

TOWN OF CARMEL

2016 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date: March 2016

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday **MAY 14, 2016** 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.

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

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Town Manager's Desk

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

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

!!!!Think spring!!!! And slow down there are plenty of Yes Ma'ams in the Roads already. We will fill potholes but can't do much until the roads dry out.



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 the Town Office with any questions.

Volunteer

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.

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TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

There were 140 votes cast at the election on March 5th . The results for the two three-year selectmen seat were: Azevedo, Cassandra L. (23), Fitts, Jared R. (66), Keith, Kevin D. (49), Simpson, Allison P. (23), Small, Douglas L. (87), Urquhart, Jason E. (17). Both Jared and Doug accepted and were sworn into Office. For the RSU #87/SAD #23 Director position for three years there were no declared candidates. The top four write-ins were: Case, Ashley (6), Pelliter, Peter (2), Richardson, David (6), and Simpson, Allison (7). After getting over the surprise of being elected to an office she had not even thought of running for and doing some checking as to what the job entailed, Allison accepted and has been sworn in. Budget Committee Members elected for three years were: Richardson, David (30), Hargraves, Mary Lou (24), and MacIlroy, Ruth (19).

There was a lager turnout (52)this year than the 36 registered voters last year. All articles were passed as written.



JUNE 14, 2016 PRIMARY

and

RSU#87/SAD#23 BUDGET REFERENDUM

Will be held at the Golden Harvest Grange Hall at 980 Main Road, from 8am-8pm.



Memorial Day—May 30, 2016

The Memorial Day activities will remain the same as in past years: Etna Cemetery on Route143 by sand shed, 10 AM

Carmel: 11 AM at the Veteran Memorial, followed by a luncheon. Organizations and individuals who would like to march or ride please plan to gather at the Carmel Elementary School by 10:30 A.M.

Winners of the American Legion Post raffle:

Lacey Walton & Sue Rudnicki	\$25 Blackbeards Certificate (each)
Robert Sibley	Center Beauty Salon-\$20 Gift Certificate
Adam Raymond	Etna Village Varsity-Monster Pizza/Soda
David Ruiz	Foreign Car Center-Oil Change
Leroy Hall	Hanks Repair-\$25 Gift Certificate
Stanley Powell	Hannafords-\$25 Gift Certificate
Marvin Graves	Potters Transmission-Complete Transmission Service
Dana Crockett	R&R Lumber-50 Gallons of heating fuel
Stanley Powell	Seafood Galley-\$25 Gift Certificate
Helen McDonald	Tesoro Pizzeria-\$20 Gift Certificate
Deb Ward	Tim's Babershop-Free haircut
Helen McDonald	Ye Olde General Store-\$20 Gift Certificate
Mary Rogers	Wayne Elstons Speed Shop-Nascar Items
Jennie Corson & Marvin Graves	World of Flags-two American Flags

DOG REGISTRATIONS

**All Dogs had to be Registered by January 31, 2016
The \$25 Late Fee went into Effect February 1, 2016
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 Treadwell, Animal Control Officer 570-6322

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



From the desk of the Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector.



After a mild winter and a seemingly early start to spring, I am looking forward to a busy year with new construction in 2016. I can report that all of the proposed ordinance changes that the planning board presented at the town meeting were overwhelmingly approved. If you are building a new home, accessory building, adding a deck or making any other structural improvement to your home, please be sure to contact me first to obtain the proper permit. Call or email me with any questions as well. Happy spring everyone, I hope you all enjoy the warming weather and budding trees and flowers!



Kevin Howell
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The deadline for filing applications for Homestead Exemption, Veteran's Exemption, Tree Growth or Farmland programs is April 1st, 2016. Any applications filed after that date will not be considered until the 2017 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

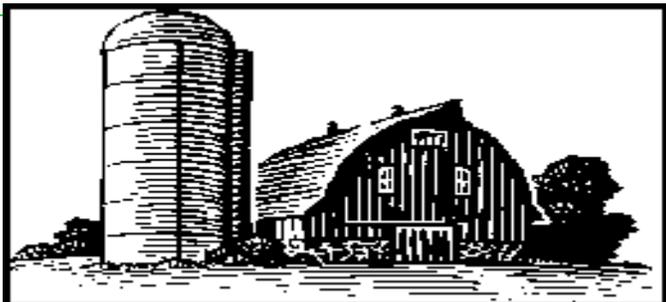
Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.

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.

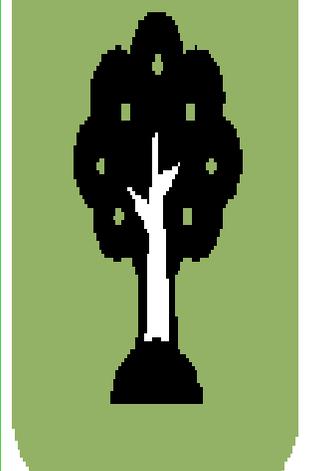


BLIND EXEMPTION

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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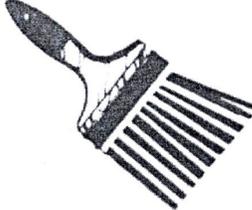
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Carmel Fire Department Auxiliary News and Events



Watch for a Fundraiser: Watch for a date and event and please come join us for a good cause.

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



Carmel Days: The library will be having its “Pie Table.” There will be lots of different pies to select from. Pies may be purchased as a whole pie or by the slice.

Adult Coloring Programs: Did you know coloring is good for you? Research shows coloring “de-stresses” the brain by lowering the activity of the amygdala, the part of the brain involved with controlling emotion that is effected by stress. Come enjoy two coloring events; starting Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00 and on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00pm. You may bring your own pages and materials or see what Ms. Becky has to offer.

COLORING BOOK



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Summer Line Up: Ms. Becky has been working to bring Maine authors to Carmel. John Ford, Retired Maine Game Warden and Mark Nickerson, Retired Maine State Trooper will be coming **Thursday, September 15th at 6:00pm** at the **Golden Harvest Grange**. Light refreshments will be served. The library has their new books, “Deer Diaries” by John Ford and “Behind the Blue Lights” by Mark Nickerson.

Do you like a good mystery? The library presents “**Death and Desserts**” Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 at the Golden Harvest Grange with three Maine mystery writers Kate Flora, Lea Wait and Dorothy Cannell. Come enjoy an evening out with a lively talk on mysteries and sample a variety of desserts.



Craft Group and book discussions: Do you like to hand quilt, knit, crochet or just want an afternoon out? Come on Thursdays at 1:00 to enjoy an afternoon out at the library. **On April 21st Lorie Darling will be our special guest. Lorie will present a quick and easy project. More will be posted on Face Book and the website, simpsonmemorial.org, in April.**

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.



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Public Law Chapter 206, LD 1320, "An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Motor Vehicles."

This is BMV's omnibus bill. It makes several changes to motor vehicle law:



The bill changes the definition of "pickup truck" to include trucks registered up to 10,000 pounds. It repeals the option of combining the registered weight of a pickup truck with that of a 2,000 pound or less trailer for a maximum of 8,000 pounds combined weight. Pickup trucks now must be registered for the actual combined weight of the truck and trailer (excluding camper trailers.) The pickup truck may have either a commercial-type plate or a passenger-type plate up to 10,000 pounds. (This includes specialty plates.) The fee for a 6,001 to 10,000 pound registration is \$37 regardless of plate type. It is preferred that pickup trucks be registered with passenger-type plates.

The bill changes the vanity plate law to clarify the Secretary of State's authority to deny or recall plates which the Secretary determines encourage violence or may result in acts of violence or promote other unlawful activity. Removes "obscene, contemptuous, profane, or prejudicial" as criteria for denying vanity plates.

The bill increases the registration fee for an antique auto to \$30.



The bill clarifies that reports made or received in determining whether a person is qualified to be issued a driver's license may be used by the medical personnel treating the person.

The bill requires that a form created by the Commissioner of Public Safety must be used by scrap metal processors to collect and keep certain information when a scrap metal transaction occurs.

The bill discontinues the "muffler bypass permit" as this permit is obsolete.

The bill clarifies that the cancellation fee for all commercial examinations, including a Class C commercial examination, is \$30.

The bill increases the fee for duplicate learner's permits from \$2 to \$5 to support the costs associated with issuance. A federal rule effective July 8, 2015 requires that a commercial driver's license permit be issued with the same security features as a base license. This will require a card-type permit to be issued with the same associated costs for production.

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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration

The Carmel Elementary School is accepting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registrations for the 2016-2017 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, 2016. 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, 2016.

We will need your child's **Certified** 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. **NOTE - The State is cutting out the green copy of the vehicle registration, which we file and use to check your information . So please keep track of your records.**



The Spring Free Fishing Days are June 4-5, 2016. 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 2017. Renewals or new registration done before May 1st 2016 will expire June 30th 2016.**



MOOSE APPLICATION DEADLINE:
postmarked April 1, 2016 for mail-ins

&

May 16 2016 for online applications

Town Office Hours

Monday - 8AM - 8PM
Tuesday - **1PM - 5PM**
Wednesday - 8AM - 5 PM
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
Jared Fitts - 852-4164
John Luce - 848-3538
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
Carmel Elementary: 848-3383
Caravel Jr. High: 848-3615
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Library 848-7145

Sheriff Non-Emergency Phone #:
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Rec Director

Aaron Hawes: 356-4255 or
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Planning Board

Meet the 1st Monday of the Month—the 2nd Monday if the 1st is a holiday at 7 PM
Please call the Town Office to be put on the agenda

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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