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Town of Winhall Newsletter

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“Vermont should be beautiful this time of year, with all that snow” - White Christmas (1954)

At this point in the season, who knows what sort of winter will come to Winhall. One thing is certain, it's not going to be anything like previous years. Covid has changed every aspect of our lives. As cases go up, please continue to be vigilant. There is an active committee of people in town, backed by a bevy of volunteers, to make sure every person in Winhall is taken care of during the pandemic. If you need someone to pick up something during a mandatory quarantine or help in any other way, please reach out to me or another town employee and we will work to find the resources you need. A great resource in town is our Police Department administrator, Nicole Derriner. She has been integral in the success of the Winhall Stratton Community Food Shelf in addition to all her responsibilities at the police department.

So, the best thing we can all do is slow down and snuggle in for the winter ahead. Stay safe, follow Governor Scott's guidance, and if you need a Covid test, Vermont makes it very easy. Go to <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested> where you can register for tests at pop-up locations throughout southern Vermont.

*Julie Isaacs, Winhall Selectboard Chair
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NOTICE

**Due to the increase in COVID cases, the
Transfer Station Swap Shop & Electronics Collection
will be **CLOSED** until further notice,
beginning December 1, 2020.**

YOUR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ~ Lucia Wing

Lucia Wing grew up loving horses and skiing and so, moved to Vermont permanently in 1986 to be closer to all that is important to her. She spent some of her most memorable times in Vermont as a kid and decided the “brave little State” would be her forever home.

She started working for the Town in 1996 as a minute-taker for the Winhall Planning Commission, and her commitment and responsibilities mushroomed from there.

She sits on the Planning Commission; was elected to the position of Winhall Lister; was appointed by the Selectboard as Zoning Administrator in 2016; and still takes the minutes for all the Boards including Planning, Zoning, and Selectboard. Needless to say, community means everything to her!

Lucia still skis and teaches for Stratton in the winter; rides horses year-round; regularly hikes with her two dogs; bikes during the summer; and loves to garden. She is also your Zoning Administrator, the one person who looks after all your projects in Winhall.

Her mantra is “live every day to the fullest and be as happy as you can!”



Winhall School Board Notice

The next School Board meeting will be held on
December 8th at 5pm,
during which time we will be discussing the budget for FY22.
People who are interested in joining the meeting may either call in
(dial-in instructions will be provided in the agenda packet)
or watch via livestream on YouTube.



Greetings from your Winhall Police & Rescue Department.

Although the 2020 Holiday Season may look much different for many of us, the scams & frauds that accompany this time of year remain. Many of these thieves have taken advantage of the pandemic. With the increase of online shopping and home deliveries, the number of packages being stolen after delivery has increased. Approximately 18% of Americans have had packages stolen since the pandemic began in March.

With the number of packages being delivered to our homes increasing during the Holidays, there are steps we can take to make sure we don't become a victim.

Here are a few tips:

- ⇒ Retrieve packages as soon as they arrive.
- ⇒ Use services such as ship-to-store or curbside pickup.
- ⇒ Use a tracking feature to check online when a package is scheduled to arrive.
- ⇒ Request that your package be sent with "signature required" so that it can't be delivered without someone home to accept it.
- ⇒ If you're not home, have the package sent to a trusted person who will be home or to your place of employment.
- ⇒ Most delivery services can hold packages for a period of time and deliver to your home on a requested day and time.
- ⇒ Consider security cameras. Some come with apps that will signal you when there is motion at your home.
- ⇒ Request that your deliveries be placed in a location that isn't visible to passing pedestrians or motorists. You could even designate a box or other hidden locations for deliveries.

As always, The Winhall Police & Rescue Department is here for any questions or concerns that you may have. We hope that you all have a safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season.

Respectfully,
Derrick Tienken, Chief of Police & Rescue
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MEETINGS

Select Board

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:00PM

School Board

3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM (Remote)

Planning Commission

3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM (Remote)

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~ A Reminder from the Highway Department ~



The highway department would like to remind everyone that the town has a no parking policy on the town roads from November 1 until May 1 with a \$50 fine and vehicles will be towed. The reason we have this parking policy is because it is difficult for the highway trucks to get down the roads with the size of the trucks we use. The plow is a total of 11 feet long and the wing on the side of the truck is 10 feet long so the total width of the truck going down the road is 12 feet wide. It also makes it hard for the Rescue Department to access people if the road is blocked. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call here at the highway garage at 802-297-2120. Thank you and please be safe on the roads this winter.

Trevor Dryden, Road Foreman