



CORINTH NEWS

SPRING 2019

Town Office Hours

Closed Mondays

Open Tuesday thru Friday

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

285-3271 FAX 285-7529



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Dear Corinth residents,

With winter still here and our driveways still coated in ice I want to remind everyone that there is sand available at 40 Grant Road. As a resident, you can fill 2 five gallon buckets from the pile *outside of* the sand shed. Be sure to bring along a shovel! If you have a larger driveway that requires more sand than this, there are several local plowing and sanding contractors available in our area.

Thanks to the efforts of Paul Thomas the walking path around the Town Park is now available for walking, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing. Paul came up with the idea and has groomed the path for everyone to use. Thank you Paul!

With permission from AE Robinsons, the Gooleys and the Sclipsteins are keeping the pond across the street from Robinsons plowed and available to residents for skating. Bring the family out and enjoy!

For those who enjoy the outdoors on their snowmobiles, it has been a great year in our area. Due to the diligent work of the Powerline Prowlers our local trails are the best they have been in years.

This year's annual roadside clean-up will be held on Saturday April 27th. We will be meeting at the new Fire Station garage to start the day at 8:30AM, and gathering back there around 1:00PM where lunch will be served to the volunteers. If you have any questions please call the Town Office.

The new Fire Station garage came along very smoothly. The contractor will be back in the spring to complete the groundwork around the Station. There is a warrant article to be presented at the annual Town Meeting requesting approval of \$48,000 to install a 10 foot wide concrete apron in front of the Fire Station Garage, as well as do some groundwork and paving in front of, around the side and behind the building.

Stewart Brooks has stepped in to fill in as the temporary Code Enforcement Officer while we search to fill the position. He is available on call. Please call him to set up an appointment if needed (745-7161).

Town Report books are available for pick up at the Town Office. If you would like one and are unable to get in to get it please call the office and we will be sure to get one out to you.

As a result of the hard work of the Budget Committee and the Selectpersons the proposed municipal budget was kept to about 1/2 % increase over last year's budget.

Town elections will be held on Monday March 18th from 1:15PM to 8:00PM at the Town Office conference room and Town Meeting will be held at the Central Community Elementary School cafeteria on Tuesday March 19th at 7:00PM.

My door is always open and I am happy to discuss any and all concerns anyone may have.

Travis Gould, Town Manager

Recreation



Spring is just around the corner and with that we will be getting ready for spring sports to begin. Before that though we are offering Rec basketball thru the end of March for anyone interested in participating. We are planning on having two nights a week for each group (K-2nd and 3rd-5th) and the last night will be March 27th. We will post the nights and times at least a week in advance on our Facebook page as they may vary some each week. It is not too late if you want your child to participate, you will just need to fill out a permission slip which is on the Town's website (www.townofcorinth.com) under the recreation link.



The permission slips for baseball and softball will be mailed out in March and the practices will hopefully start during April school vacation. Please be sure to fill out the form and return by the due date as we always have full teams and will adhere to the deadline date. We offer tee ball, instructional baseball and softball, farm league and little league baseball, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 grade softball teams. Ages usually go from Pre-K thru 6th grades but if you have any questions if your child is old enough or too old to play please make sure to ask someone on the Rec committee. Also if you are interested in helping to coach or volunteer in anyway please let us know as well.

We can always use volunteers to help get the fields ready in the spring for the teams to use. We would appreciate any help that anyone can give to get our fields in the best shape possible and make them safe to use for the season. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like the Rec committee to look at please contact one of the committee members or Paul Speed. Also please join our Facebook page at Corinth (Maine) Recreation if you are on Facebook and are not a member yet.

Have a great spring!

Paul Speed, Rec Director



Town of Corinth Summer Recreation

What? The Summer Rec program is a program where Corinth residents come to the park to engage in activities to keep them active. We play games, do crafts and take field trips around our community.

Who? Corinth residents entering second grade in the fall and not turning 12 before August 31, 2019.

When? Corinth Rec runs for 6 weeks during the summer. We meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Drop off is at 8:00am and pick up is at 3pm.

Cost? This program is a free program for Corinth Residents. We do take field trips on Wednesdays. The field trips are pay your way, and prices will be released with sign-ups.

Ideas? Have some exciting ideas that you think might make this a memorable summer? Did you experience something around the community that others would enjoy? Then please let me know! I will begin the planning process soon and am always open to new ideas. We don't want the Rec experience to get stuck in a rut.

Help? This coming summer we will be hiring for two new Junior Counselors. This is ideal for Corinth Residents 16 and older, who would love to help and enjoy being around kids. Interested candidates should prepare a letter of interest and look for further instructions as to when we will be looking to start the interview process.

Contact? As always feel free to reach out with any further questions, ideas or thoughts. I can be reached by e-mail at bdorr@rsu64schools.org, on Facebook under Corinth (Maine) Recreation, or through Facebook Messenger.

I am looking forward to warm weather!

Summer Recreation Coordinator,
Brittany Dorr



TOWN OF CORINTH
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:15PM TO 8:00PM ON MARCH 18TH AT THE TOWN OFFICE
CONFERENCE ROOM FOR VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING:

TWO SELECTPERSONS, ASSESSORS & OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
FOR TWO THREE-YEAR TERMS

ONE DIRECTOR OF SAD / RSU #64 FOR ONE THREE-YEAR TERM

ONE CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR ONE THREE-YEAR TERM



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH 2019 AT 7:00PM AT THE
CAFETERIA OF CENTRAL COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Selected Benefactors and Notable Citizens

FRANK MASON ROBINSON, a Corinth native son, went on to create the signature trademark of Coca-Cola that still exists today. A small unassuming man with a bushy mustache, Robinson never demanded attention or fame but he was the man behind the Coca-Cola logo as well as the advertising that would catapult the drink to worldwide fame.

Born the son of John Langdon Robinson and Sarah Fisher Robinson in 1846, Frank grew up with his brothers Edwin and Charles and sisters Ellen and Sarah in East Corinth, Maine. He served in the 22nd Maine Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. The family moved to Osceola, Iowa in September 1871.

Frank and a friend David Doe, also a Maine native, went to Atlanta, Georgia to find a market for a dual color printing machine they called a “chromatic printing device.” There they were introduced to Dr. John Stith Pemberton who had formulated a syrup to produce “my temperance drink.” Dr. Pemberton recruited Frank Robinson and David Doe to invest in what became the Coca-Cola Company. Frank Robinson recognized the product could be marketed with dual purposes, first as a stimulating medicine to cure headaches and depression and second as a new soda fountain drink with a unique taste. While Dr. Pemberton was busy with the manufacture of the product, Frank ran the first ad in the Atlanta Journal on May 29, 1886. He emphasized its quality as a beverage: “Coca-Cola. Delicious! Refreshing! Exhilarating! The new and popular soda fountain drink containing the properties of the wonderful Coca plant and the famous Cola nut.” This first effort featured “Coca-Cola” in block letters. Robinson introduced the now famous trademarked logo for the first time in a June 16, 1887 advertisement. Frank Robinson began his association with Coca-Cola December 1885 and retired in 1913 at the age of 67. He died in Atlanta, Georgia July 8, 1923.



(The above article was provided by the Historical Society and is the fourth of several that we will include in our Newsletter when we have space available- our thanks to the Historical Society!)

****ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS****

If you are planning to attend college next year, be sure to check into applying for scholarships that the Town offers. Information is available through the Guidance office, and there's also a link on the Town website. They are available to 1st and 2nd year students and applications need to be submitted to the Town Office no later than April 30th.

PHONE NUMBERS

Town Office: 285-3271
Fax: 285-7529
Post Office: 285-3316
Corinth Fire Station: 285-3303
Atkins Library: 285-7226
Animal Control: 478-9931
Rec Director: 659-2151
(Paul Speed)

Interim Code Enforcement Officer:

Stewart Brooks
Office Hours:
By Appointment
745-7161



SELECT PERSONS

David Dunfee - Chairperson
Terri Jane Casavant – Vice Chairperson
R. Stanley Bean
Charlene Chesley
Matthew Lassell

CPSWF

Transfer Station Hours
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
285-7630



Corinth Historical Society

The Corinth Historical Society is in need of at least one checkered flag (like they use in auto racing) to go with our new soap-box derby display. We're also looking for volunteers to help set up and put away yard sale items during the June Town-Wide Yard sale. As always we welcome photos, diaries, tools, stories, and art work from Corinth's past. We can scan photos or documents if you wish to keep the originals. We've even been known to go to a donor's home to scan one-of-a-kind images!



Our museum on 306 Main St will open to the public starting June 5th at 2pm. We will be open every Wednesday 2 - 7pm and every Sunday 1 - 3pm for the whole summer. Please stop by.



CORINTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

314 Main Street
Corinth, Maine 04427

Telephone 285-3303

Fax 285-3354

Spring Newsletter

I would like to thank the taxpayers for their support of the construction of the new Fire Station, the building is almost complete. The General Contractor will be coming back in the spring to finish the ground work and install 2 more bollards to protect the building from damage. There will be an article at the Annual Town Meeting for \$48,000.00 to pave the driveway and install a concrete apron. I would like to ask for your support of this article as this will complete the project and give the town a building they can be proud of that will serve us all for many years. The \$75,000.00 that we were allocated for overruns will be carried forward in this budget until the project is complete and I believe that most of that money will be returned to surplus as very little of it has been spent. I will announce when we have an open house for everyone to come see the new facility in the future.

Scott Bragdon
Fire Chief
Town of Corinth



RSU No. 64

Greetings from RSU 64!

The mid winter season is filled with several sport and activity competitions in our schools. The Central High School Red Devils are currently participating in end of season contests across all sports and are preparing for play and concert performances. At Central Middle School, the Panthers are also participating in the end of season contests for basketball and cheering and will be moving into spring sports and activities soon. At Central Community Elementary School students have just celebrated the 100th day of school. Each year, the school calendar seems to fly by faster than the previous one. The sports and activities we are able to offer students and families help to grow our children into well rounded individuals and provide incredible opportunities for our students to learn how to contribute to a team and a community.

The District is currently working on preparations for the 2019-2020 school year. With this, comes the preparation for the FY20 budget. School districts across Maine received the ED 279 Report, which includes the distribution of General Purpose Aid to school units, on February 15. The District will now be able to make decisions regarding the potential expansion of programming and possible facility and maintenance projects. A significant focus for the District is to enhance the security and safety of students and staff. As noted in the preliminary ED 279 Report, the State will be increasing their share of the cost of education, thereby reducing the pressure on local taxation.

We need you! The District is in need of substitutes in every department. We are looking for substitutes for classrooms, ed tech positions, food service assistants, custodians, and secretaries. If you are available and wish to have a positive impact on the kids in your community, please visit our website at www.rsu64schools.org or stop by the Superintendent's Office to obtain an application. The daily rate for substitutes is \$82.50, or \$11 per hour. Spring will soon be upon us. As the school year comes to a close, senior students and their parents will be entering a season of much celebration. The Central High School graduation ceremony will be taking place on Saturday, June 15 at 2 pm at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, Maine. No tickets are required and the event is open to the public. Please come celebrate all these young adults have achieved and wish them well on their future endeavors.

Best,

Superintendent Sperrey
Rhonda Sperrey
Superintendent of Schools

CORINTH ROADSIDE LITTER CLEAN-UP SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

***MEET AT CORINTH FIRE STATION AT 8:30 A.M. TO PICK UP BAGS FOR LITTER, AND SIGNS
WEAR BRIGHT COLORED CLOTHING
DON'T FORGET YOUR BOOTS AND GLOVES!***

***Lunch will be provided for volunteers at the Corinth Fire Station at 1:00P.M.
Contacts: Travis Gould 924-4057***



The annual deadline for filing applications for Homestead Exemptions & Veteran's Exemptions is April 1st each year. Any applications filed after that date will not be considered until the following tax assessment year. (If you received any of these exemptions in a town where you lived previously and you are now a homeowner in Corinth you need to file in Corinth.)



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled to up to a \$20,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring the property as their principal residence by April 1st in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes the place of residence. Forms are available in the Town Office.

VETERANS EXEMPTION / VETERANS WIDOW EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.

The veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, either service or non-service connected.

Application forms can be obtained in the Town Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation (DD214) on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.



BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Corinth who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.



TOWN WIDE YARD SALE



It is once again time to dig into those clogged closets and bursting at the seams garages to prepare for the annual **Town Wide Yard Sale!** This year it will be held on **Sat June 22nd** and **Sun June 23rd**. You might be surprised what you can rake in from your "old stuff", and just maybe you can get your car back into that garage!



CENTRAL PENOBSCOT SOLID WASTE FACILITY



Plastic is all over the news lately because there doesn't seem to be an easy way of recycling it. Well I've got good news for you. The folks from Trex (they are best known for making composite decking) have gotten together with the people from Hannaford Supermarkets and developed a program where the Hannaford Stores, including our own Whitney's Supermarket, are now taking many types of plastic bags and film packaging at their stores. Here are the types of plastic they take. Newspaper sleeves, Bread bags, Product wrap, Cereal liners, Food storage bags, Ice bags, Pellet bags, Produce bags, Dry cleaning bags, Grocery bags, Case overwrap, Packaging air pillows and Salt bags. Now this will take some effort on your part. The bags need to be clean with no residue (turning them inside out is the easiest way) and you need to take them to the store when you go, but it is free and the right thing to do. We ask that you not let your plastic pile up and then haul a whole pickup load to the store. Try to make it a routine part of your shopping trip. You also need to stick to the plastics that are listed above. The program will only work as long as the material is uncontaminated. There is a problem with dirty recycling and it's something we call "wish cycling". People wish something was recyclable, so they put it into the recycling. Doesn't work that way. There is also some sort of civil disobedience thing going on that makes people try to recycle things that can't be recycled economically. (like Styrofoam) That just contaminates the product you are trying to recycle and makes the whole load garbage. Anyway...if you'd like to see your plastic turned into decking then this is the program for you.

On the down side, we have had to quit taking mixed paper. There are a whole bunch of reasons that there is no market for mixed paper (including China not wanting it due to contamination) but for us it boiled down to cost of recycling it and the fact that now we can't find someone to bale it for us even if we didn't mind operating at a loss.

Compost is pretty much ready when you are.
Next day we are closed is Saturday May 25th.
Allan Lord
Facility Manager



JOB OPENING

The Town of Corinth is accepting resumes for a professional to fill the part time position of Code Enforcement Officer / Licensed Plumbing Inspector / E-911 Director. Salary is negotiable depending on experience. Resume can be dropped off at Corinth Town Office 31 Exeter Road; mailed to PO Box 309, Corinth Me 04427; Faxed to (207) 285-7529 or emailed to tq.travisgould@gmail.com . This position will stay open until filled. Contact Town Manager Travis Gould at 285-3271 if you would like more information.



THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!

***THE ZERBINI FAMILY CIRCUS WILL BE PRESENTING
TWO SHOWS IN CORINTH SAT JULY 27TH AT THE CENTRAL
COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***



If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito. Dalai lama

