Bear Coexistence Advisory from Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is receiving reports from across the state of black bears seeking food in yards, outbuildings, and livestock enclosures this spring. Many of these situations can be prevented if people take steps to make their backyards bear-safe before a bear shows up. Bears—and people—are at risk when bears spend time in human-dominated landscapes. And every time a bear finds an easy meal of birdseed, compost, or unsecured garbage, they are learning a dangerous association between people and food. Coexisting with bears starts with you taking the following steps to help keep bears wild:

**Birdfeeders are a big problem!** Take down birdfeeders until December. You can attract birds by planting bird friendly native plants instead.

**Make your garbage and compost inaccessible.** Store garbage and compost in secure structures and bear proof containers.

**Dispose of garbage frequently.** If you have pick-up services, wait until the morning to put your garbage out.

**Use electric fencing to keep chickens and bees safe.** Fences need to be 4,000-6,000 volts, tested regularly and baited.

**Clean your grill after every use.**

**Make bears feel uncomfortable in your yard.** Yell, bang pots and pans, or use other noise devices from inside your home. Never shoot a bear to scare it. Even BBs can seriously injure bears.

**Please report your bear encounters to Vermont Fish & Wildlife.** These reports allow us to help you prevent future bear incidents. They also give us information to help all Vermonters better coexist with bears.

Following these steps can save bears' lives, and help protect you, your neighbors, and your property. Please do your part to be a good neighbor and help keep Vermont's bears wild!
Emerald Ash Borer Update

The EAB Infested Area map shows widespread infestation in Vermont, covering nearly 2/3 of the state. In response, the recommendations for moving ash material have been updated. You can help by following the Slow the Spread Recommendations for moving all ash material in Vermont at www.vtinvasives.org

We are also in the EAB Flight Season (June 1st to September 30th). During this time of year, EAB will be emerging from infested ash trees, logs, and firewood and seeking new host trees and mates. Moving ash materials during the flight season could spread EAB to currently un-infested areas. Therefore, there are more stringent recommendations for moving visibly infested ash materials in the updated Slow the Spread Recommendations to protect these areas, including delaying harvesting and not moving untreated ash until after flight season (October 1st). Slowing the spread of EAB will allow us more time to prepare and respond, but we will all need to work together.

Report It! If you think you have found EAB or an infested ash tree, report it at www.vtinvasives.org. Having more information about where EAB is around the state will help all of us in managing the pest.

Blake Memorial Library News & Events

We continue to be open for in-person and curbside service Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2-6, and Thursdays and Saturdays 9-12. Masks are optional, but encouraged.

Here are our Upcoming Events:

We have an exciting new fundraiser, the Art, House and Garden Tour coming up very soon on Saturday July 2, 10-3, and Sunday July 3, 10-2. This self-guided driving expedition through the hills of Bradford, East Corinth, East Topsham, Newbury, and Cookeville offers a uniquely intimate tour of organic gardens, historic homes, and artisan studios. You may choose among 15 different sites to visit over 2 days. Rain or shine! Tickets are $25 per person (children free). For more details and to purchase tickets online: https://blakememorial.org/art-tour/. Tickets may also be purchased in the library with cash, check, or credit card.

Story Hour is held every Thursday morning at 10:00 am in the children’s area of the library.

Our Book Discussion Series will resume in the fall. Please stay tuned for details.

Our Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities, is in full swing! Stop by the library to pick up reading and activity logs and see what kinds of prizes you can win. Events include a presentation from VINS, the Vermont Institute of Natural Science, on July 9, and a visit from the Arts Bus at our closing celebration on August 13. There will also be treasure hunts and family movie nights. Come join the fun!

Also, don’t forget to take advantage of the attraction passes we have available for checkout. They offer free or discounted admission to the following attractions: VINS, Fairbanks Museum, Billings Farm and Museum, Echo Leahy Center, Vermont State Parks, and Vermont Historic Sites.

As always, all Blake Memorial Library programs and materials are free and open to the public. For more information: find BML on Facebook or Instagram (@BlakeMemorial), visit us at www.blakememorial.org, email libdirector@blakememorial.org, or call (802) 439-5338.
The Corinth Community Coalition is building a comprehensive online small business and services directory. This is a free resource that serves our local communities in Corinth and Topsham.

Go to the website: localresourcenetwork.org. Once there, you’ll be able to access the business directory. Local businesses already listed are in the following categories: arts and crafts, auto and small engine repair, farm and garden materials/labor, food, learning, professional services, rental properties, woodworking.

Want to add your business or service to the list? Simply fill out the submission form. Some additional topics include energy, health and well-being, livestock, trades, or create your own topic. Complete the form with the appropriate topic, business name with a short description and contact information. It’s as easy as that!

The directory will be updated every 3 months. To remove or make corrections to your listing, please send an email to the Corinth Community Coalition: contact@localresourcenetwork.org.

Our Coalition is deeply indebted to local resident, Anne McKinsey, of AMCK Web and Print Design. Her expertise and willingness to create the directory were invaluable.

Since this is a work in progress, we welcome your feedback. Contact us to share your ideas, comments, or questions. If you’re interested in volunteer opportunities, let us know.

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Congratulations Corinth!!! You’ve come through again….thanks to all the wonderful trash pickers, Bud Lite grabbers, and tire haulers we’ve set new records for our Green Up Day event!!

Over 60 Corinthians brought 305 bright green bags to the transfer station this past Saturday, along with 39 tires that were strewn in ditches alongside our roads. Discarded rugs, flooring, mattresses, and unrecognizable junk filled the back of trucks and Subarus arriving all morning at the Transfer Station. Every roadside in town was scoured…..our community signed up for 100% of the roadways on our Green Up Map!!!

We’re pleased to announce the winner of the Taste of Corinth Gift Basket was Mark Nielsen!! Mark collected 44 bags of cans, bottles, and trash…smashing all previous totals by any individual participant.

This year's group winner was the Ravenwood team, collecting 18 bags of junk from Corinth's roadsides. They'll see their name on a plaque on the FX Shea Town Forest kiosk.

Congratulations to the 27 lottery winners as well….each received a $10 gift certificate to the many local vendors who donated products to the Taste of Corinth Gift Basket!!!
JULY
2/3 BML ART, HOUSE, AND GARDEN TOUR
4 PARADE FOLLOWED BY BBQ AT THE CORINTH BALL FIELD - 10 AM
4 CHS A&T MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE AND FIELD DAY (601 VILLAGE RD E. CORINTH)
4 BML CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
9 VINS PRESENTATION @ BML - 2 PM
16 HOOVER STORY HOUR & CRAFT @ BML - 10 AM

AUGUST
5 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT @ BML - 7 PM
13 SUMMER READING GRAND FINALE @ BML - 2 PM
16 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING @ BML - 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER
5 BML CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

ON GOING EVENTS AND MEETINGS
Selectboard regular meeting the first Tuesday of every month @ Town Hall 7 pm
Selectboard financial meeting the second Monday of every month @ Town Hall 7 pm
Conservation Commission first Monday of the month @ Town Hall 7 pm
Planning Commission first Thursday of the month @ Town Hall 7 pm
WRVS School Board meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month @ WRVS 6 pm
Blake Memorial Library Story Hour every Thursday @ 10 am
Yoga Thursday nights @ Town Hall 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Email annebergeron124@gmail.com for details

From the Fire Warden’s Desk
This spring started out very dry with a couple of "high fire days" warnings from the state. Fortunately, we had no wild land fires. I want to thank the towns people for being careful. We are not out of the woods. We are going 5 to 6 days with out any measurable rain. Thankfully everything is very green. The under brush in the woods can dry out fast. July 4th is rapidly coming closer. Be careful with your fireworks. They can go off in unexpected directions. Keep a pail of water close buy to put out any fires or dispose of fire works that do not lite. Dunking them in water will make them inactive. Remember you need a permit for fire works in the state of Vermont. Please, if you have a fire of any kind getting out of control, call the fire department first.

Thanks for all your calls for permits.
Joe Truss, Corinth Fire Warden, 802-439-6178

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ATV USE OF ANY KIND IS NOT ALLOWED ON ANY ROADS OR TRAILS IN THE TOWN OF CORINTH.