

Town of  
**Carmel** *est. 1811*

Spring Newsletter 2017



**MAY 13: SPRING CLEAN UP - CURBSIDE BY 7 AM**

**MAY 29: MEMORIAL DAY - TOWN OFFICE CLOSED - PARADE STARTS AT 11 AM**

**SEPTEMBER 30TH: CARMEL DAYS PARADE AND ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE ABOUT YOUR RECYCLING\*\*\*\*\***

# Recycling Guidelines

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## DO RECYCLE

**PAPER, PLASTIC, METAL & GLASS can all be mixed together.**

### PAPER

- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Hard Cover Books
- Paper Plates (*clean*)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Containers
- Shredded Paper (put in clear bags)

### PLASTIC

- Water Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam®)

### METAL

- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Pots & Pans

### GLASS

- All glass Bottles & Jars (all colors, caps on)

All containers must be **EMPTY**, but not perfectly clean. A light rinse will do.

## DON'T RECYCLE

### Note Size:

Anything bigger than a 5-gallon  bucket is not recyclable.

**Trash/Garbage**  
**Needles & Sharps**  
**No Large metal parts** car, boat, truck, etc.  
**Wood/lumber**  
**Propane, helium or other gas cylinders**  
**Piping, plastic or metal**  
**Clothing & shoes**

### Plastic bags:

- shopping bags
- frozen vegetable
- bread or sandwich
- newspaper bags
- chips or snack
- trash bags

### Plastic wrap or film

### Garden hoses

Batteries, alkaline or button-cell  
Boat shrink-wrap/tarps  
Bubble-wrap  
Diapers  
Envelopes that are plastic or Tyvek®  
Food (compost it)  
Kitty litter  
Knives  
Light bulbs (any type; return CFLs to store)  
Paper napkins/towels  
Styrofoam® or polystyrene foam (*even if marked #6*)  
Toys  
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Waxed paper / boxes

Got more questions?

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or call us at  
**207-773-1738**

## Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is **YES**:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?

2. Is it rigid or hard?

3. Is it a container?



Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).

## No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling:

- \* Ammunition
- \* Anti-freeze
- \* Button-cell batteries
- \* CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- \* Chemicals
- \* Computers & related parts
- \* Fertilizers
- \* Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind)
- \* Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- \* Mercury (in any amount)
- \* Oxygen tanks
- \* Paint thinner
- \* Pesticides
- \* Propane tanks
- \* Rechargeable batteries
- \* TVs

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:

- Go to [www.ecomaine.org](http://www.ecomaine.org)
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station

**Still unsure if it will recycle?**  
Send us your recycling question at [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org).



# ALL RESIDENTS PLEASE READ

**\*\*\*\*Carmel Recycling shifts to drop-off service June 28\*\*\*\***

***NEW*** recyclables drop-off station available to residents **May 1** at Town Hall. Curbside trash collection remains unchanged.



On May 1, Carmel residents may begin dropping off mixed recyclables at the Town Office (1 Safety Ln.) in a large, covered, silver recycling dumpster. Curbside Recycling pick-up will continue as normal until June 27, the last day of curbside recyclables pick-up.

**Effective June 28, recyclables will no longer be picked up at the curb, they must be brought to Town Hall and deposited in the big, silver (or colorfully painted) ecomaine recyclables dumpster.**

*“Despite the cost of curbside recycling pick-up becoming prohibitive, The Town of Carmel is fully supportive of the recycling program and encourages our residents to actively participate in the new drop-off system”, Kevin Howell, Town Manager.*

Residents will have access to the recycling dumpster at Town Hall 24/7. Recyclables may be dumped loose into the large metal containers, or can also be deposited into the containers in open cardboard boxes or paper bags.

## **What can be recycled?**

The list of acceptable items for recycling does not change. For a list of Single Sort Recycling Do's & Don'ts, or to post questions about items you are unsure about using the “Will it Recycle?” form, go to [www.ecomaine.org](http://www.ecomaine.org).

## **DON'T FORGET!**

For the safety of the employees of ecomaine and to ensure full recoverability of all recyclable materials, PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT PERMITTED in single-sort recycling. This includes trash bags with recyclables in them.

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN MANAGER

HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!

By the time you read this, the snow will be gone and the buds on the trees will be growing. This is certainly an exciting time of year that we all seem to embrace after a harsh winter like we experienced this year. I can only imagine how all the animals feel to have a winter like that behind them.

As many of you know by now, on March 13<sup>th</sup> I came into the office to find a very unwelcomed surprise. At some time that morning, a water pipe in the attic burst in 2 places and flooded the entire town office. There was standing water in all rooms except the board room and Missy's office. As a result of the water coming through the ceiling and lighting fixtures, there was significant damage. Immediate actions were taken to ensure the office was relocated to a temporary location and reopened for business the next day. The restoration company wasted no time remediating the affected areas in preparation for repairs so we could move back in as soon as possible.

While I type this, we are preparing to move back into the newly restored front office. The silver lining in this all is that we were able to upgrade the lighting fixtures to energy efficient LED lights, get a new paint job and rearrange slightly to make the office a more welcoming environment for when you all visit to obtain the many services provided here at the Town Office.

By now, you have read or heard about changes to our recycling program. Is there a perfect solution for recycling in a small town like ours? Probably not. However, I feel that eliminating a once a month curbside collection program that required residents to store recycling for far too long and came at a high cost to the town and replacing it with a centralized drop off program that allows residents to more efficiently participate in recycling while at the same time saving thousands of dollars annually is a very reasonable solution. I hope this program results in increased participation because, in the end it is better for the environment and potentially reduces the amount of municipal solid waste we send to the plant every week. That, in turn, saves money in tipping fees.

I hope that everyone enjoys the warm weather and longer days. Take time to smell the flowers and I look forward to seeing you all around town!

Kevin Howell  
Town Manager



## FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

With winter behind us, issuance of new building permits is off to a busy start. Entering my third year as Code Enforcement Officer, I am pleased to see the continued pattern of steady growth. As I type this letter we are several weeks ahead of last year and months ahead of two years ago as to the number of permits issued. Please remember that if you plan on building or tearing down any structure on your property, you will need a permit.

If you have any questions regarding building or plumbing permits, zoning, land use, or anything pertaining to code enforcement, feel free to contact me directly at the Town Office or via email at [ceo@townofcarmel.org](mailto:ceo@townofcarmel.org)

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From the Desk of Carmel Fire  
& Rescue Fire Chief  
Chief Ryan Simpson, FF/EMT



With warm weather finally peaking around the corner, wildfire season is already upon us. On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Maine Forest Rangers reported 33 wildfires in a single day. These fires took down structures, destroyed land and other property. It is important to know a single brush pile or bonfire can easily get out of hand very quickly. Please remember to get burn permits for all scheduled fires – they can be obtained online, at the Ye Olde General Store or the fire station. Burning of certain items like trash or pressure treated wood is still illegal.

Carmel Fire and Rescue is excited to announce the newest fleet addition. This is a 2017 Ford F550 ambulance with a Lifeline body. This new ambulance has many upgrades from the old one, including 4 wheel drive, upgraded systems, a mechanism to lift heavy oxygen tanks into the ambulance automatically, and a Stryker stretcher. This new stretcher type is vital in helping reducing EMS injury risks.

Carmel Fire and Rescue will be holding an Open House in May – watch our Facebook page for more info. [Facebook.com/CarmelFireRescue](https://www.facebook.com/CarmelFireRescue) We invite the community to come see our emergency fleet and enjoy food and compression only CPR demonstrations.

Respectful submitted,  
Ryan Simpson, Fire Chief



# FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Greetings Everyone,

We hope everyone is as happy Spring is here as we are at the Rec Department. Snow is finally gone, which means baseball and softball is right around the corner. This year Carmel is able to have 2 minor league baseball teams and 1 minor league softball team. Field preparation has begun with the little league opening day being April 29<sup>th</sup>. You will see a few upgrades around the Rec fields this year beginning with a batting cage between fields 1 and 2. We also will have signs of all our sponsors hanging in the outfield of the baseball field. We can't thank our sponsors enough for all their support of the Carmel Recreation Department. Tball and Instructional signups just wrapped up and we are excited to get their season underway in May. If anyone has any interest in coaching or umpiring, please contact the Rec Department.

The Rec Department is also planning on hosting a Family Nerf Night in the Elementary School Gymnasium at the end of May. Dates and times are still being finalized currently. Watch for flyers going home from school and our Carmel Rec Facebook page with all the final details. If anyone has any interest in helping with this event, please contact the Rec Department.

Currently, we have a summer soccer camp with Fields4Kids scheduled July 10-14<sup>th</sup> at the Carmel Rec Fields. This camp is open to all boys and girls entering grades K-9. Registration can be completed at [www.fields4kids.org/camps](http://www.fields4kids.org/camps).

Just a reminder we have a Rec Committee meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Office. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help make our Rec Department successful while we continue to grow and better serve our community.

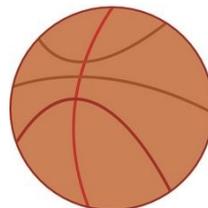
We look forward to seeing all of you at the ball fields this spring!

## **Deidra McIntosh**

Carmel Recreation Director

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Memorial Day will soon be here. We always have the cemeteries mowed and looking good for Memorial Day so please don't call two weeks ahead asking when we are going to get them mowed. It is grass growing season!

We will be starting the winter clean-up right off, and the blow downs will be taken care of and old flowers will be taken off. It will help if you don't place and new flowers on until this clean-up is completed.

Once again the American Legion will be overseeing the placing of the flags on veteran graves. Anyone wishing to help may call the Town Office 848-3361 and leave their name or call Don Candage (848-5614) or Julia Pike (848-2407).



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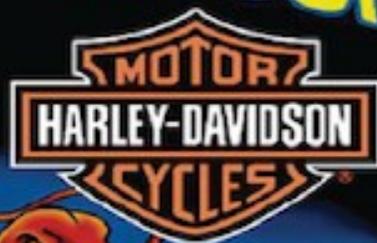
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# SIMPSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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Story Hour: @ 10:00am Sat. April 8 the LEGO's Club is back. New LEGO's will be available. Children's "work" will be on display for one month. Due to the Book and Plant Sale the May Story Hour will be the first Saturday in May, the 6th @ 10:00. The theme will be "How Does Your Garden Grow?"

Baby Story Time: Known as "Lap Story Time": Come have fun on Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the library. This is a 30 minute program for infants and toddlers up to age 3 and on May 16th.

Summer Read Programs: Sign up for your Summer Read Program. The library offers programs for children and adults. Sign up starts mid-May. The theme for all ages is "Build a Better World."

Summer Line Up: Ms. Becky is working on the programs for the Summer Line Up. Watch for events, dates and times.

Adult Coloring Events: Tuesdays, April 11, May 9, and June 13 at 6:00pm. Come enjoy an evening out at the library. Use the library's materials or bring your own.

Craft Group: Do you like to knit, crochet or want to learn how? The group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the library for the winter months. Special guest, Lorie Darling, will come on Thursday, April 20th, to teach how to knit an I-cord. The group will move to its summer hours 6:00pm starting Thursday, May 4th.

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.

BAKE SALES: Please support the library. Each month the library has a bake sale on the third Sat. on starting at 9:00 at Ye Ole General Store. The last bake sale of the spring will be on April 15. Sales will begin again in September.

Book and Plant Sale: Friday May 12, 8:00-3:00 and Sat. May 13. Come see the many books and plants available. Beautify your garden and lawn. Enjoy a good book

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.

### **The Simpson Memorial Library is pleased to present: \*Organizational Zen\***

#### **\*How to feel more in control of your time and get stuff done!\***

Thursday, 6/29, 6:00-7:30 PM, Simpson Memorial Library, Carmel, ME

Have you ever bought something you already owned because it was easier than finding the thing you had? Do you find yourself misplacing keys, glasses, or small children? Are you feeling overwhelmed and edgy over things you may have forgotten to do?

Join organizational habits expert Janie Downey Maxwell on Thursday, 6/29, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM to learn how to get more done. From big projects to everyday tasks, Janie can help bring organizational peace into your life. Please bring a pad of paper and something to write with. Free. No registration required.

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I am very proud of the Carmel Historical Society and its members. They have worked very hard over the years to collect and preserve the history of Carmel. I received letters from the first graders and had to smile at the fact a lot of them mentioned the wooden highchair. Those of us of a certain age would never thought of that as a novelty.

I have enjoyed meeting and discussing and helping past and present residents search for pictures of relatives, classmates and town information reviving past memories. Ralph Harris has just about completed the genealogy of the Ruggles Family. This was the family that settled Carmel. Ralph has done an outstanding job. Thank you Ralph.

We encourage you to come and have a visit. We are working on having regular hours this summer but we will open up for private tours. Give either Marvin Graves (848-7468) or Julia Pike (848-2407) a call.



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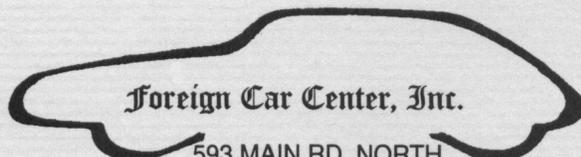
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In this puzzle, there are 28 road names from the Town of Carmel. How many can you find?

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

*Figure your vehicle fee by logging on to [townofcarmel.org](http://townofcarmel.org) - Taxes - Motor Vehicle*

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

Ernie Bowers - 848-2259  
Jared Fitts - 852-4164  
John Luce - 848-3538  
Suzan Rudnicki - 848-5656  
Douglas Small - 848-5167

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Road Commissioner  
Kevin Howell

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**Planning Board**

Meet the 1st Monday of the Month 5:30 PM (unless a holiday)

Please call or email **Kevin Howell** to be put on the agenda.

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