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Town of Winhall Newsletter

October 2020

Fall is another beautiful time of year here in Winhall. Many of us are busy stacking wood, making appointments to switch out to our winter tires, and putting away sandals to get our boots ready. We have also been lauded as the state doing the right thing in response to Covid. As we start to move into the long winter, it is certainly not the time to let our guard down. Please continue to wear your mask, limit group gatherings, wash you hands, and be mindful of who visits your home from out of state and the quarantine requirements put out by the Vermont Health Department. If you need help during a self quarantine, please know there are resources right in our little town. One of those resources is our wonderful new Police Chief, Derrick Tienken. He manages a well-trained and hard-working department and is also Winhall's Emergency Management Director. You can read more about him in our new feature highlighting a town employee. Enjoy the beautiful fall and remember you are always welcome at the Selectboard meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5pm. The agenda can be found at Winhall.org and the first portion of the meeting is set aside for public comments.

Julie Isaacs,
Winhall Selectboard Chair
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Reminders

Taxes are due to the Town of Winhall Treasurer
by 5:00 PM on October 11, 2020.
After 5:00 PM, payments will be considered late.

ELECTION 11/03/2020 ~ 10AM to 7PM
115 Vermont Route 30, Town Offices

This month, we would like to introduce you to Winhall's new Chief of Police & Rescue, Derrick Tienken. Chief Tienken began his law enforcement career in 2006 when he was hired by the Winhall Police & Rescue Department as a patrolman. He obtained his level III (full-time) law enforcement certification at the Vermont Police Academy in 2006. Chief Tienken became a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in 2007. Since joining the Winhall Police Department, Chief Tienken has held the rank of Patrolman, Sergeant, and Lieutenant before becoming Chief in June of 2020.



Since joining The Department, Chief Tienken has developed a passion for enforcing impaired driving laws. He believes that detecting and arresting impaired drivers on our roadways is a way that officers can make a difference every day. Establishing a balanced approach of education and enforcement in the area of impaired driving can save lives and prevent senseless tragedies. Chief Tienken became a certified DUI Instructor and teaches new officers several times a year at the Vermont Police Academy. In 2016, Chief Tienken became a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), one of only 53 in the State of Vermont. The DRE program trains officers to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. DRE's are called upon often to assist county, municipal and state departments across Vermont during drug impaired driving investigations. In 2018, Chief Tienken became a DRE Instructor and actively teaches new DRE's in Vermont and neighboring states.

Chief Tienken was born and raised in Southern Vermont and currently resides in Shaftsbury with his wife, two sons, two dogs, two bearded dragons and a leopard gecko. Chief Tienken also attended college in Vermont at Norwich University where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and was a three-year starter and two-year captain on the wrestling team. Chief Tienken is very involved with youth sports. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Bennington Little League and Green Mountain Lightning, a travel sports organization. Chief Tienken enjoys spending time with his family and coaching baseball in his free time.

Chief Tienken has enjoyed becoming part of the special Winhall community and is excited to be your Chief of Police. He is very accessible and always willing to talk with the community about any questions, concerns or suggestions they may have. Chief Tienken can be reached by phone at 802-297-1013 or by email at derrick.tienken@vermont.gov.

A Message from Chief Tienken:

I hope this message finds you all doing well during these challenging times. The Town of Winhall and the Stratton Mountain area are wonderful communities to call home or visit. All members of the Winhall Police & Rescue Department strive to provide professional and compassionate services to our residents and visitors.

The Winhall Police and Rescue Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the Town of Winhall, the Stratton Mountain Resort as well as the Winhall Brook Campground. We provide 24-hour police and rescue response to our communities. Our officers also respond to Winhall Fire Department calls to lend them a helping hand where we can. The Winhall Officers are trained EMT's and can provide life saving medical interventions during medical emergencies. We carry medical supply kits in the police cruisers to include automatic external defibrillators (AED's) in cases of cardiac arrest.

The Winhall Police and Rescue Department strongly believes in the concept of community policing. We want our officers out in the community, building ties and working closely with citizens and visitors. This allows us to better understand the needs of the community and develop trust between citizens and officers. Please do not hesitate to give us a wave or chat when you see us out and about in the community.

We recently constructed a community survey. Invitations to participate in the survey along with a link directing you to the online survey were included with your tax bill. We have had a great response to the survey with over 100 completed so far. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so. We look forward to your feedback as we try and provide the best service possible. The survey can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGCTSMW>

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30PM

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with the subject line "Subscribe".*

*The Winhall website contains information, news,
agendas, meeting minutes, and more.*

www.winhall.org



The Winhall Memorial Library Building is closed to the public, but you can still enjoy our services! The building may be closed, but we are still here for you!

Outdoor Pick-up, Printing Services, Free Online Resources, Book Discussion, "Vote For Our Future" StoryWalk®, Free Online Classes through Universal Class, Passes: Echo Aquarium, Clark Art Institute, Maple Syrup Fundraiser, Interlibrary Loans, Free 24/7 Wi-Fi (password winhalllibrary), Don't have a library card with us? Call or email to sign up today! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

We are excited to announce that we now have Hoopla available for our patrons! What is Hoopla? Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! Call or email to find out how to use this new service!

Outdoor Pick-Up Available. Visit our website at winhallmemoriallibrary.org for more information.

New Extended pick-up hours coming in October.

Call 802-297-9741 or Email winhalllibrary@comcast.net to reserve Books, DVDs, Audiobooks, Magazines, or to request our Printing Services

Planning and Zoning

Let me begin by welcoming our new residents. Some of you are now new homeowners as well, so Congratulations !

The Town of Winhall , since 1971, has had Regulations to help manage development and mitigate the effects of it. Most things you want to do are possible and may require a Permit. If you need an addition or an accessory building, or you want to remodel your house, or conduct a home occupation for example, you can do so in most cases by obtaining a Zoning Permit. This is generally easy to do by contacting the Zoning Administrator.

The Town has a website, www.winhall.org ; there you will find links to the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Planning & Zoning Documents which include all the adopted regulations and maps to help inform you. We want to help you achieve your plans. The best way to start any project is to contact the Zoning Administrator at 802-297-1820 or wpczba@comcast.net , who will help guide you in the process of successfully obtaining a Permit.

You can also learn about what projects are pending by checking the bulletin board at the Bondville Post Office and in some cases the VT News Guide.

Marcel Gisquet, Winhall Planning Commission

Outdoor Recreation & Covid-19

My personal experience has prompted me to bring to attention the precautions offered by the Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation with physical and outdoor recreation in mind. Our need for exercise for our physical and mental well-being carries with it the potential for transmission of Covid-19. Our behavior on the trails will determine if that risk is limited. Just because you are outdoors does not make it safe; Covid -19 knows no boundaries.

The guidance offered to us by the State discourages contact with those outside our immediate household. Some trails are narrow and require people to give thought to what to do when encountering or passing other hikers. Here are some excerpts from information put out for enjoying the outdoors.

"....Wear a cloth mask or face covering.... Keeping it at the ready is ok if you can quickly and safely pull it up over your nose and mouth, doing this well before you come within six feet of others. Wearing a face covering is intended to protect others. When you're exerting yourself, your breath and associated droplets can travel farther than six feet: stay out of other people's "contrails" and give each other as much space as possible. Wearing a cloth mask is a best practice at least when approaching and passing people.

....Please leash your dog, they are members of your household and have the potential to transmit the virus and as such need to keep their distance from others as well.

....Awareness and consideration are key. Everyone should yield to everyone right now and making some noise as you approach is recommended. A friendly "Hello!" followed by a pause to figure out your next move is the best tactic. If you find yourself coming up behind a slower walker, and there's not six feet to pass safely, slow down instead. If somebody is getting too close to you, step back to allow enough space.

...If the trail isn't wide enough to allow for six feet in passing, step off the trail at a 90-degree angle. Once you're six feet off, wait for the approaching group to clear the area before retracing your footsteps."

Another notion I would like to share with you is that we are all in this together. One of the reasons we are here in VT is because we feel safe. What has made it safe is that everyone has taken to heart the guidance that helped make it safe. If you have recently arrived, I welcome you and ask that you now do your part to make it safe for yourself, those that are here, and those yet to come.

I wish you the best and urge you to be smart and stay safe. Thanks for reading.

Marcel Gisquet



Mailbox Placement Reminder

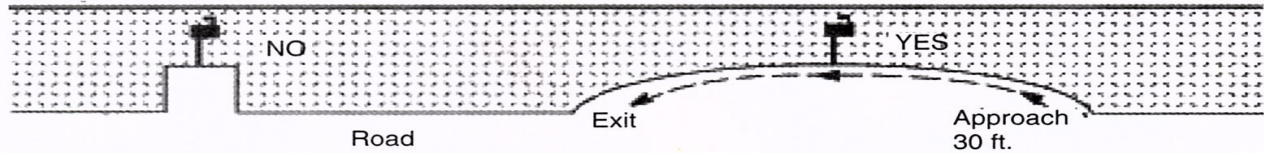


Approaches to Curbside Mailboxes

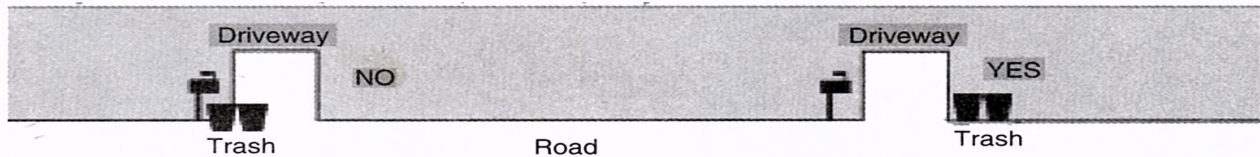
Dear Customer,

The Postal Service depends on you to meet postal requirements regarding delivery and collection of mail to curbside boxes. *Please keep the full approach and exits to your mailbox clear, as illustrated in the examples below.* Removing trash cans, snow, vehicles, and any other objects from the area allows the carrier to deliver your mail safely and efficiently without exiting the vehicle. Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you. Your Postmaster

Example: Snow Removal

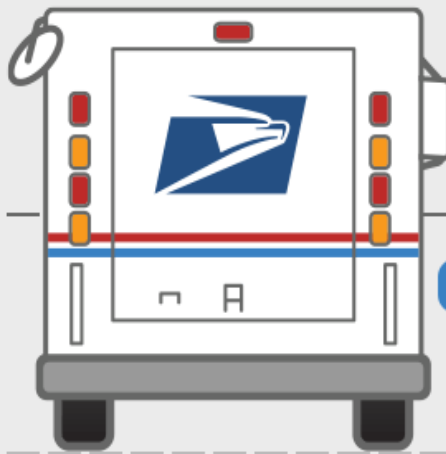


Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



Notice 38, April 2000

fig a.



6-8"

41-45"

fig b.



24"

The Winhall Winter Road Maintenance Policy is found here:

<https://winhall.org/pdf/WinterMaintPolicy13.pdf>