

TOWN OF CARMEL
2015
SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date: June 2014

Town Office will be **closed** FRIDAY JULY 3rd

Happy July 4th



Special Town Meeting—June 15 7PM at the Carmel Elementary

Town of Carmel's Tax Acquired Property Sale

Bid packages will be available at the Carmel Town Office and returned by 5 PM July 27.
Properties that will be going up for bid are:

Pamela Cohen Properties on Penny Lane Map: 8 Lot: 48-9 and Lot: 48-10

William & Melissa Mixer: off Hampden Road Map: 5 Lot: 18-4

Douglas Schmidt: at 28 Trail's End (Etna Pond) Map: 10 Lot: 11-1

Paulyne McBrine: at 3 Ash Hill Road Map: 5 Lot: 5

Anne Tucker: on Map: 5 Lot: 31N

**THE IRISH ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC
Starting June 22. See Road Commissioner Report
for more details.**

Town Manager Desk—June 2015

The old saying ‘times they are a changing’ is true here in Carmel too. In 1978 when the municipal building was completed, the town office and superintendent of schools office were both housed at this location. Time passed. The superintendent’s office was moved to its current location and the town has utilized the entire space since. Now with the continued growth of the town and the amount of records that should be kept in a fire proof location have exceeded the old vault designed for the 1978 capacity. Working with an engineering company we will be able to move the existing emergency exit door and use an abutting closet to expand the existing vault to triple its capacity.



The town is also at the point where there is a need to replace the 1991 Spartan Fire Engine. Three bids were received and the bid was awarded for \$280,000.00, contingent on town meeting approval. Although this sounds like a lot of money, it’s on the lower end of the prices. Custom fire engines can cost as much as \$500,000.00. The one selected has what the town needs for equipment, and the Fire Chief is comfortable with it.

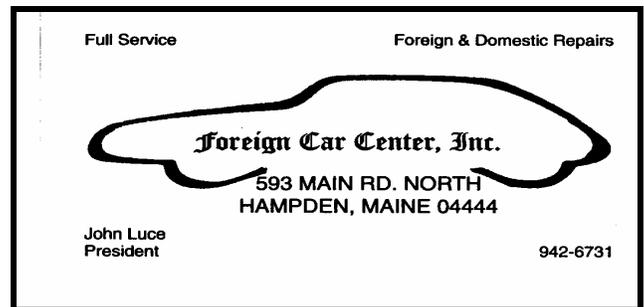
The following two articles will be voted on at the special town meeting to be held on June 15, 2015 at 7:00 in the Carmel Elementary School Gym. (Article one is to elect a moderator.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a majority of the municipal officers to purchase a new fire engine for a cost not to exceed **\$280,000.00**. Money from the Reserve Equipment Fund (**\$226,000.00**) from Taxes (**\$54,000.00**).

Selectmen Recommend "Yes"

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 33,000** from taxes for the construction of the new town vault.

Selectmen Recommend "Yes"



BE SURE TO GET YOUR FIRE PERMIT

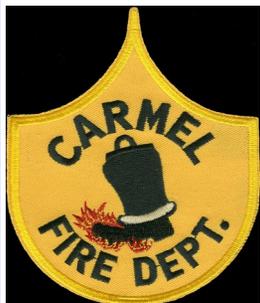
You may pick one up at the Carmel Town Office during business hours

Or At Ye Ole General Store

Or

Online :www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/wildfire_danger_report/index.html for a cost of \$7

You can also check the fire danger at this site.



IT IS VERY DRY THIS YEAR!

ONLY BURN WITH A PERMIT & USE COMMON SENSE

Road Commissioner's Report

June 2015

Road Commissioner Report

As I review road construction for the last eight years, it becomes very obvious that we have come a long way. Over the years we have reduced the amount of patch from three wheeler loads a year to one. We no longer have potholes on part of the Fuller Road, Cook Road, Old State Road and Ash Hill Road. This year we will be eliminating them on the Irish Road between Route Two and the Fuller Road. The schedule for Irish Road is for the current pavement to be reclaimed somewhere around the week of June 22 or 29th.



The road will be closed to all thru traffic for the duration of the reconstruction and paving. Residents living on the road will be given colored placards to display on their windshields. It is estimated that the construction will be completed in 7 to 10 days.

The entire road will be reclaimed, and additional gravel will be added to those low areas to reestablish the road profile; then six inches of ground pavement will be applied and compacted prior to paving. This process will be the same as the one we have used for the last seven years, and it seems to be holding up well.

Sincerely,
Tom Richmond
Town Manager



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SUMMER CARE TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR PETS!

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your pet.

The Humane Society of the U. S. offers these tips to keep your furry friends safe this summer.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR

In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade.

Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage and can even die.

To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, **leave your pet home.**

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Library Hours: Tuesdays and Thursday s, 11 to 7:00 and Sat. 9 to 1:00
207-848-7145

Summer Read Program: Registration is now open. This year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story" with programs, prizes, story hours, activities and much more. Activities are on Tuesdays, June 23 to Aug. 4th from 11:30-12:30 at the Golden Harvest Grange on Rt. 2 Carmel. Attending the weekly event is not required. However, to be eligible for prizes and certificates participants must turn in their reading logs.



On July 28th our summer read event will start at 1:00 with special guest, Lindsay & Her Puppet Pals. For more information, call the library at 207-848-7145 or check the website.

Children & Families: The summer read has two levels, the Read-to-Me portion of the program, especially designed for infants and toddlers, and regular summer read for children from beginner readers to advance readers.

Tweens and Teens: We give you "The Book a Day Challenge," a self-paced summer read event for young people that like to read and explore new ideas. Graphic novels, audio books, picture books, nonfiction and fiction all qualify.

Adult Summer Read; "Escape the Ordinary," Who's a hero in your life? Join us to explore the possibilities.

Maine InfoNet Download Library: The Simpson Memorial Library has joined the Maine InfoNet Download Library. This service should be available by mid-June. This is a free service for any of our patron's with up-to-date accounts. The Maine Info Net Download Library is made possible by a grant from the Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust with matching fundraising. The Download Library offers e-books and audio books for your reading pleasure. Please check our website for upcoming information.



SPECIAL EVENT: On Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 at the Golden Harvest Grange we are pleased to have **West African master drummer, Jordan Benissan**, present his program on African drumming. Jordan teaches at Colby College and is a wonderful performer. **This is a free program opened to all ages.** Come enjoy an evening of African music. Light refreshments will be served.

Maine Readers Choice Award: For the second year in a row the library will participate in the Maine Readers' Choice Award recognizes the best in adult fiction published in the United States the previous year. The library will have available the three books that were chosen by the committee of the M.R.C.

A. Voting takes place online during September.



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 to sign up.

The **Annual Meeting** of the Simpson Memorial Library Corporation will be June 30th at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Story Hour: beginning **Saturday, September 12th at 11:30 am.** Please note time change from 10:00 to **11:30.** **Babies Love Books program** will start on Tuesday, September 16th time to be announced.





Craft Group and book discussions: Do you like to knit, crochet or quilt? Would you like to learn any of these? Come at 6:00 Thursday nights to enjoy an evening out at the library. Time may change to afternoon during the winter. We will be having some special guests. Please check our website for more information.

Thanks to everyone who has *donated print cartridges or returnable bottles.* The library benefits from both of these donations. We greatly appreciate it! Special thanks to the folks that donated plants and books for our annual sale.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the library's bake sales. Special thanks to our bakers and the Ye Ole General Store for hosting us. **The bake sales will start again in Sept.**

The library is a 501 C3 qualified organization.

Find Your Inner Moose at Golden Harvest Grange

Susan Poulin to appear in Carmel

On Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 at 6:00pm

Sponsored by the Simpson Memorial Library

Carmel, MAINE Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6:00 pm.

Susan Poulin will be reading from and signing copies of her new self-help humor book, "Finding Your Inner Moose: Ida LeClair's Guide to Livin' the Good Life," (actually penned by Maine-based writer and performer Susan Poulin, the creative force behind the popular stage personality Ida LeClair) at the Golden Harvest Grange, 928 Main Rd, Carmel.

Poulin's character Ida, is a recently minted "Certified Maine Life Guide." Ida is a lifelong resident of fictional Mahoosuc Mills, an impossible-to-find, but oh-so-familiar town in Western Maine, where she lives in a tidy and tastefully decorated double-wide with high school sweetheart Charlie and adorable dog Scamp. Most importantly, Ida is a daughter, sister, wife, and best friend who draws upon her experiences (as well as those of the noble and majestic moose) to offer practical and hilarious advice on relationships, physical fitness, stress, housecleaning, work, shopping, fun, and more. (If you are looking for impractical, woo-woo advice from a glammed-up, over-educated, fancy-schmancy life coach, just keep looking!)



In her book, readers will find sections such as: What Did I Do Wrong to Deserve this Turkey Gobbler Neck?; How Many Points in Cabbage Soup?; Feng Shui-ing the Double Wide; Slaying Energy Vampires; and Spousal Deafness. This book is 100 percent Ida, who, as her husband Charlie often says, "just loves giving advice to people, whether they ask for it or not!"

"Finding Your Inner Moose" is part of a developing relationship between Poulin and Islandport. Poulin's weekly "Just Ask Ida" humor blog and podcast is now produced for Islandport web sites, and Islandport will lend marketing support to Poulin's shows and events, as well as for her social media sites.

Poulin, once selected by Portland Magazine as one of the "Ten Most Intriguing People In Maine," created the character Ida LeClair in 1997. Poulin has been a leader in bringing a female voice to New England storytelling and humor, a genre historically dominated by men such as "Bert and I" and Tim Sample. Poulin has produced five stage shows featuring Ida: "Ida: Woman Who Runs with the Moose," "Ida's Havin' a Yard Sale," "A Very Ida Christmas," "The Moose in Me, the Moose in You," and her latest, "I Married an Alien."

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BOSTON POST CANE

The Boston Post Cane tradition was established in 1909 by Edwin Grozier, Editor and Publisher of the Boston Post Newspaper. On August 2, 1909 in letters sent to 700 Boards of Selectmen of towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, Grozier asked them to be trustees of the 700 ebony, gold topped canes that he had contracted to be made during the previous year. A special cane was presented to the Board of Selectmen in 431 towns in New England who responded to the letter, to be presented as an honor to each town's oldest resident. The recipient held the honor as long as he/she lived (or moved from the town). Upon his or her death (or move) the cane would be awarded to the next oldest resident. A stipulation in the letter was that the Cane would belong to the town and not the resident who received it.

The tradition has fallen by the wayside and we are in hopes of reestablishing the tradition. I have ordered a case to be made which will display our Boston Cane which will be housed at the Carmel Town Office. Along with the cane will be nameplates of the past holders and those who should have received the honor. This is where we need the townspeople help. We need candidate's names and ages and they need to have lived in Carmel for at least the last 25 years.

Please fill out the form below or get one from the Carmel Town Office and return to Julia at the Town Office. After we have sorted the information the Carmel Historical Society will hold a ceremony honoring those and the families of those who should have received recognition as the oldest Citizen and all the ninety plus residents.



BOSTON POST CANE

CARMEL OLDEST CITIZEN RECONGNIZATION

Candidate's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Length of Residance: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Submitter's Name: _____ Contact Number _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

(Daughter, Son, husband, wife, grandchild, in-law, friend, etc.)

Fire Chief's Report

As of October last year I became the new Fire Chief for the town of Carmel. With that I started developing a long range plan for the replacement of fire engines and the ambulance. We currently have the following equipment:

422	2006	International	3,000 gallon	pumper-tanker
424	1992	Ford	1,700 gallon	pumper
421	1991	Spartan	700 gallon	Fire Pumper and Equipment Truck
426	2012	Ford		E350 Brush Truck
429	2001	Ford		Ambulance

As most of the residents are aware, the 1991 Spartan was purchased as a used fire engine. It has served its purpose but with the age of the truck we have developed problems with the old wiring which has caused pumping problems. With two outside fire apparatus repair companies inspecting and working on the problem, it is still unresolved. When pumping, the pump unit governor runs wild and the hose pressure exceeds the safe hose pressure and could endanger the fireman using the hose. This runaway requires that the operator has to push the emergency stop button to shut down the truck. With the emergency shut down the truck loses its water supply, leaving the fireman with a dry hose and having to restart the pumper. It often reoccurs, making it necessary to shut it down again.



Now looking at the age of all the fleet it is time to look at replacing this truck with a new fire engine. This process first looked at the needs of the town and then at what the town could afford. The new fire engines ranged from \$270,000 to over \$500,000. The bid specs were conservative and we have selected a Ferrara for a price of \$280,000.

The Firemen, Board of Selectmen and budget committee have recommended the purchase be voted on at the Town Meeting on June 15th. I would ask that you attend the town meeting and ask for your support.

Fire Chief Ryan Simpson

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 18 NEWS

Troop 18 has been very busy the past few months. The scouts just finished up their cooking merit badges. The cooking badge consisted of knowing how to safely store and prepare foods, how to treat cooking related injuries and illnesses, and had to plan, shop, and cook several meals independently. They were also required to cook several meals outdoors. The scouts all enjoyed their finished products and who knew we had such culinary skills in our troop! Now the scouts are working on their hiking merit badge. This badge will require the boys to know how to hike safely, how to treat any injuries that may happen while hiking, as well as many other requirements. This merit badge requires (5) ten mile hikes and (1) twenty mile hike. They have a few hikes planned in the Carmel area in the coming weeks so you most likely will see them out and about!



The scouts also spent an afternoon placing American flags on the graves of all of our military men and women at the Highland Cemetery. One of the scouts was honored to place a flag on his great grandfather's grave. Each year, the scouts are grateful to be given the honor to place the flags and look forward to it next Memorial Day. The scouts also participated in Carmel's Memorial Day ceremony by marching in the parade.



As summer approaches the scouts are looking forward to camping and fishing in between all the hiking. It is never too late to join scouts and if you are interested please contact Scout Master Dean Baily at 619-1895 or

Assistant Scout Master Craig Fennelly at 570-1555



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Contact Info: Coach Kristie Reed (207)852-9362 or reedk@wightssportinggoods.com



Soccer Clinic July 13-16th Ages 7-14 9am-12pm @ Carmel Rec Field
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 Online Registration at www.seacoastunitedblackbear.com

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Carmel ATV Club

For more information please contact John Surette (President) at 745-5099 or Craig Fennelly (Vice President) at 570-1555 or Jerry Stanhope (Trail Master) at 478-0871. You can also follow us on Facebook [Carmel ATV Club](#).

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CEMETERY DECORATIONS

The Town of Carmel tries to keep the Town Cemeteries looking nice. There is a problem with families placing loose silk flowers or ornaments on the sites which get whacked by the weed whacker sending flower parts flying around the cemetery. Other items are placed so that the weeds and grass grow up between the item and the headstone and the maintenance people can't get in to weed whack.

Please read the Cemetery Ordinance especially Section 6 #5 Permitted and Prohibited Activities. Lot owners may improve, cultivate and care for their lots and existing trees, shrubs, and plants, in accordance with the ordinance and may set out in sound wood, concrete or metal containers, plants or flowers of such kind or size as to not interfere with the adjacent lots. Owners shall not change the grade of any lot or interfere in any way with the general plan of landscaping of cemeteries nor add any material to his/her lot which is considered by the sexton to be unfit for the cultivation of grass.

Please put your decoration in the proper container so that we may maintain the cemeteries other wise **they will be removed.**



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

Selectmen usually meet Monday @7:30 PM or as posted

Suzan Rudnicki - 848-5656
Ernie Bowers - 848-2259
John Luce - 848-3538
Joe Pelletier - 848-2241
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
Hermon High School: 848-4000
Library 848-7145

Animal Control Officer

Jean Taylor: 848-9913

Code Enforcement Officer

Kevin Holland
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Wednesday: 8 AM - 4 PM
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Office # 848-3361

Planning Board

Meet the 1st Monday of the
Month (the 2nd if the 1st is a holiday)
7 PM
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Town Office will be closed JULY 3rd

**NO FIRST-TIME REGISTRATIONS PROCESSED AFTER 7:30 PM on
Monday Night or 4:30 PM the rest of the week**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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