



TOWN OF CARROLL SPRING NEWSLETTER

Happy Spring, to one and all, I know we may still have some winter weather ahead of us yet, but it has been a long winter and it feels good to think of Mother Earth coming back to life after a long nap! I was looking through some pictures and wanted to bring this beautiful sign to your attention. These were put together a few years ago, and I remember that the Highway Dept. installed the signs and built the flower boxes around them. I also wanted to give a big attaboy to the Town of Carroll Garden Club. They put in all the beautiful plants around each of the signs on all ends of town, and during some of the holidays they put seasonal decorations as well. Beyond that, when the signs need to be painted, they take them down to put a fresh coat of paint on them, and with all that lettering it must be *very* tedious work. You may also notice the Garden Club's handywork with the planters as you enter the Town Hall, as well as all the plants around the Town Hall and the Public Safety Building, and at the top of School St. the beautiful garden they have installed around the welcome sign. This group does so much behind the scenes that they should be recognized for a great job in helping to dress up our wonderful town!

Thank you all!

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, there a group of dedicated people who have been working on the next update to the town's Master Plan. This committee is getting ready to present their work thus far to the Planning Board, and move forward to completing the Master Plan in the next few months. The Selectboard has been making an effort to include something about the Master Plan at each meeting to make people aware of its importance.

The Master Plan Committee has met with the town's department heads and the Chamber of Commerce to get more feed back on their thoughts, as well as reviewing the information gathered from the surveys completed during the initial stage of the update. During one meeting it was discussed that the town used to have more public events so that residents could get to know each other, and invite some of the businesses in town that many may not know about. Holding a "Harvest Dinner" was suggested and Chief Duncan took that one step further asking for a meeting with the Fire Auxiliary to get their ideas and feedback. So, here are some of the ideas that were brought up. In the past they used to have a Harvest/Hunters Super at the St. Patrick's Church, every November, so that was the motivation for the direction we are tossing around, except we are going to change it up a little. Part of the ideas brought up are there are several businesses in town which include a

brewery, a company that does canning products, a dog grooming business, and a young man starting up his own guide type business, etc. It was thought that we could set up tables and let them bring some of their products to let people know what they offer, etc. We also thought about the fact that on the survey that it was mentioned that we needed a skating rink, and/or tennis or pickle ball court. It was brought up that the money raised from the dinner and a raffle table could go towards trying to put those together up at the recreation area. We, of course, mentioned a menu of what to serve for this dinner. It was suggested to serve assorted wild game, and to ask local people that have gardens to donate some of their vegetables/potatoes, etc. to make this a real Harvest event. It was suggested that it might be wise to offer a turkey dinner menu plus locally grown veggies, but that the wild game idea could be used for samples as not everyone would be excited about wild game, but many would like to try it.

So that is what we have put out there for ideas, and now we want **you** to start thinking as well, and hopefully be ready to jump on board bringing your ideas to help put this together. We have not set up any meetings yet, but maybe in the summer newsletter we will have some dates and will be looking for volunteers to help. So, in the meantime, put on your thinking caps and be ready or feel free to reach out to Chief Duncan, or Bonnie Moroney with your thoughts or suggestions.

MEMORIAL DAY 2025

Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday May 26, 2025 and, as in the past, it will start at 11am at the Gazebo on School St. After the parade we will be having a barbecue at the Fire Station, so you can enjoy a good meal and visit with your friends and neighbors. If any of the young people would like to decorate their bikes and join in the parade, or if you want to add a classic car, you are always welcome. I have reached out to the gentleman Michael Munday, to see if he will be available to play music for us at the gazebo, but am not sure he is living up here anymore, so if you or someone you know has a sound system and could play some patriotic songs, please let me know, thank you. As the date gets closer there will be posters placed around town, any questions contact Bonnie Moroney through the Town Office. I have also heard from the Historical Society that they are planning on having their great Open House in the Community Room at the Town Hall on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Memorial weekend, so please come out to see all the great pictures and items from our town's history.

HOW TO AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO A SCAM

Carroll residents have been targeted through a variety of scams, resulting in significant loss of money as well as emotional distress. The Carroll Police Department wants to make you aware of the types of scams that you may encounter and how to protect yourself. The first thing to know is how to recognize the warning signs that you are being targeted. Anyone who demands payment in gift cards, such as Amazon, Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Google Play or iTunes, or in cryptocurrency, such as Bitcoin, and wants you to pay them immediately should be indications that someone is likely scamming you. Government agencies, whether they are federal, state, or local, will never make such calls, would not make threats, and would not ask for payment in such forms.

Here are some common scams to avoid:

Spoofing Scams

This scam is part of a broader, national trend in which a legitimate phone number — such as one belonging to a well-known agency (police department, Microsoft, federal agency, etc.) appears on the victim's caller ID. The caller will state that they are working for that agency and state that there is an issue of some sort that needs to be immediately dealt with, and ask for your information to verify who they are speaking with. Never give out your personal information. They

also may attempt to solicit money in the form of a donation. Never donate or provide information to anyone who has called you. If you are interested in donating it is important that you initiate the contact with that business/charity through the proper channels to ensure it is legitimate.

We advise anyone receiving such a call to immediately hang up. If you are unsure and want to verify that someone was in fact trying to contact you, find a correct phone number for that agency/business/charity and place a call to them. Never use the phone number that called originally. A quick search will show that although the name may be correct that came up on the caller ID the phone number will never be correct. We also ask the community to always be wary of anyone who calls and threatens imprisonment or deportation and asks for immediate payment in gift cards or crypto currency.

Blackmail Behavior Scams

Scammers target citizens by saying they have obtained potentially damaging personal information or photos and then try to extort them for money. Scammers try to play on fear and will state that the police / FBI will be contacted to arrest the person or that they will release the photos. The scammers will also provide the person with their own personal information to try and make them believe that they are in fact legitimate / in possession of private information to get the person to comply with their request. The truth is, that the personal information they are providing is readily available on the internet and other locations. This includes a person's phone number, mailing / physical address, email, date of birth, etc. The blackmailer will then threaten to publish the content unless payment is made immediately through wire, gift cards or peer-to-peer payments. Even if the person complies, the blackmailer will continue to demand more money.

Tax Scams

Another common scam is when someone calls on the telephone and pretends to be an employee of a government agency, such as the IRS or a local police department, and request personal information or money in various forms. A legitimate government agency will never ask for your social security number, request payments such as wire or gift cards, or overpay you with a check.

Computer Scams

Scammers will pretend to be working for a technical support service such as Microsoft or Apple, telling you that someone has tried to log in to your account. Do not click on links in unfamiliar emails, and unless you have initiated contact with a tech support representative or company, do not give a third-party access to your computer. Someone pretending to be with PayPal. PayPal often communicates by way of email, but they will never ask you for your password, bank account or credit card information, and they will never ask you to download or install software. Someone claiming to have a work-from-home job involving re-packaging or re-shipping merchandise. If they are claiming to pay you at a rate for a job that sounds like it is too good to be true, then it is.

Grandparent Scams

Scammers will contact elderly victims, usually over the phone. They will pose as a grandchild or family member, either by name (names of family members can often be found online or on social media) or by starting the conversation with, "It's me, Grandpa!" in hopes that the victim will say the grandchild's name. Next, they make up elaborate stories and claim they're in trouble. The caller will be in hysterics claiming they've been in an accident, are in trouble with the law, or have even been kidnapped while traveling in a foreign country. Often, scammers speak softly, their words muffled amid sobs, or come up with an excuse for why they sound different (such as a bad phone connection). They might also try calling in the middle of the night when the victim is not fully awake or does not want to disturb others to confirm what is going on. The scammers quickly pass the conversation over to a third party. Fraudsters then introduce another person involved in the emergency. This could be someone claiming to be law enforcement, a lawyer, or a kidnapper. In order to protect the family member in trouble, the victim will be required to pay money. The caller will

ask for bail money or gift cards to get the victim's loved one out of the situation. Sometimes, scammers even show up at your door or send rideshare drivers to collect money.

Toll / EZPass / Speeding Tickets / Accidents

Many times, scammers will obtain your readily available information to include your vehicle information, route of travel, and personal information. They will then send you a violation through the mail or email stating that you were speeding, did not pay for a toll, had illegally parked someplace, or been involved in an accident that resulted in damage to public or private property. Take a moment and think about it. Did you really park in the wrong zone or not pay for that toll? Were you even in the area at that time? Those answers should make you suspicious and warrant further investigation. Any secure payment website will start with HTTPS for your protection. If the website on the ticket does not have HTTPS, it may not be real. Never open attachments or click on links in a violation email. Often, insistence that you click on a link or open an attachment to view your violation or pay your fine is a sure sign that you are dealing with a scam.

Protecting Yourself

Increase the privacy settings on your social media accounts to help reduce your chances of being targeted. Never, ever share your debit card, PIN number, bank account information, or other personal identification number with anyone. Not a roommate, not a friend, not a dating partner. Also, when making online purchases, it is better to use a credit card instead of a debit card. Be increasingly careful of how you use P2P apps, such as CashApp and Venmo. As their use grows, so too will scammers' attempt to exploit them. Try not to use the apps to make payments on goods and services. And never send or accept P2P payments from someone you do not know. Unfortunately, these are only a few of the scams that are out there, and everyday scammers are coming up with new ways of trying to steal money from people. Sadly, in most cases if you fall victim to one of these scams the police are not able to prosecute anyone or get your money back. In most cases these scams are conducted overseas and re-routed through many various avenues that make it impossible to trace.

Trust your gut, if something feels wrong, it probably is! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the Carroll Police Department. We are more than happy to look over and assist you with navigating any possible scam or other issue that may arise. Remember, call us immediately if something arises, do not wait until you are in over your head! Call anytime at # (603) 846-2200.

Carroll Streetlighting Update

Following the Carroll Energy Commission's formation in October 2023, members debated energy-efficiency projects that would reduce the town's annual energy usage and costs. We selected replacement of our outdated high pressure sodium streetlights with modern LED streetlights as our first priority.

On the 2024 Warrant, Article 11 To Replace Town Street Lights with LED lights was approved by an 84% majority, permitting the town to move forward by contracting with Affinity LED Lighting of Dover, New Hampshire to build and install 125 energy-efficient LED streetlights throughout the town.

Installation of all but five streetlights (which will be replaced at a later date) was completed in December 2024. The Eversource Energy streetlight invoice for December 2024 was \$1,794.04; for January 2025 it was \$549.64, which included some one-time credits and charges. Based on a 2024 total charge of \$18,197.82 for streetlighting, the town anticipates a major monthly cost reduction as a result of the LED conversion project.

The February 2025 Eversource Energy streetlighting invoice was \$1,002.71 (including several one-time charges and accounting issues still to be resolved), further demonstrating projected cost savings over the life of this project.

The Energy Commission will provide periodic updates to residents and businesses via the town newsletter, and public informational sessions and special displays throughout the year. William Vecchio, Chair, Carroll Energy Commission

TWIN MOUNTAIN NH

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY APRIL 12TH
10AM**

**RAIN / SNOW DATE
SUNDAY APRIL 13TH**

**TOWN REC AREA
LAKE RD.**

KIDS UP TO AGE 10



**Twin Mountain
Fire Department**



Auxiliary

Feel free to contact any active member of the Auxiliary if you are interested in learning more about us. We invite you to participate!

Karen Moran, President 603-846-5935 or kjmoran1989@gmail.com

Carol Alvarez - Bobbi Amirault - Patti Cobb - Angela Loring - Janet Merner - Bonnie Moroney - Paula Murphy - Erin Oleson - Chris Pappas

Judy Pappas - Lois Pessman - Susan Yellope

The dates for the 2025 pancake breakfasts, held at the Fire Station from 7:30 – 10:30 AM, are:

Saturday July 5 4th of July weekend

Saturday August 2 First weekend in August

Saturday August 30 Labor Day weekend

Saturday October 11 Celebration of Foliage

Town of Carroll Library News

The puzzle exchange is back during the winter months. Anyone can stop in and take puzzles, and they do not have to be returned. The library will also accept donations of complete puzzles in good condition.

There has been an increase in eBooks and online audiobooks in the past few years. This is a free service to any library patron and is available via the Libby app for most mobile devices. There are over 18,000 eBooks, 14,000 audiobooks, and 5300 digital magazine titles available. Contact the library to sign up for a library card or to have your current card number activated. More information can be found at: <https://nh.overdrive.com/>.

We have eclipse glasses for the partial solar eclipse on the morning of Saturday, March 29th. Please stop in to pick them up and there is no limit per household.

The library's online catalog can be found at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/Twinmountain>.

Library Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 11:00 to 5:30 and Saturday 10:00 to 1:00. Materials can be returned anytime to the book drop outside town hall.

The library can be contacted by email at twinmountainpl@roadrunner.com or Phone at 1-603-846-5818

Facebook messenger. The library's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/TwinMountainPublicLibrary> or can be found using a Facebook search. Thanks, --

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Twin Mountain Fire Rescue

This morning we joined Whitefield Fire Rescue and Dalton Fire Rescue for ice rescue training at Burns Pond. Members worked on equipment familiarization, self rescue techniques, and rescue of victims. It was a great day for some outdoor training and we thank Whitefield Fire for hosting.

