



TOWN OF CARROLL NEWSLETTER

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School days, school days, dear old golden rules days! For those of you that may not know, the now current Town Hall was once upon a time the Town of Carroll School House. The building was built about 1895 in the center of Twin Mt. In 1949 the town's basketball team won the state championship for their division and the town built a gymnasium for the school. One of those members of the team was the late Bill Wright, who served as a Selectman for 30 years. In the 1960's it was a two room school house with grades 1,2 and 3 and where the library is and upstairs was 4, 5 and 6. After the 6th grade you went to school in Whitefield and that building has now become the McIntyre Apartments. The building remained as grammar school until 1968. Since then it has been run as the town offices and library.

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TOWN OF CARROLL 250TH ANNIVERSARY

It was brought to our attention that we are starting too early for this celebration and that we should talk to Maryclare as Whitefield did all of theirs in one year. Well we asked Maryclare and she said it's a good thing that we are thinking and planning already.

I would like to share some of things we are looking into, to get more people interested and willing to help. We are hoping to have some of the talented people in town send us a design for a logo, so we can move forward on making things to buy, such as clothing, license plates, etc. We are also looking into a monopoly game that is about The Town of Carroll, but this would require selling ads to the businesses to be placed on the game.

CALLING ALL VETERANS AND VETERAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

In the last newsletter I had put in about wanting to get to know all the veterans that we have in town. Mike Hogan would like to hear from you and your ideas. He also wants to start thinking about something special to put in front of our new buildings showing flags not only the US and State flags but ones reflecting all the branches. He said there are a lot of programs out there to Veteran Groups and he would love to get one started in The Town of Carroll. Mike asked that you reach out to him and he will move forward on trying to get a group together.

I know as a veteran it feels good to me to know fellow vets are around to help with whatever comes up. We would love to know who you are and also your families as well.

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We are also trying to plan something for each month during the year, getting all the different groups involved to help with one month or another. Some of the ideas we have come up with are an antique snowmobile show, Holiday and maybe a summer version of the tours of the older homes and buildings with historic information about them, fireworks, classic car show and parade.

So yes, we are starting early and we have started to raise some money. I will give you a heads up that chances are we will be putting in a warrant article for more financial help. We would like to make 2022 a very special year, and we will need your help to do that! Please send us your logo and catchy phrases. We have our own email address – celebration2022@townofcarroll.org

The meetings are the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM at the Town Hall. Hope to see you there!!

UPDATE ON THE TOWN HALL AND THE NEW BUILDINGS

For those that may not read the Coos County Democrat, it was decided to put this letter in the newsletter as well so that all are aware. The letter was in the paper on July 31, 2019.

Letter to the Editor,

In March, Town of Carroll voters approved the warrant article for design and construction of a new public safety building and a new Town Hall on town-owned land at the US-3 and US-302 intersection.

A task force was created to work on the project with Allan Clark, hired by the board as the town's Project Manager. During preparation of the site plan, several factors led to the conclusion that the original conceptual site plan would not work, primarily due to cutting into the hillside, construction of retaining walls, and site drainage. Many alternative site plans were considered, while two concept plans were chosen as potential options.

It was later determined that the second concept plan exceeded the authorized funding amount in the warrant article, leaving us with only one choice. However, for this option to be implemented, the existing Town Hall building would have to be removed following the transfer of all offices, records, and materials to the new Town Hall.

A committee to explore repurposing the existing Town Hall has been working for almost two years to generate interest within the business community and town residents. Monthly committee meetings, articles in the town newsletter, personal contacts, and a public informal session on July 24 all failed to produce a viable, sustainable plan for the building.

As a result, the Building Committee made a recommendation to the Select Board that the last concept plan be adopted, with the understanding that the existing Town Hall would be taken down when empty.

On July 29, the Town of Carroll Select Board voted unanimously to proceed with that concept. There was much discussion by the board on what we had told the voters, and how much all this has changed. We feel that if we had any other options we would have taken them, and wanted the residents of the Town of Carroll to know this. This was not an easy discussion for any of us and one that we know will upset many of you, and for that we are very sorry.

The decision to take down the existing Town Hall was not taken lightly. The Building Committee and the Select Board believe it is in the town's best interest to proceed with the only workable concept and begin the revitalization of the Town of Carroll with our new public safety building and the our Town Hall.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Moroney, Select Board Chair

Dave Scalley, Select Board

Robert Gauthier, Select Board

Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 21

On Saturday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m., town residents, businesses and visitors are invited to join with the Select Board and others as ground is officially broken for the new Public Safety building and the new Town Hall to be located just off School Street behind the existing Town Hall.

Ushering in a new era for the Town of Carroll, the Select Board invites all children under 18 years of age to participate in the groundbreaking. Town of Carroll parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their children/grandchildren, as they will have the opportunity to turn over the first shovels of dirt to officially begin the project.

Construction Management firm Ricci Construction Company Inc. of Portsmouth, New Hampshire will have construction equipment on site and will provide refreshments for the occasion. Poster boards with site plans, floor plans, and renderings will be available for review, as well as officials to discuss the project and answer questions.

An official dedication ceremony will be held in the spring of 2020 once construction is complete and all public safety and administrative functions have been moved into the new buildings.

This event is rain or shine, so mark your calendar and join with the Town of Carroll Select Board as we welcome the project's official beginning.

Contact Imre Szaute, Building Committee Chair, at 603-846-8039 or iszaute@runbox.com with questions or comments.



Twin Mountain Fire Dept. Auxiliary

2019 Breakfast Schedule

Location: at the Fire Station, just north of the intersection of Routes 3 and 302

Time: 7:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.

Cost: Pancakes \$6 adults, \$3 kids under 12

SATURDAY Dates:

August 31, 2019 - Labor Day Weekend

October 12, 2019 - Columbus Day Weekend

All-you-can-eat-pancakes, choice of bacon or sausage, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, orange juice. Chef Jeremy said he would be serving his world famous omelets for the last two breakfasts of the season, for \$10.00, so don't miss your chance!

The Auxiliary would like to thank all who support us each and every year, but we would like to thank the Mt. Washington Hotel, YaYa's Market and Deli and Foster's Crossroad Sports for always being there to help in any way that we have asked. You are all the best!! Thank you.

The Auxiliary is always looking for new members, we do a lot to help the Fire & Rescue Department and we also have raised money to purchase needed equipment, saving the taxpayers money as well. Please join.

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SCAM WARNINGS

Unfortunately, scams are a very frequent occurrence that cost fraud victims \$1.48 billion dollars last year (2018). Scams come in many various forms such as mail, e-mail, and phone calls. Here are a few steps to take to help you avoid falling victim to a scam.

1. **Be skeptical:** Any time a stranger randomly contacts you to alert you that you've been selected to receive free money or win a prize, it's best to doubt the legitimacy of the call.

Scammers are now also trying to trick victims into sending money to them by pretending to be a family member (grandchild) that has been arrested, has been in an accident, or is in a hospital. In most cases the scammer does not even know the name of the family member and will just say something along the lines of "this is your favorite grandson calling".

2. **Keep calm and rational:** When you receive unexpected news, such as someone claiming you won money, it's important that you control your emotions so you can look at the situation rationally. Scammers purposely tell you things to play on your emotions because they know it will make you less likely to look at the situation rationally, which will allow them to get more information from you.

An example of a scam designed to target the victim's emotions is the "IRS phone scam" that's impacting people throughout the country. The scam involves victims receiving a call demanding that they contact the IRS immediately concerning an overdue balance or they would face legal consequences such as arrest or having a warrant put out for their arrest. It is important to note as well that no legitimate company such as the IRS will ever have you go down to the store to pick up gift cards to pay "your fines / debt" over the phone with.

3. **Always check the source:** Anytime you're contacted by someone claiming to work for a company or the government, you should make sure you take steps to verify the source. **Do not** click on any links in an email or call any phone numbers provided by the potential scammers, and instead you should make sure it's who the person is claiming to be. The best way to do this is to contact the company or organization this person is claiming to represent, and inquire about the issue. Be sure to get the contact information from a trusted source, such as the company's website or business card

4. **Don't reveal personal information:** Whenever someone is contacting you and asking you questions about your personal information do not provide them with anything, even if it's just your full name. Instead, best if you simply hang up the phone and verify the source of the caller, as described above.

5. **Never send money to receive money:** If someone contacts you and asks you to send them a certain amount of money in order to receive a larger sum of money do not fall victim to the scam. No reputable company or organization requires you to send any dollar amount in order to receive a larger amount. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true....

Scammers are always evolving and trying new ways to get people to fall victim to their scams. They try to play on emotions such as fear or excitement in hopes of getting someone to make a fast, poor decision that will result in losing a bunch of money or compromising your identity. Taking the above mentioned steps will go a long way in ensuring you do not fall victim to a scam.

As always, if you ever have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Carroll Police Department (846-2200) and we will be happy to assist you.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

As much as we hate to think about it, we are heading into the Fall Season and we all know what comes next, so it's time to think about the following things to make sure your home is ready for another long safe winter.

1. Have your heating systems cleaned and tuned up for the winter, so they run well and prevent any problems.
2. Consider having fire extinguishers in your kitchen area and by any wood or pellet stoves you have.
3. Move flammable things away from furnaces and wood or pellet stoves.
4. Contact a Chimney Sweep to clean all your chimneys to prevent fires.
5. Reverse your ceiling fans so it pulls the heat up and out.
6. Check your roof for any loose or missing shingles the may cause a leak during a winter storm or from snow or ice melt.
7. Caulk around windows and doors, to cut down on drafts and heat loss.
8. Turn off the exterior faucets, so they don't freeze and break.
9. Restock your winter essentials, it makes for a bad day if you go to shovel and never replaced the one you broke last year.

We live up here, so we must enjoy the seasons, but sometimes our days go too fast and we forget important things that can make our winter much safer and nicer.

OVEN BAKED APPLE-PECAN PANCAKE

Servings 4 to 6

¾ cup buttermilk pancake mix

½ cup water

3 eggs

1/3 cup sugar

2 large cooking apples (peeled, pared and thinly sliced)

¼ cup butter or margarine

¼ cup chopped pecans

1 tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Combine pancake mix, water, eggs, and 1 tsp sugar, mix well.

In a 9 to 10 inch oven proof skillet, sauté' apples in melted butter, over medium heat, until tender. Remove skillet from heat, sprinkle apples with nuts and pour batter evenly over apples and nuts. Combine remaining sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over top. Cover skillet with lid or foil and bake for 12 to 14 minutes or until pancake is puffed and sugar is melted. Loosen side of pancake from skillet, cool slightly and cut into wedges, serve warm.

Building Committee August 2019 Update

Since the June 2019 newsletter Building Committee update, the Building Project has been moving forward at a faster pace. The Building Task Force, consisting of Select Board member David Scalley, Fire Chief Jeremy Oleson, Police Chief Tadd Bailey, Project Manager Clark and myself, meets weekly with Construction Manager John Ricci and Project Supervisor Robert Silva of Ricci Construction Company of Portsmouth to review progress and address issues.

On July 25, the Select Board was notified by the office of US Senator Jeanne Shaheen that the Northern Border Regional Commission's State Economic & Infrastructure Investment Grant for FY2019 had been approved in the amount of \$250,000. This significant grant award will be used toward construction of a new intersection for access to the project campus on US-302 across from the St. Patrick's Church entrance. The current intersection of School Street and US-302 will be removed once the new intersection has been completed.

An additional grant for \$7,000 has been awarded for engineering work on the project.

Both grant awards resulted from the collaborative efforts of Project Manager, Allan Clark and NCIC Director of Economic Development, Andrea Brochu. Additional grant opportunities and rebates are still being explored.

On July 29, the Select Board unanimously voted to move forward with a project site plan design that will require removal of the existing Town Hall once the project is completed and all public safety and administrative offices and functions have been moved to the new facilities. Alternative site plan proposals would have exceeded the project budget because of excessive material movement, retaining wall construction, and other site limitations.

With the final site plan and floor plans now available, Construction Manager John Ricci is working with his team to establish contracts for skilled labor and materials needed for the project. Once ground is broken, the construction schedule anticipates weathertight buildings by Thanksgiving. This will allow the electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and HVAC skilled trades to work indoors during the winter months. Final exterior site work should be completed in early spring, with a target of moving into the new facilities in late spring.

In late August or early September, site preparation will begin with construction fencing and signage installation, removal of trees and movement of topsoil for foundation, detention pond and driveway construction, and preparation for skilled construction teams to begin erecting the new buildings.

The public is asked to be mindful of changes in access to School Street and to remain outside the construction fence for safety and security reasons. Adequate signage and parking will be available to safely route visitors to and from Town Hall during construction.

On September 21 at 9:00 a.m. there will be an official groundbreaking ceremony at the site. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter and on the town website.

As of August 14, the project was determined to be on schedule and under budget. Schedule and budget are being tracked closely so any variations can be addressed quickly.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 603-846-8039 or via email to iszauter@runbox.com, or the Town of Carroll Select Board at 603-846-5754 or via email to selectmen@townofcarroll.org.

Imre Szauter, Chair, 2018-2019 Building Committee

Town of Carroll Friendship Garden Group

The Town of Carroll Friendship Garden Group continues to work on improving the community gardens in the Town of Carroll. A small group worked to clean up and weed the main garden and the area around the train. In the September timeframe, we will evaluate what needs to be divided, moved and weeded, before the winter sets in.

Greg continues to amaze us by creating three additional garden boxes for the town signs on Route 302 in Bretton Woods and one on Route 115. With the support of the garden club, each box is anchored by a giant hosta. We have assigned stewards to watch over and maintain each of the boxes. Donated flowers will be put in and maintained along with the hostas.

Who are we...Garden Club Members are Bobbi Armirault, Bill Emerson, Linda Finn, Sam Gessaman, Anita Greer, Joanne Lydon, Barbara Moyahan, Janet Nelson, Lois Pesman and Julie Rosenberry. We have included Greg Hogan as an honorary member for all the support he has given. As they say, many hands make light work. We can always use more members.

Please contact Linda Finn 603 278 7412 or lindasstuff007@hotmail.com with questions/comments.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

I would like to thank all of you for a very successful yard sale! There was such a great group that helped to set everything up and clean up. Big thanks to the Fire/Emergency Dept. for moving all the equipment out and letting us use their space and for helping us set up and clean up. Thank you to all the generous people who donated some wonderful items and of course for all those that came to buy and support. People were very generous and for that many thanks as well. It's a lot of work but so great to see things come together in a show of small town pride!!

As I have said in the past, if you have something you would like to add to the newsletter or that you might like to see, please feel free to contact me and let me know, Bonnie Moroney 846-5714 or pbandjmore@roadrunner.com. The next newsletter will be out in December, so be thinking about it.



HERE'S HOPING FOR A BEAUTIFUL FALL SEASON

