

TOWN OF CARMEL

2015 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date: December 2015

Town of Carmel Election

Town of Carmel Municipal election will be held

Saturday March 05, 2016

Nomination Papers will be Available for two Selectmen and one Carmel SAD 23 Director, **December 04, 2015 and must be turned in by 5PM January 13, 2016**



Town Election will be held at

Carmel Town Office

1 Safety Lane

March 5, 2016

Polls open from

10 AM—4 PM

Printed Absentee Ballots will be available for the election of Selectmen and SAD 23 Director February 04, 2016

Town Meeting March 7, 2016

**At the Carmel Elementary School
50 Plymouth Road**

7PM

The tabulator was again a big help with the amount of time we had to spend at the hall after the polls closed. There were 352 ballots cast. Listed below are the results for the referendum election:

#1: Citizen Initiative Clean Campaign:	Yes-136	No-216	Blank-0
#2: Bond Issue: Elderly Housing	Yes-202	No-147	Blank-3
#3: Bond Issue: Transportation	Yes-214	No-137	Blank-1

RECYCLING PICK-UP

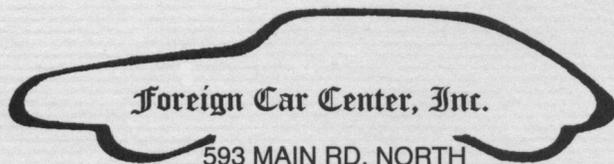
IS THE 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
NOT THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH
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TRASH PICK-UP

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Town Manager's Desk

Over the last 14 years since I've been the tax collector for the town of Carmel, we have made a major effort to allow residents who are behind on taxes owed to make payment arrangements. What we have seen is that only a very few actually follow through and make their payment on a monthly basis.

After reviewing the collections with the Board of Selectmen, it was decided that offering payment plans is not working and will not be offered in the future.

The town currently charges 7% interest; borrowing from a bank would reduce that cost dramatically as an option for paying off your taxes.

Important reminder, if you have received a **FORECLOSURE NOTICE** do not ignore it because if it is not paid by Dec 1st the only way for the owner to recover the property is to pay all taxes owed. Remember anyone can make payments toward their upcoming tax bill so the amount due in July is reduced. After the tax bills come out one can also do their own budget and pay so much a month instead of trying to save up and pay the bill all at once, reducing interest and avoiding liens and/or foreclosure.



Looking ahead to the 2016 presidential election, we are thinking of moving the poll location to the Carmel Elementary School Gym. Hopefully with this change we will have better access and room to better handle a larger volume of voters.

In an effort to provide more off road parking we are looking at doubling the width of Safety Lane to allow for parking on both sides of the road.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

WHAT TIME?

REPORT TIME!!

All town organizations / committees and boards need to have their annual report for the year 2015 into Julia by January 04, 2016. This includes your year's actives as well as your financial for those required to submit them.

ORDINANCE CHANGES

January 4, 2016 at 7 PM there will be a Public Hearing at the Carmel Town Office to discuss ordinance changes to the Land Use Zoning and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

Adopting Validity and Severability Clause—Article 1A

Adding / updating Definitions—Article II

Adopting accessory Dwelling units—Article VII #9

Amending Non-Conforming Uses—Article VIII

Adopting Updated Current Shoreland Zoning Ordinance



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DOG REGISTRATIONS

Beginning October 15, 2015 Dog Owners could start registering their dogs for **2016**



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 three years thereafter. Please bring appropriate paperwork for new registration i.e.; proof of rabies shots and the dog's spay or neutered status

Contact information: Animal Control Officer, **848-9913**, Town Office **848-3361**, *Regional Dispatch*, **945-4636** and the *Game Warden* can be reached at **941-4440** or **287-5252**.

Please license your dogs before January 31st (the 29th this year 31st is on the weekend) in order to avoid late fees.

Licensing Fees: Unaltered Dogs: \$11.00 Altered Dogs: \$6.00

Rabies Clinic will be December 10th from 6 PM-7PM At the Carmel Municipal Building Shot Fees: Rabies - \$10 / Distemper - \$15 / Feline Leukemia - \$15 / Lyme Disease - \$20 Cash Only

The Animal Control Officer must do an inspection
before a kennel license can be issued !
Kennel Fee: \$42.00 per 10 dogs

The shelters are full of unwanted pets, so PLEASE, SPAY and NEUTER your cats and dogs!!

**If your pet's Rabies shot has expired you need to get it
done before licensing it for 2016!**

**(Late fees: \$25.00 per dog after January 29th)
The 31st falls on a Sunday and the Town Office is closed on the
weekend**

If your dog leaves your property call the town office or the Animal control officer: it can aid in a faster return of your pet and save you some money and lots of anxiety.

Being missed is wonderful, but being found is better so always have tags and contact information on your pet's collar!

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Awarding the Boston Post Cane Plaque and Honoring the over 90 Carmel Residents

On November 7th, at the Carmel Historical Society House, the over ninety residents of Carmel were honored with a tea. Those that were able to attend were; Althea Nute (93), Marguerite Runnells(92), Phyllis Partridge (92) Stanley Powell (93), Douglas Goodine (90), Clement Richardson (90). Mavis Weeks (93) and Evelyn Stevens (94) were unable to attend.

Bernice (Bunny) Curtis was going to be the Guest of Honor but she had fallen the week before and was unable to attend Saturday's tea. But on Thursday November 12th a group of friends and family gathered at Woodlands Senior housing surprising her with their appearance and Julia on behalf of the Town presented her with The Town's Boston Post Plaque honoring her as Carmel's oldest citizen at ninety-eight.

Bunny and her husband, Henry settled in Carmel in 1946 raising their children Gloria and Dean here. Bunny was a substitute teacher at the Carmel Elementary School. She is/was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, The Golden Harvest Grange, the Carmel Union Congregational Church and the South Levant Baptist Church she was called upon by these groups to play either the piano or organ enhancing the meetings with her music for decades. Bunny's other love is playing bingo.

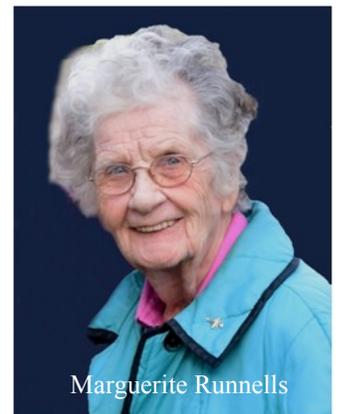
I hope that we did not overlook anyone and if you know of a resident turning ninety please let us know so that we can invite them to our next tea.



Althea Nute



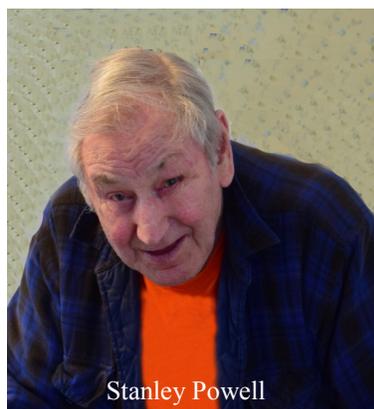
Bunny Curtis with her daughter Gloria, son Dean and his wife Mary.



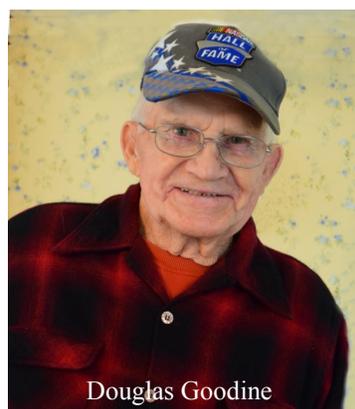
Marguerite Runnells



Phyllis Partridge



Stanley Powell



Douglas Goodine



Clement Richardson

Simpson Memorial Library, 8 Plymouth RD,
PO Box 186, Carmel, ME
web site: www.simpsonmemorial.org
FACE Book link, photos and much more on website

Tuesday 11 am – 7 pm
Thursday 11 am - 7 pm
Saturday 9 am – 1 pm
Phone # 848-7145

We are pleased to announce the addition of the library has begun! We ask for your patience and understanding during this busy time. Due to construction our November and December story hour and baby story time will be at the Benevolent Lodge.



Story Hour: NEW TIME!! Saturday, **Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th at 11:30 a.m.**, for ages Pre-k and up at the Benevolent Lodge across the road from the library. November theme is Thanksgiving. December 12th theme is “The Grinch.”

Baby Story Time: Known as “Lap Story Time”: Come have fun on **Tuesday, 10th at 11:30 at the library.** 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. This month the program is on: **Dec. 15th.**

Bake Sales: 9:00 a.m. Nov. 21st at Ye Ole General Store on Rt. 2 in Carmel. There will be no December bake sale. Contact Linda Ricker, 848-0741, if interested in baking.



Community Tree Lighting: Sunday, December 6th. The John Bapst Concert Choir will perform at 3:30 followed by the caroling and lighting of the tree. After the lighting, everyone is invited to follow the luminaries to the Historical Society and the Benevolent Lodge next door to the library for socialization and refreshments.

Craft Group and book discussions: Do you like to knit, crochet or want to learn how? **The group will meet at 1:00** at the library for the fall and winter months. Come 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.



Book Donations: We greatly appreciate your donations for our annual book sale. **Due to library construction please hold your book donations until after the first of the year.**



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The fire department is pleased with the new fire truck with all equipment up to date and working. It has been out on two fire calls and one auto accident.

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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.**

Selectmen meet Monday @7:30 PM as posted

Suzan Rudnicki - 848-5656
Douglas Small - 848-5167
Joe Pelletier - 848-2241
John Luce - 848-3538
Ernie Bowers - 848-2259

Website: townofcarmel.org
Contact person:
julia@townofcamel.org

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
Hermon High School: 848-4000
Library 848-7145
Rec Director 356-4255 or 848-0811

Animal Control Officer
848-9913

Sheriff Non-Emergency Phone #:
947-4585
For all Emergencies
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Carmel Fire & Rescue
848-5051 leave a message

Code Enforcement Officer

Kevin Howell

Monday 12-8 & Wednesday 8-4

Email: ceo@townofcarmel.org
or Please Call before coming in.
Office # 848-3361:

Planning Board

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



Time to license your Dog(s)
\$6.00 for Neutered or Spade.
\$11.00 for unaltered dogs

Christmas Tree Lighting at The Carmel
Historical Society Sunday December 6th
starting at 3:30 with the John Bapst concert
choir. (see page 5 for more details.)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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