



# Town of Franklin, VT E-Newsletter

April-June 2013 Issue

## Welcome to the Town of Franklin's E-Newsletter!

In our efforts to go green, the Town of Franklin is trying to email more information to community members and reduce the amount of paper mailings we do. We will periodically send out employment, meeting and legal notices. If you have something that you would like included in a newsletter, please send it to [townoff@franklinvt.net](mailto:townoff@franklinvt.net) for consideration. Please also visit the Town's website at [franklinvermont.com](http://franklinvermont.com).

### April 2013 Events

**April 1, 2013 Dog licenses due by this date:** proof of rabies & spay/neuter certificate (if applicable) must be provided for dogs 6 months of age or older at time of registration, **\$12 spayed/neutered** **\$16 not spayed/neutered**

**April 4, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Adult Book Discussion**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

Books Available at the library

**April 9, 2013**

#### **Select board Meeting**

Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

**April 16, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Trustee Meeting**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

**April 18, 2013**

#### **Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting**

Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

**April 22, 2013**

#### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Hearing**

Haston Library 7:00 p.m.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office for more hearing information.

**April 25, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Homeschooler's Project Day**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**April 27, 2013**

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Day**

See attached flyer for more information.

### May 2013 Events

**Month of May 2013**

#### **Metal Dumpster Available at Town Garage**

For use by all Franklin Tax Payers

**May 2, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Adult Book Discussion**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

Books Available at the library

**May 14, 2013**

#### **Select board Meeting**

Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

**May 16, 2013**

#### **Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting**

Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

**May 21, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Trustee Meeting**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission Meeting**

Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

**May 23, 2013**

#### **Haston Library Story Hour-Bookmobile Visit**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**May 27, 2013**

**\*\*\*\*Town Clerk's Office Closed\*\*\*\***

**May 30, 2013**

**Haston Library Story Hour**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**Haston Library Homeschooler's Project Day**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

### June 2013 Events

**June 6, 2013**

**Haston Library Story Hour**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**Haston Library Adult Book Discussion**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

Books Available at the library

**June 8, 2013 Haston Library Event:**

**Root-Vegetable Garden Planting**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m., ages 6 under

**June 11, 2013**

**Select board Meeting**

Town Clerk's Office 7:00 p.m.

**June 13, 2013**

**Haston Library Story Hour**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**June 18, 2013**

**Haston Library Trustee Meeting**

Haston Library 6:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Franklin Homestead Dining Room 7:00 p.m.

**June 20, 2013**

**Haston Library Story Hour-Bookmobile Visit**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**Franklin Watershed Committee Meeting**

Franklin Homestead FELCO Room 7:00 p.m.

**June 27, 2013**

**Haston Library Story Hour**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**Haston Library Homeschooler's Project Day**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m.

**June 29, 2013 Haston Library Event:**

**Worm Farm with Bob Engstrom**

Haston Library 10:00 a.m., ages 4 & up

**THE WINNERS OF THE HOME ENGERGY CHALLENGE RAFFLE AT TOWN MEETING WAS BROOKS STURTEVANT & LAURA SHERMAN; THEY WON A 4-OUTLET SMART POWER TAP.**

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### **VACANCY POSTING**

The Selectboard is giving notice of the following vacant position as of March 6, 2013 per 24 V.S.A. 961:

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

If interested in serving on this town board please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 285-2101 or any Select board member.

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The Lake Carmi Campers Association invites all Franklin folks to get on the Lake Carmi email list. Check it out <http://www.lakecarmi.org> and email Larry Myott @ [lbmyott@uvm.edu](mailto:lbmyott@uvm.edu) for free a subscription, all are welcome.

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The Franklin Historical Society is seeking new members. Please join them with your ideas and enthusiasm. Call 285-6774 for the next meeting date and time.

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Please take the time to visit the Vermont State Treasurer's Website as there is thousands of dollars of unclaimed property listed that the State is holding on to. Your name or someone that you know could be on there. It only takes a minute to search and print out the claim form. Stop into the Town Clerk's Office if you need further assistance, we would be happy to help. The website is: [Unclaimed Property | Office of the State Treasurer](#)

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### **\*\*REMINDERS\*\***

**-Zumba at the Town Hall with Maureen Sodaro, contact her at 285-2219 for class dates, times & more information.**

**-Boot Camp at the Town Hall with Nicole Tatro, contact her at 285-2297 for class dates, times & more information.**

**-Franklin Fire Department's Annual Chicken BBQ is July 6, 2013 at the Franklin Central School; be sure to purchase your meal ticket when tickets go on sale, tickets usually sell out before the BBQ date!**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013**

**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**\*FRANKLIN TOWN HALL & VILLAGE GREEN\***

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office to reserve your  
FREE vending space- 285-2101 or [townoff@franklinvt.net](mailto:townoff@franklinvt.net)

This event is sponsored by the Town of Franklin.

# TOWNS OF HIGHGATE & FRANKLIN, VT BUSINESS & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday, April 27, 2013 and Saturday, August 24, 2013  
8:00am — noon

**WHO:** The residents & businesses of Highgate and Franklin, Vermont only  
**WHERE:** Highgate Sand Shed on Transfer Station Road—near Casella Transfer Station  
**FEES:** \$5.00 PER HOUSEHOLD for 10 pounds or 10 gallons (cash or check)  
An extra fee will be charged for amounts over the base amount per household



**ACCEPTED ITEMS:** Paints (no latex paint), paint strippers & thinner, solvents, stains & varnishes, solvent adhesives, lighter fluid, mothballs, cleaning supplies, wart removers, antifreeze, engine degreaser, carburetor cleaner, brake fluid, transmission fluid, car wax, dry gas, old gasoline, poisons, insecticides, weed killers, oven, toilet bowl and drain cleaners, dyes, wood preservatives, pressurized spray cans, hobby supplies, airplane glue, rubber cement, fiberglass resins, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, furniture, floor and metal cleaners, rat poisons, varnish, swimming pool chemicals, dry cell batteries, rug and upholstery cleaners, spot removers, dry cleaning solvents, septic tank degreasers, products containing mercury (florescent tubes & bulbs), flea shampoo and powder, rust solvents, and PCB materials.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:** Ammunition, fireworks, explosives of any type, radioactive wastes, compressed gas cylinders, medicines & medical, infectious and biological wastes, syringes, water reactive materials, smoke detectors, latex paint, and asbestos. Other items may be rejected based on a decision of the contracted professional crew.

**NOTES:** The Towns of Highgate and Franklin VT reserve the right to refuse materials that cannot be safely handled or identified as well as large amounts of household hazardous waste. Please do not bring small children or pets to the collection and please be patient.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:**

**Town of Highgate** 802-868-4697 x203  
**Casella Waste** 1-802-651-5493

**Town of Franklin** 802-285-2101  
**APT Environmental** 1-802-893-8281

PLEASE TRANSPORT ITEMS SAFELY. TIGHTEN CAPS AND LIDS IN ORIGINAL LABELED CONTAINERS. KEEP VEHICLE USED FOR TRANSPORT WELL VENTILATED. PACK CONTAINERS IN STURDY UPRIGHT BOXES AND PAD WITH NEWSPAPER. SORT AND PACK SEPARATELY PAINT, PESTICIDES AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS. AVOID SPILLS AND DO NOT PUT MATERIALS IN GARBAGE BAGS. NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

**DO NOT SMOKE WHEN HANDLING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.**

# Vermont Home Energy Challenge

Neighbors helping neighbors save money and energy

## The Vermont Home Energy Challenge is here in Franklin!

Beginning in January of 2013, Efficiency Vermont, in partnership with Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) and other organizations, launched a year-long effort to increase the number of homes completing comprehensive energy efficiency improvements. Called the "Vermont Home Energy Challenge", towns have set a target of weatherizing 3% of the homes in their community over the course of a year. They can then measure their progress toward this goal along with that of other communities in their region and across the state. At the end of the year, towns, regions, and local partners will be recognized for the effectiveness of their efforts. The Vermont Home Energy Challenge is designed to help Vermont reach its statewide goal of 25% energy savings in 80,000 homes by the year 2020.



Already, 77 Vermont towns including the Town of Franklin have signed up for the Challenge. You can help the Town of Franklin meet its goals of completing at least 18 weatherization projects and submitting at least 59 pledge cards by the end of the year. Towns achieving the highest percentage of year-round homes weatherized within their region will receive a financial reward of \$10,000 that can be applied toward a municipal energy efficiency project. Congratulations to **Brooks Sturtevant** and **Laura Sherman**, winners of our recent Pledge card Raffles! Prizes were donated by Green's Ace Hardware, Enosburg Falls and GTM electric, St. Albans.

**You too can participate by signing a Pledge Card\* committing to efficiency, by signing for a professional energy check-up from a certified energy auditor and completing a weatherization project, or by volunteering to help your neighbors learn more about energy efficiency and the Home Energy Challenge!**

Weatherize your home and: 1) Save money by lowering your energy bills. 2) Make your home more comfortable. 3) Reduce your environmental impact. 4) Solve problems like Ice Dams and mold. 5) Help Franklin win prizes.

**Efficiency Vermont and the Franklin Home Energy Challenge Committee are here to encourage homeowners to complete comprehensive efficiency improvements by assisting in the following ways:**

- **No cost home energy visits**
- **Door-to-door community outreach**
- **Sign up for Free Energy saving kits**
- **Energy contractor partnerships and Professional audits**

\*Pledge cards can be found at the Town Clerks office and at other business locations, or you can submit a pledge online at [www.encyvermont.com](http://www.encyvermont.com) and clicking on the Vermont Home Energy Challenge logo

**For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with the continual efforts, please contact any one of your Franklin Home Energy Challenge Committee Members:**

Town Clerk, [townoff@franklinvt.net](mailto:townoff@franklinvt.net), 802-285-2101

John Ho, [jho@veic.org](mailto:jho@veic.org), or 802-540-7726

Diane Gates, [dianewg@franklinvt.net](mailto:dianewg@franklinvt.net), 802-285-6511

Jennifer Bright, [j05457@yahoo.com](mailto:j05457@yahoo.com), 802-285-6677

[www.facebook.com/FranklinHomeEnergyChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/FranklinHomeEnergyChallenge)

Or visit the Efficiency Vermont Website:

[www.encyvermont.com/Homeenergychallenge](http://www.encyvermont.com/Homeenergychallenge)

