



Town of Carroll's Fall Newsletter

Fall 2010

Sure hope that you all had a wonderful summer. Compared to other parts of the US, we had a great summer! I put in a garden, but it didn't do that well, I have seen a few around town and they looked like they did great, that is wonderful, fresh vegetables from your own garden, life is good! I sure hope that with the rain that we had we have one of those beautiful bright colored falls!

I would like to encourage people to let me know if they have something to put into the newsletter, or if there is something they would like to see. My e-mail address is pbandjmore@roadrunner.com, or you can still mail me at PO Box 152, Twin Mt., NH 03595 or call 846-5714 or as always stop by.

Twin Mountain Fire Department



Auxiliary

Location: at the Fire Station, just north of the intersection of Routes 3 and 302
Time: 7:00a.m. - 10:30a.m.
Cost: Still just \$6 adults, \$3 kids under 12
SATURDAY Dates:

September 4, 2010 - Labor Day Weekend
October 9, 2010 - Columbus Day Weekend

All-you-can-eat-pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, orange juice. Come and enjoy the Best Pancakes in the North Country!

For additional information, call the Fire Station at:
603-846-5545

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR TOWN'S
FOOD PANTRY
HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS WHO AREN'T AS
FORTUNATE AS YOU.
THANKS TO ONE OF OUR GOOD
NEIGHBORS WE HAVE A FREEZER, TOO.
THANK YOU!

CIP IS COMING "Capital Improvement Program"

In July we started a CIP committee and with a great deal of help from North Country Council and Carole Bont, we have a lot of information to work with.

A Capital Improvement Plan is a combined planning and financial tool which lays out how and when expenditures should be made for needed public improvements.

It lays out the community's future budget and schedule for future capital expenditures; Displays how and when the community expects to expand services and facilities in the future; Takes into account municipal expense and revenue trends, as well as the forecasted growth of the community.

"WHY PREPARE A CIP?"

1. Preserve public health, safety and welfare.
2. Anticipate the demands of growth.
3. Improve communication.
4. Avoid undue tax increases and spikes in taxes.
5. Develop fair distribution of capital costs.
6. Build foundation for growth management and impact fees.
7. Identify scattered and premature development.

You will be hearing more about this and the progress that the committee is making. In the future we will be holding public meetings in order to let you know what we are working on and to get feedback from the public.

TRANSFER STATION YEAR ROUND HOURS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 20, 2010
Tuesday 11 AM to 4 PM
Thursday 11 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM

11th ANNUAL ANTIQUE TRACTOR & SMALL ENGINE SHOW AND YARD SALE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4, 2010
 LOCATED AT THE INFORMATION BOOTH
 TWIN MOUNTAIN
 9AM TO 2 PM

Display your original or restored tractor with other enthusiasts. Antique engines & one lungers are welcome.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS BEING SOLD

YARD SALE WILL BE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SEPT. 4TH AND 5TH FROM 9AM TO 3 PM

All proceeds to benefit the Twin Mt.- Bretton Woods Historical Society
 For info call: Phil Bell 603-869-2181

The Historical Society is making plans now for their Craft Sale in November, and the next Christmas ornament they will be having made. Be sure to look for the ads.

STATUS OF THE TWO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

We have been trying to keep you informed of the status of the town's two Police Cruisers. We feel that it is important to let you know.

The Dodge Charger	
Base price	\$23,087.80
Repairs as of 8/16/10	\$24,400.00
Total cost	\$47,487.80

2005 Tahoe	
Base price with trade in	\$35,368.73
Repairs as of 8/16/10	\$13,600.00
Total cost	\$48,968.73

Total amount of repairs \$38,000.00 in 20 months

We have also just recently had to do engine work on the 2002 Ford F-350 from the Highway Dept. and that will be costing about \$5,400.00. This is the truck that has been on the warrant to replace. We know it's not close to the amount of the truck, but possibly the start of more costly repairs.

TWIN MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Library Hours: Monday, 4pm to 8pm - Tuesday, 9am to 1pm - Wednesday, 1pm to 5pm Saturday, 10am to 1pm.
Phone: 846-5818

"Make A Splash-Read"- The Summer Reading Program , began on Tuesday, June 29th. Camp counselors: Violet McGee, Ben Brodeur, Ally Comeau, Cody Leonard and Jake Renaud did a fantastic job helping the children discover the books they enjoy reading.

The counselors maintained a recorded list of books each camper read this summer. Catherine, "FISHER CATS", representative and "SLIDER", "FISHER CATS," mascot, came to the LIBRARY on Wednesday, July 14. The day was a "big hit" with the 15 children who were entertained by a great old story: "Casey at the Bat", read by Catherine. "SLIDER" was an even greater hit in his Fisher-cat costume. Baseball cards and game schedules were given to the children and encouraged by Catherine & Slider to send their reading lists to "The Fisher Cats", to receive their 2 complimentary tickets to the Fisher Cats game on August 3. "Circus Circus" provided free passes for the circus in Lancaster on July 28, which were given to the children and counselors. 17 children enthusiastically greeted Mr. Mark, "The Music Man", on Tuesday Aug. 17. The town hall echoed with lively music and sounds provided by Mr. Mark and the children. Piano! Drums! Classical Guitar! Violin! Percussion Instruments! You can imagine all the fun everyone had learning to play the drums! A special thanks to Ally Comeau for her outstanding rendition on the drums! Mr. Mark Vadnais teaches music from K to 4th graders in Barrington, RI. He also plays professionally throughout New England. The Library thanks Mark for volunteering his time and talent.

New Books! The Girl Who Played with Fire & The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest: Steig Larson. Saving The World: J. Alvarez. Sydney Sheldon's After the Darkness: Tilly Bagshawe. Whisperers: J. Connolly. Burning Wire: J. Deaver. Sizzling Sixteen: J. Evanovich. Live to Tell: L. Gardner. Private: J. Patterson. The Overton Window: Glen Beck. The Passage: Justin Cronin.

New Audio Book Donations: Great donations from Bonnie! Strange Piece of Paradise: Terri Jentz. The Road to Dune: H. Andersen. Overton Window: Beck. Wild Fire: C. Feehan. Vanishing Act: F. Michaels. A Beautiful Mind: S. Nasar. The Grays: W. Striber. The Messiah of Morris Avenue: T. Hendra. DVD'S: New to the Library: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid", "Avatar", "The Blind Side", "Furry Vengeance", "The Bounty Hunter", "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo", "Invictus". The Library wishes to thank our Patrons, People in the Community and other Libraries for their generous donations of great books by renowned authors that are now on our shelves for your reading pleasure.

Maureen Philbin

BOOK SALE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2010
NEXT TO THE INFORMATION BOOTH
9AM to 3PM
 All proceeds to help support the town library

WHITE MOUNTAIN HISTORY

Mr. Rick Russack is the director of this web page, and has been working very hard to pull together a lot of our history of the White Mountain area. He is presently looking for old photos of any of the logging camps that used to be all around this area.

If you have any, please contact him and he will come to your home and scan the photos so they don't have to be removed from your possession.

If you get a chance please look at the web site -- it is very interesting. WhiteMountainHistory.org
Rick Russack 603-770-1046 or Rick.Russack@gmail.com

Skinny Dipping

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back.

It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange and lime trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond

as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim or make you get out of the pond.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.'

Some old men can still think fast.

WHY I LIVE IN THIS LITTLE TOWN

I was reminded this weekend what the real reason is that I live here in Twin Mt. (and it is with any small town). With all the back stabbing and name calling that seem to be going on so much lately, it's easy to forget.

But this weekend a group of people got together and worked hard for no reason other than to help a friend and neighbor get her house painted.

I want to thank all these wonderful people for all the help that they gave willingly, and the businesses who supplied some of the paint, lunch and beverages for doing what they could to help. I know there are others who would have helped as well, and for that I say thank you, and it will be your turn the next time!

But mostly it reminded me of the way it should be in a small town--we're meant to watch over our neighbors and be there when they need a helping hand. It's sad to me to think there are people who have moved here who will never understand what that means, as they never learned what it truly means to live in a small town with caring neighbors and friends. Thank you for helping me to remember.

Bonnie

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home, but the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers -- I Know My Rights; I Want It Now; Someone Else Is To Blame; & I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The budget committee is quite pleased with the number of surveys that have come back. The committee has been busy putting the results together, but have not completed yet, as the non-resident homeowners were given until the 31st of Aug. to return them.

We are trying to compile the results and condense the comments so they can be put into a report for the public as well.

THE HEALTH OFFICER'S CORNER

BY DR. EVAN A. KARPf

The following information is to provide basic information to benefit the community of The Town of Carroll. Individual circumstances may require professional intervention and or advice. I, Evan A. Karpf, D.C. and the Town of Carroll make no claims or guarantees concerning the information provided in this column.

DRINKING WATER

Water deemed usable for human consumption must be free from disease causing organisms, aesthetically acceptable, free from apparent turbidity, color, odor and objectionable taste. We say the water is *potable* when it meets the foregoing conditions. The underground storage of tanks, industry household wastes, septic tanks, pesticides and fertilizers can all lead to water pollution. Many *chemicals* have the capability to alter water quality and cause serious health problems. Some of these chemicals include: Arsenic, Lead, Copper, Radon, Mercury, VOCS, Nitrate, Nitrite and Atrazine. Water hardness is caused by dissolved minerals, usually calcium and magnesium and often interferes with cleaning. This is the logic of the separation of wells from potentially contaminating sources like sewage disposal systems, (septic).

Arsenic is one important contaminant in New Hampshire's geology. Bedrock wells that supply drinking water, known as drilled or artesian wells may contain arsenic. What you need to know is, what are the concentration levels of the arsenic in your drinking water.

Arsenic is a naturally occurring chemical found in New Hampshire and other areas of the USA. It also occurs from human activity such as apple orchard spraying and coal ash, however most arsenic found in New Hampshire is naturally occurring. Arsenic in water has no smell, taste, or coloration, even at high concentrations. The only way to measure the amount of arsenic dissolved in drinking water is through quality tests.

Health Effects

Arsenic is classified by the US EPA as a human carcinogen (cancer causing agent). Long term exposure has been linked to cancer, cardiovascular disease, immunological disorders, diabetes and other medical related conditions.

How Much Is Too Much?

The standard that limits arsenic in public water supplies is called the maximum contaminant level, (MCL). The initial MCL has been found to be too low! The more stringent standard is 0.010 milligrams per liter or 10 parts per billion, (ppb). Approximately 3 percent of New Hampshire wells exceed the concentration of 0.05 mg/l. Approximately 13 percent of New Hampshire wells exceed the revised more stringent standard for drinking water.

Reducing Arsenic in Drinking Water

- 1) Connect to municipal water system.
- 2) Construct a new well.
- 3) Install water treatment system.

Testing Your Well

An arsenic test costs \$10 per sample at the DES Laboratory. DES recommends at least two tests before a conclusion is made.

For More Information

Contact DES at the following web site: www.desnh.gov/web. The DES Environmental Health Program can be reached at (603) 271-4608. Dr. Evan A. Karpf

Carroll Conservation Commission developing Natural Resource Inventory

A natural resource inventory (NRI) lists and describes important, naturally occurring resources within a given locality (which may be a town, watershed, or region). At its simplest, an NRI is the compilation and description of existing natural resources data. At its most complex, it includes detailed analysis of specific resources.

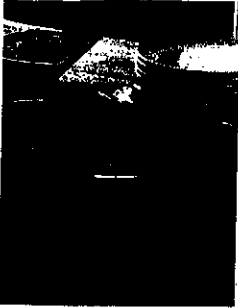
Until a given town has conducted a Natural Resource Inventory, many communities don't have a clear picture of where the resources are located, which are significant to them and why. A major accomplishment of an NRI is the provision of visual images (maps and photos), the associated data tables and descriptions, and a better understanding and appreciation of the community's natural resources. The result of an NRI should be available for use by the town's officials, other interested community groups, and citizens. Some of the ways that a NRI can be used include:

- Document current conditions so changes over time can be assessed.
- Educate local officials and the public about natural resources.
- Provide a basis for land use planning efforts.
- Develop or update the natural resource section of the municipal master plan.

Rather than being an end in itself, an NRI is simply a tool for achieving some of the goals listed above.


The town of Carroll Conservation Commission is developing our community Natural Resource Inventory and we invite you to get involved. We have compiled a lot of data, maps, and historical information but are always looking for more input. We want to know the things you value when it comes to the natural resources in our town. If you would like to join in on our work sessions and/or have some local knowledge you feel might be of interest, please drop us a note at Town Hall.

We were approached and asked about putting business card advertisements in the newsletter. The cost to do this is \$10.00 for the four newsletters during the year. The money goes into the general fund to help with the cost of paper and printing of the newsletters. If you are interested contact Bonnie or the Selectmen's Office. Only business card size.



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