

TOWN OF CARMEL

2015 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date: March 2015

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday **MAY 09, 2015** Starting at 7 AM



METAL: ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Household appliances, stoves, washing machines, dryers, dishwashers, file cabinets, metal table and chairs, water tanks, etc.

****Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners – Freon MUST be REMOVED before pickup.**

Please pile metals separate from bulky waste piles. Mixed debris will NOT be taken.

UNACCEPTABLE METALS: Gas cans, gas tanks, propane cylinders, any metal that contains a liquid i.e.; glue, tar, solvent, resin, paint, caulking, gas, oil, etc. Also....

NO AUTO PARTS, ENGINE BLOCKS, TRANSMISSIONS, REARENDS, DOORS, HOODS, ETC.

BULKY WASTES: ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS: Couches, stuffed chairs, mattresses, radios, carpet (cut in 4 foot sections rolled and tied), plastic pipe, small amounts of sheet rock and plaster, loose items
MUST BE BOXED OR BAGGED.

BULKY WASTES: UNACCEPTABLE: TV's, computer monitors, florescent lamps, mercury vapor tubes, light ballast containing PCB's, batteries, television sets, microwaves, mercury thermostats, mercury thermometers. (These can be dropped off at the Carmel Town Office storage building)

NO MSW (HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE) OR DEAD ANIMALS.

WOODWASTE: Wood waste or brush will not be collected. Contact the Town Office if you have a question.

1 TIRE: UP TO 16 INCHES WITHOUT RIMS CAN BE PUT OUT WITH REGULAR TRASH WEEKLY.

IF YOU HAVE ITEMS NOT ON THIS LIST PLEASE, GIVE US A CALL AT 948-2658.

Thank You,

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A few Items to think about while Tom is on Vacation:

!!!!Think spring!!!! Watch the Roads we can't do much until the frost is all out of the ground and they dry out.

Please remember that the roads are now posted! Let's keep them from breaking up anymore by not ordering a construction delivery during this time.



Memorial Day and Cemeteries: In order to maintain the Cemetery properly artificial flowers must be in durable containers, such as concrete, wood and metal. (Not plastic.) The containers need to be able to withstand grass/weed trimmers. If just the wire with the artificial flowers are stuck in the ground they will be removed. Live plants set in the ground need enough space around them so they don't fall victim to the trimmer as well. Please call Julia with any questions.



There are town organizations that would love to have interested hard working members....Schools, Fire Department, Scouting programs, Library, Historical, Fraternal, Churches, Snowmobile, ATV, Legion...

The Selectmen are looking to appoint or reappoint residents to Town Committees in the next few weeks. If you would like to be considered for an appointment or reappointment to a committee please call the office (848-3361) or stop by and find out more about the different committees.

Impact of Governor's Proposed FY 16-17 General Fund Budget

	Appox. Tax Accts.	FY 2016 Rev. Share @ \$625 Million	FY 2016 Rev. Share by State Law @\$158 Million	Diff. between Gov. & State Law (169,748)
CARMEL:	1,700 *	110,838	280,587	

This equals approximately \$99.85 increase for each taxpayer and doesn't account for any state cuts to the School Budget or County that the taxpayer will have to absorb.

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DOG REGISTRATIONS

**All Dogs had to be Registered by January 31, 2015
The \$25 Late Fee went into Effect February 1, 2015
This is a State mandated law and the Town can not change it.**

Please come register your dog(s) before you get a summons

All dogs must be six months old before being licensed and have had their rabies shot. The first rabies shot is good for one year and two or three years thereafter, depending on the veterinarian. Please bring appropriate paperwork for new registration i.e.; proof of rabies shots and the dog's spayed or neutered status.



Remember, Animals (dogs, cats, chickens, horses, cows, etc.) must be under the control of the owner. You as an owner are financially responsible for damage or property loss created by your animal.

Jean Taylor, Animal Control Officer 848-9913

The Animal Control Officer must do an inspection before a kennel license can be issued !



Code Enforcement Officer's Report

The Town is still looking for a Code Enforcement Officer. If you are interested and have not applied please call for an Application and return with your resume to the Carmel Town Office.



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TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

There were 75 votes cast at the election on February 28th . The results for the one three-year selectmen seat was Earlyn Bowers (56) Peter Pelletier (18) and Darren Harvey (1). For the RSU #87/SAD #23 Director position for three years Phyllis Johnston received 64 votes; Paul Morgan , Craig Fennely and Robert Pelletier each received one vote. The town meeting was held March 2nd with a turnout of 36 registered voters. The Administration account article was reduced by \$3,000, all other articles passed as written.



MODERATOR HONORED

Paul S. MacDonald has taken the Oath of Moderator at Carmel Town Meeting for the past twenty-six years. The Town honored him at this year's Town Meeting by presenting him with a certificate of appreciation. As far as we can tell he was nominated in 1990 by Dr. Sally Simpson because she thought he would do a good job of running the meetings according to Robert's Rules. And so he has with his combination of humor, knowledge and authority.

Memorial Day—May 25, 2015

The Memorial Day activities are the same routine as in past years.:

Etna Cemetery on Route 143 by sand shed: 10 AM

Carmel: 11 AM at the Veteran Memorial, followed by a luncheon at the Carmel Fire station.

People and groups willing to march please contact Julia at the Town Office. (848-3361) Plan to gather at the Elementary School by 10:30 AM.

Thank You



The deadline for filing applications for Homestead Exemption, Veteran's Exemption, Tree Growth or Farmland programs is April 1st, 2015. Any applications filed after that date will not be considered until the 2016 tax assessment.

(if you received any of these exemptions in a town where you lived and you are now a homeowner in Carmel you need to file in Carmel.)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled to up to a \$10,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office.



VETERANS EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.

The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, either service or non-service connected.

Application forms can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.



FARM LAND The tract must contribute to a gross income per year of at least \$2,000 per year from the sales value of agricultural products as defined in Title 7, section 152, subsection 2 in one of the 2, or 3 of the 5 calendar years preceding the date of application for classification. Gross income includes the value of commodities produced for consumption by the farm household; gross annual farming income may no longer include income from trees grown and harvested for forest products.

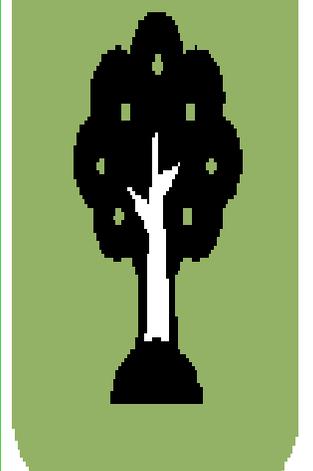


BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Carmel who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.



TREE GROWTH This program provides tax relief for the land owner with at least 10 acres of forested land used for commercial harvesting. A Forest Management and Harvest Plan must be prepared and a sworn statement to that effect submitted with the application. Applications include a map of the parcel indicating the forest type breakdown as well as all other areas not classified as tree growth.





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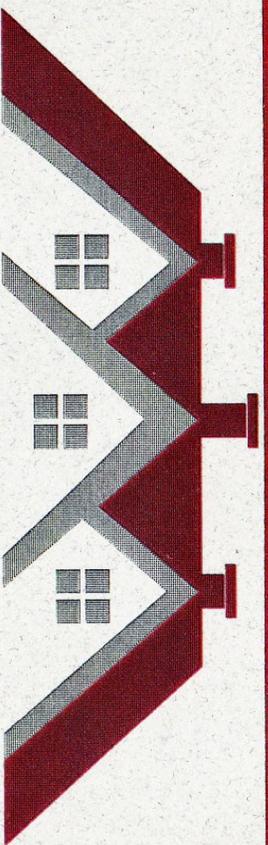
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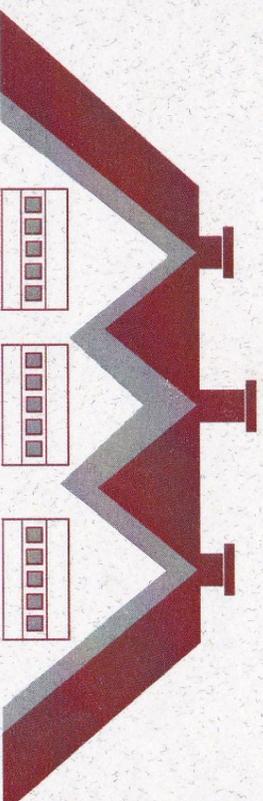
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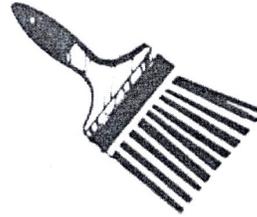
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Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary News and Events



Barbecue Fundraiser: It will be in May again this year. Watch for the date and come join us again this year for another great barbecue and a good cause. The money raised will go towards replacing the Jaws of life which were damaged at the Interstate 95 pileup in February.

The Auxiliary meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Carmel Fire Station at 6:30 PM Please come and join us in supporting our Fire/Ambulance Service.

Dial 911 for all emergencies.



Change your smoke detector battery yearly.



Please do not park in front of dry hydrants.



Grass burning season is almost upon us again (yes it is true) Remember you can get your permits at the town office for the day of the burn during business hours and at Ye Ole General Store during their business hours and on the weekend. Burn start time is generally Five o'clock. Thanks for your help in keeping it a safe fire-free Spring.

A campfire is a necessary part of camping. It helps light our campsite up at night, boils water and cooks our food. Not only does it have a useful purpose, it's fun to gather around and tell chilling ghost stories late at night. Unfortunately, it is one of the most dangerous elements of any campsite. Our guide to campfire safety will help you keep the fire in the fire ring and prevent spreading.

- Learn how to safely start a fire. Never use flammable liquids to ignite or keep your fire burning. This means, avoid gasoline, diesel fuel, lighter fluid and other dangerous fuels.
- Only start a campfire in a fire pit or fire ring that is made of solid construction
- Avoid starting a fire underneath low-hanging branches or shrubbery. Fires can often flame higher than you anticipate.
- Don't stack spare firewood too close. If you've recently gathered some, store it upwind so that sparks don't fly into your pile.
- Don't allow children and pets near the campfire and never leave them unsupervised.
- Teach kids how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have a fire extinguisher handy for emergencies.
- Keep your fire away from anything flammable, such as dry grass, tents, paper plates and napkins, and camping gear.
- Be aware that hot embers can re-ignite the fire if strong winds are blowing. Shuffle the fire and make sure it's out before retiring.
- Always have on hand things to put out your fire such as water, a shovel, and a fire extinguisher and make sure your fire is completely out before leaving it unattended. Information from www.campingtripfun.com



Simpson Memorial Library

Simpson Memorial Library, 8 Plymouth RD, PO Box 186, Carmel, ME 04419 207-848-7145
Web Site: Visit www.simpsonmemorial.org FACE Book link, photos and much more on website



Story Hour: Story hours will be held at 10:00am on Saturday March 14 and April 11th. The theme is adopting pets. The May story hour will be on the third Sat. May 16th, due to the Annual Book and Plant Sale. We'll have special guest, Aiden, a registered therapy dog visiting. Aiden is a yellow Lab full of wiggles and love. Come listen to Aiden's story of how he was adopted by Stacy.



Baby Story Time: Known as "Lap Story Time": Come have fun at the Simpson Memorial Library, 8 Plymouth Rd, Carmel. For infants and toddlers up to age 3, this is a 30 minute program. Adults are required to stay. A "lap" program is just what it says. The child sits in the parent's lap while they learn songs, stories and much more for the first fifteen minutes with social time following. We recommend toddlers bring a doll or stuffed toy to hold in their laps. Programs are on the **third Tuesday of the month at 11:30**.



Bake Sales: Held at Ye Ole General Store on Route 2 starting at 9:00am on Saturday March 21 and April 18th.

What is your library's ROI? The ROI, Return on Investment, is a way to figure the value of services. This is calculated by taking the yearly total of library services provided, such as the numbers of items that circulated books, DVDs, the number of Inter Library Loans, and so on, then putting a monetary value on them. In 2013 the Simpson Memorial Library provided \$60,944 worth of services. Divide this figure by the operating expense \$20,825 (in 2013) and you get an ROI of \$2.93 for every dollar spent by the library to provide services. That is quite a bang for your buck this little library is providing to the citizens of the town. (This is based on the Maine State Library's Use Value Calculator.)

Summer Read: The theme for this year is, "*Every Hero Has a Story.*" events.



Watch for updates on summer



Annual Book & Plant Sale: Do you like plants, books or both? Come to the library Friday, May 8 from 8:00-3:00 or Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 – 11:00. There'll be lots of books for all ages and lovely plants to brighten up your garden and yards.

Craft Group and book discussions: Do you like to knit, crochet or want to learn how? Come at 6:00 Thursday nights to enjoy an evening out at the library. Discuss your craft or a book that you're reading.

Home Bound: If you are homebound in the Carmel area and need books, audio books, or movies, please let the library know. Materials will be delivered to your home. If interested, call Becky at the library and sign up for this service.



Bottle Donations: The Library would like to thank everyone who has dropped off returnable bottles. The proceeds continue to help the library move ahead on its Building Fund. **Computer Printer Cartridges:** Citizens may drop off their empty computer printer cartridges. Please put them in a zip lock bag, or closed plastic bag, if placing in the book drop off. The library will take them to Staples. Donations earn the library points towards supplies.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 18 NEWS

It's been a long winter and Troop 18 is looking forward to warmer weather and longer days to enjoy camping, fishing and all other outdoor activities in between. Until then the boys continue to work on required merit badges needed for their Eagle Scout.



Troop 18 enjoyed a winter afternoon of snow tubing at Hermon Mountain. As you can imagine with all the snow we have received this winter fun was had by all.

A highlight of a Cub Scout career is the annual Pinewood Derby. Troop 18 Boy Scouts helped support this year's Pinewood Derby that was held at Carmel Elementary School in February. The excitement in the air at this event is unbelievable and if you ever have the opportunity to attend a derby please takes a moment to check it out.



If any of this sounds fun to you, contact Scout Master Dean Bailey at 619-1895 or Assistant Scout Master Craig Fennelly at 570-1555. It is never too late to join Boy Scouts!

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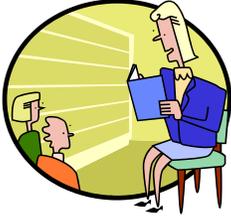
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UPDATES

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration



The Carmel Elementary School is accepting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. Please call the school to request registration forms at 848-3383.

The Pre-kindergarten program (half day four-year-old program) is for children 4 years old on or before October 15, 2015. Enrollment will be limited. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Kindergarten is for children 5 years old on or before October 15, 2015.

We will need your child's original birth certificate, immunization record, and any legal documents.



During income tax season, we receive many requests from residents wanting to know how much they paid in real estate and excise taxes the previous year. If you expect to file long form, it might be a good idea to keep a folder all year long with copies of receipts and registrations that you can claim. If you ask us to make a copy at the time of your registration, we will be happy to make one for you.

If you don't have access to your copies and would like us to look them up for you, please let us know at least a couple of days in advance of your income tax preparation appointment, and we will do our best, in between customers/phone calls/paperwork etc., to have your information researched by the time you need it. If you call the day of your appointment or while you are at the accountant's, we cannot guarantee we can get you the information soon enough, especially if you have multiple requests.



The Spring Free Fishing Days are May 30-31, 2015. On these days any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license.

All other laws and regulations apply on these days.

ATV registrations are valid from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. **Renewals and new registrations submitted after May 1 will expire June 30th of 2016. Renewals or new registration done before May 1st 2015 will expire June 30th 2015.**



MOOSE APPLICATION DEADLINE:
postmarked April 1, 2015 for mail-ins

May 14 2015 for online applications

Town Office Hours

Monday - 8AM - 8PM
Tuesday - 1PM - 5PM
Wednesday - 8AM - 5PM
Thursday - 8AM - 5PM
Friday - 8AM - 5PM

All new Registrations must be in the Office 1/2 hour before closing.

Figure your vehicle fee by logging on to townofcarmel.org - Taxes - Motor Vehicle

Selectmen usually meet Monday @7:30 PM or as posted
Ernie Bowers - 848-2259
John Luce - 848-3538
Joe Pelletier - 848-2241
Suzan Rudnicki - 848-5656
Douglas Small - 848-5167

Phone Numbers

Town Office : 848-3361
Fax: 848-0839

Post Office: 848-3074
Superintendents Office: 848-5173
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Planning Board

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Please call to be put on the agenda

Rec Director

Aaron Hawes: 356-4255

Animal Control Officer

Jean Taylor: **848-9913**
Please leave a message

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