

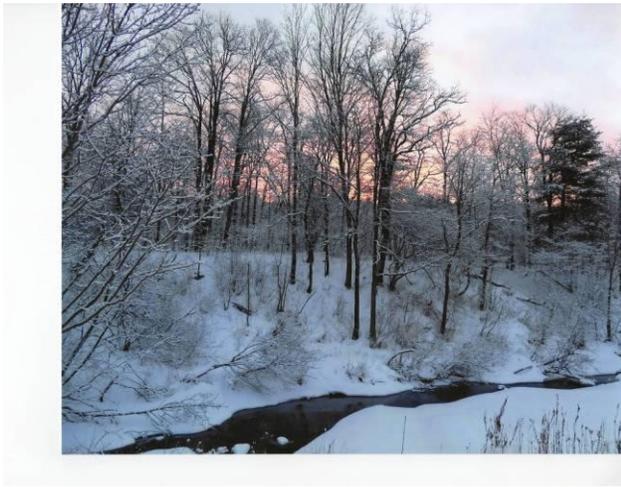


Cavendish Community and Conservation Association

Our Vision: *CCCA is committed to a vibrant Cavendish/Proctorsville community that supports its human and natural resources, building a legacy of health, integrity and vitality for future generations.*

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2014 starts out with sales of the Cavendish Community Calendar. Clockwise from top left, February's selection, "Winter Morning" a photo of Twenty Mile Stream by Julia Ravlin; April's photo, "Shelter" taken along Twenty Mile Stream Road by Lydia Churchill; October's photo, "View From Stevens Road" taken, appropriately, along Stevens Road by Jillian Palmer; and August's selection, "King of the Roost" photographed on Davis Road by Jim Fisher. Start thinking about the next calendar now. We will accept photos taken in all seasons, so long as they are taken in Cavendish or Proctorsville.



A Message from Robin

Greetings to all. This has been a tremendous year for the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association as we continue to evolve our mission of contributing to the growth and health of our community. Of stellar note is the work of our Energy Committee, which has grown in active membership with Mary Ormrod and Dan Sullivan joining the team. It has participated in numerous projects as detailed below in this newsletter. The Conservation Committee is still working on the fine details of the Ecological Restoration Grant and has subcontracted with the Vermont River Conservancy to fashion and hold the easements on land along the Black River. Both the Conservation Committee and the Energy Committee work closely with the Town of Cavendish on these projects. Our third Committee, the Cavendish Community Fund is running strong with grants to local educational, cultural and artistic projects. We have much to be thankful for.

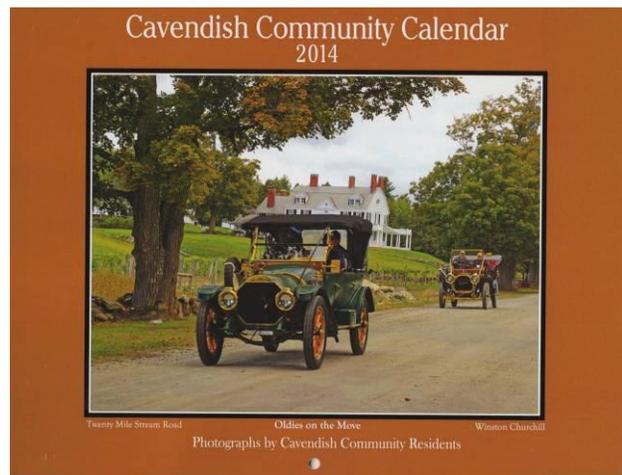
Of course, community support is the KEY to our success, and you are the wind beneath our wings! Support comes in many forms. There are many aspects of our work that need to be financed and your continuing membership is essential to this end. We also have our annual Mardi Gras fundraiser for the overall working of the organization and we encourage you to attend. While financial contributions are important, I think that what is most important is

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your participation in our causes. We hope that you will feel free to contact us anytime with your ideas and thoughts, and your critiques and encouragement. We also ask you to consider becoming involved in one of our projects. If you have enjoyed the Community Calendar and photo contest, perhaps you would like to help? If you are interested in wildlife and would like to be involved in our Walk and Talk series, please give us a call. If you are interested in clean energy, recycling, communications or fundraising, let us know. We have a great team, and would love to have you join us. We wish everyone a healthy and joyous holiday season!

Robin Timko

2014 Cavendish Community Calendars on Sale Now



If you want to give a holiday gift with strong local ties, how about a calendar with twelve pictures of your town? Each year the CCCA produces a beautiful, full color calendar with local pictures taken by local residents.

A contest starts the calendar production. Cavendish residents submit their best photos, and then all residents get to vote for their favorites. Awards are given for the top vote getters, and the twelve best are chosen for

inclusion in the annual calendar. The voting for 2014 ended and the results were published in our last newsletter.

Now the latest calendar is for sale. You can get your copy at the Cavendish Town Office or at Crow's Bakery in Proctorsville. They sell for \$10 each and they are a distinct bargain at that price. Quantities are limited, so please come in soon and get your copy and several extras for stocking stuffers.

For information on the next contest, please call Sandra Russo at (802) 226-7398. For more information on the calendars, please call Crow's Bakery at (802) 226-7007.

The Next Walk and Talk Series Presentations

The CCCA Conservation Committee regularly holds informational and educational programs that are free and open to the public. Topics are usually related to our natural world and often focus on animals and plants that are indigenous to Vermont.

The committee will present the next Walk and Talk series event on February 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gethsemane Church meeting hall. The discussion will be entitled Big Game – Health of the Deer Herd and will be lead by Adam Murkowsky of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. He will talk about the current, comprehensive review of deer management, and about results of the current public survey on the health of deer herds in Vermont.

Then, on April 10, 2014, and also at the Gethsemane Church meeting hall, we will hear about Rattlesnakes In Cavendish from Doug Blodgett, snake biologist with Vermont Fish and Wildlife. He will give a presentation with Power Point and videos on the nature of rattlesnakes and their habitat in Vermont. For further information,

please contact Robin Timko at 226-7736.

Save The Date!!



The committee has just announced that the 2014 Mardi Gras celebration will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Watch the newspapers and other media for specifics on time and place. Again this year we will get to dance to the sounds of Yankee Chank, Vermont's own Cajun band.

Cavendish Energy Committee News

P.A.C.E. Can Help You

Last issue we told you about the Property Assessed Clean Energy (P.A.C.E.) program and that it was coming soon. Well, it is here and applications for the program are available at http://efficiencyvermont.com/for_my_home/financing_options/financing/pace-process.aspx. The next round of applications will be accepted in January. The process for applying is rather complex, so the Cavendish Energy Committee has made available the services of the NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad to assist residents to navigate the application process for a P.A.C.E. loan – or for any other home energy

improvement. Go to www.heatsquad.org for more information.

Single Stream Recycling has Finally Arrived



The Cavendish Energy Committee, a part of CCCA's Sustainable Cavendish effort, has been working for several years with town officials to help increase the amount of recycling done in Cavendish. If you have been to the Cavendish Transfer Station in recent days you have seen the new blue compactor that sits across from the old green trash compactor.

Cavendish still recycles glass, tin and aluminum like it always did, but now takes plastic, paper and cardboard as well. In addition, you can put all of these things in one container and just dump it all into the new compactor – “Single Stream” is exactly that. Separate your recyclables from your trash, but there is no need to further sort the recyclables as you used to do.

For more information on recycling in Cavendish please visit the Town of Cavendish website: <http://www.cavendishvt.com/transferstation.htm>. You can download a brochure from there that will give you further information on what can be recycled and what cannot be recycled through this system. Brochures are also available at the Cavendish Town Offices and elsewhere in town.

If you are interested in watching a short video on how the recycling is actually accomplished, that is, how the items are separated, please go to

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpeTn1EyF10&feature=c4-overview&list=UUn2decxXnMfbp4hvjvEYk3Aw>.

This video is also accessible from the town's website shown above.

Solar Power is on the Way



Solar photovoltaic panels will soon appear on this hillside behind the Cavendish wastewater treatment plant

In our last issue we described how the town will soon benefit from solar power generated here in Cavendish. The project has been spearheaded by the town Energy Committee and is now well under way. The permits are in place and the land has been cleared, and now the contractor is starting to install the poles on which the panels will sit.

We expect that sometime in the spring of 2014 the full 150 kW array will be on line. It will produce enough electricity to power most of the town-owned buildings in the village of Cavendish through a net metering system. Although we won't see the full benefits for several years, we will see immediate benefits from an immediate reduction in the town's power costs and from rental of otherwise unusable land to the investor company. Best of

all, this will cost the town nothing until we purchase the array many years down the road. Stay tuned for updates.

For more information about the energy committee or any of its projects, please call Peter LaBelle at 226-7250 or Cheryl Leiner at 226-7820.

Community Fund Awards Fall Grant

The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it awarded a grant to the Cavendish Historical Society to help with the cost of editing a significant project regarding former Cavendish resident, Nobel Laureate and Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

To help school children understand who he was, and the importance he played as a writer who changed history, a biography has been written for students in grades four through seven. The book serves a twofold purpose – to educate children and to raise funds for the Solzhenitsyn exhibit at the Cavendish Stone Church Museum. Once published, copies of the book will be given free to Cavendish school children.

Since 2007 the Cavendish Community Fund has awarded thousands of dollars in grants to local educational, artistic or cultural pursuits that benefit Cavendish residents. All funds have been raised locally through various events. No money has come from government.

The latest fund raising event was a fun-filled night at Glimmerstone Mansion when the Fund presented a gala scotch tasting. Twelve different single malt scotches were available for guests to sample, along with an array of delicious appetizers made by chef Mary Jane Abbate. The evening was a complete success judged by the number of people who asked about scheduling

the next scotch tasting.

The next round of grants will be awarded in the spring. A deadline for applications will be announced in the press. However, applications may be submitted at any time for consideration in the next round.

If you need more information on the Cavendish Community Fund you can find it at our web site: www.CavendishCCCA.org Just click on the Cavendish Community Fund tab. You can also call Barbara Dickey at 802-226-7187, or Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

Join Us as a Member of CCCA!

Dues are a nominal \$35 per year for full membership. In order to join CCCA, please fill out the information below and send with a check payable to Cavendish Community and Conservation Association to:

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