary Dodge won the Vermont Coverts David Clarkson award for Outstanding Cooperator in the state. The mission of Vermont Coverts is to enlist Vermont landowners in a long-term commitment to maintain and enhance diverse wildlife habitat and healthy ecosystems and the

Conservation Commission News Continued

David Clarkson award recognizes the person who through action on their own land, within the Coverts network, and within their communities exemplifies the Coverts mission.

Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) summit in Ripton September 28th. Several CCC members attended the annual summit meeting of the AVCC which featured talks and working sessions on the history of conservation planning in Vermont, how land conservation preserves community value, and how specialized maps can help guide bird conservation efforts.

Interested in conservation and service to the Cornwall? The Cornwall Conservation Commission is seeking new members. The Commission meets about once a month and provides advice and recommendations to the Select Board, the Planning Commission, the Developmental Review Board, and town residents regarding natural resources, including important agricultural, recreational and scenic resources. Please contact chairperson Mary Dodge or any member of the CCC if you are interested.

Katherine Branch



Post-summit hike in old growth Hemlock forest

Cornwall Library News

The Book Sale Is Coming!

It's that time of year again – time for the Cornwall Library Book Sale! The sale will be held in November, and we will let you know the exact date soon. Don't miss this collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials. We will also have refreshments for you to enjoy while you're browsing! This is the perfect time to stock up on books for winter reading when the days are cold, long and dark. There's nothing better than climbing under the covers or cozying up to the fireplace and reading away to sunnier and warmer days.

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. **Take What You Want /Pay What You Think Is Fair or What You Can!** Proceeds from the sale go directly to stock the library shelves with new releases purchased from the Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury, as well as DVDs. Come check it out!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

Come on in and check out the materials that we've added to our collection at the library. If you prefer to see what's new from your home, you can see the complete list of materials under the library section on the town website cornwallvt.com. Below is just a sampling of new items.

FICTION

Big Sky - Kate Atkinson, **The Testaments** - Margaret Atwood, **Things You Save in a Fire** - Katherine Center, **The Water Dancer** - Ta-Nehisi Coates, **The Chelsea Girls** - Fiona Davis, **The World That We Know** - Alice Hoffman, **This Tender Land** - William Kent Krueger, **The Dutch House** - Anne Pachett, **Chances Are...** - Richard Russo, **The Lager Queen of Minnesota** - J. Ryan Stradel, **The Nickel Boys** - Colson Whitehead, **Red At the Bone** - Jacqueline Woodson

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Nothing Ventured - Jeffrey Archer, **One Good Deed** - David Baldacci, **The Terminal List** and **True Believer** - Jack Carr, **The Warehouse** - Rob Hart, **The Whisper Man** - Alex North, **The Inn** - James Patterson, **Vendetta in Death** - J. D. Robb, **The New Girl** - Daniel Silva, **Back Lash** - Brad Thor, **The Turn of the Key** - Ruth Ware

NONFICTION

Furious Hours - Casey Cep, **How To Be An Antiracist** - Ibram X. Kendi, **In the Company of Women** - Susan Straight, **Three Women** - Lisa Taddeo, **Trick Mirror** - Jia Tolentino, **The Outlaw Ocean** - Ian Urbina, **Mama's Last Hug** - Frans de Waal

YOUNG ADULT

The Rest of the Story - Sarah Dessen, **We Walked the Sky** - Lisa Fiedler, **Wilder Girls** - Rory Power, **Pumpkinheads** - Rainbow Rowell

CHILDREN

Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball - Mary Ellen Anderson, **Dead Voices** - Katherine Arden, **Good Bye Friend! Hello Friend!** - Cori Doerrfeld, **The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue** - Yan Glaser, **Stormy** - Guojing, **Cape (The League of Secret Heroes: Book 1)** - Kate Hannigan, **Bruce's Big Storm** - Ryan T. Higgins, **Just In Case You Ever Wonder** - Max Lucado, **The Tea Dragon Society** and **The Tea Dragon Festival** - Katie O'Neill, **Pirates Don't Go To Kindergarten** - Lisa Robinson, **Two Tough Trucks** - Corey Rosen Schwartz, **Our Castle by the Sea** - Lucy Strange, **The Pigeon Has to Go to School** - Mo Willems, **The Girl, the Cat & the Navigator** and **The Girl Who Sailed the Stars** - Matilda Woods, **The Day You Begin** - Jacqueline Woodson

Cornwall Library News Continued

AUDIOBOOK

Summer of '69 - Elin Hilderbrand, **Lady in the Lake** - Laura Lippman, **The Last Widow** - Karen Slaughter
DVDs

A Dog's Journey, Avenger's: Endgame, The Biggest Little Farm, Breakthrough, Dumbo, Outlander - Season 4, Rocketman, Run the Race, Tolkien, Unplanned

Planning Commission News

Greetings Cornwall!

Since we last shared news, the Planning Commission has been hard at work drafting language to amend the Town Plan with a new section covering Flood Resilience. Since 2014, the State of Vermont has asked that towns address the concerns around flooding and fluvial erosion in their towns to better contend with this dynamic force of nature.

As mentioned in our summertime missive, the Town of Cornwall has done a good deal of work to consider and plan against flooding, erosion, and of particular concern in our town handle storm-water runoff with amendments to roadways and culvert replacements. Our current draft recognizes the good work that has been done and lays out some options for a path forward. It is our hope to hold a hearing in the coming months to discuss the topic with our neighbors and hear what they have to say. Once we're confident the draft best reflects the situation and offers thoughtful actions that the Town can reasonably accomplish, we'll share it with the town. Please keep your eyes peeled!

Depending on the publication date of this newsletter, the Planning Commission will have met or will shortly be meeting in a joint session with the Selectboard to discuss the draft of the Land Use and Development Regulations. The project of revising and updating the Zoning and Subdevelopment regulations has been a large and long project. From a procedural standpoint, there is a one year "deadline" for the approval process. If no official action by the Selectboard takes place on the proposed draft by the first week of March 2020, it will be considered disapproved. Despite this timeframe, the Planning Commission is committed to the project and hopes for a fruitful and productive end to the process.

There are a number of opportunities to get involved in town, both on the Planning Commission, the Emergency Planning Committee, and more! Vermont town government is sustained with the energies and efforts of the citizens that populate its municipalities and Cornwall is no different. If you find yourself wondering more about how the town functions, please feel free to stop into a Planning Commission meeting to see how our business is conducted. If your interest extends further, any of our members would be happy to talk with you about getting involved.

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Conservation Commission Nature Walk

How Our Lands Reflect Natural and Human History

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The Great Pumpkin Carving Community Gathering

Saturday, October 26th

Cornwall Town Hall

10:00-12:00 PM

BYOPumpkin and carving tools

****limited quantities of both provided, along with coffee,
snacks and great conversation**

Carvers of all ages welcome!