



TOWN OF WINHALL VERMONT

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Town of Winhall Newsletter ~ Winter 2022/2023

The Winhall Community Arts Center would like to thank you all for an amazing holiday season 2022! From the Vermont Open Studio Tour, Scarecrow Making, Halloween in the 'Ville featuring our Super Scary Haunted Tunnel, Community Thanksgiving, Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit, Jisp Giveaway to The Santa Parade through Winhall!! Whew, it's been a super busy few months in our little town!



Please join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3PM for free creating with friends and the Third Thursday of each month at Noon for our free Community Luncheon.

You can sign up for emails at WinhallCommunityArtsCenter.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date on all of the happenings at the Center!

We will be holding a meeting in early January with information about joining our team of community helpers, be on the lookout for the date!

We are a non-profit organization offering a space to create art, music, friendship and community!

Peace,
Laura and Jessica
802-342-7810

Reminders

Renew Your Transfer Station Permit Annually

**Winhall has a parking policy in effect
November 1 until May 1**

Cars can be towed and fines incurred

More info: <https://winhall.org/pdf/ParkingOrdinance14Signed.pdf>

~ 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 at the highway garage at 802-297-2120.

The highway department is ready for winter; the salt shed is full, the sand pile is stocked, and the equipment is ready to go. Please be mindful of the road conditions as they can change in the blink of an eye. We have a “safe roads at safe speeds“ policy, not a “bare road” policy, so there will be times when roads will be tricky. We also would like to remind people that mailboxes are the homeowner’s responsibility. Please keep them cleaned out and ensure that they are set to the postal service code. For more information on setting and maintaining a mailbox, refer to USPS guidance located here:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Thank you from the Town of Winhall Highway Department team:

Trevor, Kenny, John, Dusty, Donnie



*Please welcome Dusty Gordon Jr
to our highway team!*

A note from Dusty:

Hello Winhall residents.

I was born and raised in Vermont;
snow is a second nature.

Skiing, biking, boating,
& snowmobiling are all things
I enjoy with family and friends.

I’m pleased to have become part
of the Winhall town crew.

*Wondering how to dispose of household items like batteries, paints,
hazardous wastes, computers, electronics, vacuums, or food scraps?*

Visit the A-Z Disposal Guide at:

https://www.winhall.org/?p=Solid_Waste_Info

Housing Committee

Happy December!

The Selectboard is looking at forming a Housing Committee to research issues with regard to accessible housing in Winhall. There is a severe shortage of housing in our area for the “missing middle” - people who would like to settle down and buy a home in order to live and work in our area. Two of the Selectboard members went to a housing conference and there are many exciting programs to assist.

If you are interested in being a part of researching solutions in the new year, please email Julie Isaacs at: julie@winhall.org

Winhall Town Plan Renewal

Our Town Plan is meant to be a document for what a town would like to see happen in the future.

The Winhall Planning Commission (WPC) is charged with preparing the Town Plan, an Official Zoning Map, and Bylaws to implement the Plan. This process has been ongoing since 1970. Our Plan is due to be renewed in 2024. We recently applied for a grant to help renew and update your Town Plan and will learn in mid January if we were successful in obtaining the grant.

The WPC is working with the Windham Regional Planning Commission to comprehensively review the current Plan to ensure it still meets the needs of a growing town like Winhall. Our first task is to develop a community wide survey asking questions and soliciting comments about your opinions on a wide range of topics from you the townspeople. The WPC would like to be well-informed as it undertakes this important task.

The survey will be available in multiple forms for the convenience of those participating. There will be ample opportunity during the process for those who wish to participate. Your contribution is crucial in helping prepare a plan that is reflective of those it will benefit.

In addition to public input from townspeople, the State of Vermont has a list of required elements that need to be reflected in our Plan. The process of preparing a Plan and getting it approved by the Town as well as the Regional Commission is well established in the provisions of Vermont Statutes T 24, Chapter 117, Subchapter 5.

There will be multiple opportunities along the way to provide comments through warned public meetings and regularly scheduled WPC meetings. The WPC will periodically post updates on the Planning Commission tab at Winhall.org. There you can also find the current Town Plan along with other documents that guide the various Boards in reviewing a wide variety of development proposals to ensure that they are in keeping with the Plan.

Greetings from your Winhall Police & Rescue Department.



Winhall Police & Rescue would like to remind our community of some winter weather driving and safety tips.

It is important to remember to slow down. It is harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. On the road, increase your following distance enough so that you will have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Don't crowd the snow plow or travel beside the truck. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the roadway frequently. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, stay far enough behind it and use caution if you pass the plow.

Clear Snow and Ice

Clear the snow and ice from your vehicle before you drive. Failure to do so is dangerous and limits your visibility to drive your vehicle safely. State law: 23 V.S.A. § 1091. Negligent operation (1) A person who operates a motor vehicle on a public highway in a negligent manner shall be guilty of negligent operation. Make time to clear your vehicle and be safe for yourself and others on the road.

Stock your Vehicle

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including:

- ⊙ A snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper;
- ⊙ Abrasive material (sand or kitty litter), in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow;
- ⊙ Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers);
- ⊙ Blankets for protection from the cold; and
- ⊙ A cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine.

Safety Tips

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car and your surroundings.

- ⊙ Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- ⊙ Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows; keep the interior dome light on.
- ⊙ Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically, just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for too long with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

Car Seats

Children dressed in winter coats can change the fit of a car seat harness. When your child will be secured in a car seat, pick thin, warm layers, and place blankets or coats around your child after the harness is snug and secure for extra warmth. To check if your child is in the proper car seat for their age and size, go to nhtsa.gov/CarSeat to see NHTSA's child passenger safety recommendations.

Tires

As the outside temperature drops, so does tire inflation pressure. Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is in your owner's manual and on a label located on the driver's side door frame. Do not inflate your tires to the pressure listed on the tire itself. That number is the maximum pressure the tire can hold, not the recommended pressure for your vehicle.

For more information go to NHTSA.gov/WinterDrivingTips

From all of us at Winhall Police & Rescue, we wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Chief Derrick Tienken

The Winhall Community Arts Center , the Winhall Fire Department and the Winhall Police Department present the

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3rd ANNUAL!

Winhall Christmas

PARADE



**SANTA CARAVAN ROUTE: BEGINS AT 5:30
WITH STOPS ALONG THE WAY**

3 River Rd* Winhall Hollow Rd* Strattonwald Rd* Burnt Hill Rd* Cranberry Hill* Winhall Hollow* STOP@THE RED FOX* Lake Rd* Loop Rd* Lake Rd* Old Ln* Winhall Hollow* Old Town Rd.STOP@TOWN GARAGE* Beaver St* Golden Triangle* Old Town Rd* Rt 30* Snow Valley (Turn around at Entrance)* STOP@ENTRANCE* Rt 30* STOP@LIBRARY* Stratton Mountain Access Rd* Stratton Golf Course (Turn Around)* STOP HERE* Access Rd* Rt 30* Ameden Rd* Ends at The Winhall Community Arts Center!

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Winhall Memorial Library News

Winter Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10AM - 5PM

Saturdays 9AM - 12PM

In August we joined 23 other Vermont libraries on the **Catamount Library Network**.

Bookmark our online catalog: <https://winhall.aspendiscovery.org>

You now have borrowing privileges from the other libraries, and books are delivered weekly (Thursdays) by courier for pickup here, your little red schoolhouse library.

NEW CARDS

The Library now uses a 14 digit barcode for library cards. You need to **upgrade** your old card to use Hoopla. Stop on by soon!

Hoopla is the **FREE** digital media service offered by Winhall Memorial Library that allows you to borrow each month up to **5 FREE movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks,** comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone- even TV with a browser.

We offer a **monthly book discussion**. The next selection is [The Beekeeper of Aleppo](#) and we will meet Tuesday, January 24 at 5 pm. Let us know if you would like a copy.

Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Interested in storytimes? Please register by calling 297-9741

Adult Computer Help Drop In Hours Thursdays 11-2

Giveaways! We have some free kids books. They are wrapped in plastic and ready for your little ones' holidays.



Artists wanted

We have redone our walls and installed a new art rail system. Interested in displaying your works? Contact us!

MEETINGS

Select Board

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 5:30PM

School Board

3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00PM

Planning Commission

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

Interested in joining the Winhall e-mail list?

E-mail: townadmin@winhall.org with the subject line "Subscribe".

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

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